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EDITORIAL

From the editorial of 'Rya' for 1952 we gather that many leavers in that Summer were congratulating themselves because they were going before the school "went to the dogs," for it was in that September ten years ago, that the school's curriculum was expanded to include "technical activities." This plan to give Rye Grammar School a strong technical bias has been greatly modified, the only purely technical course left now, being the Agricultural one, but the increase in numbers which probably seemed equally horrifying to those scholars of the nineteen-fifties has been realised and, with new buildings to accommodate them and Staff to teach them, the numbers of pupils is not likely to vary greatly in the future.

Can we, in 1962, seriously regret the changes, or fail to see that there are advantages to living in a larger community? As each edition of 'Rya' goes to press, it is evident that the number and variety of activities pursued in this building or by its pupils, increase term by term. Each school programme seems to have a lengthier list of school matches in an ever-increasing number of games, to be played by more and more teams; and the Headmaster's Speech Day Report told of an impressive number of boys and girls who will be going to Universities or Colleges, next October.

And, if we look at these 'technical activities' so feared by our predecessors, we cannot help thinking of that impressive army of 'technicians' (about a third the size of the whole school in the 'good old days') who made scenery, prepared lighting, created costumes and properties and turned boys of seventeen into bearded men of fifty for the recent school play; to say nothing of the Leasam boys who were members of the cast.

Many changes can take place in a school in ten years, but one that has stood up to the vicissitudes of fortune for over three hundred years will soon adapt itself to modern conditions. It seems to be the custom of editors to open or close the editorial with a quotation. Last term it was the school's Latin motto; this time I will merely use a further canine metaphor and say "there is life in the old dog yet."

SCHOOL NOTES

We were pleased to welcome Mr. Pitcher in January to teach Science. We hope his stay here during the term was a pleasant one.

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It is with regret that we say goodbye to Mr. Anderson who after six years here is leaving to take up a position in Wolverhampton. Leasam above all, appreciate how much he has contributed to the Agricultural Department during these years. We wish him and his family the best of luck for the future.

Our sincerest best wishes to Mrs. Larkin (jun.), on her recent marriage to Mr. R. Cooke. They are living temporarily in Udimore.

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A few third-year sixth formers have achieved a good standard in University Entrance this Spring. Two girls are on the waiting list for Cambridge colleges, and one for Oxford, and two boys and a girl have been offered definite places at King's College, London.

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We are glad to be able to announce that the Spring Dance, successfully organised by an efficient Upper School Committee and held at the beginning of March raised £9-12-7d. for the 'Save the Children Fund.'

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The foundations have been laid for the new school pavilion and we look forward to its completion in the near future.

MERYON HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress :	Miss Topliss
House Master :	Mr. Allnutt
Girls' Captain :	Jennifer Bather
Boys' Captain :	P. Beeney
Secretary :	Louise Dalby
Treasurer :	C. Knowles
Prefects :	Jennifer Bather, Louise Dalby, Edwina Hatcher, Helen Jones ; Beckerson, Beeney, Duncan, Harris, Holmes, Hughes, Knowles, Pennell (Head Boy).

Although, in the past few months, Meryon has not been as successful as during the Autumn Term, we missed winning the Music Competition by a very narrow margin. This was only because insufficient points had been gained by individuals before the competition. We wish to thank Knowles and Girdlestone for their painstaking and valuable work in training and organising the choirs.

We have certainly not distinguished ourselves on the hockey field in the recent House Matches, although the boys have done extremely well in the football competition, and were second to Peacocke in Cross Country Running.

We were sorry to lose our Boys' Captain, Pennell, at the beginning of this term, when he felt that, owing to his commitments as Head Boy, he would have to resign his office. However, we are grateful to P. Beeney for taking on these responsibilities.

As always, we thank Miss Topliss and Mr. Allnutt for their unfailing help and encouragement.

Louise Dalby (Secretary)

SANDERS HOUSE REPORT

This term Sanders have played an ignominious part in house competitions. In the annual spring battle for the music shield, despite the commendable efforts of Valerie Sales and Spencer, and the success of Jennifer Burke, we disappointingly but not unexpectedly lost to Peacocke and Meryon, whose musical talent was obviously greater than ours. It was a jubilant team that returned from the hockey field like a band of Amazons to report that despite broken sticks and fingers, they had routed Meryon 3-0. Their triumph was short-lived, as in the Middle School matches played on a tournament basis, Sanders returned to its final customary position. We are now awaiting the results of the remaining Upper school matches. At football, our Herculean team narrowly lost to both Peacocke and Meryon by one goal to nil, and we tactfully omit a mention of the Lower School scores. We are now hoping for Sanders house to amend this unfortunate position in the cross-country to be held shortly, as it is understood there is budding talent amongst our members in this field.

We admire Miss Getley's and Mr. Darby's continued encouragement despite the unrewarding outcome. We can only hope that next term an extra effort will be made to ensure that at Speech Day next year, the shields will be divided between three houses and not two.

Susan Morley (Secretary)

PEACOCKE HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress :	Miss Allen
House Master :	Mr. Thompson
Girls' Captain :	Linda Southerden
Boys' Captain :	J. Evans
Secretary :	Alison Norris
Treasurer :	M. Hollingdale
Prefects :	Gillian Sewell (Head Girl), Linda Southerden, Alison Norris, Tina Newnham, Helen Griffin, Gillian Blair ; Evans, Maskell.

We started the term well by winning the Music Competition largely thanks to the excellent guidance of Maskell and Gillian Sewell. The results of the Hockey and Football matches are not yet finally known, and the cross-country has yet to be run.

Collections this term have been extremely poor ; it is to be hoped that they will improve next term.

Our thanks are due as always to Miss Allen and Mr. Thompson for their guidance and help this term.

Alison Norris (Secretary)

SALTCOTE PLACE REPORT

This term we are very pleased to welcome Eleanor Lovelace and Pamela Carlstrom as boarders at Saltcote Place. At the beginning of term the juniors played a table tennis match against the Leasam boys, but unfortunately the girls were rather below standard and lost 12-1. Just before half-term we played a hockey match against the Leasam boys and although the match was very close, we lost 2-1. Before the end of term we shall have played a return match in which we hope to make the score even. Saltcote is well represented in most of the school teams; eight of the first hockey eleven are boarders. On Saturday, February 17th, some of the female members of the staff came to the house to judge a fancy dress competition. The standard was very high, and the judges had great difficulty in deciding the Prize-winners. The evening was a thorough success, and we look forward to having another competition in the future. Susan Morley and Christine Oates brought credit to the house with their magnificent performances in the school play.

We would like to thank Miss Nelson and Miss Turner for their unflinching help and encouragement. P.N.

LEASAM HOUSE REPORT

This term, the longest in the school year, has proved to be one of the most active times at Leasam in all aspects. At the beginning of term we were pleased to welcome Mr. Pitcher to the house, who has since been gaining experience both at school and at Leasam. During the first two weeks of term we played a Junior Table Tennis Match versus Saltcote at Leasam. Unfortunately for Saltcote, victory came our way once again with only one game lost. Following this mass preliminary effort in the sporting line we have been well represented in football, basket ball and cross country running with a certain amount of success. Most notable of all in these activities were the brilliant efforts of Foy and Russell in the various cross country competitions. Russell came in first in the East Sussex Competition and gave a commendable performance in the Sussex Competition. Foy came in third in the intermediate event of the East Sussex Competition and sixth in the Sussex, so qualifying for the All England Contest at Berkenhead. At this contest, despite the superior ages of most of his opponents, he came in sixtieth out of a field of three hundred and twelve runners, and finished first for Sussex. On the Saturday of the Sussex Cross Country Competition we played a hockey match versus Saltcote, in which our 'brute force and ignorance' came in useful against the clean cut tactics of the Saltcote team. May I here apologise for any damages incurred by the girls on our behalf and thank them for their good spirit in the inter-house matches.

One achievement outside of the sporting and agricultural fields was the record number of Leasam boys with parts in the school play this

year. Out of a total cast of thirty four persons, Thirteen of them were from Leasam. I hope that this is convincing enough proof that agriculturalists are not so earthy and untalented as some people might think.

With the approach of spring the farm has been a hive of activity, with preparations being made for the sowing of crops and of course, lambing. We are hoping to buy twenty more acres of land which surrounds the school playing field, and if the purchase is concluded, the extra acres will no doubt be the answer to the grazing problems that we have latterly experienced at Leasam; and also the subsequent increase of cultivations will justify the purchase of a new Fordson Dexta tractor and reversible plough, which we are expecting to be delivered in the near future.

We are comparing the results of two varieties of Italian Rye Grass this year. The first variety is the ordinary S.22 strain, and the second, a variety which has been genetically altered by radiation. We look forward to the result of this experiment which will undoubtedly be an invaluable example of agriculture as a science.

The livestock continue to do well, and lambing so far this year has resulted in the very satisfactory **average** of 1.5 lambs per ewe. One major misfortune in the stock line was the forced sale of one of our best cows, Starlight, who after successfully giving birth to many offspring in the past was suddenly found to be infertile.

I must say that the end of this term will be one of mixed feelings for all of us at Leasam. We are always sorry to say goodbye to members of staff, and it is with much regret that we say goodbye to our cook and caretaker, Mr. & Mrs. Williams who have been so helpful and kind to us during their two year stay at Leasam. We wish them every success and all happiness in the future.

Secondly, it is my pleasant duty to write a few words in respect of Mr. Anderson, who after six years of devoted work as warden at Leasam, is leaving at the end of this term to take up the position of senior lecturer in agriculture at Wolverhampton Teacher's Technical College. Mr. Anderson steered Leasam through its preliminary problems despite much local opposition and prejudice, and has undeniably justified Leasam's purpose both as an educational establishment and a profitable commercial concern. His fairness and understanding in dealing with us all has been greatly appreciated and I can sincerely say that although his presence at Leasam will be sadly missed, we wish him and his family every success and all happiness in the future.

Last, but by no means least, our thanks go to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Allmond, Mr. Cawkwell, Matron and the household staff for all their efforts on our behalf throughout the term.

M. K. Maskell (Head Boy)

SPEECH DAY

Opening the proceedings, Colonel Rendel paid tribute to the Headmaster, staff and pupils of the school, making special reference to events in the school programme outside of academic studies. He specifically mentioned sport, speech, music and the school play.

Following Colonel Rendel's introductory speech the Headmaster gave his report on the school, and implied that although speech day was four months later for the year 1960-61, he was not going to limit his report to that period, as so much had recently occurred in the school. He spoke of the high number of R.G.S. pupils who had gained or were gaining entrance to university, and the increasing numbers of sixth formers who are continuing their education in Training Colleges. Further comment was made on the academic part of school life, and parents were urged to impress upon their children the necessity of one year's solid work before 'O' level G.C.E. The Headmaster stated that in future, due to large numbers of people wanting to stay on in the sixth form, a good 'O' level pass taken in the fifth form will be required before they could stay on. Special mention was made of the encouragement of students to take 'O' level subjects in the summer of their fourth year in the school, so giving them more time for a sixth form course.

Finally the Headmaster congratulated N. Foy on representing the school so well in the National Cross Country Contest, and Pennell and D. Robinson for gaining the gold medal in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. He went on to say that although he could not mention the name of every person who had made efforts on the school's behalf during the year, he wished to thank them all.

Our guest speaker was the Bishop of Chichester, who after a short introduction by the Headmaster, first presented the prizes and then gave a very absorbing and informal address to the school. He said that he enjoyed listening to the record of the school's achievements and hoped that the prizes had gone to the right people! He went on to say that school these days, despite the claims made by older people, is probably more of a strain on the pupil, than in past years as there are now more of us and far more competition. He quoted, 'What we want is a few more hard working, cheerful, third-class brains, which have a soothing influence upon the scholarly.' The Bishop went on to say that in past years, when education had less alternatives, it was the three R's that were taught, but now it is more like the Thirty-nine Steps! and achievements made today in the world of machines are largely 99% perspiration and 1% inspiration! He also stressed the importance of discrimination in choosing of the many alternatives offered today. At the end of his address the Bishop said that although he had travelled ninety miles to visit R.G.S., we had sat patiently and listened to him, and he recommended that

at the discretion of the authorities a half holiday should be awarded to the school.

Miss Warren made a vote of thanks to the Bishop for coming to R.G.S. and said that she hoped that although his diocese was large, he would always have a soft spot for Rye.

H. C. Pattison, Esq., paid tribute to the chairman of the governors with ample reference to Colonel Rendel's wide variety of associations with the school.

The afternoon was concluded with the National Anthem, and visitors were entertained by the Headmaster and staff.

M.K.M.

SPECIAL PRIZES

John Larkin Prize for Public Speaking	Diana Norris
Newton Prize for Reading	M. Winter
Prize for Singing (J. W. Foster, Esq.)	Linda Southerden
Prize for Best Contribution to Rya	Prose : S. Cole ; Verse : J. Peek
Engineering Drawing Prize	S. Hartwell
Senior Woodwork Prize (Major Luxmoore)	B. Seale
Metalwork Prize (V. J. Moore, Esq.)	V. Pennell
Anne E. Beever's Cup for Domestic Science	J. Pankhurst
Domestic Prize (Mrs. Wethey)	Christine Odell
Art Prize (Mrs. Charnley Kerr)	Edwina Hatcher
Music Prize	E. Girdlestone
General Studies Prize (H. B. Douglas, Esq.)	S. Cole
Divinity Prize (Miss Prentice)	Jennifer Pankhurst
The Mayor's Prize for Geography	Louise Dalby
The Chairman's Prize for Science	S. Cole
The English Literature Prize (Miss Warren)	M. Winter
Prize for Latin (Mrs. Binnie)	Jennifer Day
Prize for German	P. Cumming
Prize for French	Linda Southerden
Alan Smith Memorial Prize for History	M. Winter
Walter Colvin Memorial Prize for Mathematics	R. Beeney
Molyneux Jenkin's Memorial Prize for Mathematics	J. Evans
School Captain's Prize	M. Rogerson
The Trollope Award	Diana Norris
Senior Master's A.T.C. Prize (E. D. Robinson, Esq.)	M. Haddock
Leasam House Prize (A. M. Anderson, Esq.)	M. Maskell

LOWER SCHOOL

Form Prizes : Susan Shepherd, Lynne Morgan, T. Rothwell, Susan Turner, Margaret Humphries, W. Russell, J. Beckerson

Woodwork Prize (Major Luxmoore) : M. Seale

Handwriting Prizes (Major Luxmoore) : Pauline Prior, P. Goodsell, Mary Neeves, Penelope Hoad, Lindsey Macdonnell.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Form Prizes : Alison Hadley, Christine Sherwood, Carol Munn, J. Apps, S. Wingfield, Heather Bather, Janet de Gruchy, Marie Trussler, M. Crawford-Jones

Handwriting Prizes (Major Luxmoore) : Janis Miller, Marion Pankhurst, Ruth Hamilton

Speech Prizes : Patience Farley, N. Weekes

Progress Prizes, 3rd Year (Capt. & Mrs. Barclay): Cynthia Batchelor, C. Whyatt

Progress Prizes, 4th Year (Parents' Association) : Jane Daintrey, R. Seeley

Woodwork Prize (Major Luxmoore) : J. Luck

June Gill Memorial Prize for History : Angela Carter

UPPER SCHOOL

Form Prizes : Sally Guy, Jacqueline Ovenden, Gillian Blair, C. Johnson, Susan Morley, Valerie Sales, Alison Norris, D. Beckerson, Gillian Sewell, Helga Starns, Sheila Evans

Miss E. A. Turner's Prize for English Literature : Dorren Maclean
George Hickman Memorial Prize for 'O' Level Mathematics :

P. Holmes

Tunstall Prize for History : Geraldine Richardson

Prize for Progress in the Fifth Year (A. Penny, Esq.) : C. Jempson

Old Scholars Prizes : Frances Evans, C. Skinner

'THE KNIGHT OF THE BURNING PESTLE'

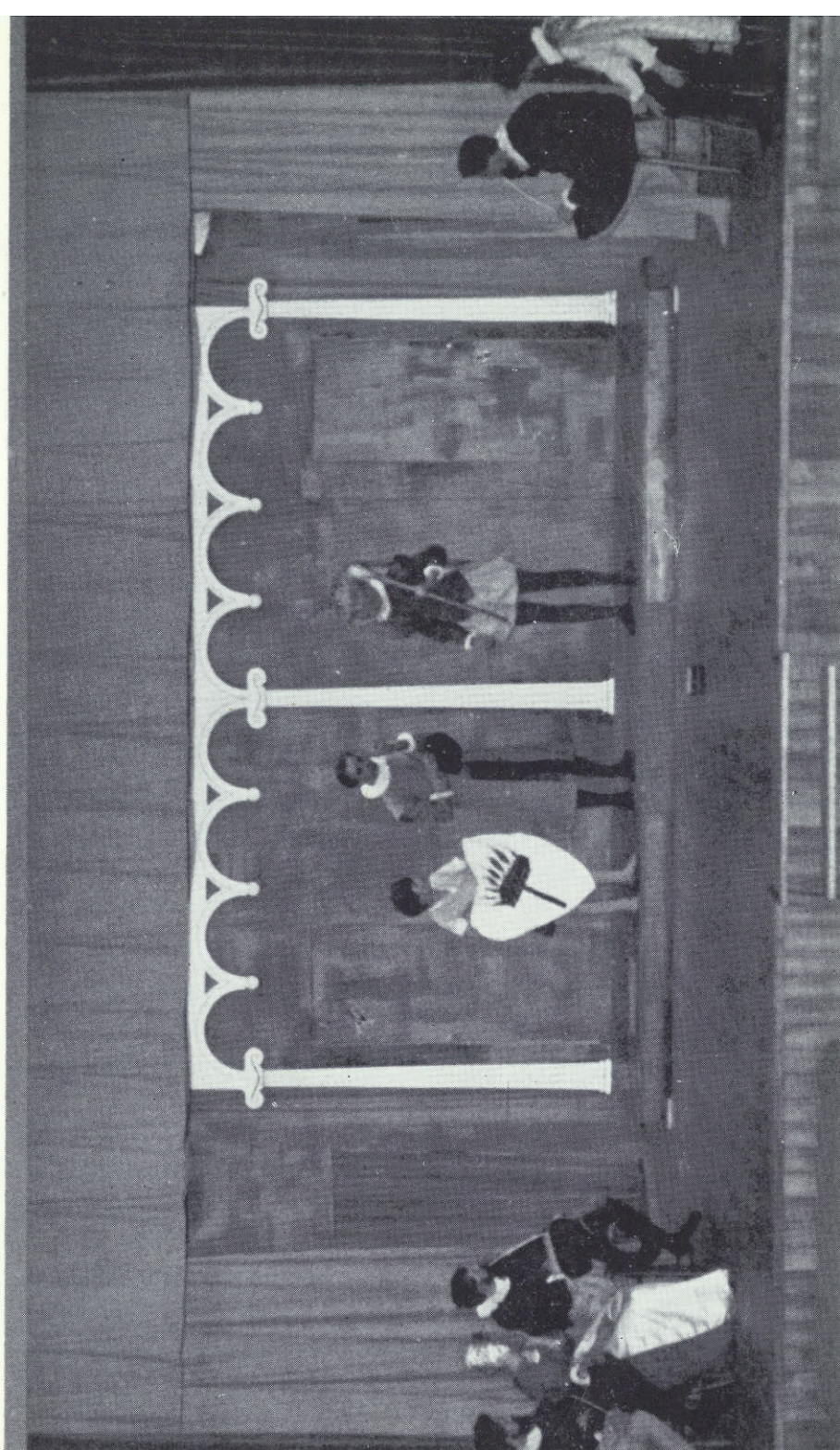
The play chosen by the Dramatic Society for its annual production on the 5th, 6th and 7th of April was "The Knight of the Burning Pestle." It was a choice with local associations inasmuch as John Fletcher, who wrote it in collaboration with Francis Beaumont, was born in 1579 in Rye, where his father was vicar, and had the Grammar School been founded a few years earlier we might well have been able to claim him as an Old Boy.

It was apparent last year with "The Taming of the Shrew" that the wind of change was blowing through the Dramatic Society and that the usual faults of school productions would not be tolerated : a semi-professional efficiency and care for detail and rigorousness of rehearsal removed any possibility of the creaking and wooden productions sometimes met with in schools, and the liveliness of action and movement and delivery ensured that the plushy Madame Tussauds production was equally out.

This spirit had the effect of buoying up and giving confidence to the large cast, none of whom was particularly experienced, and of coaxing from them performances that one would have thought beyond their individual powers. It is notable that there were no 'stars',



THE 1st XI HOCKEY TEAM 1961-62. Left to right (back row) : Miss A. Ward (Coach), Susan Morley, Helen Griffin, Jane Daintrey, Prestina Newnham, Margaret Richards ; (front row) : Janet Williams, Christine Oates, Gillian Sewell (Captain), Valerie Sales, Gillian Blair, Jennifer Bather.
 [photograph—D. Beckerson]



that much excellent work was done by boys of no particular literary ability, and that some of the most memorable appearances were in the tiniest parts—the contortions of the woman prisoner released from the sweating tub, for example, or Tim in the awkward squad, or Barbarossa writhing on the floor.

It was also notable that this was truly a school production inasmuch as everything connected with the play was made or contrived on the premises. There must have been a hundred members of the school concerned with putting it on. The scenery was designed, made and erected by boys ; the costumes were designed, made and fitted by girls ; the make up was done by girls, and the lighting by boys.

The play is framed by a citizen audience and this was convincingly arranged with churchwardens, St. Bruno, and a descent from the stage during the interval. Susan Morley, as the Citizen's wife who insists on interrupting the official players, successfully carried out a most exacting part. She is on stage throughout and, when she was not interrupting the players, her reactions to what was being played were powerful in shaping the rest of the audience's reaction. T. Barden was a good foil to her. J. Ellenger, as the apprentice whom they foist on to the players, carried off another lengthy part with confidence and a cockney charm that made one understand his mistress's fondness for him. His apprentice companions were well portrayed by T. Rothwell and C. Knowles, the latter's experienced stage business causing much amusement.

M. Maskell made an ebullient and occasionally cantankerous old man trying to further the suit of his friend, Humphrey, with his daughter. Humphrey, as played by Roszkowski, was one of the outstanding characterisations of the evening ; when he was on stage it was his mannered talk, walk, and gesture, and yellow costume, that inevitably drew the attention. Merrythought and his wife were well contrasted, M. Hollingdale being convincingly hearty throughout, and Christine Oates managing to suggest both the nagging wife and the protective mother ; and, more difficult still, she managed not to play middle-age—she was middle-aged.

The two lovers, Jasper and Luce, have possibly the most difficult parts in the play, because they are required constantly to obtrude themselves as two rather tedious lovers from an alien world of romance into the slapstick world of 'citizen-comedy.' E. Girdlestone and Jacqueline Ovenden carried off the parts with considerable grace and charm. The rank and file had their best moments in the scene in which Ralph assembles his apprentice-soldiers. Each zany of the band had his peculiar costume, antics, and weapon, and the sum of their movements was a ballet of Beggar's Opera brilliance.

At the end of the performance one felt that Beaumont and Fletcher had been given as lively an interpretation as is conceivable, and that

if there were qualifications about the success of the play, they were due to faults written into it 350 years ago.

After the 'Shrew' and the 'Knight' we look forward to the next productions of the society. Both these, incidentally, were plays with-in plays, in which the players were not acting, but acting an act. If this indicates a certain wariness of criticism of the direct presentation of human behaviour, the society need have no such qualms. Their talents are such that one looks forward to something a little more sophisticated—Chekhov ? Anouilh ? Beckett ?—and perhaps a less heavily mounted production at the end of the Summer Term, say, in addition to the main one.

The renaissance of the School Dramatic Society, the success of the Youth Drama group in Rye, and the establishment of the Drama Summer School at Saltcote have made Rye, if not the Stratford of the South, at any rate a place where worthwhile plays are performed with considerable pleasure by a large number of talented amateurs.

The Cast

The Prologue	C. White
The Citizen	T. Barden
The Citizen's Wife	Susan Morley
Ralph	J. Ellenger
First Boy	R. Ball
Second Boy	E. Bourne
Venturewell	M. Maskell
Humphrey	J. Roszkowski
Merrythought	M. Hollingdale
Jasper	E. Girdlestone
Michael	R. Searby
Tim	C. Knowles
George	T. Rothwell
A Host	G. Tompkins
A. Tapster	J. Breeds
A Barber	N. Datchelor
Man Prisoner	L. Bates
Woman Prisoner	Linda Southerden
A Sergeant	J. Breeds
William Hammerton	J. Luck
George Greengoose	M. Sinclair
Luce	Jacqueline Ovenden
Mistress Merrythought	Christine Oates
Soldiers and Attendants	Heather Bather, Pauline Hartwell, Diane Grace, R. Oswin, P. Colburn, N. Foy, D. Smithers, D. Howley
Gentlemen	P. Cuming, P. Beaney, A. Baird, A. Harris
Play Produced by	Miss W. M. Allen and Mr. R. D. Gaunt
Stage Manager	Mr. H. N. Thompson

Scenery : Constructed in the school workshops under the direction of Mr. H. N. Thompson by R. Datchelor, M. Jarvis and B. Heighes and painted by Jennifer Bather

Lighting by : Mr. A. F. White assisted by P. Holmes and G. Jones

Make-up : Mrs. K. French, assisted by Francis Evans, Denise Turner, Doreen MacLean, Ann Dukes, Elisabeth Clay, Gillian Blair, Pat Horner and Pat Leeper

Properties : Janet Williams and Jeanette Grout

Wardrobe Mistress : Miss M. Exeter

Prompter : Alison Norris

Business Manager : Mr. C. E. Silver

Costumes : Made by girls of the Sixth Form under the supervision of Miss M. Exeter

Lino-cut on Programme : Denise Turner

THE MUSIC COMPETITION

The Competition was held in the School Hall on Tuesday, January 30th, the adjudicator this year being Mrs. Patricia Evans who is well known for her work in the music at the Modern School. We were very pleased to welcome her and delighted with the very competent manner in which she handled the contest, not least by the very useful criticism and advice which she found time to give to nearly every competitor. It was fair criticism, never failing to spot weaknesses, but always constructive. With all this to spur them on and a smaller margin of difference between the Houses than usual, the result was a very keen and close contest in which Peacocke House just beat Meryon by 53 points to 49.

Several of the solo items this year reached a standard well above the usual, and the standard was as a whole higher than we have had for several years. The House Choirs and Part Song Group were especially good, which was most gratifying since the Choirs are by their nature a real team effort by the House, involving a good deal of hard work and skill on the part of the Seniors doing the training. In this respect the Houses owe a lot to Valerie Sales and Spencer (Sanders) ; Gillian Sewell, Maskell and Marie Wilson (Peacocke) ; and Knowles and Girdlestone (Meryon).

In the Part Songs the singing was the best we have heard for several years and reflected very well on the musical skill of those who had trained them. These last two items are in fact in many ways the most valuable part of the Annual Competition and usually the most enjoyable.

Results :

1. **Girls Vocal Solo** : S. Shepherd ; J. Ridgers ; C. Deacon.
2. **Boys Treble Solo** : Rothwell ; Cheesmur ; Boston.
3. **M.S. Girls Vocal Solo** : J. Burke ; D. Butler ; L. Macdonell.

4. **U.S. Girls Vocal Solo** : L. Southerden ; M. Richards ; V. Sales.
 5. **L.S. Piano Solo** : M. Wilson ; L. Morgan ; C. Ladley.
 6. **M.S. Piano Solo** : C. Batchelor ; J. Burke ; E. Cadwell.
 7. **U.S. Piano Solo** : Girdlestone ; Spencer.
 8. **L.S. Sight Reading** : M. Wilson ; J. Whyatt ; C. Tottenham.
 9. **M.S. Sight Reading** : C. Batchelor ; J. Burke ; Breeds.
 10. **U.S. Sight Reading** : Girdlestone ; Spencer ; S. Dibley.
 11. **Part Song** : Meryon/Peacock ; Sanders.
 12. **House Choirs** : Meryon ; Sanders ; Peacock.
- Meryon Part Song** : Girdlestone, Holmes, Breeds, J. Holmes, B. Elphick, Darby, Rothwell.
- Peacocke Part Song** : G. Sewell, G. Blair, S. Dibley, P. Newnham, Hullis, Maskell.
- Sanders Part Song** : V. Sales, S. Morley, C. Oates, S. Mitchell, J. Burke, L. Morgan, I. Burke, Farrow, Harvey.

ASSOCIATED BOARD EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

- Grade 2 : Lynne Morgan (Distinction), Cheryl Tottenham (Merit), Elizabeth Lewis.
- Grade 3 : Gillian Hembury (Merit), John Beckerson.
- Grade 4 : Angela Boots.
- Grade 5 : Mary Wilson (Merit).
- Grade 8 : Errol Girdlestone (Distinction).

HOCKEY REPORT

This season has been a most successful one for the first eleven. Out of sixteen matches played only two have been lost, both against the Convent of the Holy Child. The second eleven have been almost as successful, winning eight out of fourteen matches. The under fifteen eleven played two matches.

The highlight of the term was the East Sussex School's tournament at Bexhill. The second eleven came second in their section, beating Ratton Secondary School 2-1 and drawing with the Convent, Mayfield, 1-1, and with St. Helena's, 1-1. The first eleven won their section by beating Ratton 7-0, Beehive 6-0, and Charter's Towers 1-0, and went on to play in the final. Most of the matches were played in the pouring rain so the surface of the pitch was not very good. In the finals the first eleven met the Convent of the Holy Child, to whom they had previously lost. The game was very exciting, ending in a draw on goals, 1-1, but the Convent won by one corner. During the game we were very glad of the supporters we had to cheer us on.

The season ends as usual with the matches against the staff and boys. This year we gave the boys one of their toughest games for a long time. After an hour's very fast play they managed to score only two goals, rather less than usual but both were very good goals. The

girls did not score but managed to defend both their goal and themselves more successfully than in previous years. We hope the staff match will be as enjoyable. Our sincere thanks go to the staff who have provided teams for us to practice against and especially to Miss Ward, whose help and encouragement have been the basis of our success this season.

G.D.S.

1st XI FOOTBALL REPORT

Of the eight 1st XI and 'A' XI matches played this term, we have won four, drawn one, and lost three.

The team was selected from the following :—Pankhurst, Cumming, Skinner, Beeney, R., Pennell (Capt.), Wilson, Beaney, D., Seeley, Bianchi, Beaney P., Harris, Gain and Johnson.

Colours are renewed to :—Pennell, Beaney P., and Cumming.

Colours are awarded to :—Beeney, R., Beaney, D., and Harris.

1st XI Results

- v Bexhill G., won 4-3
- v Brickwall, drawn 1-1
- v Hastings G., lost 1-9
- v Brickwall, won 8-1
- v Goudhurst, won 6-1
- v Homewood, lost 1-2
- v Hastings G., lost 0-5
- v Old Scholars, won 2-1

2nd XI Results

Of the four matches played this term, we have drawn one and lost three.

- v Bexhill G., lost 1-11
- v Hastings G., lost 0-7
- v Goudhurst, drew 3-3
- v Hastings G., lost 1-8

We should like to thank Mr. Allnutt for arranging the fixtures, and Mr. Jones for giving his time so readily for refereeing and coaching the teams.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

Our fixture list continues to grow each year and we have this season had matches against Bexhill Down, Bexhill Grammar, Hastings Grammar and Lewes Grammar as well as the usual East Sussex and Sussex County Championships.

The Intermediate team losing Hughes through leg injury and Polhill to the Navy, early in the year, had to struggle hard to get few men home to score and although plenty of fighting spirit was apparent, ended the season 3-2 down in their matches.

In the East Sussex Championships the Juniors did well to be placed 4th out of 24 teams and F. Russell is to be congratulated on being the individual winner of this event—a very fine run.

Our Intermediate team just failed to continue its tally of three wins in a row and were narrowly beaten into 2nd place by Bexhill Grammar. Nevertheless it was a creditable performance and N. Foy and P. Clarke ran very well 3rd and 4th places.

At the Sussex Championships the Junior side was 15th from 49 teams while the Intermediate side was 8th out of teams.

This last meeting saw a particularly courageous run by N. Foy who came 6th and so gained inclusion in the county team which ran in the National Championships at Birkenhead. There he improved still further to become the first Sussex runner home and was 60th out of 312 runners from all over England.

All members of the teams are to be thanked for a very good effort on behalf of the school.

Teams :—**Junior** : Russell, F., Alan Williams, Mephram, Ashdown, King, Sinclair.

Intermediate : Foy (Capt.), Davies, Clarke, Lane, Sewell, Hatcher.

The school cross country run this year in ideal conditions gave Peacocke an overall victory and the Merricks Trophy. Times were a little faster than last year on the whole under the drying conditions and F. Russell set up a new record in the Upper Middle race, with 19 minutes, 37 secs., against the old record of 19 mins. 55 secs. Alan Williams also beat the old record by 1 second.

Results :

Junior	M 352	P 288	S 211
L. Middle	P 114	M 97	S 66
U. Middle	M 228	P 205	S 130
Senior	S 803	P 684	M 675

The cross country teams would like to express their thanks to Mr. Holness for all his efforts on their behalf in training and entering them for the various races.
N.F.

BASKET-BALL REPORT

This has been the school's first season of competitive basket-ball and we can be reasonably satisfied with our start. There appears to be a good amount of basket-ball talent and interest in this new activity throughout the school and with the possibility of house matches next term we can look forward to some good internal as well as external competition.

Starting this year with Under 14 and Under 15 teams we have had friendly matches with Rye Modern, Robertsbridge and Bexhill Down, and have entered the Battle and District competition.

The Under 15 team has played some very attractive basket-ball, combining well and showing some very good individual efforts, but they have been easily upset by the rougher play that has been encountered elsewhere, particularly in the Battle championship, and so losing matches that could have been won.

Next season, having had this experience in open competition, we should see some very good results.

The Under 14 side, though not producing quite the same ease of movement and combination, has shown a much more rugged determination to score and with their height advantage have managed to notch up some very impressive wins, notably against the Modern School (46-17 and 68-6) and are so far on the winning side.

Teams have been from the following boys :—

Under 15 : Sinclair (Capt.), Alcock, Ashenden, Apps, Wright, Alan-Williams, Weetman and Buchan.

Under 14 : Mephram (Capt.), Forward, Webber, Mitchell, Stapely and Leahy.

	Mat. played	Lost	Won	Drawn
Under 15	8	5	3	0
Under 14	8	2	5	1

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The Under 12 side has had three fixtures this season, unfortunately two of them being against Hastings Grammar. After a sharp 8-1 defeat away at Hastings, the side showed much more spirit and combination at home where they cut the margin down to 4-2. Then, continuing the improvement, beat Rye Modern School 6-0 in the last of the three matches.

It is particularly pleasing to note the fighting spirit of this team which augurs well for the future.

The Under 14s have not had a bright season. With one or two exceptions, notably Leahy and Stapely, there seems to be a lack of talent here, and half the team has been composed of Under 13 players who, though playing well, lack size at present. Later in the season some of the larger Leasam boys added force to the team and our high spot came when we played Hastings Grammar again, at home, losing by only 4-3 with Hastings scrambling the winning goal in the last seconds against the run of play.

Finally on a much more promising note the Under 13 side has had a relatively good season. Captained by E. Igglesden, the side has played some convincingly good football. It has been particularly pleasing to see the way in which the three regular first-year players have more than held their own in the team. The main fault has been in defence where over-confidence has caused mistiming of clearances in the goalmouth, resulting in easy scoring chances for their opponents.

In a number of cases this has been the direct cause of losing matches which should otherwise have been confidently added to our tally. Nevertheless the teamplay has been uniformly good, and the whole team is to be congratulated on its performance.

	Mat. played	Lost	Won	Drawn
Under 12	3	2	1	—
Under 13	14	6	7	1
Under 14	11	7	3	1
(including 4 under 14½ games)				

LIBRARY REPORT

Our work this term has been concerned mainly with the accessioning and covering of the large number of new books which have been added to the library. Among these are many science reference books, replacements of standard English novels, new French novels and :

“Collected Poems”—Roy Campbell

“Britain and the Common Market”—John Pinder

“Ring of Bright Water”—Gavin Maxwell

“The History of Music”—Waldo Selden Pratt

“The Teaching of Jesus”—T. W. Manson

“The Advance of the Fungi”—E. T. Large

“Nuclear Energy Simplified”—John Ernest Radford

“The Jacobean Drama”—Una Ellis-Fermor

“Alexander II and the Modernisation of Russia”—W. E. Mosse

“A History of Modern France”—Alfred Cobban

We wish to thank S. Cole for “A Textbook of Entomology” which he presented on leaving the school.

At a meeting held shortly after half-term we were pleased to welcome T. Lane to the library staff—to whom I extend my grateful thanks for their continued help and hardwork in the library.

Librarian

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY REPORT

So far this term two meetings have been held. At the first meeting, on 30th January, Mr. Bolton gave a very interesting and amusing talk about the people, wild-life, and landscape that he encountered while in Africa, together with some slides and photographs of the area and its inhabitants.

The second meeting took the form of a debate on the motion that “This House prefers Total Annihilation to living under Oppression,” and after a very interesting evening the result was “a dead heat.” A third meeting will be held on Monday, 16th April and will include a miscellany of items by members of the society.

On Wednesday, 28th February a party from the Society went to see “Beckett” by Jean Anouilh, which, although treated in a much

lighter vein than had been expected, was enjoyed by everyone.

The society appreciates very much the hardwork of the committee members, of those who have helped with the refreshments, and of Miss Topliss and Mr. Darby, who are continually present to offer help.

The Secretary

GUIDE REPORT

This term the guide company has been busy with test work, especially for the second class badge. We have sixteen guides working for this badge, but as we have nobody within the company qualified to test this work, we have to rely on Miss Henley who kindly comes to some of our meetings for this purpose. We should like to congratulate Gillian Rothwell, Ruth Hamilton and Jane Daintry on obtaining their first class badges, and we hope that more guides will go on to take this badge after obtaining their second class.

We have had no official parades this term, but during the Easter holidays our company will be represented at the St. George's Day Service in the Parish Church. Before the end of term we will have had our first Field day this year. We hope it will be as instructive and enjoyable as those in the past.

Our thanks go to Miss Banner for all the work she has done for the company this term.

RED CROSS REPORT

The main event of this term's work was the examination in Junior Home Nursing, for which eighteen Cadets were entered. The results showed that a good deal of hard work had been put in by all concerned. Cherryl Tottenham and Beryl Dunn especially are to be congratulated on coming first in the written test, and Hilary Hobden and Susan Palmer first in the practical. The final result makes Cherryl and Beryl first.

After the examination there were three very interesting lectures :— one from a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade on Artificial Respiration, one from a member of the Police Force on “What to do when there is an Accident,” and the third from the District Nurse on “Care of the Under Fives.”

Then the second part of the Junior Home Nursing Course began ; the examination will be taken at the beginning of the Summer term. The term was concluded by a visit to the Cadet Officer's home for tea and our last lecture.

The numbers of the Cadets have sadly dwindled to seventeen, and the Detachment would be pleased to welcome any new members. Next terms programme includes an enrolment ceremony and a Field Day to be spent practising First Aid on Camber Sands.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION REPORT

The spring meeting of the association which was held on March 16th, was a successful departure from the normal run of meetings, when seven upper school students gave short talks on the preparations that they have been making for the continuation of their education at training colleges, not necessarily for teaching, and for entrance to University. Many of the parents present must have been enlightened as to the amount of work and patience required from the students thus training, and the obvious high standard which is required of those who succeed.

Also during the evening were short talks by the Headmaster, Senior Mistress and Senior Master giving the general background of the present training colleges, requirements and procedure for University entrance including the financial arrangements for both, and the approach of the school when advising and assisting the students who are studying with the intention of continuing such further education.

It is a great pity that more parents do not support and attend these meetings which they would find most stimulating, and also probably enable them to understand better the difficulties and problems which their children have to meet when they are 16 and 18 plus.

A.M.B.

ANGLING SOCIETY REPORT

This term saw the founding of this society, whose main aim is to create a sense of companionship and discourage the singular methods employed by most, if not all, of our members. We, of course, encountered the usual "leg-pulls" and jibes from insignificant quarters but on the whole the reaction has been favourable. The society was formed by J. Cawdron and M. Leybourne with the support of Mr. D. P. Darby (Chairman), Mr. S. Jones and Mr. W. May to whom we are indebted. We should also like to thank Mr. A. G. Stirk of the Kent River Board, for his help and co-operation.

We got off to a "flying start" with twenty eight members joining immediately. We shall hold matches regularly and an annual outing will be arranged to either the Medway, Stour or Kennet. We could not, of course, commence on an angling outing, but we do however have regular meetings to compare tackle and methods in preparation for the opening of the season.

M. Leybourne (Secretary)

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY REPORT

This term has been a successful one for us although the attendance has not been very good. We have studied one or two special topics. At several meetings we took microphotographs of several specimens

from the Biology laboratory and we have borrowed film strips on "Flash" and "Composition" from the Rye Photographic Society. We are also preparing for a photographic competition amongst the members.

Towards the end of the term, Beckerson came and gave us a very good practical lecture on portraiture in which he showed us some of his own results and helped us to set up our own lights. We still continue to process every other week and we are always pleased to welcome new members. We should like to thank Miss Getley, Mr. White and Mr. Cawkwell for their help and guidance throughout the term.

Secretary

AEROMODELLING SOCIETY REPORT

This term has been a brighter one for the Society. There has been considerably more activity although the weather has not been too kind. We meet on Sundays at the Big Field during the winter and on Thursday evenings after school in the summer. There have been several experimental models including a very successful twin-engined model and a couple of small hovercraft which were fairly successful. A larger one is to be built. (A peculiar defta shaped silver thing clocked up about 75 m.p.h. when flown).

Some of us are hoping to go to a combat rally at Ashdown Forest sometime in May.

We received a letter from a club in Newcastle-under-Lyme in February suggesting that we should have interclub competitions etcetera, but unfortunately nothing seems to have come of it so far.

J. Walmsley, Secretary

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT REPORT

S.C.M. is now getting back on its feet again, after the departure of the old members. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 12.30 until dinner and then after dinner. During the year we have had discussions on "The End of the World," "Why do people suffer?" "The Colour Bar," "The Importance of Prayer," and many other interesting subjects.

S.C.M. was very fortunate to have a visit from Mr. Twilly, who came to Rye to give talks on the Passover, which everyone found most interesting.

Although we have quite a number of members, the membership is still open, and new people are always welcome.

Thanks go to Miss Getley and Mr. Gaunt for all their help during our meetings.

L. Moth, Secretary

RADIO SOCIETY REPORT

At the beginning of this term a Radio Society was formed, holding meetings every Monday evening. The society consists of twelve members who are instructed by Mr. A. F. White and Mr. G. Parkhurst. Mr. E. Chamberlain deals with the financial side of the business and also the ordering of new parts.

An appeal was sent out for old radios and televisions to use for spare parts and this was well supported. With a good stock of parts, the society began by making simple crystal sets and then went on to build "power packs." Now we are making simple one valve and three valve receivers, and it is hoped next term to go on to amplification and the building of amplifiers.

We would like to thank Mr. A. F. White, Mr. E. Chamberlain and Mr. G. Parkhurst for their help and interest shown in the society.
J. Newick

SCOUT REPORT

Owing to circumstances of his job, our previous 'skipper' has had to leave the troop. Father Richard kindly agreed to take over the management side of the troop, and a parents committee has been formed. A former scout, G. Taylor from Camber, has consented to become our 'skip.'

Three scouts have rejoined the troop, making the total fifteen. Owing to the winter weather, we have not had many wide-games, but progress has been made with improvement of the Scout Hut and the gaining of badges.

Thanks are due to Father Richard and G. Taylor for their help this term.
W. Perry. M.II

BALLROOM DANCING SOCIETY REPORT

This term we have not learned many new steps, owing to the fact that several members did not attend. We have, however, attempted to dance the samba, which we found much easier than the foxtrot! A social evening was held near the end of term; the dancing was enjoyed by the largest attendance of the term.

We would all like to thank Miss Ward and Mr. Brydon for their patience, and the time they have spent enabling us to enjoy ourselves.
A. and B.

HOCKEY AT WEMBLEY

On Saturday, 10th March, a coachload of Rye Grammar School pupils, accompanied by three teachers, left Rope-Walk at 9.30 a.m., to go to the International Hockey Match, between England and the

U.S.A., at Wembley. After having our lunch while travelling we arrived at Wembley at about 1.15 and made our way to our seats.

First of all there was community singing and at approximately 3 o'clock the match began. England was the first to score but shortly after the U.S.A. equalised and then went into the lead with a score of 2-1. This lead remained so for a long while. It was disappointing for the England supporters when two of England's goals were disallowed but their hopes revived when England equalised making the score 2-2. Then England scored again making it 3-2, but during the last ten minutes of the game U.S.A. scored another goal, making the final score 3-3. This game was considered the most exciting game for many years although we watched it in pouring rain.

We left Wembley at 4.30 p.m. and arrived back in Rye at 8.30 p.m. Our thanks go to Miss Ward for arranging this trip, and to the other teachers who accompanied us.
W. Pope, U.5C

A LECTURE BY DR. BARREN

On the 2nd of April at 6.45 p.m., Dr. Barren, the Veterinary lecturer at Reading University, came to Leasam and gave us a very interesting lecture on animal diseases.

He told us how a great many of the common diseases could be controlled by good management and stockmanship. He went on to tell us of the method by which, at Cambridge University, they are rearing disease-free pigs and selling them to farms. He had brought with him slides to illustrate his points.

The second half of the lecture was devoted to a talk on "Agriculture in Rhodesia." This was also illustrated by slides. He told us that their methods of pig and cattle management are so much different from ours, and so is their control of disease. We were then allowed to ask him questions.

After this a vote of thanks was given by the Head-boy, M. Maskell.
J. Beecham, U.5B

FIELD DAY

On Friday 30th March, the A.T.C. went to R.A.F. Tangmere for their Field day. We set off on a dismal morning, with a hope that the weather might improve for flying. On arriving at Tangmere, we were greeted with the news that flying had been cancelled, but there was a possibility of a flight in a helicopter.

After lunch we went to the gym, where we were to have had a lecture on parachuting. Fortunately the instructor realised we had heard the lecture before, so he told us about the preparations John Glenn made for his space flight. Afterwards we went to the cinema, where we were shown a short film on sea survival. Continuing on

the theme of survival, we went to the armoury, where we were given a lecture on the ejector seat and how it works.

We then went to the control tower where we were able to see the radar operators giving planes landing instructions. The highlight of the afternoon came when we went to the helicopter squadron. After a brief lecture on the helicopter, we each had a turn at being winched up from the ground into the helicopter and then given a brief flight around the airfield.

After tea we left for Rye, having had a most enjoyable day. Our thanks must go to F./O. Maby and Mr. Parkhurst who took us. It was most unfortunate that F./Lt. Thompson and F./O. Huxstep were unable to attend.
A. Kingdon, U.5A

A STANDARD GLOSSARY OF COMMENTS SUITABLE FOR REPORTS

(as recommended by the Music Masters' Union)

A bene placito	He only works when he feels like it.
Adagio di molto	Extremely slow.
Agitato	His work is hurried and shows signs of panic.
Allegro con brio	He works quickly and accurately and has flashes of real brilliance.
Andante	A careful plodder.
Diluendo	The standard of his work is deteriorating.
Deliranto	He must learn to keep calm under stress.
Esaltato	This boy is too big for his boots and should cultivate a less haughty demeanour.
Espirando	The work has proved too much for him.
Espressivo	He spends a disproportionate amount of time in the coffee-bar.
Fastoso	Pompous and self-opinionated.
Glissando	He is skating on very thin ice.
Giocoso	He seems incapable of taking his work—or indeed anything—seriously.
Incalcando	He is becoming faster and louder.
Pesante	Ponderous and devoid of any sense of humour.
Marziale	Brisk and efficient.
Piano	Just soft.
Pizzicato	A natural string-puller.
Tornando tutto forzo	I am pleased that he has fully recovered his old vigour and vitality.
Senza	Lacks ability, I fear.
Stabile	Steady and reliable.
Rallentando	Gradually running down. I hope he gets his second wind.
Vivace	Effervescent and quite irrepressible.

C.E.S.

WHEN WE ARE YOUNG

When we are young and time is limitless,
The measure of its day exceeds our thoughts,
And carelessly we fling each hour away,
Time squandered, unfulfilled and all for naught.

When we are old and time has left its mark,
Each minute seems more precious than before.
We count each broken dream, forgotten aim,
Alas, we know that there can be no more.

Penny Hoad, M.II

THE HUMAN BODY

Would you believe that your heart beats 2,649,024,000 times, in a lifetime of 70 years? It pumps 4,000 gallons of blood out each day. 10,000,000 red blood cells are destroyed and replaced each second in one adult. There are about 300,000,000 air cells in both lungs. Your blood vessels combined length is about 100,000 miles. Your finger nails grow .003388 inches each day, and your hair .01714 inches. You contain enough fat for 7 cakes of soap, carbon for 900 pencils, phosphorous for 2,200 match-heads, iron to make 1 nail, sulphur to rid 1 dog of fleas, 10 gallons of water, and lime to whiten 1 chicken coup.

When you die, your heart muscles live for 20 minutes, stomach digests food for 24 hours, brain muscles for 1 minute, ears 1 hour, arm and leg muscles 4 hours, bones 3 days, and skin 5 days!

'FLO' THE CAR

Flo was a car of the first ever made,
She had wheel spokes of silver and mudguards of jade,
With side doors of blue and a red and white bonnet,
Which although was so old had her name written on it,
The windows remaining were rattling and loose,
And the horn at the side had no certain use.
She travelled along at her steady slow self,
And at "20" she really exerted herself.
The boot had a habit of coming half down,
And dragging the dust from quite half the town,
But in spite of her age (this wasn't really the case)
She came in at third in the town's "old crock race."

Gillian Morley, L IV

SEASONS

Breezes whispered secrets round the old oak tree,
Sunset lingered, crimson, in the West.
Birds were singing Evensong with all their hearts and voices,
Cattle lowed, and slowly went to rest.

Summer sighed, and then was gone and Autumn took her place,
Petals from the last red rose bush fell,
Colder winds blew round the hill and leaves turned slowly golden.
Autumn reigned, triumphant, in every wood and dell.

Jenny Burke, M.II

FROM LONDON TO LENINGRAD BY SEA

It took us about three weeks to pack. How were we to know what sort of things we were to need? We must have spent pounds on stamps, envelopes, paper and long-distance telephone calls to Moscow, to my father who had been posted there for three years. We were to join him for the summer holidays there.

We boarded the little, Russian steam-ship, the "Baltica" (originally the "Molattoo"), at the London Docks and, greatly hampered by the lack of knowledge of the Russian language, we finally found our respective cabins.

We left dock at about six o'clock that evening. By that time we were settled down and had had time to explore the little ship. She was quite small for a passenger ship, by our British standards, but to me she seemed enormous. There were four decks, the topmost of which was little bigger than a tennis court. In the centre of this deck was a large red funnel, on which was painted a gold hammer and sickle. Next to the funnel was the sky-light to the engine-room. The glass top was propped open and all works of the ship could be seen, far below. My brother and I used to delight in dropping banana skins on top of the unfortunate, unsuspecting engineers, working below us.

The journey took us six days and in the meantime we never had a dull moment. Breakfast was at eight and was announced by a loud, electric bell, which rang just outside our cabin. We would be given a menu in the dining-room which, with the help of a dictionary and much guessing, we would manage to translate. (None of the waiters spoke English!) One memorable occasion was when I ordered porridge. I was given the most awful imitation semolina, that was set like jelly! Not content with this, for lunch we were served up with this dreadful stuff, fried in butter and cheese! The meals as a whole were only of fair standard. The Russians cook nearly everything in butter, with the result that when we arrived in Leningrad,





we all had stomach upsets, generally known by the British as "Moscow Tummy."

We made friends with many of the Russian children on board ship. We divided ourselves into two gangs and would chase some poor, defenceless child all over the ship until he took refuge into his cabin, and then an angry parent would appear and swear at us in Russian. We would then console ourselves by making rude noises down the foghorn. (It is my duty to say that our guardian was sea-sick most of the way and so had very little control over us).

We called at Copenhagen, Stockholm and Helsinki on the way. I have never seen a more beautiful town as Copenhagen at night, the cobbled streets, the cafes lit up and the general friendliness of the people there. At Stockholm we spent the day visiting a zoo park where, apart from many interesting wild animals, there were old log huts, with old women in national dress at the spinning-wheel. At Helsinki we spent the day with some very nice diplomatic friends of my father.

At last, to the awful blaring tune of "The Red Flag," we drew slowly and triumphantly into the port of Leningrad.

So began the most interesting and memorable holiday of my life.

Lindsay MacDonnell, M.3

'SPRING-TIME'

The scent of lilac's in the air,
The birds sing clear and sweet,
Primroses blossom everywhere,
And the grass beneath our feet
Is starred with daisies, small and white ;
To gaze around is sheep delight.

Beneath the sun's warm, friendly cheer,
Stirred by a little breeze,
We thrill to find that spring is here,
And winter's icy freeze
Has gone completely, quite unseen,
And turned the world to gold and green.

Alaine Harvey, L.2

DRIVING FOR KICKS

Travel slower than a 'ton,'
It's just not done.
You must travel at speed,
You must not heed
The warning that is sent
To try to prevent
The spill
That will kill
You and your friends
As you hurtle round bends,
Just for 'kicks.'

U.V. Speed Ace

'THE SUN SET SLOWLY ON THE MARSH'

The sun set slowly on the marsh,
The duck were stirring now,
And flying to their feeding place,
On stubble field and plough.

Unknown to them, the fowlers hid
In wait along their route,
Sitting in hides with gun and dog,
Preparing for the shoot.

Quacking, and with whispering wings,
The packs of duck flew by ;
But for the fowlers down below
The duck were much too high.

Their chances gone, the fowlers rose,
And collected all their gear,
With the last day of the season passed
The duck were safe 'till the following year.

J. Russell, U.V.B.

THE LINER

Steaming majestic through the night
Cabin portholes a blaze of light,
Leaving a wake far streaming astern,
Lying straight without a turn.

The moon comes out and in its light
The brasswork shines and gleams so bright.
Upon the bridge the captain stands,
With chart and ruler in his hands.

The passengers sit down below
Warm and cosy all a glow,
Or take a walk around the ship,
Or in the ballroom 'swing that hip' !

The ship steams on, port is ahead,
The captain faces a nice warm bed,
The tugs are out, the ropes are thrown,
And once again the ship is home.

G. Jenner, L.2

VILLAGES TODAY

"What a quaint little village," we say as we flash by in the car.
On the radio we listen to "The Archers," an everyday story of country folk, but people say that the village life and its community is dying out. And more important still that the country tongue is dying out. We are told that the farmer rushes through his milking with the aids of his milking machines and then watches the television after the same fashion as a 'nine to five' worker. I found all this hard to believe and so I returned to a village and a farm and farmer I had met many years previously.

I discovered Dick still driving his cows along the shore, though true he had a milking machine and a television. What struck me most about him was that he was now speaking the Queen's English. I could hardly believe my ears when I visited his 'local.' The conversation and language resembled a teachers' staff meeting more than an argument over a game of darts.

Then it happened ; a small stocky little man clumsily knocked my friend's pint flying "Be danged to 'ee Jarge you's allers doin' tha'at." I left the village still laughing and content that it would not experience a renaissance at least in my lifetime.

Alan Richards, U.V.b.

THE MODERN WORLD

What a world we're in today,
Strikers wanting much more pay,
Porters, for greater heights are reaching,
Crossing swords with Mr. Beeching.

Satellites going round and round,
The world is almost upside-down,
Kruschev versus Kennedy,
Something all the world can see.

One day when we've conquered space,
And man has finished his great race,
When wars and conflict men have ceased,
The world will the great thing, peace.

Timothy Rothwell, L.4

"MY ANCESTORS," BY A BICYCLE

I, being an up-to-date bicycle, am far more modernised than my ancestors of 1839. My forerunner is obviously the Pedestrian Hobby-Horse. This is a pedal-less bicycle, and was first seen in 1816, in Paris. The rider sat astride and propelled the bicycle with his feet. In 1818 came an improved model of this, which had arm rests and was called The Draisienne.

The next stage further was the Macmillan's Lever-Driven Bicycle, in 1839. The rider propelled it along with levers. This was the first bicycle to kill a child (this was in 1842).

Sawyer's Velocipede was in common use in 1850. It was known as a carriage on wheels and the front wheels were driven by a crank axle and the back wheels were used for steering the machine. All together this machine had four wheels.

The Coventry Rotary Tricycle was in common use in 1876. It was started with a lever mechanism, and later on it was modernised into a crank shaft mechanism.

An important development of the chain-driven bicycle was Lawson's Bicyclette. He was the inventor of the rear chain driven wheel bicycle.

The Invincible Bicycle was similar to the Penny Farthing. The wheels had solid rubber tyres on it. This was invented in 1882.

In 1845 the First Pneumatic-Tyred Bicycle was invented. It was possibly the greatest development in transport, since the invention of the wheel.

The Bicycle of the Late "90's." It had a freewheel, and the most unusual feature on it was, that the driving mechanism was on the left side of the bicycle. The Tandem of The Late "90's." This was very much like a Tandem of to-day. It went 50 miles in just over 3 hours.

F. Kilpatrick, M.1

JOHN SANDERS'S RIDE

John Sanders was a carpenter,
But now he is a clown,
In one of "Samuel's" Circus's,
In famous Hastings town.

John Sanders said unto his wife,
"I want a bike to ride,
I'm visiting young Stan in Rye,
At home you must abide."

A bike of Mrs. Crow's he found,
And set off at good speed,
But when he came to traffic lights,
The red, he did not heed.

He went straight on into a cart,
And then John, he saw red,
The bike squashed into one small piece,
And so did John's poor head.

And when he'd fixed the bike again,
To Icklesham he got,
And then the tyre, it burst in two,
For it grew very hot.

When he had got to Winchelsea,
And down a hill he tore,
He swerved to right, and then to left,
The bike did ask for more.

At last old Rye he sadly reached,
By walking on his feet,
He knocked upon his friend, Stan's door,
But Stan he did not meet.

He got no answer at the door,
So John did walk away,
He met a friend, who said, to him
"Stanley has gone away."

PIKE FISHING

Pike fishing is a very enjoyable sport although its disadvantage is that it is only suitable during the winter months when the pike are building up their strength for the spawning season. Also, just before spawning, they gorge themselves, making them easier to catch. They are lazy fish, and lie in wait for their prey in preference to putting up a chase.

The most widely used, and in my mind, the most effective method of fishing for pike is livebaiting. The bait is a small roach, dace, or gudgeon. The average pike angler does not use a bait larger than

six inches although large pike have been taken on baits of between 1½ and 2lbs., but this is rare. The most attractive bait is the one that appears to be injured or too weak to put up a chase. All baits must be mounted on a wire trace for the pike have many needle-like teeth that will endanger an ordinary gut or nylon line. The rod for live-baiting must be fairly stout to enable casting but supple enough to take the strain of those vicious runs of the pike. The float or 'bung' as it is called, is eggshaped and should be at least two inches across, for it must carry a very considerable weight and yet stay afloat. The wire trace should be mounted on swivels to allow any twisting of the line. The hooks of the snap tackle, which is used to attach the bait, must be kept sharp, for the pike, in addition to its sharp teeth, has an extremely bony roof to its mouth, but a horizontal strike can overcome this.

Perhaps more suitable for the cold winter's day is spinning and plug fishing. In both cases an artificial bait is used to imitate a fish, although they work on different principals. The spinning bait is a brightly coloured egg-shaped disc, which is mounted on a swivel and so shaped that when drawn through the water will spin and flash light which is very attractive to the pike. A large treble is mounted at the base of the spinner. The plug, on the other hand, is an artificial fish, sometimes jointed to make it appear more realistic. It is coloured as a real fish, and will have two or three trebles mounted on the underside or tail. They are usually designed to rise to the surface when stationery and to dive when drawn through the water. Spinning for pike requires considerable skill compared with ordinary float fishing. The main point to remember is to spin slow and deep where the pike lie. It pays to draw the spinner in irregular, jerky movements which give it an injured appearance. The same tactics apply in plug baiting but in both cases it must be remembered that the pike will not chase a fast moving prey unless hungry.

Very few people use dead bait for pike. This method does not bring the angler many fish but will attract the larger ones. The best bait is a dead herring on the river. It requires no special tackle except for the wire trace and large snap tackle. A lead should be secured to the line a foot or two above the bait to hold its position on the river bed. Herring oil or chopped herring makes a very good ground bait for all forms of pike fishing.

Too many fish are lost through anglers trying to hold their fish once it is hooked and then wondering why their line snapped. A pike, or any other large fish, must always be allowed to run and tire itself before landing. It should be landed with a gaff slipped either just under the gill cover or through the soft membrain in the bone of the lower jaw.

John Parkin, M.3

YOUR STARS THIS TERM

Aquarius	A good term for work and sport—you will be ill for examinations and temporarily crippled for sports day.
Pisces	A generally discouraging term particularly for pipe smokers and heroine addicts.
Aries	Romance is in the air. Join the A.T.C. or go to cricket.
Taurus	Family worries increase. Why not call in at home next weekend ?
Gemini	Overcome depression by going gay and avoiding the 'à la carte' a few times.
Cancer	Really resolve to become independent this term—be rude to a prefect or wear a St. Christopher.
Leo	Relationships with adults are up and down. Try measles, and if that fails, homework.
Virgo	Speculative risks worth taking, boys be careful, you might be seen wearing uniform occasionally.
Libra	An optimistic term—take a few gambles, wear a red sweater now and again and cough during the mornings lesson.
Scorpio	A long term for leavers and middle school. Relief for both on Prefects' holiday.
Sagittarius	You are far too considerate to others. Remedy this by upsetting paper towels more often and depositing more chewing gum on chairs.
Capricorn	A long hard drag this term. Go home by Dengates' for a little light relief.

MILLY MUGWASH, BEAUTY ADVISER TO "RYA"

Now that Spring has sprung at long last it is time for us to start thinking about not only our Summer wardrobes but also our Summer figures and faces. Let us begin by taking a long look at ourselves (if this is humanly possible) between the birds'-nests into the minute space of the mirror that is left, and really criticising what we see. Can you honestly say that those sweets and chocolates you have been stuffing hurriedly from April 9th (Budget Day) until April 30th have not made their mark upon your skin ? Now is the time to remedy this.

Take 1 megacycle of Salts of Lemon, 9 millilitres of peroxide, and mix with them 44½ drops of under-ripe banana juice, 2 mugfuls of self-raising flower and a little sterilized rainwater. Mix this into a fine paste and slap it onto your face. Leave on for a week and retire to the privacy of your boudoir.

While you are waiting for this to dry, you can start work on your figure. To remove the permanent protrusion of your right hip caused through the persistent carrying of your vanity case in that position, bend 27 times to the right, 52 times to the left to the tune of "In a Monastery Garden." You must now take stock of your waistline and let Nature do what that three-inch wide belt has done for you during the Winter months. You should now embark upon your Marathon Twist.

Having removed your face-pack, you will now notice that your skin is a subtle shade of blue. This is not permanent and can be camouflaged with Charles of the Regent's new cream, Pipsodent. You will wonder where the blue went !

A final word of advice ! Now is the time to remove the tidemarks from around your neck, wrists and ankles before you change into your new Channel striped shirt-hipster. And you must take a searching look at those radiator-scorched legs. These will benefit from regular applications of Max Tractor's greasy after-shave lotion.

In our next issue we will deal with slimming exercises and dieting.

POINTS FROM THE MAIL

- Q. Please help ! "I'm desperate ! My bleached hair started splitting at the ends three months ago. The hair is now split up to 2½ inches from the follicle. What can I do ?"
- A. Cut it to 2 inches all over : retire to a monastery.
- Q. How can I prevent my stockings from wrinkling around my knees ?
- A. Try glueing them to your thighs. If that does not work try socks and garters.
- Q. Through continuous wearing of curlers at night I have discovered that my head has a large number of large dents in it. How can I remedy this ?
- A. Change your hair-style and place the curlers on the anti-dents, in the hope that the pressure in new places will cause other parts of the head to resume normal position.
- Q. I am seventeen and very conscious of my translated knees. Can I undergo an operation for the removal of my right knee to the left side and vice versa ?
- A. No. Treatment is the only remedy. You must learn to walk cross-legged. If you write to me privately I will give you the address of T.I.M. from whom you may obtain a little booklet.
- If you have a beauty problem, write to me c/o. The Editor,

RYA,
RGS,
RYE.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

MARRIAGES

Elizabeth Larkin (nee Dobbie) to Richard Cook of Stone.
Bernard Monk to Miss Barbara Standen of Rye.
Ann Phillips to Mr. David Steadon of Abingdon, Berkshire.
Wendy Sivers to Mr. Patrick Casling of Hemel Hempstead.
Katherine Summers to Mr. Tony Denice of Beckley.
John Wickens to Miss Elizabeth Clarke from Northern Ireland.
Jennifer Willeard to Mr. Derek Smith of Rye.

News has come through of several people who left the district whilst they were in the Lower School and are now beginning training for their chosen careers. Linda Bagley will be going to University College, London, next Autumn, to read History ; Julian Ellis has won an Open Exhibition to King's College, Cambridge where he will read Mathematics ; Anna Holmes is working in a travel agency in Hong Kong and her brother is to become a chartered accountant.

Others who will start their training this Autumn, include Peter Mitchell and James Gatherum who have both been gaining teaching experience before going to Brighton and Norwich Training Colleges respectively. Mollic Townson has already started at the Harpenden branch of the National Children's Homes. She will have to have preliminary experience at this and several other branches before going for a year's course at college, in London.

Bronwen Burke and Robert Blacklock have been accepted for training at the Rose Bruford Drama School starting in September and Michael Winter, another of our former actors, will be reading English—probably at King's College, London. Meanwhile, he is gaining some knowledge of City life by living near Russell Square and working for an Insurance firm.

Although still in her first year at Battersea College of Technology, Diana Norris has been made Secretary of the Students' Union and, we hear, played quite a prominent part on Rag Day. Her contemporary, Sheila Evans, has completed an intensive secretarial course at the City of London College and is now a Junior Secretary with Unilever.

Audrey Wisdon is nearing the end of her training at Nonington and will take up her first teaching post at a Modern school in Tonbridge, next September.

Gwen Beeching has been transferred to the Paris branch of her bank. She is sharing a flat with a French girl and thoroughly enjoying life in Paris. Georgina Godwin has completed her Licence-ès-Lettres at the University of Aix-Marsellie.

Ann Sewell gained top marks of her particular entry at the end of her three year training in physiotherapy and is now working in West London.

Pauline Williams visited the Mansion House recently to receive a prize from the Commercial Education Committee of the London Chamber of Commerce. She came second in the United Kingdom for shorthand.

STAFF

We hear that Mrs. Edbrook (Miss Canning) has one child now, and that her husband was Medical Officer to the Hampshire Regiment, in which John Swan is serving, whilst it was in Jamaica.

Two other births—a daughter for Mrs. Allerton, formerly Miss Butcher, and a son—her second child—for Mrs. Smith (Miss Garside).

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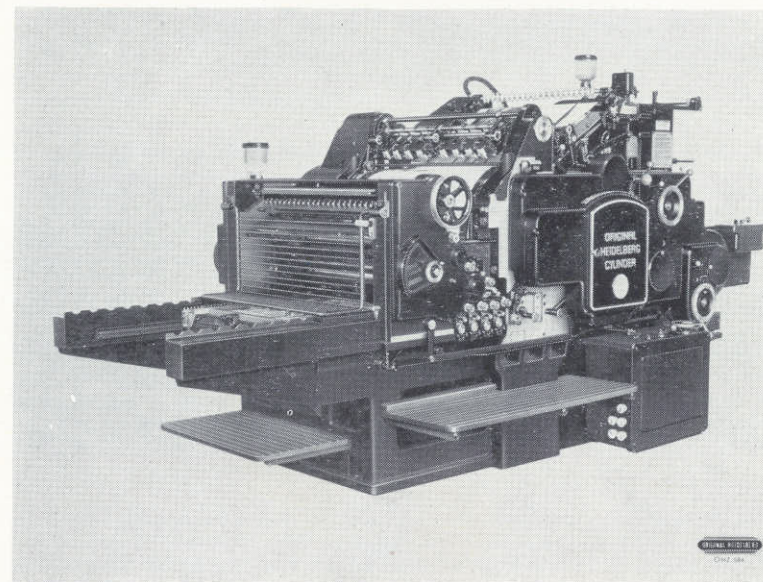
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