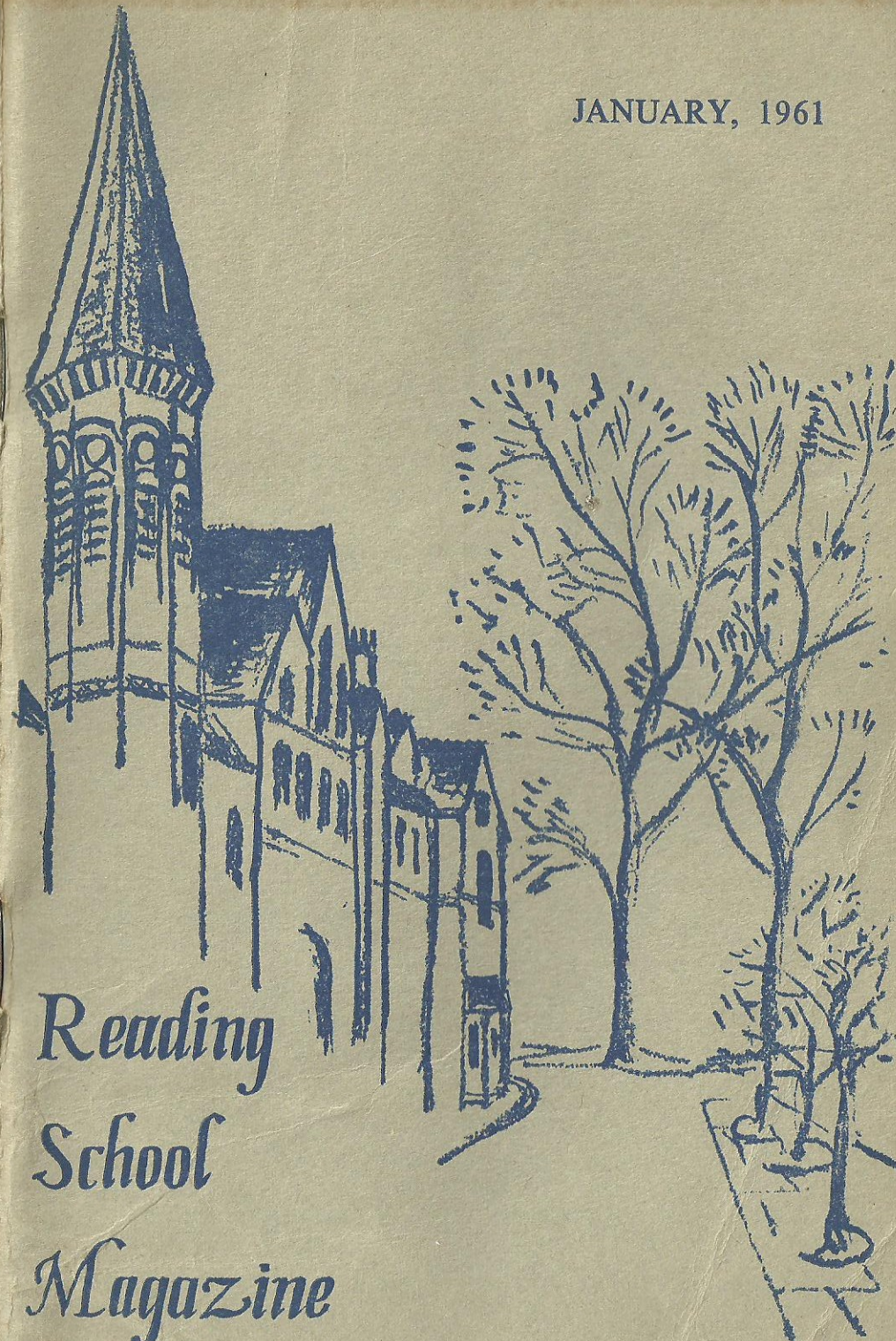


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EDITORIAL.

THE innovations in Middle School organisation mentioned in the report of Speech Day mark another significant change in our general "set-up". O.R.s of the 'thirties would now probably experience difficulty in seeing just where the differences are, especially as we also (in 1951) introduced a new system of form nomenclature. The question is perhaps best approached via numbers—we are still a three-form entry school, taking 90 boys a year to begin the course at 11, so in round figures we have 90 boys in the First Forms doing first-year work, 90 in the Second Forms doing second-year work, and so on. The name of the Form now indicates the year of the course. In 1939 there were 67 boys (not including 19 in Upper Remove) in the fifth year of the course and above; in 1960 there were 219. It is clear then that the "middle school", that is the present Third and Fourth Forms, age range 13-15, had come to constitute a much smaller proportion of the Upper School, of which they had always been part for games and the rest. They were rather swamped by their seniors. They have now been made a separate division and have their own games afternoons (Tuesdays and Fridays). This should improve their games and be generally beneficial. A necessary consequence is that these Forms will no longer be eligible for the Corps, and so the age of recruitment is raised from 13 to 15. Once the interim period is past, we are confident that the vitality and efficiency of the Corps will not suffer, especially as most boys now go through the Sixth. We understand that the Head Master regarded this change as desirable on its own account and had accordingly initiated discussions with the Officers of the Corps and with the War Office some time before he had the idea of making the Middle School altogether separate.

We must not, however, labour too much this notion of "separation". The change is not a schism. It is administratively convenient, and it gives the Middle School a corporate identity. But the School will continue as ever an integrated body, *e pluribus unum*.

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We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. C. A. Poole.

Mr. Poole was appointed to the staff of the Junior School in 1926. He was Games Master there from 1926 to 1930, and Cubmaster from 1928 to 1935. Although still teaching in the Junior School he became House Master of South House in 1929, and remained there for 17 years—an apparently anomalous position; but he filled it with great success; for he entered into the life of the Senior School with great zest, acting as stage manager to the Dramatic and Operatic Societies, and was actually in the cast of *H.M.S. Pinafore*. His energy was quite remarkable; for, in spite of being involved in so many school activities he found time to devote himself to work of a more public character. He was a very keen member of the Reading Old Boys' Lodge of Freemasons, becoming Worshipful Master, and later founder member of the R.O.B. Chapter, in which he held the highest offices.

Perhaps he was best known in Berkshire as County Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Association; yet here, too, he was able to be of service to the School during the last war by arranging for the St. John Ambulance Brigade to give first aid lectures to the staff and the Scout Troop.

Mr. Poole retired in 1950—but not from scholastic work, nor to any great distance. He had for some years been proprietor of Malvern House School, and was now able to act as Principal of that school whose destinies he guided with sure control.

We shall miss him here, and we know that Malvern House will mourn the end of his wise and kindly reign.

Our very deep sympathy goes to his family.

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One of the classics among "school stories", Ian Hay's 'Lighter Side of School Life', is dedicated to "The members of the most responsible, the least advertised, the worst paid, and the most richly rewarded profession in the world". Schoolmasters are not often saluted in such a warm-hearted manner and there are no doubt some who would be more ready to accept certain of the above statements while holding reservations about the rest, but there are times when we are moved to agree with Ian Hay that the rewards of school-mastering can be both unpredictable and unusual. Few schoolmasters can have received a greater compliment than that paid to Mr. D. G. Francis in a letter we received last term from one of his old East Wingers—for the information of juniors and newcomers we note that Mr. Francis was House Master of East Wing from 1933 to 1938). This O.R., with a lively sense of gratitude, which speaks volumes for Mr. Francis, offers the School a substantial sum of money and invites us to say how we would use it, subject to certain suggestions, and to the overriding condition that, however used, the gift shall be associated with the name of Mr. D. G. Francis. This condition is welcome: we have offered our suggestions and now await the outcome. We would have preferred to delay this announcement until all was complete and agreed, but we decided we should publish even a necessarily

incomplete story in view of statements published elsewhere, without our authority. Naturally we are confident that we shall be able to satisfy our generous "offerer" but whatever the outcome, we are clearly in order in congratulating Mr. Francis very heartily on the remarkable compliment which has been paid to him. He is "richly rewarded" indeed. That the reward should take the form of something for East Wing and for the School is, we know, as he would wish.

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Mr. Geoffrey Moore, who left us last July, came down to Reading just after term ended for his marriage to Miss Evelyn Groombridge, music mistress at Kendrick School. The wedding took place at Wycliffe Baptist Church. Mr. Michael Shorter acted as Best Man. During the signing of the register Kendrick School Choir sang three carols.

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Moore all happiness in their new life at Nottingham, where Mr. Moore is lecturing at the Training College attached to the University.

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Heartiest congratulations to I. W. O. House on being awarded the Sir Thomas White Scholarship to St. John's College, Oxford, in History.

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The School Orchestra continues to flourish, though a few short years ago it hardly existed. Now we have to congratulate J. G. Robson on being re-elected to the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, and P. W. James, not only on being re-elected, but also on being elevated to the position of leader of the viola section. Congratulations also to R. S. Colyer, who has been elected to membership of the National Orchestra for the first time. These successes must encourage the School Orchestra and, so to speak, *stiffen* it, if one may use a military expression which sounds faintly inappropriate!

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We were interested to hear from the School's Liaison Officer that on the result of the last Passing-Out from Sandhurst, S/Cdt. P. H. L. Jones was awarded the Language Prize—a cheque for £20.

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We are pleased to announce that Colonel N. C. Ries, Royal Marines (1922-29) has been made a C.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

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The Rev. A. W. Argyle has been appointed Dean, Librarian and Angus Lecturer of Regent's Park College, Oxford. The college is now a constituent part of the University of Oxford, and the Rev. A. W. Argyle is officially instructor in New Testament Greek in the University. Like the Suffragan Bishop of Buckingham, whom we mentioned last term, he is yet another of those classicists who were taught in the far corner of the library amid the din of competing classes. Evidently it was robust practice in concentration.

Dr. B. B. Keet, Emeritus Professor of Theology at the Dutch Reformed Church Seminary of Stellenbosch University, South Africa, is regarded as the leader of spiritual thought among Afrikaner churchmen. He is convinced that the time has come for the Afrikanders' churches to insist that a better way be sought for the solution of his country's racial problems.

Professor Keet did his teaching practice here, and took a very active interest in the School's Rugby.

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Mr. Gillings (father of two boys at School) offered a number of books on science (Darwiniana, etc.) and a quantity of mechanical and electrical gadgets, left by *his* father for distribution freely to boys. Most of it was soon eagerly claimed.

The gesture is much appreciated—and worthy of imitation.

SCHOOL LIBRARY.

ACCESSIONS.

CLASSICS.

- Bowra, C. M. *Ancient Greek Literature* (1959).
 Bowra, C. M. *The Greek Experience* (1958).
 Grant, M. and Pottinger, D. *Greeks* (1958).
 Grant, M. and Pottinger, D. *Romans* (1960).
 Syme, R. *Tacitus* (1958).

ENGLISH.

- Auden, W. H. (ed.). *Oxford Book of Light Verse* (1952).
 Chambers' *Twentieth Century Dictionary* (1959).
 Graves, R. *Goodbye to All That* (1958).
 Legouis, E. & Cazamian, L. *A History of English Literature* (1960).
 Partridge, E. *A Dictionary of Clichés* (1960).

GERMAN.

- Garten, H. F. *Modern German Drama* (1959).
 Waidson, H. M. *The Modern German Novel* (1959).

HISTORY.

- Charles-Edwards, T. & Richardson, B. (edd.). *They Saw It Happen, 1689-1897* (1958).
 Coyle, D. C. *The United States Political System* (1957).
 Fisher, H. A. L. *A History of Europe* (1957).
 Hassall, W. O. (ed.). *They Saw It Happen, 55 B.C.—A.D. 1485* (1959).
 Mattingley, G. *The Defeat of the Spanish Armada* (1959).
 Routh, C. R. N. (ed.). *They Saw It Happen, 1485-1688* (1960).
 Tawney, R. H. *Religion and the Rise of Capitalism* (1948).
 Thompson, J. M. *Robespierre and the French Revolution* (1960).
 Thompson, J. M. *The French Revolution* (1959).
 Trevelyan, G. M. *English Social History* (1958).
 Wagner, A. R. *English Genealogy* (1960).
 Watson, J. S. *The Reign of George III* (1960).
 Wedgwood, C. V. *Richelieu and the French Monarchy* (1958).

MUSIC.

- Hughes, Dom Anselm & Abraham, G. (edd.). *Ars Nova and the Renaissance* (1960).
 Morley-Pegge, R. *The French Horn* (1960).
 Rufer, R. *Composition with Twelve Notes* (1954).

MATHEMATICS.

- Asimov, I. *Realm of Numbers* (1959).
 Boon, F. C. *Companion to School Mathematics* (1960²).
 Newman, J. R. (ed.). *The World of Mathematics* (1960).
 Sawyer, W. W. *A Concrete Approach to Abstract Algebra* (1959).
 Sawyer, W. W. *Prelude to Mathematics* (1960).

SCIENCE.

- Bondi, H., and others. *Rival Theories of Cosmogony* (1960).
 Born, M. *Atomic Physics* (1960³).
 Hartley, H. (ed.). *The Royal Society: its origins and founders* (1960).
 Maurois, A. *Life of Sir Alexander Fleming* (1959).
 Ordish, G. *The Living House* (1960).
 Wakman, S. A. *My Life with the Microbes*.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- Derry, T. K. & Williams, T. I. *A Short History of Technology* (1960).
 Keeble, L. *Principles and Practice of Town and Country Planning* (1959²).
 Knight, R. & M. *A Modern Introduction to Psychology* (1959⁴).
 Nairn, P. (ed.). *A Second Collection of Wood Specimens* (1957).
 Whitaker's *Almanack for 1961* (1960).

QUAD LIBRARY.

WHILE the Lecture Room has been under reconstruction the Quad Library has been taking a great deal of the burden of School activities, which has prevented us from giving the service and making the improvements we would like to have made. We have also occasionally been cut off by flood water in the Quad, and the Library roof has sometimes developed rather disturbing leaks; but otherwise the Library has remained a haven for the damp, early-arrival at School, and has continued to provide amenities for chess players, last-minute test-preparers and train number-underliners. It is indeed sad that, in these days of streamlined education, members of the "A" stream in the School can be seen to discard the full-length book for the brightly-coloured pages of strip-cartoon comics. The Quad Library tries to provide satisfactory deterrents from this sort of unbeneficial reading.

The Head Librarian, with the help of E. L. Moor, Esq., has started installing a new non-fiction cataloguing system which, it is hoped, will be ready for use before half-term in the Spring. Meanwhile, the librarians' and orderlies' lists seem to have been varying every day, as new librarians have been joining us, and old ones leaving. We would, as usual, like to express our thanks to those who presented books and magazines to the library. We also have a number of older but none the less interesting books which are of no further use to the library, but which might prove interesting to the historian. We would perhaps be willing to give away certain books to suitable applicants.

S.R.L.

SPEECH DAY.

OCTOBER 21st, 1960.

The Commemoration Service was celebrated in the Church of St. Laurence. The Sermon was preached by the Reverend Canon J. R. Lewis, M.A. (O.R.), Rural Dean of Barking.

Speech Day was held in the afternoon at the Town Hall, when the prizes were presented by K. C. Turpin, Esq., B.Litt., M.A., Provost of Oriel College, Oxford. Sir John Wolfenden, Chairman of the Governors and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Reading, presided. In his opening remarks Sir John offered his warmest congratulations to the Headmaster and his colleagues on the report of H.M. Inspectors: it was a record of a very thorough inspection and a most laudatory report—in fact, one of the best about a school that he knew.

THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

On receiving his annual stipend of £10 from the Mayor, Mr. Kemp suggested that as in 1962 it would be 400 years since the obligation of paying the Headmaster's salary was accepted by the Corporation, some sort of celebration would be called for: he therefore would begin "the softening-up process" in good time!

Referring to the Inspection, Mr. Kemp said that it had been well-timed from the point of view of staff and school; for it set the seal on the reorganisation embarked upon nine years ago. We should, however, certainly not rest on our laurels. Already there had been further reorganisation in the Fifth Form; and the Middle School had been separated from the Upper School in order to facilitate organisation of the games. This change would of course have the effect of excluding the Middle School from the Corps, which would entail some modification of training.

Mr. Kemp went on to express the School's thanks to the following: to the Parents' Association for endowing a prize in memory of Mrs. Larkinson; to the Lewis family for endowing the "Lewis Memorial Exhibition"; and to the O.R. Rugby Club for presenting a shield for the leading exponent in the Colts' division.

Finally, Mr. Kemp reported that at long last we now actually had our own boathouse in use; but unfortunately the boats themselves had suffered from enforced disuse, especially the "eight" which was now twenty years' old. They would have to acquire a new "eight" if they were to win races. He proposed to devote the Mayor's cheque towards a fund which he had now opened for the purpose of purchasing a new "eight".

THE ADDRESS.

The Provost of Oriel, who began by recalling that he had been taught mathematics by Mr. Kemp, said that the question why they had speech days was often raised. He insisted that boys were entitled to a reward for hard work; the welfare of the school depended on it, and the

achievement of academic quality should be made public on speech days. Mr. Kemp had not said much on the subject of the School's achievements; but good wine needed no bush.

Mr. Turpin went on to say that the society in which we lived was becoming much more complex: there were very many more schools, and they had to see that the standard of education did not fall below a certain level. From one point of view education was a matter of administration; but if the pupil-teacher relationship was upset there was little the State could do about it. We had to look to the influence of individuals concerned in education and see to it that school careers should not consist of a form of obstacle to be surmounted. He urged boys not only to pay proper attention to academic subjects, but also to learn to achieve a correct balance between work and leisure, and by taking part in organised games and other activities develop qualities of mind and character which would help them in after life.

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A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by The Right Worshipful The Mayor of Reading, Alderman C. R. Evans, J.P., and seconded by the Captain of the School, D. L. Thomas, who rounded off a neat speech by presenting a book to Mr. Turpin as a souvenir of his visit.

The Prize List was as follows:—

PRIZE LIST, 1959-60.

SEVENTH AND SIXTH FORMS.

<i>Scripture (Richard Valpy Prize)</i>	...	...	...	...	...	P. D. James
<i>English</i>	...	...	...	...	...	R. G. Thomas
<i>Special Prize (English)</i>	...	...	...	...	...	W. L. Halling
<i>English (Margaret Larkinson Memorial Prize)</i>	...	...	...	...	...	D. Utley
<i>History (Old Kendrick Prize)</i>	...	...	...	...	...	I. W. O. House
<i>Geography</i>	...	...	...	...	...	J. R. Oldland
<i>French (Haynes Memorial Prize)</i>	...	...	...	...	...	P. Allen
<i>German (Andrew Kelson Prize)</i>	...	...	...	...	...	M. R. Townson
<i>Classics</i>	...	...	...	...	...	G. E. Davies
<i>Mathematics (Robert Newport Memorial Prize)</i>	...	...	...	...	...	B. P. Ridsdale
<i>Physics (Monck and Palmer Prize)</i>	...	...	...	...	...	R. C. Coombs
<i>Chemistry (Monck and Palmer Prize)</i>	...	...	...	...	...	F. J. Pocock
<i>Art</i>	...	...	...	...	...	D. W. M. Scott
<i>Music</i>	...	...	...	...	...	A. L. Knott

FIFTH FORMS,

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION PRIZES.

<i>English</i>	...	...	...	...	...	C. R. Hicks
<i>History</i>	...	...	...	...	...	J. Prince
<i>Geography</i>	...	...	...	...	...	B. R. Aburrow
<i>French</i>	...	...	...	...	...	T. J. T. Hora
<i>German</i>	...	...	...	...	...	T. F. Walter
<i>Latin</i>	...	...	...	...	...	T. J. Moran
<i>Greek</i>	...	...	...	...	...	R. H. G. Morgan
<i>Mathematics</i>	...	...	...	...	...	D. A. Lynam
<i>Physics</i>	...	...	...	...	...	R. E. L. Cox
<i>Chemistry</i>	...	...	...	...	...	D. M. Shepherd
<i>Biology</i>	...	...	...	...	...	G. J. Harvey
<i>Art</i>	...	...	...	...	...	C. M. Allies
<i>Technical Drawing</i>	...	...	...	...	...	R. J. Mundy

FOURTH FORM PRIZES.

R. H. G. Morgan	P. A. Stevens
J. C. S. Frood	G. M. Goddard
D. T. Patterson	R. C. York

<i>Scripture (Mrs. Sumner Memorial Prize)</i>	...	...	...	{ J. C. S. Frood
<i>Metalwork</i>	...	...	...	{ M. A. Lehmann
				{ P. C. Bulmer

THIRD FORM PRIZES.

E. T. Allison	S. S. Crew
J. H. Attewell	D. Ormrod
P. M. Pellen	B. Randall

<i>Music Prize</i>	...	...	...	...	R. S. Bunting
<i>Art Prize</i>	...	...	...	...	R. H. Stuckey

LOWER SCHOOL PRIZES.

<i>II A</i>	...	...	...	D. R. Fisher	P. J. Jackson
<i>II B</i>	...	...	...	M. R. Laner	P. E. Clamp
<i>II C</i>	...	...	...	P. V. Greenwood	R. G. R. Albon
<i>I A</i>	...	...	...	S. J. Tuck	J. L. Terry
<i>I B</i>	...	...	...	J. C. Savage	E. D. Faulkner
<i>I C</i>	...	...	...	J. A. Pearson	S. N. Heavens
<i>Scripture (Mr. Leonard Salmon's Prize)</i>	...	...	...		D. R. Fisher
<i>Woodwork</i>	...	...	...		F. A. Gray
<i>Music</i>	...	...	...		M. J. Hill
<i>Art</i>	...	...	...		I. R. Brown

SPECIAL PRIZES.

(ENDOWED PRIZES.)

<i>Coronation Prizes (Reading L.E.A.)</i>	...	...	...	...	{ L. K. Baker
<i>Laud Prize</i>	...	...	...	...	{ J. A. Yearn
<i>Appleton Prize</i>	...	...	...	...	{ P. A. Beaven
<i>Spokes Prize</i>	...	...	...	...	{ P. P. Mortimer
<i>Laud Travel Scholarship</i>	...	...	...	...	{ P. G. W. Keen
<i>Appleton Travel Scholarship</i>	...	...	...	...	{ F. J. Pocock
<i>Henry Charles Aust Memorial Prize</i>	...	...	...	...	{ M. R. Townson
<i>Butler Essay Prize</i>	...	...	...	...	{ J. W. Woodhouse
<i>William Ewart Clarke McIlroy Prize</i>	...	...	...	...	{ R. C. Woolford
<i>The Boulting Brothers Drama Medal</i>	...	...	...	...	{ A. J. Turner
<i>The Pountney Trophy for School Work</i>	...	...	County	...	{ P. J. Lucas
					{ P. G. W. Keen
					{ J. A. Pearson
					{ F. C. Baines

ATHLETICS PRIZES.

SENIOR HOUSE COMPETITIONS.

<i>Cricket</i>	...	...	...	...	County	F. C. Baines
<i>Rugby : Saunders Walcheren Cup</i>	...	...	...	...	Boarders	C. D. C. Councell
<i>Swimming</i>	...	...	...	...	Boarders	J. S. Perrin
<i>Athletics</i>	...	...	...	...	Boarders	P. P. Mortimer
<i>Cross Country</i>	...	...	...	...	West	J. Bamford
<i>Tennis</i>	...	...	...	...	Boarders	J. R. Oldland
<i>Gymnastics</i>	...	...	...	...	Boarders	R. F. Field
<i>Boxing</i>	...	...	...	...	County	L. K. Baker
<i>Chess : Van Meurs Cup</i>	...	...	...	...	County	R. P. Hill
<i>C.C.F. : War Office Shield</i>	...	...	...	...	Boarders	S/Sgt. J. S. Evans
<i>Efficiency Cup</i>	...	...	...	...	Boarders	S/Sgt. J. S. Evans
<i>COCK HOUSE CUP</i>	...	...	...	...	Boarders	P. P. Mortimer

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS.

J. DAVIDSON	...	Open Exhibition in History, Pembroke College, Cambridge.
P. G. W. KEEN	...	Elton Exhibition in English, Balliol College, Oxford.
P. P. MORTIMER	...	Open Exhibition in History, New College, Oxford.
J. MURRAY	...	Major Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences, Peterhouse, Cambridge.
R. L. PARKER	...	Major Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences, Downing College, Cambridge.

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS, 1960.

P. ALLEN	...	Distinction in French and German.
I. W. O. HOUSE	...	Distinction in English and History.
R. G. THOMAS	...	Distinction in English.
M. R. TOWNSON	...	Distinction in French and German.

MAJOR AWARDS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Reading :

G. ABINGTON	...	Manchester University.
P. ALLEN	...	Manchester University.
P. H. ANDERTON	...	Birmingham University.
L. K. BAKER	...	St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
J. BAMFORD	...	St. Andrew's University.
J. A. BOSS	...	Trinity College, Dublin.
M. DENTON	...	Sheffield University.
P. D. JAMES	...	Keble College, Oxford.
D. M. LATTO	...	St. Mary's Hospital, Medical School.
I. P. LATTO	...	St. Mary's Hospital, Medical School.
D. LEWIS	...	Manchester University.
C. J. NUTT	...	Reading University.
D. P. O'HALLORAN	...	Southampton University.
A. V. PAGE	...	Bristol University.
F. J. POCOCK	...	St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
D. W. M. SCOTT	...	Southampton University.
B. A. SHAYLER	...	St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
D. STAUNTON	...	Edinburgh University.
P. J. SZELL	...	Trinity College, Dublin.
D. J. WIFFEN	...	Sheffield University.

Berkshire :

F. C. BAINES	...	Birmingham University.
A. P. HARVEY	...	Birmingham University.
R. HOUSE	...	Southampton University.
W. J. D. MCAULEY	...	Imperial College of Science and Technology.
D. A. SCOTT	...	Southampton University.
J. A. YEARN	...	University College of Wales.

Hampshire :

J. F. BRINDLEY	...	Hertford College, Oxford.
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Hertfordshire :

A. J. WALKER	...	Sheffield University.
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Service Cadetships.

R.M. Academy, Sandhurst	...	C. C. MEHEUX.
R.A.F. Technical College, Henlow	...	A. P. BROWN.
		A. J. VOYLE.

Combined Cadet Force.

Basic Test	...	...	60
Proficiency Test	...	...	54
Proficiency Test (R.A.F.)	...	...	5
Signal Instructors	...	...	14
Certificate "T"	...	...	11

Royal Life Saving Society.

Diploma	...	...	1
Bar to Award of Merit	...	...	1
Award of Merit	...	...	1
Bronze Cross	...	...	2
Instructor's Certificate	...	...	3
Bronze Medallion	...	...	13
Intermediate Certificate	...	...	3

Outward Bound.

Award of Merit ... L/C G. B. Scotford.

SCHOOL PLAY

"ARMS AND THE MAN."

MISS GILBERT was kind enough to attend several performances of the play and to agree to write a more detailed criticism than it was possible for her to give at the Supper on the last night. M.O.S.

Adjudicators frequently begin their criticism of a production by remarking that the play chosen was a difficult one. In this case the observation was true. Nevertheless, the standard of production, acting and setting was as high as I had hoped—and that is praise, for I was hoping for a great deal.

It was interesting to watch the performances gaining in depth and assurance as the week progressed. This was largely owing to the excellent teamwork and unselfish playing—what is known in the Theatre as 'playing-in'. To find a complete lack of exhibitionism and 'virtuoso' playing in a school production is not as common as one might expect.

One performance which improved greatly in technique was that of A. R. Bex as Bluntschli. By the last night he had discovered how to time and deliver his lines to gain the laughs in the right places; his performance had more attack and the necessary exaggeration. The difficult moment in the first scene when he was left alone and tried not to fall asleep was excellently done. The greatest fault in his playing was a slight monotony of vocal tone. A variety of pitch, pace and inflexion are particularly important in such a long part.

When deciding upon the winner of the medal, one close "runner-up" was R. S. Colyer as Sergius. At the beginning of the run I was afraid that only the shell of the character would emerge—and this would have been no disgrace, for it needs an Olivier to present the many sides of Sergius. But by the last night this performance had not only increased in panache, but in depth, subtlety, comprehension and pace.

Petkoff, played by D. Utley, was the third of my finalists. He gave a rounded performance with attack and confidence, but his task was much easier than that of Bluntschli and Sergius. He convinced me that he should have been on a mountain farm rather than commanding troops.

J. A. Pearson, the winner of the medal, is a young actor of talent and therefore I expected much of him and shall criticise him all the more harshly. A great deal of his effective playing was instinctive, but considerable skill was displayed in the variety of his performance and accuracy of timing. He is blessed with a good stage presence and a clear, pleasant and flexible voice. In these days of slovenly speech it is ungrateful and perhaps dangerous to suggest that speech can be *too* careful, but this actor must arrest a tendency to "mouth" and over-elocute; this slows up the pace and shatters the illusion for the audience that the characters on the stage are real people. The voice must always be at the service of the character. He maintained a steady level of performance throughout the week as Raina—a very complicated part for even an actress to play—and this gained him the medal.

Catherine Petkoff and Louka are difficult for boys to act, and I congratulate all the "Ladies" on their deportment and the way they wore their costumes. D. D. Thomas as Catherine had an excellent carriage, and had the character been an English hostess in a drawing-room the characterisation would have been a good one, but Shaw's Catherine washes infrequently, her "culture" is to be measured by the number of books she possesses, not by how many she has read, and she must suggest "the wife of a mountain farmer". Indeed, my criticism of Catherine is my only big criticism of the production as a whole—too refined, too "English", too civilised.

N. N. Sales, another young actor, made a brave attempt to recreate the character of Louka, who requires the flashing eye as well as the indignant voice and, although she is trying to educate herself, she is still a peasant lass and a servant.

Of the smaller parts, A. B. Pinniger as Nicola had dignity and an excellent voice, but was too young in appearance. Nicola is middle-aged and, although proud, it is the pride in being a good servant; servitude is second nature to him, and even if he acquires his shop and independence his pleasure will be to serve the customers. This was missed in the characterisation; this actor, I am convinced, would not willingly bow the knee.

The officer who appears only for a moment in the first scene made the most of this opportunity to make an effective entrance. A. S. R. Mair played this small scene with style.

One final word of praise for the "noises-off" which were good throughout.

I should like to suggest to all future actors, who will need to be very good to be better than these, that when preparing a part it is not enough to consider only the content of their own speeches, but to think deeply into *why* they are speaking those words and also what the other characters have to say about them.

In conclusion, I thank you all for inviting me to adjudicate your play, which I considered a great honour, and for a week's pleasant theatre-going.

J. GILBERT.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

THE loss of two "full-backs" early in the season did nothing to help with team building. Difficulties with the halves also proved a problem, and the season was far advanced before the outside position was filled satisfactorily. The pack settled down rather more quickly, but although the whole team played hard in every game there was always a lack of penetration. Tackling, on the whole, was much better than last year, and consequently scores in most games were held to a reasonable margin.

The reorganisation of games, partially effected this year and to be completed in the Michaelmas Term, 1961, with the consequent introduction of a further series of House Matches at "Under 15" level will, I am sure, make a valuable contribution to School Rugby in the future.

Once again Mr. Edgar Milward entertained the 1st XV, its reserves and supporters at a most enjoyable function which combined, as always, good food and cheerful company: we thank Mr. Milward for his generosity and thoughtfulness.

We are grateful to all Masters who have assisted so willingly with games, particularly to those who devote so much of their time to coaching Special Divisions.

We hope to compete again in the Rosslyn Park Public Schools and the Windsor "Sevens", but will not attend the Oxford as this coincides with Sports Day.

O.R.'s continue to give assistance to the Senior County XV, J. Rudd again captaining a good side, and C. Evans also playing in all the matches.

DIVISION ONE.

1st XV.

This has been an unsuccessful but enjoyable season for all concerned. With only one Colour left from last year's 1st XV the side has been built on newcomers from the Colts, which augurs well for the future. The forwards lacked weight, but have usually lasted better than their opponents. Despite several changes at fly-half an effective link with the three-quarters has not been forthcoming.

However, the team showed great spirit, even in defeat, and the season will be remembered for the excellent games against Magdalen and the Old Boys.

We are indebted to Mr. Lethem for his never-failing support throughout the season.

1st XV Characters.

R. L. TOWNER (Captain) (Centre three-quarter.) A strong runner and a hard tackler, he has had too few opportunities to show his paces in attack. An excellent Captain with a personality strong enough to hold his side together during a very difficult season.

P. J. MOSSMAN (Hon. Sec.) (Lock forward.) Binds and pushes well in the set, and his line out work is good, a little spasmodic in the loose. He has been very efficient in dealing with fixtures, but became a little "absent-minded" in reporting results.

N. D. WARD (Fly half and centre three-quarter.) Has a good eye for an opening and has used his swerve effectively. His kicking has improved, but his defence is at times suspect.

R. M. S. HOLT (Second row.) An excellent line out forward. He must improve his loose play and general knowledge of the game.

H. C. JENKINS (Hooker.) An exceptionally good hooker in a tight pack. His falling and tackling have been good, and he has proved to be the best all-round player in the forwards.

N. P. STAUNTON (Wing forward.) A vigorous tackler who has played well in every match. He has a good knowledge of the game and is a most promising forward.

R. F. FIELD (Scrum half.) Always in the thick of it. His tackling and falling have been very good throughout the season. He must speed up his service and learn to put it in front of his fly-half.

OLDLAND, J. R. (Wing forward, Wing three-quarter.) Like all good wing forwards he has been able to adapt himself to positions in the three-quarters when injuries necessitated. His tackling on the wing has been much better than at wing forward.

TYLER, R. S. (No. 8.) Rather disappointing on the whole this season, but he improved in later games. He has become more prominent in the loose. His place kicks have lacked height, and his punts accuracy.

HILL, R. P. (Prop forward.) A useful forward whose tackling and falling have generally been good. Fast for a prop forward, he has always been in the fore in the foot rushes. However, he must learn to pack lower.

PRICE-JONES, H. (Prop forward.) Playing in a new position he has done reasonably well. He must learn to bind in the loose scrums and not wander offside.

MUNDAY, D. A. (Wing three-quarter.) He has taken every scoring opportunity given to him. He is difficult to stop and should hold on to the ball when in full flight. His defensive kicking is weak.

SMITH, M. D. (No. 8, second row.) A new player who has been well to the fore in the loose. He must try to obtain a wider knowledge of the game and improve his defensive covering.

LANGFORD, J. F. (Centre three-quarter.) He has not fulfilled the promise shown last season, although his tackling has greatly improved. His passing is often erratic and he must learn to fall on the loose ball.

LOVETT, T. E. J. (Full back.) Hindered by short sight, he has played to the best of his ability. His tackling and falling are good, but he must avoid a tendency to run across field with the ball instead of kicking to the near touchline.

KAYE, M. P. (Wing forward.) A late comer to the side, he made his presence felt immediately. A well-built bustling player, always prominent in the loose rushes. With more experience he will prove very valuable next season.

CALVERT, R. W. (Full back.) His unfortunate injury deprived the team of one of our most accomplished players. He was awarded the Colt Trophy for the outstanding "Colt" of the season.

Old Boys' Match.

School, 0 pts; O.R. XV, 9 pts.

1960 ran true to form for the O.R. match. To the inevitable rain and mud was added a half-gale, which made conditions difficult for the players and uncomfortable for the spectators. Despite the weather, however, we were treated to a thoroughly enjoyable game of football, in which both sides played with dash and skill. The handling on both sides was especially good, the two fly-halves, Cuncell and Ward, being outstanding in this respect.

The one element missing was that of uncertainty about the result. From the start the O.R.s side showed its clear superiority as an attacking machine, and once again the School XV had to gain its laurels by the virtues of defence. That such a powerful O.R. team scored only three times is a tribute to the courageous tackling, falling and covering carried out by the School players. In occasional counter-thrusts the forwards showed their possibilities, with Kaye, Staunton and Jenkins always to the fore. Holt leapt valiantly at the line-outs, though his catching rarely seemed to result in our backs gaining possession. Ward and Towner ran well when given the chance, but we never looked to have sufficient penetrative power to score against a strong defence.

The O.R.'s backs, by contrast, were always dangerous. Bucknell sent out a good service, and Merrett and T. C. Smith combined beautifully in the centre to create gaps in the School defence. Amram on the wing was very well held by Munday, but remained a constant menace.

The first score came from a penalty awarded on the School "25". Cuncell cross-kicked so expertly that Price, coming up from full-back, merely had to gather the ball and barge his way over. Then, in the second half, a quick heel from the loose gave Smith the chance to cut through in fine style for a try near the posts. Illman scored again after a further period of O.R. pressure. Amram then tried hard to score his annual try, but without success, and the O.R.'s ran out worthy winners by 9—0.

Our thanks are due to all the players for giving us such an entertaining match, and also to Mr. Haines, who controlled the game so admirably.

F.H.T.

1st XV Results.

Sept.	22nd	O.R. R.U.F.C.	...	...	Away	Lost	3—8
Oct.	5th	Abingdon School	...	...	Home	"	8—21
"	8th	Pangbourne Nautical College	...	...	Away	"	0—11
"	12th	Leighton Park	...	...	"	"	0—9
"	15th	Beaumont College	...	...	"	"	6—9
"	19th	Maidenhead Grammar School	...	...	Home	Won	6—3
"	22nd	Lord Wandsworth College	...	...	"	Lost	0—11
Nov.	2nd	Rutlish School	...	...	"	"	0—13
"	5th	Emanuel School	...	...	Away	"	6—8
"	9th	Douai School	...	...	Home	"	0—21
"	12th	St. Bartholomew's G. S., Newbury	...	...	"	"	0—23
"	16th	City of London School	...	...	"	"	3—20
"	19th	Magdalen College School	...	...	"	"	0—6
"	23rd	R.A.F., Henlow	...	...	"	Cancelled.	
"	26th	Wellington College 2nd XV	...	...	Away	Lost	0—8
"	30th	Watford Grammar School	...	...	"	"	0—14
Dec.	3rd	Old Boys	...	...	Home	"	0—9

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points.	
				F.	A.
16	1	0	15	32	194

School Colours.

*R. L. Towner (1959)	P. J. Mossman (22.10.1960)
	R. M. S. Holt (19.11.1960)
	N. D. Ward (3.12.1960)
	H. C. Jenkins (3.12.1960)
	R. F. Field (3.12.1960)
	N. P. Staunton (3.12.1960)

Representative Colours (1st XV).

*Oldland, J. R. (1959)	Hill, R. P. (19.11.1960)
*White, S. C. (1959)	Price-Jones, H. V. (19.11.1960)
*Tyler, R. S. (1959)	Kaye, M. P. (19.11.1960)
*Price, T. G. O. (1959)	Munday, D. A. (3.12.1960)
*Langford, J. F. (1959)	Smith, M. D. (3.12.1960)
	Lovett, T. E. J. (3.12.60)

* Old Colours.

Tackling Cup: R. L. Towner.

Kicking Cup: Not awarded.

Senior House Match Results.

Sept. 28th.	1st	County, 6	Boarders, 0
		East, 28	West, 0
	2nd	County, 6	Boarders, 6
		East, 21	West, 3
Oct. 1st.	1st	County, 18	East, 3
		Boarders, 40	West, 0
	2nd	County, 51	East, 3
		Boarders, 74	West, 0
Dec. 7th.	2nd	Boarders, 36	East, 0
		County, 29	West, 0
Dec. 10th.	1st	County, 33	West, 0
		Boarders, 16	East, 6

1st, County; 2nd, Boarders; 3rd, East; 4th, West.

2nd XV.

Although not a successful season as regards results, the 2nd XV have often played much better than the scores have indicated, and the pack, although sometimes outweighed, have generally been the equal of their opponents' forwards. In the line-outs and the loose they battled ferociously, taking the ball with them on numerous occasions, but lack of weight beat them in the set scrums. The three-quarters never had the chance to settle down together, as injuries and calls from the 1st XV altered the line every week. The tackling was improving; and given the chance to work together, the three-quarters might have shown promise of penetrating attack. If the team as a whole would fight from the first whistle and not wait until they were several points down, then the results might not have been so bad.

2nd XV Results.

Sept. 21st	Henley Grammar School 1st XV ...	Home	Lost	0—31
Oct. 5th	Abingdon School ...	Away	"	8—24
" 8th	Pangbourne Nautical College ...	Home	"	0—6
" 12th	Leighton Park ...	"	"	3—11
" 15th	Beaumont College ...	"	"	9—22
" 22nd	Lord Wandsworth College...	Away	"	0—19
Nov. 5th	Emanuel School ...	Home	"	6—10
" 12th	St. Bartholomew's G.S., Newbury	Away	"	0—16
" 19th	Douai School ...	"	"	8—11
" 30th	Watford Grammar School ...	Home	"	0—14

				Points.	
Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F.	A.
10	0	0	10	34	164

Matches against Wellington College, Magdalen College School, R.A.F., Henlow and Rutlish School were cancelled.

Representative Colours (2nd XV).

*Caplin, F. J. (1959)	Hoile, C. J. (1960)
*Thomas, D. L. (1959)	Spenceley, I. D. (1960)
	Burns, P. S. (1960)
	Mills, R. E. (1960)

* Old Colours.

DIVISION TWO.**3rd XV.**

The team's comparative success was built mainly on a fine, workman-like pack, and the terrific, never-say-die spirit which prevailed in all quarters; only after a long lay-off towards the end of the season did this spirit appear to be lacking. Of the regulars, Bex and Stamp both hooked well, and Brown, Lynam, Berry and Wanless showed a good deal of fire and endeavour in the loose. Bacon led the scrum quietly, always giving a good account of himself in the line-out, and always urging his pack on to greater efforts. It was a pity that his second-row partnership with Bell had to end so soon. In the backs, Knott, Archer and Bosworth tackled soundly, but there were very few attacking movements. Karlish was generally a safe full-back, perhaps over-keen to join the three-quarters. At scrum-half Jacobs was often heroic, but as a pair, the halves lacked cohesion. Nevertheless, a good season for the thirds, who brought home just half of the whole School's successes. Our thanks are due to Mr. Terry for his advice and encouragement. We hope we have not disappointed him.

D.J.F.

Those who played were: Foster (Capt.), Berry, Cottrill, James, Knott, Lodrick, Ridsdale, Thomas (H. R.), Toole, Steer, Scotford, Chippington, Karlish, Lovett, Lynam, Bex, Wanless, Brown (K. C.), Bosworth, Bacon, Bell (D.), Stamp, Jacobs.

Results.

Oct. 8th	Pangbourne Nautical College ...	Home	Won	3—0
" 12th	Leighton Park ...	"	Lost	6—11
" 15th	Beaumont College ...	Away	Won	11—6
" 22nd	Lord Wandsworth College ...	"	Lost	3—8
Nov. 5th	Emanuel School ...	Home	Won	11—10
" 12th	St. Bartholomew's G. S., Newbury	Away	Lost	3—14
" 30th	Watford Grammar School ...	"	"	3—11

				Points	
Played	Won	Drawn	Lost.	F.	A.
7	3	0	4	40	60

Senior Colts XV.

Oct. 5th	Abingdon School ...	...	Lost	0—18
" 8th	Pangbourne Nautical College ...	"	"	3—6
" 12th	Leighton Park School ...	"	"	6—9
" 15th	Beaumont College ...	"	"	3—6
Nov. 2nd	Rutlish School ...	"	"	6—11
" 9th	Douai School ...	"	"	0—35
" 16th	City of London School ...	"	"	3—6
" 19th	Stoneham School ...	"	"	3—6

				Points.	
Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F.	A.
8	0	0	8	24	97

"Under 15" XV Results.

Abingdon School	...	...	...	...	Lost	0—29
Pangbourne Nautical College	...	...	...	...	"	0—30
Leighton Park School	...	...	...	...	"	0—20
Beaumont College	...	...	...	...	Drawn	6—6
Lord Wandsworth College	...	...	...	...	Lost	0—11
Emanuel School	...	...	...	...	"	3—30
St. Bartholomew's Grammar School	...	...	...	...	"	11—17
Magdalen College School	...	...	...	...	"	0—9
Watford Grammar School	...	...	...	...	"	0—9
Douai School	...	...	...	...	"	6—16

				Points	
Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	F.	A.
10	0	9	1	26	177

House Match Results.

Nov. 22nd	...	Boarders	22	West	...	0
"	"	County	14	East	...	6
Nov. 29th	...	County	19	West	...	0
"	"	East	12	Boarders	...	5
Dec. 13th	...	County	11	Boarders	...	6
"	"	East	26	West	...	6

1st, County ; 2nd, East ; 3rd, Boarders ; 4th, West.

"Under 14" XV.

The "Under 14" team lost all its matches this term.

The members of the side played quite good Rugby as individuals at times, but the forwards never managed to work as a pack. Consequently we found ourselves always on the defensive, unable to use our back division because we very rarely had the ball.

No forward really worked hard enough to merit special mention, but in the backs Beaven and Price-Jones were tireless in defence.

Results.

Oct. 5th	...	Abingdon School	...	...	Lost	0—29
" 15th	...	Beaumont College	...	...	"	0—42
" 22nd	...	Lord Wandsworth College	...	...	"	0—10
Nov. 12th	...	Park House School	...	...	"	0—9
" 26th	...	Stoneham School	...	...	"	3—18
Dec. 10th	...	Douai School	...	...	"	0—31

				Points	
Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	F.	A.
6	0	6	0	3	139

LOWER SCHOOL RUGBY.

"Under 13" XV Results.

v. ALFRED SUTTON SCHOOL. (Won).

Reading School—30 (Terry, Stevenson (3) ; Woolford, Calvert (1) ; Smith, 3 conversions).

Alfred Sutton School—0.

v. PARK HOUSE SCHOOL. (Won).

Reading School—20 (Terry, (2) ; Tuck, Calvert, Woolford, Edbury (1) ; Smith, 1 conversion).

Park House School—3.

v. STONEHAM SCHOOL. (Lost).

Reading School—0.

Stoneham School—3 (1 penalty).

v. LORD WANDSWORTH COLLEGE. (Lost).

Reading School—0.

Lord Wandsworth College—18.

Appearances—4, Calvert, Carey, Woolford, Terry, Stevenson, Smith, Langley, Edbury ; 3, Nutt, Sales, Tuck, Alderson, Crick ; 2, Hopper ; 1, Salter, Tristram, Vybiral, Young, Barker, Vine.

House Matches.

Boarders—3 (Carey).

County—3 (Stevenson).

East—12 (Smith, 2 ; Barker, Vybiral, 1).

West—6 (Edbury, Bridgeman).

Boarders—12 (Carey, 2 ; Calvert, 2).

West—6 (Bridgeman, Alderson).

County—3 (Vine).

East—0.

Boarders—31 (Carey, Woolford, Evans, 2 ; Nutt, Bartlett, Calvert, 1 ; Woolford, 2 conversions).

East—6 (Hill, 2).

County—13 (Langley, 2 ; Stevenson, 1 ; Langley, 2 conversions).

West—5 (Dingwall, 1 ; Dingwell, conversion).

House Championship.

1st { Boarders,
County ; 3rd, East ; 4th, West.

BOXING CLUB.

THE Club has met regularly on Tuesday evenings throughout the term, and these practices were always well attended. The four House Captains devoted much of their time to coaching the younger boys, and that their advice has not gone unheeded was apparent in the high standard of boxing in the Junior and newly instituted Middle School competitions. In contrast with the lively bouts in these sections, the Senior School competition was rather a dull affair. Our thanks are extended to all the officials, and I would personally like to thank Mr. Lethem for the help and advice he has given throughout the term.

D.J.F.

Results.*(a) Senior Competition.*

Claydon (B) beat Yeomans (w).	Wright (c) beat Truscott (E).
Cox (B) beat Neill (B).	Caplin (c) beat Bartle (c).
Jennings (B) beat Bagshaw (E).	Watson (E) beat Ridsdale (B).
Chippington (c) beat Johnson (w).	Foster (B) beat Field (B).
Brown (E) beat Cottrill (w).	Spenceley (B) beat Kaye (B).
Thomas (c) beat Scotford (w).	

(b) Middle School.

Winnett (E) beat Williams (w).
Carr (B) beat O'Halloran (E).
Long (w) beat Barnes (w).
Nealon (w) beat Tree (B).
Wildman (B) beat Jones (c).
Higgs (c) walked over.
Andrews (B) beat Bunting (c).

(c) Junior School.

Moody (E) beat Chappell (B).
Bull (c) beat Bridges (E).
Levien (B) beat Young (w).
Nickalls (B) beat King (c).
Alexander (B) beat Empson (w).
Smith (E) beat East (B).
Hill (E) beat Gaines (w).

<i>Senior House Trophy</i>	...	...	Boarders.
<i>Junior House Cup</i>	...	...	Boarders.
<i>Best Senior Boxer</i>	...	...	Foster (B) ;
			<i>Runner-up :</i> Brown (E).
<i>Best Senior Loser</i>	...	...	Neill (B).
<i>Best Middle School Boxer</i>	...	...	Nealon (w).
<i>Best Middle School Loser</i>	...	...	Price-Jones (E).
<i>Best Junior Boxer</i>	...	...	Young (w).
<i>Best Junior Loser</i>	...	...	Edbury (w).

TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

THIS term the Club has played three matches. The first, against Presentation College, ended with Presentation College winning the Senior match, and the School winning the "Under 15" match.

The second fixture, against the Staff, was most enjoyable and provided the School with an easy victory.

Reading Blue Coat School provided the opposition for the third match, and proved much too strong for us.

The failure of the Club this term has been mainly due to lack of practice, and lack of players at the top of the School. The most outstanding players have been, without doubt, Ramsden and Dowling, who, although still under fifteen, have been the leading two players in the senior team.

Next term we hope to practise more often, and reverse the defeats of this term. It is hoped to arrange a match against a team of Old Boys.

B.J.B.

GYMNASTICS CLUB.

DURING the term both the Junior and Middle School sections of the Club have functioned regularly. Unfortunately, one has been left with the impression that Seniors do not know where the gymnasium is.

B.J.B.

SHOOTING CLUB.

THE Club has been fairly successful, particularly in the later stages of the term. Commencing with a narrow win over Bedford Modern School, the VIII then endured a succession of defeats, mainly due to an unavoidable lack of practice. However, the team then found its true form, and after convincingly defeating Lord Wandsworth College and Skinners School, lost narrowly to Framlingham College.

Especial mention should be made of R. W. Vincent, and of Bulmer, who has done very well in his first term with the Club. I should also like to express our thanks to R.S.M. Rollings, who has given up much of his time to the Club.

This term it is hoped that both the First and Second VIII's will be able to shoot in matches.

D.B.

Results.

(N.S.R.A. "Tin-Hat" Conditions. H.P.S., 600).

15th October :

v. King's College School, Taunton, and Bedford Modern School.

King's College School, Taunton	...	...	762
Reading School	...	...	745
Bedford Modern School	...	...	741

22nd October :

v. Framlingham College, and St. Bartholomew's Grammar School, Newbury.

Framlingham College	...	...	776
St. Bartholomew's G. S., Newbury	...	...	746
Reading School	...	...	739

5th November :

v. Skinners School.

Reading School	...	...	755
Skinners School	...	...	707

12th October :

v. Framlingham College.

Framlingham College	...	...	787
Reading School	...	...	773

(Under "Country Life" less Landscape Conditions : H.P.S., 720).

12th November :

v. Lord Wandsworth College.	
Reading School	620
Lord Wandsworth College	542

RECORD :

<i>Fired</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Average.</i>
7	3	4	5,116	5,061	753

COCK-HOUSE CUP, 1960-61.

<i>Points :</i>		<i>B.</i>	<i>C.</i>	<i>E.</i>	<i>W.</i>
Rugby		10	20	4	0
Boxing		10	1	1	5
Play		10	2	5	0
<i>Totals to date :</i>		30	23	10	5

F.H.T.

SCOUT NOTES.

With the advent of a new school year, new Patrol Leaders had to be found. These were Lindsay, Lowe, Stuckey and Stares. The new additions to the Troop this term were Frood, R. A. W., Gibbons, N. G. E., Heeks, A. D., Levien, R. A., Payton, C. C., Slade, J. S., Thatcher, J. P., and Wheeler, J. Second Class Badges were gained by Thatcher (3.2), and Terry, J. L., while First Class Badges were gained by Stuckey, Stares and Wright.

The Troop won the District Swimming Sports earlier in the term. This included the winning of the Berkshire Boy Scout Relay Race. Five members of the Troop went on Field Day this term. This took the form of a cycle trip to Windsor, where St. George's Chapel and the Albert Memorial Chapel were visited, as well as other parts of the castle.

Money-raising has been a main activity this term. In order to help raise the funds for a new Scout Hut we held a Jumble Sale as well as our usual Fair and Sale. Both were very successful. For this, thanks must be extended to all parents of Scouts, who did so much to help.

We are having our Christmas Party with refugee boys from the Ockendon Venture Organisation. M.K.E.P.

SUMMER CAMP, 1960.

Summer Camp was held at the Brighton Association's site at Poynings, which is about seven miles from Brighton. Fortunately we chose one of the better fortnights of the year, and the rain was mostly confined to the night.

The site is an admirable one, for it is made up of small patrol sites cut out of the woodland. One of these sites has been allocated to each

Brighton Troop, and they have equipped them with luxuries such as tables. The site is ideal for woodcraft and pioneer purposes, for hiking on the Downs, and swimming. We enjoyed all these activities despite the weather.

During the camp several expeditions were undertaken. The whole Troop hiked over the Downs to Shoreham, and on another day, east along the Downs to Burgess Hill, where we swam in the town's swimming pool. Several days were spent in Brighton, and one at Cowfold Monastery.

At the same time as these expeditions the Kingfisher Patrol went on a Patrol hike, and six people, Frood, Wildman, P., Wildman, M., Wright, Stares and Stuckey undertook their First Class hike, and all passed. Several gained Badges and passed tests during the period of the Camp.

E.J.D.H.

C.C.F. NOTES.

STRENGTH.

Michaelmas, 1960 : Six Officers and 190 Cadets.

ARMY AND BASIC SECTION.

The Summer Camp was spent with an R.A.S.C. Unit stationed near Yeovil; it was not one of the best in recent years. The scattered training areas, trainee drivers and the maze of intervening Devon and Somerset byways they had to negotiate ensured that any manoeuvres were earned only by lengthy expeditioning. This life of sedentary mobility reached its peak when ten minutes in the rain and a DUKW was won by nine hours of travelling to the Taw estuary and back. Like last year, one of the most successful days was occupied in and around the camp : watching the Unit film; beating the Abingdon P.T. cadre on the assault course; enduring an R.A.S.C. Corporal's joke-telling technique of square-bashing instruction in a period when even those of most exalted rank lost their identity in the midst of a drill squad; and in the afternoon trekking the countryside searching for wayward inn signs and the like in a map-reading exercise. At the end of camp several N.C.O.s and Cadets stayed for a short drill and weapon-training course.

An enlarged pioneer party again departed the evening before Field Day and pitched camp by instinct and torchlight on the fringe of the training area near Frimley. The morning was occupied with platoon training while the outline of an ambitious Company scheme was planned. This was as eventful, valuable and indecisive as usual.

The N.C.O.s and Cadets who paraded on Remembrance Sunday distinguished themselves by the high standard of their turn-out and drill. After a Service of Commemoration in the Chapel, the Head Master took the salute at the March Past.

While many Regular battalions are laying up their Colours—victims of the cut in the forces—the Corps, too, is shrinking. There will be no

intake this January, nor any recruits for another two years. Meanwhile, the emphasis continues to devolve on the specialist sections and the technical side of Corps training is assuming a new importance. Cadets once went on infantry courses: now they return with engineering qualifications and the white star of "Cert. T" has made a welcome re-appearance on parade. To the already established Signals, Survey, Artillery Sections, and a Band that miraculously re-forms for every important parade, an M.T. Section is to be added. This is made possible by the fortunate posting of Captain Ivy, of the 10th Hussars, to take command of the area's T.A. under its recent reorganisation programme. He has already taken the Morris Commercial engine for reconditioning, and will be training cadets in its maintenance and in allied subjects, besides appearing on Field Day and at Camp. The reduction in strength of the Corps is regrettable, but it is not quietly fading out of existence; it is in the forefront of C.C.F.'s in adapting itself to modern requirements.

Basic Test Results: All 35 passed, the following with credit: Cadets Bennett, Griffiths, Gwyther, Jones, Lindsay and Tree. This is an outstanding record. Congratulations to the cadets concerned, especially to Jones, M. M., on passing out top, and to their instructors.

Proficiency Results: 33 out of 40 passed, the following with credit: Bulmer, Ghosh, Jennings, Metcalf, Patterson, Phillips, Spanner and Woolford. Congratulations to Patterson, who came top by a wide margin.

The following Corporals were promoted Sergeant during the term: Berry, Bell, Ridsdale, Willis, Field, Webber and Robson.

I. R. CALLAN, C.S.M.

R.A.F. SECTION.

THE Michaelmas Term being over, we can look forward to better weather and more chance of flying in the Easter and Summer terms.

"B" Flight have taken proficiency this term, and although there were no distinctions we gained a 75% pass record.

We have managed to arrange a camp in Germany in the summer, for probably as long as a fortnight. We would like to express our thanks to Air Vice-Marshal T. U. C. Shirley (O.R.) for all the help he has given us in arranging this camp.

Field Day at Thorney Island was quite enjoyable, but unfortunately we did not have time to see much of the Station. We hope to make a return visit in the near future.

P.J.M.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THIS term attendances were lower than in previous years and, as yet, the quality of speeches, with a few notable exceptions, has not reached the standard of last year.

The first debate was held on 24th September. Pinniger forcefully proposed that "In the opinion of this House the United Nations is no

longer a force to be reckoned with". House opposed, and Toole and Spenceley spoke third and fourth respectively. The motion was defeated by 16 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions.

On the 8th October the motion—"In the opinion of this House the modern girl is degenerate" was debated. The S.O.M. proposed, while Callan gave one of his customary polished speeches, in defence of womanhood. Berry, speaking third, delivered a vitriolic diatribe, which was answered by the fourth speaker, the ever-benign Badham. The result was a defeat by 18 votes to 8, with 5 abstentions.

In the third debate White proposed that "This House would flog its telly". Davies, in his usual urbane style, opposed. Towner launched a massive tirade, aided by the "T.V. Times". Utley, in a maiden speech, constantly threw dark hints of the dangers of Fascism. The House divided equally, with 14 votes to each side, with one abstention. The Chairman cast his vote for the motion, which was consequently won.

The final debate of the term was on a topical subject. House in a very thoughtful speech, proposed that "This House deplores the principle of censorship". Callan, once more coming to the fore, opposed. Bacon delivered an impressive speech against censorship, while the J.O.M. spoke fourth. The debate, while based very largely on *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, encouraged more speakers to come forward to air their views, and the occasional good speech compensated for the deficiencies of previous meetings. The result, extraordinarily, was, as in the preceding debate, a draw, with 16 votes to each side. The motion was lost when the Chairman gave his casting vote to the opposition.

At the end of the term a business meeting was held to replace the retiring S.O.M. The J.O.M. was elected to the office, and I. R. Callan was elected J.O.M.

C.H.C.

(retiring S.O.M.)

SEEKERS.

THE aura of spectacular showmanship which surrounded the personality of our late secretary still influences the attendance figures at our meetings, although the annals of the Society will show that it has entered a period of comparative calm. The attendance at the term's meetings, which have catered for a variety of tastes, has been reasonable, but never spectacular, and a higher proportion of scientific members would be welcomed.

The topic of Athletics rarely provides suitable material on which to work, but D. J. Foster succeeded in dealing lucidly with the subject of "The Olympic Games". A large store of anecdotes coloured the reports of the various games, and the Society was not a little perturbed to hear that past American successes in the Marathon were almost wholly due to an excessive use of strychnine and motor cars. W. L. Halling, on "Communist China", provided a welcome change from the biographical type of paper; he dwelt in detail on the fortunes of the Communist Party in China which has taken the maxim—"We wash our bodies, so why not our brains?"—as the password to the New Utopia. Halling emphasised

that the spiritual emptiness of China is a result of mass conformity; intellectual nihilism presents a grave problem and has already forestalled any cultural advances. Crime has been almost extinguished; the few remaining criminals are ideological ones: nonconformists, intellectuals, and especially Christians.

Partisans of reaction awaited with glee G. E. Davies' paper on "Sulla Felix", but were doomed to disappointment when they learnt that the paper was barely begun. Nevertheless, the extempore rendering of the history of the transition of one of the Bright Young Things of the Rome Smart Set, from playboy to politician and dictator, a position which he retained until he retired, like all good Generals, to write his memoirs, was both amusing and informative. The second biographical paper of the term was one of the most fluent delivered to the Society during the last two years; A. R. Bex on "Oscar Wilde" delighted the Society with a sympathetic study of a character who is remembered more for his perversity than for his status as leading dramatist of the Aesthetic Movement. Bex, exhibiting an apparent sympathy with his subject, tended to overstate the case for the defence of Wilde, but it is conceivable that had Wilde not been branded as an outcast, he would have had a personal and individual happiness greater than the happiness imposed by the laws of society.

That family of ill-fame, the Borgias, was the subject of M. P. Kaye's paper which was read in the Secretary's absence. A short account of the licence and nepotism of the Renaissance Papacy evidently pleased the Society, as the last paper of the term, "Gilbert and Sullivan", by I. C. N. Toole, was well attended. Toole, with the aid of musical illustrations, outlined the history of the career of Gilbert and Sullivan, and commented briefly on each opera in turn. This was a fitting close to a term of varied interest, and next term promises already to be even more so.

R.G.T.

C.E.W.C.

THIS term has been one of continued activity, renewed interest, and increased attendance, especially as there were two new schools who joined C.E.W.C. this term—St. Joseph's Convent, and Luckley Oakfield School, Wokingham. Even though the Social Club has just emerged from vocational obscurity, its meetings have been characterised by the eccentricities of the secretaries.

During the term there have been three meetings. The first, held at Queen Anne's School, included a talk on Africa by the M.P. for Reading, Mr. Peter Emery. His recent visit there enabled him to give us a detailed, accurate and sensible assessment of the past, present and future difficulties involved in the political turmoil in Africa.

At rather short notice we managed to obtain for our second meeting a lecturer from Sandhurst, Mr. Vigor, to talk on Russia. He managed to give an up-to-date, if not entirely unbiased account of life in the Russia of today.

The last meeting of the term, an international Brains Trust, was held at Kendrick School. Representatives from different walks of life, and of different forms of government and political systems—Russia, Spain, West Germany and Siam—provided an interesting and humorous picture of the conflicting views on the outstanding political issues of the day.

The Social Club has had a very successful term, and has raised the standard of cultural education, as well as providing a large monetary contribution to the District Council. Next term the Club hopes to hold a debate, and also, later on, to invite foreign students to a discussion on their own countries.

The most important meeting next term will be a whole-day conference on "The Colonies", to celebrate the Twenty-first Anniversary of C.E.W.C.

The Christmas Dance held in Queen Anne's School was a fitting conclusion to an eventful term.

D.L.T.
A.B.P.

C.E.W.C. DISCUSSION GROUP.

Last term the Society held four meetings and, from its eyrie in South House, shed the light and preached the gospel of international co-operation.

At the first meeting P. J. Lucas conducted us around the political scene of modern Japan. Religious traditions, including Emperor-worship, had perished; America bolstered up an inefficient and precarious régime, which, despite the industrial boom, had failed to promote political equality and to bridge the gap between the hereditary aristocracy and the urban proletariat.

Whereas Japan had flirted with Fascism, China had unreservedly embraced Communism; the implications of this were lucidly explained to us by W. L. Halling at the second meeting of term. The Chinese were subjected to a rigid industrial, political and social discipline. The wholly technical nature of the education system was prejudicial to future administrative efficiency.

A. B. Pinniger cast gloom over the third meeting with impressive statistics about the effect of a nuclear explosion. Even if our planet survived a nuclear holocaust, subsequent generations of humans would be afflicted with hideous genetic mutations.

At the final meeting G. E. Davies traced the historical development of local government, and posed a number of interesting questions for discussion on such topics as the future responsibilities and structure of local administration.

Next term we plan an extensive recruiting campaign, and more frequent meetings. The Society is open to all gentlemen in the Fifth Form and above. We attempt to fill in the background knowledge behind the

newspaper headlines, and to discuss those national and international problems that appear to be the most important and the most serious. Last term the faithful few were very faithful, but (alas !) very few.

I.W.O.H.

THE CHRISTIAN UNIONS.

THE first open meeting, which was held in Big School on October 11th, took the form of a Brains Trust. R. L. Lindsay, Esq., F. J. Malpas, Esq., R. L. Bowley, Esq., and R. Burrow, Esq., kindly agreed to form the panel, and the Rev. J. Newman took the chair; the panel acquitted themselves well.

One hundred and fifty people, from fifteen schools, attended the second open meeting, which was held in Big School on November 1st. We were addressed by the Ringing Reading Crusade Team, led by Mr. Don Summers. We are grateful to the Tuckshop staff for providing teas for our guests on this occasion.

The Senior Christian Union has not yet recovered from the loss of so many members at the end of last term. The discussions have included topics such as "Christianity and Communism", "Censorship" and "The Quakers". P. B. L. Badham has resigned as Secretary, and has been succeeded by H. W. Price. It is hoped that this Union will recover its former vitality next term.

The newly founded Middle School Christian Union, under the chairmanship of P. B. L. Badham, and with A. A. W. Dominy as Secretary, has enjoyed a most encouraging term. Several lively and interesting discussions have been held; there has been a trend toward a much deeper religious spirit in this Union. Four Bible Studies were held on St. Luke's Gospel, which proved most helpful.

Following the Crusade on November 1st, Mr. Summers was invited to speak to the Middle School on November 9th. He gave a very inspiring talk on the life of St. Matthew, and the message to the Modern Worlds contained in his Gospel. On the 23rd November the Rev. Basil Morass, a missionary from Hong Kong, talked about his experiences out there, and his sense of a Divine calling. We hope to have several more lunch-hour speakers next term.

The Junior Christian Union, under the able chairmanship of D. R. Gillman, has achieved immense popularity. Seventy-six Juniors attended its first meeting on September 30th, when the Rev. E. Carr of the C.M.S. showed a new film, "New Ideas for Old", illustrating the work of a missionary in Uganda. On November 4th the Rev. Emerson talked about the highlights of his work as a missionary in Nigeria. The usual discussions have been well supported. Next term it is planned to invite a speaker from outside the School, once a fortnight, and to hold a discussion on his talk in the alternate weeks.

Following the success of the Bible Studies held in the Middle School, it is planned to revive the Bible Study Group next term, under T. J. T. Hora.

The Christian Unions hope to continue to make their appeal as wide as possible, to cater for all types of religious and ethical interests. All are welcome to join us.

P.B.L.B.

CHESS CLUB.

SLIGHTLY fewer School matches than usual have been played this term, but our record is still fairly good. Our one defeat was sustained at Reading University, where our opponents proved to be more experienced; and in the drawn game against Leighton Park we could only send a much-weakened team.

In the House Competition, owing to unforeseen circumstances, several games have still to be completed, but West are certain to win the competition; the struggle is now between East and County for second place.

Throughout the term instruction classes have been held at fortnightly intervals, and under Mr. Bowley's supervision, these have been fairly successful. It is hoped that these classes will be continued throughout the Lent Term.

Results of School Matches.

v. Ranelagh School	...	Home	Won	4—2
v. Leighton Park School	...	Away	Drawn	3—3
v. Reading University	...	„	Lost	3—5
v. Abbey School	...	Home	Won	6—0
v. Presentation College	...	Away	„	5—1

S.P.

MUSIC SOCIETY.

THIS term the Music Society has welcomed Mr. R. Burrow as head of the department. The necessary task of acquainting him with the existing musical talent of the School, and also with the type of activities in which the music department engages has been carried out, and already several new events have taken place.

At the Remembrance Sunday chapel service, Purcell's Funeral Music for the Death of Queen Mary II, for brass quartet, drums and choir was performed. At evensong in the School Chapel on 4th December, a special orchestra and choir performed an excerpt from Byrd's Four-part Mass, and the cantata "Sleepers Wake !" by Bach.

The main efforts, however, are being directed towards the two concerts next year. In the Lent Term half of the summer orchestral concert will be brought forward, while the second half will consist of a performance of "Trial by Jury" by Gilbert and Sullivan. The summer concert will consist of orchestral music and the works originally planned for performance next term. It is hoped that as many boys as possible will be able to take part in these concerts.

The following musicians have been selected to play in the forthcoming concert of the National Youth Orchestra : Robson, J. G., Colyer, and James, P. W. They deserve the warmest congratulations, especially James, who is appointed principal viola. Also to be congratulated are Knott and Moran, who only just failed to be selected.

Finally, I wish A. L. Knott, who has been elected Hon. Secretary, every success in his period of office.

C.H.C.

ORPHEUS SOCIETY.

THE Society has enjoyed a full and active term. Byrd, Berlioz and Bartók were featured in the two record programmes, and as usual, the final meeting of the term was "live". A small choir and orchestra, made up from all those present, rehearsed separately under Miss Groombridge and Mr. Burrow, and combined after the interval to give an informal rendering of Handel's "Messiah". Mr. Burrow, who conducted the latter, has firmly supported the Society since he joined Reading School.

On the last Wednesday of term a party of members visited the Royal Festival Hall to hear an interesting programme of works by Vaughan Williams, and Bruckner, given by the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra and choruses.

The annual carol singing expedition was held before Christmas.

P.W.J.

GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY.

SINCE I first joined the Society, early in 1958, the number of new members has been two, one of whom has already left with all the other old members. Thus this term we have had only two.

Despite this setback, and others—not the least of which being the vicissitudes of the Music Department gramophone, we have played works by Beethoven, Brahms, Dvorak, Smetana, and some of the Spanish masters.

I conclude with a plea for new members, and the reminder that they need not listen to records they do not like; I shall do my best to obtain any "request" they might put forward.

S.R.C.J.

JAZZ CLUB.

ONCE again this term we have been fortunate in being able to maintain the balance between traditional, mainstream and modern jazz, without exhausting our supply of records. Most of our members now have some idea of the history and form of jazz, and we have been able to go on to study the work of individual musicians, and even single records. For two weeks R. S. Tyler brought his tape recorder to School, and we heard

some live recordings and discussions. Our membership has continued to increase, to the extent that we were able to organise a small party to attend the J.A.T.P. concert at the Royal Festival Hall on November 26th. We were fortunate to obtain a block of tickets in advance for this concert, and we hope to repeat this outing next term.

R.S.T.

I.D.S.

POETRY SOCIETY.

THE Poetry Society has, in fact, met this term, but the amount of work done was almost negligible. The dissolution of the "Blake" Society, and the subsequent lack of any splinter Societies has left the Society open to the unswerving devotion of the School's poets. Mr. Lewis was kind enough to address us on the result of last term's Poetry Competition, and deliver much constructive criticism to the would-be writers.

It seems ironic that a School which can boast such a high academic standard should have such a low level of poetic feeling. The stalwarts of the Poetry Society could prove to anyone that the pursuit of truth through verse is not an indolent pleasure of the effeminate, but as taxing an art as football or cricket. Perhaps that is the reason why our meetings are so poorly attended—people in this School just do not have the mental or physical stamina to pursue the muse. However, next term, with more time and publicity, the Society will endeavour to spread its wings to encompass a larger section of the population.

A.R.B.

PHOENIX SOCIETY.

IN the Summer Term R. H. G. Morgan read a paper entitled "The History of Reading School"; it was well attended. In the days of Dr. Valpy, Morgan told us, boys were rewarded with half-a-crown for being the first in the Thames each morning. The paper was not mentioned last time, as it was read late in the term.

Last term R. S. Bunting delivered a paper on Greek legends. We were surprised when he told us that the Golden Fleece in the well-known legend could be a symbol for corn or the sun.

The second paper, read by S. S. Crew, was entitled "The History of Colour Photography". Crew first told us of the history of black-and-white photography. The first colour photograph obtained on one exposure was taken in 1935, using Kodachrome film.

Our third paper was given by C. B. Beer, about Cyprus, as Burningham could not give his paper. He was able to give us a description of his holiday there. In Cyprus, he told us, there is only one railway.

J. H. Hewitt gave a paper on Stonehenge, and illustrated his talk with small pieces of the stones used there, and a map. He pointed out that nearby there was a similar monument, made of wood, and named "Woodhenge".

The last paper of the term was delivered by B. D. Gill, and entitled "The Greek Theatre". In a surprisingly short time Gill covered most aspects of his chosen subject. It was interesting to hear that all of the tragedies had to have all their facts right.

This term has seen fairly good attendances, although the Third Forms have not given us as much support as we had hoped. Next term we have a wide range of papers, of which the dates have yet to be decided.

C.B.B.

FRANCO-GERMAN SOCIETY.

ONLY one meeting was held this term, when a selection of films about current events in Germany was shown. A full programme has been planned for the Lent Term, and it is hoped to include a concert, films and talks.

P.R.H.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

THE Society's work this term has been varied and successful. Much attention has been devoted to the use of the plate camera, which has been employed in taking a number of pictures of School activities.

Members have also been seen at events of importance in the School's calendar, particularly the sports fixtures; and the dress rehearsal of the School Play was frequently punctuated by the flashes of the photographers' lights.

New equipment, in the form of an excellent tripod, a plate tank, and a masking frame, has been purchased, and immediately set to work, both during the Society's weekly meetings, and at other times.

The term's work was brought to a conclusion by an exhibition of the best of the Society's photographs in the main corridor.

H.P.W.

CHEMISTRY SOCIETY.

THE Society came into being late in October, and so far has had an enthusiastic following.

C. J. Widdows, assisted by G. B. B. Scott, read the first paper on "Pigments".

The Society followed this with "Combustion and Pyrotechnics". Unfortunately some of the experiments were not as spectacular as was expected.

J. Yeomans' paper on "The Oxides of Nitrogen" will be remembered for some time, for he was so successful in producing some of the gases that at times he disappeared from view behind a dense gas-screen. Members are advised to bring their gas masks for his next paper.

Then came "Plastics" by R. W. Brosgall and D. Bartle.

J. H. Bungey read the last paper of the term on "The Lead-Chamber Process". After several mishaps in which bystanders were sprayed with water he succeeded in preparing some sulphuric acid.

It is hoped to have some films and a lecture by an Aldermaston chemist next term.

M.D.B.
M.R.B.

ELECTRONICS SOCIETY.

ATTENDANCES at the Monday evening meetings of the Society this term have been good. Six new members have joined this term, making our total twelve.

All the members have shown a keen interest in the principles of electronics and construction of apparatus.

New members have now completed their first projects, namely, the construction of one-valve sets. Older members of the Society are building equipment destined for the Physics laboratories. Projects include the construction of a signal generator, an electronic timer, a high gain pre-amplifier and a highly successful capacitance relay.

Some of the older members of the Society are experimenting with transistors. Under construction are a light operated switch and a transistorised volt meter.

It is hoped to display some of the products of the Society in the near future. Members would like to thank Messrs. M. C. Savage and R. Liddington for their kind assistance during the term.

D.A.W.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

This term we have been trying to organise the Society on a more active basis than that of previous years. Unfortunately the weather has been heavily against us, and the danger of "putting off" Junior School members by dragging them out in the rain to study animals or plants in which they have not had a chance to develop an interest was considered too great. We even had to cancel the Fungus Foray.

As a consequence we have been "lab.-bound", and have had to fall back upon a series of impromptu lectures or, rather talks, on such subjects as Waders, Maize and Bird-flight.

I had the honour of representing the Society at the Association of School Natural History Societies' Annual General Meeting at Burlington House in October. Whilst there I obtained several good ideas, and some enthusiasm for application when the British climate becomes less inclement.

S.R.C.J.

RAILWAY SOCIETY.

THE programme for the Michaelmas Term was much more varied and interesting as may be gathered by the increase in the number of new members. For this the Society is indebted to the enthusiasm, initiative and hard work of the Secretary—H. W. Berry—and the co-operation of F. R. Terry.

In addition to the customary House Quiz, won by J. Yeomans, informal talks took place amongst the members.

An extremely well-planned description of a summer holiday tour of locomotive sheds and youth hostels in Scotland was given by M. K. E. Penny, and it was with some reluctance that the meeting was brought to a close.

It was the Society's privilege to be the first to use the "New" Lecture Room, when Mr. V. E. J. Girdler (O.R.), of the Western Region Divisional Traffic Department, talked to the members and visitors about the general principles and intentions for the modernisation of Reading General Station without divulging facts which were clearly confidential. A capacity audience heard much that was exciting and technically fascinating. The applause and vote of thanks which followed the lecture indicated how much the audience appreciated what had been said, and Mr. Girdler accepted an invitation to come again.

In his own competent way the Secretary arranged a holiday visit to locomotive sheds at Bath, Bristol and Swindon. The party set off at 7 a.m. Fog, mist and rain were encountered throughout the journey of 160 miles. Result: Over 400 locomotives were seen in the course of the tour. "ONLOOKER".

HOUSE NOTES.

BOARDERS.

THIS term has been one of varying successes. We can only come second to County in the Rugger, and our position in the Chess Competition seems rather poor. We have, however, won the Boxing Competition. The Play, it seems, has again been won by Boarders' backstage army.

We have had four regular members of the First Fifteen this season, and two more semi-regular members who were brought in rather later in the term. Congratulations to N. D. Ward, R. F. Field and H. C. Jenkins on being awarded their School Rugby Colours; to Kaye, M. P., and Spenceley, I. D., on their Representative Colours; and to H. C. Jenkins, Wallace(R.), Thomas (R. G.), Bosworth (F. A.), Glover (A. G.), Spenceley, I. D., Howard (P. J.) and Goddard (G. M.) on the award of their House Rugby Colours.

We congratulate D. J. Foster on being appointed Captain of School Boxing, and everyone in the House who took part in the Competition, especially Neill (D. L.), Woolford (R. C.), Cox (J. D. C.) and Ridsdale

(B. P.) on the award of their House Boxing Colours, and D. J. Foster on winning the Best Boxer's Cup, and Neill (D. L.) on winning the Best Loser's Cup.

Congratulations to A. R. Bex on being appointed Hon. Sec. of the School Dramatic Society, and to Pinniger and Thomas (D. D.) who also took part in the School Play.

The Chess Competition is not, at the time of writing, completed, but we have lost too many games already to hope to win. Ridsdale (B. P.) was awarded his House Chess Initials after winning a six-hour marathon match.

F. A. Bosworth, R. F. Field, D. J. Foster, M. A. Free, B. P. Ridsdale and N. D. Ward have become School Monitors this term.

We look forward to next term, knowing that if we are to do well in the House Competition we must all pull our weight. P.J.M.

COUNTY.

THIS term has brought its successes and disappointments. We have won the Rugby in fine style, but have failed to consolidate this, as we came third in the Boxing, and failed miserably in the Chess. Much more effort will be required next term if we are to win the Cock House Cup.

County came first in every section of the Rugby Competition. The 1st XV beat East and West convincingly, and narrowly defeated Boarders, who were potentially a stronger side, but lacked penetration in the backs. The new Middle School House Matches proved a success, and County, ably led by Bunting, defeated all-comers. The team contains several promising players, and augurs well for the future. The Juniors, under their Captain, Langley, were extremely keen, and attended several practices. They reaped the reward by coming first equal with Boarders. Congratulations to N. P. Staunton on the award of his School Rugby Colours, and to Smith, M. D., Hill, R. P., and Burns, P. S., on the award of their Representative Colours. House Colours were awarded to Burns, P. S., Smith, M. D., Cartwright (T. L.) and Bell (D.). R. L. Towner was again awarded the Senior Tackling Cup.

Because of the lack of spirit in the Middle and Junior School we slumped from first to third equal in the Boxing Competition. The Seniors did reasonably well, and came second, although there were still too few entries. The Boxing is not won by skill so much as by weight of numbers; it is time this was realised. The Juniors came fourth, and the only boxer worthy of mention was Bull. We were similarly placed in the Middle School section. House Boxing Colours were awarded to Chippington (C. J.), Thomas (H. R.), Wright (D. M.) and Bartle (D.).

At the time of writing the Chess Competition has not been completed. We seem fated, however, to occupy third place, as some of the team unaccountably failed to win their matches against East.

In the C.C.F. this term Patterson was top in the Proficiency Test, and Jones came first in the Basic Test. Congratulations to them both!

Utley (D.) and Colyer (R. S.) represented County in the Play, and took two of the leading parts. They must be congratulated on extremely polished performances throughout the week. Mair completed the trio, on whom County's hopes have rested for several years.

This term D. O. Lodrick and R. L. Towner were appointed School Prefects, and Caplin, F. J., Tyler, R. S., Utley, D., and Staunton, N. P., School Monitors.

House Cups awarded this term :—

<i>J. G. Fry Cup</i> ...	...	R. S. Bunting.
<i>O. R. Cup</i> ...	...	S. J. Tuck.
<i>R. A. Alexander Cup</i> ...	...	R. L. Towner.
<i>Captain's Cup</i> ...	...	R. J. Bull.

R.L.T.

EAST.

THE House this year has an ample supply of good, all-round talent, but unfortunately lacks the sparkle of some of the other Houses. This was particularly apparent in the Rugby Competition this season, where, apart from a decisive victory against West, the House suffered only narrow defeats against the other two Houses. However, although the House possessed a potentially useful 1st XV, the final results were poor because of recurrent injury and illness which, in the match against County, reduced the 1st XV to fourteen, and the 2nd XV to thirteen men.

The experiment of having Middle School House matches has proved a success, especially as it bridges the gap between the Junior and Senior School. Under the captaincy of Bendall the team, although beaten by County, managed to beat both Boarders and West. Congratulations to Morrison, the scrum leader, who has been chosen for a Southern Counties' Trial. The Junior team, captained by Sales, contains some promising material, but their lack of experience told against Boarders and County. The House was well represented in School teams. R. M. S. Holt is to be congratulated on the award of his School Rugby Colours, and also Munday, D. A., Price-Jones, H. V., Lovett, T. E. J., and Mills, R. E., on the award of their Representative Colours. Congratulations also to the following on the award of their House Rugby Colours : Bacon (R. W.), Brown (K. C.), R. M. S. Holt, Karlsh (S. J. D.), Knott (A. L.), Price (H. W.), Price-Jones, H. V., and Stamp (F. J.).

Despite the laudable efforts of K. C. Brown, his work for the House Boxing Competition did not produce outstanding results, because of a heavy toll of illness and injury. The final result was third equal with County. The captain, K. C. Brown, is to be congratulated on being runner-up for the Best Senior Boxer, and D. A. Watson on the award of his House Boxing Colours. In the Middle School Competition Price-Jones (A.) is to be congratulated on winning the Cup for the best loser.

The House Chess Competition is as yet unfinished; however it seems fairly certain that we will finish at least second. Thanks are due to the

captain, R. W. Bacon, who has welded together a strong, capable team. Congratulations to the 2nd team on winning all their matches, and to Bendall (R. B.), Gillman (D. R.) and Lehmann (M. A.) on the award of their House Chess Initials.

The House was reasonably well represented in the School Play this year, both on the stage, and particularly behind the scenes. J. A. Pearson is especially to be congratulated on achieving the unusual distinction of winning the Boulting Medal two years in succession.

Congratulations to C. H. Caddy on being made a School Prefect, and to R. W. Bacon, A. L. Knott and H. V. Price-Jones on being made School Monitors; also to H. W. Berry on his election to the House Committee as Corps Representative.

Now that the Cock House Cup is well under way, it is a great blow to the House to lose our Hon. Secretary, C. H. Caddy. We thank him most sincerely for his devoted service to the House during the past years, and wish his successor, R. W. Bacon, all the best in his new office.

D.L.T.

WEST.

THIS term was, in its outcome, the mixture as before. But I am happy to say that the rays of light which former House Captains have professed to see are really in sight now. This year the House has the smallest and least talented Seventh Form in the School; fortunately we have adequate compensation in the Sixth and Fifth Forms who will play a great part in the future fortunes of West House.

It will be best, I think, to get the worst over first. The House provided no actors for the School Play. The small number of boys who acted and helped in the production as a whole is a telling indictment against awarding ten points for this activity. It is a pity, however, that more of the House did not enter for the Play.

In the Rugby I had never thought that we could do very well. The spirit was there, certainly, but we had only two players in Division I, and half a dozen in Division II, together with three Senior Colts' players. Especial mention among these last should be made of Calvert and Hunter; the former was promoted to the 1st XV until he broke his fingers, and could play in only one House match; Hunter was the kicking strength of the team, and was very prominent in the loose. During the course of the season House Colours were awarded to these two, and to Scotford (G. B.).

Even the weakest of our opponents, East, had ten players in the 1st and 2nd XV's, and in the match against Boarders twelve of our House teams were absent. It is to our credit that although we lost every match, the heaviest score against us was only 40 points. The 2nd XV was in a still worse state, having no players of any merit; however, every game was played hard and with spirit. The Middle School team also lost its section of the Competition, although all the players were from Match Divisions; here lack of size was the biggest problem. The Junior team,

too, lost their matches, but some very good junior players were in a most unlucky side. At the end of the season the School Junior Tackling Cup was awarded to Edbury, and the O.R. R.U.F.C. Colts' award was given to Calvert. School Representative Colours were also awarded to Hoile, C. J.

The Boxing presented a much happier spectacle. Congratulations must go to Scotford for finding an adequate team from a House which sometimes needs more than a gentle prod to jolt it into action. Here we came second. House Colours were awarded to Long. Nealon won the title of Best Middle School Boxer, Young won the Best Junior Boxer's Cup, and Edbury was awarded the Best Loser's Cup.

The Chess Competition is as yet undecided, but in the first match the House scored a fine win over Boarders, and it now seems certain that we will come at least first equal.

Next year starts another year and we can console ourselves with the fact that we have nothing to lose and everything to gain by setting out to win everything that comes along.

The following Cups were awarded for this term's activities :—

<i>Wooldridge I</i> ...	...	...	Hoile, C. J.
<i>Wooldridge II</i> ...	...	...	Scotford, G. B.
<i>Vasey</i> ...	...	...	Calvert, R. W.
<i>Noyce</i> ...	...	...	Morgan, R. H. G.
<i>Walters-Ballard</i> ...	...	...	Nealon, C. J.
<i>Fowler Trophy</i> ...	...	...	Nealon, C. J.
<i>Florence</i> ...	...	...	Long, D. W.
<i>Dollery-Noyce I</i> ...	...	...	Edbury, A. J.
<i>Dollery-Noyce II</i> ...	...	...	Young, R. J.
<i>Dollery-Noyce III</i> ...	...	...	Hopper, R. W.

C.J.H.

AVETE.

ADAMS, P. S.	E	1C	DAVIS, A. J.	C	1A
ALLEN, M.	E	1B	DEBENHAM, A. R. J.	C	43
ALLEN, R. C.	W	1A	DEIMEL, R. W.	W	1A
BARGE, M. A.	W	1B	DENT, M. K.	C	1A
BARKER, L. J.	E	1B	DOWNES, C. G.	W	1A
BARNES, R. M.	B	1B	ELLIOTT, B. R.	W	1B
BLAND, R. L.	E	1C	ENGLEFIELD, D. M.	E	1A
BOMFORD, C. A.	C	1A	FALCONER-ATLEE, J. D.	E	1C
BOWEN-JONES, C.	E	1B	FALINSKI, P. E.	E	1B
BROADBENT, P. H.	W	1A	FISHER, D. I.	C	1C
BROWN, H. R. T.	B	1A	FISHER, F. E.	C	1B
BRUCE, S. R.	C	1B	FRANKLIN, T. G.	W	1A
BUDDEN, R. H.	E	1B	FROOD, R. A. W.	E	1A
BULL, R. J.	C	1A	GIBBONS, N. G. E.	B	1B
BUTLER, M. D.	E	1C	GILES, M. B.	W	1C
CHAPPELL, T. J. W.	B	1A	GREEN, D. J.	W	1A
CLAYTON, R. J.	E	1C	GRIBBLE, P. J.	B	1C
COHEN, V. L.	E	1C			
COOK, A. C.	W	1C			
CRAWLEY, P.	B	1C			

HAYNES, R. D.	B	1A	ODELL, J. P. T.	E	1C
HEATH, N.	E	1B	PAYTON, C. C.	W	1B
HELME, A. W.	C	1C	PEARSON, M. T.	C	1C
HILL, J. W.	C	1C	PENWILL, A. D. J.	B	30
HOLDEN, R. M.	B	1B	POULTER, C. G.	C	1B
HOPKINS, C. P.	W	1B	ROBERTSON, T. J.	W	1B
HOWARD, R. G.	W	1C	ROSS, A. M. M.	W	1A
HOWICK, B. R.	E	1A	SANDHAM, P. J.	W	1C
JAMES, A. D.	B	1C	SISITKA, L.	C	1C
JAMES, A. S.	W	1A	SKINNER, P. R.	C	1B
JONES, R. GLYN	C	1C	SLADE, J. S.	E	1A
KING, C. M.	C	1B	SMITH, P. E.	C	1A
KNIGHT, J. G. S.	W	1C	STAFFORD, J.	W	1A
KNOTT, J. R.	E	1C	STONE, J. A.	C	30
LEMOND, L. R. H.	E	1A	THATCHER, JONATHAN P.	W	1A
LEVIE, R. A.	B	1C	VINCENT, M. A.	W	A
LEWIS, T. C. H.	B	30	VINCENT, M. W.	C	1C
LOCK, N. J.	W	1B	WAITE, A. C.	C	1A
MABBETT, J.	C	1B	WARBURTON, D. W.	E	1B
MAJOR, J. D.	W	1A	WESTON, D. J.	E	1C
MASSAM, R. J.	E	1B	WHEELER, J.	C	1C
MCCLELLAN, P. G.	C	1B	WHITTAM, J. R.	B	1B
MCDONAGH, P.	B	1B	WILLIS, M. A.	W	1B
McKITRICK, R. A. S. S.	B	1A	WILLSMER, D. A. J.	C	1A
METCALFE, A. J.	B	1B	WISE, M. S.	C	1C
MITCHELL, D. M.	W	1C	WRIGHT, P.	E	1C
MIVAL, K. N.	E	2B	WYETH, J. W.	E	1A
MOODY, R. P.	E	1B			
NACI, A. L. P.	B	1A			
NICKALLS, R. W. D.	B	1C			
NORTH, R. M.	B	1A			

VALETE.

ATTEWELL, R. T.; 62; W; Apr. '59-Oct. '60.

BRAZIER, F. G.; 52; E; Sept. '55-July '60; G.C.E. (Ord.) '60; C.C.F., L/Cpl., Proficiency '59; Rugger, Hse. 1st XV '59; Cricket, Hse. Teams '55-'58; Athletics, Hse. Teams '55-'59; Swimming, Hse. Teams '55-'60, Hse. Cols. '60; Chess, U/15 Team '57; Boxing, Hse. Cols. '59.

CADDY, C. H.; 75; E; Sept. '53-Dec. '60; Sch. Prefect '60; Hon. Sec. Hse. Comm. '60; G.C.E. (Ord.) '58, (Adv.) '59, '60; C.C.F., Sgt. '60, Cert. "A" Pt. II '57, 1st Class Shot, Hse. Plt. '58-'60; Rugger, Sch. U/14 XV '55, Hse. 2nd XV, Capt. '60; Athletics, Hse. Team '57-'59; Chess, Hse. Junior Team '54; Elocution, Hse. 2nd Team '59; Music, Hon. Sec. Music Soc. '60, Sch. Music Comm. '59-'60, Sch. Choir '55-'57, Sch. Orch. '55-'60, Hse. Music Comp. '55-'60, Hse. Inits. '59, Hse. Choir '59-'60, Hse. Orch. '59-'60; Sch. Library, Adv. Comm. '59-'60, S.A.L. '60; Deb. Soc. '57-'60, S.O.M. '60, Character '59-'60; Opera. Soc. '53; Variety Soc. '59; Franco-Gmn. Soc. '59-'60; Seekers, '57-'60, Inits. '59; Pot. Soc. '57-'59; Provisional Entrance to University.

CLEARE, J. E.; 51; E; Sept. '55-Dec. '60; G.C.E. (Ord.) '60; C.C.F., L/Cpl. '60, Proficiency '59, Sgnls. Class '60, Hse. Plt. '58, Hse. Sect. '59 Recruit Cup Comp. '58; Rugger, Hse. 2nd XV. '60; Music, Hse. Choir '55-'60; Chess Club '55-'60; Rlwy. Enthsts. '55.

GRIFFIN, A. D.; 51; W; Sept. '55-Dec. '60; C.C.F., L/Cpl. '60, Proficiency '59, 1st Class Shot, Hse. Sect. '59, Hse. Plt. '59, Recruit Cup Comp. '58; Rugger, Hse. 2nd XV, Capt. '60; Boxing, Hse. Team '59; Cross-Cntry, Hse. Team '59, Hse. Cols. '59; Photographic Soc. '60; Nat. Hist. Soc. '60; Jazz Club '60.

JACOBS, I.; 51; WW; Sept. '55-Dec. '60; G.C.E. (Ord.) '60; C.C.F., L/Cpl., Proficiency '59, Hse. Plt. '60, Hse. Sect. '60; Rugger, Sch. 2nd XV '60, Hse. 2nd XV '59-'60; Cricket, Sch. 1st XI '60, Rep. Cols. '60, Hse. 1st XI '60, Hse. Cols. '60; Hockey, Sch. 2nd XI '60; Swimming, Hse. Team '60; Deb. Soc. '59-'60.

JOHNSON, L. H.; 51; W; Sept. '55-Dec. '60; G.C.E. (Ord.) '60; C.C.F., Cdt., Basic '60; Gym., Hse. Jun. Team '56-'57; Boxing, Hse. Team '57, '60, Hse. Cols. '60; Swimming, Hse. Team '58; Cricket, Hse. 2nd XI '60; Rugger, Hse. 2nd XV '60; Music, Hse. Choir '57-'58; Dram. Soc. '60. Provisional Entrance to School of Navigation, Southampton University.

NEILL, D. L.; 51; SH; Sept. '56-Dec. '60; C.C.F., Cdt., Basic '59; Rugger, Sch. U/14 XV '58, Hse. 2nd XV '60; Boxing, Hse. Team '60, Hse. Cols. '60; Athletics Sch. Triang. Team '59, Hse. Team '59-'60; Chess, Hse. Team '59-'60.

POTTER, A. R.; 2C; E; Sept. '59-Oct. '60.

PRICE, T. G. O.; 52; C; Sept. '56-Oct. '60; Hse. Cols. Rugby '58; Sch. 1st XV Rep. Cols. '59; Gym. Hse. Cols. '59.

PYNE, W. J.; 51; W; Sept. '57-Dec. '60; Hse. Comm. '59-'60; G.C.E. (Ord.) '60; C.C.F., Cdt. '57-'59; Rugger, Hse. 1st XV '60; Tennis, Sch. 1st VI '60, Rep. Cols. '60, Hse. Team '59-'60, Hse. Cols. '59; Jazz Club '60.

WEAVER, B. E.; 51; C; Sept. '55-Oct. '60.

WILLIS, M. A.; 1B; W; Sept. '60-Oct. '60.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SANDHURST LETTER.

To the Editor, READING SCHOOL MAGAZINE.

Dear Sir,

Before conforming to the tradition of inflicting upon your readers some news of Service life, with particular reference to the deeds (and, where applicable, the misdeeds) of certain individuals, we are proud to announce that there were four O.R.s at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, during the Winter Term. It is indeed gratifying to know that the hallowed cloisters of two institutions, which shall remain nameless, are gradually losing a proportion of the genius due to them to the Forces of the Crown!

P. H. L. Jones (1952-58) successfully completed a parachute course at Abingdon during the summer recess, and has since taken part in a combined exercise with St. Cyr, the French Military Academy, in France. Nobody has been able to disclose his other activities, but doubtless they are executed in the best traditions of the service.

R. E. F. Vaughan (1955-59) has taken up riding this term and looks very dashing in his jodhpurs. In addition to his many conventional activities he has been seen at Lasham Aerodrome, where flying instructors go in peril of their lives.

A. P. Brown (1958-59) has played Rugby for the Academy 2nd XV throughout the term and is to be congratulated on his position in the First Year Order of Merit. Our respects to the censor and we have nothing more to say.

C. C. Meheux (1952-60) is known to be at the Academy. In fact he has been seen on two occasions. It would appear that life in the Army differs slightly from the C.C.F., especially in the diameter of small circles on boot toe-caps! Despite, however, the rigours of the drill-square and "muscle-factory" he has found time to go caving. No comment!

A. P. Brown and P. H. L. Jones were fortunate enough to spend twelve days in Portugal at the annual camp, terminating in a ceremonial parade through the streets of Lisbon.

We wish you and your readers health and prosperity in the New Year, and

We are, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

THE SANDHURST O.R.s.

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BUCKNELL, T.	51-59	Southcote Farm, Reading.
DAVIES, L. H.	34-38	5 Upper Redlands Road, Reading.
HANNAN, A. J.	...	...	36-41	45 Westbourne Terrace, Reading.
PETTY, B.	43-51	268 Wokingham Road, Reading.
ROWDEN, C.	39-43	28 Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley, Reading.

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BAKER, L. K.	52-60	127 Mayfield Drive, Caversham, Reading.
CHADWICK, Major B. G., M.B.E.	28-33	121 Beech Lane, Earley, Reading.
COOK, R. E. M.	...	...	21-27	Woodend Farm, Marlow, Bucks.
COUNCELL, C. D. C.	...	...	55-60	Hurdleshaw, Woods Farm, Streatley, Berks.
EVANS, J. S.	...	...	53-60	42 Loddon Bridge Road, Woodley, Berks.
GEORGE, P. J.	...	...	53-60	26 Surrey Road, Reading.
GOAD, D. G. W.	...	...	54-60	Owen House, 586 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, 5.
JONES, R. G.	...	...	52-55	187 Bitterne Road, Southampton.
LUNN, R. P.	...	...	54-60	Satis House, Peppard Common, Oxon.
MORTIMER, P. P.	...	...	53-60	186 Loddon Bridge Road, Woodley, Berks.
PRICE, T. G. O.	...	...	56-60	146 Upper Woodcote Road, Caversham, Rdg.
YOUNG, R. P.	...	...	53-59	364 Peppard Road, Emmer Green, Reading.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**ANNUAL MEMBERS.**

COWAN, Maj.-Gen. D. T.	...	...	07-14	Hatchett Corner, Hatchett Gate, Beaulieu, Hants.
GRANT, A. M.	...	...	45-54	34 Priory Avenue, Caversham, Reading.

JONES, K. G.	...	...	45-50	161 Kentwood Hill, Tilehurst, Reading.
WARD, R. C.	...	...	48-55	Ferens Hall, Cottingham, E. Yorks.
STAFFORD, D. J.	...	...	41-48	Pax, Wood Lane, Ruislip, Middlesex.

LIFE MEMBERS.

AVELINE, Brig. A. P.	...	...	09-15	Yaldene Cottage, Eversley, Hants.
BEESLEY, P. A.	...	...	53-59	36 Dwyer Road, Reading.
BOAK, D. C.	...	...	35-37	55 Rosedene Gardens, Ilford, Essex.
BROWN, Cdr. C. G. H.	...	...	20-27	"Garth", Madeira Road, Totland Bay, I.O.W.
DAVIES, Wg./Cdr. D. E.	...	...	27-34	Church House, Pickhill, nr. Thirsk, Yorks.
DOBSON, Rev. J. H.	...	...	38-48	c/o Africa Inland Mission, P.O. Box 37, Arua, West Nile District, Uganda.
EASBY, T. J.	...	...	34-42	206 Upper Woodcote Road, Mapledurham, nr. Reading.
FRENCH, C. A.	...	...	22-29	Gadwell, Drake's Close, Esher, Surrey.
GELSTON, Rev. A.	...	...	43-53	St. Mary's Cottage, The Green, Chipping Norton, Oxon.
GLEESON, P. G. D.	...	...	33-42	3 Western Elms Avenue, Reading.
HARVEY, G. L.	...	...	45-55	15 Merton Gardens, Wallington, Surrey.
HEATH, G. D.	...	...	21-31	77 Broad Lane, Hampton, Middlesex.
HILL, D. R.	...	...	46-57	186 Overdown Road, Tilehurst, Reading.
JARVIS, C. W.	...	...	30-36	20 Kenton Road, Earley, Reading.
LUTTMAN, H. C.	...	...	19-21	"Rockhall", Frieth Road, Marlow, Bucks.
MORGAN, T.	...	...	24-28	28 Riley Road, Tilehurst, Reading.
PADDICK, R. A.	...	...	24-28	8 Bath Road, Thatcham, Berks.
PRICE, G. W. O.	...	...	48-56	146 Upper Woodcote Road, Caversham, Reading.
PRINCE J.	...	...	55-60	The White Horse, Easthampstead Road, Reading.
RAMSEY, J. C. G.	...	...	44-49	c/o Borneo Co. Ltd., Ampang Road, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.
SEARS, L. A.	...	...	36-44	229 Finchampstead Road, Wokingham.
STEVENS, J. R.	...	...	52-59	The Verge, Finchampstead, Berks.
STEVENS, L. H.	...	...	16-17	The Verge, Finchampstead, Berks.
TILLY, I. R.	...	...	43-49	51 Mays Lane, Earley, Reading.
WEBSTER, V. R.	...	...	20-28	8 The Meadway, Syston, Leicester.
WELLINGS, H.	...	...	31-38	St. Adele, Old Bath Road, Sonning, Berks.
ADLAM, K. W. H.	...	...	23-29	90 Surley Row, Caversham, Reading.
LUTTMAN, J. F.	...	...	19-25	Linnel Hill, Lucas Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.
WHITE, Lt.-Col. G. H.	...	...	24-32	The War Office (AE5), Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, London, W.1.
LANGLEY, L. J.	...	...	17-24	213 Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading.
WINTER, G. F.	...	...	35-42	61 Alexandra Road, Reading.

BIRTHS.

On September 2nd, 1960, to Jacqueline (*née* Dix) and C. L. E. Wright-Broughton—a son (Robin).

On September 5th, 1960, to Monica (*née* Diedricks) and Inspector J. K. Lawrence, Northern Rhodesia Police—a daughter.

On September 8th, 1960, to Anne (*née* Beats) and J. R. Sigee—a son.

On September 17th, 1960, to Pauline (*née* Birch) and Dr. D. C. Harvey—a daughter (Nicole Louise).

On October 5th, 1960, to Gene (*née* Ankerson) and D. A. Roberts—a daughter (Trudi Denise).

On October 18th, 1960, to Diane (*née* Mulcock) and Captain M. I. Burkhams, Royal Welsh Fusiliers—a son (Christopher Ian).

On October 26th, 1960, to Avril (*née* Jones) and M. G. Horler—a son (Robert George).

On November 5th, 1960, to Patricia (*née* Emery) and T. P. D. Hawthorne—a daughter (Susan Patricia).

On November 30th, 1960, to Shirley (*née* Mitchell) and T. J. Killean-McGuirk—a son (Conor Timothy).

On December 10th, 1960, to Prue (*née* Finch) and P. Knott—a son (David Christopher).

On December 26th, 1960, to Priscilla (*née* Jarvis) and Captain B. Moore, Royal Artillery—a daughter (Emma Elizabeth).

To Juliet and J. D. Gardiner—a son (Michael Peter John).

MARRIAGES.

On September 10th, 1960, at All Saints, Reading, Robert Edwin Culver to Ann Margaret Jackson.

On September 10th, 1960, at Beith Roman Catholic Church, Ayrshire, Richard M. R. Luxton, Royal Engineers, to Roberta Macleod-Carey.

On September 17th, 1960, at St. Luke's, Reading, Anthony John Perrin to Marigold Ann Griffin.

On September 17th, 1960, at St. Columba's, Pont Street, S.W.1, Kenneth Stuart Jackson to Rachel Elizabeth Foster. J. E. Butler (O.R.) was best man.

On September 24th, 1960, at Dunforth Chapel, Kansas University, U.S.A., James W. H. Monger to Jacqueline Sage.

On October 8th, 1960, at Greyfriars Church, Reading, Graham Shaw to Judith Mary Goodall.

On October 15th, 1960, at St. Chad's, Derby, William H. Werry to Judith Wright.

On November 5th, 1960, at St. Peter's, Knowl Hill, Berkshire, Michael Ronald Wagnell to Sheila Ann Warner.

On December 9th, 1960, at St. Peter's, Earley, Malcolm Douglas Evans to Patricia Ann Davis.

O.R. NEWS.**The Services.**

A. G. B. GRIFFITH (1924-29) has been promoted Captain, Royal Navy. He is an electrical specialist.

E. G. D. POUNDS (1938-39) has been promoted Major, Royal Marines.

F. N. FENNER (1940-43), who used to be in the Royal Navy, has been promoted Major, R.A.S.C.

P. H. L. JONES (1952-58) has passed out of Sandhurst into the Intelligence Corps. He was placed 26th in the Order of Merit, and won the Sir James Moncrieff Grierson Memorial Prize for Languages.

M. B. ELSAM (1953-58) has passed out of the Navigation School, Thorney Island, and been appointed Pilot Officer, R.A.F.

T. V. GOULD (1946-53) has been called up for National Service, and has passed out of Mons O.C.S. into The Buffs.

Imperial and Foreign.

T. T. LENK (1934-38) is Managing Director of the largest fishing tackle firm in the U.S.A.

F. F. MARTNER (1945-46), who now lives in Los Angeles, is a Certified Public Accountant on the Board of an electronics computer firm.

A. A. BARKER (1941-49) is now an executive with an American chemical firm in Geneva.

P. J. BERRY (1945-53) is working in Kingston, Jamaica.

R. F. WALLIS (1949-54) is a Settlement Officer with the Tanganyika Agricultural Corporation at Urambo.

J. W. H. MONGER (1951-56) has been awarded a Teacher's Assistantship at Kansas University to enable him to lecture and study for his M.Sc. degree.

D. G. W. GOAD (1954-60) has gone to Toronto University to read Physics and Chemistry.

Sport.

E. A. MARTIN (1939-45) has retired from the Rugger field. He has been the most outstanding member of the O.R. R.U.F.C. since the war, and regularly played for Berkshire. He also played for Southern Counties against the Wallabies a few years ago.

J. C. RUDD (1945-51) and C. EVANS (1949-56) have been playing for the Berkshire XV this season. Rudd, in fact, captained the team.

C. WESTON (1955-58) rowed in the London University Trial Eights last year.

Examination Successes.

T. H. D. ARIE (1943-52) has qualified B.M., B.Ch. (Oxon), and has been appointed House Physician to the Nuffield Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Radcliffe Infirmary.

P. J. DOMINY (1947-55), Queen's College, Oxford, Class II, P.P.E.

R. D. C. MURRAY (1954-58) has passed the Intermediate Examination of the Law Society.

Miscellaneous.

The Reverend F. E. PRATT (1916-24), Rector of Wyke Regis, has been appointed a non-residentiary Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

P. B. COOMBS (1938-47) has been ordained Deacon in the Diocese of Rochester, and appointed to Christ Church, Beckenham.

A. GELSTON (1943-53) has been ordained Deacon in the Diocese of Oxford, and appointed to Chipping Norton.

J. H. ALFORD (1938-46) had two oil paintings in the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition.

V. R. WEBSTER (1920-28) has been appointed Headmaster of Ravensdale County Secondary School, Mansfield.

G. T. PEAKER (1946-53) is a Master at Dudley Grammar School, Worcestershire.

N. H. LIPSCOMBE (1920-28) has been elected to the Committee of the Licensed Victuallers' School, Slough.

We have news of two former Regular Army Officers : D. J. SAVILL (1934-38) is now with the Rootes Group, and his brother, G. P. SAVILL (1934-39) is Training Officer to the Economic Council (a private enterprise organisation) in Newcastle.

L. F. CHEYNEY, who left in 1915, is Secretary to the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants.

R. J. KELLMAN (1939-44) is General Manager of a firm of industrial bankers in Reading. When he was visiting Los Angeles recently he met F. F. Martner.

A. M. A. LOWE (1945-51) is practising as a dentist in Petts Wood, Kent.

G. M. GOAMAN (1930-37) continues to advance the cause of philately. He has designed seven new stamps for the Trucial States in the Persian Gulf.

P. GLADSTONE SMITH (1930-38) is to become a reporter for the new *Sunday Telegraph*.

D. J. GREENSLADE (1946-54) is lecturing in Chemistry at the S.W. Essex Technical College.

D. J. JORDAN (1944-54) is articled to a Chartered Accountant in the City. Your correspondent, always watching for O.R. ties, met him quite by chance in Sloane Square last December.

Our former President, Sir ARTHUR LAWRENCE (1890-95) is mentioned in Lord Ismay's Memoirs. He figures in an exciting account of an attack on a rebel fort in British Somaliland during a campaign there in pre-1914 days.

R. P. YOUNG (1953-59) is studying Applied Chemistry at the Birmingham College of Advanced Technology.

M. E. M. VERNON, who left quite recently, is now at Oswestry High School. His father, G. M. Vernon, told us that he is getting on well and had distinguished himself at athletics.

ERRATA :

September, 1960 Magazine :

Page 239 : Births. "To Celia (*née* Morris) and Dr. D. G. Thomerson."

Page 240 : "M. R. Wagnell, Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.)"

April, 1960 Magazine :

Page 172. Births. "To Marie-Thérèse (*née* Tregay) and E. A. Martin."

September, 1958, Magazine :

Page 325 Marriages. "Captain W. J. Hedges to Helena Henrietta Dunn."

The O.R. Correspondent thanks those who have supplied him with news of their activities. He regrets that he cannot write to them individually. He appeals to O.R.s of all generations to send him items for publication so that the O.R. Section may be made more interesting and his task made easier.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The A.G.M. was held in Big School on Saturday, 31st December, with the Vice-President, H. F. Noyce, in the Chair, and some 37 members present. The following reports were presented and adopted :

Council Report, 1960.

Under the Chairmanship of D. H. Easby, Council has sought ways of stabilising the Club's finances, encouraging membership, improving facilities at Sonning, and making some material contribution to the life of the School.

The following points should be mentioned in some detail :—

Club Finances.—As instructed by the last A.G.M., Council has carefully considered the unsatisfactory financial position. They are

agreed that some action must be taken immediately and a recommendation will be put to the meeting after the Treasurer's report. Council is grateful to Mr. Keep, the Hon. Auditor, for his help in these deliberations.

Improvements at Sonning.—Despite the present financial difficulties it has been possible, through the generosity of certain members and much hard work by the Sporting Sections, to carry out improvements at Sonning. The bar has been enlarged and decorated, and a fine set of boundary boards surround the cricket playing area during the season. The old tractor has been replaced by one in far better condition at a very reasonable cost to the Club.

Membership.—Some 78 new members were elected during the year. This is the highest for some years and is most encouraging, but as usual this advance is partly offset by a number of annual members allowing their subscriptions to lapse.

Magazines.—Despite other commitments C. A. Yeats has continued to collect and publish news of O.R.'s. Council is grateful to him for this service and hopes an increasing number of O.R.'s will send in news. Members are asked to notify any change of address and so reduce the number of returned magazines.

History of Reading School.—Council continues to support this project and are grateful to Mr. Moor for giving them such an interesting and informative review of his material at their May meeting.

O.R. Golfing Society.—The formation of this Sporting Section was formally approved during the year, and Council wish to thank R. A. Paddick for the work he has put into the organising of the Society. He will be reporting on its activities later in the meeting.

London Dinner.—The response to the circular on this subject was disappointing—only about sixty replies—and these equally divided. Council did consider a suggestion that a dinner be held in London somewhere other than the House of Commons, but were unable to find a suitable venue. A dinner has been provisionally arranged at St. John's College, Oxford, for next July.

The School.—Council is still anxious to make some material contribution to the School, but at present financial considerations limit the scope. However, as last year, a book will be presented to the School Captain for use in the library. The Rugby Section has inaugurated its own award to be presented annually to an "Under 16" player.

Council extends its grateful thanks to the Bursar, his Secretary and the Headmaster's Secretary, without whose assistance the Secretary would be unable to function. Their thanks also go to the Headmaster for his continued interest in the Club and for his permission to use School facilities.

Cricket Section.

E. Prince presented the report of the Cricket Section, the main points of which are summarised below :—

The 1st XI won 9, lost 10, and drew 6 matches. Four games were cancelled because of the weather. Cricket Week was a great success, with three wins (including Richmond), two draws, and only one defeat. The matches against Reading resulted in a win and a draw (unfavourable).

K. G. Fidler took his 1,000th wicket for the Club, and the feat was marked by the presentation of a suitably inscribed tankard. He also headed the bowling averages for the season.

T. J. Easby was the most successful batsman, and his aggregate of 709 runs was the second highest for the Club since the war. The record is held by Easby with 772 runs.

The 2nd XI had their most encouraging season, thanks mainly to K. G. Fidler (Skipper until recalled by the 1st XI) and other older members who took such an interest in them.

Club members put in a tremendous amount of work on the Sonning Ground during the summer. They made, painted and erected the boundary boards referred to in Council's report, laid paving in front of the pavilion, and sunk posts in concrete for the metal chain link. All materials have been donated to the Club.

There will be a working party on the ground every Thursday during the summer, and it is hoped that more O.R.s will join in.

Recent School leavers interested in cricket are asked to come along and join the Section, and not wait to be invited. A list of Officers appears in this magazine.

The thanks of the Cricket Section go to the Headmaster for the use of the School Ground, and to Les Muncer for his co-operation during the season.

Golf Section.

R. A. Paddick gave the following report on the recently formed Golfing Society :—

The *Spring Meeting* was held at Sonning Golf Club, with twelve members competing for the O.R. Challenge Tankard, presented by John Clyne, in an 18-hole Stableford Bogey Competition.

H. A. J. Young (37 points) won on the last 9 holes from A. R. Moore. Other scores were : F. J. Clyne 35, R. A. Paddick 34, F. N. Gascoigne 33, T. F. Vanderpump 32, C. H. Paddick 29, L. A. Fisher 28.

The *Summer Meeting*, held at Calcot Golf Club, was an 18-hole Stableford Bogey Competition for the Captain's Prize and the Stewart Hill Prize. R. W. Calvert, Reading School, won the Captain's Prize with 39 points, and R. A. Paddick the Stewart Hill Prize with 37 points.

Other scores were : R. K. Edgar 33, H. A. J. Young 32, G. H. King 30, and R. Restall 28 points.

O.R. golfers or Reading School boys interested are asked to contact the Hon. Secretary or the Hon. Treasurer. The annual subscription is 10/-.

Hon. Treasurer's Report.

The main points of the report are summarised below :—

The deficit on the year has decreased from £59 to £14. This reduction is mainly due to the generosity of 17 members, who on receiving the accounts last year donated almost sufficient to cover the deficit.

For the first time a sum of £66 has been included to cover depreciation at 15% on the capital cost of furniture and fittings purchased in 1953. It should be realised that the depreciated value shown in the balance sheet is still in excess of the present-day value of the asset.

Subscriptions this year total £238. Of this, annual subscriptions account for £60, life membership instalments £100, and full life membership fees £80. All this has been regarded as income for the year in which it was received, as stated in the balance sheet. The true subscription income for the year as distinct from the amount received in that year could more properly be calculated as follows :—

Annual Subscriptions	£60
Life Membership Fees :	
Instalments 1/3rd of £100 ...	33
Full Payments, 1/18th of £80 ...	5
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	£98

This would increase the deficit on the year to over £100. For this reason, and at the request of last year's Annual General Meeting, the Council have examined the financial affairs of the Club, and make certain recommendations which should help to rectify the position.

The Hon. Treasurer, on behalf of Council, then put forward a recommendation which is summarised below :—

1. No change in subscriptions.
2. Annual members to receive magazine as at present.
3. Life members to receive magazine for the first 20 years of membership. If, after this period, they still wish to receive the magazine, they should contribute a further 6 guineas, or pay 10/- per annum.

After some discussion the meeting endorsed these recommendations.

Shooting Section.

The Chairman, on behalf of E. H. Buckingham, reported that he had entered a team for the Public Schools' Old Boys' Cup, and were shooting the following week. The Organising Secretary would like to hear from Old Boys interested in shooting for the Club, either .22 or .303.

Rugby Section.

Although the Club had a difficult season in 1959-60 on account of injuries and a shortage of players, it came through fairly successfully.

The 1st XV, captained by N. Wiseman, lost half of its matches, but had several good performances to its credit, including a victory over Esher Cardinals. With Wiseman and E. A. Martin playing well, the backs were generally more effective than the forwards.

The 'A' XV, captained by J. D. Eyre, did not win many matches, but always played with spirit, despite an unsettled team.

At the end of the season E. A. Martin and T. F. J. Quinn retired, and N. Wiseman left the district. All three played for the County, and Martin had appeared for Southern Counties against the Australians.

This season started badly, but since October results have improved. Three sides are fielded each week without difficulty, and each is playing good, open Rugby.

C. Evans has played for Berkshire in their Championship matches, and undoubtedly is the season's most successful player.

Last year the Club started an annual award to the most promising "Under 16" player in the School. It is hoped to increase the boys' interest in the O.R. Rugby Club, and encourage them to join upon leaving School.

The Annual General Meeting was followed by the Club Annual Dinner at the George Hotel. Some ninety members attended. The new President, H. F. Noyce, was in the Chair. The toast to the Club was proposed by W. L. Thomas, the Deputy Education Officer for Reading, and father of the Captain of the School, and "The School" was proposed by E. G. A. Kynaston.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

LENT TERM, 1960.

HOCKEY.

February 4th ...	1st XI v. Windsor Grammar School 1st XI.
March 4th ...	1st XI v. Staff XI.
March 11th ...	1st XI v. Wallingford Grammar School 1st XI.

(All matches will be played at Morgan Road).

March 15th ... Berkshire Schools' Hockey Tournament.

March 6th—Confirmation Service (3.30 p.m.).

March 20th to 25th—Music Society, Concert and Opera, Big School,
(7 p.m.).

February 21st—Middle School Long Run.

February 22nd—Senior School Long Run.

March 22nd—Triangular Sports, at Rutlish School.

March 25th—Sports Day.

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