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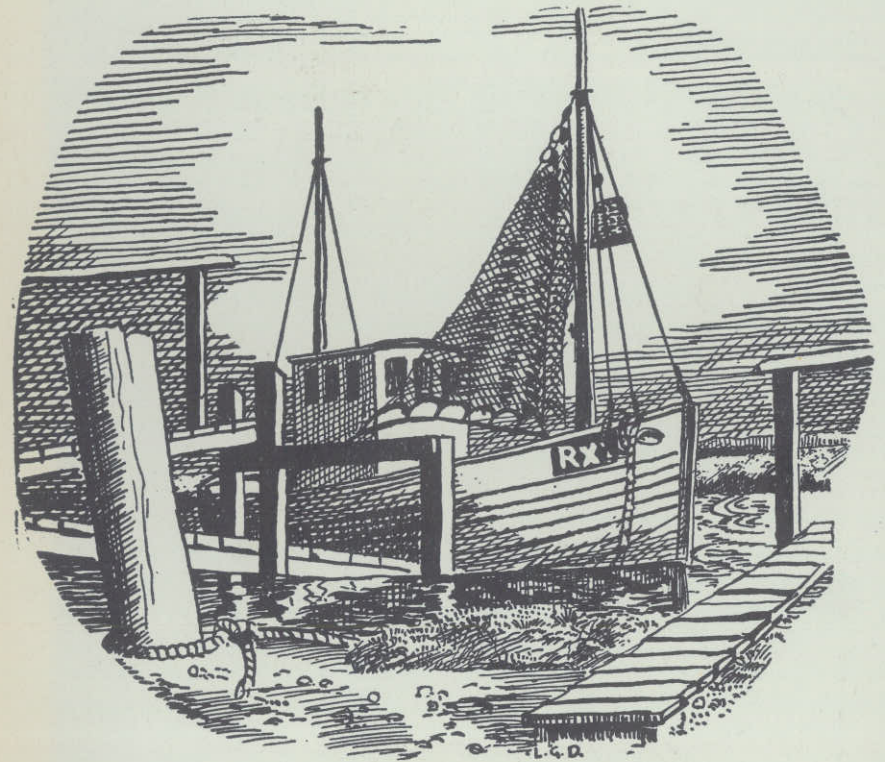
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EDITORIAL

We are beginning to learn how to spend our leisure time. We are struggling with some interest in culture, if I may use a word that in recent years has suffered some debasement. Art, drama, music, social studies and literature are all now actively pursued at this School. I say "actively" pursued, for the essence of any true culture is surely participation and not onlooking. Play-acting is now a clear tradition and music successfully occupies an important part of our School life. The exhibition of children's art, covering some five years, gave a good indication of our abilities in that field. Our Fifth Forms often think—I do not always know to what purpose, but certainly the Debating Society emerged from their thoughts—and regularly our pupils go on educational visits, which are a distinctive feature of our education. We have a range of clubs and societies covering many hobbies and pastimes. Our new library is well stocked and well used.

I must, however, express the warning that this tendency is weak against implacable and dark enemies. I am writing now more for parents and adult readers. I refer to the dubious television broadcasts, to those films which may only be described as trash, to the vacuity of the popular song, to that poisonous scurrility which is to be found in some journalism, publishing and advertising. Constant exposure to these influences, almost unavoidable under modern social conditions, starves and distorts the probing intellect and seeking mind. Parents—and teachers—must use a remorseless vigilance against these evils.

We are much indebted to our Business Manager, Mrs. Rogerson, who does so much for us. Mr. H. Evans is our new Sales Manager, and we offer him our best wishes for success. Our grateful thanks are also due to those many members of Staff and pupils who have assisted in the production of this publication.

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G.W.B.

FLOREAT ELEVEN PLUS

I suppose that after the slogan 'Ban the Bomb', the cry 'Abolish the Eleven Plus' is one of the most popular catch-phrases of our time. Like so many slogans, it is designed to excite popular emotion rather than to relate to fact or need, and I am disturbed to find that the much-maligned 'Eleven Plus' is to become a platform for political controversy at the next General Election and that radio, press and television seem eager to comment disparagingly on the work of the Secondary Modern schools. Education, if it is to fulfil its purpose, must remain well clear of political manoeuvre, vote-catching appeal and sensationalism.

We hear so often of the misery and frustration caused by the Secondary school selection procedure, but to those of us most closely connected with its 'victims' there is remarkable little evidence that this is true. Certainly there is no need for this to be so. Over the last 10 years the Secondary Modern schools have proved conclusively that selection for this type of education provides no barriers to progress, happiness and a successful career. The impressive record of success in the G.C.E. and other examinations comparing favourably with that of other types of Secondary school; the long list of ex-pupils entering various professions or engaged in advanced work in Grammar School 6th Forms, Technical Colleges and Universities; the increasing sense of dignity and self-respect in our pupils encouraged by vigorous experimental work; the special provisions made for all children whatever their ability; all these make of our Secondary Modern schools alert and progressive educational institutions of vital importance to the well-being of our country and its future citizens.

To attempt to replace them in an effort to equate the many different types of ability which exist, or to pander to a vociferous minority who regard Secondary school selection as a measure of their own social status, is to risk doing irreparable damage to an educational system which is, rightly, the envy of the civilised world.

The 1944 Education Act, the most important piece of legislation of the 20th Century, laid down a charter of equal dignity, status and esteem for schools of all types. Secondary Modern schools throughout the country, in partnership with the Grammar and Technical schools are actively and successfully making a reality of this splendid concept.

Secondary school selection procedure, the 'eleven plus,' whose only object is to fit round pegs into round holes, to provide the type of educational approach most suited to the individual child and so help him to receive the greatest possible benefit from his education, plays an essential part in the realisation of our aims. Long may it flourish!

R.S.R.

SCHOOL EVENTS 1962-1963

Summer Term

25th June—Lecture on careers in Agriculture by a lecturer from the East Sussex School of Agriculture.

5th July—Lecturer from Elizabeth Arden Ltd., gave a lecture to senior girls on the art of make-up.

9th July—A blind lecturer gave an interesting talk on the work of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

14th July—Talk by Commander Thompson, R.N., entitled "The Historical Background of Tomorrow"

15th July—Lecture sponsored by the Commonwealth Institute entitled "Uganda—A multi-racial Society"

19th July—School visit to Boulogne.

24th July—Second Annual Inter-House Swimming Sports

24th July—School Open evening.

At the end of the term we were all sorry to say goodbye to Miss Welsh, our Deputy Head, and also to Mrs. Roberts, who taught the junior forms of the School.

Autumn Term.

We were very glad to welcome Miss Chapman, our new Deputy Head, who has taken over responsibility for girls' welfare, needlework, and the post of Careers Mistress.

We also welcome to the staff, Mr. D. Pugh, who will be with us for a year before going on to Training College, as Mr. P. Mitchell, Jnr. and Mr. A. Philpott, who were with us last year, have now done.

Examination Results

The Headmaster announced that these were pleasing. In G.C.E. 29 out of 30 pupils gained certificates and the average number of passes was 4 subjects per candidate over the year. As a result of this examination, 9 pupils transferred to 6th form of Rye Grammar School, and 3 have been awarded places at Beckenham College of Art—10 out of 14 candidates who entered for the Secondary School Certificate were awarded full certificates, and of those who were not, one passed in six subjects and another four. Nine girls were entered for the Introductory Commercial Certificate examination of the Union of Educational Institutions and eight were successful. All the girls who entered for the East Sussex County Nursing Association's Child Care Certificate, were successful.

12th October—Reunion meeting of the Foreign Travel Club.

3rd October—Harvest Festival Service. 130 large bags of provisions were distributed to the old folks and sick in Rye and the surrounding villages.

October—A cheque for £92 was presented by the Head Girl, Jean Sherwood, for the National Children's Homes at the Festival of Queens held at the White Rock Pavilion in Hastings.

9th November—Service of Remembrance.

28th November—Annual Prizegiving. Prizes were presented by Colonel F. Spencer-Chapman, the well-known author and Warden of the Pestalozzi Children's Village.

13th & 14th December—The School Dramatic Society presented Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan".

18th December—The Carol Service at St. Mary's Church, Rye.

18th December—The Fifth Form Dance.

This term, the experimental course "Learning to Live" was successfully launched under the guidance of the Headmaster and Mr. A. Tookey, the Head of the Mathematics Department.

Spring Term.

We were pleased to welcome to the Staff Mr. K. Walton, who is teaching History and English, and is also helping with boys' Games. We were delighted to welcome back Miss Bottle after her long illness **The School Library.** This was opened this term and is housed in the Hall foyer.

11th March—The School successfully entered a number of children in the Hastings Music Festival.

11th February—The School entered a team in the "Full Marks" competition, organised by Southern Television, but lost by 42 points to 50.

March 7th and February 7th—A team representing the School competed in the Civics competition organised by N.A.L.G.O. and was successful in the first round, but was defeated in the second round, by 2 points.

It was with regret that we learned that Mrs. Nicolle was leaving the district and would leave at the end of term.

News of former pupils.

Helen Griffin, who was transferred to 6th Form of Rye Grammar School, has been successful in both the Advanced Level examinations taken, and is now at Avery Hill Teachers' Training College.

Barry Kirby, who was our Head Boy last year and who obtained a total of 7 G.C.E. subjects, has now been awarded a Royal Navy Cadetship at Dartmouth. He is at present in the 6th form at Rye Grammar School.

George Hickmott, who left school three years ago, is now at Brighton Technical College studying for his Diploma in Advanced Technology.

Harry Simpson is riding for Gosden's Stables of Lewes, and has just ridden his third winner.

Margaret Blundell is still at Beckenham College of Art and is taking her final examination this year.

Jane Davis is now the Deputy Head Girl at Rye Grammar School.

Colin Cooke is articulated as a Quantity Surveyor to the firm of Gardiner and Theobald.

PRIZEGIVING

Prize Day, one of the most important events of the School Year, was held in the Hall on Wednesday, 28th November, 1962.

The Chairman was Brigadier H. P. Gardham, who is also the Chairman of the School Governors and a member of the East Sussex Education Committee. He began by speaking humorously to the pupils, staff and guests assembled before him.

The Headmaster's report followed this. Mr. Rothwell spoke mainly about School events and the achievements of his pupils.

The Recorder group entertained the audience after the Headmaster's report. It is trained by Mrs. Evans.

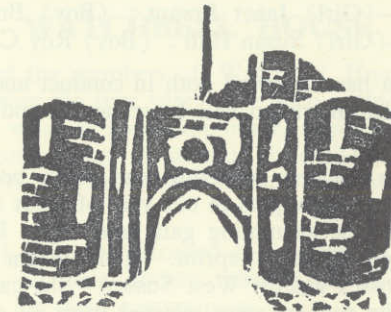
The prizes were presented by Colonel F. Spencer Chapman, D.S.O. He spoke about the need to be adventurous and the need for character training. He said this was of more importance than being good at School work, and illustrated this by his own experience. The Head Boy, Robert de Steiger, very ably proposed a vote of thanks to Brigadier Gardham for acting as Chairman.

The Head Girl, Jean Sherwood, with equal ability, proposed a vote of thanks to Colonel Spencer-Chapman for so kindly giving the prizes, and presented a bouquet to the Mayoress, Mrs. Reynolds.

The afternoon ended by the singing of the School hymn "God be in my Head" and the National Anthem.

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HOUSE REPORTS



LANDGATE HOUSE

Landgate had another most successful year in 1961/62, winning The Good Conduct Shield and coming a very close second in the competition for School Work. In the various athletic competitions, we were also very successful, coming first in Football and Cross Country, and most convincingly first in Athletics—the first time we

have done so since 1954. It is a curious fact that whereas for many years all Landgate's sporting successes came from the girls of the House, the boys are now the more successful athletes. The one sport where we failed disastrously, was swimming.

This was the first year in which House swimming competitions were held and Landgate was doomed to bottom place before the gala even began, because it failed to enter sufficient competitors for the preliminary heats. Every swimmer who entered for these, scored a point for his house, however badly he swam, but for some unaccountable reason, Landgate swimmers did not do this, and on the day of the gala we were already 100 points behind all the other houses. This must not happen in 1963.

G.S.S.



LION HOUSE

House Mistresses—Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Tookey
House Masters—Mr. Dorman, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Tookey
House Captains—(Girl) Janet Bryant ; (Boy) Brian Dennis
Sports Captain—(Girl) Susan Hall ; (Boy) Roy Clarke

This year Lion has improved both in conduct and effort, and it is hoped that our determination will be rewarded and that we shall be near the top.

Girls' sport was not very good this year, partly because the weather did not help. Two highlights in our year of sport are that we had a convincing win in the swimming gala, and Alma Peckham won the East Sussex hundred yards sprint. This meant that she would represent East Sussex against West Sussex. She came fourth, which is excellent, as the runners were selected from all over Sussex. We would like to thank Alma for her hard work and are very sorry to hear that she has left our School.

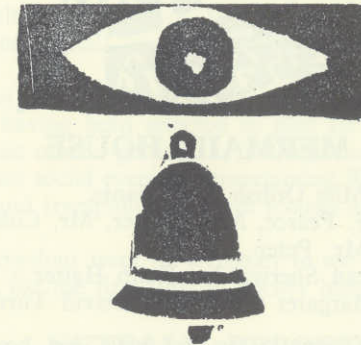
Our netball last year was a great improvement. Our junior Netball team won its matches and the senior team tied for first place with Landgate. The only disappointment was that the second year netball team came fourth.

At hockey we did not do so well and both the second and third year teams came third. We would like to thank Jennifer Carr, last year's sports captain, for the hard work she put in for the House.

On the other hand the boys' sport has progressed well, and the seniors won the cricket trophy, thanks to the good play of Roy Clarke and Robert Scott. Our House Captain, Brian Dennis, played for East Sussex against West Sussex and was consequently selected to play for all Sussex. Our weakness was in the senior football competition, where we came fourth. The juniors put the seniors to shame and well deserved to come second, thanks to a determined effort by John Osborne. Rugby and Basketball House matches have not yet been played, but we hope for good results.

Lastly we would like to thank the members of Lion House for all their hard work.

Brian Dennis—Form 4G



WATCHBELL HOUSE

The conduct of the members of Watchbell House has improved tremendously during the past year. We once again topped the effort competition, but what is more important, stepped from the bottom of the conduct competition to second place. This feat was helped greatly by the girls, who only collected three conduct cards throughout the year.

The Watchbell girls also excelled themselves on the Sports field. The seniors won all their hockey matches as well as their netball, winning the cups for these competitions.

The girls would like to thank Miss Scogings and Mr. Pearce for umpiring. The junior girls must also be congratulated on winning the netball championship.

The boys had a less successful season. They came second in the cricket championship, but lost all three games in the football competition. The juniors upheld the dignity of the House by winning

two of their three soccer games. The seniors also lost their rugby matches and only one of their basketball games. Although they were on the losing side many times, team spirit and sportsmanship were always present.

Vivien Griffin, James Wilson, Keith Fitzhugh,
Janet Beeching (Sports and House Captains)



MERMAID HOUSE

House Mistresses—Miss Ordish, Mrs. Banks

House Masters—Mr. Pearce, Mr. Blacker, Mr. Cole, Mr. Downs,
Mr. Peter

House Captains—Jean Sherwood ; Keith Hatter

Sports Captains—Margaret Oxenham ; David Turner.

This year, we are sorry to say, we have not been so successful, losing both hockey and stoolball cups. Although the standard of hockey was high, we were unlucky not to win, and must be content with second place.

Swimming, however, has been better, and we were third in the gala. The swimming was considered to be very good and Lynn Crosbie is to be congratulated on winning the junior girl's cup. Sports Day again found Mermaid in third place, after some exciting and well fought events. The boys lost the football cup this year, finding themselves in second position.

However, the house conduct has improved, and last term we rose from the bottom of the table to third position. We hope this improvement will be maintained, as we feel that we should be the rightful winners of this competition.

We would like to thank the House Teachers who gave up much of their time to support and encourage the teams.

Jean Sherwood and Margaret Oxenham, 5GZ

GAMES AND SPORTS

HOCKEY REPORT

Hockey Teams Played 31, won 25, lost 4, drawn 1

Again we have had a very successful season due to the enthusiasm and keen practice put in by our teams. They have played in three tournaments and once again won the Woodlands Hockey Cup. Our 1st XI remained unbeaten until their last match, when they met Hythe County and, playing without their captain, were beaten by a team at the peak of its form. They later went on to take the Southlands Hockey Shield from us, which we have held for the last two seasons.

This year we have widened our fixture list and have played matches against Ratton, Hythe, Hastings High School and Bexhill Grammar School, and to our delight, not only did we hold our own against the Grammar Schools but actually had outstanding victories, winning 6—0 and 5—0. We ran a 1st XI, 2nd XI, 3rd Year XI and two 2nd year XI's, and although some of these teams did not have many fixtures due to the "Small Ice Age" after Christmas, this did not kill their keenness.

Four girls went to the County Trials, and Margaret Oxenham joins Judy Breeds in having been selected to play for Junior East Sussex. Vivien Griffin just missed getting in, but was chosen as reserve.

We also ran two social evenings, entertaining Woodlands and Hythe to matches, tea and trampolining. Both schools are now saving up for a trampoline.

A party of forty-four went to Wembley to see England defeated by the Welsh team, for the first time in hockey history.

NETBALL REPORT

Netball Teams Played 32, won 14, lost 17, drawn 1

Although not a success story in terms of matches won, this is a story of our players fighting hard against superior teams, and never losing that keen sense of enjoyment which comes from a hard match won or lost. Several of the matches which went against us were very even and keenly contested, with only one or two goals difference in the final score. The senior teams suffer greatly from lack of team practice, as they are also members of the hockey teams. Practice is carried out during the dinner hour and there is just not enough time for us to attain a high standard in both these sports.

A remark overheard at the Hastings Netball Tournament sums up our attitude and team spirit—"There's one thing about those Rye girls, they may be losing, but they really enjoy their games and never give up." After all, that is why we play, although it is good to be on the winning side sometimes, as our 1st Year netball team found out when they beat "The Queens of Netball" (Bexhill Downs) 8—1.

Our Roving Reporter (J.R.S.—Ed.)

SCHOOL SENIOR RUGBY XV

It was expected that this year's rugby football team would do better than last year's, as the players were more experienced. However, the bad weather caused many games to be cancelled, leaving us with only six fixtures.

Our first game was against Bexhill Downs School. This was a most enjoyable match. We drew, and would have won, but for the conversion of a penalty in the closing minutes of the game. We lost our second game against our most formidable opponents, Claverham Secondary School.

In the other matches, we won against St. Richards, lost to Bexhill Downs in our second match against them, and lost by a considerable margin in our second match against Claverham. We lost our last match against Hailsham.

Our lack of success was probably because the service from the scrum to the three quarters was not good, and secondly the loss of our two "star" players, Colin Cooke and Clive Pope, was not replaced by other outstanding players. Tackling was weak to begin with, but improved considerably towards the end of the season.

Brian Dennis, our left wing, was picked to play for East Sussex last year, and after one game was chosen to play for Sussex. He has not yet played, due again to bad weather, but this is indeed a great honour for him and the School.

There were no other really outstanding players, but the whole team played well, and enjoyed every game.

The following played for the School:
J. Brewster (captain), B. Dennis, D. Foy, C. McLean, T. Unicombe, M. Hall, G. Cooke, R. De Steiger, K. Datchler, D. Wyatt, T. Soane, D. Morgan, G. Tolofsen, D. Turner, J. Hickman, P. Giles, D. James, C. Godden, R. Young.

Martin Hall, Form 5GY

SCHOOL FOOTBALL REPORT (Senior)

This year the team has played some good football, but the results of the matches were not as good as one would expect. The forwards were small and this did not help matters, although they positioned themselves well and passed accurately. The defence had signs of weakness but was held together well by the captain, L. Swann, who played at left back.

During the season the team played eleven matches, of which they won four, drew one, and lost six.

The boys who received colours were: L. Swann, G. Ewart and M. Baddeley.

The others who represented the School were: B. Goodsell, A. Gray, A. Wilson, D. Turner, R. Playford, M. James, P. Harrod, C. Cooke, G. Williams, G. Spooner, T. Unicombe, R. Clarke, P. Oliver, K. Fitzhugh.

Michael Baddeley, Form 4U

JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT

Although we have not won a game this year, there were several occasions when we deserved to win. The defence saved us from heavier defeats, but the attack did not shoot accurately. In the mid-field, the play lacked spirit after losing the first three games.

The following represented the School: Tolhurst, Webb, Wilson, Button, Redman, Mitchell, Blackman, Reeve, Crosbie, Jones, P. Wilson, Warne, Human, Evans, Osborne (Captain).

John Osborne, Form 2B

CRICKET REPORT

Although there was a great deal of confidence among the team at the beginning of last season, we did not meet with the success we expected. We only won two matches, drawing three and losing four.

The outstanding features of the season were the figures of six for twelve in five overs, obtained by spinner, D. Thorne, and the match winning innings of forty six by C. Pope, our captain. Those two outstanding efforts aided us to our first win of the season over our near neighbours Robertsbridge.

Paul Oliver is to be congratulated on his success in the county games. After only one game for East Sussex, in which he scored thirty two, he was chosen to play for the whole of Sussex against Surrey.

Graham Ewart, a new member of the team, gave creditable displays as a fast medium bowler, and the consistent pace attack of R. Clarke saved us from defeat on many occasions.

This coming year we have an extremely promising team, consisting of experience and up-and-coming brilliance. We are eagerly looking forward to a successful season.

Those who represented the School last season were:
C. Pope (Captain), K. Fitzhugh, P. Oliver, R. Scott, B. Kirby, G. Ewart, M. Tree, B. Goodsell, D. Thorne, M. Baddeley, R. Clarke, R. Young, C. Cooke, P. Harrod.

Keith Fitzhugh, Form 5GY

SCHOOL INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY RACE

This annual event took place on 8th April, and as usual, every boy who was fit took part.

The Juniors ran first and everybody came out to watch the start. At the mid-way point Seymour was first. Eventually the race was won by Reeve of Landgate. J. Osborne of Lion was a close second, and T. Blackman, also of Lion, was third. The time taken in the Junior race was 19 minutes 26 seconds.

The Seniors appeared in an impressive array of colour and H. Wood of Watchbell soon went into the lead. He was overtaken by Jarrett at the mid-way point. It was a rather surprising finish with B. Goodsell of Mermaid first, G. Williams of Landgate close behind in second place and third, B. Hall of Mermaid. The time for the Senior race was 22 minutes 50 seconds.

In cross country racing I am always intrigued by the funnel into which the competitors are forced at the end of the race, and the fact that the House with the least number of points wins.

The final results were :

1st	Landgate	390 points
2nd	Watchbell	394 points
3rd	Mermaid	470 points
4th	Lion	544 points

Jill Brett, Form 5GY

SPORTS DAY 1962

Sports Day, 1962, had perfect weather conditions for the events. The supporters provided much encouragement and enthusiasm for their teams. The scores mounted up rapidly and Mermaid soon took the lead.

Different events were going on at the same time, the gun going off at every few minutes, with stop-watches being used all the time. It must take a great deal of thought and planning to get so many events into the day and on time.

Several records were broken. One in particular was broken by Alma Peckham who ran the Third Year Girls' 100 yards in 12.8 secs.

After some exciting and well fought events, Landgate went ahead, and at the end of the afternoon the final score was:

1st	Landgate
2nd	Watchbell
3rd	Mermaid
4th	Lion

The shield was presented by Mr. R. V. Dawes, former headmaster of East Grinstead Grammar School, who at one time taught Mr. Rothwell.

The following were the individual cup winners:

Senior Girl—Diana Killick
Junior Girl—Gay Breeds
Senior Boy—Clive Pope
Junior Boy—Martin Caree

Jean Sherwood, Form 5GY

History of Rye County Secondary School

In telling the story in greatly shortened form, the main problem is what to leave out—for the old Log Books (the obvious source for the early history) are packed with a mass of detail, much of very great interest. The school will celebrate its Centenary in eleven years time, for the old "Board Schools of Rye were opened on June 8th, 1874, for purposes of Education".

The first Headmaster of the Boys' Department was Mr. Wm. Landon, and his wife Mrs. Landon was in charge of the Girls. At the end of the first day the numbers on roll were 18 boys and 22 girls and infants. There were neither books nor apparatus, for as the Log Book states "Stanford of Charing Cross had neglected to forward the goods ordered." The statement goes on: "The children are very undisciplined and very ignorant, the majority not knowing even their alphabet, most have never been at school before, except for a few at Dame Schools". The boys were housed in the old school in Mermaid Street (now used as a Boys' Club), and the girls and infants in the Lion Street School, now used as the Further Education Centre and Library.

A striking entry shows that no child could be admitted who "had been convicted before any Magistrate". Reminiscent of "Oliver Twist," several came from the old Workhouse on Rye Hill now called "Hill House." They were paid for by the Guardians.

In 1876 there was a new Headmaster, Mr. Thomas Gould, and his wife Mrs. Gould became Head of the Girls.

In those early days the amount of money available (including part of the Headmaster's salary!) depended on an all important **annual** examination by H.M. Inspector, and if any subject was not—in his opinion—satisfactorily taught, he found himself, regretfully of course, unable to recommend payments of grant under Article 19a of the Education Act.

The Staff of the Boys' School in 1879, consisted of the Headmaster, one Assistant Master (ex Pupil Teacher) and two Pupil Teachers!

Attendance was extremely bad and one entry struck a triumphant note: "Highest weekly average yet recorded 170.6, attendance during the week being **unaccountably** regular."

Epidemics of Diphtheria, Measles and Scarletina frequently closed the Schools.

A fact not often remembered is that in these days, in fact until the end of the 19th Century, children attending school had to pay fees. Frequently some had to be sent home for them—often these "failed to return". Their names were entered.

Summary justice was often meted out—"Fred Bennett stole a penny from Wm. Bailey. As this was a second offence I punished him with 2 cuts on the hand and 5 on the posterior".

Although it does still occur, it is somewhat unusual for the Headmaster of the Secondary Modern type of school to become Head of the Grammar School. In 1886, Mr. Joseph Molyneux Jenkins was appointed Head of the Board School. He afterwards became Head of Rye Grammar School and incidentally, was also Mayor of Rye.

A striking commentary of the poverty of the latter part of the 19th Century was the opening of a "Corporation Soup Kitchen" in Rye. Children attending for soup were given leave to arrive late at school.

There seems to have been a close link between the Church and the School, especially on August 18th, 1892 when the Vicar of Rye was married and to celebrate the occasion he treated all of the children in the Boys' and Girls' school to Sangers Circus on the Town Salts!

A Mr. G. Rubic became Head in 1896 and in 1899 there is a sad entry in the Log that "Mr. Rubic died suddenly of heart disease".

The new Headmaster was Mr. W. S. Walker, well known to many of the older inhabitants of Rye, his daughter (Mrs. Bodilly), who was also a teacher, is still living in Rye.

Very exciting times for the children came with the Boer War and the relief of the besieged towns of Ladysmith and Mafeking, (where the first Chief Scout held out against the Boers for so long).

We must move on quickly to the days of the First World War—when owing to the great shortage of men teachers, the Vicar of Rye Harbour, Mr. G. Haydn Evans, was appointed as Assistant Master to the Boys' School, and the children helped the War Fund by gathering blackberries—one entry is for 224 lb.

In April 1922 the School War Memorial was fixed in the position it is now, outside the Headmaster's Room, though rather difficult to read owing to poor light.

In August, 1923, Mr. Walker retired and Mr. Roland Roberts was given the post as his successor, followed in 1928 by Mr. Charles Russell who was in charge when the new Senior School in New Road was opened in 1933. Shortage of equipment was again the complaint, and conditions were difficult for some time. Of the original Staff, only Mr. Holmes the Head of the Woodwork and Metalwork Department, remains.

In 1936, Mr. A. W. Blackman was appointed Headmaster in place of Mr. Russell, who took charge of Hailsham Senior School.

An important point was the formation of School Houses, these being named after the famous streets of Rye, Lion, Mermaid, Watchbell and Landgate. It was in this year, 1936, that Rye Evening Institute first came into being and with the exception of the War Years, has continued to function successfully ever since.

On May 10th, 1937, the first crowning of the May Queen with its accompaniment of Country and Maypole Dancing was held—Miss Oyler and Mrs. Relf being responsible for the costumes and dancing.

In Sport the School did well, in 1938 the Boys winning the final of the East Sussex Schools' Cricket League, beating East Grinstead by an innings and 12 runs.

In July of this year the School Farm was started with Mr. Charles Catt at Y.F.C. Leader, greatly assisted by Mr. Holmes.

The greatest upheaval in the School's history was when on August 31st, 1939, the Staff were recalled from holiday by telegram on the threat of war with Germany—which actually started on September 3rd. The Headmaster and Staff assisted with the reception of many children evacuated from London. The old schools in Mermaid Street and Lion Street were used again for them, and some were taught in the Senior School.

The Evening Institute carried on during the winter of 1939, the School building having been blacked out against air raids.

On December 12th, 1939, the new Junior School in Ferry Road was occupied by the children under Headmaster, Mr. Barnden.

A very important decision had to be made by the children attending the Rye Schools on July 20th, 1940, when they were offered evacuation to Bedford, as conditions were getting very dangerous along the S.E. coast. Very few accepted the offer, only 43 from Rye and 26 from the contributory schools. This meant that the remaining children had to be accommodated in the contributory schools as the Senior School was being taken over by the Military. Senior groups were formed in Guestling, Icklesham, Winchelsea, Playden, Iden, Peasmarsh and Udimore. The Headmaster spent about two months in lorries taking furniture, books and equipment to these schools and was given an auto cycle to visit the groups. The school farm was set up at Guestling in 1941 in the field opposite the school, the Stock being chicken, ducks, rabbits and bees.

In 1942 the school was handed back by the Military and promptly taken over by the Royal Navy who called it H.M.S. Haig—a relic of that time is the school bell—mounted on a metal frame, which was used by the Navy for the time.

In 1943, the Junior School was attacked by enemy planes with heavy machine gun fire. Luckily most of the children were out of the building, but one child and her mother were hit just outside the school, the girl being shot through the liver, but she subsequently recovered. In February, two bombs dropped just outside the Junior School (which now also had a senior group). Extensive damage was done to the rear of the School.

In 1944, there was much enemy activity in the Rye Area and alerts were very frequent, one lasted for 11½ hours—when the children had to go to the shelters. One bomb dropped in the river near the Senior School, blowing out many windows, but the Navy soon repaired that.

At last on January 10th, 1945, the Navy handed back the School. It took some time to prepare for school use but on March 12th, it was reopened officially and gradually all of the equipment sent out to the contributory schools was collected again. The closure had been for nearly 5 years.

The School Canteen, which had been closed of course, was reopened under Miss Ward and Miss Molyneux. Meals were cooked in the room now used as a Medical Room and were eaten in the classrooms. In August, the school was given 2 days holiday in celebration of the end of the war with Japan (VJ days).

The Evening Institute was reopened and in 1946, when Mr. Holmes returned, he again took charge of the Woodwork and Metalwork and became the Y.F.C. Leader.

An item of interest, in view of the new Swimming Pool—on May 2nd, 1947, the first class went to the White Rock Baths, Hastings for swimming instruction. Also on June 2nd, the first school camp was organised by Mr. Huxstep at Pett Level.

Numbers were now increasing rapidly, partly due to the raising of the school leaving age to 15, and the first "Prefab" classroom was erected in September, 1947 and the present Canteen was put into use.

In 1948, children from Northiam and Beckley were first admitted to the School and, as a contrast to the present stage in the Hall, a Christmas Show was staged in the big classroom—an elaborate stage was erected by the boys under Mr. Holmes, with full lighting effects, the back cloth, wings, etc., being made and painted by the Art Classes under Miss Jenkins.

A further step in the School's progress was the holding of the first School Speech Day in 1950. As we had no Hall, we made use of the Regent Cinema in Cinque Ports Street. We continued to use this building for Speech Days until the School Hall was built (1957).

Great alarm was felt in Rye in 1952 caused by an outbreak of Poliomyelitis, one of the first to be affected being our Mr. Holmes, who was crippled by paralysis and who eventually put himself on his feet again by sheer will power.

In 1953, the School May Festival was revived, the last being in 1939, by popular Deputy Head, Miss Welsh, who gave to the dancing a Scottish flavour.

September of this year saw the building of new permanent classrooms, these being erected over the flat roofs originally over the Domestic Science and Craft Rooms and over the Girls' and Boys' cloakrooms.

In 1957, two new Medway classrooms were taken into use and eased the strained accommodation problem very considerably. Also in this year, the first Annual Speech Day was held in the newly built School Hall.

After teaching for 52 years, Mr. Blackman retired in 1958 and at the Speech Day received presentations from the Staff, Scholars, Old Scholars, Governors and Young Farmers' Club members.

His place was taken by your present Head, Mr. Rothwell, who has done so much for the school and who will write to bring the Story of Rye Secondary Modern School completely up to date.

(Written by A. W. Blackman—Headmaster of this School from 1936 to 1958)

THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Five years in the life of any large school must contain so much change, as to make it impossible to trace any but the most strongly marked lines of development, in such a short article.

September 1958 brought us the very large entry of 214 first year children—nearly twice our normal intake—and this large group passing through the school has raised our numbers to the highest on record, reaching 725 in 1962. These large numbers and the increasing demand for a full five years course enabled us to develop fifth form work leading to the G.C.E. and, later, to the Secondary School Certificate. Once these were established, we were able to make special provision in very small classes for those children who learn more slowly. The remaining groups, those in the middle, had the next claim for special attention and, accordingly, the 'Learning to Live' course for Form 4T was developed after careful experiment, and is now in full operation. The extension of this course into a fifth year will enable every child in the school to remain usefully until the age of 16 at least, and there is no doubt that the 50 per cent. of the school population now doing so, will increase considerably in the near future.

The last five years have also seen extensions and improvements to the school buildings. The enclosing of the ground floor corridors, the provisions of new Science laboratories, an additional Domestic Science room, new Wood and Metalwork rooms, the conversion of the Hall Foyer into a Library and the extension of the playing fields, have added greatly to our facilities. The major extensions which include a Gymnasium, Art Room, Music Room and additional classrooms to replace the unsightly collection of wooden huts in which much of our teaching takes place, are very badly needed, and we look forward to the time when the Ministry of Education will share our view of the urgent need for this provision.

Perhaps one of the most exciting additions has been the Swimming Pool, built as a result of our own initiative and efforts, and which came into use on June 22nd, 1961, a memorable day, when the Headmaster and Deputy Head plunged, fully clothed into the deep end in a challenge race, the result of which still remains in dispute and which must, for all times, be a matter for conjecture.

R.S.R.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY

Despite the fact that for about the first month of last summer, it was impossible to see the bottom of the swimming pool, and many girls were reluctant to swim in its murky depths, nearly thirty girls joined the Life Saving Society. We enjoyed ourselves immensely

while learning the different methods of release and rescue, both in the water and on the land, and of course the important, artificial respiration.

In July, most of us, according to our ability, took one Royal Life Saving examination or another, with very pleasing results. The highest award taken, the Bronze Medallion, was gained by six girls: Jean Sherwood, Gloria Muckle, Helen White, Ann Payne, Maryel Hearty and Lilian Arkley. Thirteen girls earned the Intermediate Certificate, and six the elementary certificate.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Scogings for giving up so much of her spare time, during lunch breaks and after school time, to train us.

Susan Sargent, Form 5GZ

To join this club you must be willing to work very hard to improve your own individual performance, stamina and basic method of Life-Saving, so that you can, if necessary, be called upon at any time to go into the water to save life. The girls who were club members last season, certainly earned a reputation of being tough, and are to be admired for the way they worked under adverse conditions and low temperatures.

The club invites any newcomer to join, provided she is willing to work hard, attend regularly and can swim at least two lengths on her front and on her back. Old members are reminded that it may be possible to have a canoeing trip this year, if enough girls are interested, and also that even higher awards are possible this season if they are willing to work for them.

J.R.S.

GYM CLUB

This year we have a Club membership of fifty, a new record. Of these, over thirty are regular members and are working for their gymnasts' badges, which can only be gained if one is a member of a Club. The only conditions for membership of this Club are the ability to enjoy oneself, and to have sufficient interest to improve the standard of one's work.

It is hoped that next season we shall have an open night, when the parents can watch their girls' activities in the gymnasium, and know why they are sometimes late home for tea. (Time has stood still for them as they sample the delights and hazards of flying through the air on the trampoline).

J.R.S.

THE SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

During the winter months the School Chess team has been enjoying a well earned run of success, competing in the Hastings Junior Section "A" League. The School has for the last ten years competed in the same league with moderate success, several times becoming runners up. This year, however, under the supervision of Mr. Pearce, the team has excelled all previous teams in its standard of play.

The team's first match was played at the Hastings Chess Club, against Bexhill Grammar School. This being our first match of the season, play tended to be a little rusty. Nevertheless, we managed to win 3—2, the result being a little too close for comfort, and we did not feel over confident about our next match against the Grove County Secondary School, Hastings. Although not at full strength, the team chalked up a convincing win of 4—1. The team now felt fairly confident. Although there was a little apprehension about the following match against Skinners of Tunbridge Wells, the match turned out as it had promised to be, very exciting and we were narrowly beaten 2—3.

In the New Year, the situation looked fairly good, for if we won our next two matches, and Skinners lost theirs, we would be the outright winners, but our results turned out to be better than we dared hope for. The results of the two remaining matches were: Rye 4, Hastings Secondary Modern 1; and Rye 3, Hastings Grammar 2.

It then came to our notice that there was a match of great importance about to take place between Bexhill Grammar School and Skinners. The result of the match would have great bearing on the situation at the top of the League, for if Skinners won it would place them above us, and if Bexhill won 4—1 or 5—0, they would become leaders of the table. All at school had their fingers crossed awaiting the result. Luckily for us Bexhill won 3—2, leaving us victorious for the first time in the history of the Club.

Special mention should be made about the play of Barry Goodsell on board 3, who played 5 games, won $4\frac{1}{2}$ and lost $\frac{1}{2}$. The team was as follows:

Board 1—G. Tolofsen (Captain); Board 2—P. Harrod;
Board 3—B. Goodsell; Boards 4 and 5 were played at various times by K. Bowler, S. Wilson, J. Amsdon and B. Dennis.
G. Tolofsen, Form 5GZ

THE PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The first P.T.A. meeting of this session was held on Friday, 26th October in the School Hall. Two films were shown, "Training for Industry" and "Our School." Afterwards these were appraised by the panel consisting of Miss Wilkins (Headmistress Bexhill Downs School), Mr. Walker (Headmaster Northiam Primary School), Mr. Buttery (Headmaster Rye Grammar School) and Mr. Rochford (Area Youth Employment Officer).

The Annual General Meeting on 30th November was attended by 70 parents and teachers. Three new members of staff and three new parents were elected to the Committee. After refreshments a quiz took place between the Rye "Beat Your Neighbour" team and pupils chosen from the senior forms. Mr. Holmes ably joined the adults, who were eventually beaten by the School.

Once again we thank Mr. & Mrs. Piggott for providing such excellent refreshments.

B.S.C.

THE RECORDER GROUP

This School Year the recorder group, under the direction of Mrs. P. Evans, has performed at two main events: on Speech Day in the Autumn Term, and at the Hastings Music Festival.

On the former occasion the group received very warm praise for their rendering of various pieces on descant, treble and tenor recorders.

Then at Hastings Music Festival they achieved even greater success, winning a total of ten certificates.

In the solo class, Teresa Blackman and Angela Boots both received merit certificates for their marks of eighty per cent. and eighty one per cent respectively. Gay Breeds in the advanced solo, gained eighty per cent., and a merit certificate.

In the duet class, Carol Banks and Marilyn Barden were placed third with eighty three per cent., and Dorothy Holloway with Angela Boots fifth, having eighty per cent. For these performances both were awarded Honours certificates.

Finally in the trio class, Teresa Blackman, Marilyn Barden and Gay Breeds came second with eighty two per cent, receiving a merit certificate, followed a close third by Carol Banks, Linda Horton and Maureen Wickenden with seventy nine per cent.

The members of the recorder group wish to express their thanks to Mrs. Evans, whose expert help enabled them to do so well.

Angela Boots, Form 4G

CHOIR REPORT

During the past year the choir has not performed so frequently as in previous years. This is largely due to the appalling weather during the winter.

The choir sang special anthems at the annual Carol Service held in Rye Parish Church. These included "The Shepherd's Farewell to the angels" by Berlioz; "As Joseph was a-walking"; "Ding dong merrily on high" and "In the fields with their flocks abiding". The standard of singing was as good as in past years. David Turner, Christopher Jones, Philip Gasson and Philip Baker sang solo parts.

P.M.E.

SOLO SINGING

The "Solo Singing" class in which unaccompanied folk songs are to be sung, has proved to be very worthwhile entering at the Hastings Music Festival. This year seven entries were sent to compete. The winner obtained eighty nine per cent and we were delighted when Carol Clark obtained eighty seven per cent. and was 3rd. Pamela Polhill was 5th with eighty five per cent.

Other children who competed, gaining high marks, ranging from 75—83 per cent., were Christopher Jones, Jeanne Capron, David Turner, Janet Phillips and Philip Baker

P.M.E.

THE STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club is run regularly by Mr. Care. A meeting takes place every Thursday. There are various discussions about stamps and film strips which we have recently seen. Mr. Care will be only too pleased to see new members. To become a member all one does is to attend a meeting. I am sure that new members who join will enjoy it just as much as the established members do.

Mr. Care, after talking about the main part of philately as a hobby, goes into the matter more deeply. For instance he talks about postage marks, errors, forgeries, water marks and different types of paper on which stamps are printed. There are all sorts of quizzes, some involving General Knowledge and others Geography.

Before the end of a meeting we usually show each other stamps and swap some. We also show each other stamp albums. Now I would like to thank Mr. Care, on behalf of the Club, for all the spare time he has given up in order that we may enjoy ourselves.

Shane Wilson, Form 3A

THE SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY

During the early part of the Spring term, much fiery discussion was carried on among the Fifth Forms and so it was suggested that a debating society should be formed. The Headmaster's permission was obtained, a meeting of the Fifth Year was called and a Chairman and Committee were appointed. Mr. Rothwell agreed to accept the office of President of the Society and Miss Chapman agreed to be our Vice-President.

The first meeting of the Society was held on 1st April at 4 o'clock and it attracted a good attendance of over a hundred, including several members of staff. The subject to be discussed was the "Freedom from Hunger Campaign", which was of course topical. The motion aroused considerable disapproval but the Headmaster had given his permission for it to be the subject of the debate, as he felt that it was good for young people to find out the truth about such good work.

Before the debate began, the Chairman gave a talk on the aims of the Society, its future plans and the procedure expected at meetings.

Mr. Rothwell, the president of the Society, made it clear in his opening speech that he was against the motion before the House but added that he was very pleased about the formation of the Society, and gave his full approval to it.

The debate then commenced and there followed an interesting hour of discussion, at which certain points became quite fiery.

David Rhodes was the proposer of the motion, and he presented his opinions in a short speech. He was then seconded by James Wilson who enlarged and illustrated the points made by Rhodes. The motion was then opposed by Graham Ewart who was seconded by John Burgess.

The case for the proposers and opposers having been presented, the matter was open to the House for general discussion. A number of boys and several masters argued with each other, and the one girl who did speak is to be congratulated on the manner in which she did so. Arguments ran from basic facts to complicated politics, which showed a great deal of intelligent thought in the forming of opinions.

The House having had its say, Rhodes and Ewart were asked by the Chairman to reply to the points which had been raised. Finally the Chairman summed up the events of the meeting, the motion was put to the vote and quite rightly lost by a considerable margin.

It may safely be said that the debate was a very successful one, and it is hoped that the Society may continue during the coming years, and hold about two meetings each term. The next meeting will be on Friday, 24th May.

Robert de Steiger, Form 5GY

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

The School's Young Farmers' Club meets once a fortnight on Wednesday at 4 o'clock for a film show and report on the School farm. Mr. Holmes is the Club Leader.

We have ten sheep, one of which has recently died. Also we have four geese, two rabbits and six young rabbits, some cockerels and twelve hens. We have now acquired three separate paddocks for moving the sheep around. We hatch many chicken eggs, and in fact have just hatched a number of them. The chicks are now outside after spending a long time inside to give them more strength, and as soon as they are ready we hope to sell them. We shall soon be having more stock as the ewes should start lambing. The ewes were injected last week for protection against several different diseases, including enterotoxaemia and lamb dysentery. The next event after lambing will be castration and tailing.

We hope to see the farm increase during the next few years. We would like to have as many members as possible and we would welcome them from any form in the School. The subscription is only 6d. per year.

Josephine Carr, Form 5U

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

This winter the Dramatic Society selected Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan" to be its main production, and like last year's presentation, provided good acting opportunities. The enthusiastic members of the Society, however, more than filled the requirement it needed.

Under the shrewd eye of Mr. Lewis, the producer, the students were cast and this was a most important task completed. Then came the arduous job of rehearsing, but the cast seemed tireless in its efforts to put just that little extra into its part each time. People like Camilla Weller, who played Joan, worked extremely hard throughout rehearsals, and had their work justly rewarded with praise of the highest distinction.

Special mention should be made of Camilla, who amidst a cast of virtually all males, acted very successfully. Whilst on stage, it was obvious that her sense of urgency and reality spread around her, into every person in the large cast of thirty six. Camilla's example was followed admirably by Keith Hatter as the Archbishop of Rheims, Graham Ewart as the Dauphin and Paul Oliver as Dunois. One, however, cannot stop here: the Inquisitor played by Martin Hall, the Duke of Beauchamp played by Brian Dennis, Bishop Cauchon played by Dennis Knight and Chaplain de Stogumber played by Thomas Soane, were all very convincing.

One must not forget that the play relied on team work and the support the leading characters received was all they could have wished. David Rhodes, David Wyatt, John Burgess, Glen Tolofson, Kelvin Care, Christopher McLean, Graham Williams and Martin Wright were as equally important in the smooth running of the play. Then there was a third group of persons, perhaps with smaller parts, but once again equally as important as anyone else. Such people were Barry Ewart, Peggy Crowe, Peter Hiscock, John Packham and David Morgan. Mentioning so many names, it would be unjust not to congratulate the remainder of the cast, the courtiers, the assessors, the scribes and soldiers.

Away from the hustle and bustle of the stage were those people equally important in other ways. There was Miss Chapman, who carefully designed and fitted the wonderful costumes, Mr. Holmes who arranged the set, Mr. Davie the scenic artist, ably assisted by Brian Dennis and Harold Wood, and also Mr. Dipper, the very efficient business manager. Then there was also Mr. Tookey, the stage manager, who guided the industrious "back-stage" staff, amongst whom Richard Barham, the "sparks" was outstanding.

The play progressed under the patient and experienced guidance of Mr. Lewis, the producer, to whom congratulations were given by both public and pupils alike.

Keith Fitzhugh, Form 5GY

Some Events which have taken place in school recently

“LEARNING TO LIVE”

For several years we have been aware of the need to make special provision for that section of our School community which does not follow courses leading to examinations, yet questions the purpose of education provided. The provisions within the School for both the more and less able have high-lighted and aggravated the problems of this middle group.

So often in schools like ours, lower ‘B’ and ‘C’ stream courses have been but pale reflections of the academic ‘A’ stream course, although they contained more practical work, optional courses of study like Agriculture or Commerce, and the teaching of English and Mathematics were often biased towards the requirements of everyday life.

It seemed that there was a real need to bring the education of these children into closer touch with the realities of the world around them and to attempt to bridge the dangerous gulf between the worlds of school and work. Failure to achieve these two purposes had contributed much, in our opinion, to the problems of adolescence stemming from feelings of frustration and inadequacy.

We propose to dispense with “chalk and talk” and to base our course on real live situations. Our aims were to develop a sense of responsibility and initiative, to provide the incentive and to foster the ability to be of service to the community, and to develop a critical outlook on the world around.

The course consists of four main divisions. Visits, by individuals and groups, to places of interest and employment, to study the world about them and the world of work, are the most important features of the course and occupy at least one whole day every week.

Each child also selects an optional course—a well established feature of secondary education of proven value. This also occupies the same amount of time. Here children can choose from Child Care and Housecraft, Commerce, Seamanship and Navigation, Rural Studies or Craft which includes some work on motor vehicles.

The rest of the time in school is divided between English, Mathematics, Science and Social Science, referred to as the Basic Subjects, and the cultural subjects, Music, Art, Physical Education and Religious Knowledge.

You can read elsewhere in this magazine of some of the interesting places visited by this group and of some of the different work done in School.

We are obviously only at the beginning of a series of experiments designed to produce a course of education which we hope will be of present interest and lasting value, to a large group of children.

A.B.T.

THREE SCHOOL SERVICES

On 3rd Oct., 1962, the School assembled in the Hall for the Annual Harvest Festival. Mr. Rothwell conducted the service, Mr. Cole gave the address, and the Head Boy and Head Girl each read a passage from the Bible. The whole School sang the traditional hymns for Harvest Thanksgiving. The large amount of groceries, fruit and flowers, given by the pupils was enough to enable us to send gifts to Hill House and the Rye Memorial Hospital, as well as nearly 130 large parcels of provisions to the old, sick and lonely in and around Rye.

On November 9th, 1962, there was a service of Remembrance held in the School Hall. Mr. Rothwell and Mr. Cole conducted it, and Brigadier Gardham, Chairman of Governors and President of the British Legion, Rye Branch, gave the address. After the service the Haig Fund poppies were sold, which produced a considerable sum of money as the School’s contribution.

The Annual Carol Service was held on 18th December, 1962 in St. Mary’s Church, Rye. The lessons were read by: a pupil from each of the Five Years, a member of Staff and the Headmaster. The choir lead the singing of the carols and also sang the two anthems “In the fields with their flocks” and “Thou must leave thy lowly dwellings”. During the singing of the final carol a collection was made for the Church Repair Fund. The Vicar of Rye conducted the Service.

Christine Guiver, Form 4G

FIFTH FORM DANCE

The eighteenth of December was the day chosen by the Fifth forms for their traditional Christmas Dance. The whole day was spent in decorating the Hall in the usual Christmas manner. Our artists cleverly designed and produced two very large signs, wishing everybody a happy Christmas and a happy New Year. The girls of the forms prepared some truly delightful refreshments.

By eight o’clock the Hall began to fill with people of all ages. In the end there were well over 200 people present. The evening was most enjoyable and I do not think it would be immodest of us to think that everybody who came had a very happy evening.

The staff very kindly provided a number of articles for us to raffle and these, together with our takings from the sale of dance and cloak-room tickets and refreshments, completed our pleasure when we were enabled to give Mr. Rothwell a cheque for £45, for the Swimming Pool Fund.

We owe thanks to many people for helping us, but in particular we ought to mention Eddie Olsen and his band which gave life to the dancing, Mr. Piggott for his sterling work on the door, the girls who did so well with the refreshments and that small band of active cloak room attendants.

Jill Brett and John Burgess, Form 5GY

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Perhaps one of the most important events in the School Year took place during the Spring term, when the School Library was unofficially opened. It is hoped that we shall have a formal opening some time during the Summer term. The foyer of the Hall is now no longer used as a permanent class room, and bookshelves have been built along the walls. These are adequate, although there are improvements and alterations which we would have liked. The Education Committee have been very generous in its allowances and we are very grateful indeed. We have an excellent collection of reference books for the Staff, some 1,600 good fiction books for the children and the main weakness would appear to be non-fiction for the pupils. We are of course concentrating on this section.

One of the many advantages of this essential part of any School is that senior pupils may work here with their teachers, and have all the necessary reference books in easy reach.

G.W.B.

OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY

The School has now been able to open up a library for all the teachers and pupils who wish to join. Because of the hard work of many people, this is now in full use.

At the moment there are not many non-fiction books in the library for the use of children, but we hope to have many more soon. We have a very good selection of fiction books of which a large number are new.

It is open at dinner breaks and after school to one year each day. The First Year pupils may obtain their books on Mondays and the Second Year pupils the next day, and so on up to Friday, when the Fifth Year may get theirs. This library is run by members of 4G, who take turns in helping with the work involved.

The Library is run on exactly the same lines as an ordinary County Library: there are fines if the book is overdue and if the book is badly treated the person responsible has to be reported; the Dewey system of numbering books for the non-fiction is used, and there is a comprehensive card index for all books. Silence is necessary as in any public library.

Although the Library has not been open long, we hope it will be a great success, also that it will be one of the School's main assets.

David Carter, 4G

MONEY RAISING ACTIVITIES

During the last few months, our School has made an all-out effort to raise money for various causes. Three of them are "The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association", "The Swimming Pool Fund" and just recently "The Freedom From Hunger" Campaign.

The School made a splendid effort on behalf of the latter for it set its target at £25 but more than doubled this figure to well over £50. To raise this magnificent sum, a great number of activities took place. One form raffled a large Easter egg worth over £1 and another group of girls set up a hair dressing salon. The School ran its own "wheat field" on the same lines as the ones in the town, where pupils could buy a cardboard ear of wheat and plant it in the ground.

In order to raise money for the "Guide Dogs for the Blind Association", silver paper has been collected. We also have sold many lapel badges with a dog's head on them, to aid this fund. Form 4T has raised a great deal of money for this worthy cause by its much renowned "Rock, Jive and Twist" sessions.

The third fund is for our own benefit and that is of course the "Swimming Pool Fund". Our "Bingo Drives", raffles, dances, plays and jumble sales are by now well known.

David Paine, Form 4G

A BEAUTY LECTURE

During last summer term a representative of Elizabeth Arden Ltd. visited the School to give the girls numerous beauty hints.

A "victim" was selected from the fifth year to assist the expert in her job. In the cases which she brought with her, were many expensive and exotic materials which are beyond the purse of the average girl.

Firstly the model was prepared with protection against spoiling her hair and clothes. She was then covered lavishly in cream to cleanse the daily grime off her face and neck. She had such cosmetics on her face and neck as powder, foundation cream, rouge, lipstick and eye make-up. They were so expertly applied that although there was an improvement, one had a job to see if any make-up was worn, as it all looked so very natural.

The girls were also given advice on how to care for the skin each day and how to deal with acne and blemishes.

All the girls enjoyed it, and we thought it a worthwhile lecture.

Maryel Hearty and Helen Barnes, Form 4G

SCHOOL VISITS

(This year we have decided that there is not space to give accounts of such visits as those we made to Wembley, to compete in the Civics Quiz, Boulogne, Smithfield, the school camp, the Harlem Globetrotters or the Careers Exhibition, as they have been reported in previous issues, and we wish to give priority to the new venture undertaken by Form 4T—Ed.)

Three of the 26 activities undertaken by Form 4T as part of the "Learning To Live" Course

A VISIT TO THE KENT OIL REFINERY

On Monday, 3rd December, 4T boys visited the refinery. We left school at approximately 9 o'clock and arrived there at 11 o'clock, where we were met by Mr. Newman.

The first thing we did was to go and watch a film. This was very interesting and gave us a good idea of what goes on in a refinery. After this we were shown round.

We had lunch and during the afternoon we worked our way from the various buildings, over the jetty where the large tankers came in with the crude oil. Most of the oil comes from the Middle East.

When we arrived back at the buildings, it was time for tea and we had another delicious meal.

We arrived back at Rye at about 6.30 p.m.

Timothy Bourne

THE FASHION SHOW

On Wednesday, 13th February, 4T girls were invited to take part in a rehearsal entitled "Today's Teens' Fashions," directed by McCall's pattern service.

Seven girls were chosen to act as models, but in one way or another every girl in 4T had some little part to play. Out of seven girls taking part in the modelling, two were taken from the 2nd and 3rd year forms, to model the juvenile dresses. Miss Bourne, the representative from McCall's, arrived at our school at 1.40 p.m. After the seven girls had tried on the garments they were to model, they were taken into the Hall where the fashion show was to be held, to rehearse the steps and the order in which they were to make their entry.

The show started at 2.45 and all the girls in the school were invited. Altogether there were 28 garments to be modelled, each girl modelling 4 garments.

In my opinion the smartest and best looking dress was No. 17 on the programme, which was supplied to each girl. This was a very smart blue dress with no waist line at all. It had a collar-less neck, and could be worn with or without a belt. The most suitable time for wearing the dress would be on a Spring or Summer walk.

It was an enjoyable show, and all the girls taking part enjoyed the afternoon tremendously.

Vivien Griffin

OUR VISIT TO LONDON

On 13th February, 4T boys caught the 8.45 train to London for another of our visits. When we arrived we first of all went to look over Victoria Station.

At the station we were shown where and how the passengers obtain their tickets to go abroad. As we were leaving the station we were given some books and pamphlets that show the places to which one may travel by British Railways.

After we had looked over the station, we went over to the offices, where the arrangements for car ferrying are made.

When we had had lunch we went to Madame Tassaud's. The wax figures were almost exact in every detail. Each one costs £500 or more to make, and we admired such figures as those of The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh, Kings, soldiers and murderers. In the Chamber of Horrors there were various instruments for torturing and killing.

We next went to the London Planetarium. When we arrived inside the large dome shaped building, the lights were switched off for the performance, and we could not tell the difference from the real sky. We were shown the stars and some of the planets like the Moon, Mars, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn. We were also shown some close-up photographs of the other side of the Moon, which were taken by a satellite.

Timothy Bourne

THE SCHOOL VISIT TO AUSTRIA

The party assembled at Rye Station on the morning of the 21st August, under the guidance of Mr. Care and several members of the School Staff. We were going through nine European countries and were going to stay for three days in the Austrian Tyrol. The sea journey took three and a half hours and was fairly rough at times, the boat being thrown from side to side by the waves, and cutlery in the dining lounge sliding across the table. On arrival at Ostend, we were met by a coach from the reliable Albion Tours and the driver André. The party was in a happy mood as we travelled along the Belgian auto-bahn and we had our first glimpse of fast, well-planned roads, better than any in this country. The coach proceeded through the heart of the Belgian Ardennes, through narrow streets, ancient towns where animals fed on the lower slopes. As we climbed higher, the forest became more dense with small farms here and there, and sheep taking the place of cattle. The first night was spent in the heart of this country at Marche, near Namur.

The next day we travelled to Luxembourg and saw a memorial in the shape of a star, to commemorate the death of all American soldiers in Belgium. The driver changed our route at this stage, because diesel fuel is cheaper in Luxembourg and Germany, than in France.

We went through Germany and André showed his ingenuity again by passing through a German checkpoint when we did not have a visa for it. The next day we had our first glimpse of mountainous country, as we travelled through Switzerland and stopped at the beautiful Rhine falls at Schaffhausen. We journeyed round Lake Constance, into Austria where the snow could be seen reflecting the sunlight on the top of the peaks. At our hotel, which was situated in a basin of mountains, one could see the rugged mountains, rolling hills and inevitable mountain streams. We enjoyed long walks, mountain climbing, exploring the ancient churches which dominated nearly every height. Swimming was also catered for and in temperatures of nearly one hundred degrees Fahrenheit, this was a great joy. We visited the famous Italian Dolomites, went up the mountain by cable car to the very summit, to a height of nearly ten thousand feet and one evening we all enjoyed folk dancing in a prominent hotel, to an Austrian group of musicians.

It was all too soon time to return home, and as we passed through the steep Tyrolean passes, André displayed wonderful skill at the wheel of his well cared for coach. Drops on one side of the road of a terrific depth were commonplace, and only a few stones along the edge acted as a barrier. Sadly we took a last look at the mountains and travelled into German territory, where we visited a beautiful cathedral in Munster, and stayed a night in Heilbronn, which is a beautiful town under strong American influence. This town is a showpiece of the Western World, with its cleanliness and strict laws.

The holiday ended in Holland after all of us had had an enjoyable time in a wine cellar, where we tried a sample of wine made by the local people.

We had had an interesting and highly enjoyable ten days, because we had travelled hundreds of miles in the time, in perfect luxury. As we waved goodbye to André at the docks we all realised how much he had done to make our holiday so successful, although we were well aware that it was Mr. Care to whom we owed so much.

Donald Thorne, Form 5U

"FULL MARKS"

A few weeks before February 11th, our class and the Fifth Years had several house competitions to find out which pupils would be selected to compete in the television programme "Full Marks". After many preliminary rounds, Christine Guiver, Jennifer King, Peter Davey and Graham Ewart were finally chosen to represent our School in the competition.

On February 11th, some 250 pupils left School in six coaches for Eastbourne, where they watched "Full Marks" being televised. Our school was competing against the Cavendish School, Eastbourne.

There were four cameras altogether. The background, which showed up well on the television screen, was a bright orange.

To start with, the teams were asked a few questions to see if the microphones were working properly. Then a "trailer" was made to put on television a few nights before March 13th, reminding the viewers of the forthcoming programme.

Robin Richmond played the introductory tune and the programme had started. The first few rounds went very well, both sides keeping fairly equal. Then the Cavendish School answered one or two more questions than our team. Soon the total differed by eight points. 42-50, leaving the Cavendish School clear winners.

We think we were unlucky in the questions and that our team well earned the marks they won. We wished the Cavendish School good luck and hoped that they would be picked for the semi-finals.

Anon. Form 4g

POEMS AND ESSAYS

As in previous issues, we have not necessarily selected the best essays and poems which have been submitted, but have endeavoured to provide a representative selection of work from the whole School. Every form which submitted work for consideration has had at least one essay or poem included.

A VISIT TO AN APPLE PACKING STATION

Today we went to Manor Farm, Icklesham. It belongs to Mr. Merricks. When we got to Manor Farm we had to wait for Mr. Beard to show us round the apple packing station. We could see the orchards full of apples. They grow Worcesters, Coxes Orange Pippins and Bramleys. A machine called a fork lift came along. It had apples on it and about three boxes fell off. We all helped to pick them up. Mr. Beard came and began to show us round.

First we saw how they were washed. They had a box of apples and they slowly let them into a tank of water. Then we saw another machine. It washed and polished them. They were then sorted out on a belt. The small ones were used for cider. After they had been sorted out, they were packed into boxes and dipped so that they would not come undone. We went to the back door to see how they were stored. Mr. Beard said that they could stay in the store, which is an ice chamber, until Christmas. Then we went to the gas room. This keeps the apples all the winter. They were all packed up tidily together and no cracks were seen. After that we went to another compartment, and my mother was there. They were picking out the drops and putting the best in another box. They are the best apples in the whole world.

Teresa Masters, Form S.1

SCIENCE AND PROTECTION

Although we humans do not comprehend it, Science has been the greatest asset to mankind. It has enabled us to ascend into the heavens, to descend into the deepest oceans, and in the most part, reap benefit for mankind.

Science has given weak, feeble man a protection against the hazards of life, and has thus made his life easy. Every day men and women take advantage of Science to save injury and life. Fire is fought by men in asbestos suits, for asbestos has been found to be a bad conductor of heat; cold is fought in insulated suits, this is demonstrated by the string vest which avoids loss of heat by conduction; disease is fought by drugs, serums and vaccines in which the anti-bodies fight, or prevent bacteria from gaining the upper hand in the body. Masks and oxygen cylinders protect the lungs from deadly poisonous gases and vapours; rubberised suits prevent burns from acids; lead jackets worn by radiologists absorb dangerous "X" rays and radiation.

Thus it can be seen easily that man is protected by the shield of Science, and if he had not been gifted with a superior brain and intellect, he would probably have never evolved, and would have become extinct many thousands of years ago. Strange as it may seem, the tiny ant is one of this planet's hardiest beings, for it has survived great extremes of heat and cold. It has been found alive after roasting had taken place in an oven, and after it had been frozen in a solid block of ice.

Science has helped past generations and will help future ones, provided its uses are not abused for the common gain of individuals, who, obsessed with power, would use its might in the interests of war, and not for peace.

David Wyatt, Form 5GZ

WINTER

When wintry winds blow o'er the land
And seas are tossed by gales,
We sit beside our fires and think
Of ships with blowing sails.
We also think of all the birds
Far, far across the sea,
And wish that they were here once more,
To sing to you and me.

We long to see the spring once more
And pick the flowers gay,
The bluebells, snowdrops, violets
And catkins in a spray.
The cuckoo will once more come back
From lands so warm and bright.
The birds will sing. Once more it's spring,
And all is pure delight.

Angela Goslin, Form 2A

THE KING OF BIRDS

The very title "The King of Birds" may seem to you a strange topic on which to write ; but I intend, in the following paragraphs, to describe the habitat and features of the bird in question, which proves beyond all doubt why it has come by this name over the centuries.

It is indeed impossible to confuse the eagle with any other bird, for its immense size and wing span, followed consequently by its majestic soaring flight, leaves no doubt in the mind of the observer who is lucky enough to see the silhouette of this exquisitely shaped bird, etched out in the sky of its bleak and lonely home.

Its nest too is unmistakable, perched like a lofty throne, high up on a ledge in the mountainous district. It is guarded by rugged, precipitous rock walls, leaving the eyrie inaccessible. From the vantage point of loneliness and desolation the eagle sits in pride, and surveys the world below.

When, with its keen eye, it detects some far off prey, it rises elegantly to an amazing altitude and drops like a stone on an unsuspecting hare or lamb. This it seizes with its powerful talons and carries off silently and unchallenged to its nest, where it again sits undaunted, and because of its cruel and vicious nature, respected.

The preceding paragraphs give only a few reasons why the eagle is respected by man and beast, but these reasons alone are sufficient, regal qualities for the title "King of Birds".

William Manser, Form 4G

YELLOW WONDERS

Now in the tiny little clusters,
Hang the fairies' yellow dusters,
Falling now the golden dust,
As o'er the hill creeps watchful dusk.

On the grass a mat of gold,
Surrounds the primrose in her fold,
Diamonds falling one by one,
Reflected by the setting sun.

A bunch of prancing daffodils,
Wave in the wind upon the hills,
The wonders of the Spring are here,
All in a yellow atmosphere.

Dorothy Holloway, Form 3A

JUNIOR POINTS OF VIEW

(with apologies to Robert Robinson)

Dear Sir,

In boxing today the boxers have to be trained to box fairly, and to be on guard when attacked. A long time ago they boxed and did not play fair. Some people like to watch boxing and others do not. I do not like watching boxing, because it is a game in which boxers get hurt and sometimes have to go to hospital. I like wrestling though, because it helps you to defend yourself.

Yours sincerely,

Roy Chapman, Form S.2

Dear Sir,

The new Beeching plan to close half the railway stations in the country has come as a shock to all of us. A lot of the stations round us are to be closed for good, like Rye and the surrounding halts. This plan has meant that there will be more buses and cars on the roads. A lot of freight will have to come by road, when usually it comes by rail. There will be a lot of new, fast trains on the tracks that are still open in the next seven years.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Buss, Form S2

FRIENDSHIP

Keep the flame of friendship burning,
Never let it die,
It brings the lasting happiness that money cannot buy.
It is such bliss to have a friend, for whom to turn for aid,
Who cares not if you rise or fall,
But loves you as you're made.
Life has many things to offer,
Among them wealth and fame,
But nothing can help us,
But friendship's fane.

Jane Everett, Form 1A

MY FAVOURITE HOBBY

My favourite hobby is boating on the River Rother or sailing out on the sea. The best time to go rowing is when there are neap tides, because spring tides are too fast. I usually go rowing in the summer evenings when we do not go sailing. I sometimes row right up to Rye with the tide, and come back down when it is going out again. At the week-ends I row right out of the end of the harbour, if it is not rough and choppy. The name of the dinghy is "Tender to Arlita".

It is eighteen feet long, seven feet six inches broad, with a twenty six foot mast and fifteen feet to the cross trees. It is grey above the water line and red below. We have three sails, a foresail, a main sail and a jib. The colour of the outside is the same as the dinghy, with a cream deck. It can do about five knots with the sails if there is a fairish wind astern and if we use the engine as well, we can do about eight knots.

Christopher Coleman, Form 3B

THE SCHOOL BELLS

What is't I hear—was that a bell?
It might have been, one cannot tell,
For what with high resistance joints,
Or nasty sparking at the points,
They do not seem to work so well.

The experts in the corridors,
Have checked the walls, the doors, the floors,
They've put up miles and miles of wire,
We've heard them work and then misfire,
And then they ring without a pause.

Peripatetic is the fault,
Denies these bells a single volt.
Perverse it flits from line to line,
Nor can one really define,
Where next it's going to halt—and fault.

For just as mercy droppeth slow,
So does this fault, the so-and-so,
No longer have we a clanging noise
To wake the masters and the boys,
Or tell us it is time to go.

Yet when the nasty fault is found,
Then order spreads itself around.
There is no sound upon the floor.
There's silence in the corridor,
As classes change without a sound.

And so I offer this advice,
Don't let this disrupt us twice,
Just parallel the bells instead,
I think you'll find this will suffice.

Dennis Knight, Form 5GZ

LUCKY ESCAPE

It was a cold, windy night in October. The wind tore at the stern of "The Sea Gull", a large fishing boat. Dark, black clouds rolled across the sky and an uneasy calm hung over the sea. A storm was brewing.

"Secure all boats" came the skipper's cry, and several hands ran to the small motor launch on its davits. They pulled her inboard and lashed her to the supports on the wheel-house side.

The wind had risen and was whipping the sea into large breakers. The engine's hum increased to a roar and then it spluttered and stopped.

"Get that engine going or we'll be on the rocks in a minute".

"The main support's snapped. It'll take ten horses to move this engine".

"Unlash the launch".

"Aye, aye".

The men moved quickly and without panic. The launch was swung out on its davits.

The white cliffs could be seen now, and all hands were standing by the pumps. Any second the boat would be smashed against the jagged rocks, just below the surface. Everyone wondered why the captain had not given the order to abandon ship. Suddenly there was a jolt and water poured in.

"Man the boats".

Then suddenly everyone stopped and listened. Above the roar of the wind came the familiar purr of the engine.

"God be praised".

They rushed to the engine room where they found that the engine was supported by a beam.

"It must have been that jolt".

"All right, get back to those pumps".

The storm continued for five hours. Every man was near exhaustion when the wind died. The hole was patched with the main hatch. Three days later the "Sea Gull" arrived in Portsmouth where she was repaired.

Alan Phillips, Form 3B

THE ECONOMICAL PLAN

No more the rumble, the noise, the hustle,
The clatter of crowds as they chatter and bustle.
No more tickets strewn about,
No more trolleys or porters' shout.

Rye in the summer will seem so strange ;
If visitors come, they'll see the change.
But how can these visitors come to Rye,
'Less they bus, or bike, or walk, or fly.

Trains that today run sure and steady,
For the economical plans are ready.
Dr. Beeching has been unkind ?
The railway staff has the answer you'll find.

Sheila Care, Form 4G

FAIRS

A gust of wind and the golden ears of corn bend their heads, as if pleading for someone to come and take off the heavy burden, so that they can be free again. As the autumn days draw in and the leaden sky gradually takes the place of the once bright blue expanse, everyone knows that the winter is not far off and the world will once again be dead.

There is always one event in the town each year, which everyone enjoys before finally settling down to winter life. The fair, with its long, never ending stream of caravans and vans, sidles around the corners of the dark road, like a snake ready to capture its prey.

Days before, the fair is being prepared and set up, in just the right places, but shortly afterwards, in the hush of the evening and when the stars are beginning to light their lanterns a terrible din is heard. Far away, the noise can be heard, carrying its message that people are enjoying themselves. Children begin to get impatient and fidgety as they wait for parents to get ready. On the way there, and looking in the direction from which the noise is coming, one can see the dark night lit up like a huge bonfire. The shimmering of different coloured lights creeps into the deathly sky. As they get nearer, the noise and lights greet them and seem to beckon one to come nearer and nearer.

Very soon one is right in the heart of the fair. People push all ways, as if they are in a dreadful hurry to get out away from the din. Small children run in between one's legs, slithering through like a worm on its way back underground. Money trickles away like water at these fairs. One comes out with pockets bulging and a very contented look, but by the middle of the evening, is rummaging in the very last corner of the purse. The evening wears on, and soon the noise grows so that one can hardly hear oneself think.

The big wheel is the main attraction at the fair to some people. First one is at ground level, but very soon is whisked up very high and people on the ground look like thousands of ants, all bustling about. As the big wheel turns and the switchback rocks up and down and round and round, children scream to get off.

The fair-ground women, rough and tumble people with long dresses and ragged shawls, long greasy black hair, shout as if they are about to be murdered by a fierce killer, trying to swindle some poor innocent person into having a try at the hoop-la or the amusements. The men with their filthy shirts, unshaven faces and ragged trousers, skip about on the "dodgem cars", taking money. What an expense! Every amusement has to be tried and so more money goes. A stick of candy floss and a hot dog go down well, after one has finished screaming at the children. A mouth opens wide, so that one can almost see the child's stomach and in goes a sausage and a great lump of onions, and to round it off a great hunk of crusty bread. Now a beautiful delicate pink stick of candy floss blacks out the world for a few seconds, as one opens his mouth to take a bite.

People slowly begin to drift away. Soon the fairground is empty and all that is left is rubbish. Slowly the caravan lights in the fair-ground go on, and after a while go off one by one, until silence accumulates around.

Now Scrap and I know it is our turn for sleep and we say 'goodbye' to the fair and all the noise and bustle of the people. In my quiet prayer I say "Love me, love my dog".

Janet Bryant, Form 5GY

ADVENTURE

I find adventure in the twilight,
'Neath the fir trees dusky spread ;
Where the piles of fallen needles,
Hush the footsteps where I tread ;
Where the birds are very silent,
And the fox steps past in stealth ;
Where small boys play at pirates,
Finding chests of untold wealth.
I find adventure on the marshes,
Where seagulls shriek and curlews cry ;
Where the winds and storms and weather,
Throw a spray into the sky ;
Here I run and grow and play,
And find adventure every day.

Victor Wise, Form 3B

THE ADVANCE OF MEDICAL SCIENCE

It is not possible for us to picture life in Mediaeval England, when we are living in such a fast moving world, where medical knowledge is constantly growing. Those times were poor, unhealthy times, with streets upon streets of dirty, wooden houses, often three or four storeys high and very narrow. As land was expensive they were clustered around roads barely wide enough for a horse and cart. Yet these roads were continuously active. Women were always jostling to and fro with shopping. Rubbish of all forms often came flying out of windows, regardless of who was below, and this was used as their rubbish bin. At one end of a road was a pump, where the daily water was collected in large earthen-ware jugs, but this water had not been filtered or processed in any way to purify it. One can see therefore that there was a great lack of any knowledge of hygiene or the elementary rules of health, and consequently there was a great spread of disease and a very high death-rate.

The years passed and nothing changed until Jenner, an English country doctor of the eighteenth century, started an original enquiry into smallpox, the most dreaded disease of Europe at that time. He noticed that milkmaids very seldom suffered from this ailment and thought that there might be some connection between smallpox and cow pox. When at last, he felt reasonably sure that all his conclusions were correct, he took a daring chance and gave a small boy a vaccination with some cow pox matter: later he vaccinated the same child with smallpox, and nothing developed. His fellow colleagues were not exactly enthusiastic about his new discovery, but after some time the value of his vaccination was recognized. Louis Pasteur also contributed to the advance of the medical world, but in a different way. He found that by raising the temperature of a liquid sufficiently, harmful germs causing sourness were destroyed. This provided the basic knowledge for the process of Pasteurization, today used for safeguarding food, especially milk.

At the approach of the twentieth century the few hospitals, if that is a suitable name for them, were old, and shamefully little care was taken of the sick. Joseph Lister spent many years in research and brought into use disinfectants. He discovered antiseptics, which would prevent blood poisoning. With the help of the much needed work of Florence Nightingale, later to be known as 'The Lady with the Lamp', hospitals became respectable places, where the sick were cared for in comfortable, clean buildings.

Since men started discovering facts about the medical world, scientists have carried on their good work. Modern scientists include Sir Alexander Fleming and Sir Howard Florey. Both did much research in the study of anti-biotics. These have been known to exist for many years, and attempts to use them to destroy harmful bacteria in the human body were made from time to time. Little progress was made until the discovery of penicillin in 1929 by Fleming. During the Second World War, scientific workers found how to produce it on a large scale, purify it and treat infected wounds. Florey was one of

the leading scientists to use it for healing. Men have also been working on cures for such diseases as cancer and poliomyelitis. Doctor Salk discovered an injection to fight against the polio virus in 1953, and this has been improved so that the injection is really reliable. Marie Curie, a French scientist, started the cancer research by discovering radium and now special units have been devised. One is installed in the local Pembury Hospital.

So medical science is constantly advancing and perhaps in the very near future scientists might even know how to cure the common cold.

Susan Apps, Form 3A

SUMMER TO SUMMER

I sit beside the mountain stream
The sun shines bright, I sit and dream.
The birds above sing loud and long
Their happy, cheerful, summer song.

The grass is green, the flowers bright,
The croft below a pretty sight.
Oh how I love to sit and gaze
On these lovely, summer days.

But winter comes—a different scene.
The grass, the trees, no longer green.
The flowers gone, the wind blows cold.
The streams have more water than they can hold.

And soon the snow begins to fall
And lays a white blanket over all.
No longer can I sit and dream
Beside the lovely mountain stream.

And now at home, by fireside bright,
I wait to see the bright sunlight.
Then back to the babbling mountain stream
Once more to sit, and think, and dream.

Brian Coleman, Form 5U

S2 AS COMPOSERS ?

An experiment was recently performed by Mrs. Evans. We had lessons in aural rhythm training, and one of the class asked if it would be possible to try to compose.

Mrs. Evans told us that if we sang tunes to her, she would write them down on manuscript paper. We, S.2, had to make up the melody and rhythm.

John Apps, who left yast year, made up a waltz, and Roy Chapman made up a march. Mrs. Evans then harmonized the tunes and played them to the class.

Form S2

CHAUCER

He lived many long years ago,
Before the "T.V." or the radio.
To amuse the people of his time,
He wrote poems that did not rhyme.

It may seem to be a miracle,
But everything is supposed to be satirical.
The mediaeval lords may have rolled upon the floor,
But personally, I find it quite a bore.

Peter Davey, Form 5GY

THE RICHES OF TUTANKHAMEN

For thousands of years buried tombs lay covered by earth and sand in Egypt. Today the pick and shovel of the archaeologist have uncovered these tombs. Sometimes they uncovered tombs with riches and sometimes they found robbers had taken the riches, and covered the tombs over again.

One year, two archacologists were digging in the valley of kings with native labourers. They had been digging for a long time, and found nothing : somebody gave a shout and a discovery was made.

Mr. Carter, one of the leading archeologists went to the place, and found that some of the workmen had found a flat stone step. This was the first of a flight of steps which led to the tomb of a Pharoah named Tutankhamen, who died at the age of nineteen.

The tomb was crammed with treasures of jewels, and even the throne and portraits of the young king and his wife, inlaid in gold and glass. There were swords to protect himself, a golden bedstead, a chariot, lamps, bowls of perfume, walking sticks and even food sealed in parcels. At the entrance to the tomb were wooden guards with sticks in their hands, to guard their master. All the riches are in a museum in Cairo.

David Turner, Form 5U

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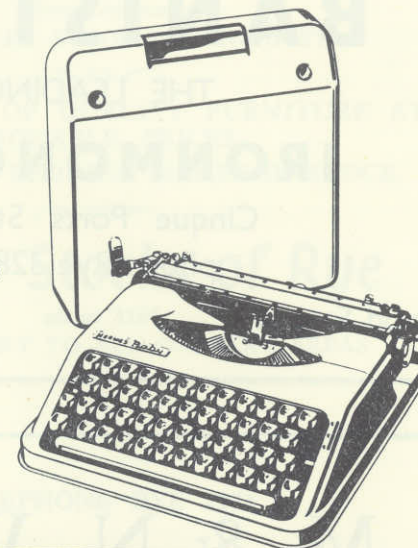
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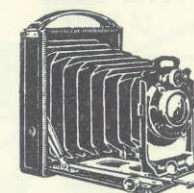
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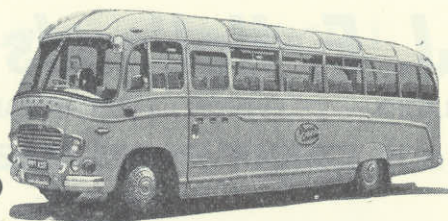
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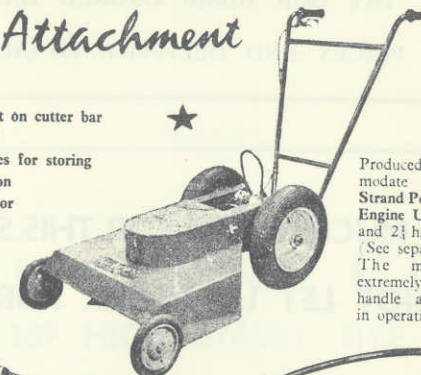


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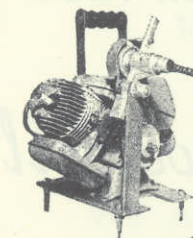
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