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EDITORIAL.

As each year passes by in our "new" school, it has been pleasing to note a steady rise in academic and athletic attainments. During the past year we have had a manifestation of no uncertain degree of the better facilities offered by our school. Several scholarships have been attained, including one to Cambridge. The latter, awarded to R. J. W. Davies, is the first ever awarded to a pupil of the school, and we are justly proud of his achievement. In the sporting field we have had two County "rugger" caps. In athletics our performances continue to improve. At our Annual Sports Day thirteen records were broken and two records equalled; for the first time in many years we won the aggregate competition at the County Sports. These are encouraging signs for the future and we hope that the standards set during the past year will be maintained and bettered.

The past year has also seen the start of the building of the new Secondary Modern School across the way from us. We hope that the mistakes encountered in our school will be rectified there, and that possibly something will be done to ease overcrowding in our own school. No doubt future editors will have more to say on this subject.

Other interesting features of the past year have been the number of Courses outside the school that have been attended by our pupils, and the great increase in the number of meetings of the Inter-School Literary and Debating Society. As a result of all these, there are more articles in the "Silurian" this year. We hope all readers will be able to glean something from it to suit their varying tastes.

WINSTON J. GRIFFITHS, VIa.

SCHOOL NOTES.

STAFF CHANGES.—During the past year there have been several changes of staff. Mr. Harvey Williams was appointed to the Headmastership of the Brecon Secondary Modern School, in which post we wish him every success. To replace him and Mr. Dewi Davies, whose departure was reported in last year's "*Silurian*," we had Mr. William Owen, B.A., and Mr. Arwyn Evans. Mr. Owen leaves us at the end of the present term and we wish him well. To Mr. Evans we extend a warm welcome and hope his stay in the school will be a happy one. To replace Mr. H. C. Jones, B.A., we have Mr. Glyn Williams, B.A. To him also we extend a warm welcome and hope that he finds his new environment a pleasant one.

Next year we shall be without the services of Mr. J. C. Grove, M.A., F.R.G.S. During the past three years Mr. Grove has shown himself to be an untiring worker, always ready to help those in need. He has been particularly active in the sphere of cricket, being the Secretary of the Breconshire Secondary Schools Cricket Association. We hope that as Headmaster of Crickhowell Secondary Modern School he will have a successful and a happy future. The school also wishes to thank Mlle. Christiane Belain and Fraulein Pototzky for their services during the year.

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SCHOLARSHIPS.—This year, pupils of the School have won several scholarships: Dennis Parry to Cardiff (and one to Swansea); D. L. Jones to Swansea; and R. L. Gant to Aberystwyth. Ken Strangward has also gained a studentship with the Bata Rubber Company, London. R. J. W. Davies gained a scholarship to Cambridge, the first ever won by a pupil from our school.

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OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.—Besides successes within the School, pupils have also enjoyed considerable success outside. John Peters became a Queen's Scout during the year and also won the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Standard. Adrian Jones, who plays the violin, has been accepted into the "B" Section of the National Youth Orchestra after an audition by Clarence Raybould, the conductor of the N.Y.O. Adrian will go to Aberystwyth in the first week of August on a N.Y.O. course, and we certainly wish him success. During the past year, Handel Jones has been contributing articles in Welsh to "*Y Faner*" under the pseudonym of "Elon Desna." Handel also won the Junior Section of the County Playwriting Competition. On the sports field Dennis Parry, the Head Boy, gained a final trial for the Welsh Boys' Clubs team against England.

INTER-SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY.—This school year has proved to be one of the most successful that the Inter-School Discussion Group has experienced. Four debates, an address by Mr. T. C. Thomas, and two talks, with films, on holidays spent by pupils abroad, have taken place. Attendance at the meetings has been good and the standard of speaking in the debates has been high. The interest shown by new members augurs well for a flourishing Discussion Group in the future.

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SCHOOL TRIPS.—Early in the year a party of boys visited Christ College to see "*The Devil's Disciple*," performed by pupils of the that school. In December the English VIth Form went to Cardiff to see an excellent performance of "*Saint Joan*" by the Old Vic Touring Company. Members of the Lower and Upper School went to the National Museum of Wales to see an Art Exhibition, in which Mr. Peter Evans, A.T.D., had the honour of having one of his landscapes on show.

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HOCKEY MATCH.—The Boys once again defeated the Girls in the Annual Hockey Match by 5 goals to 1.

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PARTIES.—The Junior and Middle Parties were held in the Gym, while this year the Boys' School entertained the Girls' School upper forms at the annual inter-school Christmas Party.

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LIBRARY.—We have to thank Mr. J. C. Grove and Mr. Jacob Morgan for substantial gifts of books.

W. J. GRIFFITHS.

ST. JOAN.

On December 12th, 1960, certain members of the Sixth Form English Class visited the New Theatre, Cardiff, to see a performance of Shaw's "*St. Joan*," by the Old Vic Company, shortly before their departure for Moscow.

They saw an excellent performance of the play, which was, however, marred by poor scenery and an inefficient special effects staff.

Thanks are due to Mr. A. R. Williams who organised the trip and provided a third of the transport, besides some welcome refreshments, and to Mr. Gwerfyl Davies and Mr. Glyn Williams who provided the other two cars.

REPORTS from the HOUSES.

VAUGHAN.

House Master : Mr. J. Morgan. *House Captain* : T. H. Owen.
Rugby Captain : J. G. Poole. *Soccer Captain* : D. M. Moon.
Athletics Captain : J. G. Poole.

In certain activities Vaughan has been very successful this year, but there have been rather disappointing overall results. The success which the Junior Section of the House has had in all sporting activities promises well for the future of the House. Although there has been a lack of athletic stars among Vaughan seniors this year, the teams fielded have always put up a good show. The fact that Vaughan won the Beverley Jones Soccer Cup shows what can be done even if not all the teams were potentially the best. Vaughan juniors won both the Soccer and Rugby competitions and this again shows the up and coming talent in the House.

After a run of three years with the Eisteddfod Cup, Vaughan find themselves, two years later, third. This must not be taken too much at its face value, because Vaughan was well up among the other Houses in the number of points gained on St. David's Day itself. This goes to show that the value of Standard Points obtained before St. David's Day cannot be over-emphasised.

The House as a whole did well on the Annual Sports Day, coming away with the Minor and Junior Trophies, and being placed third in the aggregate total. Once again a promising feature of the day for Vaughan was the splendid effort put up by the younger members of the House.

We must congratulate Mr. J. Morgan on the efficient way he has conducted House activities in this his first year as House Master. Despite some disappointments, we can assure him that Vaughan's prospects for the future are happy.

GAM.

House Master : Mr. C. Giles. *House Captain* : D. Parry.
Football Captain : J. Tuthill. *Rugby Captain* : J. Tuthill.
Athletics Captain : D. J. Jones. *Cricket Captain* : W. J. Griffiths.

During the last twelve months Gam House has fared well in all House competitions. This has been due mainly to their strong senior section which came first in the Senior Rugby and joint first in the Senior Soccer and was well placed in the Senior section of the School Sports. Because of their weaker middle and junior sections Gam's achievement in these was not up to the standard set by its seniors.

This state of affairs did not apply to the Annual School Eisteddfod in which Gam gained first place. This was the result of a concentrated House effort which resulted in the gap between the standards of Gam and the second House being further widened on the day.

Not only did Gam receive the Stoddart Cup; they also had the distinction of having the winning Bard in their midst (W. J. Griffiths). This is the third time since the inauguration of the Bardic Chair competition five years ago that a Gam boy has won it.

Although Gam's successes have been mainly due to a concentrated team effort, there have also been individuals of unusual ability, the most outstanding of whom has been Terry Thomas. Besides winning the Jacob Morgan Prize for 1959-60, he also had the honour of winning the javelin event in the Welsh Games, a success which he repeated when representing Wales against Scotland at Edinburgh. He also played for the school's soccer and cricket elevens and was the outstanding points scorer for the Rugby fifteen. Other outstanding boys have been :—D. J. Jones, Secondary Schools County Rugby Colours and a representative of Brecon and Radnor S.S. Athletics team at the National Sports; J. G. Tuthill, County Rugby Colours; J. Peters, a representative of Brecon and Radnor S.S. Athletics team at the National Sports; R. A. D. Jones, selected for the S.S. County Cricket team; and, finally, D. J. Parry, a final Welsh trial for Boys Clubs of Wales.

Praise must also be given to Gam's housemasters, especially Mr. Giles, who egged Gam on to first place in the Eisteddfod in which the house had been second for four years running.

SIDDONS.

House Masters and Mistress :
Mr. Angell, Mr. P. Evans, Mr. Foulkes, Miss Richards, Mr. Rowlands
House Captain : J. Sullivan.
Rugby Captain : J. Sullivan. *Soccer Captain* : K. Strangward.
Athletics Captain : D. L. Jones.

The House has, on the whole, had a very successful year. Two of our members have been honoured by being chosen as School Captains : J. Sullivan in Rugby, and D. L. Jones in Athletics.

Siddons' traditional supremacy in Athletics was maintained when the House won the Sports with a total score of 423 points. This supremacy was most evident in the Senior section where D. L. Jones broke the School record in the Long Jump and in the Hop, Step and Jump; F. J. Charters in the 880 yards, and the Senior team in the Relay, while J. A. O. Davies equalled the High Jump record. A. W. Poole broke the record for the Inter. Pole Vault. Of the Section Cups, Siddons won the Senior Trophy, "The Staff Cup." As a result of these successes, Siddons sent a large contingent to the County Sports and of the 12 boys from the School selected to represent Breconshire in the National Championships, 5 were from Siddons :

A. W. Poole, P. Powell, P. C. Price, D. L. Jones and J. A. O. Davies.

In the Rugby Competition the House came top and a number of boys were included in the School team. The Soccer team came third in their competition.

A notable House success this year, notable because of a conspicuous lack of success in previous years, was in the Eisteddfod. Here Siddons came 2nd after being "wooden-spoonists" nearly every year for the last seven or eight years.

P. B. PHILLIPS, VIa.

THEOPHILUS.

House Master : Mr. L. C. Moses.

Assistant Masters : Mr. C. Grove, Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. A. Evans

House Captain : R. J. W. Davies.

Rugby Captain : G. T. Lewis *Soccer Captain* : G. T. Lewis.

Athletics Captain : R. J. W. Davies

Cricket Captains : R. J. W. Davies, B. J. David.

Secretary : K. Thomas.

All told, Theophilus has had a rather unsuccessful year, both on the sports field and in the Eisteddfod. Theo came second in both House Rugby and House Soccer Tournaments.

In school athletics, Theo, after a very fine effort all round, won the Middle House Cup and came second in the aggregate competition. Following their success at the School Sports, several Theo boys went on to the County Sports. R. J. Adams managed to break the Brecon County 220 yards record and R. J. Adams, P. J. Havard, V. Jones are continuing their athletic endeavours in the National Sports at Newport on 8th July.

The Annual Eisteddfod was rather disappointing for Theo although a few boys did make outstanding efforts.

This term only one house cricket match has been held and that game was not completed because of lack of time.

Many thanks are due this year to the efforts of all the House masters in promoting the activities of the House. We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Grove for all he had done for the House and to wish him luck in his new post.

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ITALY AND THE 1960 OLYMPIC GAMES.

FORTY-TWO pupils led by three masters, left Brecon on 29th August en route for Rome and the Olympic Games.

We had looked forward to this trip for many months and we were in high spirits as we left Brecon by coach to catch the "Red Dragon" at Newport. Unfortunately, one of our party, no doubt anticipating a rough channel crossing, showed early signs of "mal d'autobus." To add to his troubles he was mistaken for a baggage-thief on Newport station, and was left behind as the express departed for Paddington. We were greatly relieved when he managed to rejoin us in London.

We boarded the Channel steamer at Folkestone and it was soon obvious that the crossing was going to be a rough one. Many complications soon began to take on a delicate shade of green, and for many of us the lights of Boulogne Harbour were a welcome sight.

We left the French port on the night train for Basle and the only noteworthy incident was the skill with which the tallest member of our party managed to fall out of the top couchette. We reached the Swiss border after a fairly good night's sleep.

The Milan express left Basle at 8 a.m. and we were soon sampling our first Continental breakfast in the dining car. Most formed the opinion that rolls and coffee were not completely satisfying. The journey through the Swiss Alps was perhaps the most memorable experience of our visit. It would be impossible to describe the magnificent scenery as we climbed towards the St. Gothard Pass. Our cameramen kept dashing from one corridor to another and obtained some excellent "shots."

We reached Florence in the evening after a long and tiring journey across the north Italian countryside. We stayed in this beautiful city for three days, and led by one of the local guides, who charged through the crowded street with raised umbrella, we visited many places of great interest. There was so much to see in Florence that it was with some regret that we left for Rome on Friday.

But the "eternal city" and the Olympic Games were to be the climax of our holiday and there was a general feeling of anticipation as we came into Rome's magnificent railway station.

Our hotel was quite close to the centre of the city, and in addition to the "planned visits", we were able to see a great deal of the local shops and cafes. Some of us soon developed a taste for Italian dishes, but spaghetti presented almost insurmountable problems.

Saturday morning was spent in the Colosseum and on Sunday morning we visited the Vatican City and St. Peter's Church. As we entered the great Cathedral, the choir passed close by singing in procession. It was a strange sight to see them literally having to force their way through the great crowd of sight-seers. One or two of our own choristers were not musically impressed.

Our two visits to "The Games" were truly memorable occasions. The great stadium was ablaze with the colours and flags of all nations

and it was a perfect setting for the tremendous battles that were fought on the cinder track. Our only regret was that our own athletes did not get many gold medals though we gave them maximum vocal support.

A violent thunderstorm broke over the stadium on Monday afternoon and thousands of spectators were forced to shelter below the terraces for about two hours. We quickly formed a male voice choir and soon succeeded in "drowning" a few other choirs that had started up in opposition.

Our repertoire was varied and extended, ranging from some of the "pops" to "Cwm Rhondda." When the storm had passed over we returned to the flooded stadium terraces, and with some pride we can claim that we were the first Welsh choir to sing "Sospan Fach" in the Olympic Stadium.

The last night we were all in good spirits, and we left Rome very early on the following morning. After an uneventful journey, we arrived home tired but happy at 10-30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Our grateful thanks for a wonderful and memorable experience are due to Messrs. J. Morgan, D. G. Davies and P. O. J. Rowlands, who led us with great good humour and tolerance.

R. J. W. DAVIES, Upper VI Arts.

REQUIEM (Gabriel Faure).

At the beginning of the Summer Term, for the first time in the history of the two schools, the Girls' School Choir combined with the School Choir to give a performance of Gabriel Faure's "Requiem."

The performance in the Cathedral, on Tuesday, 18th April, was the result of a lot of hard work by the boys, the girls, Miss Nest Saunders of the Girls' School, and our own Senior Music Master, Mr. Gwerfyl Davies, the conductor of the choir. Separate practices for the two choirs began early in January and a few weeks later combined practices were held each week in the Girls' School. Instrumentalists from as far as Newport agreed to accompany the choir and the final rehearsal on 16th April was fully attended by those concerned.

The "Requiem" was preceded by a miscellaneous programme which included solos by Miss Beti Jones (soprano), Miss Anne Griffiths (harp), and Mr. Donald Bate (organ).

There cannot be too much praise for Mr. Davies and his all-out effort and enthusiasm. To all those who took part in this performance we extend our congratulations, and hope that this will help to foster an even better relationship between the Girls' School and the Boys' School to encourage similar performances in the future.

A. DACEY, VIa.

THE JACOB MORGAN PRIZE.

THE Jacob Morgan Prize, for the scholar who in the past academic year has best upheld the name of the school, was this year presented to T. Thomas.

Terry will be best remembered for his outstanding performances on the sports field. In the Rugby season of 1959-60 he scored 103 points out of a total 213, proving a place kicker of very high merit. He was the top scorer for the 1st XI Football team, and in the field of athletics he won the javelin event both in the Welsh Games and



when representing Wales against Scotland in Edinburgh. Terry was also outstanding at cricket. He represented Breconshire, and took 21 wickets when playing for the school.

At the advanced level, Terry gained two passes (Geography and History), with six passes at Ordinary Level. He is at present studying to be a teacher at Caerleon Training College.

Terry was House Captain of Gam, and was prominent in all school activities. He was liked and respected by every member of the school, and the whole school wishes him luck for the future.

D. J. PARRY.

We offer our apologies to Mr. Gwyn Angell for the omission of his name as Treasurer and Publicity Manager for the School's performance of "Murder in the Cathedral" in February, 1960.

THE BREAKDOWN.

A LIGHT breeze pulled gently at the tangled mass of hair covering the head of a young man seated at the stern of an outboard motor-boat. Tudor Griffiths was returning home to the small village of Aberlony in North Wales, after spending a weekend fishing a few miles round the coast. It was a late afternoon on a day in August and Tudor hoped to be home before it became really dark.

As the boat rounded a rocky stretch of coast, the engine began to splutter and, after a few seconds, it stopped. "Drat it," muttered Tudor. "Carburettor trouble, I suppose. I thought I'd fixed that before I started."

At first, Tudor was afraid that the wind might carry his boat onto the rocks, but when he noticed that he was being carried out to sea his fears of this diminished. He drew the engine into the boat and started tinkering with it.

Half-an-hour passed. Tudor sat up and stretched his aching back. As his gaze wandered casually over the side of the boat, his eyes suddenly shot open with astonishment. There, low on the horizon, were the shores of North Wales. Tudor realised that with the gradually increasing wind he would be carried out of sight of his home country before nightfall. With this distressing thought in mind, Tudor set about repairing the engine with growing anxiety.

Time wore on and the sun dipped below the horizon. When there was not enough light for him to see what he was doing Tudor lit the small lamp which he always carried on his boat. Despair showed on his face as he did so. Suddenly, he noticed a dark shape looming up on the port side of his boat. It took the form of another boat, larger than his own. Tudor shouted loudly to attract the attention of the owner. When his lungs were exhausted, he heard no answering shout and, for the first time, he noticed that the other's engine was not running, yet the boat was drifting rapidly towards him. "That's queer," thought Tudor and he held tightly to the seat as the two boats bumped violently together.

Tudor listened intently, but the lapping of the waves against the boats was the only sound that broke the eerie silence of the night. He called out again, partly to comfort himself, but there was still no reply. After taking the precaution of tying the two boats together lest they should drift apart, Tudor climbed aboard the other boat, not knowing what to expect. He lit the gas light in the main cabin and then made towards the door of the sleeping compartment. It was jammed on the other side, so Tudor put his shoulder to it and heaved. It gradually opened and Tudor could see the cause of the jam. Lying on the floor with his skull smashed in and a blood-covered crow-bar by his side was the body of an old sea captain whom he recognised.

Tudor's face turned a deathly white and he crumpled to the floor in a dead faint. When he regained consciousness, his terror-stricken

gaze searched unavailingly for the murderer. His thoughts turned in anguish to the ghastly sight lying on the floor. Then, he espied a message pinned to the body. It was written in red ink—or was it blood? An icy shiver ran down Tudor's spine. The message read, "The Black Peril is Avenged."

The best thing to do, thought Tudor, was to find his way back to Aberlony and contact the police immediately. To his intense relief, the engine worked and, with the aid of a compass and a map, he steered straight for home. After nearly two hours, Tudor reached the small harbour of Aberlony. With a careful piece of manoeuvring he nudged first the bows and then the stern of the boat into the small space available. He moored the boat and went straight to the police-station. He roused a much-protesting constable from his cosy bed, and led him, half-dressed, in the direction of the harbour. Tudor poured out his story as they walked.

As they neared the harbour, Tudor noticed a light in the boat. "Quick," he shouted. "I think the murderer is back."

They rushed forward, but the Black Peril had heard the shout and leaped into Tudor's motor-boat, quickly untying the rope. He pushed it away from the harbour wall and yanked at the starting mechanism of the motor. The engine refused to respond.

Meanwhile, Tudor had run along the quay and, throwing off his jacket and boots, dived into the icy depths. In desperation, the Black Peril plunged into the water, but he forgot how heavy his clothes and boots were. Their weight carried him several feet under the surface and his clothing became entangled with the many anchor chains and mooring ropes which networked the deeper parts of the harbour.

Tudor, on reaching his motor-boat, waited for the appearance of the fleeing figure. When, after several seconds, no figure appeared, Tudor realized with growing concern that something must have happened to his quarry. He took a deep breath and disappeared beneath the surface. In the gloomy darkness which surrounded him, Tudor made out a feebly struggling figure caught in some ropes.

He forced his way downwards and managed to free the then unconscious body of the Black Peril. Tudor shot to the surface taking the Black Peril with him. They were pulled into a rowing boat by the policeman who had borrowed it for that purpose. Tudor lay gasping for air while the policeman used artificial respiration on the prostrate form of the murderer.

When he had recovered sufficiently, Tudor found himself on the quay. The policeman was going through the murderer's pockets. Suddenly, the wind whistled through his teeth as he held up a document.

"This is Sammy Wright!" he exclaimed. "He's insane and is wanted for the murder of the two other sea Captains who have been murdered recently. He holds a grudge against them because one had him flogged while he was in the Navy."

"I'll be needed in court, won't I?" broke in Tudor.

"Yes, sir. I'll let you know when. Do you think you can make your way home, now, sir?"

"Yes, I'll manage," replied Tudor. "Goodnight, constable."

"Goodnight, sir."

Tudor silently made his way home, deep in thought. He had come across a murder, and had caught the murderer, all because of the breakdown. What would his mother say?

PETER HUDSON, IVa.

SOCIETIES.

THE opening of the Christmas Term saw a determined effort by both boys and masters to begin Societies with a flourish. This was accomplished by inviting Ald. Tudor Watkins, M.P. (on the 30th September) to give an address. With D. J. Parry in the chair, Ald. Watkins gave a talk on "Careers and Local Government". He stressed the point that "new blood" was needed, and gave every encouragement to anyone intending to pursue this kind of career. After the meeting tea was provided, during the course of which each boy was presented to the local Member of Parliament.

On the 7th of October, again under the chairmanship of D. J. Parry, with the assistance of Mr. Gwerfyl Davies, a film report of the School Trip to Rome, 1960, was shown by D. P. Jones.

On the 25th of November, under the chairmanship of J. G. Poole, Dr. Ll. Williams gave an enjoyable talk on "America." As the title suggests, Dr. Williams gave us a good idea of the American way of life, especially in a University. He illustrated this by means of many coloured slides.

During the Christmas Term the boys themselves took a more active part in Societies than ever before, as the following figures will suggest. They provided 8 chairmen, 9 speakers, 7 proposers and 7 seconders.

The Easter Term opened with two successive weeks being given to an experiment. This took the form of a mock interview for University candidates. Boys were asked to fill in typical application forms for a college. Afterwards, they came before an interviewing board, composed of members of the Staff. The idea was to familiarise all members of the VIth Form with the ordeal of an interview for University entrance. The boys who volunteered to be put under fire were A. S. F. Dacey, R. L. Gant and P. B. Phillips. The experiment proved a great success and it is hoped that it may be repeated annually.

HISTORICAL AND WELSH SOCIETY.

Chairman : J. A. O. Davies. Secretary : P. B. Phillips.

This year the Historical and Welsh Societies combined to form one society. Two meetings were held, the first on the 28th October,

by the Historical section. An illustrated talk on the most famous historical buildings in Paris was given by Dr. W. S. K. Thomas. These buildings were visited by a party of boys from the school during a week's holiday in Paris in 1959.

The second meeting was held by the Welsh section, when Mr. W. Owen gave a talk entitled "Variations on a Welsh Theme," in which Mr. Owen successfully explained some of the better known Welsh musical and poetic works, illustrated by gramophone records and his own rendering of typical Welsh tunes on the piano.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

Chairman : D. J. Parry. Secretary : T. H. Owen.

With T. H. Owen in the chair, this society held its first meeting on the 14th October. It took the form of a discussion, the motion before the House being "Under the present circumstances Civil Defence training is no longer necessary." Speakers for the motion were D. J. Parry and R. M. James; against, E. T. Protheroe and R. J. W. Davies. A number of other boys gave their views, although time was limited. The motion was carried by 28 votes to 25.

MUSIC SOCIETY.

Chairman : D. M. T. Kendrick. Secretary : R. J. W. Davies.

During the Christmas Term, the Music Society held one very successful meeting. On the 21st October Mr. J. C. Shuttleworth, of Christ College, kindly accepted an invitation to give a "demonstration talk" on "Stereophonic Reproduction." His lecture centred around the comparison and contrast of reproduction on tape and on record, which he demonstrated by means of a vast array of equipment which he left open for inspection after the lecture.

Although this was the only formal meeting of the Music Society, it must be remembered that a large part of the Easter Term was taken up by rehearsals for Faure's "Requiem."

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

Chairman : J. Sullivan. Secretary : R. M. James.

This year's meeting proved more successful than the previous year's. The panel, in "Question Time," had no difficulty in securing questions and, out of the many submitted, three were finally chosen. The first question was answered by J. A. O. Davies, who supplied biological evidence to support the theory that "Man" evolved from the ape. This was followed by an explanation of "Why does snow appear to be white, when in fact it is colourless?" by R. M. James.

The third question was answered by D. Ellis, who gave us a concise account of that mysterious sense, "Instinct."

D. J. JONES, VIIb.

THE FIRST YEARS.

Mr. Bertram Jones, now of Torr Lea, 8 Clive Crescent, Penarth, was top boy on the list of entrance examination candidates when the School was due to be opened in 1896. He left the School to serve three years' apprenticeship at the National Provincial Bank, Brecon, retiring in 1943 as Manager of the Swansea branch of the same bank.

Mr. Jones writes :—

I do thank you and your assistants for the interest you have taken in my inquiry and obtaining confirmation of the fact that I obtained the first Free Place in Brecon.

That was sixty five years ago and so my recollections of school life are getting a bit hazy. I expect that if you can see your way to make some inquiry through the Magazine you will find some old pupils senior to me in years (I was born on 15th May, 1883) who can contribute something of value.

We did not inherit any traditions and were so young and ignorant that in the first three years we did not help much to found any. The only building was the Wesleyan school room in Lion Street—Cradoc Road came much later. The first Head was Mr. Nathan John, who came to Brecon from Pembroke, and his first assistant was Mr. Thomas Butcher who had kept his own private school in the hall opposite St. Mary's Church. A Mr. Morgan did his best to initiate us into elementary chemistry but could not do much with just a bunsen burner and a kitchen sink on the stairway. Pupils from the girls' school came over weekly to use this apparatus and I can still smell the sulphuretted hydrogen which we contrived to leave unstoppered for their benefit.

I cannot remember that any boy was able to proceed to a University in the three years I remained and some prizes still on my shelves suggest that the highest form was IV.

The Governors and parents of those early days must have had confidence for they made many sacrifices to get things started. It was no joke for Talgarth boys, on a winter day, to have a long walk to a station to catch a train due in Brecon at 8-15 a.m. and not starting home again until 5-30. Boys from Bwlch and the Defynnog areas lodged in town from Monday to Friday.

I shall continue to follow the School's progress with interest, and offer you and the O.B.A. every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

BERTRAM JONES.

THE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE.

On Friday, 11th November, a number of Old Boys of the school joined with the Staff and pupils in remembering those past pupils who gave their lives in two World Wars.

Present on the occasion were the Mayor of Brecon (Councillor J. V. C. Thomas), and Mr. Jacob Morgan, Mr. L. Lewis, Mr. H. Prosser Roberts, former members of the Staff, and Mr. Oscar Owen and Mr. J. Morris representing the Old Boys' Association. The service was conducted by the Headmaster, prayers being offered by the Rev. O. T. Wallis, Rector of Llanfihangel-Talyllyn. The proem was read by Mr. J. H. Williams, the immortal lines from Laurence Binyon's "*For the Fallen*" by the Headmaster and the tribute by Robert James, Deputy Head Boy. After the Roll of Honour had been read, for World War I by Mr. J. Morris, Chairman of the Old Boys' Association, for World War II by Mr. A. Williams, Secretary, a two minutes' silence was observed. Wreaths were laid by Mr. Oscar Owen on behalf of the Old Boys and by John Sullivan (VIa) and Gwyn Jones (Ib), on behalf of the School. The service ended with the Blessing, pronounced by the Rev. Wallis.

P. B. PHILLIPS, VIa.

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## WINTER EVENINGS.

When at night outside it's snowing,  
And the wild winds keep on blowing,  
And most birds are in some distant foreign lands,  
While we sit at home quite cosy with our cheeks all  
red and rosy,  
A neighbour pops inside to warm his hands.

But some times my old aunt Nelly,  
Comes along to watch the telly,  
And starts talking in a very boring way,  
About the police around these parts, and the  
making of jam tarts.  
And how a cat chased her poor terrier away.

MARTIN SIMS, III.



## APARTHEID.

APARTHEID is a word familiar to everyone since it frequently appears in the daily papers and everyone is aware of the deep significance which it has in the troubled affairs of Africa's political and social life. It is the cause of large headlines emblazoned on the front of newspapers usually in connection with bloodshed in one form or another. We all know what terrible recent and not-so-recent effects it has had in the southern states of America and the Union of South Africa, not to mention the trouble in the Rhodesias and the Congo where so much destruction and turmoil has been left by the Belgians when they cleared out before the people there knew how to run their country properly.

Before considering the effects of apartheid it would be worthwhile to look at one particular part of Africa and consider how the question of apartheid arose in the first place. For this, I think South Africa is a supreme example of where apartheid has been taken to extremes. According to information in the weekly magazines and from the "telly", the black and white people use different buses and in fact keep as far from each other as possible.

From the white man's point of view, South Africa has been financed and generally civilised by him. He has worked there and is probably the offspring of a few generations. Why should he give up all that he has created?

From the black man's point of view, and perhaps understandably, although he does not see the other side of the coin, the country is his, the land has been the living place of millions of beings such as he, and as he is by far in the majority he may feel that his wishes and those of his fellow-men should over-rule those of the white man. The result is that we have a white man as prime minister, a Mr. Verwoerd, who is adamant in sticking up for the rights of the white man. Feeling is running high in South Africa because of these faults, with the unhappy result that last year Mr. Verwoerd was shot in the cheek from close range.

Before going on to talk about the U.S.A., it is interesting to note Britain's attitude to the colour bar. What sort of treatment do coloured men who come to Britain get? In the lower occupations black men and women manage to gain a job and a place in our society, but occasionally there are complaints and even attacks on coloured people. Earlier last year Notting Hill was in the news and the death of a coloured man was reported. Often this sort of thing has been the work of teddy-boys just spoiling for a "beat-up," but there has been and still is considerable feeling against black people in the places where they live and work. Again, those in the higher professions and those black people who have been to a university have a slightly different tale to tell. They usually mix in quite well and often do as well as our young men, and it is a surprising fact that last year as many black as white men became barristers in Britain.

Returning to the question of why people resent black men living and working with them, we instantly think of the Southern States of America where this is a major problem. Perhaps it is because of the manner and manners of the black men and the revulsion the whites have for black men at times. We hear of black men being victimised and, not so long ago, persecuted by the Ku-Klux-Klan. Negro children have to be guarded on the way to school, with armed troops lining the roadway. There was, in fact, such deep resentment in some States that even the Governor took sides with the people and ruled that the two races should be segregated at school.

One American landlady went to such extremes that she ousted a white tenant of hers, and his two sons, because he refused to comply with local wishes and not send his sons to school with negroes.

So much for America, but in passing it might be worthwhile to remember that the negroes there were taken by slave-traders in the first place, against their will, or at least the will of their ancestors.

For contrast, let us have a look at Ghana, a country which gained its independence only last year and is not in the news in connection with apartheid. A slight reversal of the idea of apartheid occurred here. It was reported in the *Daily Express* that Mr. Nkruma had issued cards and pictures depicting black men with Greeks and other such learned people together studying such sciences and arts as there were in that day, thus, by a propaganda stunt trying to show that the black man had a part in the development and foundation of the sciences and arts.

Lastly, another country which is in the news and troubled by the bad relations between the white and black men is Rhodesia. The Prime Minister, Sir Roy Welensky, is fighting hard to uphold the ideals of the white hill farmers, and since the situation seems to get worse every day with the added hostility of our own government towards him it may turn out to be such another bloodbath as the Congo.

From a Christian viewpoint, apartheid is a sad spectacle. Being Christians, we should be able to live peacefully, each with his neighbour, which means the African as well.

It is most unfortunate that apartheid should thus strain our relations with the African people and I am sure this is one of the reasons why many now independent countries of Africa are turning towards the East where they do at least feel a welcome, even though it be only in the form of arms and provisions. In ending, one might return to the religious question and ask why God made races of different colours. Surely if we all mixed together and lived as our creed says we should, we would soon have a world of multi-racial people. This may not be desirable to the majority of people, but there is one thing to be said for it; there are many brilliant people who are the product of two or more nations. Again, are we doing anything to ease the tension in those countries affected by apartheid, and are we introducing the black man properly to civilisation?

R. A. BASTABLE, VIb.



## PRIZE DAY.

THE Annual Prize Day of the School was held on 31st March, and this year's chairman was the Chairman of the Education Committee, Mr. David Lewis. The chief guest for the afternoon was Mr. R. V. Williams, the newly-elected chairman of the Governors. He spoke to the pupils and parents on the danger of "blind alley" jobs. The audience of over 500 heard Mr. Williams say, "Grammar school pupils should not leave school until they have completed their full course. They should also avoid premature entry into "blind alley employment" offering no future for eventual advancement, for they pay dearly for it throughout their lives. Parents, too, in the interest of their children have a stern obligation to discourage such ideas at all costs."

Mr. Williams was accompanied by his wife, who distributed prizes to 70 boys.

During the course of the afternoon Mrs. Williams was presented with a bouquet by one of the school's younger pupils. Choral items were rendered by R. V. Dunning, M. J. Owen, R. J. W. Davies and the school choir. The accompanist was Mr. Gwerfyl Davies. A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Mr. E. R. Morgan and seconded by the Head Boy.

Prizes were distributed to the following boys :—

Form Prizes :—1b, P. J. Morris, D. K. Evans, D. M. Morgan ; 1a, G. T. Williams, A. E. Lee, T. J. King ; 2l, P. I. Hudson, M. T. Smith, T. Lewis ; 3g, B. D. Williams ; 3l, J. R. Smith, T. E. Evans, V. G. Jones ; 4a, D. M. Adami, G. D. Gittus, D. G. Jones ; 4s, D. J. Bessant ; 5a, R. J. Adams, R. J. Bastable, L. M. Billington, J. K. Bryant, F. J. Charters, L. A. Davies, R. P. Day, A. R. Frame, D. G. Griffiths, J. Hooton, D. G. Isaac, R. D. H. Jackson, D. J. Jones, G. H. J. Jones, D. M. T. Kendrick, R. G. Macadam, H. T. Parry, P. G. Powell, P. C. Price, W. M. Prowel, T. M. Thirgood, K. Thomas, A. C. Watkins, M. A. Williams.

Upper 6 Sc. : D. M. Gittins, H. W. Gittus, R. M. James, B. Jones, D. L. Jones, G. C. Curtis, D. J. Parry, R. W. Parry, J. G. Poole, D. Powell, J. Sullivan, A. S. Twist.

Upper 6 Arts : W. A. Evans, M. P. Lloyd, T. H. Owen, P. B. Phillips, T. Thomas, W. T. T. Watkins, .

W.J.E.C. Certificates were also presented to 70 pupils. The Jacob Morgan Prize was won by T. Thomas and the David Lewis Welsh Prize by Handel Jones.

D. J. PARRY.

## THE SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD, 1961.

THIS year was the tenth anniversary of the School Eisteddfod and for the first time in many years we were without the aid of Mr. Harvey Williams, B.A. This year, due to his elevation to the Headmastership of the Secondary Modern School, the new Welsh Master, Mr. William Owen, B.A., took over his duties. During the period in which Mr. Williams ran the eisteddfod, he expanded it from one session in the morning to an all day event. He also introduced the Bardic Chair which is keenly fought for every year. Through the medium of this report we would like to thank Mr. Williams on behalf of the school for the tradition which he has helped build up in the school. We would also like to wish him every success in his work as Headmaster of the Secondary Modern School and we hope he builds just as successful an eisteddfod there as he established in our school. This year a word of praise must go to Mr. William Owen for his organisation of the Eisteddfod. He put everything into it even though it was his first and only year in the school.

As usual there were many visitors and tea and biscuits were served during morning break.

Our adjudicators this year were the Rev. Eifion Thomas and Mr. Trevor Evans who was making a welcome return after an absence of many years.

The President for the day was Councillor J. V. C. Thomas (Mayor of Brecon) and Mr. A. Rees, M.Sc., A.Inst.P., the Headmaster, conducted the proceedings.

The Bardic Chair was won by W. J. Griffiths (Gam) in a close contest with R. J. W. Davies, last year's winner. The Bard was escorted and gowned in the traditional way by R. J. W. Davies (T) and J. A. O. Davies (S). The ceremony of the Chairing of the Bard was conducted by the Rev. Eifion Thomas. The chairing song was powerfully rendered by Mr. John Thomas, B.Sc. Verses in honour of the bard were recited by Mr. William Owen, Mr. Arwyn Evans, Rev. Eifion Thomas and the Headmaster. After this came the Choral Competition which Siddons won for the fifth year running.

The climax of the day was reached when D. Parry, House Captain and Head Boy, went forward to receive the Stoddart Cup from the Mayor.

Mr. Gwyn Angell, B.Sc. and Miss Mary Richards, B.A., are to be thanked for keeping the score. Thanks also to Mr. G. Davies, B.A., B.Mus., F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., for his excellent accompaniment throughout the day.

The final scores were :—

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| 1. Gam     | ... | 328 |
| 2. Siddons | ... | 271 |
| 3. Theo    | ... | 258 |
| 4. Vaughan | ... | 233 |



## RESULTS.

### Junior Art :

- (a) 1, Alan Millichip (G) ; 2, Keith Evans (V) ; 3, G. T. Williams (S).  
 (b) 1, Barrie Morgan (T) ; 2, R. A. Bovey (G) ; 3, M. Powell (S).  
 (c) 1, G. T. Williams (S) ; 2, D. P. Roberts (T) ; 3, R. A. Bovey (G).

### Senior English Reading :

- 1, T. H. Owen. (V). 2, R. J. W. Davies (T). 3, R. L. Gant (V).

### Middle Art :

- (a) P. Cutts (S). P. Albutt (S).  
 (b) R. V. Dunning (T). B. A. Williams (G). R. Jardine (G).

### Senior Solo :

- (1) R. J. W. Davies (T). 2, C. Lewis (G). 3, D. G. Evans (T).

### Senior Art

- (a) 1, D. G. Evans (T). 2, R. A. Bastable (G). 3, M. C. Davies (G).  
 (b) 1, R. A. Bastable (G). 2, Adrian Jones (V). 3, M. C. Davies (G).

### Welsh Reading Senior :

- 1, R. Meadam (T). 2, H. Jones (G). 3, J. A. O. Davies (S).

### Junior Woodwork :

- 1, A. E. Lee (S). 2, R. Lally (S). 3, A. Hurford (S).

### Middle Woodwork :

- 1, C. Jenkins (V). 2, D. Morris (S). 3, D. R. Davies (S).

### Senior Woodwork :

- 1, M. H. Gittins (G). 2, M. C. Davies (G). 3, J. V. Davies (T).

### Junior Pianoforte :

- 1, G. R. Reynolds (S). 2, A. R. Powell (S). 3, M. Boxhall (S).

### Junior Metalwork :

- 1, A. J. Price (S). 2, D. P. Roberts (T). 3, D. Rees Price (S).

### Middle Metalwork :

- 1, W. B. Williams (V). 2, V. Price (V). 3, L. Hobbs (V).

### Senior Metalwork :

- 1, W. K. Price (V). 2, D. G. Palmer (T).

### Junior Geography :

- (a) 1, D. J. Jones (G). 2, J. B. Morgan (S). 3, E. Jones (V).  
 (b) 1, A. Watkins (G). 2, D. P. Roberts (T). 3, R. A. Bovey (G).

### Junior Welsh Recitation :

- 1, D. J. Jones (G). D. P. Roberts (T). J. M. Davies (T).

### Junior Vocal Solo :

- 1, G. Reynolds (S) and M. J. Jones (T). 2, D. Massochi (S). 3, D. Morgan (S) and P. R. Morgan (S).

### Middle Geography :

- (a) 1, W. B. Phillips (S). 2, R. Griffiths (G).  
 (b) 1, M. A. Stephens (T). 2, D. P. Jones (G). 3, D. L. Hatton (G).

### Middle Welsh Recitation :

- 1, P. G. Brown (G). 2, E. G. Davies (V). 3, B. Williams (V).

### Senior Geography :

- (a) 1, H. Jones (G). 2, G. P. Griffiths (G). 3, D. Ellis (S).  
 (b) 1, R. Gant (V). 2, J. G. Tuthill (G). 3, H. T. Parry (G).

### Middle Pianoforte :

- 1, D. P. Jones (T).

### Junior Poem :

- 1, M. Sims (G). 2, E. Jones (V). 3, D. G. Morris (T).

### Junior English Recitation :

- 1, D. K. Evans (V). 2, D. Roberts (T). 3, H. Powell (V).

### Senior Mathematics :

- 1, T. M. Thirgood (V). 2, H. C. Lewis (G). 3, D. Evans (T).

### Senior Pianoforte :

- 1, R. J. W. Davies (T).

### Middle Short Story :

- 1, R. Griffiths (G). 2, P. Hudson (V). 3, T. Hughes (S).

### Senior English Recitation :

- 1, R. J. W. Davies (T). 2, H. Jackson. (G) 3, R. Meadam (T).

### Senior Essay :

- 1, R. A. Bastable (G). 2, T. Prothero (T). 3, J. Tuthill (G).

### Middle English Recitation :

- 1, M. Smith. (S) 2, P. G. Brown (G) 3, P. Hudson (V).

### Middle Poem :

- 1, T. Hughes (S). 2, G. Davies (G). 3, R. Griffiths (G).

### Middle Vocal Solo :

- 1, R. V. Dunning (T). 2, M. J. Owen (V). 3, D. James (S).

### Junior Essay :

- 1, D. J. Price (S). 2, D. Jenkins (G). 3, E. Jones (V).

### Senior Welsh Recitation :

- 1, H. C. Lewis (G). 2, V. Davies (V). 3, R. Meadam (T).

### Junior Choral Recitation :

- 1, Vaughan. 2, Siddons. 3, Gam.

### Choir :

- 1, Siddons. 2, Vaughan. 3, Gam.

### Senior Short Story :

- 1, W. J. Griffiths (G). 2, R. A. Bastable (G). 3, H. Jones (G).

### Senior Poem (Chair Competition) :

- 1, W. J. Griffiths (G). 2, R. J. W. Davies (T). 3, J. A. O. Davies (S).

## BRECONSHIRE EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL PLAYWRITING COMPETITION

### Children's Section.

Open to all those who have not had their 15th birthday by 21st Dec., 1961.

Prizes : English or Welsh—First Prize, £1. 2nd Certificate of Merit.

Last year's winner was Handel Jones of VIa.

It is hoped that some boys will again take part in this competition.

For details apply to : MR. A. R. WILLIAMS or MR. BRINLEY JENKINS (County Drama Organiser), 33, The Watton, Brecon.



## NATIONAL RESIDENTIAL SIXTH FORM CONFERENCE ON CONTEMPORARY WORLD PROBLEMS.

DURING the Easter holidays I spent a stimulating week at Harlech, where I represented the School at a conference on Contemporary World Problems. It was organised by the "Council for Education in World Citizenship" and was the first of its kind to be held in Great Britain. Altogether there were about seventy-five other boys and girls from all over Wales attending the conference. During the week we received seventeen lectures from some very distinguished men, including Mr. A. B. Oldfield-Davies (Controller, B.B.C. Wales), Sir Ben Bowen-Thomas (Permanent Secretary, Welsh Department, Ministry of Education, London), and Mr. Erasmus (Information Attache, High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa). The dominant themes of the conference were Africa's Problems, and the Problems of Underdeveloped Countries.

Listening to lectures, however, was not the only activity of the conference. Whilst at Harlech we went on four coach trips and passed through some of the most beautiful and rugged country in Wales. The trips included visits to the "Italian Villiage" of Port-Meirion, the grave and museum of Lloyd George, at Llanystumdwy, the Swallow Falls and the Trawsfynydd Atomic Energy Plant. There was also a visit to places of local historical interest. This included, a tour of Harlech Castle which the guide described "as the home of all lost causes in Wales." He also pointed out that the castle had never been taken by storm and it needed only fourteen men to defend it.

As this was the first conference of its kind in Great Britain, and something of an experiment, the organisers were ready to accept suggestions which would help to make for a better conference next year, and judging by the number of suggestions I should say that next year's conference should be very enjoyable indeed.

On two nights of the week socials were organised, but otherwise the pursuit of pleasure was left in our capable hands.

WINSTON J. GRIFFITHS.

## DALE FORT FIELD CENTRE.

LAST November three sixth formers spent a pleasant, though strenuous week at the "Field Studies Council Centre Dale Fort, Pembrokeshire." Besides studying the economic and social geography of the area there was also time to take an interest in the wild life.

The main aspect of the work was carried out in the field and a comprehensive study was made of a small area, with all aspects of geography being taken into consideration. The weather was fair, with only one gale during the week. Incidentally, it lasted three days.

Even in this period of inclement weather the Spartan lecturers gave their followers no respite, for despite throbbing blisters, continual soakings and wanderings over every inch of the Dale Peninsula for endless hours, they emerged sparsely clad and enthusiastic every morning to greet their equally enthusiastic (?) students, who, after their trampings, had come to the conclusion that "he goes furthest who knows not where he goes."

The two highlights of the week were : an excursion in the Centre's launch to the fish market at Milford Haven, passing, en route, the two newly built oil terminals in the Haven : and an excursion on the last day by bus to North Pems., where we visited St. David's Cathedral. The visits to these civilised communities proved a refreshing change from the primitive isolation of Dale Fort. Our day was terminated very pleasantly when we realised, on our return to the fort, that the washing-up—for which we were responsible that day—had been finished. This was a great relief to us amateur dishwashers, as we would have had to pay for all broken dishes.

On the last evening, everyone being full of high spirits, we decided it was not worth going to our beds as we should only have to make them in the morning. Accordingly, we kept a vigil till 5-30 a.m. We then had a short sleep till 6-30 a.m., when we were rudely awakened by the electric bell, outside our door, which on one occasion had been sabotaged.

After breakfast we took our last look at the sea from our sea view apartment, with its 30 foot drop to the sea from the window. On the same afternoon the party arrived in Brecon after spending a pleasant but exhausting week at Dale.

J. TUTHILL, R. L. GANT, T. H. OWEN.

## SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE.

THE Annual Carol Service was held in the Cathedral on 21st December, and took the form of Nine Lessons and Carols.

The singing of the traditional Carols was led by the School Choir, and a small choir of boys and members of the Staff sang two groups of Carols by modern composers. The Junior Choir sang a Welsh Carol and Martyn Owen and Raymond Dunning sang the carol "Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing."

The Lessons were read by W. A. Watkins, R. D. Jardine, R. Hausheer, R. P. Day, J. A. O. Davies, R. J. W. Davies, R. M. James, D. J. Parry and the Headmaster.

The Bidding Prayer and the Blessing were given by the Dean.



## MEETING HIS MATCH.

Down at the "Old Leek and Harp" in the village of Brynwbm, there sits every Saturday night the oldest person in Wallica. Besides holding the record for being the oldest inhabitant of Wallica, it is also probable, although no census has been taken, that he has scrounged more drinks with the same story than any other inhabitant in the land. Tom Lea's story is about the Civil War which took place between Ongeland and Wallica in 1984. This fact, however, remains somewhat doubtful, for if there was a war Tom is the only one living to have been able to appreciate it. However, this objection was never brought up because everyone liked Tom's story immensely.

According to Tom, Wallica won the war without a gun being fired. This was very strange, because till 1980, when writing was still fashionable (at the time of the war it had gone out of fashion), lots of guns were fired in wars according to newspaper reports. Also it was very strange that Wallica won, for Ongeland, was still collecting taxes from the Wallicans even then. Tom deftly explains this with some subtle Eirish blarney. He says that when the Wallicans beat the Onges it would not have been good cricket form for a small country to take over a bigger country, as the immoral Onges had done in the past (the Wallicans apparently did not wish to be called Imperialist Dogs by the Rushinese). They therefore employed a Royalist Pict to govern the Onges. And Tom says this was a good thing, because the man they employed made good moral speeches and also had a clever family of large proportions to fill a lot of government positions as Onges used to when Ongeland was top nation of the World.

The real story, however, lies in the magnificently strange way the Wallicans beat the Onges.

When the "Plait Wallica," Wallican Nationalist Workers Party (motto "What about the Workers?") declared Wallica independent, it was good form for the Onges either to settle the incident for themselves or call on the help of other peoples' armies. Other peoples' armies, however, could only lead to nothing but other people talking about Imperialism and Colonialism. It was, therefore, decided to settle the matter without the help of foreigners. The Onges, however, were now faced with another problem; the war somehow had to be fought without guns firstly, because it might mean killing, and the Onges did not want bad publicity; and, secondly, firing bullets would cost money, and all Onglish money had gone to the Moon with a mouse who had been ordered to eat half of the Moon in the Spring so that the tides might recede and therefore leave land, formerly covered by the sea, for cultivation. At least, that is what Prof. Allbut Gon had announced before his disappearance in 1978. Today, the Moon is still there. But back to the Civil War.

As the Onges did not wish to fight with guns, the Wallicans, being good sports, said that they would also desist from using these primitive

and barbarous weapons. The two sides then decided to hold a council of war to decide each other's strategy. The meeting lasted a long time because the two supreme commanders liked to talk a lot about their great victories in the field of battle. The Supreme Commander of the Onglish forces was Field Sheriff Gomomery and the Supreme Commander of the Wallican forces was Ben the Gen, or, to give him his proper title, General Benjamin Zarishaddai Price-Parry, B.F., and Bar. When they came out of the Hotel, disorderly and inebriated, it was announced that the war would be decided by a trial of strength or skill (you can decide for yourself) which would take the form of a pea-pushing contest along the renovated Offa's Dyke. The winner was to be the man who finished first (!) but due consideration would be taken of the number of times the pea was pushed off the Dyke when either of the contestants attempted to use brute force without any forethought or consideration for the finer arts of pea-pushing.

The Onglish, however, had been very deceitful, for there lived in Ongland, although generally unknown, a family who had extremely powerful long noses. This phenomenon had been acquired in the 1950's and 1960's when an ancestor of the family, one Phonceby "Frogfoot" Clarence "nose-bounced" from York to Truro in order to prove that a certain brand of fruit juice kept you sober and ensured that you could walk in a straight line when accosted by a policeman. Having literally nosed his way into a fortune and fruit juice for life he retired from the public eye to rear a family of first class nose-bouncers. When the family was called upon to be the champions of the Onglish cause there was a great increase in the watching of Commercial Television. For it proved once and for all that if you wish to get into the social swim and know people before they are known you should tune in to Channel One. (In the Onglish Parliament there was a hue and cry to give the last Channel to Commercial Television for advertisements only, in order to give the public a better chance to get acquainted with heroes). Incidentally, the Onglish Government was also saved the expense of the war because the fruit juice firm sponsored the whole campaign.

With the choosing of the Onglish champion merely a matter of finding the member of the family with the finest strain of stamina in his pedigree, the Wallicans began a hectic search for a man with a "nose long enough not to impair the vision of the aforementioned man when he is pushing a pea." The man who found and trained the Wallican hope was none other than Tom Lea himself. Dic Fluter or "Fluter the Hooter," was Tom's find. His nose according to legend, was five feet long; according to Tom only four feet eleven inches. At first the one drawback was that "Fluter the Hooter" was so thin that the sight of a good dinner seemed enough to make him fall out of his skin. Tom's training methods, however, and a rival fruit juice firm, put Fluter the Hooter right and pushing a pea became no longer like pushing a hundred pound dumbbell but like pushing a pea! The latter fact helped a great deal for it meant that on the



great day Flutter was in fine fettle. His chances, however, were still slim, for Henry "Frogman" Clarence (son of Phonceby "Frogfoot" Clarence) had excelled in pea pushing during training and just to test his stamina had several times "nose-bounced" the length of Offa's Dyke. Victory for Ongland seemed a foregone conclusion and the bookies, always ready to make some easy money, gave 100 to 30 on Clarence and Flutter at any price, although on the day, due to heavy Wallican betting, the odds were down to 5 to 1.

The race was started by a neutral Pole who had emigrated from America under the auspices of the United Nations as their observer in this "trouble spot." Although attempts were made to televise the race, television was banned because it was solemnly declared that "politics and war are serious affairs and should not be commercialised or shown to the public for fear of corrupting their impure hearts."

After forty miles of pea-pushing it was thought that both contestants were either drugged or deliberately baulking each other, and as is the usual procedure they were reported to the stewards of the course by their respective trainers. An aerial examination by a certified flying doctor from Castralia was made and he triumphantly proclaimed that they were both suffering from "acute crosseyedness" which would necessitate a prescription charge of £5 per drop of water to soothe the eyes. At the entrance to the bending section of the dyke both parties agreed to undergo treatment, and as they were neck and neck at this point the race was re-started here by the Pole. (During their period of treatment both drank fruit juice liberally).

Over the next fifty miles of bends the Onge, Clarence, used a typical immoral Onglish trick—he inhaled his pea, lodged it in one of his nostrils and nosebounced the course, thereby cutting out the bends. Meanwhile, Flutter the Hooter pushed manfully onward with his pea rolling steadily before. This, of course, provoked many parodies upon an old favourite, "The Charge of the Light Brigade", by Tennyson, but we are saved these noble efforts because writing was considered unfashionable and very "non-U". (However, if any poet has the Muse he can send his work for publication to the "Otupian Publishing Company, Putillil.")

When "Flutter the Hooter" came out of the bends, Henry Clarence was two miles ahead, and in a seemingly unassailable position. Victory seemed more assured for Clarence when his stamina pedigree was compared with that of the mongrel trailing behind. Just as the Onglish started to cheer and shout "Victory for Ongland and the Aristocracy" a plaintive cry arose from the Wallican ranks of "What about the Workers?" "Flutter the Hooter's" ears pricked up and he raced away pushing his pea with the speed of a greyhound.

With two miles to go Flutter was but a yard behind. On both sides of the Dyke there was a tense silence, a hush of expectancy, the Onglish waiting for Clarence's burst for the winning line, and the Wallicans for a further burst of speed from Flutter. The question now was would this famous member of a famous family meet his

match? Suddenly the Wallicans started to chant "What about the Workers? What about the Workers?".....Flutter responded to the Wallican slogan and steadily overhauled Clarence inch by inch. Truly this was Wallica's greatest hour. Clarence was meeting his match on Offa's Dyke.....now there was no doubt about it. With half a mile to go Clarence was three yards behind and still dropping back.

Flutter finally crossed the line two hundred yards ahead of Clarence and Ongeland capitulated to the rule of Wallica through a Royalist Pict and his family. In honour of Flutter, the Wallican motto was changed to "Cometh the hour, cometh the Worker."

WINSTON J. GRIFFITHS.

## TOP TUNES.

|                      |                                              |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Mr. Evans, Mr. Moses | ... <i>Wooden Heart (Wood 'n'art)</i>        |
| Mr. Angel            | ... <i>Baby Sitting Boogie</i>               |
| Mr. Thomas           | ... <i>Some Kinda Earthquake</i>             |
| Mr. A. Rees          | ... <i>Softly, Softly</i>                    |
| Mr. G. Williams      | ... <i>Soldier Boy</i>                       |
| Mr. Morgan           | ... <i>Gamblin' Man</i>                      |
| Mr. A. Williams      | ... <i>Deadwood Stage</i>                    |
| Mr. G. Davies        | ... <i>Mr. Guitar</i>                        |
| Mr. R. Morris        | ... <i>Theme from Exodus</i>                 |
| Dr. Williams         | ... <i>Nature Boy</i>                        |
| All Teachers         | ... <i>Working after School</i>              |
| Groundsmen           | ... <i>Greenfingers</i>                      |
| Punished Boy         | ... <i>Rawhide</i>                           |
| Rugby Team           | ... <i>The Battle</i>                        |
| Girls' School        | ... <i>Girls were made to love and kiss.</i> |
| The Prefects         | ... <i>F.B.I.</i>                            |
| The Bard             | ... <i>Poetry in Motion</i>                  |
| Arwyn Davies         | ... <i>Cheyenne</i>                          |
| Robert Owen          | ... <i>Colonel's Bogey</i>                   |
| Ken Strangward       | ... <i>Words</i>                             |

THE MOB.



## EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1960.

### ADVANCED LEVEL

|                                    |                                                     |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Barker, David E. A.                | .. History                                          |
| Curtis, G. C.                      | .. Chemistry, Botany, Zoology                       |
| Eckley, G.                         | .. Geography                                        |
| Evans, W. A.                       | .. Geography, Art                                   |
| Gittins, D. M.                     | .. Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry |
| Gittus, H. W.                      | .. Chemistry, Botany, Zoology                       |
| James, R. M.                       | .. Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics.              |
| Jones, B.                          | .. Pure and Applied Maths, Physics, Chemistry       |
| Jones, D. L.                       | .. Pure and Applied Maths, Physics, Chemistry       |
| Jones, W. M.                       | .. Geography                                        |
| Lloyd, Malcolm P.                  | .. English, French (and Oral), History              |
| Lowry, R. M.                       | .. History                                          |
| Owen, Thomas H.                    | .. English, History, Geography                      |
| Parry, D. J.                       | .. Pure Maths, Applied Maths                        |
| Parry, R. W.                       | .. Pure Maths, Applied Maths                        |
| Phillips, P.B.                     | .. English, History                                 |
| Poole, J. G.                       | .. Pure and Applied Maths, Physics                  |
| Powell, David                      | .. Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics               |
| Sullivan John                      | .. Chemistry, Zoology                               |
| Thomas, T.                         | .. History, Geography                               |
| Twist, A. S.                       | .. Pure and Applied Maths, Physics                  |
| Watkins, W T. T.                   | .. History, Geography                               |
| External Candidate:<br>Wells, C.S. | .. History                                          |

### ORDINARY LEVEL.

|                    |                                                                                                              |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Adams, R. J.       | .. English Language, Welsh *, French*, History, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry                   |
| Bastable, R. A. B. | .. English Language, English Literature, Latin, French*, German, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry.       |
| Billington, L. M.  | .. English Language, History, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology                                  |
| Bromwell, E. J.    | .. English Language, Agricultural Science, Woodwork                                                          |
| Brown, C. V.       | .. English Language, History, Geography                                                                      |
| Bryant, J. K.      | .. English Language †, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Metalwork, Geometrical and Engineering Drawing. |
| Burgess, J.        | .. English Language, History, Geography, Maths, Physics †, Chemistry                                         |
| Charters, F. J.    | .. English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Maths, Chemistry, Biology                       |
| Davies, A. J.      | .. English Language, Welsh* History, Geography, Art                                                          |
| Davies, J. A. O.   | .. Botany                                                                                                    |
| Davies, Lee A.     | .. English Language, Welsh*, French*, German, History, Geography, Mathematics †                              |
| Davies, M. C.      | .. Art, English, Language † Woodwork, Geometrical and Engineering Drawing                                    |
| Davies, M. J.      | .. English Language, Physics, Woodwork                                                                       |
| Day, R. P.         | .. English Language and Literature, French*, Scripture, History, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry.       |
| Ellis, D.          | .. Biology                                                                                                   |
| Evans, D. G.       | .. English Language †, Woodwork, Geometrical and Engineering Drawing                                         |

|                    |                                                                                                             |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Evans, J. D.       | .. Physics, Commercial Subjects                                                                             |
| Frame, A. R.       | .. History, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology                                                   |
| Gant, R. L.        | .. Economics, Geology                                                                                       |
| Griffin, A.        | .. English Language, Welsh*                                                                                 |
| Griffiths, C. J.   | .. Welsh*, Scripture, History, Geography, Maths                                                             |
| Griffiths, D. G.   | .. English Language † and Literature, French* History, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry                 |
| Griffiths, E. J.   | .. Geography, Agricultural Science                                                                          |
| Griffiths, R. H.   | .. English Language †, Mathematics †, Scripture                                                             |
| Griffiths, G. P.   | .. English Language † Botany,                                                                               |
| Harding, R. W. G.  | .. English Language, Welsh, Maths, History †                                                                |
| Hooton, J. C.      | .. English Language and Literature, French, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry                            |
| Hubbard, I. G.     | .. Agricultural Science, Woodwork                                                                           |
| Humphreys, R. C.   | .. Maths, Chemistry, Biology, English Language †                                                            |
| Isaac, D. G.       | .. English Language, Welsh*, French*, History, Geography, Maths, Physics                                    |
| Isaac, D. R.       | .. English Language, Welsh*, History, Geography, Mathematics †                                              |
| Jackson, R. D. H.  | .. English Language, English Literature, Welsh, French*, German, Mathematics                                |
| James, G. W. C.    | .. English Language, History, Art, Geography † Mathematics †                                                |
| James, Robert N.   | .. English Language, Woodwork                                                                               |
| Johnson, J. M. B.  | .. English Language, Geography, Agricultural Science History †                                              |
| Jones, A. E. D.    | .. English Language, Art.                                                                                   |
| Jones, D. I. M.    | .. Commercial Subjects.                                                                                     |
| Jones, D. J.       | .. French*, History, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology,                                                    |
| Jones, D. P.       | .. Mechanics                                                                                                |
| Jones, G. J. H.    | .. Welsh*, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Agricultural Science, Music                                     |
| Jones, J. R. E.    | .. Welsh*                                                                                                   |
| Kendrick, D. M. T. | .. English Language †, English Literature, Welsh* Geography, Maths, Chemistry, Agricultural Science, Music. |
| Lawton, J. A.      | .. English Language, Welsh*, French* German*, Mathematics                                                   |
| Lewis, G. T.       | .. History, Chemistry †                                                                                     |
| Lowry, M. R.       | .. Art, Woodwork, Geometric and Engineering Drawing.                                                        |
| Malham, P. W.      | .. English Language †, Welsh*, Scripture, History, Mathematics, Physics                                     |
| McAdam, R. G.      | .. English Language †, English Literature, Welsh*, French*, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry                 |
| Mitchell, G. M.    | .. History, Geography, Economics                                                                            |
| Moon, M. D.        | .. English Language †, French, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.                                  |
| Morgan, O. G.      | .. Welsh*                                                                                                   |
| Muddiman, A. R.    | .. Geometric and Engineering Drawing                                                                        |
| Owen, R. J.        | .. Latin                                                                                                    |
| Parry, H. T.       | .. English Language and Literature, Welsh*, French* Latin, German*, History, Geography, Maths               |
| Phillips, G. D.    | .. Woodwork, Geometric and Engineering Drawing                                                              |
| Powell, P. G.      | .. English Language and Literature, French*, History Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology    |
| Price, J. L.       | .. Woodwork                                                                                                 |



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|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Price, P. C.    | .. English Language, History, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Agricultural Science             |
| Prowel, W. M.   | .. English Language and Literature, French*, History, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, |
| Rowlands, J.    | .. Art                                                                                               |
| Spencer, W. R.  | .. Welsh                                                                                             |
| Thirgood, T. M. | .. English Language, French*, History, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology                 |
| Thomas, K.      | .. English Language, Welsh*, History, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Agricultural Science,         |
| Tuthill, J. G.  | .. Geology                                                                                           |
| Watkins, A. C.  | .. French, History, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English Language †                |
| Webb, B. H.     | .. Woodwork, English Language †                                                                      |
| Williams, B. K. | .. Woodwork, Geometric and Engineering Drawing                                                       |
| Williams, G. J. | .. Welsh*, Agricultural Science                                                                      |
| Williams, M. A. | .. Welsh*, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Agricultural Science.                               |

\*Indicates a pass with Oral proficiency. †Indicates a pass at November Exams

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#### URDD GOBAITH CYMRU.

LAST year the activities of the Urdd were limited. Nevertheless, Gareth Davies (4a) was awarded second prize in the County Urdd Eisteddfod at Builth, and we extend to him our congratulations.

The camps at Llangrannog and Glanllyn are now surely the most popular youth camps in Wales and situated in two of the most beautiful spots in the country. Last July a number of boys went to Llangrannog and Alan Paton and C. J. Davies report:

"We boarded the bus in Brecon, amid the English chatter which is so familiar, but in Llandovery there was a gradual change, and when we changed buses at Carmarthen it seemed that we were English strangers in the middle of a Welsh community. This was true Wales, and this atmosphere was retained throughout our stay in Llangrannog.

The first night the stewards, or "swogs" as they were called, showed us our tents and we had invigorating games of soccer and rugby before the Epilogue.

The following day we were divided into houses—Gwent, Dyfed, Gwynedd and Powys, and played house matches in soccer and cricket. Swimming followed, with a nutritious tea on the beach. Alan Paton was honoured by being elected captain of the Dyfed sports team.

On Sunday morning we attended a service in the camp church, went for an afternoon walk, and attended evening service in the village church.

The rest of the week passed quickly with "dawnsio gwern" in the nights, and on Thursday afternoon a fancy dress carnival was held. On Friday we sadly left for home.

Needless to say, we enjoyed ourselves very much, and we look forward to another visit in the near future."



**RUGBY TEAM. 1st XV, 1960-61.**

P. G. Powell, D. L. Jones  
R. J. Owens, R. J. W. Davies, J. B. David, D. J. Parry, D. M. T. Kendrick  
R. McAdam, G. D. Gittus  
R. M. James, D. J. Peters, Mr. R. Arthur, J. Sullivan (Capt.), K. Strangward  
G. T. Lewis, D. J. Jones



**SOCCER TEAM. 1st XI, 1960-61**

R. Owens, B. David, A. Dacey, R. Stroud, G. P. Griffiths,  
K. Parry, R. H. Griffiths, D. J. Parry, G. Lewis (Capt.), Mr. R. Arthur,  
D. L. Jones, P. C. Price



## RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1960-61.

"Season 60-61" was, in all probability, the most successful and certainly the most active in the history of Rugby Football in the School. No fewer than five teams, in a wide range of age groups, have represented the School.

Several members of the First XV played in domestic trials for the Welsh Secondary Schools' teams. Of these J. Tuthill and D. J. Jones played in major trials and were awarded County "colours."

Peter Morgan played in the trial match for the Welsh Schoolboys' team (under 15) and seven of the School "Under Fifteens" were selected for Ystradgynlais and District in the Dewar Shield Competition. The players were P. Morgan, P. S. Jones, A. Harding, A. Sneade, T. Payne, P. Havard and I. L. Thrupp.

### 1st XV.

Master in charge : Mr. Arthur. Captain : J. Sullivan.

Vice-Captain : G. Lewis. Secretary : D. Kendrick.

The good record of the team is due very largely to the fire and experience of the pack, very well led by John Sullivan. Almost all the forwards gave of their utmost, as, indeed, did the backs, though their play was steady rather than spectacular. Gordon Lewis was particularly dependable at outside-half.

Colour Awards : D. Kendrick, R. McAdam, B. David, F. Charters, R. Owens, R. M. James, D. J. Jones, M. Moon, P. Powell,

Re-Awards : J. Sullivan, K. Strangward, J. Tuthill, D. J. Parry, D. J. Jones, G. Lewis.

|                           |      |       |    |    |
|---------------------------|------|-------|----|----|
| Vaynor and Penderyn C. S. | Away | Won   | 20 | 0  |
| Vaynor and Penderyn C.S.  | Home | Won   | 31 | 0  |
| Maesydderwen C.S.         | Away | Lost  | 3  | 20 |
| Llandrindod G.S.          | Away | Won   | 11 | 0  |
| Llandrindod G.S.          | Home | Won   | 42 | 0  |
| Mountain Ash G.S.         | Away | Lost  | 0  | 21 |
| Abergavenny G.S.          | Home | Won   | 13 | 0  |
| Maesydderwen C.S.         | Home | Drawn | 6  | 6  |
| Ystalyfera G.S.           | Home | Lost  | 3  | 14 |
| Llandovery H.S.           | Home | Won   | 8  | 3  |
| Abergavenny G.S.          | Away | Won   | 6  | 0  |
| Old Boys                  | Home | Lost  | 6  | 8  |

Played 12, won 7, drawn 1, lost 4. Points : 149 for, 72 against.

### SECOND XV (under 16½).

Master in charge : Mr. Arthur. Captain : J. Peters.

Vice-Captain : B. David.

This newly formed team played two matches against Builth G.S. 1st XV, both of which were won.

|               |      |     |    |   |
|---------------|------|-----|----|---|
| Builth 1st XV | Home | Won | 32 | 0 |
| Builth 1st XV | Home | Won | 3  | 0 |

Played 2, won 2. Points, 35 for, nil against.

## UNDER 15 XV.

Master in charge : Mr. Rowlands.

Captain : T. Payne. Vice-Captain : A. Sneade.

This is the most experienced team in the School, as was clearly demonstrated by the fine team play under the unobtrusive but efficient leadership of Terry Payne and Anthony Sneade. Particularly notable were the victories over Aberdare and Ystalyfera.

|                   |      |       |    |   |
|-------------------|------|-------|----|---|
| Maesydderwen C.S. | Home | Lost  | 0  | 6 |
| Llandrindod G.S.  | Away | Won   | 16 | 0 |
| Brecon S.M.S.     | Home | Won   | 10 | 9 |
| Gwernyfed S.M.S.  | Home | Won   | 11 | 8 |
| Gwernyfed S.M.S.  | Away | Won   | 6  | 3 |
| Aberdare G.S.     | Home | Won   | 3  | 0 |
| Ystalyfera G.S.   | Home | Won   | 8  | 0 |
| Mountain Ash G.S. | Away | Drawn | 3  | 3 |
| Brecon S.M.S.     | Home | Won   | 20 | 0 |

Played 9, won 7, drawn 1, lost 1. Points : 86 for, 14 against.



## UNDER FIFTEEN XV : 1960-61.

Gwyn Davies, G. J. Davies, J. Parry, H. W. Beavan.

B. B. Owens, A. G. Harding, P. S. Jones, M. G. Davies, V. G. Jones, I. L. Thrupp  
Mr. R. Arthur, J. R. Smith, A. R. Sneade (vice-capt), T. E. Payne, (capt.)  
P. J. Havard, R. H. Parry, Mr. P. Rowlands. Absent : T. P. Williams, A. Jones.



# UNDER 14 XV.

Master in charge : Mr. Rowlands.

Captain : I. L. Thrupp. Vice-Captain : H. Beavan.

Despite the small number available in this age group, the team developed quite well, due largely to the fine example set by Ian Thrupp and Howard Beavan. The best performances were the victory over Mountain Ash and the games against Neath, in which, although defeated, the team played very well indeed.

|                   |      |      |    |    |
|-------------------|------|------|----|----|
| Brynmawr G. S.    | Home | Lost | 3  | 5  |
| Ebbw Vale G.S.    | Home | Lost | 5  | 11 |
| Brynmawr G.S.     | Away | Won  | 5  | 3  |
| Neath G.S.        | Home | Lost | 6  | 8  |
| Mountain Ash G.S. | Home | Won  | 18 | 10 |
| Ty Mawr School    | Away | Won  | 33 | 0  |

Played 6, Won 3, Lost 3. Points : 70 for, 41 against.



## UNDER FOURTEEN XV—1960-61.

J. M. Lewis, R. G. Lewis, D. F. Jones, D. L. Hatton, M. A. Stephens, G. R. Powell, J. M. J. Davis, A. Barnett, J. R. Smith.  
Mr. R. Arthur, J. Parry, H. Beavan (vice-capt.), I. L. Thrupp (capt.)  
P. I. Hudson, C. Davies, Mr. P. Rowlands.  
W. B. Phillips, M. T. Smith. Absent E. G. Davies, T. B. Williams.

## UNDER 13 XV.

Master in charge : Mr. Morris.

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

"The Chicks" have a good record, with several high scores to their credit, yet the most notable performances were in low-scoring games against Neath, Aberdare and Mountain Ash. The pack developed

into an efficient unit, led by Gilbert Crocker, while David James generally controlled a slight over-eagerness in the backs!

|                   |      |       |    |    |
|-------------------|------|-------|----|----|
| Builth C.S.       | Home | Won   | 21 | 0  |
| Brecon S.M.S      | Home | Lost  | 6  | 14 |
| Gwernyfed S.M.S   | Home | Won   | 26 | 0  |
| Neath G.S.        | Home | Drawn | 0  | 0  |
| Llandrindod G.S.  | Home | Won   | 21 | 3  |
| Aberdare G.S.     | Home | Won   | 12 | 0  |
| Maesydderwen C.S. | Home | Drawn | 3  | 3  |
| Ebbw Vale G.S.    | Home | Won   | 15 | 6  |
| Llandrindod G.S.  | Home | Won   | 18 | 0  |
| Neath G.S.        | Away | Lost  | 0  | 17 |
| Mountain Ash G.S. | Home | Drawn | 3  | 3  |
| Brecon S.M.S.     | Home | Won   | 17 | 0  |

Played 12, won 7, drawn 3, lost 2. Points : 142 for, 46 against.



## UNDER THIRTEEN XV : 1960-61.

P. W. D. Sussex, J. R. Jones, D. R. Price, A. E. Lee. B. E. Seage, B. J. Jones, T. E. Powell, D. B. Jones, G. T. Williams, B. S. Jones, T. R. Hopkins.  
Mr. R. Arthur, R. P. Phillips, G. Crocker (vice capt.), D. W. James (capt.)  
I. Miles, P. W. Morris, Mr. D. R. Morris. A. Hughes, D. Charters.

Two teams of "Under Fifteens," drawn largely from the School, played on Easter Monday during the Brecon Seven-a-Side Tournament. The game was much enjoyed by the large crowd.

In the above tournament a Silurian VII acquitted itself very well indeed, losing 9-5 in the second round to the eventual winners of the Lowe Cup, the Old Breconians. The team was as follows : Ken Jones, Ken Strangward, Gerald Curtis, Peter Gittins, John Sullivan, Dennis Parry and guest player, W. J. M. Thomas.



## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL, 1960-61.

Master in charge : Mr. Arthur.

Captain : G. Lewis. Vice-Captain : D. J. Parry.

Secretary : J. Tuthill.

It has proved increasingly difficult to find fixtures for the Soccer teams. This season was no exception. Builth can no longer field a full First XI, thus leaving Llandrindod and Presteigne as the only other schools in the area with Soccer teams. The team has nevertheless proved an efficient unit, with Gordon Lewis the outstanding player. Dennis Parry played in the final trial for the Welsh Boys' Clubs' XI. F. J. Charters played in earlier trials.

|                   |      |       |     |
|-------------------|------|-------|-----|
| Presteigne G.S.   | Away | Drawn | 1—1 |
| Llandrindod G. S. | Home | Won   | 5—1 |
| Presteigne G.S.   | Home | Won   | 4—1 |
| Builth G.S.       | Away | Won   | 5—1 |
| Staff             | Won  | Won   | 1—0 |
| Old Boys          | Lost | Lost  | 2—5 |

Played 6, won 4, drawn 1, lost 1. Goals, 18 for, 9 against.

Colours :—Awards—A. S. Dacey, R. Stroud, K. Parry, D. L. Jones, F. Charters, P. C. Price.

Re-awards—G. Lewis, D. J. Parry, J. Tuthill.

## GOLF, 1960

Master : Mr. C. Giles.

THIS year, the second year for golf in the school, saw a marked improvement in the standard of play. Throughout the year the members practised diligently in their spare time for the 9-hole Medal Competition at the end of the Summer term.

The winning Scores were :—

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| J. Twining   | 52-12—40 |
| G. R. Stroud | 53-12—41 |

The competition was enjoyed by all who participated, and we look forward to this year's event.

Most of the members took part in the Colonel Earle Cup Competition run by the Brecon Golf Club for junior members. D. J. Peters of Va was runner up.

In the summer holidays the first Old Boys' Golf Competition was held. The competition was in two parts—a Stableford competition in the morning which was won by Mr. J. Llewelyn and a Foursome Handicap Competition in the afternoon which was won by Mr. J. Llewelyn and D. M. Adami.

Lastly the school members of the Golf Club would like to thank Mr. C. Giles and Mr. G. Angell for their organisation and the keen interest that they have displayed.

H. G. GILES, Va.

## ATHLETICS, 1961.

Master in charge : Mr. Arthur. Captain : D. L. Jones.

THIS season was highly successful and the performances in both the School Sports and the County Meeting were of an excellent standard. Record after record was beaten in the School Sports, while in the County event at Llandrindod the School team won the Aggregate Trophy and the Middle Cup and came very close second in the Junior and Senior competitions. A very fine example was set by D. L. Jones, captain of the victorious Siddons house team and of the School team.

The following were selected to represent Brecon and Radnor in the National Games, to be held at Newport—Senior : D. L. Jones ; J. A. O. Davies, D. J. Jones ; Middle: R. Adams, P. G. Powell, P. C. Price, A. W. Poole, D. J. Peters, M. Moon ; Junior : P. Havard, V. G. Jones, I. L. Thrupp.

County Colours : D. L. Jones, J. A. O. Davies, R. Adams, P. C. Price, A. W. Poole, D. J. Peters, M. Moon.



Back Row : J. Davies, D. R. Isaac, H. Beavan, C. W. Wright, P. Morgan  
A. W. Webb, D. B. Jones, V. G. Jones, P. J. Havard.

Middle Row : D. J. Peters, G. Lewis, H. C. Lewis, B. A. Williams, P. S. Jones, M. D. Moon, P. G. Powell, F. J. Charters, D. K. P. Strangward.

Front Row : P. C. Price, D. J. Jones, R. J. Adams, D. L. Jones, J. G. Poole,  
J. A. O. Davies, A. W. Poole.

Seated : B. S. Jones, A. Williams, B. A. Williams, I. Thrupp, P. Saxon  
A. Hodges.



## COUNTY RESULTS.

**Lower Junior :** 100 yds.—A. Hodges, 6th ; High Jump, B. S. Jones, 1st\*  
Long Jump—A. Hodges, 4th. Shot—B. A. Williams, 5th. Relay—(A. Hodges, P. Saxon, A. Williams, B. Jones), 5th.

**Junior :** 100 yds.—P. Havard, 2nd. 440 yds.—V. G. Jones, 2nd  
Hurdles—D. B. Jones, 4th. Hop, Step and Jump—D. B. Jones, 5th. Pole Vault—A. Webb, 3rd. Long Jump—D. B. Jones, 4th. Javelin—P. Havard, 2nd. Discus—P. Havard, 4th. Shot—R. Phillips, 5th. —Relay—(D. B. Jones, P. Havard, V. Jones, I. Thrupp), 1st.

**Middle :** 100 yds.—P. Powell, 3rd. 220 yds.—R. Adams, 1st.\* 440 yds.—A. W. Poole, 2nd. 880 yds.—R. Isaac, 4th. 1 Mile—C. Wright, 3rd. Hurdles—P. C. Price, 1st. Hop, Step and Jump—R. Adams, 3rd. High Jump—J. Peters, 1st. Pole Vault—A. W. Poole, 1st (equal\* record). Long Jump—A. W. Poole, 1st. Javelin—B. Williams, 5th. Discus—H. C. Lewis, 2nd. Shot—M. Moon, 1st. Relay—(P. Powell, R. Adams, P. C. Price, A. Poole), 1st.

**Senior :** 100 yds.—J. G. Poole, 5th. 220 yds.—D. J. Jones, 5th. 440 yds.—D. J. Jones, 3rd. 880 yds.—F. Charters, 2nd. 1 Mile—F. Charters, 4th. Hurdles—D. J. Jones, 2nd. Hop, Step and Jump—D. L. Jones, 1st. High Jump—J. A. O. Davies, 1st. Pole Vault—J. A. O. Davies, 1st. Long Jump—D. L. Jones, 1st. Javelin—G. Lewis, 2nd. Discus—G. Lewis, 4th. Shot—K. Strangward, 2nd. Relay (J. Poole, D. L. Jones, P. Jones, D. J. Jones) 1st.

\*New Record.

## CRICKET REPORT, 1960.

Master : Mr. C. Giles. Captain : C. G. Curtis.

THE 1960 season was quite a successful one for the School's Cricket 1st XI. Two new names were added to the fixture list : West Monmouth School, Pontypool, and Neath Grammar School. We were convincingly beaten by an extremely strong West Monmouth side but gained a good win over Neath. The latter match was the first to be played on the new pitch at Penlan. The annual game with Bridgend proved to be an exciting one ; we lost by just six runs and so have yet to gain a victory over our now traditional rivals. It was unfortunate that the end-of-term matches against the Staff and Old Boys were not completed because of unfavourable weather.

One noteworthy performance was that of Brian David who took nine wickets for forty-six runs against Brynmawr Grammar School, a feat that augurs well for the future as Brian was only fifteen years old.

Tudor Watkins and Terry Thomas were selected for the Breconshire Secondary Schools XI, Tudor playing in all three matches and Terry in two.

The outstanding player of the season was Gerald Curtis. He captained the Breconshire XI and to crown a spangled career in School gained a Welsh Secondary Schools cap. His astute leadership will be greatly missed and we wish him every success with his ventures on the cricket field in the future.

Record : Played 14, Won 5, Lost 4, Drawn 4, Abandoned 1.

30th April v. Brynmawr. Away. Drawn. Brecon 63, Brynmawr 53 for 8.  
7th May v. Merthyr. Home. Drawn. Brecon 114 for 6 dec.  
Merthyr 30 for 7.

11th May v. Brecon Sports Club. Home. Won. Brecon 42 for 8.  
Sports Club 41.

21st May v. Cyfarthfa. Home. Drawn. Brecon 74. Cyfarthfa 39 for 3.

28th May v. Llandrindod. Home. Won. Brecon 66 for 3.  
Llandrindod 65.

1st June v. Brecon Sports Club. Away. Won. Brecon 73 for 6.  
Sports Club 72 for 7dec.

3rd June v. West Monmouth. Home. Lost. Brecon 49.  
West Monmouth 51 for 2.

18th June v. Neath. Home. Won. Brecon 69. Neath 57.

25th June v. Maesydderwen. Away. Drawn. Brecon 59 for 7 dec.  
Maesydderwen 37 for 7.

2nd July v. Ystalyfera. Away. Lost (time limit) Brecon 99 for 9.  
Ystalyfera 100 for 2.

7th July v. Builth. Away. Won. Brecon 73 for 7dec. Builth 71.

9th July v. Brynmawr. Home. Lost. Brynmawr 84. Brecon 64.

17th July v. Bridgend. Away. Lost. Brecon 108. Bridgend 114 for 5.

12th July v. Staff. Home. Abandoned (rain). Staff 60 for 3.

| Bowling : | Name          | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-----------|---------------|------|---------|---------|
|           | B. David      | 199  | 28      | 7.1     |
|           | T. Thomas     | 130  | 16      | 8.1     |
|           | G. Curtis     | 155  | 16      | 9.7     |
|           | K. Strangward | 137  | 14      | 10.5    |

| Batting : | Name             | Runs | Completed Innings | Average |
|-----------|------------------|------|-------------------|---------|
|           | J. Davies        | 65   | 5                 | 13.0    |
|           | G. Curtis        | 124  | 10                | 12.4    |
|           | W. T. T. Watkins | 127  | 12                | 10.6    |
|           | B. David         | 123  | 12                | 10.3    |

Colours : Re-Awards—C. G. Curtis, W. T. T. Watkins, T. Thomas, G. Eckley, K. Strangward, A. Jones.

Awards—B. David, R. M. James.

The under 15 Cricket XI did not have a good season, due, possibly to lack of fixtures and practice. However, an earnest effort is being made by the master in charge, Mr. S. Foulkes, to build up a strong side and we feel sure that good results will be obtained.

Record : Played 5, Lost 4, Drawn 1.

21st May v. Cyfarthfa. Home. Lost. Brecon 43. Cyfarthfa 44 for 4

18th June v. Neath. Home. Lost. Brecon 61. Neath 62 for 2.

25th June v. Maesydderwen. Away. Lost. Brecon 41.  
Maesydderwen 42 for 5.

9th July v. Merthyr. Home. Lost. Brecon 53. Merthyr 61.

11th July v. Bridgend. Away. Drawn. Brecon 62 for 9.  
Bridgend 163 for 1 dec.

ROBERT M. JAMES.



## SCHOOL ATHLETICS RESULTS.

The School Sports were held at Penlan Playing Fields on Thursday, 18th May. The weather conditions were ideal for athletics and the standard was very high. Thirteen new records were established and two equalled.

The Mayoress of Brecon (Mrs. J. V. C. Thomas) presented the prizes.

### MINORS

**100 yards.** 1, B. S. Jones (V) ; 2, A. M. Williams (T) ; 3, M. Powell (S).  
Time, 13.5 secs.

**220 yards.** 1, A. M. Williams (T) ; 2, B. S. Jones (V) ; 3, M. Powell (S).  
Time, 31.3 secs.

**House Relay.** 4 x 110 yards. 1, Theophilus ; 2, Vaughan ; 3, Siddons.  
Time, 61.7 secs.

**High Jump.** 1, B. S. Jones (V) ; 2, A. Gancewicz (G) ; 3, J. B. Morgan (T).  
Height, 4ft. 3in. (New record).

**Long Jump.** 1, B. S. Jones (V) ; 2, R. Francis (S) ; 3, A. Hughes (G).  
Distance, 13ft. 7ins. (equals record).

**Cricket Ball.** 1, B. A. Williams (T) ; 2, B. A. McDonough (V) ; 3, W. R. Baily (G) and T. Davies (G). Distance, 125ft 1in.

**Cup Competition.** 1, Vaughan ; 2, Theophilus ; 3, Siddons ; 4, Gam.

### JUNIOR.

**100 yards.** 1, D. B. Jones (V) ; 2, P. Morris (T) ; 3, H. Beavan (T) and M. J. Morrison (V). Time, 12.1 secs.

**220 yards.** 1, D. B. Jones (V) ; 2, H. W. Beavan (T) ; 3, M. J. Morrison (V).  
Time, 28.3 secs.

**75 yards Hurdles.** 1, D. B. Jones (V) ; 2, R. P. Phillips (G) ; 3, K. Meale (V).  
Time, 12.6 secs.

**High Jump.** 1, J. Davies (G) ; 2, D. R. Price (S) ; 3, T. Gillard (G) and R. J. Griffiths (V). Height, 4ft. 5ins.

**Long Jump.** 1, D. B. Jones (V) ; 2, D. W. James (S) ; 3, A. Millichip (G) and H. Beavan (T). Distance, 16ft. 5½ins. (new record)

**Weight.** 1, G. R. Powell (T) ; 2, H. Beavan (T) ; 3, G. T. Williams (S).  
Distance, 37ft. 11½ins.

**Discus.** 1, G. R. Powell (T) ; 2, D. J. Jones (G) ; 3, P. Hudson (V).  
Distance, 83ft. 1in.

**Javelin.** 1, J. Davies (G) ; 2, G. T. Williams (S) ; 3, R. Fantham (T).  
Distance 93ft. 2in.

**Pole Vault.** 1, A. Hodges (S) ; 2, D. J. Price (S) ; 3, R. Herbert (V).  
Height, 6ft 7 in.

**The "G. Davies Cup."** 1, Vaughan ; 2, Theo ; 3, Siddons ; 4, Gam.

### INTER.

**100 yards.** 1, R. J. Adams (T) ; 2, P. S. Jones (G) ; 2, K. J. Price (T).  
Time, 11.2 secs (new record).

**220 yards.** 1, R. J. Adams (T) ; 2, J. B. David (T) ; 3, P. S. Jones (G).  
Time, 25.0 secs.(new record)

**440 yards.** 1, A. W. Poole (S) ; 2, V. G. Jones (T) ; 3, D. R. Isaac (V).  
Time, 58.8 secs.

**880 yards.** 1, D. R. Isaac (V) ; 2, V. G. Jones (T) ; 3, E. G. Davies (V).  
Time, 2 min. 20.3 secs.

**110 yards Hurdles.** 1, K. J. Price (T) ; 2, R. Williams (V) ; 3, T. E. Payne (V).  
Time, 17.6 secs.

**4 x 110 yards Relay.** 1, Vaughan ; 2, Theophilus ; 3, Siddons.  
Time, 53.9 secs.

**Weight.** 1, J. B. David (T) ; 2, H. C. Lewis (G) ; 3, M. G. Davies (T).  
Distance, 37ft. 5½ins.

**Discus.** 1, H. C. Lewis (G) ; 2, P. J. Havard (T) ; 3, M. G. Davies (T).  
Distance, 129ft. 0ins. (new record).

**Javelin.** 1, P. J. Havard (T) ; 2, B. A. Williams (G) ; 3, A. W. Poole (S).  
Distance, 128ft. 0ins.

**Pole Vault.** 1, A. W. Poole (S) ; 2, G. B. Jones (S) ; 3, R. B. Jones (G).  
Height, 10ft. 4ins. (new record).

**Hop, Step and Jump.** 1, R. J. Adams (T) ; 2, G. D. Gittus (S) ; 3, H. C. Lewis (G).  
Distance, 38ft. 0ins. (new record).

**High Jump.** 1, M. A. Rees (S) ; 2, J. Morris (V) and M. Hamley (G).  
Height, 4ft. 6ins.

**Long Jump.** 1, A. Poole (S) ; 2, R. Adams (T) ; 3, G. Gittus (S).  
Distance, 17ft. 8½ins.

**"The E. B. Powell Cup."** 1, Theophilus ; 2, Siddons ; 3, Gam and Vaughan.

### SENIOR.

**100 yards.** 1, D. L. Jones (S) ; 2, P. G. Powell (S) ; 3, J. M. Johnson (T) and J. G. Poole (V). Time, 11.1 secs.

**220 yards.** 1, D. L. Jones (S) ; 2, D. J. Jones (G) ; 3, P. G. Powell (S).  
Time, 25 secs.

**440 yards.** 1, D. J. Jones (G) ; 2, P. G. Powell (S) ; 3, P. C. Price (S).  
Time, 56.7 secs.

**880 yards.** 1, F. J. Charters (S) ; 2, C. W. Wright (T) ; 3, R. A. Bastable (G).  
Time, 2min. 10.7 secs. (new record).

**1 Mile.** 1, F. J. Charters (S) ; 2, C. W. Wright (T) ; 3, W. J. Griffiths (G).  
Time, 5 mins. 8secs.

**120 yards Hurdles.** 1, D. J. Jones (G) ; 2, P. C. Price (S) ; 3, D. J. Peters (G).  
Time 18.1 secs (new record).

**4 x 110 yards Relay.** 1, Siddons ; 2, Theophilus ; 3, Gam.  
Time, 48.4 secs. (new record).

**High Jump.** 1, J. A. O. Davies (S) ; 2, F. J. Charters (S) ; 3, R. P. Day (T).  
Height, 5ft. 3ins. (equals record).

**Long Jump.** 1, D. L. Jones (S) ; 2, J. G. Poole (V) ; 3, B. Hicks (T).  
Distance, 19ft 10½ins. (new record).

**Hop, Step and Jump.** 1, D. L. Jones (S) ; 2, J. G. Poole (V) ; 3, B. Hicks (T).  
Distance, 42ft. 2½ins. (new record).

**Pole Vault.** 1, J. A. O. Davies (S) ; 2, A. C. Watkins (G) ;  
Height, 7ft 6ins.

**Weight.** 1, M. Moon (V) ; 2, K. Strangward (S) ; 3, R. Stroud (T).  
Distance, 38ft 9½ins. (new record).

**Discus.** 1, G. T. Lewis (T) ; 2, R. Stroud (T) ; 3, P. G. Powell (S) ;  
Distance, 95ft. 5ins.

**Javelin.** 1, G. T. Lewis (T) ; 2, G. V. Marston (T) ; 3, M. Moon (V).  
Distance, 115ft 6ins.

**"The Staff Cup."** 1, Siddons ; 2, Theophilus ; 3, Gam.

**The Aggregate Trophy.** "The L. Lewis and Dr. G. Price Cup." 1, Siddons, 423 pts. ; 2, Theophilus, 415 pts. ; 3, Vaughan, 321½pts. ; 4, Gam, 316½ pts.



## WATER.

Now its cold and harshly stinging  
This torrential winter rain,  
Floods and chaos wildly bringing  
Pain and suffering in its train,  
Sad the sight of flooded homesteads,  
Floating treasures sailing by,  
Oh this water pouring, pouring  
Will we never have it dry?

Now is warmer, softer, gentler,  
Pure translucent summer rain,  
Giving life to thirsty flowers,  
Swelling out the golden grain,  
Happy children, splitter, splatter,  
Sea and river echo loud  
To the sweet enchanting chatter  
Of the water-seeking crowd.

Where and Why this water's advent  
Liquid-life, and death, to bring?  
Whence the pattern cut and measured  
Joy and sorrow each to fling?  
We shall never know the reason  
For this interchanging reason plan  
Gales and sunshine, clouds and tempests  
Sent to speed the life of man.

We shall never never fathom  
All the water we are sent,  
All the cleansing and destroying  
Man will welcome or resent,  
But our joy has reached completeness  
When we gaze through cloudy storm  
Seeing there Thy coloured Promise  
Which reflected rainbows form.

## CWRS Y CILGWYN.

gan HANDEL JONES.

YN ystod y deuddeng mis diwethaf bum mor ffodus â gallu mynd i gwrs Cymraeg y chweched dosbarth yn y Cilgwyn, Castell Newydd Emlyn. Y tro cyntaf oedd ar ddiwedd Tymor yr Haf y llynedd, a'r ail dro oedd ail wythnos gwyliau'r Pasg cleni.

Gellir tybio mai symud yn eu cwsgr mae trigolion y dref fechan hwn, symud yn hamddenol fel yr hen afon Teifi sy'n llifo gerllaw i'r dabled a ddenys y man lle argraffwyd y llyfr cyntaf yng Nghymru, gan Isaac Caster yn 1718.

Diwedd mis Gorffennaf y llynedd oedd hi pan gyhaeddais hen blasdy'r Cilgwyn, ynghyd â bechgyn a merched eraill o wahanol ardaloedd y De. Yr oedd yn noson braf, a gallwn edrych ar fryn cyfagos, ar ochr Sir Gar o'r Afon Teifi. Cawsom ein croeshawu gan Mr. Gwynallt Evans, aelod o'r C.B.A.C. (Y Cyd-Bwyllgor Addysg Cymreig), sydd yn adnabyddus fel awdur nifer o sgriptiau radio i'r ysgolion.

Pan oeddem ar ganol swper basus ymunwyd â ni gan gynrychiolwyr y Gogledd. Cawsom amser i gwrdd â'n gilydd, ac wedyn cyflwynwyd ni i'r rhai a oedd i ddarlithio i ni aci'n cyfarwyddo yn ystod yr wythnos. Wele'r enwau adnabyddus:—Mr. Wallis Evans, H.M.I. (beirniad a darlledwr), Dr. Glyn O. Phillips (gwyddonydd enwog a darlledwr), Miss Norah Isaac (athrawes, awdures, beirniad, darlledwr), Mr. John Hughes, H.M.I. (cerddor a beirniad), Miss Menai Williams (awdurdod ar ddawnsio gwerin, ac athrawes), Mr. Elis Gwyn Jones (athro ac arlunydd).

Cawsom wythnos ddiffr, a gwibiodd heibio'n gyflym, ond yn ystod yr amser hwn roedd ein gwybodaeth o arlunio, actio, dawnio gwerin a chanu wedi eangu'n fawr iawn.

Y cwsr eleni a adawodd yr argraff ddyfnaf, beth bynnag. 'Roedd arogl y gwanwyn a naws bywyd newydd o amgylch yr hen blas pan gerddais i fyni'r llwybr caregog. Daeth atgofion melys yn ôl, ond anghofiais y fiwyddyn gynt pan ddeuthum i adnabod "plant newydd y Cilgwyn." 'Roedd yma blant i enwogion Cymru, plant ar ffordd i enwogrwydd eu hunain, a dysgwyr yr iaith, ond nid oedd y gwahaniaeth yn broblem o gwbl; cymysgodd pawb â'i gilydd, ac erbyn diwedd yr wythnos pan adawsom am adre rhwygwyd teulu dedwydd, a cholliwyd dagrau lawer.

Mr. Gwynallt Evans oedd y pennaeth unwaith yn rhagor (nid yw wedi colli cwsr y Cilgwyn oddi ar y dechrau) a'r staff oedd:—Mr. Wallis Evans, eto, Mr. Emrys Jones (darlithydd a darlledwr), Miss Mair Carrington-Jones (athrawes a chyn-ddisgybl o'r Cilgwyn), a Miss Rita Morgan (athrawes ac awdurdod ar ddawnsio gwerin).

Ymunais i a'r grŵp rhyddiaeth, ond gallwn fod wedi ymuno a'r grŵp barddoniaeth, y grŵp llafar, neu'r grŵp drama. Bu pawb yn brysur drwy'r wythnos, a recordiwyd detholiad o'r gwaith.

Ddydd Mawrth aethpwyd ar ymweliad a'r Llyfrgell Genedlaethol, a chael y frain to gwrdd a Mr. R. Bryn Williams, yr awdur Cymraeg o Batagonia. Wrth eu gwaith ymchwil yn y llyfrgell gallwn weld ddau o enwogion y genedl, Syr T. H. Parry-Williams a Mr. T. I. Ellis.

Darlithiau diddorol a gawsom drwy'r wythnos, ac nid oedd wir achos i gwyno unwaith. Edmygwyd dawn yr Athro Henry Lewis (Emeritus) wrth iddo ddarlithio ar "Datblygiad yr Iaith Gymraeg," a chafwyd hiwmor iachus yn narlith Mr. Hugh Bevan ar "Barddoniaeth." Dau o dō ifanc y darlithwyr oedd Mr. E. I. Rowlands (mab Meuryn) a ddarlithiodd ar "Rhyddiaeth," a Mr. J. Gwyn Williams a ddarlithiodd ar "Dylanwad Daearyddiaeth ar Hanes Cymru." Nid oes gwell enw na Gwydion yr Ail i'w ddodi ar y Parch. D. Jacob Davies a sgysiodd ar "Y Storiwr ym mywyd y Cymry."

Dydd Sul aethpwyd i'r capel ddwywaith; yr oedd gwasanaeth yr hwyr o dan ofal aelodau'r Cilgwyn.

Rhannwyd ni'n dri tî—Dewi, Illyd, Cadog, a phan roedd Cadog (roeddw'n i'n aelod ohono) yn ymarfer y côr eisteddodd rhywun ar bibell. Torrodd honno, a chafodd y tenoriaid a'r soprano wlychfa fudr; bws wyf i.



'Roedd Mr. Emyr Jones yng Nghaerdydd o flaen y camerau teledu un noswaith, a phan ddychwelodd tua thri o'r gloch yn y bore darganfu fod ei ddillad wedi daflannu. 'Roedd chwerthin braf yn dod o'r merched yn "nymbar sefn," a thostruasiant wrtho o'i weld yn crynu amser brecwast.

Ymweliad annisgwyladwy oedd ymweliad Mr. Gwyn Williams a Mr. Ifan Isaacs gyda char recordio'r B.B.C. Yn wir, cawsant gymaint o hwyl wrth recordio "Cefnffordd" yn y Cilgwyn oni ddaethant yn ôl y noson honno i'r dawnsio gwerin.

Gallwn sôn am lawer o bethau araill a ddigwyddodd yn y Cilgwyn annwyl, ond rhaid ymatal gan ymbilio ar bawb i fynd i'r Cilgwyn os cânt gyfle; credwch fi, mae'n brofiad byth gofiadwy.

Câf gyfle yma i ddiolch i Bwyllgor Addysg Sir Frycheiniog am roi'r ffrainc hon imi. Heb eu cymorth hwy ni fyddai'r fath beth yn bosibl.

## NI CHLYWAIS FY LLAIS FY HUN.

Gan HANDEL JONES.

'RWY'N siwr fod bron pawb wedi clywed eu llais ar y radio, neu wedi gweld eu llun ar y teledu. Ond nid yw hyn wir amdana i er i mi fwy nag unwaith bron a chael y siawns.

Serch hynny, un diwrnod wedi i un o'm storïau byrion gael ei gwrthod gan y B.B.C. cefais wahoddiad ganddynt i gymeryd rhan mewn rhaglen o'r enw "Am y Gore" ar "Aw'r Plant." Yr oeddwn i a merch o ysgol y Merched i gynrychioli Sir Frycheiniog yn erbyn Sir Forgannwg mewn cystadleuaeth holi ar ein sir ein hunain.

Chwilotaist mewn amryw o lyfrau er mwyn casglu ychydig mwy o hanes yr hen sir nes dyfod diwrnod y gystadleuaeth. Cefais ginio cynnar yn yr ysgol a bu Mr. Dewi Davies (Athro Cymraeg y pryd hwnnw, ond yn awr yn Swyddod Addysg Sir Benfro) mor garedig a'm cludo i a'm cyd-gystadleuydd dros y Bannau i'r Briffddinas.

Chwilio am Park Place a'i gael o'r diwedd gerllaw i'r Brifysgol, mewn lle nad oedd yn edrych fel canolfan darlledu o gwbl. Y tu allan 'roedd ceir adran y newyddion yn barod i wibio i ffrwdd, ac i mewn a ni o'r haul tanllyd i seddi cyfforddus yr ystafell-aros. 'Roedd casgliad rhyfedd yno—actorion, cantorion, a offerynwyr, sgyswyr, a rhelyw cyffelyb, ac yna ni'n tri a thim Morgannwg a ddaeth i mewn yn hwyrach.

'Roedd ymarfer i fod am ddau o'r gloch, ac wrth i ni aros yn amyneddgar daeth Mr. Emrys Cleaver i mewn i ddweud ychydig o eiriau, ac wedyn Mr. Alun Oldfield Davies, y penaeth ei hun. Y tu allan gwelwn Mr. Cliff Morgan yn ei grys agored yn brysio heibio, a chawr o ddyn yn plygu drwy'r drws. Cyflwynodd ei hun fel Mr. T. I. Ellis, holwr y gystadleuaeth, ac fe'u harweiniodd ar hyd llawr o garpedi dyfnion i Stiwdio I. Ystafell oer oedd hon heb yr un ffenestr i'w goleuo. Yn y canol 'roedd bwrdd a meicroffon, ac mewn cornel 'roedd hen biano a welodd well ddyddiau rywbryd, siwr o fod.

Tua hamner awr wedi dau cyrhaeddodd Mr. Ifan O. Williams (ar y pryd yn benaeth "Aw'r Plant") o'r Gogledd a dechreuwyd ar yr ymarfer. 'Roedd y peirianydd y tu mewn i banel gwydr tew, ac wedi esbonio'r rheolau a gosod y meicroffon yn iawn dywedwyd fod gennym seibiant tan saith munud wedi pump.

Cawsom gwpanaid o de yn nghaffe'r B.B.C. Lle 'roedd cewri darlledu Cymru wedi ymgynnull ac yn cael ymgom a'i gilydd. Allan wedyn i'r haul a chael sgwrs gyda Mr. Havard Gregory (trefnydd rhaglenni tramor) ac eraill, ac yn ol i'r ystafell brudd. Gallwn glywed stori'r plant lleiaf yn dyfod dros yr awyr ac yn dirwyn i'w therfyn. Yna'r golau coch a llais Mr. Ifan O. Williams "P'nawn da blant—". Ar ol y cyflwyniad Mr. Ellis yn dweud: "Yn cynrychioli Sir Frycheiniog mae—," a ni'n dweud ein henwau ac enw'r ysgol.

'Roedd Mr. Dewi Davies y tu ol i'r panel gyda'r peiriannydd, ac fel y symudai bysedd y cloc tuag at bum munud i chwech terfya wyd yr ornest, a ni wedi colli o un marc.

Do, clywyd fy llais ar y radio, ond ni chlywais fy llais fy hun.

## VARSITY REPORTS.

### BRISTOL.

D. J. POWELL is the only Old Boy now at Bristol University. He is continuing his study of Veterinary Science and to this end is studying courses in Animal Husbandry, Pathology, Bacteriology and Parasitology. He has taken refuge in the University's newest hall of residence, Churchill Hall, where he strives manfully to uphold the name of Vets. and Welshmen, as to be a member of both communities causes one to be looked upon with grave suspicion. As regards his other activities, during the winter months he continues to "frolic" on the Rugby pitches around Bristol whereas this Term finds him poised elegantly on one of Bristol's less renowned golf courses.

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### LEEDS.

My first year in the Medical School, as opposed to the University, has passed rather rapidly. In my second year in the Medical School I am studying a course in Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry. This is an eighteen months course and terminates in my second professional examination. This exam is the "pons asinorum" of the course—a 40 per cent. failure is regarded as being a good year.

I am still the only person—male or female—who has left Brecon Grammar Schools to come to Leeds, and once again I shall insert here a plug for the University of Leeds.

It is one of the largest of British universities with a student population of 5,000, increasing by about three hundred every year. Its aim is to reach eleven thousand students by 1978. The Science faculty is excellent, and although not qualified to give an opinion on the Arts faculty I gather that our departments of Economics, Modern Languages and Geography are highly rated. This place is not as primitive as some people think. Leeds is well worth coming to and we do exist despite what is thought in some circles.

R. B. WILLIAMS.

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### SWANSEA.

THERE are at present six Old Breconians at Swansea, the four from last year being re-inforced by two "freshers," Barrie Jones and Malcolm Lloyd.

T. A. GWYNNE.—Terry is Brecon's "old stager" at Swansea, as he is in his fourth year. Little is seen of Terry in College because his Teacher's Training Course takes him far afield. However, he tells me that he retains an interest in Chess, Films and Table Tennis.



K. B. ISAAC.—Ken is in his third year and is studying an Honours Degree in Electrical Engineering. The Engineering courses are very comprehensive and exacting, but although Ken is kept busy, he is still a keen member of the engineering society, supports College Debates and occasionally visits the Union.

G. JONES.—Geraint is also in his third year, studying for an Honours Degree in Chemistry. He, too, finds that pressure of work keeps him busy. Yet he still manages to organise the Rugby and Soccer teams in the Chemistry department. He also regularly attends the Saturday night "Hops" in College.

M. P. LLOYD.—Malcolm is in his first year reading Part I English, History and French. This combination requires a great deal of intensive reading. However, Malcolm tells me that he is a keen supporter of the English, French and History Societies. His presence has also been noted at the College "Hops" and Debates. Next year Malcolm hopes to be accepted to study for an Honours Degree in History.

B. JONES.—Barrie is also in his first year, and is studying engineering. He tells me that this is a very fascinating but full-time subject, therefore he has little spare time, but he finds time to attend dances and debates, and is also a very keen supporter of the Engineering Society.

R. S. SAMUEL.—Ron is in his second year, reading Honours History. He retains his interest in sport, turning out regularly for the History department soccer team and the College Athletics team. He is also secretary of the History Society and Assistant Editor of "*Dawn*," the College Magazine.

R. S. SAMUEL.

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#### LONDON.

I am the only Old Boy at Queen Mary College and for the past year I have been taking Honours Maths Part I. My life at Queen Mary College may be divided into two. Firstly the "rugger" season during which "rugger" and . . . seem to occupy my leisure time, and secondly, the Summer term, when I attempted to devote a little time to Maths and to pass the Sessionals. I have now been accepted into Honours Maths Part II.

As for the College, at the moment there are buildings going up, being pulled down, or renovated. And in ten years time it is hoped that Queen Mary College will be one of the most modern in London. The facilities offered will be magnificent and those students thinking of entering university will find Queen Mary College a place worthy of their thoughts.

DAVID POWELL.

#### AMBITION.

Could I but be a member of that throng  
Whose work lives on to inspire much lesser men ;  
Could I but seek to write such thoughts sublime  
That urge men on to noble deeds of faith,  
To write undying music for this world,  
Whose discords, calmed by melting harmonies,  
Resolved beneath the soothing balm of song ;  
And all our nobler, truer, better selves  
That strive unworthily in yearning praise  
Were lifted up before the multitude,  
Inspiring love, and raising worship, so,  
To greater reverence, streaming up to God.

Could I but reach that purest heaven, and be  
To meaner souls some strength in time of woe :  
Enkindle love of virtue, fellow men ;  
Encourage thoughts devoid of hate and spleen ;  
Be the true essence of great joy outspread,  
Uniting men, despite their colour, creed ;  
Then might I join that glorious, heavenly throng  
Whose music is the hope of all mankind.

R. J. W. DAVIES.



## OLD BOY'S ASSOCIATION.

THE eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Cafe Royal, Brecon, on Friday, 3rd March, 1961, with the retiring President in the chair. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Oscar Owen; Vice-President, Mr. David Lewis, M.B.E.; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. A. R. Williams; Honorary Assistant Secretary, Mr. D. G. A. Smith. Mr. E. J. Rowlands was again appointed Honorary Auditor.

The following Committee were duly elected:—Mr. C. Clayton, Mr. G. W. Davies, J.P., Mr. L. S. Davies, Mr. W. B. Hargest, Mr. M. Jenkins, Mr. J. Jones, Mr. W. I. Jones, J.P., Mr. J. King, Mr. E. I. R. Morgan, Mr. E. I. Rowlands, Mr. T. G. Powell, Mr. C. B. Palmer, Mr. E. B. Powell, M.B.E., Ald. F. M. Thomas, Mr. L. R. Williams, Mr. T. G. Winstone. Ex-officio, Mr. A. R. Williams, Mr. W. J. J. Morris.



*This year's President : Mr. Oscar Owen.*

At the first meeting of the Committee, Mr. L. S. Davies was elected Chairman and Mr. M. Jenkins, Vice-Chairman.

The Annual Dinner on 25th March was not so well attended as in previous years though those who were present had a most enjoyable evening with Mr. Oscar Owen in the Chair and Mr. Roger Thomas,

the County Coroner, as the principal speaker. The other guests this year were Councillor J. V. C. Thomas, Mayor of Brecon, Mr. H. C. Jones, the ex-Secretary, and the Deputy Head Boy, R. M. James.

As usual, the football matches against the School proved exciting and enjoyable occasions, but the annual cricket match was rained off.

For the Annual Rugby Football match at the end of the Autumn term, the Old Boys fielded a complete side without Staff assistance for the first time and won an interesting game by 8 pts. to 6 pts.

For the annual Association Football match at the end of the Spring term of this year the Old Boys were so hard put to it to complete a team that the veteran Secretary of the Association had to be pressed into service on the right wing. The Old Boys nevertheless won a very enjoyable game.

At the end of the year the total membership of the Association was 232. It is a matter for some disappointment that while some 650 Old Boys were listed on the original register, only some 430 of these have maintained membership at some time or other over the past ten years, while some 200 have allowed their membership to lapse. It has not been considered an economic proposition to send reminders to annual subscribers and members are asked once again to give what assistance they can in improving the rate of renewals.

The Association Tie is still available at Messrs. Watts, Bulwark, Brecon, who report that little interest has recently been shown in this attractive hard-wearing symbol of membership. It is now possible to obtain the tie for 16/5, post free, from Messrs. Watts, and it is hoped that advantage will be taken of their co-operation in this matter.

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## PERSONAL.

We extend our congratulations to :—

Police Cadet R. G. Brown, of Crompton House, Hay, on his engagement to Miss Cynthia Walker, of Clyro.

Mr. Beresford Davies, of The Struet, Brecon, on his marriage to Miss Patricia Thompson, of Kaitaia, New Zealand.

Mr. Kenneth William Havard, of Brecon, formerly of "*The Brecon and Radnor Express*," on his marriage to Miss Felicity Ann Crossley, of Wesselsnek, Natal.

Mr. Anthony Hepton, late of The Gardens, Wernfawr, Talgarth, on his marriage to Miss Estelle Mae Young, of New York.

Mr. W. M. Peters on his marriage to Miss Gloria E. Lewis.

Mr. David Rees, 36 Adelaide Gardens, on his marriage to Miss Ann Jeanette Smith, of Worcester.



Mr. B. T. Williams, of Mount Street, Brecon, on his marriage to Miss Anne Barnes, of Talybont.

Mr. David Davies, of Manchester House, Crickhowell, on his marriage to Miss Ann Mayler Griffiths, of Goodrich, Pembrokeshire.

Mr. Gareth Davies, of Slwch House, Bronllys, on his engagement to Miss Margaret Potts, of Talybont.

Mr. P. C. Mogg, of London House, Crickhowell, on his engagement to Miss Joyce Francis, of Tretower.

Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Angell on the birth of a son, Robert Hugh (25/7/60).

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas, on the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Rosemary (13/7/60).

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. K. Thomas, on the birth of a son, John Clayton (10/6/60).

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Williams, on the birth of a daughter Susannah Elizabeth (21/1/61).

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Morris, on the birth of a daughter, Susan Margaret (26/6/61).

Mr. Roger Williams, of Pregge Farm, Crickhowell, on passing Part I Intermediate of the Chartered Auctioneers' Institute.

Mr. Eric David Abel, of 18 St. David's Road, Huxtable, Kent on becoming an Associate Member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Mr. Geraint Jones on a First Class Honours Degree in Chemistry.

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#### IN MEMORIAM.

Alderman Garnet Morris, of Manest Court Farm, nr. Brecon.

Mr. John Roderick, of Nantybeidy, Cray.

Mr. Alan Charles Rudge, of Cardiff.

Mr. John Stroud, of Llanfaes, Brecon.

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