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EDITORIAL.

It is now nine years since those legendary figures of the Sixth, D. F. Candy and C. A. Watkins, in a gallant and successful attempt to resuscitate the School Magazine, which had been defunct since the pioneer attempt of 1926, appealed to the School to submit articles and sundry literary endeavours which could be considered for publication in the "*Silurian*." Tribute has been paid in the past by subsequent editors to their immediate predecessors, but no praise can be high enough for the courage required by these two to face the obstacles which might have proved insurmountable to lesser men.

Last year's issue of the "*Silurian*" has been praised by many people as the best to date ; and certainly everyone concerned with it made a special effort to produce a superlative magazine. This year, our first in the new school buildings, everybody concerned with the magazine hopes that we have at least maintained its hitherto high standard, and perhaps bettered it.

I have already mentioned that this is our first year at Penlan ; and this Editorial would not be complete without an extension to the reference. At first we felt lost in the unusually palatial surroundings of modern architecture, and although familiarity with the school has contracted its size, we still feel the remarkable difference between our former cramped quarters and the length of the new building. Moreover, however much some of us seniors who spent many years at Cradoc Road may yearn for the "good old days," there can be no doubt that Penlan is by far the better school to meet modern, highly competitive conditions.

Finally, I should like to extend a hearty invitation to all pupils, past and present, to join in a perusal of the School's activities over the past year.

R. S. SAMUEL, VIA.

SCHOOL NOTES.

STAFF CHANGES.—At the beginning of the school year, several changes occurred in the ranks of the staff. Mr. Lewis and Dr. Price retired; Mr. D. J. H. Thomas, B.A., was appointed Headmaster of the Brecon Secondary Modern School; and Mr. A. B. Winstone, B.Sc., was appointed senior Physics Master at Neath Girls' Grammar School. They have been replaced by Mr. J. C. Grove, M.A. (Senior Geography Master), Mr. P. O. J. Rowlands, B.A. (Senior Latin Master), Mr. W. S. K. Thomas, B.A., Ph.D. (Senior History Master), and Miss M. Richards, B.A. (Senior Applied Mathematics Mistress). Also, Mr. J. H. Williams is to be congratulated on his appointment as Deputy Head Master in succession to Mr. L. Lewis B.A.

STAFF ADDITIONS.—Besides these changes several new posts have been created. These new appointments are Mr. G. Davies, B.A., Mus.Bac., A.R.C.O., L.R.A.M. (Senior Music Master), Mr. W. Ll. Williams, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D. (Senior Biology Master), Mr. P. G. Evans, A.T.D. (Senior Art and Craft Master), and Mr. S. Foulkes, B.A. (Senior German Master). All the new staff are to be complimented on the way they have settled down in their new environment.

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SCHOOL TRIPS.—Towards the end of the Christmas Term members of the Upper School went to the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff. The visit had great educational value and was enjoyed by all.

A party of 40 went to Ystradgynlais to see Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" at Maesydderwen Comprehensive School. The play was performed under the auspices of the Arts Council of Great Britain and everyone enjoyed it immensely.

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SNOOKER MATCH.—For the first time ever, a snooker match between the staff and the prefects was played. The match proved to be very exciting, and each frame was not decided until the final stages. The result was a draw, two frames each. The staff team was: C. Giles, G. Davies, S. Foulkes and W. Ll. Williams. The prefect's team was: R. Samuel, T. N. Watkins, R. W. Parry and D. Powell.

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SCHOOL PLAQUES.—In response to the Headmaster's appeal to Old Boys of the School now studying at Colleges throughout the country to send to the school plaques of their respective College badges, the Prefects decided to start the ball rolling by pooling their resources and buying a School plaque. This was presented to the Headmaster at the end of the Easter Term. It will be hung in the Library, where it is hoped it will soon be joined by many more plaques.

At the recent Old Boys' Dinner a second plaque was presented by the Head Boy (Robert Leonard) to Alderman Garnet Morris (the Chairman of the School Governors) in recognition of his very many year's service to the School and to Breconshire as a whole.

DEBATING MATCH.—This year saw the inauguration of a debating match between the School and Christ College. The match took place towards the middle of the Easter Term at Christ College. The event was an outstanding success and the School team consisting of R. H. Leonard, D. G. Powell, D. Powell and R. S. Samuel, acquitted itself very well. After the debate the team was entertained to tea and taken on a conducted tour of the College. In view of the unqualified success of the match, it is hoped that similar debates will be held every year and thus bring the two schools closer together. In the past, relations between the School and Christ College have been far too few.

R. W. PARRY and R. S. SAMUEL.

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THE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE.

ON 11th November last, members of the Old Boys' Association joined the school in remembering past pupils who fell in the two World Wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45.

The Service was conducted by the Headmaster and began with the reading of the Speech of Remembrance. This was followed by the singing of "The Lord's my Shepherd." The Deputy Headmaster, Mr. J. H. Williams, read the Proem which was followed by the singing of "O God our help in ages past." This was followed by a Lesson read by Rev. R. Newbury, Vicar of Newchurch. The Head Boy (Robert Leonard) read the Tribute.

The Rolls of Honour for the Great War and the Second World War were read by Mr. W. H. Williams and Mr. H. C. Jones respectively, and the whole congregation observed the two minute's silence which ended with the sounding of the "Last Post" and the "Reveille" by Mr. G. Havard.

All present joined in the singing of "O Fryniau Caersalem" which was followed by the laying of wreaths by Mr. W. B. Hargest (President of the Old Boys' Association) on behalf of the Old Boys, and by Ronald Samuel (VIA) and Robert Griffiths (IA) on behalf of the School.

The Service ended with Prayers and the Blessing pronounced by Rev. Newbury.

The Old Boys' Association was again strongly represented at the Service and among those present were Ald. Garnet Morris, Coun. G. W. Davies, J.P., Mr. W. I. Jones, J.P., Mr. V. Morris, Mr. H. Prosser Roberts, Mr. F. B. Jones, Mr. A. R. Williams, the Vice-President of the Old Boys' Association, and Mr. Jacob Morgan.

ROBERT LEONARD, VIA.

THE JACOB MORGAN PRIZE.

THIS is awarded annually to the boy who has done most for the school, both socially and academically. This year, for the first time ever, the prize was awarded jointly to Mr. Geraint Jones and Mr. Andrew Thomas.

Geraint, during his time in the VIth, was a very prominent member of the school. He entered wholeheartedly into the social side of school life, and in his last year became House Captain of Vaughan and Head Prefect.

Geraint passed the "A" level of the G.C.E. in three subjects (mathematics, physics and chemistry, in which he gained a distinction). The same year he was also awarded a State Scholarship. He returned



GERAINT JONES



ANDREW THOMAS

to school for another year in order to try for scholarships for Oxford and Cambridge and narrowly failed to gain places in both Universities. Geraint is now studying for a Science degree at Swansea University College.

In the field of sport Geraint proved his all-round ability by becoming school soccer captain, and a regular member of the school rugby, badminton and cricket teams. In the latter sport, he was chosen to represent the County side.

Andrew was also a very prominent member of the VIth form, becoming an enthusiastic member of several school societies. In his last year, Andrew became House Captain of Gam and Deputy Head Prefect.

He passed the "A" level of the G.C.E. in three subjects (chemistry, mathematics and physics), having returned to school for an extra year because he was rather young for University. He is now studying for a Science degree at Cardiff University College.

Andrew was noted for his prowess in sport. He became captain of the school rugby, cricket and badminton teams; he was also a regular member of the soccer and athletics teams. He was selected to represent the County in cricket and athletics.

The school was very sorry to lose these two loyal servants, but we owe them our thanks for all they did here, and we would also like to convey our best wishes for their future success.

R. S. SAMUEL, VIA.

THE CAROL SERVICE.

THIS year's Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held, for the first time, in the history of the School, in the Cathedral, and proved very successful. Everyone present enjoyed it immensely.

The Service commenced with the singing, by the school choir and congregation, of "Once in Royal David's City," after which the Dean, the Very Rev. W. E. Jones, M.A., gave the bidding prayer. After the prayer, J. A. O. Davies, VA, read Genesis III in Welsh. The second carol, also in Welsh, was "Wele, Cawsom y Messia." The second lesson, Isaiah XL, was read by G. Davies, 2G, in Welsh, following a Welsh carol, "O Deued pob Christion." The third lesson, Isaiah IX, was read by the Head Boy, R. H. Leonard.

The next four lessons were read in English by R. W. G. Harding, LVA, E. G. Davies, R. G. H. Jackson, LVA, and D. W. Jenkins. The carols, sung by the choir after these lessons, under the leadership of Mr. G. Davies, were "Unto us a boy is born," "The Angel Gabriel," "I saw a maiden," and "The Infant King," the Junior choir singing the Welsh carol "Mae'r nos yn ddu," and the French carol "Quittez Pasteurs."

The remaining carols were sung by both choir and congregation. The eighth lesson, St. Mathew II, was read by W. M. Jones LVI, and the ninth, St. John I, by the Headmaster.

Before the closing carol, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," the Dean gave the closing prayer and the Blessing.

HYWEL DAVID, VIA.

OPENING CEREMONY.

WEDNESDAY, 24th September, 1958, saw the fulfilling of the hopes and plans of many years amongst people connected in any way with Brecon Boys' Grammar School. This fulfillment, of course, was the opening of the new Boys' Grammar-Technical School at Penlan. The school was formally opened, in the presence of an invited gathering, which was representative of the educational life of the county, by Alderman Garnet Morris, the present chairman of the Governors and the oldest "old boy" of the school. Alderman Morris performed the ceremony by unveiling a plaque and unlocking the main doors of the school.

The gathering then proceeded to the gymnasium, where the Dean of Brecon, the Very Rev. W. E. Jones, M.A., offered the opening prayer. This was followed by the hymn, "Calon Lan."

The Rev. Emeritus Professor John Evans, then performed the dedication of the school, but before doing so he spoke of schooling in general. He remarked that the period of the "three R's" in education had passed. The number of subjects taught in schools was now much greater. The various subjects taught were all necessary to equip pupils for modern life and also to suit their various inclinations. Since the staff would be teaching Welsh boys, they would do well to remember the opinion of the late Professor Alfred E. Zimmern about Welsh pupils. He had said, "The Welsh student is quick witted and perceptive. Welsh students have a delightful facility of apprehension. No teacher who loves his profession could ask for better pupils than young Welshmen. There is something of the Eastern in the quality of the Welsh soul. It is for ever reaching out towards the unknown."

Continuing, Professor Evans spoke of the school's beginning from 22nd September, 1896. He named the governors of the time and the chairman of the school's governors in chronological order.

Professor Evans went on to remark upon the school building. He had been privileged to see the school about five weeks previously and was highly delighted with the building and the magnificent view it commanded of the town and the Beacons. It would be extremely difficult to find a school in the Principality so delightfully situated. Professor Evans paid a tribute to the skilful work of the architect and contractors. He congratulated the local authority on their fine provision for secondary education and the headmaster and his staff on being privileged to teach in such delightful surroundings.

Professor Evans then dedicated the school in this way :

"It is now my privilege, on behalf of the Breconshire County Council, the Breconshire Education Committee and the Governors of the Brecon Secondary Schools, to dedicate this school to the glory of God and to the physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual benefit of

the present and future generations of the youth of this part of our beloved country. "*Floreat haec schola nova*" (May this new school flourish)."

The Chairman of the day, Mr. David Lewis, M.B.E., then welcomed the visitors and introduced Alderman Garnet Morris. He also read a letter of congratulation from Lord Brecon, who was unfortunately unable to be there with Lady Brecon. Mr. Lewis went on to pay tribute to the work done for the school by the late Principal Joseph Jones, Sir John Lloyd and Mr. A. Leonard. He asked all present to stand as a mark of respect.

Mr. Lewis said he was proud to be connected with the choice of the Penlan site. The idea had been to build the school on the old site, but perhaps it was Providence that guided them to build it on its present site, for here it dominated the town.

Alderman Morris then addressed the gathering and said that to him the fact that Brecon had been left behind in the advances of education which had taken place in the country and in other parts of the county in the last half century was a worrying fact. Now Brecon would perhaps catch up with its neighbours. The new school was a two-stream entry grammar-technical school providing education for boys between eleven and nineteen. He hoped that the pupils would take full advantage of the facilities offered to them in the new school. They were all citizens of a country which, to survive, had to sell in the markets of the world. If the country were to prosper it must depend on the work of a dedicated people.

He trusted that the school, with all its modern equipment, and, above all, its young and energetic staff, would provide the pupils with the opportunities they deserved, so that they could make their contribution to Breconshire and the world at large.

Alderman Morris spoke of the losses that had been sustained through the deaths of Mr. A. Leonard and Sir John Lloyd. He welcomed Professor John Evans, the Dean of Brecon, Alderman Tudor Watkins, M.P., Mr. Jacob Morgan (former Headmaster) and the representative bodies of the local authorities. He believed he could claim to be not only an Old Boy of the school, but the oldest "old boy" present that day. In conclusion, Ald. Morris paid tribute to the County Architect, Mr. T. Jestyn Williams, and his staff, and to the main contractors, Messrs. Charles Price & Son.

Alderman Tudor Watkins then proposed a vote of thanks and the vote was seconded by the Chairman of the County Council (Capt. E. P. Williams). An excellent rendering of "Praise" (Martin Shaw) and "Thanksgiving" (Geoffrey Dyson) was given then by the school choir, ably trained by Mr. G. Davies, B.A., (Music Master).

It was unfortunate that the whole school was unable to be there to witness the ceremony, but circumstances did not allow this. All those pupils of the school who were able to be present, will have this memorable afternoon in their minds for many years to come.

R. LOWRY, VIB.

PRIZE DAY, 1959.

For the first time for many years the School held its own Prize Day. In previous years the two Grammar Schools have combined for this occasion and the Market Hall has been used. This year, however, now that we have a new school, we have found it possible to hold our own "Prize Day" and this was held on Wednesday, 18th March. Among those present were Ald. Tudor Watkins, M.P., and Mrs. Watkins, Maj. Gen. Raikes, C.B., D.S.O., Miss A. B. Jones, M.A., Mr. Jacob Morgan, M.A., and many other friends of the school.

The chairman on this memorable occasion was the Chairman of the Governors, Ald. Garnet Morris, an old boy of the school. After complimenting us on our appearance he went on to congratulate us on our new school.

It gave us much pleasure to welcome Sir Ben Bowen Thomas as our guest speaker. Sir Ben is the permanent secretary of the Ministry of Education in Wales. His address was an excellent one and was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Sir Ben based his speech on the theme "Tradition, Literature and God." The Grammar Schools, he said, were in many cases the custodians of literature and learning in a rural community such as ours. He believed that tradition was, in many cases, a good thing; Old Boys' Associations, school sports and clubs, all combined to form an atmosphere of tradition and pride in the school.

In modern times, he continued, there has been great emphasis on the sciences, chemistry, physics, mathematics. In itself this is a good thing and should be encouraged, but unfortunately it tends to force the Arts into the background. Thus it is that literature and its traditions should not be neglected by the scientist, for it helps to form a sense of duty and responsibility in people.

Duty is important: without a sense of duty we can do little, without duty we should not be here. God has a sense of duty; He is everlasting and always forgives man, not because He is obliged to, but because, having created man He has a sense of duty towards him. Thus it is that we must form a sense of duty and responsibility, not only towards our fellow men, but towards God.

The way to realize what duty and responsibility mean is to read. Only by reading can we grasp other people's ideas, other people's thoughts, other people's objectives. In books we read how others did their utmost to reach their objectives, how they even sacrificed their lives to do so. By reading we realize what duty means, and thus we form our own sense of duty and responsibility.

In our materialistically inclined lives today we must not forget the things that profit not our pockets, but our minds. We must read, cherish tradition, and try to better ourselves through God. Only by so doing can we lead full and active lives and become useful members of society.

The school choir then sang "Who is Sylvia?" "Cor y Wig," and a duet "Huna, Huna" sung by J. Twining and M. J. Owen. The choir was trained by Mr. G. Davies, B.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.O., L.R.A.M.

The Headmaster's report was accepted on behalf of the governors by Ald Morris, who complimented Mr. Rees on the attainments, sporting and academic, of the school as a whole.

The prizes were presented by Sir Ben Bowen Thomas. The prize winners were:

Form IX.—R. J. Parry, R. J. Rees, P. J. Havard.

Form IA.—T. E. Evans, J. D. Price, J. R. Smith.

Form IIX.—A. W. Poole.

Form IIA.—G. D. Gittus, A. M. P. Davies, D. M. Adami.

Form IVA.—R. Bastable, H. T. Parry, P. G. Powell.

Form IVx.—J. K. Bryant, J. C. Hooton.

Form LV.Sc.—V. Hitch.

Form LVA.—J. A. O Davies, D. P. Davies.

Form VM.—J. Sullivan, H. A. Simpson.

Form VA.—M. P. Lloyd, C. G. Curtis, D. L. Jones, D. M. Gittins, T. H. Owen, R. M. James, A. A. Watkins, R. J. Allbutt, W. M. Jones, J. F. Rowberry, H. W. Gittus, D. A. Sivell, D. J. Parry, G. C. Williams,

Form VI.—K. B. Isaac, G. A. H Thomas, G. Jones, R. B. Williams.

C. A. LEWIS, VIA.

THE LIBRARY.

The new library in school is a blessing for those who work,
It is here that boys go for a read, or is it a shirk?
During free periods and during morning prep,
Many jivy juveniles have a chance to get hep.

Since litter bins are absent this causes bad looks,
The alternative is behind the rows of books,
Once to the master's surprise, an amazing spectacle met his eyes,
Sweet papers, dog-ends, and gum wrappers, and some crusts from
some mouldy meat pies.

We sit and read quite calmly. When the teachers have gone, if any,
The boys rush to the table to play a game of push-penny,
The tables are good for sport and the game always thrives,
And at the approach of a teacher the players run for their lives.

You have to beware of one thing, with a book on your knees,
If a wary master queries, if you're really Welsh or Chinese,
But with all of the joking aside the library is to be sat in,
And without any more delay, a place to crib our Latin.

R. L. GANT, VA.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

IN his introduction Mr. Rees welcomed Sir Ben Bowen Thomas, Ald. Garnet Morris and the ex-members of the staff who had returned for this occasion. He offered his regrets at the unavoidable absence of, amongst others, Dr. Price, for many years the senior Latin master.

Mr. Rees then continued by tracing briefly the growth of the school. In 1953 only 235 had been on roll, now there were 327 and the figure was expected to rise finally to 350. The staff had risen from 16 to 20 in these years. He mentioned the rehousing of the school and paid tribute to all who had made this possible, in particular to Mr. J. Williams, B.A., the deputy head master.

In a rural community such as ours the aims and purpose of a school were, he said, uppermost in the minds of himself and his staff. The great pity was that once the boys were trained they were forced to leave the district to find employment.

Turning to the scholastic sphere, Mr. Rees said that last year ten boys had sat "A" level and 65 the "O" level in the examinations of the W.J.E.C. Of these, 58 had gained certificates, five had entered University and one a Training College, and 25 had returned to the Lower VI. This, said Mr. Rees, was a fair result for a school of this size.

Towards the end of last term, the school held its Carol Service, consisting of nine lessons and carols, in the Cathedral. The school bell-ringers rang in St. Mary's for the service. This was an achievement of which the school might well be proud.

This term there had been two outstanding events, the inter-school debates with Christ College and the Girls' School. At this point it seemed appropriate, said the Headmaster, to mention the severing of certain ties with the Girls' School, the most important being that the two schools no longer held a joint Prize Day.

In concluding, the Headmaster commented on the school's sporting activities, congratulating the various teams. He ended by expressing once again his appreciation of the efforts many people had made to ensure that the moving of the school was a smooth and speedy operation.

THE Editorial Board wish to thank Members of Staff who have checked the increasingly complex records of Eisteddfod, Field Sports and Team Games.

HARVEST TIME.

The Springtime is a lovely time, with its signs of all things new.
The Summer, too, is pleasant, with its skies of azure blue.
But the grandest time is Harvest Time, when the crops are gathered in,
And the flowers and fruit and corn and wheat are safely garnered within.

The Harvest Moon, with his face aglow, beams down with a special smile,
For he knows that the earth has fulfilled her birth and the Harvest is well worth while.
The Harvest Sun is a kindly sun and smiles on a job well done.
For the sun and the moon and the wind and the rain have completed our Harvest Home.

Russet and gold and red and blue, yellow and purple and green,
Riot together to gladden our eyes and make up a Harvest Scene.
The thunder and lightning rattle and flash and the breeze joins in their mirth.
For the splendours of the Harvest are the glories of the earth.

T. J. HUGHES, Form I.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ.

1. Who is Mr. Eugene Black?
2. Who is Mr. Mikoyan and what country did he visit in January?
3. Who has recently appointed Supreme Commander of Britain's Armed Forces?
4. Who was overthrown by whom in the Cuban Revolt?
5. Who recently succeeded whom as France's President?
6. 1958 marked the ter-centenary of whose death?
7. What country won the 1958 Association Football World Cup series?
8. What is Lord Brecon's official position?
9. What South American country overthrew its President in 1958?
10. Name the Turkish Prime Minister who was involved in an air crash in February

(Answers on page 23)

CALLING PLANET NINE.

I AM about to tell a story that is, surely, the most dreadful that has ever been related. It is a tale of one man, but it needs little imagination to put oneself in his place. Yet I cannot but smile at myself, the narrator, for relating this story; for I know that its message will be unheeded, that it has been written too late. Human beings have unwittingly abandoned their self-respect and so are already lost: in ignorance and apathy they have already surrendered themselves to fellow creatures who are more cunning than they, and now, finally, they have surrendered to

I shall tell you to whom; I shall do so with no hope of being heeded, or even of being read, but in that illogical hope which assures me that I am still a human being—perhaps the last one.

The knowledge of scientists had increased to such an extent that machines had been constructed in which men were taken further and further through space, in quest of more scientific knowledge and the advancement of the human race. They established colonies upon all the planets in the solar system and the small band of humans who had only recently settled upon Pluto were startled when their astronomer sighted yet another planet. This they named "Planet Nine," for they still thought of Earth as "home," rather than just another planet; which shows that even at this late period they had not achieved that admirable objectivity which is so necessary for all scientific-minded people. Planet Nine was colonised, also, and the humans adapted themselves to the different physical conditions prevailing there.

But machines were not only invented for the exploration of space; they were made to do the work which the human race had previously done from its very beginning. This advancement was welcomed by ordinary housewives who were freed from drudgery, by thousands of clerks who had spent their lives checking columns of figures that had been checked before them and which were checked after them. Poets and idealists foretold an age when people would have no work at all; when they would be able to spend their lives in contemplation of the infinite. And the Golden Age seemed indeed to be coming, for there were now simple injections, given by the State, to every person. When medical inspectors, at one time known as psychologists had probed to the depth of each man's nature, the prescribed shot was given to him. This turned potential murderers into beings of sheep-like submissiveness and the stupidest yokels into profound philosophers, although, naturally, they were unable to question the State. Wars were no more; men became truly equal and spent their lives in blissful idleness or in occasional conversation, remarking how alike they were to each other.

As a consequence, the machines had to do more and more work; they had long been able to make decisions without reference to their human masters; they were endowed with the ability to think ahead and to carry out the main work of the government. The greatest achievement of all was when machines, built in the shape of humans, walked around like them and perceived objects in the way that humans did through their senses.

But with the passing of centuries the humans themselves began to alter physically: their limbs withered, from lack of use, for they now flew around all the time in little machines like baskets; and although their heads grew much larger because the injections made their brains enormous, the State decided at length that, as the machines were doing all the work, it was necessary for only a limited number of humans to be intelligent (in order to control the machines); it ceased, therefore, to give them, and the humans became as stupid as they had been before, although they retained their big heads.

Gradually, but only very gradually, these intelligent scientists began to worry, mainly about their position in regard to the machines, which obeyed their orders, of course, but were possessed of as much knowledge as the humans themselves in order to carry out their work effectively; in fact, they built themselves in ever-increasing numbers and the humans had become so helpless that they could not have done without them if they had wished to do so.

There had always been daily radio contact with each of the other nine planets; these messages, for some reason, became less frequent and were often incomprehensible. The small band of scientists became very worried; they could not understand what was happening. Direct contact between the planets was confined to loads of colonisers; there was no trade or commerce any more, so that other contact was considered pointless. The radio stations were the only places, therefore, where the conditions on other planets could be learned. There must be something wrong upon the other planets, for the Machines controlled the earth's radio stations and they could not be wrong.

Or could they? Only one scientist had any doubts about this: S.N.9657ZYL236 (humans had ceased to be given names and were known by serial numbers). I shall call him, for convenience, the Earthman.

He spent many days observing the machines and did it as unobtrusively as possible, for the Machines were considered as almost equals and seemed to have more of human feeling sometimes than the actual humans themselves did.

He could see nothing to confirm his suspicion that the Machines were actually deceiving them, yet there must be something; he knew it but could not tell what it was. And by now the inter-planetary messages had ceased to mean anything.

Many days passed before he knew what he must do ; he decided to make contact with the other planets himself, without the knowledge of the other scientists, who could not be persuaded that anything was really amiss.

He decided this with much foreboding. Humans had left the radio stations in charge of the Machines for two hundred years or more and had not entered them since. He made the journey, however, to the nearest station, which floated a few miles above the earth, as the others did, where reception was free from atmospheric interference.

Upon entering the floating station he was met by a crowd of robots and for the first time in his life the Earthman felt a cold, physical fear pass through him, for these creatures of metal, instead of receiving him in their natural, mechanical manner, began jabbering gibberishly, the various dials and buttons on their metal-plated breasts flashing and spinning ; some ran off with their stiff, wooden-legged gait, jabbering as they went, to different parts of the station.

As he stood there, not knowing what to do, he felt deeply within himself that what he had suspected was true, that he had had his answer and could return now and tell the others ; but something was already driving him on ; he could not abandon his task now ; he despaired and yet he had to confirm his despair ; he knew what the truth must be, but he had to see it displayed before his eyes.

As he walked along the corridors to the Central Room he thought of what had happened. Already on Earth the machines had become partly human without the scientists knowing it. What had happened on the other planets ? What was the use now of hearing from them ? Or if they called for help, had the Machines ignored them ? They must have done so ; then they must be in alliance with the Machines on the other planets. But how had it happened ; how had they become like this, that they could actually scheme against the human race ?

He reached the Central Room and approached the Chief Radio Engineer, a large, ungainly robot that moved towards him from the long rows of panels that were studded with dials, screens and lights.

"Why have you come ?" it asked.

"I wish to make contact with the other planets," the Earthman replied.

"We have attempted to do so and failed," it replied.

"When was your last attempt ?" the Earthman asked.

Upon the screen in the robot's forehead an involved fraction appeared which the Earthman immediately comprehended—for time was now

measured in relation to the distance of the Sun from Vega, the fixed star.

"Attempt to make contact again."

"It is useless," replied the robot.

It was not the statement, but the tone in which it was made, that caused the Earthman to look horrified at the robot ; but he could see nothing in the expressionless face to indicate any feeling, malevolent or otherwise.

"Try again," he said, but weakly, not knowing what to do. The robot, to his surprise, moved along the panels switching things on and off. He attempted to contact Venus and Mercury, but everything seemed to be completely dead. The other planets were called ; from one came a monotonous whine that meant nothing to the Earthman. Finally Planet Nine was contacted. Upon one of the screens the face of a robot appeared. The Earthman's heart leapt. If the humans had survived anywhere it would be those on Planet Nine ; the strongest, most intelligent humans who had been sent to colonise the planet about which many things were still unknown ! If he could put warn them of what had happened—of what was happening—perhaps it was not too late.

He rushed over to the screen and shouted :

"Let me speak to one of the humans ! Send for one of the humans."

Perhaps the robots on Planet Nine were less developed, only able to do the more elementary things. Perhaps it was all a mistake, anyway—some strange interference in space which made contact with the others impossible ; but he was now contacting the farthest planet ! And the gibbering robots outside ! His thoughts ceased abruptly and he found himself still shouting, again and again, at the screen : "Send for one of the humans."

But this was not what had broken off his thoughts. It was something else—something from the screen : a hint, a sound, yes, it was he stood rooted to the floor as he heard it and everything seemed unreal ; the robot beside him, towering over him ; the panels ; the stark, scientific arrangement of the room. He seemed to be outside time, somewhere in the black emptiness of eternity, as he stared again at the screen : for while the robot upon it still stared at him, blankly, a sound filled the room, a sound more horrible, more subtly evil than anything out of Hell's torture-chambers that the morbid mind of a Medieval churchman invented ; like a dreadful braying across the chasms of space, it filled up, in the absence of time, all existence.

For the robot, the Machine, the creature of metal was . . . laughing.

G. S. PORTE, VIA.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS, 1958.

ADVANCED LEVEL.

Isaac, K. B.	... Pure and Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Jobbins, A. S.	... English, History.
Jones, G.	... Pure Mathematics.
Lewis, E. M.	... History, Geography.
Parry, A. R.	... English, French*
Samuel, R. S.	... English.
Thomas, D. A.	... English
Thomas, G. A. H.	... Pure and Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Williams, R. B.	... Botany, Zoology.

ORDINARY LEVEL.

Allbutt, R. J.	... English Language, Welsh3*, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
Barker, D. E. A.	... English Language, English Literature, Welsh3* History, Geography§.
Clayton, G.	... English Language, Welsh3*, Woodwork, Maths§.
Cochrane, D. G.	... Mathematics, Physics.
Crook, L. C.	... Welsh3*, Chemistry.
Curtis, C. G.	... English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
David, H.	... Welsh3§.
Davies, D. T.	... English Language, English Literature, Welsh3*, French*, History, Geography, Maths., Chemistry.
Davies, R. V.	... Welsh3*, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
Eckley, G.	... History, Geography, English Language§, Maths.,§ Physics. §
Evans, T. B.	... Art, Technical Drawing.
Evans, W. A.	... Welsh2*, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
Ferguson, D. G.	... Commercial Subjects.
Gallagher, G. R.	... Welsh3*, Mathematics.
Gittins, D. M.	... English Language, English Literature, Welsh3*, French*, Geography, Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Gittins, G. P.	... Mechanics.
Gittus, H. W.	... English Language, Welsh3, French*, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Hirons, A. C.	... English Language.
Howells, B. V.	... English Language, History, Woodwork.
James, R. M.	... English Language, Welsh3*, French*, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Jenkins, D. W.	... Chemistry, Physics§.
Jones, B.	... English Language, Welsh3*, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Geography§.
Jones, D. L.	... Welsh3*, Latin, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, English Language§.
Jones, G. I. G.	... Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Jones, M. O.	... History, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, English Language§.
Jones, W. M.	... English Literature, Welsh3*, Scripture, History, Geography, Mathematics, English Language§.
Lee, C. D.	... Commercial Subjects.
Lewis, E. M.	... English Language.
Lewis, H. D.	... Physics, Welsh3§.
Lloyd, M. P.	... English Language, English Literature, Welsh2*, French*, Scripture, History, Geography, Maths.

Lowry, R. M.	... History, Mathematics§.
Mayers, B. J.	... English Language, Geography, Mathematics, Physics
Miles, J. R. J.	... History, Mathematics, Woodwork, Physics§.
Moses, D. J.	... Welsh3*, History, Geography, English Language§.
Owen, T. H.	... English Language, English Literature, Welsh3*, French*, Scripture, History, Geography, Maths.
Parry, C. R.	... English Language, History, Geography, Woodwork, Mathematics§, Physics§.
Parry, D. J.	... English Language, English Literature, Welsh3*, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Parry, R. W.	... Mechanics.
Poole, J. G.	... English Language§, Welsh3*, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, French§.
Powell, D.	... Mechanics.
Powell, D. G.	... Biology.
Phillips, P. B.	... English Language§, Welsh2§, Geography,§ Maths§.
Pritchard, I. G. T.	... Geography.
Prosser, K. E.	... English Language, Geography, Maths, Chemistry.
Rees, R.	... English Language.
Rowberry, J. F.	... English Language, English Literature, Welsh3*, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
Salmon, R. R. L.	... Welsh3*, English Language§.
Simpson, H. A.	... English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Physics, Woodwork, Mathematics§.
Sivell, D. A.	... English Language, English Literature, Welsh3*, French*, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
Stephens, M. B.	... Mathematics.
Stroud, R. W.	... English Language, Mathematics§.
Sullivan, J.	... English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
Taylor, R. B.	... Mathematics.
Thomas, T.	... English Language, History, Geography, Maths., Physics.
Twist, A.S.	... Mechanics.
Waters, S. M. L.	... English Language§
Watkins, A. A.	... English Language, Welsh3*, French*, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Watkins, T. N.	... English Language§.
Watkins, W. T. T.	... English Language, Welsh2*, History, Geography.
Williams, G. C.	... English Language, Welsh3*, Latin, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
Williams, M.G.	... Mathematics, Woodwork, English Language§.
Young, R. G.	... History, Mathematics.
External Candidate : Parry, D. J. A., English Language.	

*Indicates a pass with oral proficiency in the subject.

§Indicates a pass at the November Examinations.

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VARSITY REPORTS.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, SWANSEA.

THE number of Old Breconians at Swansea has increased from five last year to seven this year, the additions being K. B. Isaac and G. Jones.

W. P. RODERICK.—This is Peter's fourth year at Swansea, and he is now pursuing a course leading to a Teacher's Diploma, having graduated last year in Economics. He spends a large amount of his time away from Swansea, practice-teaching at various schools. However, when at Swansea his attendance at the College Saturday night hops is consistent.

C. B. LIKE.—Bryn is now in his third year and his scheme of study will at the end of this year culminate in his Honours examinations in Physics. Bryn has been very fortunate in that he has spent all his University life at Neuadd Gilbertson. This is a very rare occurrence. He is an active member of Clyne Anglican Society and also a member of the Physics Society. Among his recent acquisitions is a pre-war Morris 8 car, which he uses to good effect.

D. W. PULLING.—David is in his third and final year at College and is pursuing a course leading to honours in Chemical Engineering. Much of his time this year is spent at local chemical works, such as the Mond Nickel works. His pursuits for this year are mainly academic, but he is still extremely interested in any activities associated with the Engineering Society.

ARWEL EDWARDS.—Arwel is in his second year at college and is studying for his final examinations, at the end of this year, in Geography and History. He hopes to take Honours Geography next year. Arwel has had an extremely busy time this year, being chairman of the eisteddfod committee. The inter-college eisteddfod's being held this year at Swansea has added to his burden, which he has shouldered very well. Arwel is also a member of the Students' Representative Council.

T. A. GWYNNE.—This is Terry's second year at Swansea and he is studying for his final examinations in June in History and English. Terry hopes to take Honours History next year. His athletic activities are curtailed to an occasional walk to the cinema and to college each morning. He is a fervent supporter of the College Film Society and also a member of the History Society.

K. B. ISAAC.—Ken is one of the two freshers who ventured to join the other Old Breconians at Swansea, and has by now thoroughly settled down and found a happy medium between work and play. He is well occupied by a heavy course in subsidiary Engineering. He hopes, ultimately, to take Honours Electrical Engineering. He is often to be seen at the Debating Society meetings.

G. JONES.—Geraint is the other fresher who joined the ranks at Swansea. He is pursuing a subsidiary level Pure Science course which includes Chemistry, Physics and Pure Mathematics. He is fortunate in having obtained a place at Neuadd Gilbertson, and turns out regularly for them on the soccer and rugby field. He is a member of the Chemistry and Choral Societies.

GERAINT JONES.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, CARDIFF.

It has proved an awkward task to collect information concerning the activities of ex-members of the school here at Cardiff owing to the "hibernation" of certain parties through the pressure of their work. However, some information has been gleaned, although in some cases it is unfortunately rather scant.

D. DAVIES.—Dai is in his final year at College, completing his course in Law, Accountancy and Economics. Although he is kept very occupied at this crucial stage of his college career, he still finds time to represent the first team in basketball. He informs me that he has played rugby this year for the first time ever, and has represented the third XV.

P. O. EVANS.—This year Philip Evans is taking his diploma in Social Science. Little is seen of him owing to the practical nature of his course which frequently takes him away from college. On one of the rare occasions that I saw him he told me that he still puts in occasional appearances for the second XI on the soccer pitch.

F. FANTHAM.—This time we meet with the first of our future engineers. Frank is in his final year and studying hard for a degree in Electrical Engineering. Except for the occasional week-end at home which he takes by means of his motor-bike, Frank has little time for much else outside his work.

D. I. THOMAS.—Dave is endeavouring to secure for himself an Honours degree in Electrical Engineering. Despite the weight of his course it is rumoured that he is to be seen playing the occasional game of squash in the gym. He also appears quite often at Union Hops on Saturday night.

H. E. REES.—Edward is in his final year hoping to obtain an Honours Degree in History. He, again, finds his course very restricting as far as recreation is concerned. However, he is to be seen most lunch times relaxing in the Common Room, away from the world of History.

J. TAYLOR.—After completing his National Service in the R.A.F. John has come to Cardiff this year and is studying Intermediate Chemistry and Mathematics plus Subsidiary Physics. He finds this course quite enough to cope with but in his leisure time he too expends some energy in a game of squash.

G. A. H. THOMAS.—Another "fresher," Andrew is studying Final Physics and Mathematics. He spends most of his time in the Laboratory. However, on week-ends he manages to go to the Union Hops where he can work off some surplus energy on the dance floor.

A. R. PARRY.—I am the only new Arts student at Cardiff this year. I am taking Part I English, French and Italian. This course is quite extensive and most of my time is spent in the library. However, I manage to go regularly to the French Society meetings and to the Union Hops on Saturday night.

A. R. PARRY.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, BANGOR.

THIS session sees three Old Boys studying at Bangor. It is unfortunate that there are not more since U.C.N.W. holds a great deal in store for the potential undergraduate. Bangor should not be dismissed as a college which is a long way from Brecon situated in what seems to be an isolated part of Wales. This college is alive with plans for the future, plans coming from both students and staff alike. In company with most universities, the intake of students into the college is increasing each session and yet there is a maximum limit imposed here of about 1,500 students. This means that the college will retain its compact and communal character for some time to come. Bangor University College gives the student the opportunity to develop a self-reliant character; all tastes, whether they be academic, cultural or sporting are provided for, and the student is at no time just one of many. Bangor Union is progressive, sufficiently large not to be disregarded and sufficiently small to allow the student to become an integral member of the student community. This is not just an advertisement for Bangor but a statement of fact, and I hope that next session will see more people from School filling up the very depleted ranks of Old Boys at Bangor.

The three students here wish everyone the best of luck and fortune in the June examinations.

R. M. HOWELL.—This session Roy is studying for an Honours Degree in Agricultural Chemistry. He is a member of both the Agricultural Society and the Chemical Society. He has applied for research for next session but at the moment cannot look too far ahead. Roy is still the unobtrusive and friendly person he was in school and is sometimes seen in the Main Arts building, either oblivious to everything in Lib. or very aware of someone in the college "hops." He assures me that he is taking exercise to avoid complete brain congestion—and so some week-ends see him tramping the Snowdonia expanse.

R. G. TUCKER.—Having achieved a 2B in Latin, this particular graduate has decided to go back to school. As a step towards this end he is studying under the auspices of the Education Department. Not quite married, he tells me that one particular girl in a local school is very interested in his sophisticated knowledge of Greek. He teaches Latin and English a little more thoroughly. When not on Teachers' Training, Ron has to grapple with the finances of "Forecast," the

college newspaper, and answer for any mistakes on the Students' Representative Council. When not in Liverpool, Ron is occasionally to be seen in Union drinking coffee.

DAVID O. P. JONES.—In preparing for my degree examinations at the end of this year, I am struggling with the complexities of modern Economics as well as trying my hand at Psychology. This is not the only battle, there is also one between work and play. Without mentioning which rival faction wins, this session I find myself 'Sec. N.U.S., an idle member of Rag Committee and a silent member of the Students' Representative Council. My work as N.U.S. Sec. has been severely limited since this College disaffiliated itself from the National Union of Students some months ago. As a result of circumstances, therefore, more and more books of academic import are finding themselves opened.

DAVID O. P. JONES.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, ABERYSTWYTH.

NOT a single Old Boy came as fresher to Aber. this year. How sad to see the old Varsity spurned in this way. The old stalwarts, however, are still trudging their way through courses that seem to have no ending.

T. L. POWELL and W. GRIFFITHS.—Both Lindsay and Windsor are in their second year at the agricultural establishment, immersed in projects which will doubtless transform this country into the most progressive agricultural state in the world.

GARETH DAVIES.—Is of the forensic fraternity and is this year completing his Honours course. The school, I am sure, wishes him the best of luck.

ALUN JONES.—I am still fascinated by the Romans of old, and have embarked upon the first year of my Honours course in Latin. It is as long as Cicero's lengthiest sentences, but, thank goodness, more interesting.

Our social activities vary but are all directed at the same goal—complete forgetfulness of our Coll. work. Lindsay is still as jolly as ever and is always ready with some piquant witticisms, especially about the tradition I have followed since the Sixth Form of having about three haircuts a year.

A. J. JONES.

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS.

As far as I can ascertain, I am the first pupil from Brecon to come to Leeds University; and I hope many more will follow me, for it is a very fine "seat of further education." The University is rapidly

expanding. We have about 5,000 students here at present and by 1970 this figure should have increased to 11,500.

I am reading for an Honours Degree in Agricultural Botany and at Leeds there are all the necessary amenities to aid those who wish to follow this course of study.

The City of Leeds provides good lodgings, has an excellent shopping centre, numerous good cafes and restaurants and cinemas ; but, in all fairness, I must point out that this is an industrial town and it is consequently rather dirty ; nevertheless, it is a grand place all the same.

R. B. WILLIAMS.

LOUGHBOROUGH TRAINING COLLEGE.

THIS, my second year at Loughborough Training College, gives me the right to the title "Sophomore." which may at first seem imposing, but it simply means that should I not be accepted for a third year in 1960, then I shall have to enter the working population as a teacher of general subjects. My hopes, needless to say, are that I should continue, here, at college, for another year, to gain a Specialist Diploma in Physical Education.

My two year course here entails a study of the history, theory and practice of Physical Education and Education, and also of English Literature from 1900 to the present day. Three subjects may seem very few to some students at Welsh Training Colleges, but I can assure them that my time is fully occupied.

The life here is a little hectic because of the intermingling of practical periods and lectures and this entails quite a few changes during the day. Nevertheless, I find it enjoyable and very "fit-making". The social life is very good. Wide opportunities are offered by a number of Societies and sport of a good standard is provided every games day.

Should anyone at school be tempted to apply to this college then I would give him all encouragement. The standards are high but not beyond anyone's grasp and for a life of health and vigour it would be difficult to surpass.

B. P. RICHARDS.

CARIDFF TRAINING COLLEGE.

At the moment there are two Old Boys here at Cardiff Training College. They are John Ralph, who is in his first year, and I in my final year.

T. J. RALPH.—John is in his first year and by now has settled down quite well. He has just finished his end of term examinations in Part I, Part II and subsidiary subjects which are Geography, Mathematics, and History. Like myself he takes P.E. as a main subject.

I. T. WILLIAMS.—I am in my second year. Next year I hope to come back to this college and do a third year supplementary course in Physical Education. I have just finished my subsidiary examinations in Mathematics, Welsh and Drama and from now on it will be hard concentration on my Part I and II subjects which are English, Education, Health Education, and Physical Education as my Part II. At the end of this year I hope to be a qualified teacher.

I. T. WILLIAMS.

TOP TUNES.

M. B. Gallagher	... <i>I'm the only man on the Island.</i>
The Head	... <i>Come down, come down from your Ivory Tower.</i>
D. Powell	... <i>Changing Partners.</i>
School Rugby XV	... <i>Mud, mud, glorious mud.</i>
Mr. John Thomas	... <i>Love and Marriage.</i>
The Girls' School	... <i>Thank heaven for little girls.</i>
The Staff Room	... <i>Hernando's Hideaway.</i>
R. H. Leonard	... <i>Goody, goody.</i>
G. S. Porte	... <i>Beautiful dreamer.</i>
The School	... <i>Heartbreak Hotel.</i>
C. A. Lewis	... <i>A wild colonial boy.</i>
Miss Harvey	} <i>Blest pair of sirens.</i>
Miss Richards	
Mr. L. C. Moses	... <i>Chip, chopper Charlie.</i>
Mr. H. C. Jones	... <i>When your hair has turned to silver.</i>
The Prefects' Room	... <i>Smoke gets in your eyes.</i>
G. P. Gittins	... <i>Devil lips.</i>
Vib Room	... <i>Dark town poker club.</i>
Mr. C. Grove	... <i>To know him is to love him.</i>

THE MOB.

Answers to "CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ."

1. President of the World Bank.
2. Deputy Premier of Russia. He visited America.
3. Admiral Lord Mountbatten.
4. Senor Fidel Castro overthrew President Batista.
5. President de Gaulle succeeded President Coty.
6. Oliver Cromwell.
7. Brazil.
8. Minister of State for Welsh Affairs.
9. Venezuela.
10. Mr. Menderes.

THE DRAGON.

EVER since Kim had arrived in Ceylon he had wondered what that big cavernous hole had been on the edge of a bluff near his father's tea plantation. He had alighted upon it one day whilst helping his father in clearing a patch of overgrown ground. His hand had been torn by some sort of briar, drawing blood, and Kim had let go of his machete. He and his father had searched for the machete for hours and had eventually fired the scrub, thus revealing this mysterious hole.

During the course of time he had found out that this hole was not unknown. Kim had been told, by a wizened old man in the village, of the legend concerning the hole. Apparently "many moons ago" the tribe on the island then was attacked by a larger force of warriors from "across the waters"—this was most probably India. This island tribe then used the hole as a quick route to the nearby river and so to the sea, this being accomplished without the attacking force even knowing. In the tunnel had also been left a guardian—a dragon.

"A tunnel, with a dragon," mused Kim. "Hmm!"

This now slid into place with what he had been told previously; about strange wailing noises coming from the far corner of his father's plantation—near the hole. Kim knew he could not expect any help from the natives if he were to investigate the tunnel; they were scared stiff. No, he would have to do it himself.

And so very early one morning, with the noises of Ceylon awakening, he entered into the mouth of the tunnel. Immediately he shivered. It was cold and dank in there. With the light on he could see the walls and the ceiling glistening as though they were sweating. The silence hit him and every slight sound he made was magnified several times. By the light of his torch he could see the tunnel dropped sharp in front of him and curved to the left. He picked his way in amongst the rocks strewn on the floor.

Sweat stood out on Kim's forehead and he noticed the air was heavy and oppressive. It was very hot; and now he was fighting for breath. His lips were parched, but he could not find his water bottle. He must have lost it. He kept stumbling, butting and bruising his body, but he stumbled on in a stupor.

The breeze was as a shower of rain in that tunnel, cool and refreshing. It revived him somewhat and he strode on with a lighter step.

As he rounded the next curve in the tunnel the sound of falling water was prominent and the breeze was stronger. It was still dark in the tunnel, but Kim thought he could make out a faint glow about three hundred yards distant. It was not the outlet of the tunnel as the light was too feeble. What could it be? Kim progressed slower and cautiously and when he was quite near to the light he discovered that it came from two large luminous eyes! The dragon! He stood transfixed, his eyes attracted to those phosphorescent pools of emerald

green light. Kim stood still for what seemed hours in that position, when, without warning, the eyes disappeared with a slight sound.

Kim advanced cautiously for the next few hundred yards, and then, satisfied within himself that there was no imminent danger, resumed his usual pace.

One step further and he would have been in the river he could now hear but not see. Kim had travelled the distance from his encounter with the eyes in total darkness, and with the noise of the river in his ears. He was not able to tell whereabouts the river was, as the sound was being distorted by the irregular shape of the tunnel walls, and had walked on until he came against this wall of creepers. These he pulled apart with his hands, and the sunlight poured into the inky blackness of the tunnel. When his eyes were accustomed to the brightness of the outside world he saw the river.

The plantation's launch chugged sedately down the river with Kim in the stern, staring ahead at the wheel house. He was thinking of the row he was bound to suffer from his mother for being missing; and of those two green eyes.

J. C. HOOTON, L.V.Sc.



PREFECTS, 1958-59.

T. B. Evans, R. M. Lowry, B. Hepton, H. David, C. A. Lewis, M. Waters,
D. A. Gittins, T. N. Watkins, D. Powell, G. P. Gittins, A. S. Twist,
W. M. Jones, G. S. Porte, J. M. Jones.
The Headmaster, D. G. Powell, R. S. Samuel, (Deputy Head Boy), R. H.
R. H. Leonard (Head Boy), S. J. Gallagher, R. W. Parry, Mr. J. Williams.

Ar dydd Mercher, Mai 28, yng ngwmni yr Athro Cymraeg, Charley Lewis (IIIG), a thair merch o Ysgol Ramadeg y Merched, euthum i dref yr Wyddgrug i gymryd rhan yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Urdd Gobaith Cymru. Yr oedd Charley yn mynd i ganu "Cân Sobri," a minnau'n mynd i adrodd detholiad allan o'r nofel. "Rhys Lewis." Daethom yn ôl ar ddydd Sadwrn, heb yr un wob, ond â'n gwybodaeth o waith ac arwyddocâd yr Urdd yn llawer changach a chyfoethocach.

Tref fechan, brysur, yw'r Wyddgrug yn Sir y Fflint. Saif ar y ffordd fawr rhwng Caerllion a Dinbych. Ynddi y mae prif swydd-feydd y Cyngor Sir. Ni cheir ynddi ond un ffatri, ac o'i chwmpas gwelir meysydd gleision a choedwigoedd heirdd. Rhed afon Alun yn dawel drwy'r dref ar ei ffordd i'r môr.

Ni ellir meddwl am le mwy cymwys i gynnal Eisteddfod Genedlaethol ynddo. Yma y treuliodd Richard Wilson, yr arlunydd enwog ei fachgendod, ac yma, hefyd, y claddwyd ef. Yma y ganwyd Alun, awdur "Cân Gwraig y Pysgotwr," "Cerdd Hela," a darnau adnabyddus eraill. Yma y ganwyd y cerddor, John Ambrose Lloyd, a roddodd i'w genedl donau teilwng i foli drwyddynt. Ac yma, hefyd, y ganwyd nofelydd mwyaf Cymru, Daniel Owen, awdur "Rhys Lewis," "Enoc Huws," "Gwen Tomos," "Y Dreflan," a'r "Siswrn."

Am bedwar diwrnod agorodd Yr Wyddgrug ei drysau a'i breichiau i groesawu Cymru ifainc o bob cwr o'r wlad. Wedi teithio drwy'r dydd yr oedd yn dda gan Charley a minnau gyrraedd y ffermdy a oedd i fod yn gartref inni hyd fore dydd Sadwrn. Yr oedd y croeso a'r caredigrwydd a gawsom yno yn nodweddiadol o letygarwch pobl dwymgalon Yr Wyddgrug.

Yn gynnar bob bore cynhaliwyd rhagbrofion yn ysgolion y dref, Ysgol Alun ac Ysgol Daniel Owen. Yn y rhagbrofion hyn dewiswyd y rhai oedd i ymddangos ar y llwyfan yn y babell fawr yn ddiweddarach yn y dydd. Ac yno, o flaen cynulleidfau enfawr, gwelid hufen ieuencid Cymru yn canu, yn adrodd, ac yn gwneud llu o bethau eraill. Fe'm synnwyd gan safon uchel y cystadleuthau, a sylweddolais nad enw'n unig oedd yr Urdd, ond mudial ardderchog sydd yn gwneud gwyrrthiau dros yr iaith Gymraeg a thros Gymru.

Wedi'r cystadlu brwd yn ystod y dydd trefnid cyngherddau yn y babell i ddifyrru'r miloedd o ymwelwyr yn oriau'r hwyr. Un o'r pethau a fwynheais fwyaf oedd y Pasiant.

Profiad hynod o blesurus i mi oedd cael bod am gyfnod ymhlith pobl a siaradai fy iaith fy hun, a gwrando ar fiwsig y gwahanol acennau o bob ran o Dde a Gogledd Cymru. Wrth ymadael â'r Wyddgrug teimlais awydd newydd i gymryd mwy o ran yn y ffordd Gymreig o fwy, ac i wybod mwy am Gymru, ei phobl, a'i llenyddiaeth.

ARWYN DAVIES, VA.

THE St. David's Day Eisteddfod was held this year in the School's gymnasium; for many years it has taken place at the Guild Hall, which was noticeably overcrowded in the 1958 Eisteddfod, but after this year a new tradition will be established. Many parents and friends were present; tea was provided during the morning break.

Professor D. J. Davies, B.A., adjudicated the literature and Mrs. Ogwen Thomas, B.Mus., the music; we have been fortunate to have had their services in past years and they continue to delight us with their adjudications, knowledgeable but leavened with wit. Mr. Gwerfyl Davies, B.A., Mus.Bac., A.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., was the accompanist.

The Chairman was the Mayor of Brecon, Coun. H. Llewellyn Jones.

The work of Mr. Harvey Williams for the Eisteddfod is widely known and appreciated by all who attend it; it involves a great deal of preparation prior to the day itself, which always passes smoothly and pleasantly as a result of Mr. Williams's prodigious amount of work.

There were a number of new features in this year's Eisteddfod: there were more painting competitions, metalwork competitions, a recorder solo, a senior mathematical diagram (or model), and house choirs (the test piece for which was "Hefo Deio i Dywyn"); for the first time also, house teams gave a choral speaking of "Y Drydedd Salm ar Hugain?"

The Chair competition for the senior poem was won this year by T. B. Evans of Gam ("Rhiangoll"). He was gowned and escorted by "Caustic Soda" (M. Waters), and "Twp" (C. A. Lewis), from his seat to the chair. Mr. John Thomas, B.Sc., gave a very fine rendering of "Rhyfelgyrch Capten Morgan"; the customary cries of "A oes Heddwch?" and the answering "Heddwch!" were heard, and verses in honour of the bard were read by the Head Master, Mr. Harvey Williams, Mr. Dewi Davies and Dr. Ken Thomas.

Mr. Angell and Miss Richards must be thanked for scoring. The final scores were:—

1. Vaughan	...	429½
2. Gam	...	361
3. Siddons	...	310½
4. Theophilus	...	248

Vaughan has now won the School Eisteddfod for three years in succession and the excitement amongst the boys of that house can be imagined when the House Captain, R. S. Samuel, went up to receive the Stoddart Cup from the Mayor.

Vith FORM ONLY.

Scripture Reading : St. Mark 8, 27-38.

1, D. G. Powell (G) ; 2, R. S. Samuel (V) ; 3, W. M. Jones (V).

SENIOR.

English Solo : "Sigh no more ladies."

1, T. H. Owen (V) ; 2, G. Phillips (V) ; 3, D. J. Parry (G).

Art : (a) Self Portrait

1, T. H. Owen (V) ; 2, R. Hitch (S) ; 3, T. B. Evans (G).

(b) "Still Life on a Table."

1, B. Jones (V) ; 2, R. Hitch (S), 3, T. H. Owen (V)

(c) "A Vivid Dream."

1, T. B. Evans (G) ; 2, J. D. Evans (T).

Woodwork :

1, T. B. Evans (G) ; 2, A. R. Muddiman (V) ; 3, M. O. Jones (V).

Metalwork :

1, M. O. Jones (V) ; 2, R. V. Davies (V) ; 3, H. D. Lewis (V).

Geography : A topic of some geographical distribution in Breconshire.

1, W. M. Jones (V) ; 2, T. B. Evans (G) ; 3, R. L. Gant (V).

Welsh Solo : "Mentra Gwen."

1, R. H. Leonard (S) ; 2, H. Owen (V) ; 3, D. T. Parry (G).

Essay : "Leaving School."

1, R. S. Samuel (V) ; 2, O. Ellis (S) ; 3, D. T. Davies (T).

Humorous Poem : "The Library."

1, R. L. Gant (V) ; 2, J. D. Evans (T) ; 3, D. E. A. Barker (S) and W. M. Jones (V).

Mathematical Drawing or Diagram :

1, T. H. Owen ; (V) 2, B. Jones (V) ; 3, T. D. Evans (T).

English Recitation :

1, J. A. O. Davies (S) ; 2, R. S. Samuel (V) ; 3, H. Jones (G).

Welsh Recitation : "Y Gwcw" (for learners).

1, R. L. Gant (V) ; 2, R. S. Samuel (V) ; 3, T. B. Evans (G).

Welsh Recitation : "Yng Nghegin yr Amgueddfa Genedlaethol (Welsh speakers).

1, W. T. T. Watkins (V) ; R. H. Leonard (S) ; 3, J. Tuthill (G).

Short Story : "Calling Planet Nine."

1, G. S. Porte (V) ; 2, T. H. Owen (V) ; 3, C. A. Lewis (T).

Chair Poem : "Departure."

1, T. B. Evans (G) ; 2, M. Waters (S) ; 3, C. A. Lewis (T).

Parody : "Lucy Grey" (Wordsworth).

1, R. S. Samuel (V) ; 2, M. P. Lloyd (G) ; 3, D. A. Sivell (S).

MIDDLE.

Art : (a) Painting, "The Haunted House."

1, R. Bastable (G) ; 2, P. G. Palmer (T) ; 3, G. T. Lewis (T).

(b) Portrait Painting "The Gipsy" or "The Tramp."

1, R. Bastable (G) ; 2, A. E. D. Jones (V) ; 3, R. W. James (V).

Woodwork :

1, G. Hubbard (V) ; 2, P. A. Gittins (V) ; 3, J. Chatfield (S)

Metalwork :

1, T. K. Bryant (T) ; 2, J. P. Griffiths (V) ; 3, R. N. Jones (T).

Geography : Land Utilisation Map of a Breconshire Farm.

1, J. K. Bryant (T) ; 2, A. M. P. Davies (S) ; 3, D. M. Adami (V).

Welsh Recitation : "Yr Hen Delynor."

1, A. J. Davies (S) ; 2, D. Kendrick (G) ; 3, G. J. H. Jones (S).

Pianoforte Solo : "Prelude and Andante" (Bertini).

1, D. Kendrick (G) ; 2, G. Jones (S) ; 3, P. M. Evans (T) and E. M. Williams (T).

Essay : "Welsh Seamen and Seafarers."

1, A. Griffin ; (G) 2, B. A. Watkins (G) ; 3, D. M. Adami. (V)

Welsh Recitation : "Y Border Bach"

1, G. Davies (V) ; 2, G. Price (V) and A. M. P. Davies (S).

Humorous Poem : "My Cap."

1, D. M. Adami (V) ; 2, P. G. Powell (S) ; 3, A. M. P. Davies (S).

English Recitation : "Man and Beast."

1, A. T. Davies (S) ; 2, G. J. H. Jones (S) ; 3, P. G. Powell (S) and A. G. H. Jackson (G).

Short Story : "The Mystery of the Red Dragon."

1, J. C. Hooton (V) ; 2, D. M. Adami (V) ; 3, T. M. Johnson (T).

Poem : "My Friends."

1, A. M. P. Davies (S) ; 2, D. M. Adami (V) ; 3, J. A. Lawton (V).

JUNIOR.

Art : (a) Painting of an imaginary fish on a plate.

1, R. D. Jardine (G) ; 2, M. T. Owen (V) ; 3, A. G. Harding (G).

(b) Modelling of a puppet or animal.

1, N. Glassborow (T) ; 2, R. Griffiths (V) ; 3, J. R. Smith (S).

Woodwork :

1, D. I. L. Jones (V) ; 2, R. W. Griffiths (G) ; 3, R. Fantham (T).

Pianoforte Solo : Jack Tar (Lesley Bemford).

1, H. Beavan (T) ; 2, D. P. Jones (T) ; 3, D. I. L. Jones (V).

Welsh Recitation : "Ceffyl fy nhad."

1, T. B. Williams (V) ; 2, P. Lamorte (S) ; 3, D. I. L. Jones (V).

Geography : (a) Plan of a Breconshire Town or Village.

1, R. D. Jardine (G) ; 2, J. R. Smith (S) ; 3, Bruce Williams (G).

(b) Collection of labels of tinned products.

1, R. Griffiths (V) ; 2, Brychan Williams (V) ; 3, R. Fantham (T).

English Solo : "Who is Sylvia ?"

1, M. Owen (V) ; 2, R. V. Dunning (T) ; 3, P. Brown (G).

Poem : Harvest Time.

1, T. J. Hughes (S) ; 2, B. Ward (S) ; 3, R. Griffiths (V).

English Recitation : "The Seed Shop."

1, E. G. Davies (V) ; 2, P. E. Brown (G) ; 3, T. E. Evans (G) and T. B. Williams (V).

Welsh Solo : "Yn Iach iti Gymru."

1, M. Owen (V) ; 2, P. Brown (G) ; 3, T. E. Evans (G) and T. Twining (S).

Essay : "The View from the School."

1, T. E. Evans (G) ; 2, J. Lewis (S) ; 3, T. J. Hughes (S).

Welsh Recitation : "Esgusodion."

1, E. G. Davies (V) ; 2, T. C. Wright (T) ; 3, W. W. V. Price (V) and G. Davies (V).

Humorous Poem : "Morning Break."

1, P. Jones (G) ; 2, M. Stephens (T) ; 3, P. Wilkinson (G).

Recorder Solo : "The Vale of Llangollen."

1, J. Twining (S) and W. M. Jones (S) ; 3, A. Harding (G).

OPEN.

Welsh Reading : Sant Marc, 8, 27-38.

1, Handel Jones (G) ; 2, Glanville Davies (V) ; 3, Arwyn Davies (S).

Choral Recitation : "Y Drydedd Salm ar Hugain."

1, Siddons. 2, Theophilus. 3, Vaughan and Gam.

Choir : "Hefo Deio i Dywyn."

1, Siddons 2, Gam. 3, Vaughan.



R. S. Samuel, Captain of the winning House (Vaughan), holding the Stoddart (Eisteddfod) Cup.



T. B. Evans (Gam), winner of Senior Poem, holding the Bardic Chair.

LEAVING SCHOOL.

To some children the early years that they spend at school are ones full of interesting and exciting happenings. To them, school really means a home from home. But, usually, these are the lucky few who are clever enough to gain first, second or third place in their particular form term after term. To the vast majority, the "also-rans" the most important event that looms up in their rather hum-drum lives can be summed up in two words : "leaving school."

Fifteen years is the magical age at which the doors of life are opened. To ten-year-olds this seems an incredible way off ; eleven-year-olds at last see a ray of hope, while twelve-year-olds are dazzled at the thought of life's prospect ; thirteen-year-olds are positively jealous of the fourteen-year-olds to whom Paradise is now within reach.

Yet, of all these potential "bread-winners" possibly one in a thousand will have thought seriously of a career for himself. Many of them seem to think that the eternal Paradise whose fruits they are about to sample will provide abundant occupations which require neither toil nor brain-exercise, yet present them with a fat pay packet every week. In some cases, it must be admitted, the young pioneer's fate has been decided, but usually this career consists of following father's footsteps "in the office" or "in the business," or whatever it may be.

In large towns or cities the problem is usually solved for the youthful citizen by the vast number of unprogressive jobs that industry throws open to him. Many find employment in jobs with the most unusual and improbable sounding names. For example, on television some time ago viewers were highly amused while watching the popular panel game "What's my Line?" to see a "tea-taster" followed by a "tea taster's tea-maker." Doubtless some shivering minion grandiloquently entitled a "tea-taster's tea-maker's assistant" stood hovering in the background in case his essential services were needed. It is amazing the number of extraordinary positions the persevering enquirer can discover. But these jobs, magnificent though they must sound to the prospective teenage employee, have a serious drawback in that they must be regarded as an end in themselves. It must be made clear that the scope and prospects of such jobs are limited in the extreme and that much more serious consideration must be given to the selection of career if one is to make a mark, however small, in life.

Neither can it be said that outstanding ability at school is required to become a leading man in a given career. It is a well-known fact that Sir Winston Churchill would have come top of his form only if

the list had been pinned-up upside down, for the great man used habitually to occupy the bottom position whilst at school. Yet Sir Winston is generally regarded as the greatest man living to-day. No man could possibly have attained greater heights or concerned himself with so many occupations with more success and yet have started in more inauspicious circumstances. To Sir Winston at fifteen years of age, the future must have looked rather bleak.

Of course, in these days of full employment it is getting harder and harder for many young people to find jobs. Industrial spokesmen have issued grave warnings that of the many thousands who left school recently, a large percentage would have to exist on dole money until the necessary schemes for effecting creation of employment had been put into operation; and, even then, large numbers would have to be turned away, and some, incredible though this might seem to those unfortunates still suffering from the evils and short-comings of over-crowded classrooms, would be forced to return to school. Even so, it cannot be said that this shortage of jobs is nation-wide. This may be the implication but the truth would appear to be that the country's employment position has become lop-sided. In certain areas, for example South Wales, Scotland and Northern England, young people help to swell the long queues already gathered outside labour exchanges, but it has been reported that in the South of England factories and engineering works are seriously under-manned.

Perhaps one answer to this pressing problem lies in the ever-increasing importance of our armed forces which, despite their predicted superseding by "pushbutton" warfare, are attracting more and more school leavers into their ranks by vastly improved conditions and pay. Obviously, not all of our young citizens can expect or, indeed, want to be in uniform. For these, they could do far worse than emigrate to various parts of the British Commonwealth. Granted a larger and hard-working population, and Australia and especially Canada could become two of the most powerful nations in the world.

Inevitably, though, it must be said that whatever job, trade or profession the teenager takes up on leaving school, he will find the fruit of his Paradise turning sour in his mouth unless he is taught that life has its "downs" as well as its "ups." Nevertheless, the average boy and girl possessing only limited amounts of tolerance and intelligence will not be disappointed with their new, more important positions in life; and will find that life's unexpected surprise and disappointments can create a bigger challenge and a more exciting prospect of adventure than they could ever have imagined. But, in years to come, they will look back with affection on their school days, now occupying a misty position in their memories and inform their children that school days are certainly the happiest days of anyone's life

R. S. SAMUEL, VIA.

Fy Nghartref i.

Fe'm ganwyd ac fe'm magwyd yn sw'n hen afon Wysg yn dechrau ar ei gyrfa hir i'r môr, a sw'n acennau hyfryd yr iaith Gymraeg-y ddeuawd felysaf yn y byd i mi.

Bu cryn dipyn o newid yng Nghwm Wysg yn ystod f'oes fer i, ond gwaith diddorol fyddai ceisio olrhain y newid a ddaeth o rod i rod o'r amser pan welwyd gyntaf gledddyfau'r Rhufeiniaid yn filachio ar Fynydd Trecastell yn y ganrif gyntaf o oed Crist. Erys llu o dystiolaethau yn y fro i'n hatgoffa am y dyddiau gynt. Mewn man a elwir Y Pigwn ceir olion dau wersyll eang Rhufeinig. Dengys maintoli'r ddau yn ddigon eglur i'r goresgynwyr orfod defnyddio byddin fawr cyn cael y gorau ar y Brythoniaid dewr. Ac wedi gorchfygu'r brodorion codasant gaer gref gerllaw Aberhonddu a gwneud ffyrdd i'w chysylltu â'r caerau eraill oedd ganddynt yng Nghymru. Ai un o'r ffyrdd hyn heibio i'r ddau wersyll ar y Pigwn, ac yna i lawr i Lanymddyfri.

Ni ellir wrth deithio o Aberhonddu i Lanymddyfri fynd trwy bentref Trecastell heb sylwi ar y twmpath mawr ar yr ochr dde. Ar ben y twmpath hwn bu unwaith gastell Normanaidd ac wrth ei droed dref fechan oedd yn rhan o dref Aberhonddu. Yn y dref hon yr oedd bwrdeisiaid a dalai swm o arian i Arglwydd y castell yn Aberhonddu am y breintiau a gaent ganddo.

Gwyr pawb am chwedl Llyn y Fan Fach, yng nghysgod un o Fannau'r Mynydd Du a heb fod ymhell o'm cartref i. Daeth mab hynaf y forwyn, sef Rhiwallon, yn feddyg enwog, a'i feibion yntau ar ei ôl. Y mae meddyginiaethau Meddygon Myddfai, fel y gelwid hwy, wedi eu cadw'n ddiogel hyd heddiw a gellir gweld y ffynnon lle cawsant ddŵr i wneud eu moddion.

Yn ystod y canrifoedd wedi dyddiau'r castell y teuluoedd pwysicaf yn yr ardal oedd teulu Llwyd, Ynys-y-marchog, teulu Gwyn, Trecastell, teulu Price, Nantgwared, teulu Penri, Llywncyntefin, a theulu Jeffreys, Cwmdŵr a Threcastell. Dywedir i deulu Gwyn, Trecastell, droi'r meysydd corslyd rhwng Trecastell a Llywel yn bysgodlyn mawr, ac ar y Suliau, neu yn ystod gwyliau arbennig, gwelid cwch ysblennodd yn hwylio i fyny'r llyn tuag at Eglwys Llywel.

Bu Trecastell yn lle pwysig hyd at y ganrif ddiwethaf. Yno bu ffeiriau pwysig, ffatrioedd gwlân, clocwyr a chryddion enwog, a hyd yn oed gwaith nwy. Braint yn sicr fyddai cael troi tudalennau amser yn ôl a sbio ar y Goets Fawr yn treiglo i mewn i Drecastell ar ei thaith hir o Lundain i Aberdaugleddau.

Yn Nhrecastell a'r cylch bu hefyd gewri ym myd llenyddiaeth a cherddoriaeth, megis, Llew Llywel, Parri o Lywel, Brutus, a David Jenkins.

Nid i Drecastell yn unig y daeth newid. Yn ystod y blynyddoedd diwethaf a mae'r olygfa ym mlaen y cwm ac ar y brynau yn ymddangos yn ddiethr iawn i'r sawl a'i hadwaenai chwarter canrif yn ôl. Gwelwyd nifer o ffermydd bychain yn mynd yn un a drain a mieri yn tyfu dros hen ffermdai cynefin. Lle bu defaid yn pori'n dawel gynt ar Fynydd Saeson y mae heddiw fforest dywyll o goed ffer. Ac fe aeth un fferm ar ddeg "o'r golwg dan y dŵr" pan foddwyd blaen y cwm i wneud Cronfa newydd i dref Abertawe. Y mae'n werth rhoi ar gadw yr enwau tlysion oedd i'r ffermydd hyn: Trawslwyndu, Blaenwysg, Pencae, Pentrebach, Nantgweision, Aberhenwenfach, Y Bryn, Pwll-y-gerwn, Tircyd, a Chwmene.

Daeth Saesneg i aelwydydd Cynru trwy gyfrwng y papur newydd, y radio, a'r teledu, ac anghofwyd yr hen iaith mewn llawer man, ond gallaf ddweud yn hyderus fod acennau'r iaith Gymraeg yn dal i swyno'r glust o gylch fy nghartref i.

HANDEL JONES (VA).

RUGBY REPORT, 1958-59.

THIS season was the third "full" season of Rugby in the School and the most successful for all the teams.

1st XV. Captain : G. P. Gittins.

Opposition	Venue	Result	Score
Builth Wells 1st XV	Away	Lost	6-12
Maesydderwen 2nd XV	Away	Lost	0-8
Llandrindod 1st XV	Home	Lost	21-6
Builth Wells 1st XV	Home	Won	14-5
Llandilo 1st XV	Home	Lost	0-39
Vaynor and Penderyn 1st	Home	Won	9-0
Llandrindod 1st XV	Home	Won	20-0
Maesydderwen 2nd XV	Home	Won	15-0
Christ College 2nd XV	Home	Won	12-0
Llandovery G.S. 1st XV	Away	Won	5-0
Old Boys' XV	Home	Drawn	6-6

Played 11 Won 6 Lost 4 Drawn 1. Pts. for 93 Points Against 91.

UNDER 15A XV. Captain : D. J. Jones.

Builth Wells	Away	Won	23-0
Llandrindod	Home	Won	26-6
Maesydderwen	Home	Lost	3-12
Vaynor and Penderyn	Home	Won	11-0
Llandrindod	Home	Won	11-3

Played 5. Won 4. Lost 1. Points for 74. Against 21.

UNDER 15B XV.

Gwernyfed	Away	Lost	17-3
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UNDER 14 XV. Captain : B. David.

Aberdare	Home	Drawn	6-6
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UNDER 13 XV. Captain : T. Payne.

Gwernyfed, under 14	Won	8-0
Maesydderwen under 13	Drawn	0-0
Gwernyfed under 14	Won	3-0
Aberdare G.S.	Drawn	3-3

Through lack of practice, the school team, at the beginning of the season, was unable to play together as a team, and as a result we lost the first three matches. In the next game, against Builth at home, it was evident that the after-school coaching by members of the staff was having some effect. The school, playing more as a team, won 14-5.

On the following Saturday we entertained Llandilo 1st XV and were well and truly outclassed in every respect, Llandilo winning 39-0.

Following this defeat, the school team improved tremendously, not losing a match for the rest of the season.

The two most noteworthy games were against Christ College 2nd XV and the Old Boys' XV. The former was the first ever School match against Christ College and it is hoped that it will become an annual fixture. The latter game was played under exceptionally adverse conditions and although the school were six points down in the first ten minutes they fought back so well that the rest of the game was played mostly in the Old Boys' half. The school team's superior fitness and spirit won them the support of the spectators.

Colour Awards.

Re-Awards :-G. P. Gittins, W. M. Jones, T. Thomas, M. O. Jones, D. M. Gittins, M. Waters, and D. Powell

Awards :-O. G. Morgan, R. Brown, C. G. Curtis, D. G. Powell, J. Sullivan, R. Lowry, K. Strangward, D. A. Burgess.

The Junior teams (the school fielding four teams of boys under the age of fifteen) excelled themselves with some resounding victories. These boys, who have been taught rugby from the beginning of their school careers, have really taken up the game in earnest and throughout the season played excellent open rugby and sometimes put the giants of the school team to shame with their neat passing and 'hwyl.'



D. Burgess, J. Sullivan, G. Curtis, D. Powell.
Mr. R. Arthur, R. G. Brown, T. Thomas, D. G. Powell, O. G. Morgan,
M. O. Jones.
D. M. Gittins, R. M. Lowry, The Headmaster, G. P. Gittins (capt.), M. Waters
W. M. Jones, K. Strangward.

It should also be noted that for the first time since rugby was played in the school, some of the junior teams played rugby during the Easter term.

The credit for their success must go to the games master, Mr. Arthur, who put in a great deal of hard work arranging the fixtures and coaching the boys, and to Mr. Morris, Mr. Grove, Mr. Rowlands and Mr. Angell, who between them gave the teams extra coaching after school hours. We must also thank the members of the staff who gave up their Saturday mornings to referee the matches, and the boys who have looked after the equipment.

Finally, I would like to congratulate and thank the captains for their excellent leadership and all the other members of the teams for their sportsmanship and team spirit, which was of the best.

The House Championship was won by Theophilus who well and truly trounced the other Houses.

D. POWELL, VIA.

COUNTY SPORTS, 1958.

THIS year's Sports were held on 28th June and the hosts were again Maesydderwen Comprehensive School. This year there were four age groups: Senior, Middle, Junior and Lower Junior.

The School was represented by a strong team which hoped to do well, but owing to heavy rain it was decided to abandon the meeting. Our successes in those competitions which had already been decided earlier in the day were as follows:—

SENIORS:

100 yds.	R. S. Samuel 2nd	Long Jump	E. M. Lewis 2nd
High Jump	A. C. Hiron 3rd	Javelin	S. J. Gallagher 4th
Hop, Step and Jump, E. M. Lewis, 1st.			

MIDDLES:

Shot	J. F. Rowberry 1st	100 yds.	B. F. Adams 4th
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JUNIORS:

High Jump	J. A. O. Davies 3rd.
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LOWER JUNIORS:

100 yds.	G. Gittus 1st	Long Jump	G. Gittus 2nd
W. M. JONES, VIB.			

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1958.

The following boys competed for Brecon and Radnor in the Welsh Secondary Schools National Championships at Llan Rhydney, near Cardiff, on Saturday, 5th July.

Senior (17—19): R. S. Samuel: 220 yds. and Relay.
G. Gallagher: 1 mile (4th).
E. M. Lewis: Hop, Step and Jump.

Youth (15—17): B. F. Adams: High Jump. J. F. Rowberry: Shot.

Boys (13—15): D. J. Jones: Long Jump (7th).

J. F. ROWBERRY, VIB.

ATHLETICS.

THE Annual School Sports were held, as in previous years, at the I.T.C. Sports ground, on Wednesday, 16th July, 1958.

We wish to thank Major G. Egerton, for the use of the ground; Mr. Arthur, sports master, for organising the meeting; and the members of the staff who acted as judges.

The weather conditions were excellent and the ground was in prime condition. This had much to do with the fact that ten new records were set up and two equalled, as can be seen from the table of results. The final result gave Siddons victory by a large margin after they had led throughout. This win was cheered by everyone as Siddons has long been in the doldrums as far as Sports Day is concerned.

School colours for the 1958 season were awarded as follows:—

First Re-awards—E. M. Lewis, G. R. Gallagher, B. F. Adams, R. S. Samuel.

Award—J. F. Rowberry.

MINORS.

100 Yards. Record, 13.4 secs. R. Adams (T), 1956.

1, P. Jones (G); 2, P. Havard (T); 3, B. A. Williams (G) and R. Smith(S)

Cricket Ball. Record, 158ft. 3ins. R. H. Griffiths (G), 1957.

1, D. Letton (T); 2, R. Smith (S); 3, B. A. Williams (G).

Distance: 171ft. 3ins. (New Record).

High Jump. Record, 4ft. 0½ins. R. Adams (T), 1957.

1, R. Smith (S); 2, M. Hamley (G); 3, D. Wilkinson (G) and M. Lewis (V).

Height: 3ft. 11½ins.

Long Jump. Record, 13ft. 1½ins. J. Bowles (S), 1956.

1, P. Havard (T); 2, D. I. L. Jones (V); 3, N. Hamley (G).

Distance: 12ft. 5½ins.

220 Yards. Record, 32 secs. R. Adams (T), 1956.

1, R. Smith (S); 2, T. B. Williams (V); 3, V. G. Jones (T).

Time: 32.4 secs.

JUNIORS.

100 Yards. Record, 12.0 secs. R. S. Samuel (V) 1954 and C. Ottewell (S)

1, J. Ainsworth (V); 2, P. Powell (S); 3, G. D. Gittus (S). 1957

Time: 12.3 secs.

High Jump. Record, 4ft. 9ins. B. F. Adams (T), 1955.

1, G. D. Gittus (S); 2, J. Ainsworth (V); 3, D. K. Pugh (S).

Height: 4ft. 4ins.

Weight. Record, 41ft. 7ins. D. Gould (S), 1956.

1, P. Powell (S); 2, J. B. David (T); 3, R. Bastable (G) and M. Moon (V).

Distance: 35ft. 11ins.

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

1, G. D. Gittus (S); 2, J. Ainsworth (V); 3, R. Adams (T).

Distance: 16ft. 0½ins.

- Pole Vault.* Record, 6ft. 3ins. J. G. Pearson (V), 1956.
1, A. W. Poole (S) ; 2, B. G. Jones (S) ; 3, A. C. Watkins (G).
Height : 7ft. 7½ins. (New record).
- 220 *Yards.* Record : 27.2 secs. B. F. Adams (T), 1955.
1, J. Ainsworth (V) ; 2, P. Powell (S) ; 3, R. Adams (T).
Time : 28.0 secs.
- 75 *Yards Hurdles.* Record, 12.8 secs. T. Moses (T), 1956.
1, J. Price (S) ; 2, K. J. Price (T) ; 3, R. Williams (V).
Time : 11.8 secs. (New Record).
- Javelin :* Record, 111ft. 3½ins. T. Thomas (G), 1956.
1, A. W. Poole (S) ; 2, D. A. Morris (G) ; 3, D. K. Pugh (S).
Distance : 75ft. 11½ ins.

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- 100 *Yards.* Record, 11.3 secs. M. T. Styles (G) ; 1950, K. T. Smith (V), 1944 ; R. Samuel (V), 1956.
1, M. O. Jones (V) ; 2, J. G. Poole (V) ; 3, D. J. Jones (G).
Time : 11.9 secs.
- Long Jump.* Record, 19ft. 2ins. A. B. Ottewell (S), 1951.
1, J. G. Poole (V) ; 2, T. Thomas (G) ; 3, D. J. Jones (G).
Distance : 15ft. 8ins.
- Discus.* Record, 116ft. 4½ ins. D. Lane (S), 1956.
1, C. Ottewell (S) ; 2, J. Sullivan (S) ; 3, D. Burgess (S).
Distance : 96ft. oins.
- 440 *Yards.* Record, 57.8 secs. J. G. Griffiths (V), 1949.
1, D. J. Jones (G) ; 2, T. Thomas (G) ; 3, C. Ottewell (S).
Time, 60 secs.
- Weight.* Record, 43ft. 5ins. D. Lane (S), 1956.
1, R. Brown (G) ; and K. Strangward (S) ; 3, D. M. Gittins (T).
Distance : 36ft. 11½ins.
- High Jump.* Record, 4ft. 11ins. B. F. Adams (T), 1956.
1, J. A. O. Davies (S) ; 2, R. Day (T) ; 3, M. O. Jones (V).
Height : 4ft. 11ins. (equals record).
- 220 *Yards.* Record, 25.5 ins. A. B. Ottewell (S), 1952.
1, T. Thomas (G) ; 2, C. Ottewell (S) ; 3, R. Brown (G).
Time : 26.7 secs.
- 110 *Yards Hurdles.* Record, 17.3 secs. R. Speake (V), 1956.
1, T. Moses (T) ; 2, D. J. Jones (G) ; 3, J. P. Griffiths (V).
Time : 19.2 secs.
- Javelin :* Record, 127ft. 7ins. B. P. Richards (T), 1951.
1, T. Thomas (G) ; 2, T. T. Price (S) ; 3, R. Muddiman (V).
Distance : 147ft. 9ins. (New Record).
- 880 *Yards.* Record, 2 mins. 20.5 secs. G. A. H. Thomas (G), 1956.
1, T. D. Boxhall (T) ; 2, J. D. Thomas (G) ; 3, F. J. Charters (S).
Time : 2 mins. 28.8 secs.

SENIOR.

- 100 *Yards.* Record, 10.4 secs. W. D. J. Priday (V), 1935.
1, R. S. Samuel (V) ; 2, D. A. Thomas (S) ; 3, G. A. H. Thomas (G).
Time : 11.2 secs.
- Discus.* Record, 98ft. 2½ins. B. T. Williams (S), 1955.
1, I. G. Prosser (V) ; 2, W. M. Jones (V) ; 3, G. C. Curtis (S).
Distance : 97ft. 7ins.

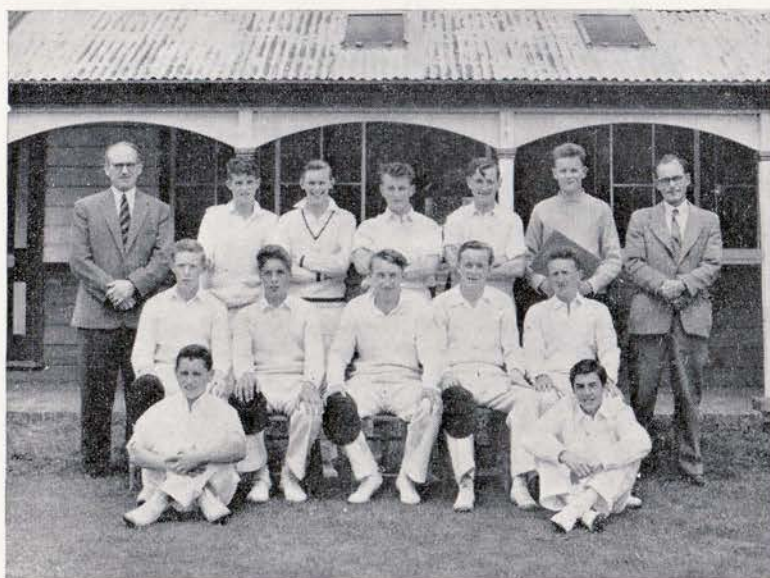
- Long Jump.* Record, 19ft. 8½ ins. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.
1, E. M. Lewis (G) ; 2, B. F. Adams (T) ; 3, S. M. L. Waters (S).
Distance : 18ft. 4½ins.
- 880 *Yards.* Record, 2mins. 13.4 secs. R. Lucas (T), 1956.
1, G. R. Gallagher (S) ; 2, D. G. Powell (G) ; 3, G. C. Williams (G).
Time : 2 mins. 12 secs. (New Record).
- High Jump.* Record, 5ft. 3ins. R. Lucas (T), 1956.
1, B. F. Adams (T) ; 2, E. M. Lewis (G) ; 3, A. C. Hirons (G).
Height : 5ft. 2ins.
- Weight.* Record, 36ft. 6½ins. T. B. Millichap (S), 1954.
1, J. F. Rowberry (G) ; 2, R. Hitch (S) ; 3, G. P. Gittins (T).
Distance : 36ft. 4ins.
- Javelin.* Record, 140ft. 5½ins. W. D. Vincent (G), 1955.
1, S. J. Gallagher (S) ; 2, J. F. Rowberry (G) ; 3, G. C. Curtis (S).
Distance : 135ft. 5½ins.
- 220 *Yards.* Record, 24.5 secs. W. P. Roderick, 1955.
1, R. Samuel (V) ; 2, S. M. L. Waters (S) ; 3, R. G. Young (S).
Time : 26.1 secs.
- 440 *Yards.* Record, 56 secs. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.
1, G. A. H. Thomas (G) ; 2, G. C. Williams (G) ; 3, W. A. Evans (S).
Time : 59.1 secs.
- 120 *Yards Hurdles.* Record, 18.4 secs. D. A. Thomas (S), 1956.
1, D. A. Thomas (S) ; 2, R. Stroud (T) ; 3, G. Jones (V).
Time : 18.4 secs. (equals record.)
- Pole Vault.* Record, 8ft. 2ins. I. L. James (S), 1956.
1, I. G. Prosser (V) ; 2, S. J. Gallagher (S) ; 3, G. C. Curtis (S).
Height : 8ft. 6ins. (New Record).
- Hop, Step and Jump.* Record, 40ft. 2ins. T. K. Jones (V), 1950.
1, E. M. Lewis (G) ; 2, D. A. Thomas (S) ; 3, G. C. Williams (G).
Distance : 39ft. 10½ins.
- 1 *Mile .* Record, 5 mins. 7 secs. I. R. Davies (V), 1953.
1, G. R. Gallagher (S) ; 2, G. Eckley (T) ; 3, S. J. Gallagher (S).
Time : 4 mins. 46.5 secs. (New Record).
- Senior House Relay.* (4 x 110 yards) Record, 48.8secs. (Theo), 1956.
1, Siddons. 2, Gam. 3, Vaughan.
Time : 49.9 secs.

CRICKET REPORT, 1958.

Captain : G. A. H. Thomas. *Master* : Mr. C. Giles.

1st XI RESULTS.

3rd May	...	v.	Vaynor and Penderyn. Home. Won by 17 runs. Brecon 54. Vaynor and Penderyn 37.
13th May	...	v.	Crickhowell Colts. Away. Won by 6 wickets. Crickhowell 56 for 8 dec. Brecon 58 for 4.
17th May	...	v.	Aberdare. Away. Time limit. Lost by 1 run. Brecon 76 for 7. Aberdare 77 for 4.
21st June	...	v.	Brynmawr. Home. Abandoned. Brecon 30 for 6
2nd July	...	v.	Brecon Sports Club 2nd XI. Away. Won by 6 wks. Brecon S.C. 41. Brecon 45 for 4.
5th July	...	v.	Cefn. Away. Lost by 12 runs. Cefn 83. Brecon 71.
14th July	...	v.	Bridgend. Away. Lost by 9 wks. Brecon 42. Bridgend 47 for 1.
15th July	...	v.	Old Boys. Home. Won by 2 wks. Old Boys 64. Brecon 66 for 8.
17th July	...	v.	Staff. Home. Lost by 2 wks. Brecon 53. Staff 54 for 8.



SCHOOL CRICKET 1st XI, 1958.

The Headmaster, M. Waters, B. Mayers, R. Brown, P. Gittins, H. D. Lewis,
G. Giles (Cricket Master).
G. Jones, B. Hepton, A. Thomas (Capt.), D. A. Thomas (Vice-Capt.),
K. Strangward.
W. T. Watkins. G. Eckley.

Owing to the wet season several matches had to be cancelled. Of the 9 matches played the School XI won 4, lost 4, and 1 was abandoned. It is hoped that 1959 will be a better season for cricket and that the school XI will have an enjoyable and successful season.

We must extend our congratulations to the following boys :—
G. A. H. Thomas, G. Curtis and B. Hepton on being chosen to represent the County. G. Curtis and B. Hepton were chosen for Welsh Trials, G. Curtis receiving his county colours. B. Hepton is to be congratulated on receiving the Breconshire Schools Cricket Association President's Prize for all round ability.

Colours—Awards : G. A. H. Thomas, B. Hepton, G. Curtis, G. Jones, M. Waters.

Batting : G. Curtis, 13.12 ; B. Hepton, 9.25 ; G. Jones, 8.25.

Bowling : S. M. L. Waters, 6.68 ; G. A. H. Thomas 8 ; B. Hepton, 8.33.

FOOTBALL REPORT, 1958-59.

Captains : Senior XI, S. J. Gallagher. Junior XI, J. Tuthill.

Vice-Captain : Senior XI, M. Gallagher. Junior XI G. Lewis.

Master : Mr. R. Arthur.

THIS year the senior school soccer XI has had a highly successful season, playing nine games, of which six were won, three were drawn and on no occasion was the team defeated, a record unprecedented in the last 8 years. The season opened with a mediocre 1—0 victory at home over Builth. However, the team quickly improved. This improvement was shown in the 8—1 away victory over Builth. In the closing week of term the school defeated the staff by 6—1 in a very light-hearted game. This served as a prelude to the game with the Old Boys on the school field which was drawn 1—1. It is many years since the senior XI played a game against the Old Boys without being defeated. Therefore, this game can be considered a virtual victory for the school and helps to emphasise the prowess of the team. It would be wrong to attribute the team's success to individual players; rather should it be said that the eleven chosen representatives of the school played as a team, more so than in any recent years. This is shown by the even distribution of a considerable number of goals among the forwards and by the very few goals (5) given away by the defence.

Unfortunately, the number of junior fixtures was restricted to three, owing to their having several games cancelled—in all cases the games being cancelled by the opposition and not by the school team. Of these games, two were won and one was lost.

After this successful season by both teams dare anyone raise the question "Which should be the school's number one winter sport, soccer or rugby?"

FIRST XI RESULTS.

Builth	Home	Won	1—0
Llandrindod	Away	Drawn	1—1
Presteigne	Away	Won	3—1
Presteigne	Home	Drawn	0—0
Llandrindod	Home	Won	6—0
Presteigne	Home	Won	2—0
Builth	Away	Won	8—1
Staff	Home	Won	6—1
Old Boys	Home	Drawn	1—1

Highest Scorers : T. Thomas, 5; J. Jones, 5; G. Eckley, 5; M. Gallagher 4; W. A. Evans 4.

Colour Awards :—3rd Re-award—S. J. Gallagher.

Re-Awards—M. Gallagher, D. A. Gittins, P. Gittins, G. Curtis, T. Thomas M. Waters.

Awards—R. Brown, J. Jones, G. Eckley, W. A. Evans.

JUNIOR XI RESULTS.

Presteigne	Away	Lost	0—1
Llandrindod	Home	Won	4—0
Presteigne	Home	Won	4—3

Highest Scorers :—D. I. M. Jones, 3; J. Devereux 2.

HOUSE COMPETITION—

1. Siddons 67% 2. Theophilus 67%. 3. Gam 31%. 4. Vaughan 28%.
Siddons 1st on goal average.

S. J. GALLAGHER.



SOCCER TEAM, 1958-59.

Mr. R. Arthur, G. P. Gittins, W. A. Evans, M. Waters, J. Jones, T. Thomas, D. Morris, G. C. Curtis, D. A. Gittins, The Headmaster, S. J. Gallagher (Capt.), M. Gallagher, R. G. Brown, G. Eckley.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES.

CHESS CLUB.

1959 saw the revival of the school Chess Club, and a start was made by organising Senior and Junior knock-out competitions. The entry fees for these provided sufficient money to buy three new sets, bringing the total to six sets in current use.

The game has become extremely popular in the Junior school, whose members cram 1B form room every Monday and Thursday during the lunch hour and every Wednesday after school, but a little more support is required from the Senior school, whose members are practically confined to a few enthusiasts from the Vth Form.

The club is soon to be affiliated to the Welsh Secondary Schools' Chess Association, and one or more teams will be formed to compete in the inter-school matches.

The members of the Chess Club wish to extend their thanks to Mr. Angell and Mr. Giles for reviving the club and for giving their advice and co-operation during the meetings.

D. I. SIVELL, Hon. Sec.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

President : Mr. C. Giles.

Secretary : R. M. James.

So far this year, the Scientific Society had held three meetings. At the first meeting, two films were shown, one on the manufacture of soap and the other on Atomic Energy. At the second meeting, the retiring president, Mr. Angell, gave a very interesting talk entitled "Number." The third meeting again took the form of a very interesting talk by Dr. Coppock, dealing with diseases and their causes, with specific reference to the "Breconshire disease." This talk was illustrated by slides. It is planned that a party of boys will visit the National Oil Refinery at Llandarcy at the beginning of the Summer term.

R. M. JAMES, VIB.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

Secretary : J. F. Rowberry.

Chairman : L. C. Cook.

This society enjoyed a vigorous year. Among the topics discussed were, "Is this school out of date?" and "The extent to which America influences this country." The debates proved lively and there were numerous questions from the "floor."

BADMINTON CLUB.

Joint Captains : T. B. Evans, G. P. Gittins.

THE fine standard of play at the old school is still maintained, but now we have the added advantage of a spacious gym. This year we have

been unfortunate in being unable to get any fixtures for the school team, but we hope to arrange a House competition during the summer term.

Thirty two members entered for the School Badminton Singles Championship, which was eventually won by T. B. Evans, last year's runner-up, who defeated W. A. Evans, a very promising young player, in the final. It is interesting to note that for the third year in succession, the title went to a Gam boy.

T. B. EVANS.

Y GYMDEITHAS CYMRAEG.

Chairman : R. S. Samuel. *Secretary* : G. S. Porte.

THE first meeting for this school year was held in October, when the chairman and secretary were elected and society affairs were discussed. On the 21st of November, 1958, Mr. Evans, the Art Master, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on Augustus John ; this was illustrated by slides of his paintings and sketches. Mr. Evans mentioned the influence that this Welsh artist has exercised upon many young painters. Members of the society spent a pleasant day in Cardiff on the 28th November, when the National Museum was visited. A number of lectures was attended by various groups and then we saw as many exhibits as possible before returning to Brecon.

G. S. PORTE.

THE FILM SOCIETY.

IN common with other societies, it was decided to re-open the Film Society in the new school. One meeting was held, at which the following officials were elected :—Secretary, M. Waters ; Treasurer, G. S. Porte ; committee members, M. O. Jones, J. M. Jones, H. W. Gittins

Despite enthusiastic help from Mr. J. Thomas, lack of time made it impossible for further meetings to be held.

MUSIC SOCIETY.

Secretary : D. M. Gittins.

THE first year in the new school has seen the formation of several new societies, one of these being the Music Society. Mr. Gwefryl Davies is its president and the school choir rehearsed under his leadership for the Carol Service at the end of the Christmas term. The Music Society met three times in all, the last meeting being held on 6th February. Mr. Davies showed some film strips on sound and musical notes and explained how certain musical instruments worked.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE for 1958.—President, Mr. Aneurin Williams ; Honorary Life Vice-Presidents, Mr. Jacob Morgan, Mr. H. Prosser Roberts ; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Aneurin Rees (Headmaster), Mr. J. E. R. Morgan ; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. C. Jones ; Honorary Assistant-Secretary, Mr. D. G. A. Smith.

Committee : Mr. E. I. Rowlands (Chairman), Mr. G. W. Davies, J.P., Mr. L. S. Davies, Mr. J. D. Jones, Mr. W. I. Jones, J.P., Mr. O. V. Owen, Alderman Garnet Morris, Mr. W. J. J. Morris, Mr. C.



This year's President : Mr. Aneurin Williams.

B. Palmer, Mr. W. M. Peters, Mr. E. B. Powell, M.B.E., Mr. F. M. Thomas, Mr. B. R. C. Williams, Mr. L. R. Williams, Mr. D. Lewis, M.B.E. ; Ex-officio, Mr. W. B. Hargest, Mr. T. G. Winstone.

The Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the School on Friday, 27th February, 1959, when the officers and members of committee, named above were duly elected. The occasion was treated as a social evening as well as a business one, so that members and their guests might see the new building. The retiring

President, Mr. W. B. Hargest, generously provided refreshments for members and guests.

The Annual Dinner, held at the Cafe Royal, Brecon, on 21st March, 1959, was again well attended. The President for 1959, Mr. Aneurin Williams, was unable to take the chair at the Dinner as he was suffering from influenza, and his place was taken by Mr. Ivor Morgan, Vice-President. The chief guest this year was Mr. W. Webber, General Secretary of the Transport Salaried Staffs Association and the "extra" guest Mr. Leslie Richards, Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools.

In the Annual Report members were told of the delay in the manufacture of a new Association tie. Progress has now been made and a sample of the cloth has been sent to Messrs. Adcocks so that the finished article should appear very shortly.

The usual sporting and social activities of the Association continue. To the list of matches played against the School has been added a Rugby fixture, played in the Christmas term. This match, as well as the usual Soccer match in the Easter term, was drawn. The annual Cricket match has been arranged for Wednesday, 15th July; we should be glad to hear well in advance from those members who wish to play.

The close link with the School has been maintained during the past year, the President, Mr. W. B. Hargest, representing the Association at the principal school functions, the Prize-giving, School Sports, and Carol Service. At the Armistice Day Service, held in the new Assembly Hall, the President laid a wreath of poppies on the Memorial Tablet. Members may like to know that the old memorial tablet, which was placed in the old Central Hall at Cradoc Road, is now sited in the entrance hall of the new building.

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PERSONAL.

MARRIAGE.

Gerald Phillips to Marylyn J. Shone at St. Mary's Church, Brecon, on Tuesday, 31st March, 1959.

ENGAGEMENT.

Mr. A. R. Williams to Miss M. E. Eleanor of Brecon.

BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. Priday, on 11th October, 1958, a son, Huw David.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Butter, on 2nd November, 1958, a daughter, Ruth Violet.

DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. A. G. Colwell, of Brecon.

List of Members who have joined since March, 1958.

G. Clayton, 1953-58	R. Rees, 1953-58
D. Cochrane, 1952-58	H. Simpson, 1953-58
M. B. Gallagher, 1951-59	D. A. Thomas, 1953-58
W. L. Howell, 1941-45	G. A. H. Thomas, 1951-58
A. C. Hirons, 1954-58	M. Waters, 1952-59
G. Jones, 1951-58	D. I. Williams, 1952-58
K. B. Isaac, 1952-58	M. G. Williams, 1953-58
K. E. Prosser, 1953-58	R. B. Williams, 1952-58.
A. R. Parry, 1952-58	R. G. Young, 1952-58
F. T. Williams, 1939-54.	

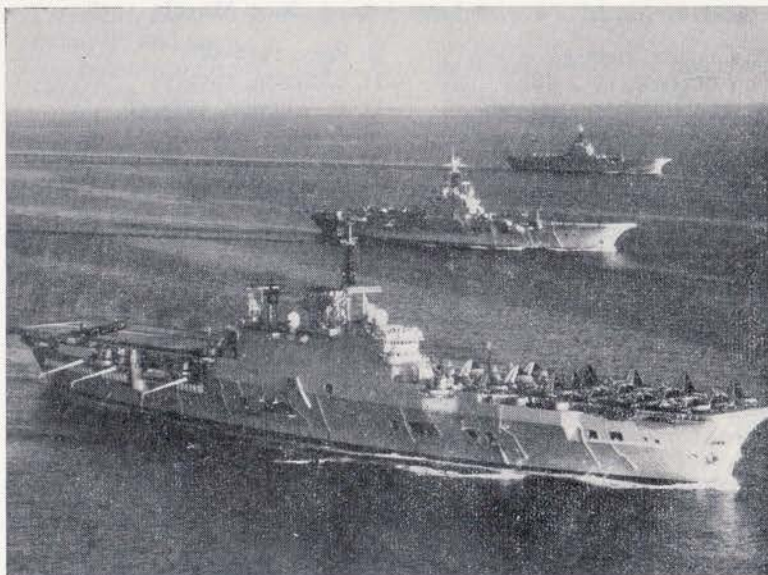
Staff Members : Mr. D. G. Davies, Mr. J. C. Grove.

MY FRIENDS.

My friends are very faithful, very true,
Ready to serve me, morning, noon and night ;
They vary greatly, red, brown, green and blue,
Some big, some small, some heavy and some light.
They never sit, they never move about.
They lie quite still or stand all in a row.
They never whisper and they never shout,
And yet they tell me what I want to know.
I treat them kindly, handle them with care,
I never would my faithful friends destroy ;
And they with me their deepest secrets share.
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And yet at times I give them angry looks—
When they mean homework. Yes, my friends are books !

A. M. P. DAVIES, LVA.



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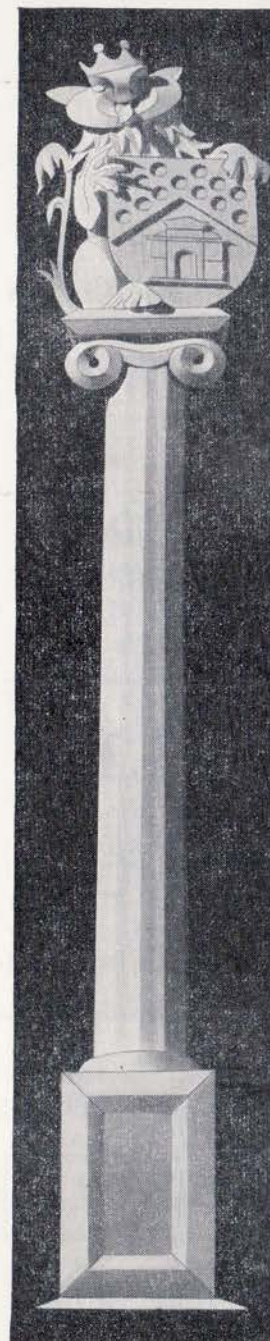
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