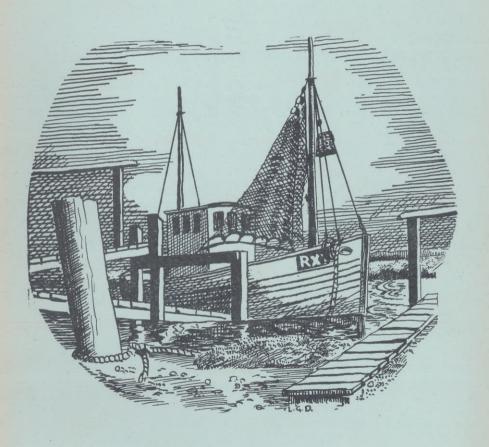
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EDITORIAL

The main problem which confronts us in life today is very much with us here in School. It is not so much doing the work, but the effort required to start it. How true is the very fitting epigram: "He who has begun has half done." With the introduction of the many new courses in the School, nobody can deny the possibilities which are open to so many of our pupils, if only they care to make the effort. This importance which we place on effort, is underlined by the mark scheme which is used at the end of each term.

It is not that modern youth lacks ambition or courage, but rather that the insidious television, the cinema and the coffee bar, more and more seem to be taking the place of books and study. Individually and used wisely, there is no harm in them; indeed they may well provide a useful means of relaxation. The danger comes from the accumulative effect, especially if moderation is not exercised.

In spite of this, however, it is good to observe that the desire to leave School at as an early a moment as possible, in order to earn money and have "a good time," is beginning to die. Perhaps many boys and girls realise that this "good time" merely ripens into boredom, and parents are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of education in this changing world of today.

We would like to express our grateful thanks to our advertisers whose kindness makes this publication possible. May we once again commend them to you. Our thanks are also due to the Staff for the considerable time spent on the organisation and preparation of copy; to the boys and girls who have submitted articles; to Mrs. E. Rogerson our efficient Business Manager; and to Margaret Luckhurst for devoting part of the Easter Holidays to preparing the lino-cuts.

G.W.B.

JUST ONE OF THE TEAM

The whole world has recently been thrilled by the great achievement of sending a man into space and the even greater triumph of bringing him safely back to earth. Military and civic honours have been heaped on the airman concerned and congratulations have poured in for him from all over the world.

Similarly, eight years ago, Sir Edmund Hilary gained world-wide congratulation and fame by being the first man to set foot on the summit of Mount Everest. Yet both these achievements were only possible as a result of intense and devoted team work in which great numbers of ordinary people, like you and me, took part and without whose efforts neither of these men, brave and skilled as they undoubtedly are, could have been successful. They were just one of a team.

Looked at in this way, the electrician who checked the circuits in the firing mechanism of the space ship, and the humblest coolie who carried supplies and equipment up the mountain slopes has an equal share with the heroes in the triumph of the achievement. They were both members of a team and every other member depended on them carrying out their job conscientiously and well.

To very few of us in this world comes the opportunity to reap the top honours of any enterprise, yet in all that we do, whether in school or at home, at work or in sport, success or failure depends on the extent to which we are prepared to work with other people and play our full part as a member of the team. Sometimes our part in any undertaking may seem very small and unimportant but in fact it never is, for success and happiness in life can only come from people working together. A tiny cog-wheel does not seem to matter very much on its own but when it becomes a part of a watch the accuracy and indeed the entire working of the whole instrument, depends on the fact that the wheel is in position and doing its job properly. In a way we are all cogs in the machinery of living. If we play our part faithfully and well as a member of the team no one's importance or dignity or triumph is greater than our own.

R.S.R.

SCHOOL EVENTS

1960-61

Summer Term.

The School welcomed a new member of the Staff, Mr. K. Lewis, who had been teaching in Mexborough, Yorkshire.

16th May—The Mayor of Rye inaugurated work on the School Swimming Pool.

5th July—The School Educational Visit to Lewes Printing Works, Anne of Cleve's House, the Priory and Newhaven

18th-27th July—School Camp at Exceat under the care of Mr. Smith and Mr. Evans.

8th-15th July—Three Senior Girls attended the East Sussex Outdoor Pursuits Camp.

Autumn Term.

We were pleased to welcome three additional members of staff, Mr. Boyce who is in charge of Metalwork; Mrs. Cahill who it teaching Domestic Science and Mr. A. Downs, B.A., who is teaching French and some English.

All new rooms are now in use except the Science Laboratories and Domestic Science Rooms, which are not yet fully equipped.

G.C.E. Examination results were reported by the Headmaster as being satisfactory when one considers the difficult conditions caused by the building operations.

All girls taking the Advanced Housecraft and Child Care Course were successful in gaining Certificates.

The construction of the School swimming pool is well under way.

4th October—School Harvest Festival held in the Hall. 140 large parcels were distributed to the sick and aged in Rye and district.

28th October—Members of the Parent Teacher Association saw a film. Mr. Rothwell, together with the Headmaster of Rye Primary School and the Grammar School lead a discussion about education.

1st November—The School Young Farmers' Club's team competed in the Semi-Finals of the Sussex County Quiz Competition.

The School collected £85/3/8 for the National Children's Homes Appeal.

16th November—Mrs. G. Reed, former Chairman of East Sussex Education Committee, presented the School Prizes.

24th-25th November—The Dramatic Society under the direction of Mr. Lewis and Mr. Downs presented two plays "The Crimson Coconut" and a shortened form of "Julius Caesar." A musical interlude was provided by the choir, directed by Mrs. Evans.

At the request of the Mayor the pupils of the School cooked for the "Meal on Wheels Service" for the month of November

- The following School Visits were announced: A Walking Tour of the English Lake District at Whitsun and a visit to the French Alps during the Summer Holidays.
- 11th November—The Remembrance Day Service held in the School Hall was attended by Brigadier Gardham, C.B.E., and members of the Governing Body.
- **20th December**—School Carol Service was held at the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Rye.

Spring Term.

- 4th January—A party consisting of 272 children visited the Whitehall Theatre to see Brian Rix in "Simple Spymen."
- The Headmaster announced that the G.C.E. results were very pleasing indeed.
- Work on the construction of the Swimming Pool was completed in January.
- In February Violin classes were started at the School. Life Saving classes were commenced under the direction of Mr. Hicks and a Canoeing Club was started by Mr. Evans.
- **2nd February**—The School lost against Wadhurst in the Southern Television's programme "Full Marks."
- 3rd February—Parent Teacher Association meeting. Election of officers and competition against School Quiz team.
- 24th February—Parent Teacher Association Meeting. Mr. Godman Irvine who is our Member of Parliament, our Chairman of Governors and a panel of Headmasters, answered questions about the School and Education.
- The Headmaster announced that the School would probably have 750 children next September. He also mentioned the accommodation problem for the extra 100 children.
- £15 raised by Form 2BX for relief of famine in the Congo.
- 10th March—The Recorder Group entered Hastings Music Festival.
 The Trio was placed 2nd and awarded an Honours Certificate, and the two Duet Groups were placed 2nd and 3rd and awarded an Honours and Merit Certificate respectively.
- 11th March—A large party of girls visited Wembley to see the England versus Ireland Hockey International.
- 16th March—School Choir competed in the Hastings Festival and awarded 80% marks.
- Four pupils competed in "Top School" Civics Competition and lost by one mark to Hastings Secondary Boys School.
- **22nd March**—The School Dramatic Society competed in the Youth Drama Festival and produced the play, "The House with the Twisty Windows."

- It was announced that the School Educational Journey on 21st June would be to Boulogne.
- Michael Hall and Leslie Watson passed the written examination for the Royal Air Force Apprenticeship Scheme.
- Helen Griffin joined the VIth form of Rye Grammar School.

 These ex-pupils of the School achieved the following successes—
- John Wyatt, who was Head Boy and left the School in 1957, was awarded the Air Ministry Prize for the Highest Marks in Ground Wireless and Highest Marks in General Service Subjects.

Colin Lockyer was awarded the Prize for Electrical Engineering at St. Athan R.A.F. Station, Glamorganshire.

Christine Trill has been accepted for teacher training at Winchester Training College.

PRIZEGIVING

Prizegiving or Speech Day as it is more commonly known, was held on Wednesday, 16th November, 1960, in the School Hall at 2.15 p.m. Brigadier H. P. Gardham, C.B.E., who is the Chairman of the School Governors, opened the occasion with a speech in which he introduced us to Mrs. Gabriel Reed, a former Chairman of the Education Committee.

Every year both Brigadier Gardham and Mr. Rothwell say that they will keep their speeches short, but always, or so it seems to us, they seem to be about the same length as the year before. In spite of this, we always enjoy the speech by Brigadier Gardham and the School Report by Mr. Rothwell.

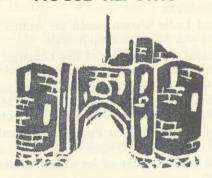
After the Headmaster's Report the School Recorder Group played a selection of tunes which included "The Skye Boat Song." Then came the presentation of prizes by Mrs. Reed. The presentation lasted about half an hour and was the main event of the afternoon.

The Head Boy, Roy Cutting, proposed a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman and afterwards Jane Davies, the Head Girl, presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Reed, and thanked her for coming to present the prizes.

The afternoon ended with the singing of the School hymn "God be in my head," followed by the National Anthem.

Julia Pepperell, Form 4g

HOUSE REPORTS



LANDGATE HOUSE

House Masters—Mr. Smith, Mr. Fulluck, Mr. Huxstep
House Mistresses—Miss Gladman, Mrs. Fulluck
Girls' House Captain—L. Rolfe Boys' House Captain—M. Tree
Sports Captains: Senior Girls'—D. Killick Senior Boys'—C. Killick
Junior Girls'—M. Wells Junior Bovs'—V. Goldsmith

Landgate has continued to maintain its prominent position throughout the year, and on Speech Day managed to gain the Champion House Shield, which we have so closely missed in previous years. This year, Landgate also managed to win the Good Conduct Shield, success being mainly due to the hard work of our junior members. Jane Turvey and Ann Turner have both had an encouraging number of House Marks this term. General conduct has improved, and the number of conduct cards would remain comparatively small if we had the co-operation of certain boys.

In sport the girls have managed to uphold a high standard of play, and on Sports Day, the results were highly satisfactory. Jane Dore received the Senior Athlete's Cup and Diana Killick received the Junior Athlete's Cup. The netball team showed a keen team spirit and a strong determination to win. After a hard fight the cup was shared with Mermaid. In hockey the team also put up an extremely good fight. Jane Dore and Helen Griffin played a strong game and although we did not manage to win the Cup, we ran a very close second. Landgate rounders matches were very encouraging. The keen sportsmanship was good, but we could not manage to beat our rival House, Watchbell, who played well. Batting was excellent, especially that of Jane Dore, who put up a good show at every match. Thanks to a keen persistent team, the Stoolball Cup was gained.

Boys' sport was not so successful, but the team showed an undaunted spirit in all matches. This year the Senior Boys' football has been very promising. They have played three games, of which they won two and lost one. The Juniors have lost both their games, but they played well and were never down-hearted. Landgate cricket has been unlucky. They were defeated in all matches, but I am sure the results will be better this year.

Our great success at sport would not have been possible if it had not been for the support of the Landgate members of staff. The members of the House would like to thank them for giving up so much of their time to help and support the various teams.

Lesley Rolfe, Form 5. Malcolm Tree, Form 4g



LION HOUSE

House Mistresses-Mrs. Relf and Mrs. Johnson

House Masters-Mr. Dorman, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hicks

House Captains: (Girls)—Loretta Hayes (Boys)—Brian Barden Sports Captains: (Girls)—Jennifer Carr (Boys)—Brian Barden

I am pleased to report that Lion has improved immensely during the past year and would report that we are now 3rd instead of 4th in the house marks competition.

The steady progress is apparent in all our activities. Although we have only won a few stoolball and rounders matches, the margin has been narrowed.

The hockey and netball teams played extremely well under bad conditions resulting from very bad weather, and fought hard all the way. I am sure that the coming season will prove more successful than the last and we will be the victors instead of the vanquished.

There is little to report about the boys' activities other than our winning the Cricket Shield.

On behalf of the House I would like to thank the staff for their co-operation and encouragement which helped us tremendously and gave us spirit when it was most needed.

Loretta Hayes, Form 5



MERMAID HOUSE

House Mistresses-Miss Ordish and Mrs. Roberts

House Masters-Mr. Pearce, Mr. Blacker and Mr. Cole

House Captains: (Girls)—Jane Davies (Boys)—Bernard Bottomley

Senior Sports Captains: (Girls)—Judith Breeds (Boys)—J. Lockyer

Junior Sports Captains: (Girls), Frances Rendall (Boys), A. Wilson

It was mentioned last year that Mermaid had still to win the Good Conduct Shield. This year however, owing to the spirit of the House members, we are leading in this competition, but alas, we are trailing in the House effort marks. We have succeeded in winning the Music Cup, thanks to the efforts of Kathleen Carter and Bernard Baverstock. On the games field, Mermaid achieved tremendous success. The girls managed to win the Hockey Cup, and tie with Landgate for the Netball Cup. The boys' results were just as encouraging. They succeeded in winning the Football Cup and came a close third in the House Cricket League. On Sports Day all the Houses fought hard for supremacy, and after an exciting tussle we were beaten and came 3rd. Congratulations are due to D. Turner who won the Junior Boys' Athlete's Cup. We were pleased to see that all our teams were smartly dressed.

We would like to thank all the members of the House who turned up for practice, whether chosen or not. Finally, we would all like to thank the House Teachers for their tireless support and encouragement.

Mary Lewis, Bernard Bottomley and Jane Davies, Form 5



WATCHBELL HOUSE

House Captains: (Girls)—Janet Jenner Sports Captains: (Girls)—Dawn Griffin

(Boys)—P. Goundry (Boys)—C. Pope

This has been a year of moderate success for the House, one of our best achievements being the winning of the Work Shield for 1959-60. At the time of writing we are again in the lead for the competition.

On the games' field the House has won the Athletics Shield for the second year running, and we owe much to Paul Goundry (Senior Boy Champion) and Jane Shinner (Joint Senior Girl Champion) for their splendid efforts.

In cricket the boys won two of their three matches, but the Shield again eluded us. Our Senior Football Team made a very good start this season. The Junior Team were less successful, and though they did not win the competition we appreciated their gallant efforts.

The girls have played well this year and have won the Rounders Cup. So far the Junior Netball Team has won all its matches and we hope its success will continue. The Hockey Team has also played with great enthusiasm. Finally mention must be made of the following people, all of whom have given valuable help in the running of the House—Dawn Griffin (Sports Capt.); Janet Jenner (House Capt.); P. Goundry (House Capt.); C. Pope (Sports Capt.).

Dawn Griffin, Form 5 Barry Kirby, Form 4g

GAMES AND SPORTS GIRLS' GAMES REPORT

The Autumn Term was a washout in more ways than one, as far as fixtures were concerned. Down came the rain and Saturday after Saturday our matches had to be cancelled and a very full fixture list was ruined. There is much to be said for the girls' keenness and fighting spirit, for despite these setbacks they still practised hard and turned up hoping cheerfully that the sun would shine and the floods

go down. At one time the seagulls took over our field and the hockey team, much to its disgust, found itself playing netball and, very much to my surprise, played it quite well, even to the extent of beating Southlands 15-7, thus turning the tables on their netball defeat last year of 22-5.

Three girls, J. Breeds, H. Griffin and D. Griffin went up to the Junior Sussex County Hockey Trials, and Dawn Griffin received a special word of praise from the selectors. It is hoped that next year she will have better luck, as only a very slow start prevented her from

gaining a place.

Despite heavy grounds at the beginning of the Spring Term, out came the sun at last and our hockey team once more went into battle, taking part in three different tournaments and completing its fixtures. We were very disappointed in missing our hockey matches against Southlands and Woodlands, but their grounds were still unfit, and we reluctantly had to change the fixtures to netball.

Hockey Results

Matches cancelled—8 Matches played—6 Matches won—4 Matches lost—2 Matches yet to be played—2 Matches won—4 3 Tournaments J.S.

NETBALL

The netball teams have had a much better season this year, mainly due to their own keenness, enthusiasm and sheer hard work. They have managed to play more fixtures, mainly because they usually play on a hard surface.

Matches cancelled—10 Matches played—24 Matches won—14 Matches lost—8 Matches drawn—2 J.S.

JUNIOR GYM CLUB

This club has a thriving membership of 45, of whom an average of 38 attend each evening. They are all very smartly dressed, immaculately turned out and a real pleasure to take. There are some very good gymnasts in the Club, but what I like most is the way that everyone helps each other and the sporting spirit which dominates the evening. Battle (Claverham School) has invited us over to give a display of our work there and also to show their own team at work.

I.S.

LIFE SAVING CLUB (Girls)

This Club has a small membership of twelve, but nevertheless they are very keen and hard workers. In the summer we hope that some of them will be tackling the Bronze Medallion Life Saving Award, and all of them the Elementary and Intermediate Certificate. This means that plenty of hard strenuous practice in the water is necessary to improve style and stamina, but it is well worth the effort as they may at any time be required to save a life.

J.S.

SPORTS DAY

Our annual Sports Day was held on Wednesday, 13th July, 1960, but owing to bad weather only the morning programme was completed on that day. The other events were held two days later. Altogether there were 53 events and some fine results were achieved.

The Senior Boy Athlete was P. Goundry and the Senior Girls' Cup was shared by J. Shinner and J. Dore. The Result of the House Competition was—

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

Jane Shinner and Paul Goundry won respectively the long jump and the mile at the Sussex Sports, and Jane was chosen and represented the County in the All England Athletic Championships at Shrewsbury.

J. Etches, 4RA and J. Dixon, 4RA

SENIOR FOOTBALL

This season the team has been unlucky in that most of the fixtures have been cancelled through bad weather and unfit pitches. Another result of the weather is that the team was unable to practise. At the beginning of the season the team played a good combination football, and had good prospects of doing well, although our games lacked good shooting and the finishing lacked punch. No individual person needs special praise as they did equally well, and too few games were played to notice outstanding players, although Ian Cutting was always a danger to the opposing defence.

Those who represented the School were—M. Tree, J. Lockyer, C. Cooke, I. Cutting, B. Bottomley, L. Swann, I. Newstead, C. Bull, M. Hall, D. Bryant, R. Igglesden, R. Scott, A. Oliver, J. Cooper, C. Glazier, G. Ewart, G. Williams, M. Wright, B. Barden, C. Pope.

C. Pope, Form 4g

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The Junior Football team consisting of 1st and 2nd year boys has had quite a good season, winning 6 games, only losing 3, and drawing 1. The defence played well with A. Dorman and A. Gasson prominent, while M. James, the captain, has directed the team well. The forward line has played well and pierced many strong defences. The top scorers were A. Wilson, V. Vicary and M. Baddehey.

The following played in the School team—G. Cook, B. Goodsell, C. Ashbee, D. Stanton, A. Pawsey, A. Dorman, N. Machin, D. Bennet, D. Turner, B. Weller, V. Vicary, M. Baddehey, B. Dennis, V. Goldsmith, A. Wilson, A. Gasson, V. Wise, P. Gasson, W. Manswe, P. Drew, A. Field, M. James (Captain), J. Amsdom.

M. James, Form 2B

RUGBY REPORT

During the season, as well as competing against other Schools, we have had to combat the weather. The games' field was out of commission for four months. This meant that the School team was not able to have many practices, and by the end of January the team had about four practices to its credit.

Our first fixture was against Claverham School, Battle. This was the first game in which we had played with a full side against a full side. The game was lost, as one would expect, by a very considerable margin, the actual result being fifty nine points to nil. In this, as in all other games, the team never lost spirit or had any members who proved themselves bad sportsmen. Our second fixture was against Bexhill Downs School, and was only lost by nine points to nil, and the team showed a true fighting spirit. The following Saturday the School XV travelled to Hailsham, where it played what was probably its best game of the season, losing by eleven points to five.

The experience gained in the previous games now held us in good stead, so we travelled to Bexhill Downs for a return fixture. Here our players dominated their opponents. Although our side was the stronger, both teams played equally good rugby. The result of the fixture was a win for the School of twenty nine points to nil.

Although one might say that bad weather affected our opponents' practices, one should bear in mind that our pitch is on marsh land and we probably suffer to a far greater extent as a result. This lack of practice is our only regret, and with the rugby tradition which we are now building, we look forward to an excellent season next year.

C. Killick, Form 5

BASKETBALL

This is virtually a new game at School and already the boys are enthusiastic and eager to learn the skills of the game. In the East Sussex Basketball competition we lost all our games, but much valuable experience was gained. This became more apparent later in the season when successes were achieved over Rye Grammar School in both the under 15 and under 14 matches. The following boys have represented the School—

C. Pope (colours), J. Lockyer, B. Barden, B. Bottomley, M. Hall, C. Cooke, R. Igglesden, I. Cutting, A. Oliver and C. Killick.

Under 14 team—L. Swann, G. Williams, D. Wyatt, G. Ewart, M. Wright, C. Glazier, I. Newstead, R. Clarke, J. Gould, R. Kewell, D. Turner and J. Cooper.

The house matches proved to be very exciting with Lion winning the Senior Section and Watchbell was Champion House followed by Mermaid, Lion and Landgate in that order.

H.E.

SCHOOL INTER HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

This annual event proved to be another exciting and closely contested house competition. A. Oliver (Watchbell) led from the start and ran well to become the eventual winner. He was followed by D. Davies and D. Foy, both of Landgate. The junior race was even more exciting because it was very nearly a dead heat at the finish between H. Wood of Watchbell and M. Baddeley of Mermaid. However, H. Wood was the winner with Baddeley second and W. Reeve of Lion third.

Final Results—1—Landgate, 377 points; 2—Watchbell, 429 points; 3—Mermaid, 465 points; 4—Lion, 520 points

H.E.

THE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

On the 14th January the School Cross Country team visited Heathfield to run in the East Sussex Cross Country Championships. Altogether two hundred boys entered the Junior Race. The distance was two and a quarter miles. The team came fourteenth in the general classification. D. Davies of Form 3AX did well for the School, coming 8th. We only had one other fixture this season against Rye Grammar School, which we lost.

The following boys represented the School—D. Davies, Dixon, Oliver, Foy, Streeton, Crowe, Gasson, L. Foster, Turner.

David Davies, Form 3AX

SCHOOL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

The past year has seen a change in the function of the Club in the School. Regular meetings have been held during the winter, but the main work of livestock farming has been carried out largely by the Rural Science classes which have been directed by Mr. Stunt. In this way the importance of farming in this locality is brought home to all pupils in the Third and Fourth years, and they have had the opportunities to develop fresh interests in the varied activities of the countryside.

Those wishing to help with the livestock at School are chosen from members of the Club, and are given work to do after School hours and at weekends.

Our stock at the moment consists of eleven ewes, all in lamb, four geese, five bantams, one rabbit, seven chicks and three hives of bees. It is hoped to develop poultry keeping at School, especially the breeding of bantams. Beekeeping has proved to be rather more painful than profitable and will probably be discontinued.

During the summer months more rural craft work will be undertaken, and a site for hurdles and fence making has been established beside the garden shed.

The last financial statement showed the Club to be still solvent, with assets as follows:-

Livestock—£77-0-0 Equipment—£20-0-0 Cash at Bank—£100-8-5 Total assets-£223-8-5

The Club welcomes all boys and girls who attend the School, and the Annual Subscription is only 3d.

L.F.H.

BOYS' LIFE SAVING CLUB

A Life Saving Club has been formed during the term and a group of boys has attended a series of six training sessions in order to familiarise themselves with the approved methods of release from the clutches of a drowning person, rescue work and artificial respiration.

Much practical work will be necessary in the swimming bath before these boys can enter for an examination of the Royal Life Saving A.H. Society.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

It was felt at the beginning of the School Year that there was enough interest to tackle something ambitious, and this we did, when on 24th and 25th November, 1960, we presented "An evening of Music and Drama."

We began with a one-act play "The Crimson Coconut" by Ian Hay. This was produced by Mr. A. Downs and proved to be most enjoyable and amusing to both the audience and the cast.

This was followed by musical items under the direction of Mrs. P. Evans, rendered by School recorder players, soloists and vocal

groups, which provided an entertaining interlude.

The final item was made up of extracts from "Julius Caesar" by Shakespeare and produced by Mr. K. Lewis. The cast of 40 stood up to this difficult task very well and although diction and posture could have been better at times, an encouraging performance was given. One actor, Barry Kirby, had worked extremely hard at the part of Mark Antony, and his acting was of an exceptionally high standard for a boy of his age.

The only disappointing feature about these two evenings was the weather, which treated us most unkindly and so affected the size of our audience. However, we were able to hand approximately £18 to

the School Swimming Pool Fund.

On the 4th and 5th of February a small group of boys and girls attended the Annual Youth Drama Course held at Eastbourne. This proved both instructive and entertaining. Stage techniques discussed on the course were directed towards this year's County Youth Drama Festival in which we are competing in late March. Our entry is a one act play "The House with the Twisty Windows" by Mary Parkington.

At the time of going to print the cast, which consists of Kathleen Carter, Jacqueline Carman, Teresa Osborne, Graham Ewart, David Palmer and Kelvin Care, has a week to go and is working very hard. It is a difficult play for 14 and 15 year olds to attempt, but they are gaining experience and a competent performance is expected.

This will probably be our last offering for this School year, but the Dramatic Society will keep functioning, as many boys and girls have made pleasing progress and have shown their readiness and ability to learn difficult parts in good plays.

THE PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. was held in the School Hall on 3rd February, 1961. There were 50 parents and teachers present.

After the Headmaster had welcomed the parents, various matters were discussed. The election of Officers then took place and the following were appointed:-

Secretary-Miss Welsh. Treasurer-Mrs. Rogerson. Committee-Parents: Messrs Jenner, Igglesden, Horton, Duffus and Sheppard. Mesdames Killick, Warren, Manser, Griffin and Taylor. Teachers: Messrs. Dorman, Holmes, Pearce and Huxstep. Mesdames Relf, Johnson, Scogings and two additional staff members to be appointed.

A Parents v Pupils Quiz took place, the pupils winning by a very small margin. The same evening a short committee meeting was held

to discuss future arrangements.

On February 24th, our Association entertained Mr. Godman Irvine our Member of Parliament, who answered questions of educational interest put to him by parents and teachers. Many friends and colleagues from schools in the district were present.

M.M.W.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION

The Meteorological Group

This Group, with the guidance of Mr. Blacklocks, has continued to record the daily weather, taking readings at 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Recently a soil thermometer has been installed. This is an advantage for gardening enthusiasts.

Last July, at the end of term, some of the Geographical Society visited Dungeness Lighthouse. We were guided by the Keeper, who showed us many weather instruments and the transmitting equipment.

When we were there the old lighthouse was still working and the new one was being tested. The old light was lit by oil and floated on mercury whereas the new one is electric and flashes on and off. We had an enjoyable afternoon on Greatstone Sands.

J. Creasy, D. Hollands, K. Fitzhugh, Form 3A

The Agricultural Group

Meetings have been held this year in conjunction with the Young Farmers' Club. School building has prevented Group meetings in a set place.

Notes have been kept on the two local farms as previously. A very wet Autumn and Winter have meant little farm activity and thus

little to note.

M.R.S.

Biology Group

We had planned an extensive programme of pond and seashore exploration for the Spring Term, and the mild weather would have made this very successful. However, the continued non-arrival of the equipment for the Science Laboratory, and the uncertainty as to when Biology should return to its old quarters upstairs, prevented us from carrying out what we had planned. All we have done so far has been the keeping of frog and toad spawns for observation and the stripping down and repainting of some faulty tanks. For this task I would like to express our thanks to Hickman and Machin.

One fact worthy of mention is the appearance of newts in their breeding colours on the first day of 1961—a comment on the exceptionally mild winter, and of course, an unbeatable record.

G.I.S.S.

The Bird Watching Group

By an unlucky coincidence members of this group were often among those playing for their house or the School in team matches, and this kept the numbers for our Wednesday outings down to four or five on a good many occasions. However, there was an advantage in that the "survivors" were then few enough to take by car to places we could not otherwise have reached. On one memorable day, at the junction of the Military Canal and the Rother, five people who had not seen a kingfisher before, were able to watch one at a distance of a few yards for nearly ten minutes, an opportunity that seldom comes.

Apart from routing watching, there is little of note to record, and the rainy Autumn which gave the Meteorological Group some interesting records, having temporarily stopped our activities, we have not yet

started again.

A.B.

CHESS

The Junior Club

This Club meets on alternate Tuesdays supervised by Mr. Pearce. On these evenings the members play each other. One 5 board match which was played between 2A and 2B resulted in a 5—0 victory for 2A.

The Chess Club will welcome any new members who would like to join, and will be only too pleased to teach people the game.

R. B. Dennis, W. Manser

The Senior Club

The loss of Kavanagh and Roy Cutting from the School's chess team meant a season with fewer wins to our credit. Even so, Michael Hall and Ian Cutting have done well in higher playing positions. On the lower boards it has been difficult to get the right blend of skill with experience of match play. The results of these three boards have in consequence usually been against us. The experience gained by these sporting losers will be invaluable in the season 1961-2, when we hope they will be getting a fair share of wins.

H.J.P.

THE STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club is held every Tuesday, except on important occasions like a Staff Meeting. Mr. Care is the Chairman and he supervises the proceedings. The main items of the Club are quizzes, which the members prepare, and Round the World, where one has to mark on the globe where the stamp comes from. Other items are

talks and examples of postmarks and watermarks, perforations, errors and shades. We also talk about new and recent issues, how stamps are made, what the parts of a stamp are called, and many other facts about them.

After the main part of the meeting, Mr. Care usually gives out some stamps, and then we swap with him or among ourselves. If you would like to take up philately as a hobby, on behalf of the other members of the Club I extend a hearty welcome to you to join us.

P. Wyatt, 3A

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Chairman—Mr. R. S. Rothwell Secretary—Dawn Griffin Assistant Secretary—B. Bottomley

The School Council is now in its third year and has become a well established institution. It has not only allowed the children to air their views and voice their complaints during the past year, but has also enabled the form representatives to convey the Headmaster's wishes back to the forms.

The meetings are always well attended not only by the form representatives, but also by other members of the School who, although barred from speaking and voting under the Council's constitution, attend to ensure that their form representatives carry out their duties as instructed by them.

Various matters have been raised which I am sure would not have been brought out into the open, if it were not for the Council. Such matters as cloak-room conditions, overcrowding of school buses, and the general school routine are only a few points which have been raised and discussed. The Headmaster must find points such as these helpful in running the School more smoothly, even if some are very minor ones.

The School certainly benefits from the work done by the Council, which incidentally is all voluntary and carried out after school, although every member knows it is an honour to have been elected to serve upon it.

B. Bottomley, Form 5 (Asst. Sec.)

CHOIR REPORT

Among the many other School activities the choir is becoming more and more important. During this last year it has not only increased in size, but its quality has improved considerably. At a "Concert of Music and Drama" in November 1960, a group of boys sang some songs and Malcolm James and Godfrey Guess sang solos. The same boys and Machin, Swanton, Turner, Newton and Baker also sang at Rye Congregational Church in November.

The Carol Service was the next event in which the Choir took part, and this was held at the Parish Church on December 20th. As well as singing with the rest of the congregation, they sang the chorale "How brightly beams the morning star" by Bach, "Withers' Rocking Hymn" arranged by Vaughan Williams and "Thou must leave thy lovely dwelling" by Berlioz.

On 16th March the choir attended the Hastings Music Festival to compete against nine other schools, and when one considers that they had no practice with their accompanist, they did very well to gain

80% for the two songs.

Among the future activities the choir is to take part, is the Lewes Festival which takes place on 5th May. There will be 25 other School choirs to compete against and they are all singing three unison songs and five two-part songs, including four Negro spirituals arranged by the eminent composer Phyllis Tate, who will be present to hear the first performance of these songs by children.

It has been a very busy year for the Choir, but one full of good

experience, and I hope a rewarding one.

K. Carter, Form 4g

RECORDER REPORT

There are now three recorder classes. One treble recorder class is taken by Miss Gladman, and two other classes for descant and tenor recorder are taken by Mrs. Evans.

The more advanced group of treble, descant and tenor recorder players played on Speech Day in November 1960, and as this was their first public performance, they played very well. In November also, the same group played at Rye Congregational Church. On 10th March 1961 some of the group competed in the Hastings Festival of Music. Each child who entered, gained a certificate.

In the under 12 class, Dorothy Holloway played a treble recorder solo and gained an honours certificate. In the under 16 class Angela Boots and Teresa Blackman gained merit certificates for descant recorder solos. In the duet class Carol Banks and Linda Horton gained an honours certificate and Maureen Wickenden and Alma Peckham gained a merit certificate. Gloria Page, Margaret Holloway and Angela Boots gained an honours certificate in the Trio class. These children have worked extremely hard and deserve their awards.

P.M.E.

THE ANGLING CLUB

The Angling Club meets after School every fortnight on a Thursday. At these meetings members discuss where the next outing will be and the various techniques needed in the rivers and ponds in the area. Since the club has been formed the members have made a reconnaissance of local waters with the aid of an Ordnance Survey

Map of the area, kindly given by Witowski who has now moved to London.

During the last close season a very interesting film was shown called "Coarse Fishing Galore." This film featured waterways of

England which are abundant in fish.

The first outing was to the Brede, above the lock at Rye. The only fish caught were by Mr. Davie and one boy. This was because the boys used short spinning rods which resulted in slow striking. Again on the opening day of the season the Club visited Brede, and this time more fish were caught as the members had longer rods, enabling quicker striking. The ground bait brought along by Mr. Davie encouraged the fish to feed. A few weeks later the Club members landed several roach and bream near Starlock. Last Autumn several members visited the Brede at Winchelsea. An outing was arranged to fish at Udimore in the late Autumn, but owing to the persistent rain the river was flooded.

Since the School year began in September, the serious flooding made angling very difficult and there is little activity to report for this part of the season. In the coming season we hope to arrange an angling match with another school, although it is hard to find another school with an angling club.

John Packham, Form 3AX, Ian Cunningham, Form 4g

A fine trout was taken in the Brede by J. Packham during the early part of the Easter Holiday and subsequently by T. Waters. On the last Friday of the holidays these two had an enjoyable day on the Rother at Etchingham.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES THE SCHOOL CAMP (Girls)

Raw shoulders, wet feet, dirty clothes, hungry and perhaps a touch of what we thought was pneumonia, was the condition in which three tough girls returned home on Friday 15th July 1960, after a strenuous but enjoyable time. The previous week when we appeared at Polegate, we were quite inexperienced campers.

The camp was situated in a large field about one mile out of Polegate. On arrival we were divided into groups of four and slept two in a tent. Here we were given instructions in light-weight camp-

ing, which included map work.

One morning we were given a compass, map, packed lunches and an envelope which contained instructions. These enabled us to show what we had learnt, by arriving back at the site safely, from a very long day's hike. Perhaps a full account of our adventures should not be retold here. The most heart breaking affair was cooking our meals on a small camp fire. This called for considerable skill or else one ended up with charred, smoked, rather dirty bacon.

One occasion it took us two hours to cook our breakfast, and when it was ready we had to strain the scrambled egg, because Marie Taylor had added an excessive amount of milk. In spite of this we enjoyed our meal.

After three days here we moved to Groombridge. This camp was much smaller and we slept in groups of six, and worked in groups of eight. The second day at Groombridge we travelled to Harrison's Rocks, through a wet wood and tangle of undergrowth, where we received instructions in rock climbing. This was very exciting and gave us more confidence. At the end of a day even our sleeping bags seemed comfortable.

All too quickly the holidlay had slipped by and it was soon time to start packing for our return journey. This took all one afternoon, after which we parted with our new companions and boarded the train for Rye.

Dawn Griffin, Form 5

THE SCHOOL CAMP (Boys)

Twenty one boys went to camp, accompanied by two masters, Mr.

Smith and Mr. Evans, for the six days 23rd-29th June.

In order to assist with the cooking duties we were divided into three groups, so that each group would do the cooking twice. The meals were very good indeed, and what is equally as important, there was plenty to eat.

Each night we would have a hot drink and a sandwich. At half past nine we would go to bed and get a good rest. Those who were on duty for cooking would get up at seven o'clock and make a cup of tea. They would then start cooking the breakfast.

The best part of the camp was canoeing. At first I was rather doubtful whether to have a try, as most of the boys had fallen in. After I had conquered my fears I really enjoyed it. There were two double canoes and four singles ones. There was a river close by, so that there was no trouble in carrying our craft.

The senior members of the camp went on a supposedly ten mile hike. En route we had to find check points and places with unusual names. Unfortunately for us we ended up fifteen miles away from our target. We eventually decided to catch a bus. When we arrived back, we thought we must have walked at least thirty eight miles.

If ever I am offered the chance of going to a camp again, I shall take it because I think it was the best holiday I have ever had.

A. Moon, 4g

KEEPING THE SCHOOL TIDY

One Friday when Mr. Rothwell our headmaster came to Assembly he said that we were going to tidy up our School now that the workmen had gone, and have a much more tidy School. We would have a competition for the tidiest class. The things Mr. Rothwell was going to give marks for were tidy desks, hair, nails, and clothes and tidy classrooms. Then he gave us a piece of the School to keep tidy too. Our piece is part of the stairs and passage. When Raymond and I tidied our grocer's shop box, we found a mouse. I am glad to say we won the prize, a feather duster, the second week. We had 41 marks.

Roy Chapman, Form S1

"FULL MARKS"

"Quiet please, five, four, three, two, one-"

"Hello and welcome to the Ancient Town of Rye, where on my left we have the team from the County Secondary School, Sparrows Green, Wadhurst and on my right the team from the County Secondary School, Rye."

These words, or words to this effect, heralded the Independent Television programme "Full Marks," but for us this occasion was quite different. This particular programme was being recorded at our School on an otherwise ordinary day. Although lessons were as usual, we tried to steal glimpses of the preparations. In a few hours the small unimportant School Hall was transformed into a live television studio. Outside, the familiar blue vans and grey trucks, with the distinctive Southern Star symbol, stood ready for the final signal. Suddenly all was ready. A selected audience of three hundred Rye children and their opposite numbers from the other school, was summoned to the hall. A hushed silence fell upon the gathering, as the opposing teams proceeded to their respective positions. An air of expectancy hung over the crowd as Robin Richmond struck up a tune on the organ, and invited one and all to sing.

Then came the final count down; battle was about to commence. Cameras whirred into life and nerves were shattered as the first questions were asked. An exciting tussle followed, in which the Wadhurst team gradually drew away from ours. The gap widened and eventually ended in a convincing win for the opposing team of 61 to 47.

Congratulations are due to both teams but particularly to our four members: A. Pawsey (the 12 year old boy); Jennie Taylor (the 13 year old girl; R. Igglesden (the 14 year old boy) and Jane Small (the team captain age 15 years), for fighting so hard and being such gallant losers.

Jane Davies, Form 5

A WEEK-END COURSE AT HASSOCKS

We arrived at Stafford House on 11th February at quarter to four. We were shown to our rooms; I shared a room with Carol, a girl from Robertsbridge, and Jane. This room had only four beds, two of which were bunks. Mary was in the room opposite.

After tea, which was extremely big and very enjoyable, we all adjourned to the library where we were given a lecture on what the course was about. Both the lecturers knew their subjects well.

At seven o'clock we were given supper and then shown a Polish film called "The Generation." It was a film about the Polish Resistance activity during the Second World War. The sub titles were difficult to read, but the excellent acting made the story easy to follow.

After a cup of drinking chocolate and some biscuits, half of which we gave to the dog, Carol suggested we should go for a walk. After much talking, laughing and listening to a portable radio, we eventually went to sleep at quarter to two.

After breakfast we were shown three short films "Muscle Beach," "Dreamland" and "Jazz Club in the West End." After a break for coffee we were shown a French film and an extract from "High Noon."

We had lunch and then sat in the Library and discussed whether these films gave a real or disturbed picture of life. Opinions were greatly divided on this matter.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable week-end and we learnt a great deal about film making which we did not know even existed.

Terecia Osborne, Form 4g

THE SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

It was originally estimated that two thousand five hundred pounds were required to build a swimming pool for the School. However, because the site is marshland a further five hundred pounds was required. Without hesitation Mr. Rothwell informed the whole school and told us not to be put off by the need for more money.

Individual classes ran different schemes for producing money for the pool. It was not unusual to be stopped in the playground and be almost forced to buy a raffle ticket for a box of chocolates or a perfect Christmas cake. Classes immediately caught on and numerous other methods of raising money were introduced.

The work of the pool is rapidly progressing, thanks to some generous contributions from some people, such as the Rye Players and Spun Concrete Company.

When work first commenced, the Headmaster said that it would cost a terrific amount more just to dig out the hole. The pupils of the School decided to dig it themselves. This has now been done although we have had to have help to finish it.

The pool is now built and the earth is put back round it. There is still much work to be done such as building the changing rooms and painting and installing the chlorination plant which will purify the water. The chlorination plant is the most important and certainly the most expensive part of the pool. It will cost approximately one thousand pounds. The total cost of the completed pool and facilities will be about £5,000.

All being well the inaugural race between Mr. Rothwell and Miss Welsh should be soon after Whitsun.

J. Wood, Form 4RA, R. Scott, Form 4g

THE CAROL SERVICE

The School Hall was decorated with garlands and teachers were at the beck and call of the children. It was our annual Christmas Dinner.

After dinner the pupils and staff of the school proceeded to walk to St. Mary's Church for our annual carol service. The pupils walked to the Church in a very orderly fashion, which brought much credit upon themselves and the staff.

Once again in accordance with our English weather, it rained, but the adverse weather conditions did not perturb many of our friends from attending. We were honoured on this occasion to have amongst the congregation John Watanabi, the extremely brave Japanese priest who is a great friend of our Headmaster.

Our very successful school choir attended, and the Church echoed with their praises in honour of our Lord's birthday. The church rang with such beautiful carols as "Silent Night," making one realise that Christmas was on our door steps.

During the latter part of the service prefects collected offerings for the Church repair fund. They collected £7/9/6, which once again shows the generosity of our parents and friends. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Rye and we all owe him our sincere thanks for the splendid way in which the service was arranged.

Raymond Sargent, Form 5

THE FIFTH FORM DANCE

On December 16th Form 5 upheld the tradition of organising a Christmas Dance. A great deal of hard work and time was devoted to its success, and on the evening before the dance the hall was decorated in the true Christmas style.

By 8.30 p.m. the hall was rapidly filling with enthusiastic dancers, while behind the scenes the fifth formers were still working hard to ensure a smooth chain of events. The hard work was worthwhile however, because by the end of the evening the dance was crowded.

A few days later the fifth formers were able to hand Mr. Rothwell approximately £70, which was to be added to the steadily growing Swimming Pool Fund.

Janet Jenner, Form 5

A VISIT TO ST. HELEN'S HOSPITAL

On 26th July, 1960, a group of 23 girls left the School and walked round to the station at Rye. We were joined by Miss Welsh, who was supervising us on a trip to St. Helen's Hospital, Ore. When we arrived at the Hospital we were taken into the Committee Room, where we were introduced to the Matron and her assistant. There were many flowers, beautifully arranged and the Matron told us about the establishment and what was expected of us if we should want to go in for nursing.

We visited most of the wards and saw the sterilizing room. We went into the Men's Medical Ward and saw the patients, then we went to the Women's Surgical and Medical Wards. In the Men's Surgical Ward we saw three gentlemen from Rye whom various girls in the group knew. We visited the Geriatric or Old People's ward, where the old folk were trying to do various forms of handwork. In the hall-like place in front of one of the wards there was a special chair called a hoist, which was used to take the patients from their beds to the bath, or somewhere where they were needed. This was a great help, because it took most heavy lifting away from the nurses.

We ended our visit in the children's ward, where a premature baby was lying in an incubator. A small boy was also there with his second attack of pneumonia.

We then went into the nurses' dining room and had our tea. All the food, including the bread, is made on the premises at the hospital. In the lounge was a radio, piano and a record player. Apparently the nurses take up the carpets for dancing.

Upstairs they have a television room and a shampoo room, which is very well equipped. All nurses and student nurses have a "bed sitter" to themselves. Our afternoon visit ended in the classroom where we were given a short lecture and then took a model body to pieces, with Sister Tutor looking on.

At this hospital a nurse may take a three year training to become a S.R.N., which means she has to take all the examinations, or she may become an Auxiliary Nurse, which entails only practical work, and two years' training.

Shirley King, Form 4RA

"SIMPLE SPYMEN"

The train pulled slowly out of Rye Station loaded with 300 children, teachers and parents, bubbling with excitement, all bound for London. As the sun was trying to peer through a dull grey sky there was a slight breeze blowing, but not enough to dampen our excitement. This was the day we were off to see the play "Simple Spymen," starring Brian Rix and Leo Franklyn. Countryside, buildings and towns were soon flying past us, and before we knew where we were, Charing Cross Station appeared.

On arriving we discovered we were half an hour too early, so we were taken for a walk. Although it was in the Christmas holidays it was very mild and we enjoyed our stroll along the top of The Mall,

past St. James's Park and beside the Government Offices.

The curtain was raised and every face in the audience wore a big, wide smile. It was very funny and every bit enjoyable. The theatre was full of laughter all the time and I do not think anyone would have missed it. Brian Rix and Leo Franklyn are wonderful actors and stood out above the rest of the cast. As we came out of the theatre, bright lights were glowing, crowds bustling everywhere and it was altogether very noisy. We had to wait some time for our train but arrived back safely at about 9 o'clock, having had a very enjoyable day.

Margaret Woollett, Form 4RA

"TOP TOWN" CIVICS QUIZ

This year the Rye County Secondary School entered this Quiz. This meant choosing a team of four children, their ages ranging from fourteen to sixteen. After much discussion and hard work the team was finally chosen and the following were selected: Clive Killick, Violet Pilcher, Elizabeth Sears and Annette Claydon. None of those chosen took civics lessons and so a fair amount of work was required. The history master, Mr. Blacklocks, who had worked extremely hard to help the team unfortunately fell ill at the last moment, but in spite of that we were determined to know everything which might be involved.

The Quiz was held at the Hastings Boys' School. I think we were rather nervous at the prospect of going to a strange school, and we

were glad when the quiz began.

The Hastings team took the lead by one point in the first round, but Rye soon caught up in round three. In the fourth round Hastings increased their lead by four points. In the next round there was considerable excitement from the audience as the scores in this round finished level. The whole result depended on the last question and we were unlucky. The team was rather disappointed at losing, but enjoyed the experience.

Elizabeth Sears, 4g

NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS

New school buildings have been going up rapidly. The first to be built were the two wooden Medway classrooms, which were built in the summer holidays of 1959. They were soon followed by two other Medways which were built end to end on the hockey field. An interesting fact about Medway Huts is that should the number of children at the School decrease, these buildings can be pulled down and rebuilt elsewhere with a fair degree of ease.

Three new brick classrooms have been built on to the end of the School. New cloakrooms have been built for boys and girls. The boys' new stairs and cloakroom is part of the new adjoining buildings.

A new craft-room has been built for Mr. Fulluck and houses his looms and other strange equipment. The original science laboratory has been extended and is now Mr. Down's classroom, but in future will be a new and better laboratory for Chemistry and Biology. The new laboratory on the ground floor will be Mr. Hicks' Physics room.

The old art room has been converted to a Domestic Science room, and so we now have two such rooms. Mr. Cole's old room has been

extended and converted into the Art room.

The old prefabricated buildings which used to house the classes taken by Mr. Fulluck, Mr. Huxstep and Mr. Dorman have had the inside walls knocked down and made into new Woodwork and Metalwork shops, which are equipped with new tools and machines.

The last improvements to be made were the enlarging of the staff room and the alterations to the Headmaster's Office. All is now complete after a very disturbing eighteen months, and we look forward to using our new equipment. We also look forward to the next building work, as it is very fascinating to watch workmen busily digging and demolishing.

Tony Howard, Form 4RA

THE FASHION SHOW

It was two weeks ago when we were told that there was going to be a fashion show. Everybody was excited. Before the show, some girls in the same form walked up and down the corridors during breaks, with books on their heads. This was to improve their deportment. Yesterday the models told their friends what shoes,

make-up and dresses they were going to wear.

Before the show there was plenty of preparation. Our room had to be put tidy. First we had to put all Miss Welsh's papers, books and other belongings together in a cupboard. Then we put all the machines into Mrs. Johnson's room. Next we arranged all the tables round the edge of the room, and left a big space in the middle. When Wednesday morning came, we had our last tidy up. The lady from Simplicity Patterns was very helpful. She brought several different dresses for the models. When all the models were in the room, she had them standing in a line with the tallest at the top, going down to the shortest at the bottom. When all this was done, the dresses were given out according to the shoes the models were wearing.

At ten thirty the show started. All the models came down to the Hall and the lady gave a short speech. The models came out one at a time, and as they entered the lady explained what they were wearing. The clothes included various dresses, skirts, blouses, sports

clothes, beach wear and even a lovely evening dress. At the end, all the models came out in twos.

After the show we had to clear up, but we did not mind as we had some good ideas to ask our mothers to help us put into practice.

Margaret Holloway, Form 4T

THREE CHEERS FOR ENGLAND

Every year a party from this school travels to Wembley to watch England play hockey. This year it was the match against Ireland, and for the last ten years England has succeeded in winning all her games against other countries. On March 11th a party of sixty gathered at Rye Station, to go this year.

When we arrived at Wembley four hours later, the scene was colourful. Men and young boys were selling gay rosettes for the two countries, and girls from hundreds of different schools were wearing coloured uniforms. When all the spectators had taken their places, community singing began which, amongst all the cheers, was conducted by Arthur Caiger of the "Daily Express."

Then surrounded by cheers, waves of colourful scarves and the familiar sound of noisy rattles, the two teams were presented to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester.

The teams then took their positions. At the very beginning England managed to get a good start by keeping the ball in the Ireland half for the first few minutes, and by excellent team work the left wing, M. Hicks, scored a goal. This was helped by the Irish goalie because at first she came out to tackle the wing, but then hesitated, leaving a space for the ball. Before half time another goal under the same circumstances was scored, and England was leading by two goals to nil.

In the second half Ireland played a much better game, and managed to keep the ball near our goal continually, and eventually scored. After this the match became more interesting and both teams had to fight hard for the ball. England's centre forward succeeded in scoring a goal, followed by an excellent shot from the left wing. Ireland then really piled on the pressure for the last few minutes of the game, and scored a lucky goal. The final result was 4 goals to 2 for England.

The girls left their seats all feeling hoarse, excited and rather tired. However to know that one's country has won gives a feeling of satisfaction for the long train journey home.

This would be a good opportunity to express our thanks to Miss Scogings and Mrs. Rogerson for their expert organisation and pleasant company. Frances Cutting, Form 4g

THE SCHOOL VISITS WEMBLEY

Last year in the month of April, a number of boys went to Wembley to watch the Schoolboys' International football match. England was playing Scotland.

We arrived at Wembley at two o'clock. When we were in the Stadium we were surrounded by badge and rosette canvassers. After we had purchased one of these we went into the main part of the building. Once inside we immediately saw the Royal Marine Band leaving the pitch. After that Mr. Marples was introduced to us and we then sang community songs. This was followed by a model aircraft display.

The great moment arrived and the players ran on the pitch. It was an excellent game only marred by an injury to the Scottish goalkeeper. England won by four goals to two, which pleased us immensely.

There was a great rush to leave the stadium as we had to catch a train. We arrived home about nine thirty that evening.

Keith King, 4RA

ESSAYS AND POEMS

SPRING TIME

At last the Spring is here again, No more cold and no more rain. The ice has gone, the flowers in bud, And no more rain to make a flood.

The children play while the men make hay, And the farmer sings as the day begins. The sky is blue and the clouds are white, And all is still all through the night.

The sun shines bright through a puffy cloud, As the church bells ring Aloud! Aloud! The choir is singing a joyful song, As the bride walks happily along. Sandra Povey, Form 1A

Does one need a faith, a religion, or merely a code of ethics?

From the beginning of recorded history we discover that man has always argued and fought about his beliefs, whether they be religious or political. No group of people has ever come to an agreement about both, even though they may agree for a time about one. The reason for this is the intensely individualistic nature of man's ideas, which

clash when personal matters are at stake. His thoughts are always his own and because of this, in the question of religion especially, the "right" answer will never be reached. Beliefs cannot be studied without involving personal issues, and no one can come to such a discussion with an open mind. The best way to study the question is from the experiences and examples of others, thus cutting out as much of one's personal feeling as possible.

First it must be decided what the terms "faith," "religion" and "a code of ethics" mean.

What is religion? This is a question facing many of us. Since the world first began man has felt the need of a supreme being, someone to turn to in danger or distress. There are naturally many different religions and from each a certain type of satisfaction is gained. According to the Hindu religion there is an immense number of gods, and different gods are held in honour in different places. The Hindus have four divisions or "castes" which are types of social barrier. In contrast, the Mohammedans believe in one god who is a universal god of all mankind. This god is called "Allah" and his prophet Mohammed.

Another great religion is Christianity. This is based on the belief in one God, who revealed himself in the Old Testament by the words of his prophets, and in the New Testament by Jesus Christ and His teachings. Christians believe that God came to earth in human form, and that he died and rose again from the dead.

"Faith" must be part of a religion, but can be separate from it. "Faith" is belief and trust in a person, persons or things, and is entirely personal to the individual. Where a religion entails groups of people and corporate acts, a faith belongs entirely to its owner. Faith can be put in a god, or many gods, people, parties, or a human being.

"A code of ethics" is a self chosen standard of life which incorporates "faith" and to some extent "religion." The person holding such a code has chosen from among the ways of the world a group of moral laws which he feels is right. It would seem that all moral standards must come from the superhuman or divine, because man could not himself set a high moral standard, it had to come from one who was already higher.

We discover that these beliefs have been followed in many different ways, by people of all races in every age. We measure a belief by the degree of spiritual satisfaction it affords to the individual. One of the greatest examples of a "faith" being put into practice was found in the Greek and Roman civilizations. Their many gods and goddesses were worshipped by their followers in individual ways. The writings of these great nations are witness enough to the failure of this system.

The twentieth century appears to be the period in which various codes of ethics have been most widely put into practice. Those people who follow specific religions are comparatively few in number and are steadily decreasing. From the increase of spiritual unrest in the world it would seem that a code of ethics is not enough.

The three greatest religions of the civilised world namely Hindu, Mohammedanism and Christianity have survived over the years and those who remain entirely faithful will not foresake their religion for either a "faith" or a "code of ethics." Their testimony proves that true religion alone holds full satisfaction which man finds so necessary.

Jennifer Carr, Form 4g One of the winning essays—Rotary Club Competition

THE SWIMMING POOL

In the past two years we have heard at School The familiar words, "For the Swimming Pool." We dug and we dug till we made a big hole It took some doing but we reached our goal. With many a raffle and Grand National draws, With entertainment which brought us applause.

Toffee apples and dances galore, With Bingo drives we built up a store Of funds for the longed-for Swimming Pool, Which in summer weather will keep us cool. We have not finished, but the end's in sight.

We still must paint and dig with all our might.
We need more funds so don't give up yet,
It won't be long 'ere we all are wet.
If the clerk of the weather does his best,
The swimming pool will be put to the test.

Jennifer Banks and Margaret Apps, Form 2c

LONDON

Up and up one goes, gradually climbing higher and higher, step over step. At last the light increases and one realises the summit is near, then—the top. Before one lies a scene, which when studied closely yields the greatest contrasts imaginable—a scene of splendour, a scene of poverty, and one which many tried to destroy, yet failed. A scene incorporating the ancient and the modern—London.

As one views the vast metropolis the contrasts seem to ring in the brain. To the west are the modern yet majestic silhouettes of the new multi-storey office blocks, thrown in a relief of red and black against the sunset. Looking eastwards one's vision is blurred by a thick carpet of mist rolling in from the sea. Then come the echoes of the chimes of 'Big Ben.' 'Big Ben' the symbol of London the world over which could easily be described as the world's clock. In Whitehall the office workers are leaving their eternal signing and stamping of forms. A

little farther along in Trafalgar Square the tourists are leaving the

pigeons to go in search of their hotels.

Journeying along the Strand to the City one sees the great Cathedral of St. Paul's watching over the now almost empty offices. At Kings Cross, Euston, Victoria and the other termini in London, the countless hordes are being crammed into railway coaches sardine fashion, ready for the journey to far off suburbs.

As well as this exodus of workers, there is an influx of those people coming to London for their entertainment. In Piccadilly the brilliant illuminated advertisements are flickering gaily. In Regent Street and Oxford Street the large department stores have ejected their last customers, leaving the cleaners to prepare for yet another day. The queues for the evening performance at the theatres are lengthening.

During the evening London still lives. Juke boxes, orchestras, theatres, cinemas and restaurants all play their parts in keeping the pulse of this huge town beating. As the evening goes on, fewer people are to be seen on the streets. By midnight London appears almost dead. The last of the coloured lights is extinguished leaving the policeman to patrol his beat and the night watchman supreme in his domain.

Clive Killick, Form 5

THE LONELY KING

On the crest of the hill he stands alone King of all he sees. Below are the glens where he loves to roam, Urged on by the rustling breeze.

With head held high, the noble steed Canters down the hill. He goes at such a surprising speed, In my dreams I see him still.

Sheila Care, Form 2A

THE FOX CUB

Last Autumn, my friends and I were walking over the Downs when above the moaning of the wind and the mournful cry of the curlew we heard another, much stranger noise. It was a kind of whimper, merging into a long wailing moan, which made us shudder.

We reached the brow of the hill and looking down into the brackencovered valley below, we detected something moving in the undergrowth. Then the eerie noise came again and we thought it sounded like a dog which was hurt. We moved cautiously down the valley over the short springy turf, following the direction of the sound.

At first we thought it was a dog, but to our amazement we realized that it was a young fox cub. One of its paws was held tightly in the

jaws of a steel trap. It was trying to free itself, even though each

movement it made caused it to whimper.

Falling on his knees beside the cub, Roger tried to force the strong jaws of the trap apart, and the cub, maddened by his hurt, would have fastened strong white teeth into his hand if he had not snatched it away. Then Marilyn had an idea. Taking off her scarf she gave it to Roger to bind round his hand. Again Roger tried. The poor little creature howled with pain, but he seemed to realize that Roger was helping him. It was difficult not to jar the injured foot still more, and Roger's brow was covered with beads of perspiration as he strove to open the trap. Once he almost gave up, but the pathetic look in the yellow rolling eyes of the cub, compelled him to persevere.

Eventually we all gave a thankful gasp. Something was beginning to move. Roger strained to his utmost, and all at once there was a

sharp click, and the cruel jaws of the trap opened.

With another little whimper of pain the cub dragged away his paw, his first thought to escape. He was weak from loss of blood and pain, and after only two or three steps, he collapsed. He cowered in the bracken, his tongue lolling from his mouth, his bright eyes beseeching us to help.

We watched him uncertainly and then Sue bent down and cautiously gathered him gently in her arms, but the little creature made no

attempt to bite her.

By now his eyes were half closed and he was panting. We wondered uneasily if he might die. Our fears were soon dispelled because after skilful treatment by the local veterinary surgeon, we took him home and cared for him until he was fit to return to his natural surroundings.

Jeannie Taylor, Form 2A

FREEDOM

Just let me lie in the shade of a wall Doing nothing—nothing at all, While the sun moves silently over head, And my skin turn slowly from pink to red; While the sounds of a summer afternoon Blend in my ears like a drowsy tune, And things like tangents and log. and sine, Are no concern whatever of mine.

Just let me lie on the top of a hill, Where the sky is clear and the winds are still, Alone and splendidly out of touch With the everyday things that matter so much, Like oxygen (O) and potasssium (K) And "Pi" and the root of "X" times "A." Just let me lie on the sun-warmed sand, Sifting idly through my hand, Hearing like voices from far away, The plaintive gulls from above the bay. Let me forget for a few hours' spell That the two like poles of a magnet repel, For the very thought is repellent to me, On a summer's day, of the G.C.E.

Julia Pepperell, Form 4g

A TOUGH MAN'S JOB

Professional wrestling is a skilled job and needs a certain amount of knowledge and physical fitness. It is becoming very popular with men and women.

It can include some painful incidents. The great advantage in wrestling is that one carries on until the ages of forty to fifty, but in boxing one reaches a peak at the age of thirty five. To draw crowds at a wrestling match one has to have certain attractions. For instance a man at the amazing weight of twenty one stones would draw more people than a man weighing fourteen stones.

Wrestling dates back to many hundreds of years ago, when the Greeks thought it was the most important sport of the Olympic Games. In England several hundred years ago, King Henry VIII

was a reigning champion of this country.

There are many styles of wrestling, such as Greek and Roman, Cumberland, Westmorland, Devon and Cornwall, and the style we use here is known as "Catch as Catch Can." Most of these styles are only used by amateurs.

Some people go to see wrestlers who can hardly wrestle at all, but just foul and show-off. One such person is Ski-Hi-Lee, the Great Togo or "Doctor Death." Most sensible wrestling enthusiasts go to see skilful and knowledgeable wrestlers, such as Bernard Murry and Milo Poppercopoulos. One must admit that wrestling is a tough sport. If you disagree—try it!

Allan Sokell, Form 1B

THE SCHOOL BUS

"The bus is here," yelled my brother.

"Hurry! Hurry up or you'll miss it," said Mother, anxiously. Hurriedly I snatched my satchel and P.E. bag, and coat unbuttoned, satchel falling off my shoulder, P.E. bag dragging on the ground, I rushed blindly out and bumped into Elaine.

We both ran as fast as we could along the lane while someone on the bus shouted "Come on, hurry up, we can't wait all day."

Horns honking, dogs barking, children shouting, a hop, a skip, a jump and glorious relief we sank into our seats. I dumped my gear on

to the seat and went back to thank the driver for waiting. Once back in my seat I jumped into my friends' conversation.

"Did you enjoy the dancing yesterday, Janet?" asked Shirley. "Yes thank you. It was good fun, wasn't it?" I replied.

"By the way, are you going to that squa— help!" The bus jerked to a stop and I fell forward on to the floor. I sat up as the bus started off again, and they were all splitting their sides laughing at me, looking so sorrowful for myself. I rose and sat on my seat.

"Now to finish my sentence," I said, laughingly. "I was saying,

are you going to the squash tonight?"

"I am," said both Elaine and Angela together.

"Are you? Oh look at those lambs," said Shirley. We all turned

and pressed our noses against the windows.

The bus continued to buzz with happy conversation. It stopped once more and we started to collect our various bags, satchels, cases and other belongings. As we came in sight of the School most of us stood up, ready to get off.

Angela called "Cheerio, see you tonight."

"Au revoir, bon voyage," I answered with rather poor French accent. Angela laughed and I had to move on or I would hold up everyone else. As I passed the driver I said a friendly "Cheerio, thank you."

He said "Cheerio" back, and winked at me.

"Well!" I exclaimed as we stepped off the bus, "back to School again, and before we can turn round, we are on our way home."

Janet Payne, Form 1A

I WONDER

The town of Rye it seems to me, Is a quiet haven, lying back from the sea. The cobbled streets and red roof tops Mingle and blend with the quaint old shops.

I see the church and its pointed steeple, It reminds me of God and His earthly people. And when the old churchyard catches my eye, I wonder why were we born—to die.

As I gaze across at the School in the valley, I wonder if God meant its pupils to carry On with his work and teaching divine, Or are we just here to have a good time.

Annette Claydon, Form 4g

THE CINQUE PORTS

Although most people have recollections of the Cinque Ports it is very few people who know anything of their history. They were first formed in the Thirteenth Century as a strongly defended coastline was needed to protect us from France. It fell upon the counties of Kent and Sussex to provide these ports, which for service rendered to the Crown, received in payment certain privileges. To obtain these rights, the ports concerned had to provide a specified number of ships and their crews.

At the beginning there were five ports, Hastings, Dover, Romney, Hythe and Sandwich, each responsible for minor ports known as limbs. These limbs, thirty two in number, shared in their patrons' privileges, provided that they contributed to the quota of men and ships. It was necessary to strengthen the gap between the two Cinque Ports of Hastings and Romney and the two ports of Rye and Winchelsea were added. However, it must be remembered these two ports were called "Ancient Towns." By 1278 both Rye and Winchelsea were on complete equality with the old five, Winchelsea being richer than its former patron, Hastings.

The seven ports worked individually at first, but later they were joined into a Confederation and worked with the Crown, producing an immense navy.

By the fifteenth century the indentations and havens had filled up, which meant that large ships were not able to use the shallow water. Sandwich, Hythe, Romney and Winchelsea were rendered useless, Whilst Dover fought desperately to keep its entrance open. Rye was available only for small craft and Hastings was little use due to erosion.

With the coming of the Sixteenth Century, the Cinque Ports, as an important part of England's power at sea, were declining. Our strength in the Channel had now passed westwards to the newer seaports, from the Solent to Cornwall, which had in the meanwhile been making rapid progress.

Today people regard the Cinque Ports as places of great historical interest, but they do not realise that some of the ports still have connections with the sea. Dover has since become a great cross-Channel harbour, responsible for the transport of goods and people to the Continent. Rye and the smaller ports use their harbours for fishing, which still provides an important industry for the Sussex inhabitants.

However, when one visits these towns, as they are today, nothing can remove the knowledge that they were once the greatest shipbuilding areas of England.

Jane Davies, Form 5

Do you know why North winds blow And also why it has to snow? Can you tell me if you know How to make those flowers grow?

Is there an art in curling locks
Or in the making of a box?
Please tell me how to avoid chicken pox
And how to outwit that sly old fox.

I know there's plenty to see in Rome, Fun in seeing them make a comb, And a great experience to speak to a gnome, But tell me please, how to write a poem.

I've thought of this, and I've thought of that, About the blindness of a bat, And also the homely dog and cat, But my brainless brain has left me flat.

Thelma Lewis, Form 4RA

OUR SCHOOL

Rye is a small, old town, situated some sixty four miles from London, the capital. Being so small, Rye has few trades and little entertainment for the younger generation; in fact for the person with ambition the necessity arises to leave the town and travel into the city.

Rye County Secondary School is situated on the outskirts of the town. The ground on which it stands was once covered by the raging sea. When the School was built in 1933 it consisted only of seven classrooms, four upstairs and three on the ground floor, a domestic science room and a woodwork room. As it was built at a time when the government had little money, the School suffered in that no sound proofing was placed between the upper and lower ceiling.

As time progressed the necessity arose for a larger and better equipped School, and so over a period of twenty seven years the School was frequently visited by builders, adding classrooms and making alterations. Probably the most important single building operation was completed in 1956 when for the first time in our history we had a hall.

So in 1961 we have a School to be proud of. It is not by a long way an ideal School, partly because of its poor start. As opposed to the seven classrooms which the School had on opening, it now has some seventeen, which include two excellently equipped domestic science rooms, a metalwork room and a lovely hall. One must not

forget that there is still much building which should be carried out urgently.

The School has the disadvantage of being built in stages and so to reach the newer prefabricated classrooms at the side of the main building, children have to go out in wind and rain; consequently they arrive unprepared for work.

Even if our School is not ideally built or planned, it is a happy School of which, I am sure, every one of its six hundred and seventy

pupils is proud.

Violet Pilcher, Form 4RA

MY DOG

There was a dog named Buster Who sat on my knee And watched "TV"
After that
She looked for a rat
Then she went to bed
And snored off her head.

Roy Manktelow, Form S1

SPRING TIME

After the last gloomy days of Winter are past it is very pleasant once more to see the colours returning to a world that not so long ago was fast asleep.

As she wakes from her hibernation it is as though Spring casts a magic wand over the earth waking up every living thing. It is wonderful to feel the lush green grass beneath one's feet after the freezing snow. In the midst of the grass, almost hidden, can be found violets sheltering under their tall, green leaves, their scent filling the air.

Also awakening in the woods can be found the first flowers of Spring, the beautiful yellow aconites. Up above them the green buds of the trees, bathed in dew, are whispering together. Beneath the trees, nearly burying the flowers, nestles fresh, moist, green grass. Dotted here and there may be found the first few delicate primroses of the new and most wonderful Spring.

In the fields around, sheep can be heard calling their young, frisky lambs to them. Sometimes in the fields can be found the occasional vild daffodil, dancing in the breeze. High above the flowers can be

seen the birds, all gaily chirping together, busily building nests for their young. On the whole, everyone and everything are very busy in this happy period of the year.

The tiny rivulets become glistening streams after a few refreshing showers. Everwhere there is a pleasant fragrance in the air. It is as though Spring is preparing for the great arrival of Summer. Before long the whole earth gleams with cleanliness and freshness. Spring has finished her job.

Rosalind Carman, Form 2A

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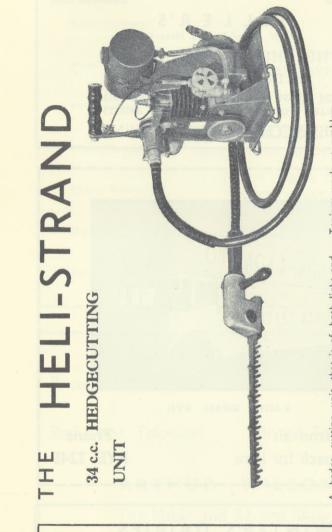
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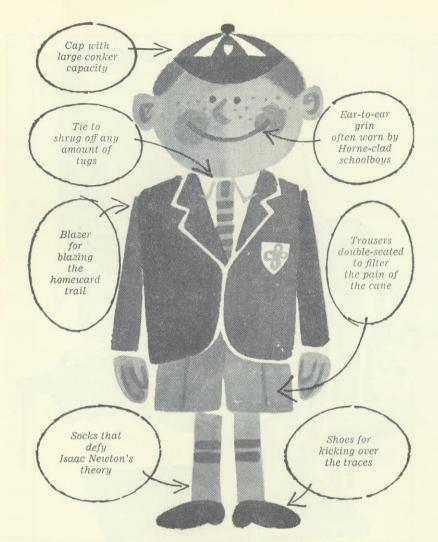
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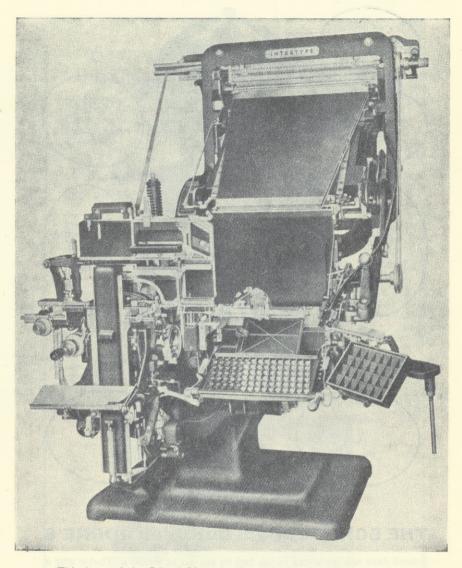
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