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SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Aveyard and Mr. and Mrs. Dudman on the birth of their daughters.

We congratulate the following: S. G. Ogden, on being awarded an Open Exhibition in History and J. Castelberg, on being awarded a Hulme Exhibition in Modern Languages, both at Brasenose College, Oxford.

The School continues to find itself refurbished sometimes in the most surprising places: in the holidays, the venerable roof of the Old Hall re-appeared from its hallowed murk, resplendent in the most striking colour scheme of red, white and green.

At the beginning of last term, the following were appointed prefects: D. S. Buckley, M. A. A. Crosby, A. D. R. Dickson, R. Entwisle, J. N. S. Hancock, P. D. Hanson, S. C. Harrold, N. C. Jordan, J. McKay, J. J. McMullen, S. G. Ogden, J. R. A. Rushton, J. F. Wilde. K. L. McMurtrie was appointed Head of School.

We congratulate D. Sparrow whose essay on the Vinland expedition won a prize in *The Guardian*; and S. L. Cloughton, who won a prize in the *Daily Mirror* competition for children's writing: the poems with which he had already won last year's School poetry prize were successful in a field of over 60,000 entries!

Mr. Peat was seen on television, extolling the virtues of lacrosse: there was also a fleeting glimpse of a score of school players. S. C. Harrold also appeared on television, mainly for the purpose, we have been informed, of criticising this august journal. The editor was moved to point out, in reply, that the magazine was only as good as its contributors—and appealed for contributions from all quarters, on any aspect of school life.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of many contemporaries.

SCHOOL-LEAVERS, 1966

The following is a list of the known destinations of Sixth Formers who left at the end of the Midsummer Term. (The editor will be glad to hear of any omissions or errors.)

G. B. Brister, Leeds College of Commerce (LL.B.); C. J. Bullough, Birmingham University (Classics); S. Clarke, Manchester University (Law); R. Flanagan, York University (English); I. Heywood, Leeds University (Music); R. M. J. Kinsey, Leeds College of Commerce (LL.B.); D. Lord, Christ's College, Cambridge (History); I. W. Pamphilon, Flint and Holmes, Solicitors (Articled Clerk); Z. J. Qureshi, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford (English); D. A. Vaughan, B.N.C., Oxford (Lit. Hum.); F. I. Barclay, Manchester University (Geography); J. Blake, Bangor University; J. A. L. Clarke, R.M.C., Sandhurst; C. J. Sherlock, Thames and Mersey Marine Insurance Co. Ltd.; W. M. Wolstenholme, B.N.C., Oxford (Geography); D. L. Worthing, Swansea University (Geography); P. Aplin, Swansea University (Geography); D. C. Davies, Bradford, Edwards & Co., Chartered Accountants (Articled Clerk); J. W. Elliott, World Distributors Ltd.; P. M. Fidler, Oxford College of Technology; P. D. Gould, Manchester College of Commerce; R. W. Harkinson, Leeds College of Commerce; I. B. Williamson, Bristol University (Geography); N. B. Wright, Williams Deacon's Bank Ltd.; A. G. Broome, B.N.C., Oxford (Mod. Lang.); D. M. Harper, District Bank; A. G. Skinner, St. Andrew's University (Mod. Lang.); M. F. Slater, Bangor University; G. Stansfield, Swansea University (French); C. J. Taylor, Leeds University (French); D. J. Thelwall, Midland Bank Ltd.; D. T. Whitworth, St. Catherine's, Oxford (French); R. W. Slater, Exeter University (French); G. M. Cottrill, Liverpool University (Civil Engineering); J. H. Dukinfield, Leeds University (Maths); G. N. Henderson, Emmanuel, Cambridge; M. P. Rack, Liverpool University (Mech.

Eng.); J. H. Rigby, York University (Maths and Linguistics); R. A. Bishop, Manchester University (Physics); M. J. Slater, Manchester University (Mech. Eng.); P. S. Whiteoak, Bangor University (Maths and Physics); S. Bentham, Keble, Oxford (Chemistry); K. M. Daily, Manchester University (Physics); M. B. Gillett, Bart's., London (Medicine); A. P. Hamnett, University College, Oxford (Chem.); A. Horwich, London University (Medicine); R. B. Kapadia, Warwick University (Mathematics); C. L. Mottram, Bradford University (Chem. Eng.); J. M. Roland, University College, London (Medicine); P. L. R. Wood, Charing Cross Hospital, London (Medicine); J. D. Bailey, Liverpool University (Elec. Eng.); A. D. Baker, Frederick Smith & Co. Ltd. (Metallurgy); F. V. Davies, Geigy (U.K.) Ltd. (Technical Asst.); D. Jones, Newcastle Technical College (Chemistry); P. W. Mills, Bangor University; M. H. Shires, Manchester College of Technology (Civ. Eng.); C. J. Turner, Manchester College of Technology (Building Tech.); I. Hartley, Salford University (Applied Biology); M. A. Martin, Durham University (Zoology and Chemistry); R. D. A. Mitchell, Grenadier Guards; S. Wyse, U.C.H., London; S. L. Black, Manchester University (Medicine); D. P. Feeney, Newcastle University (Medicine); W. R. Merchant, Bradford University (Pharmacy); D. Moorhouse, Brooke's Bakery (Trainee); K. W. Nightingale, St. Mary's Hospital, London (Medicine).

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

In some respects this year's School play, *A Man for all Seasons* by Robert Bolt, was the most ambitious production of recent years. The problems it presents are not those of extravagant staging—the cast is only fourteen strong and the set is permanent—but of simplicity, of involving the audience not in action but ideas. The play is didactic, demanding an intellectual sympathy for Sir Thomas More's stand against the dictates of an authoritarian society and respect for the liberty of the individual conscience. There is no 'plot' in the conventional sense, only the fascination of watching the nebulous forces of political, social and religious expediency, personal greed and apathy, gathering about one man who refuses to bow to them and forcing him to the inevitable end. It is, in fact, a modern Morality play in which the characters represent not only specific historical figures but also certain generalised human types.

D. B. Cunningham's portrayal of the saintly Sir Thomas More was impressive, for he mastered the physical difficulty of learning and sustaining this long part faultlessly and also showed himself to be a very capable actor. There was little of the schoolboy here. Cunningham chose to interpret the role in a minor key but nevertheless revealed the full range of More's character—his invincible personal faith and alert, questioning mind; his gentle, unassuming wit and his biting irony; his intellectual and moral superiority over those about him and his mildness, humility and understanding. He was the great strength of the production and to him must go much of the credit for its success.

The other major achievement was J. McKay's Common Man. He seemed at ease from the moment the play began and rapidly established that rapport with the audience which is essential to the part. Every gesture, every speech, was ably tied in with the action providing both continuity and a cynically attractive commentary. His strong, earthy voice was his greatest asset and was largely responsible for the success of his appeal to the baser instincts of the audience. McKay, unlike some of the other performers, overcame the acoustic limitations of the hall. The occasional failure to do this was one of the minor ways in which R. N. Curry's portrayal of Cromwell can be faulted although it was in other respects the polished performance we have come to expect of him. His brand of Machiavellian ruthlessness, barely cloaked by a surface smoothness and elegance of

manner, was in fine contrast to More's combination of honesty and lawyer's shrewdness. It is no coincidence that this same smoothness was echoed by H. Daubney, playing the part of Chapuys, in a suitably mannered way. His rather limited gesture and occasional inaudibility marred an otherwise very competent performance.

Indeed, the general impression of the whole production was one of great competence, for no character was a failure although there were minor faults. The King, played by C. Knott, looked the part of the young Harry, but he had neither the strength of voice nor the assurance of manner to convince the audience of his royalty or of his potential for evil which was to manifest itself in the future. When angry he overcame both these problems to some extent. Knott deserves credit for his able doubling of the Archbishop's part on three of the four nights. C. E. Hayward's Wolsey, irascible and bloated, was most pleasing—a pity the play does not allow us to see more of him. I. M. K. Lowe's portrayal of Rich was successfully developed and he adapted both voice and manner to his new-found position in society. A. C. Mitchell gave a sound performance as the self-righteous Roper and conveyed his stiffness of body, limited imagination and complete lack of humour admirably. In sharp contrast C. R. Lloyd's portrayal of Norfolk, that large and well-meaning shaggy dog, was suitably bluff and noisy. Physically and vocally he was well cast and carried the part ably.

Of the three women in the play, Alice, More's wife, was particularly successful and J. D. Eckersley, despite a rather unfeminine voice, acquitted himself very well. He brought spirit and vigour to the part and every line of his body echoed the brusque commonsense of his words whether he was clucking anxiously round More for wearing his second-best stockings or, more impressive, managing the flat voice and tight-lipped delivery of the prison scene. Alice's daughter, Margaret, was competently played by R. J. Terry but he was at times a little too stiff in his movements. The special relationship between More and his daughter was established but perhaps not enough was made of it. A. A. Jones as the woman litigant was a successful study in shrill, smug, self-righteous vulgarity.

The technical problems presented by the play were, on the whole, overcome satisfactorily. The set was an adequate adaptation of Bolt's suggestions and the difficulty of flying scenery on and off stage to indicate specific locations was surmounted by giving all the scene-shifting to the Common Man. Where flown scenery is not possible, this seems to be the only solution but it necessarily slows down the action. The play makes very great demands on the lighting technicians and their skill may have gone unremarked because of the smoothness of nearly all their transitions. This was certainly the most complex lighting plot ever attempted in a school production and was, apart from a hypnotic and overpowering ripple of light in the river scenes, highly successful. P. J. Jandera and his staff worked tirelessly and only seconds before the end of the last performance did they allow themselves the luxury of a blown fuse.

One aspect of this production which needs special mention is that the costumes were designed by Mr. Barnett and made by a remarkably talented group of needlewomen at very short notice. The results they achieved were excellent.

The success of any play rests ultimately with the producer and Mr. Lowe's sympathetic and thoughtful direction was always in evidence, guiding his cast through the difficulties of a non-naturalistic, Brechtian stage technique which must at first have been unfamiliar to most of them but which they had mastered very thoroughly by the time the play was performed.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

C.C.F. NOTES

The main emphasis of training this term has been to meet the requirements of external examinations, viz. the Army Proficiency Certificate and the Signals Classification. The results in the A.P.C. show a general improvement over those obtained last year, and Davies and Marshall were awarded credits. An additional experimental course in vehicle maintenance was completed by some senior cadets, who are no doubt looking for customers amongst the staff.

During the half-term holiday, three groups satisfactorily completed expeditions of Bronze Award Standard, and the testing was completed for the leadership course organised by Sgts. Willis and Durn and Cpl. Lowe. This additional section to the A.P.C. is proving to be valuable and interesting training for the junior cadets.

PROMOTIONS

To C.S.M.: Sgts. Harrold and Rushton. To Staff/Sgt.: Sgts. Daubney and Maskell. To Sgt.: Cpls. Assar, Back, Butterworth, Cavanagh, Cundy, Cunningham, Durn, Kenyon, Willan and Willis. To L/Cpl.: Cds. Barnes, Bradley, Collings, Gabbay, Gill, Hayward, Ketley, Price, Simpson and Touchin.

SHOOTING RESULTS (versus Parents)

1st VIII	—	18th September (at Crowden)	—	Won
1st VIII	—	24th October (at School)	—	Won
4th Form VIII	—	5th December (at School)	—	Lost

SIGNALS REPORT

Conditions on the National Inter-Schools Radio Network this term were bad, but this did not prevent good voice conversations with Chigwell School (Essex), King Edward VI School (Birmingham) and Portsmouth Grammar School. Unfortunately the (ex-vehicle) 19 set is being repaired, but plans are afoot for a more powerful school-built transmitter.

SIXTH-FORM SOCIETY

The standard of debating continues to decline, but whether this is a good thing or not remains debatable . . . or at least, it is food for thought. Is the Sixth Form floundering under the morass of the mass media or are people more reasonable and better informed nowadays? Bigots and opportunists have always made the very best debaters . . . Anyway, this House would die for Queen and Country and has no sympathy with the code 'to work hard, play hard and be a jolly good chap!'

That well-known savant and *objet d'art*, Simon Harrold, gave an entertaining talk on Duke Ellington. The infiltration of Americanism into our culture continued with Mr. Hendrickson's talk on *The Junior College System of California* and Malcolm Sykes, celebrated traveller, raconteur and white hunter, talked about his visit last summer to Canada. Mr. Barnett's talk *Apropos of Art Appreciation* was very warmly received.

The Society read Synge's *Riders to the Sea* and Anouilh's *Becket*. In the *Sixth-Form Challenge Quiz* our strong team, Fred (the Red) Green, Dave Taylor, Simon Harrold and Mascot, Jerry McMullen, beat a strongly fancied Whalley Range team into second place. The Folk Concert ended the term not with a bang . . . but a pop.

J.M.

STAGE NOTES

At the time of writing, the finishing touches are being made to the set for Robert Bolt's *A Man for All Seasons*. This year, the set consists of about one third hardboard covered flats which are a great improvement on the old canvas covered ones.

During the summer holiday, a completely new hardwood floor was laid on the stage. Although this is in many ways an improvement on the old one, it does present certain problems such as fixing the bottoms of flats.

Because of the amount of time that the electricians have had to spend on the complex lighting plot for the play, we are unfortunately having to use the "temporary" communications system yet again.

The Stage Manager will now accept any donations to the M. J. B. Smith Memorial Fund. The money will be used to buy a silver trophy which will be presented by the Stage Staff to the winners of the annual House Play competition.

Our thanks, as always, go to Messrs. Barnett, Bonnick, Foulds, Furniss, and to our new acquisition, Mr. Gordon, for the time and energy that they have spent assisting the production of the School play.

P.E.B.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

At the beginning of term the following elections were made: Vice-Chairman: D. A. Reeves; Secretary: J. R. A. Rushton; Treasurer: J. Gabbay; Committee: U6, R. W. Maskell, J. N. S. Hancock; M6, J. Allman, I. W. Robinson.

Shortly afterwards, a committee meeting was held at which we decided to abolish subscriptions since the only necessities for funds were postal expenses and subsidising trips. The School will pay the former, and the latter was discontinued. It was hoped that this might remove at least one reason for lack of members.

The term's programme was started by a talk on *Balloon Astronomy* by Dr. J. Grainger (O.H.) of UMIST on 6th October. The lecture on this somewhat obscure subject was very well attended. The speaker illustrated the lecture with an interesting film about the launching of an American balloon bearing scientific instruments aloft. He also mentioned that this method of research was popular with the British Government since it cost comparatively little. He exhorted us to put pressure on our M.P.s and things, to allow himself and his colleagues to spend a couple of seasons sending up balloons in the Southern Hemisphere. Please note.

There was then a rather long pause until 3rd November when Professor Rhoderick, UMIST, delivered an extremely clear and interesting lecture on *Electrons in Solids*, which as it turned out might just as well have been called *Transistors*. It was about the first time that most people understood about these things. Even arts sixth formers (we do have a loyal bunch of arts students at our meetings) understood and appreciated his analogy of a transistor to a multi-storey garage.

The following week Mr. Abrams lectured us on *Science or Engineering?* as help in choice of career. This was found useful by people who hadn't yet filled up their UCCA forms, and of general background interest to those who had, since it removed many preconceived ideas people have about engineering and technology.

At this stage we were fortunate to be invited to a meeting addressed by Dr. Lodge, UMIST on *Elastic liquids*. Large numbers turned out and we were rewarded by an amusing and informative lecture and by free tea and biscuits.

The last meeting of the term was on 1st December, when Dr. W. Mays of Manchester University read us a paper he had prepared for reading in Venice to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the birth of Galileo. The title was *The scientific method in the time of Galileo and Bacon*. He explained to us the difference between the hypothetico-deductive method of the former and the inductive scientific method of the latter.

We should at this stage record our thanks to various people. Firstly to Dr. Powrie, our chairman, and to various other staff members who have assisted in one way or another. Thanks also to the office who have been most helpful and tolerant over telephoning and postage. To M. Brooke for his excellent posters. And most of all perhaps to the University of Manchester whose staff were, and continue to be, most helpful in imparting freely of their knowledge.

Already several lectures have been arranged for Lent term and we hope more soon will be. If perhaps you feel the society is not to your taste, *helpful* and relevant suggestions will be welcome.

CHESS CLUB

This term has seen the Chess room fairly full on many lunch-times—a very pleasant change. A ladder has been introduced which has provided a fair amount of interest. I would, however, like to remind boys that the use of this room is a privilege and abuse of this privilege, e.g. leaving sets out, could lead to the withdrawal of this privilege.

The intermediate team has played two matches this term. There is keen competition for places on the team, and old players are likely to be replaced by new members unless they improve their standard of play quickly.

RESULTS

Away v. Burnage G.S.	...	W	4 — 3
Away v. Tyldesley Co. Sec.	...	L	2½ — 4½

We extend our thanks to Mr. Warden and Mr. Cowin for their interest, help and support. S.P.P.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The first meeting of the resurrected Photographic Society was held on 24th October, 1966, and the following officers were elected; M. J. Hallworth, as Honorary Secretary, A. F. Brewood as Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. R. A. Haynes as Chairman. The subscription was fixed at 1/- per term, and the Kodak filmstrip, *How to make better pictures* was shown after the election.

On 7th November, the filmstrip *First steps in colour* was shown, and was quite well attended. 14th November saw the filmstrip *Tracing Troubles in Negative Materials*, and after the meeting Mr. Haynes showed us some lantern slides of the 1966 Italy trip. The next meeting, on 22nd November was a discussion and filmstrip on *Developing and Printing*, which was followed on the Wednesday afternoon by a practical demonstration, given by the Hon. Sec.

The last two meetings of the term were lectures by Mr. Haynes, one on *Processing Problems* on 28th November, and one on *Close-up Photography* on 5th December. They were both very interesting, and we are indebted to Mr. Haynes for them.

The day after the end of the Michaelmas term, an outing has been arranged to a firm of colour laboratories in Manchester, which will be reported in the next issue of *The Hulmeian*.

All boys are invited to join the Society, and subscriptions should be paid to the Treasurer. M.J.H.

THE MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

The beginning of last term marked the departure of the last founder member of the Society, B. R. George, who was the Secretary for last year. He will be remembered for his excellent work in complicated trackwork.

At the Annual General Meeting the following were elected to the committee: P. R. Sheppard, Secretary and Head of Scenic Department; P. P. Morris, Assistant Secretary and Head of Electrical Department; K. G. Owens, Treasurer; C. E. Hayward, Head of Trackwork; and C. H. Porter, Librarian.

The layout this year has been planned, and forms a circuit incorporating a goods yard and another station. To form this circuit, six new baseboards were needed, of which three have been built. To accommodate these boards, more shelves were required. A start was made to build these in Room I and they are now almost complete, thanks to C. H. Porter.

Work last term was mainly on the new base-boards. Some work has been done on modifying the existing boards to fit them into the circuit, but this is not yet completed.

An extensive system of colour-light signalling has been designed by P. P. Morris and C. H. Porter. Work on this is due to start this term.

Due to popular demand it was decided to incorporate a narrow gauge into the main layout. Enthusiastic work has been done on this section by A. J. P. Broadbent, K. M. Hudson and G. H. Hunt.

The Society would like to thank Mr. K. E. Dean for his kind donation of insulation board and Mr. Manning for his help during the term particularly in securing the use of Room I. The Society is also grateful to Mr. Foulds for the supply of wood.

GERMANY, 1966

It was several years since our last School party had been to Germany but as links still existed with the Rhineland it was natural that this year's group should centre its activities on Bad Honnef, a small spa town which has kept its character in spite of the proximity of the 'capital village' Bonn and the influence of tourism.

The group, 19 boys from German sets and Mr. Collings, Mr. Brake and Mr. Gordon lived at the Pension Deutsch Nizza in Honnef. The boys soon knew their way about Cologne and Bonn; for the musically minded the Beethoven House in Bonn was of particular interest and many took the opportunity to visit art galleries and museums.

In Bad Honnef itself there were boating and swimming facilities (did someone mention a water chute?) and it was only a short walk, albeit a steep one, to the Drachenfels, one of the many ancient castles, perched precariously high above the river. The attractions of a trip up the Ahr valley included inspecting a wine cellar and skimming up a hillside on a chairlift which seemed even more perilous an undertaking than the cable car crossing of the Rhine at Cologne. One day was spent pleasantly cruising up the Rhine to Koblenz and then up the Moselle as far as Winningen, a typical picturesque wine growing village which was preparing for its Weinfest that evening. On these and

other excursions we were accompanied by boys and girls from the local grammar school, so that even when we were together as a group German was spoken.

Our thanks are extended to the organizers for such an enjoyable introduction to Germany and the German way of life.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

One of the advantages enjoyed by sixth form linguists nowadays is the opportunity to come into close contact with the languages they are studying. Ideally, of course, one goes abroad but Sixth Formers' Days which are held periodically also afford this opportunity. This term was no exception and a small group of boys from the Middle and Upper Sixth and Mr. Gordon attended the German Day at Central Grammar School for Boys. The morning commenced with a lecture by Dr. Meier on a modern novel by Andersch: *Sansibar oder der letzte Grund*, a work concerning activities in Germany about the time of the Second World War. There followed an excellent travel talk with slides by Dr. Kessel. After lunch there was a pleasant interlude of Lieder by Schubert and Brahms, which was an alternative to a discussion on neo-nazism. Professor Parry of Manchester University provided a most lucid lecture on the often difficult works of Günther Grass. The Day ended with the film *Alltag in Deutschland* which gave a comprehensive picture of Germany from the docks in Hamburg to the beer gardens in the south. A French Day at Manchester High School was attended by a large group of Sixth Formers and Mr. Beeley and Mr. Timm. The opening lecture by the chairman of the Modern Languages Association included valuable advice on how to study at sixth form level. This was followed by lectures on Sartre, existentialism and the development of French Literature from the Chanson de Roland through to Pascal and the Academie Française. The day ended on a rather different note with films on dog training and skiing.

Earlier in the term we saw two French films *Tant que nous l'aimerons* and *Chronique de France* but undoubtedly the most stimulating meeting was the one at which our speakers were Fräulein Hannelore Schmidt and Fräulein Inge Lehmann. Their spontaneous answers to the wide variety of questions with which we confronted them were both witty and informative.

SOUTH OF FRANCE, 1966

This year's trip was very successful and everyone worked hard to make it so. The party left in the early evening on 28th July. After a somewhat stormy crossing in the very early morning we arrived in France where we decided not to stop immediately but to press on. We spent our first night at St. Dizier, a small town. From there we proceeded directly to Berne, where we passed two nights and then on to Martigny, where we caught a brief glimpse of what Swiss National Day could be like. Thence to the famous Vence, in the South of France. There the Foundation Maeght was visited, which is a famous and most interesting art gallery containing works by Klee, Braque, Miro, Kandinsky and even some by Picasso and also sculptures by Miro and Giacometti, and on the same day we also took a brief ride along the coast to Monte Carlo, via Cannes and Nice.

The next day was spent in reaching Le Lavandou, our ultimate destination, where we spent eight nights. Some of the seven days were spent sunbathing on the beach and others in touring round, to such places as Hyères, from near where we made the boat crossing to the Isle of Porquerolle, one of the isles of Levant, and to Fréjus, where there are many interesting Roman remains.

Coming back, we passed through Avignon, Le Puy and Vichy. We had only one night in Paris, unfortunately, since the two hours spent on the Champs Elysées and in Montmartre (visiting the Sacre Coeur only, however) seemed to have captured in everyone's imagination the spirit of Paris.

The following day, we returned home. Those in the party would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bryans for making this a most memorable and enjoyable holiday.

A GEOGRAPHY WEEK-END AT THE COTTAGES

A week-end in November spent at the School cottages provided an opportunity for a sixth-form party of geographers to experience some practical geography and also to study some modern human geography. The short trip showed how all-embracing the study of geography can be, away from the tedium of the "capes and bays" geography taught in the classroom. Even the diligent English students and the dogmatic Historians in the party found enjoyment in the week-end.

The cottages are just two of a small cluster of houses, grouped together at a bridging point on the River Widdale, collectively known as Appersett. The sylvan beauty of the Widdale Valley seems to belong to a softer country, but there can be no doubt in the minds of everyone on the trip that this region is a cold, harsh part of Yorkshire, yet seemingly picturesque and full of character as only mountain limestone country can be.

On the Sunday, the party was split up into groups of five, each group being given a different task. One group set out to plot the course of the River Widdale noting all features on its course, the change in gradients, change in form of the valley and any features which the geographer connects with a river. It was the task of the second group to study soil profiles. They selected a suitable slope, and enthusiastically dug pits at three different levels up the slope. The soil profile at each hole was noted and compared. As this was the first time that any of the group had attempted this sort of work, it was very pleasing that good accurate profiles were obtained. Their joint conclusion was that the soil was podzolic, with the soil at higher levels being arenaceous and drier than the wetter and more argillaceous soil at the base of the slope. This party then returned to the cottages where they found the third group still engaged in their task, which was to study the human geography of Appersett. One member of this group was measuring and plotting the village on a large scale map. While others were compiling a questionnaire to ask the villagers and so ascertain the build-up of the village; and yet another member of the group was studying the position of the settlement with reference to geographical aspects. The findings were surprising and interesting. With a total population of twenty-seven and with no shops or entertainment facilities, it was found that the village owed its present existence to the nearby settlement of Hawes. This population is gradually decreasing and if this is not soon checked, Appersett will become a village of week-enders only. The main occupation of the village is serving local needs of dairy-produce, with a little sheep-rearing on the surrounding hills. All the cottages are clustered in the shelter of the lee side of a hill, so gaining maximum protection from the strong prevailing wind which blows down the valley, permanently bending the trees in its direction.

After dinner that night there was a short, animated discussion on the work done during the day, then the rest of the evening was spent in finding entertainment. The party was under the guidance of Mr. Haynes, Mr. Bardsley and Mr. Hendrikson; and all the members of the party wish to thank them for the excellent meals.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

This term, the Music Society has been well supported, with attendances in double figures being quite the norm. The general aim of this season has been to present the widest possible spectrum of music to those who perhaps have access only to a fairly limited repertoire. Since items ranged from Scarlatti's *Harpsichord Sonatas* (which incidentally were one of the most popular choices) to Bartok's *5th String Quartet* (the most unpopular choice), I think that this purpose has been successfully accomplished.

As well as the various records, which have been played every Friday, it has been possible, as was suggested in the last issue of *The Hulmeian*, to begin a series of lectures. The first was very kindly given by Mr. Hoskinson on *The Opera Composer at Work*, in which special reference was made to Verdi's *Otello*. In order to maintain this aspect of the Music Society, Mr. Johnson has kindly agreed to treat us with another lecture some time after the beginning of the Easter Term. We are therefore grateful to Mr. Hoskinson and Mr. Johnson for their help in establishing this new facet of the Society.

Finally, I should also like to thank F. A. Green for his active interest and for taking charge of the organisation of the meetings, when I have been unable to attend, and all those who have supplied records for the enjoyment of all in the Society.

A. J. P. PEARSON, *Hon. Sec.*

CANOE CLUB

The School Canoe Club was formed almost one year ago under the supervision of Mr. Phillips and has since had the use of the swimming-pool on one night each week for training.

On Saturday, 9th July, Crosby, Cundey and Hancock entered the Novice Division Slalom at West Tanfield near Ripon. Hancock and Cundey capsized on their first run, but successfully completed second runs to qualify.

A party of five attended the Lune Slalom on 11th September, but after a day of torrential rain, which stopped just as we arrived, the River Lune rose considerably overnight, resulting in the cancellation of the Novice's event.

During the week-end 15th—16th October, Handley and Crosby entered the Slalom organised by Cambridge University Canoe Club at Trevor Rocks near Llangollen. Once again the river was in spate after heavy rain and the course was more difficult on the day of the event, than it had been during practice. Out of 56 entries, Crosby was placed 12th and Handley, who did well to complete the course in water conditions which overpowered him, was placed 44th.

Members of the club also attended tours on the Bollin and Ribble.

Active river touring has now come to a close for the winter, and the Canoe Club members now have a training programme ahead of them, ready for next season.

GAMES

RUGBY: FIRST FIFTEEN

Without doubt, this has been the best season the first team has had for some years and the results confirm this. The side has played attractive, attacking football which has been a great pleasure to watch, and we are grateful to the hard-core of parents and friends who have given their support on the touch-line.

The side has been fairly well balanced, both forwards and backs carrying their full share of responsibility. We have seen tries scored by forwards, centres, wings; in fact from most positions and situations. The biggest weakness was perhaps in the set pieces, where the forwards were not always able to get their full share of the ball, but real determination in the loose gave enough of it to bring victory except on the occasion of the one school defeat against Macclesfield.

Colours have been awarded to: K. L. McMurtrie (capt.), P. D. Hanson, A. J. McGlue, K. Herbert, D. S. Buckley, A. J. Wilkinson, M. E. Brooke, S. C. Harrold, R. Armstrong, G. S. Simpson, C. J. Oxford, G. Peart, M. J. H. Robinson, P. J. Allman, P. Dennis-Jones.

RESULTS

v. Cowley School. Home. Won. 17—9.

The team faced tough opposition in its first match on a dry, sunny day. Neither side could gain mastery and as the game went on it seemed that fitness would be the deciding factor. The School proved the stronger, and vigorous forward play and hard running by the backs brought the tries. The threequarter movement which put Hanson over in the corner is particularly memorable.

v. Stockport G.S. Home. Won. 17—9.

The promise shown in the previous game did not bear fruit and for most of the game the team played at half speed. There was no feeling of urgency, and it was only 10 minutes from the end when the side started to put on the pressure and play open, entertaining rugby which brought the tries.

v. Major Watkins' XV. Home. Lost. 0—6.

In this game the forwards were always on the defensive against a much heavier and more experienced pack. As a consequence the backs were denied a quick service until late in the second half, only to squander it by too much kicking. Hard straight running could well have made a hole in the opposition's defence.

v. King's School, Macclesfield. Away. Lost. 6—13.

The team started at a disadvantage with three players off due to injury but this was no excuse for the lack of power and thrust in the forwards who were surprisingly lethargic throughout the whole game. Macclesfield's backs attacked constantly during the first half but scored only one try, through their extremely fast winger, who again scored in the second half. The School scored a try and a penalty goal early in the second half but were thereafter seriously handicapped by injury to two of the backs.

v. King Edward's, Lytham. Away. Won. 14—3.

There is little to be said about this match except that the School should have scored more points. Our defence was very sound but the determination to score came only in the closing stages of the game. The Lytham left-wing looked dangerous on

occasions but a penalty gave the home team their only points.

v. Cheadle Hulme. Home. Won. 14—3.

This match was played in terrible conditions of rain, wind and mud which made handling extremely difficult and which kept down the score. In the first 10 minutes, while the ball was dry, the School ran in two tries, but as the ball picked up the mud, the game developed into a forward battle which the packs appeared to thoroughly enjoy, but which left the backs cold and wet onlookers.

v. Birkenhead School. Home. Won. 8—3.

Expecting a hard game, the team set a cracking pace right from the first whistle. Our opponents were of the same mind, and as a result a very close enjoyable game resulted. Time and time again both defences were stretched to the limit, the School eventually gaining a five point lead which they hung on to with grim determination. This match must rank as one of the best this season.

v. Old Hulmeians. Home. Lost. 3—15.

Hopes of victory were high this year but weight, experience and two dropped goals in the first 10 minutes soon sank these. The School were well beaten in the tight and the line and did not achieve the mastery expected in the loose. The forwards played well but were gradually worn down and spirits tended to flag as the game progressed.

v. Wallasey G.S. Away. Won. 14—11.

A very good five minutes in which the School scored a try was followed by a long period of apathy when the Wallasey forwards dictated the game. With 15 minutes to go the opposition was 11—3 up and then Harrold scored for the School, who then decided it was time to start playing with some spirit and they stormed away to a three point win, largely through Dennis-Jones who scored twice.

v. Manchester G.S. Away. Won. 24—3.

This was the highest scoring match of the season and the outcome was evident after the first 10 minutes. In spite of very muddy conditions the

backs handled extremely well and soon had the opposition's defence looking rather ragged.

v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby. Home. Won. 12—8.

As always this proved to be a very hard game, against a side that is always difficult to beat. After being 8—6 down in the second half, the School scored a try and Hanson added three more with a penalty goal.

v. Queen Elizabeth's, Wakefield. Away. Won. 14—5.

It is some years since the first team has beaten Wakefield but there was a feeling that it was our turn this year, and the team was very confident. The pitch was unusually large and had a gale force wind blowing down it. Playing against the

wind in the first half, the School held Wakefield to a five point lead at half time, and turned round in high spirits. Two penalties put us in the lead, then Peart scored a splendid drop-goal. An excellent try by McMurtrie ended the scoring to give us perhaps the most sought-after victory of the season.

Northern Schools Seven-a-Side.

The School did very well in this competition to reach the final. Most of the rounds up to the final were very hard going and with only 20 minutes between the last game and the final the side were very tired and conceded more points in that one game than in all the rest together, losing 19—0. The extra game the School had to play, and the 20 minutes less rest, took its toll.

SECOND FIFTEEN

The 2nd XV has had a poor season due to the number of serious injuries sustained by both teams. The side was rather young and inexperienced and the backs lacked penetration except for W. P. Cavanah, who created some good breaks only to die with the ball. Unfortunately during the recent bad weather two of the easier matches were cancelled and another two were played in atrocious conditions, which did not help to produce good rugby. The team played better towards the end of the season, winning three out of the last four games. The season ended with a good win by a weakened team against Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield.

RESULTS

v. Cowley School. Lost. 3—26.
v. Stockport G.S. Draw. 9—9.
v. King's School, Macclesfield. Lost. 3—18.
v. King Edward VII School, Lytham. Lost. 14—20.
v. Cheadle Hulme School. Cancelled.
v. Birkenhead School. Lost. 3—30.
v. Old Hulmeians. Lost. 5—9.
v. Wallasey G.S. Won. 3—0.
v. Manchester G.S. Won. 28—11.
v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby. Lost. 0—22.

v. H.M.S. Conway. Cancelled.
v. Queen Elizabeth's G.S., Wakefield. Won. 11—3.
v. Wilmslow G.S. Cancelled.

The following played: I. G. Cundey (capt.), M. Benson, P. D. Grundy, A. D. R. Dickson, J. J. McMullen, W. P. Cavanah, D. P. Gaskell, J. Standish, W. A. Veitch, I. J. Shaw, J. S. Rhodes, B. J. Edwards, J. McKay, D. G. Cowan, P. A. Houston, P. Mercer, S. G. Ogden, M. L. Ford, P. J. Allman, P. Dennis-Jones, M. E. Brooke, E. E. Broadhurst, C. Knott.

THIRD FIFTEEN

As usual after half term, a third team was formed, and this year there was a wealth of talent to be called upon from the House first teams. There was excellent team spirit and a real keenness for success, which seems to have dominated the third team over the past few years.

RESULTS

v. Old Hulmeians. Won. 12—3.
v. Manchester G.S. Lost. 0—5.
v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby. Won. 3—0.

The following were regular members of the team: J. F. Wilde, R. Entwistle, M. Ford, C. Knott, J. McMullen, G. Jones, J. Mayer, J. Rush-ton, N. Burnside, C. Lloyd, S. Marsden, F. Green, J. Standley, S. Burslem, R. Rack.

UNDER SIXTEEN FIFTEEN

After useful practices at the start of the season, the team gained in much needed spirit and confidence. This was reflected in the opening game against Denstone College, in which the School managed complete forward dominance and produced an impressive display. Against Lytham, the School played well, but were beaten by much heavier centres who handled the ball very skilfully.

The School held Birkenhead during the first half, through determined forward play, but were overcome by good handling and open rugby in the second. This was the pattern in many of the games throughout the season. Chetham's, as usual, were much older and heavier, and this proved to be decisive.

The forwards were well led by K. R. Astle, while the backs rarely got an opportunity to run with the ball. The forwards generally played well and were rarely subdued; their main fault was in a tendency to work individually rather than as a combined pack.

At fullback, I. D. Kettle caught and kicked the ball quite adequately and very occasionally showed a useful burst of speed.

RESULTS

v. Denstone College. Won. 21—0.	v. Leeds G.S. Lost. 3—9.
v. King's School, Macclesfield. Cancelled.	v. Wallasey G.S. Lost. 3—9.
v. King Edward VII School, Lytham. Lost. 3—16.	v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby. Lost. 0—25.
v. Cheadle Hulme School. Cancelled.	v. Chetham's Hospital School. Lost. 0—45.
v. Birkenhead School. Lost. 5—24.	v. H.M.S. Conway. Cancelled.

UNDER FIFTEEN FIFTEEN

The term began with a defeat by Cowley, 27—5, but this was an improvement on last year, and the team settled down to defeat such opposition as Stockport and Cheadle Hulme in very hard-fought matches, reversing last year's results.

The threequarter line was the strongest feature, particularly when Dean was brought up from full-back, enabling Fraser to move to scrum-half, where he played with great vigour and tenacity. Jones, the captain, was a useful link at fly-half, and his rapid and accurate pass was responsible for some of the more impressive back play.

The forwards were always an unknown quantity. At their best, they were as good as any, but they were capable of playing an undisciplined and lethargic game, such as that which resulted in the worst and most unnecessary defeat, 44—0 against a skilful but orthodox Birkenhead side. Even the example of Carey, the outstanding forward, whose defensive play was untiring and fearless, was not enough to prevent such a defeat.

Such occasions were fortunately rare, and on the final analysis the team played eleven matches and won all but four of them.

UNDER FOURTEEN FIFTEEN

On the face of it, not a very satisfactory season. But the feeling and enthusiasm developed for rugby has been very rewarding. The players had a good knowledge of orthodox play, but have tasted the delights of attractive, flexible, attacking rugby. G. G. Jameson at full back has been sound and courageous. A. H. Kay and J. E. Duncombe as wing threequarters have not been overworked; the former a good opportunist, the latter knowing exactly where the goal line is. D. Wong at centre has been spectacular, especially in his defensive play. D. A. Harrison at wing forward has played out of position but has certainly added some attractiveness to the forwards in the loose. R. H. Hallett

has improved as a scrum leader and has always been up with the play. N. S. Farr as striker (hooker) has been effective but needs more speed in the loose. P. J. Akers on his day, propping, has been quite a force. M. T. Broadhurst has been the most consistently fiery forward and an example to all. M. J. Naylor at 6ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. has become the line-out specialist. P. J. Grundy and S. G. Williams have made great progress as a half-back combination. P. Norfolk is a born full back but has played out of position to lead the side from inside centre.

The following boys also played: R. G. Taylor, H. Capon, R. W. Denson, I. D. M. Spicer.

RESULTS

v. Cowley School. Away. Lost. 6—38.	v. Cheadle Hulme School. Away. Won. 11—6.
v. Stockport G.S. Home. Won. 45—3.	v. Birkenhead School. Away. Lost. 0—46.
v. King's School, Macclesfield. Away. Lost. 0—40.	v. Leeds G.S. Away. Lost. 0—36.
v. King Edward VII School, Lytham. Home. Lost. 8—14.	v. Manchester G.S. Away. Won. 15—0.
	v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby. Away. Lost. 3—11.

UNDER THIRTEEN FIFTEEN

Except for the first match of the season, the forwards have been consistently good. Their domination of play in line-outs and rucks often gave the backs opportunity for open play which was too seldom seen. That only two games were won is a measure of the team's inexperience rather than any lack of ability.

The team was selected from: Hobday (capt.), Peat (vice-capt.), Crane, Bentley, Higgins, Kidner, Simpson, I'Anson, Nettleton, Howe, Plunkett, Lodge, Caldwell, Payton, Ingham, Flook, Rowe, Partington, Ollier.

RESULTS

v. Stockport G.S. Away. Lost 5—3.	v. Leeds G.S. Home. Lost. 0—8.
v. King's School, Macclesfield. Home. Lost. 9—21.	v. Manchester G.S. Won. 5—3.
v. King Edward VII G.S., Lytham. Home. Lost. 9—15.	v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby. Lost. 8—12.
v. Cheadle Hulme School. Home. Won. 13—6.	v. Wilmslow G.S. Cancelled.

HOUSE RUGBY

Excellent weather during the first half of the term enabled the House programme to get well under way. Some of the football has been first-class, especially at first-team level. Tackling and falling, however, are still weak, and much more attention to these basic skills is needed. The last three weeks of the term were very poor from the weather point of view and a number of games had to be cancelled. Whitworth, twenty points behind Byrom, were denied a last desperate attempt to catch up, as were Heywood and Dalton, who could have improved their position. Final positions were, Byrom 135, Whitworth 114, Heywood 108, Gaskell 86, Dalton 81 and Fraser 45.

The seven-a-side had to be postponed but was finally played in the sort of weather that has become usual for this competition, dull, and very wet underfoot. By far the majority of the 30 games played were very close, and the issue was in doubt right up to the final whistle. Final results: Dalton 38, Whitworth 36, Byrom 28, Heywood 25, Fraser 23 and Gaskell 6.

The Knock-outs, this year, produced some very close games, and as a result, very exciting ones. Extra time was needed in several of the games before a result was

achieved. The standard of play was, on the whole, good, but the reasons behind some of the tactics are very obscure. The best attacking player at full-back, seems to be a popular one.

RESULTS

1st Round.	Seniors	Byrom beat Gaskell	11—0
		Fraser beat Whitworth	11—0
	Juniors	Dalton beat Fraser	6—3
		Byrom beat Heywood	11—0
2nd Round.	Seniors	Dalton beat Fraser	8—0
		Byrom beat Heywood	30—3
	Juniors	Whitworth beat Dalton	20—6
		Byrom beat Gaskell	6—5
FINAL.	Seniors	Dalton beat Byrom	11—8
		Byrom beat Whitworth	6—3

SWIMMING

Swimming instruction has continued throughout the term and a gratifying number of boys have been taught to swim. Classes have been started with a view to taking the awards of the Royal Life Saving Society, but the response has so far been poor. It is to be hoped that a far greater number will come forward next year to attempt these very worthwhile examinations.

Personal Survival Awards made by the Amateur Swimming Association have made a greater appeal, and, to date, 34 successes at Bronze Medal standard have been registered, with another 20 at Silver and Gold standard still to be examined.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

The team's results this term have once again been good, although we have had several setbacks and atrocious luck.

In the opening match against Bolton School, D. J. Whaite gave a demonstration of supremacy by pulling away to win by 90 seconds. The team packed well to win 25—56.

For the next two matches, Whaite was injured, and in his absence, both races followed the same pattern, C. F. Cusick, P. S. Gage and A. W. Renshaw taking the early pace, with Cusick pulling away from Gage, and Renshaw falling back a little over the last mile. Against Stand G.S. away, we lost 40—39 after Phythian went off course, while against Birkenhead, we won 27—28 at home.

Cusick and Whaite led all the way against Derby School, Bury, and beating a Bury runner in the sprint in to take first and second respectively, and led the team to a healthy 31—52 win.

At Denstone we once again suffered the anguish of a one point defeat, 49—50. Whaite ran heroically in atrocious conditions of wind and mud which added three minutes to the times, and held off a late challenge to come first. Cusick and Gage came through well after a poor start to take third and fourth, while both R. A. Fox and Renshaw ran their best races of the season.

The final farcical episode, however, occurred at Cheadle Hulme School. After three miles, the whole team was in front of Cheadle's first counter, and proceeded to run off course. Whaite and Cusick who were well clear, did an extra three mile tour of Handforth to finish last. Cheadle Hulme sportingly gave us the match, and the result stands as a 15—50 victory.

The team, although lacking the strength in depth shown last year, should do well next term. Renshaw, Phythian, Gabbay, Bremner, Koffman and Fox could help to make

a really strong team if they train, but one cannot help worrying about what will happen to the team next year, when we are likely to lose at least six runners. There is an urgent need for new young runners to uphold the high reputation built up over the past few years.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The Club has had an active and most enjoyable season with a capacity membership, large attendances and a steadily improving standard of play. In September, a "ladder", ingeniously devised by H. Daubney, was introduced to enable members to compare their performances; this has resulted in considerable keenness; the first four places being held by C. L. Wood, D. H. Bottomley, J. C. Pegg and H. C. Potter. Towards the end of Term, an Inter-House Knock-Out Tournament was held. In the 1st Round, Dalton defeated Heywood 4—1, and Gaskell defeated Whitworth 5—0, Fraser and Byrom drew byes. In the 2nd Round, Dalton defeated Fraser 5—0 and Gaskell defeated Byrom 3—2 in a close fought match. In a spirited Final, Dalton defeated Gaskell by winning four matches to one.

At the time of going to press, we are about half way through our number of matches in the Manchester Schools Table Tennis League. The Club has suffered defeats at the hands of the more experienced teams of the Xavierian College, Central Grammar School and Burnage Grammar School; we have won our matches with Plant Hill Comprehensive School and Chorlton Grammar School. The following members have played in the 1st Team: D. H. Bottomley (capt.), G. Todd, J. C. Pegg, C. L. Wood, H. C. Potter, J. G. Mayer, A. D. Crew, R. J. Finnigan and C. R. Moxham. The 2nd Team won their match with Manchester Central Grammar School, members of the team being: R. J. Finnigan (capt.), J. S. McQuinn, C. R. Moxham, M. L. Derlien and M. R. Cummins.

Honorary Secretary for two years and Captain of the Club, D. H. Bottomley, leaves School this year; his untiring efforts on our behalf and his enthusiasm has been largely responsible for the thriving state in which the Club finds itself today; we shall miss his genial personality and wish him every success in his future career. At its Meeting on the 14th December, the Committee elected G. Todd, as its new Captain, D. L. Wood as Honorary Secretary, and R. J. Finnigan as Honorary Assistant Secretary, H. Daubney was re-elected as the Honorary Treasurer. We take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Taylor for her kindness in providing teas on match days, and Mr. Renny for his support and encouragement. The Club will open again on the 8th January, 1967, when we shall look forward to another good session.

THE BADMINTON CLUB

At the beginning of the season there was a considerable increase in the membership of the Club. J. G. Mayer who was re-elected captain and R. J. M. Ashton who was elected Secretary then set about the job of giving the new players sufficient match practice. The new members showed considerable enthusiasm for the game, and seem to have responded well, and it is hoped that they will gather the necessary experience from this season's matches to develop the skill and technique to become good players.

So far this season only a few matches have been played owing to postponements. The team has usually consisted of: J. G. Mayer and R. J. M. Ashton, P. Mercer and J. D. Tonks, D. H. Bottomley and D. J. Bremner; P. R. Sheppard and J. R. A. Rushton have also played. In addition, we would like to extend a note of thanks to D. H. Bottomley, who is leaving at the end of the term, and we wish him every success for the future.

Finally, our thanks go to Mr. Ogden for his support and to Mrs. Taylor who so kindly provided the tea on match days.

J.G.M.

HOUSE LETTERS

BYROM

The following appointments were made at the beginning of term: Head of House: R. Entwistle; Deputy Head of House: A. D. R. Dickson; House Prefects: D. S. Buckley, J. R. A. Rushton, D. A. Reeves, J. G. Mayer, H. Daubney, F. A. Green, I. M. K. Lowe, R. S. Dale, M. L. Ford.

After last year's successful Michaelmas term, we hoped to add still more trophies to our stand. The House was very well represented on every School team, yet, despite this usually devastating handicap to the House League teams, we comfortably topped the House League. This was due to a whole-hearted enthusiasm which characterised all aspects of the House, both on and off the games field. The House 1st Team was led by J. R. A. Rushton through an undefeated season, despite many losses of good players to School teams. For this unbeaten season, praise should go to every member of the team, but especially to J. G. Mayer who contributed so much to every victory. However, not all the glory should go to the 1st Team, when to win the House League needs good Junior teams as well as good Senior teams; J. E. Dunleavy and N. J. R. Bell being the mainstays of the Junior teams. Good, fast hard rugby was a feature of every team, and these ideals were also uppermost in the Knock-Out Competition.

With so many School team players, the Knock-Out teams were strong, able sides, especially the Seniors. The Juniors, extremely well led by G. Jones, having overcome a mediocre Heywood side 11—0 by strong forward play, S. E. Tebbett and J. E. Dunleavy being prominent, had a titanic struggle with Gaskell, managing to hold on to a slender 6—5 lead. The final ran to extra-time in an exciting game, with the Byrom players showing the better understanding between forwards and backs and deservedly beating Whitworth 9—6. The Seniors, under the captaincy of A. D. R. Dickson, were strongly fancied for the competition. We reached the final by beating Gaskell 11—0 and Heywood 30—3, a game in which D. S. Buckley ran riot, scoring four tries in all. The final was played against a strong Dalton side, but the game did not materialise into the hard fast game that was expected. The result was 11—8 in Dalton's favour, their try being scored in injury time.

The Seven-a-side Competition was not as successful for the House as was hoped, mainly because many teams were badly hit by injuries to key players, and we were fortunate in finishing in third place, with only the 2nd team winning its particular group.

The Byrom Junior Common Room is now in its second year, and judging by the absence of visible signs of wear in the room, the system appears to be working perfectly. There are rumours that other Houses are going to take example from Byrom, and form Junior Common Rooms of their own. Byrom first again!

With the successes on the rugby field over, we are now turning our talents to the field of amateur dramatics, and the House Play is well under way. Under the auspices of R. S. Dale and I. M. K. Lowe, we feel that the House will do better in this field than in previous years.

The following have represented the School at rugby: 1st XV: D. S. Buckley, D. G. Cowan, A. D. R. Dickson, P. Dennis-Jones, D. A. Reeves, G. S. Simpson. 2nd XV: M. L. Ford, C. Knott, J. S. Rhodes. 3rd XV: R. Entwistle, F. A. Green, J. G. Mayer, J. R. A. Rushton, M. P. Reddin. U.16 XV: M. T. A. Ashmore, T. J. Beasant, I. W. K.

Dyson, J. A. Wheatley. U.15 XV: G. Jones (capt.), S. E. Tebbett. U.14 XV: P. J. Akers, R. G. Taylor, P. Norfolk.

Senior House Colours have been awarded to: M. T. A. Ashmore, T. J. Beasant, D. S. Buckley, D. G. Cowan, P. Dennis-Jones, I. W. K. Dyson, R. Entwistle, M. L. Ford, F. A. Green, C. Knott, J. G. Mayer, M. P. Reddin, D. A. Reeves, J. S. Rhodes, G. S. Simpson, J. A. Wheatley.

Junior House Colours have been awarded to: P. J. Akers, C. A. Ball, N. I. R. Bell, R. A. Cowan, J. E. Dunleavy, S. K. Garner, G. Jones, S. J. Hampson, M. D. Moore, M. J. Naylor, P. Norfolk, C. R. Randles, M. G. Shepherd, R. G. Taylor, S. E. Tebbett, J. M. Throup, R. Waddington.

DALTON

At the beginning of term the following were either made or re-elected House Prefects: P. J. Allman, A. J. Burnside, K. S. Clare, C. F. Cusick, K. Herbert, N. C. Jordan, J. J. McMullen, S. R. Marsden, I. Price and A. J. Wilkinson.

On the rugby field it was a very successful term for the House, the seniors winning the Knock-outs, and the whole House participating in the victory in the Seven-a-side competition. A good spirit was also shown on all the House teams; very few people were absent without excuse and generally the House Prefect in charge of the teams was well supported by everyone. Despite this co-operation, however, the House could only manage to finish fourth in the House League. The strength of the House, especially in the seniors, was made evident however in the Knock-outs. The Juniors had a strong team but it was very unevenly balanced, with most of the strength in the forwards. By keeping the ball in the forwards against Fraser they won by a narrow margin, but they failed to gain control against Whitworth in the semi-final, and were decisively beaten. The Seniors, however, had a much better balanced team. In the semi-final against Fraser, the forwards played indifferently and we were lucky to emerge winners by a penalty goal and a converted penalty try, to nil. In the final against the highly-fancied Byrom, however, the forwards played magnificently which meant that the backs were attacking for a great deal of the match, but they found it difficult to beat a good defence. The match was therefore rather mediocre but we were glad to be leading 11—8 when the final whistle was blown. A very pleasing aspect of the afternoon was the excellent support the team received from the rest of the House, especially the Juniors, which gave every player great encouragement. The end of term was marked by the overall victory of the House in the Seven-a-side Competition. We had six strong teams and the winning points came from the sixth team, who won their group, the second team, who were runners-up and the first team, who drew with Fraser in a very exciting final which went on into extra-time and almost total darkness! The House has been fortunate enough to have the following representatives from School teams:

1st XV: P. J. Allman, N. Brooke, P. D. Hanson, K. Herbert, C. J. Oxford, A. J. Wilkinson. 2nd XV: J. J. McMullen, W. A. Veitch. 3rd XV: N. J. Burnside, C. Lloyd, S. R. Marsden, J. Standley. U.16 XV: K. Astle. U.15 XV: K. Foster, C. Peace, R. W. Standley. U.14 XV: R. Hallet, L. Pimblett.

The prospects for further success for the House this term are good. There are only two members missing from the Senior team that reached the final of the Lacrosse Knock-outs last year and there is only one missing of the cast who did so well to win the House Drama Competition last year, so hopes of success again are high. Finally, a word

about the new Table Tennis Knock-outs. At the time of writing this report, the House team of Wood, R. Finnigan and J. S. McQuin had reached the final by beating Heywood and Byrom, and we wish them the best of luck against Gaskell. P.D.H.

FRASER

At the beginning of the term K. L. McMurtrie was appointed Head of School and also Head of House. M. Crosby was appointed Deputy Head of House and must be thanked for taking over such a large proportion of the House business, and congratulated on his promotion to School Prefect. Only two of last year's House Prefects, D. H. Assar and H. Graves, remained but they were soon joined by C. A. Barclay, R. J. Collings, I. Catling, J. C. Millett, M. J. H. Robinson, R. A. Fox, W. P. Cavanah, P. J. Jandera, P. Mercer, R. W. Penny and D. J. Whaite.

After an unsensational but steady start to the rugby term, the House results have been disappointing. The House 1st XV soon lost its two best players who went to the School 2nd XV. The team seemed to lose heart and for the most part laughed its way to defeat after defeat. In the Knock-outs, however, the House forwards, reinforced by only one second teamer from the School ranks, put their backs into the job and held packs which had expected an easy game. We defeated Whitworth comfortably in the first round, and came across the eventual winners in the semi-finals. The team faced Dalton without its captain, kept on the touch line by a knee injury, and P. Cavanah took over the captaincy. The Juniors lost to Dalton in the first round. In the Seven-a-sides the 1st and 5th teams reached the finals but we could only manage fifth position in the final placings.

We are looking forward to the Lacrosse term now, however, and hope that we shall improve on this term's performance in the House League particularly. The ability is present in the House and a little spirit on the games field would, I am sure, make a great deal of difference in the results. The House play will also be staged in the Lent term and we wish every success to M. Benson and D. J. Fletcher, who are organising the production and to all those involved.

Many members of the House have played for School teams: 1st XV: K. L. McMurtrie (capt.), M. J. H. Robinson, P. Cavanah. 2nd XV: P. Cavanah, P. Mercer, M. Benson. U.16 XV: P. R. Day, B. Norman. U.15 XV: P. A. Cary, M. Saleh, E. D. Fraser, D. J. Clarke. U.14 XV: D. Wong. Cross-country: D. J. Whaite, R. A. Fox, M. J. Payne. Badminton: P. Mercer.

Two members of the House have managed to gain promotion in the Stage Staff: G. McKee has been appointed Assistant Stage Manager and P. J. Jandera Chief Electrician.

House Colours have been awarded: Senior to D. J. Fletcher, Junior to S. M. Harben and D. J. Phillips.

GASKELL

We congratulate J. N. S. Hancock on being appointed a School Prefect and the following boys on being appointed House Prefects: R. J. Ashton, P. E. Beverley, K. Burrell, D. P. Gaskell, A. Koffman.

The House 1st Rugby Team had a fairly successful season but unfortunately the other three House teams did not offer much support. We finished fourth in the League.

In the Knock-out we had a hard well-fought game with Byrom in the first round, losing by 11—0.

In the newly instituted House Table Tennis Knock-out we made a good showing, falling to Dalton in the Final.

Off the games field the House was fully represented academically by I. G. Cundey and T. M. Grimshaw who have obtained places at Cambridge University. As usual the House provided many of the leading members in the School Societies.

Our only representative in the School Play this year is P. E. Beverley whom we congratulate on his appointment as Stage Manager. The House, with T. M. Grimshaw as Producer, intends to perform *The Dice* by Forbes Bramble this year. We wish them every success and hope they will improve on last year's sixth position.

The House has taken a leading part in the administration of the Sixth-Form Centre this year with T. M. Grimshaw and R. W. Maskell occupying the respective positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

The following played for School teams:

1st XV: R. Armstrong, D. Gaskell. 2nd XV: I. G. Cundey (capt.), P. D. Grundy, P. A. Houston. 3rd XV: R. J. Fitzgerald, D. Tonks. U.15 XV: G. H. Hunt, C. R. Cheetham, D. G. Royle. U.14 XV: J. E. Duncombe, P. J. Grundy, D. A. Harrison, G. G. Jameson. A. D. Koffman ran for the School Cross-Country team. Table Tennis: D. H. Bottomley (capt.), J. C. Pegg, C. R. Moxham. Badminton: J. Ashton (Sec.), D. H. Bottomley, J. D. Tonks, P. R. Sheppard.

HEYWOOD

We would like to congratulate the following boys on their appointments: J. F. Wilde, Head of House and School Prefect; S. C. Harrold and J. McKay, Deputy Heads of House and School Prefects; H. C. Potter, A. S. Parkes, A. D. Crewe, N. C. Heckford, N. D. Kenyon, G. J. Todd, M. R. Cavanagh, J. A. Gabbay, on becoming House Prefects.

This term we were unfortunately unable to retain the House Rugby Trophy, which we won so convincingly last year. We came a very close third, however, and whilst congratulating the second team, under the captaincy of D. J. Blezard, for going throughout the whole season, unbeaten, with some very fine victories, it must be stressed that the third and fourth teams let the seniors down, in what might have been a victorious season for the House. On the first team, H. C. Potter was an integral part of its successes, and it must be said that the team's two defeats were sustained in his absence, and G. H. Jones scored almost half the total number of points. It would be unfair to single out members of the second team for particular praise, as they played as a team, and a good team at that! The third and fourth teams could only manage a handful of victories between them and it is hoped that they will be able to win more points for the House in the coming Lacrosse season.

In the Knock-outs, the Juniors, under the able captaincy of D. V. Roberts, were unlucky to be drawn, in the first round, against a strong Byrom side, who eventually went on to win the trophy. The wet conditions were unfavourable and the half-back pairing of J. H. Handley and S. G. Williams was not strong enough to ensure victory for the House, finally going down 11—0.

The Seniors, reaching the semi-finals, through a bye, also came up against a very strong Byrom side and we lost 30—3. The only memorable fact to arise from this game, was the three points which G. Peart scored from a penalty, thus scoring the first points for the Senior Rugby Team for three years.

In the Seven-a-sides, we had only one winning team, the fourths, under the captaincy of D. V. Roberts, and one team who reached the final, the thirds, under the captaincy of N. C. Heckford. The fourths were a great blend of speed and skill and their games became progressively easier until they hammered a poor Gaskell side in the Final. The thirds, however, although they ran and tackled hard, lacked the basic initiative to switch the play, and consequently lost to a Whitworth side which was fundamentally no better.

Although the House has been unlucky not to win a major trophy on the rugby field, there have been members of the House who have done well on the academic side. We would like to congratulate R. C. Back on winning a scholarship to Cranwell.

S. P. Pope has been elected Secretary of the Chess Society and N. D. Kenyon, who is captain of House Shooting, was also appointed captain of School Shooting. The following boys have represented the School: 1st XV: S. C. Harrold, G. Peart. 2nd XV: J. McKay, J. F. Wilde. 3rd XV: J. F. Wilde (capt.), H. C. Potter, G. F. Jones, R. C. Back, S. J. Burslem, K. E. Noble. U.16 XV: G. Reading, L. P. Kynaston, P. F. Atkinson, D. J. Russell. U.15 XV: W. P. Boustead, D. V. Roberts, N. W. Bennett. U.14 XV: N. S. Farr, S. G. Williams, M. T. Broadhurst. Cross-Country Running Team: J. A. Gabbay, A. W. Renshaw.

This term sees, once more, the House Play Competition and J. McKay is once again the producer. After last year's brilliant effort, when we finished in second place, this year should see us winning the trophy, which has, in previous years, been regarded as our own property. Good luck!

J.F.W.

WHITWORTH

The beginning of the term saw the following appointments: M. Sykes to Head of House, S. G. Ogden to School Prefect and Captain of House Games; J. L. Brennan, D. J. Bremner, J. Castleberg, D. B. Cunningham, R. Gee, A. J. McGlue, A. C. Mitchell, C. J. Reid and P. Willan to House Prefects; P. S. Gage to Captain of House Cross-Country Running, P. N. Ogden to Captain of House Swimming. We congratulate them and wish them success in their appointments.

The main object of 'Furor' this term has been Inter-House Rugby. In the House League it appears, at the time of writing, that we finish in second place. The most encouraging aspect of this result is to be found in the details of team performances. The First team, persevering yet lacking in talent, managed to win only two of their matches. The second team won four of their seven, the third five, and the fourth team remain unbeaten. One may therefore expect an improvement next season as the younger teams compete for more valuable points. There were many good individual performances but the success of the Junior teams was essentially the result of good teamwork and consistent play throughout the term.

In the Knock-outs, it was again the Juniors who gave us our highest hopes. Having drawn a bye in the first round, they defeated Dalton 21—6 in the second and went on to meet Byrom in the Final. An exciting, well-balanced match finished in a 6—3 victory for

Byrom after extra time, A. P. Taylor scoring our try with a superb break through their line. Unfortunately the Seniors did not do quite so well. In their First-round match with Fraser they were defeated 9—0.

The Seven-a-Sides provided us with our third near-miss of the season. We were placed second, both the third and fifth teams winning their respective groups.

In School games we have been well represented by the following— 1st XV: S. G. Ogden, A. J. McGlue. 2nd XV: A. C. George, B. J. Edwards, I. J. Shaw, D. Hallworth, D. J. Bremner, E. E. Broadhurst. U.16 XV: R. D. M. Lind (capt.), I. D. Kettle, K. E. M. Robson, Hockaday. U.15 XV: A. Dean, A. P. Taylor, D. Swain, Wheeler. U.14 XV: Capon, Spicer, Tossell, Kay, Young. Cross-Country Teams: G. P. Phythian, P. S. Gage, D. J. Bremner.

Off the games field, D. B. Cunningham and A. C. Mitchell both took leading roles in the School Play, and the School Choir has felt the impact of 'Furor W.' (Sub-Section Vocal) especially in the Tenors.

Looking to next term, one of the major events will be the return of the Strolling Players under the direction of Brennan and Sykes. We wish them every success in their attempt to claim the 'Oscar' for Whitworth.

CORRESPONDENCE

Editor of the *Hulmeian*,
William Hulme's Grammar School,
Manchester.

Dear Sir,

I have just finished reading the September issue of your magazine, *The Hulmeian*, and feel compelled to write and ask, did the School do anything wrong last year? If so, why does it not appear in the pages of the *Hulmeian* for everyone to see? Must the defeats of the under sixteen fifteen be shrouded in a veil of secrecy? Why not let the world know their true merits?

This is only one example, but it characterises the "Well done, pat on the back" attitude of the *Hulmeian*, and indeed many other school magazines. After reading the *Hulmeian*, I always feel as though I have only read the introduction and that the best is still to come. The formal layout and long lists of achievements, and the formal style in which it is written, lend to it the impression of the credits before a Big Feature Film. Even the original contributions appear out of text, misplaced, and so bogged down with formalities that they give the impression of a policeman reading from his note book in a courtroom.

Admittedly the magazine is slowly coming out of its shell and has changed quite considerably during my time at the School. The cover has changed from a rather dull, formal, cream background with a blue School crest placed centrally, to a "Hip", off-white background, with simplified maroon graphics, placed off centre. Inside, the *Hulmeian* has changed as well. As a first-former, I remember the *Hulmeian* as being similar both in layout and content to Obituaries in *The Times*. Now the size of the type has been considerably increased, and the column is across the whole page instead of in double form as it used to be. However, the content and style of the magazine remain much as, I suspect, it has done for the past 25 years or more.

We acknowledge the *Hulmeian's* determined effort to keep up with the times and take advantage of even the latest of modern methods and media. Photography for instance. This term's issue included two photographs of the School's new facilities, the swimming pool and the Hulme cottages. Could photographs appear more regularly in the pages of the magazine instead of just a beginning of term bonus?

Photographs and layout alone are not enough. They must be backed up by interesting, readable articles on the various activities, notes and news items. Wading through 20 or so essays on the various School activities, essays all phrased and set out more or less the same, all 'extending our sincere thanks' to nearly everyone in the School, and all completely lacking in imagination or originality can hardly be termed interesting reading.

Of course we acknowledge the difficulties and limitations under which the *Hulmeian* must operate. It is expected to provide news, items of interest and gossip for people connected with the School and its activities. Also it provides a record of the successes and achievements of the past and a forward look to give notice of forthcoming events. But its critics maintain that as well as this it ought to provide comment, honest opinions and viewpoints and still remain interesting for the various people who read it.

I remain, sir

Yours truly,

P. D. Grundy, 5B.

(The magazine is willing, and indeed eager, to publish photographs or pen-and-ink drawings; also any articles about any aspect of School life; also 'comment, honest opinions and viewpoints'. Anyone who shares the views of the correspondent is earnestly requested to submit contributions for consideration—Editor.)

SIXTY YEARS AGO

Impressions of the School by an Old Hulmeian of years 1905 to 1909.

We wore blue cloth caps, with gold coloured piping. The badge was a metal shield with a lion's head in red. Blue caps with gold braid and tassel were given to the first team Lacrosse, and blue velvet caps with no peak, close fitting with a badge of white and the red lion to the first team football. The Lacrosse caps were too ornate for School wear, but the first team footballers used to wear the very effective velvet caps all the time, and very comfortable they were.

Soccer was played then because it was the popular game all over the country. There were few public schools playing rugby at that time.

We had a very good cricket team. An old southern county player named Wheeler was coach and groundsman, and he was a fine coach. I remember playing against Ernest Tyldesley, then at Salford Technical School. He was a very accomplished player even as a boy. The annual Parents' Match was quite an occasion, with Mr. Barber and several masters helping the parents. Alec Watson of Lancashire County used to bowl us out with 'slows' that broke prodigiously.

Our Old Hulmeians' Lacrosse team were famous before the First World War and won the "Flags" on many occasions.

For Drill, we had Sergeant-Major Quick, a strict disciplinarian with the stentorian voice one associates with Sergeant-Majors, but fortunately without the usual accompanying invective.

Our Headmaster who had been in charge since the opening in 1887 was Doctor Joseph Hall, a brilliant scholar and teacher who enforced strict discipline in class, but was a most kindly and understanding man. After his daily lunch of a sandwich and milk, he would repair to the School field each day, unless it was raining very heavily. At that time, the portion of the field fronting Springbridge Road for about 75 yards back was about three feet above the level of most of the field. In the left-hand bottom corner the level was below that of the rest of the field. Each day Dr. Hall would get his spade, fill his barrow, and, clad in silk hat, frock coat and rubber boots, would trundle several barrow-loads of earth to help fill this depression from the elevated position. It was a unique sight but the good doctor never lost his dignity, nor the esteem in which he was always held by boys and masters.

The recognised method of punishment in those days was the cane, with detention for minor offences, but I remember that if I missed being caned at least twice a week my parents seemed rather apprehensive that I was sickening for some illness.

In 1905 there were fields on all sides of the one building. There was no canteen, no dining-room, no science-block, no gymnasium. There were no camping or continental trips during the holidays, no societies, none of the amenities that now exist. There were less than half the number of boys at the School then than there are today, but there is no doubt whatever that the boys privileged to receive their education from the masters of that time realise how much they owe to them and have kept them in affectionate memory all their lives.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

THREE ANIMALS

I The Cat

In the dim twilight,
With eyes wide open,
He stared at his prey.
Then, back arched, his stealthy movements made my back shiver.
Crouched down, ready to spring,
The cat looked for a moment,
Suspiciously.
Then he jumped,
And came back with his prey in his jaws,
Wriggling.

D. R. GAMBLE (2B).

II The Squirrel

Out of the hole, up the tree;
nimble.
The sleek grey fur vanishes, and re-appears.
Along the branch, a jump, the tree
vibrates.
Then chattering on hind legs, and

twisting, twirling around the trunk,
As quickly as it came it disappears,
into the hole, in a flash.

T. P. LODGE (2B).

III The Lizard

The sun poured down;
The white-washed walls gleamed in the midday sun.
Lizard!
Evil eyed;
Crawling, slowly along the wall;
Forked tongue flickering like a lightning flash.
Silently, he surveyed everything;
Like a prince.
I reached out to touch him;
But, he was gone;
Earth-green, like the withered grass of summer;
He came;
And went.

N. BYRNE (2B).

REVULSION

A terrible dread,
An uneasy feeling
The still,
dead, body in the sand
Twisted and silent.
It mysteriously attracts you,
That stinking carcass,
Foul.
Hair matted with blood.
A gaping wound,
reveals shining membranes
with streaks of red and a fungus growth.
The beak, cold; penetrating eyes
stare into eternity.
Something slimy is smeared by the wound.
A thin white liquid is about the mouth.
The body moved.
Such a terrible thing alive, a hideous thought,
It was but a maggot in the soft, bloated, stomach.
You look away,
and Death whispers in your ear.

A. CROMPTON (4Y).

ASTONISHMENT

It rained today. It rained yesterday, too. I know it rained because I could hear the drops on the ground outside. Outside. I wonder if there's a garden outside, with a lawn, and flowers. I think there is. You can tell if the rain falls on petals if you listen carefully. I think it was sunny the day before yesterday, I'm not sure. We had porridge for breakfast this morning, with lots of milk, and sugar. Good for you, milk. And sugar. A fly climbed round the door today, after breakfast. I know it was after breakfast because we had porridge for breakfast, with lots of milk, and sugar, and I felt full. Right round the door it climbed. I remember once when I was little, the boy next door hit me on the head with a tin bucket and made me bleed. I hit him back: but I still bled, it didn't make any difference. We had a garden at home, with a lawn, and flowers. It was nice. In summer. In winter all the flowers died. We used to get a lot of rain in winter. It rained today. And yesterday. The boy next door was called Roger. He had a train set but I had a bicycle. A red one. With a saddle bag. And gears. I used to ride it in the garden. We had flowers in the garden. In summer. My bedroom was nice. It had green curtains and white walls. This room's nice. But the walls are very soft.

S. C. HARROLD (U6M).

THE ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

No, that should be an A sharp,
And what about your D?
The cymbals, flute, bassoon, and harp
Should be at figure three.
And, though I'm beating common time,
The bass is fourteen bars behind.

First violin has lost a string,
The second has no bow
And whatshisname can't find the thing
To make his tuba blow;
Third clarinet has no spare reed,
And cello's badly out of tune.

Now let's all start at letter B
And watch my bâton, please.
And don't forget the ppp
On those repeated Cs.
A down-bow please, and lots of noise,
But look out for the change of key.

Oh, trumpet, you must use your mute;
You held that note too long.
You are in canon with the flute
Though he was playing wrong.
Oboe's in canon with you too,
But he went home a while ago.

Yes, that was fine, except that you
Forgot the first repeat.
I'll try to give you your next cue,
But come in on the beat . . .
And now, I think it's getting late,
So hand in all your copies please.

J. R. BANKS (6ML).

RECORDS

Time stretched out like the spokes of a wheel.
Back,
Forward,
Out.
From when Man moved
To when the last one died.

Here,
Mile on mile
Of records
Told the stories of men,
Good, Bad, Indifferent,
Young and old,
Big and small,
Thin and fat.
Everyone was recorded here,

Time had no meaning,
Lights buzzed,
Every millionth of a second
Births, Deaths were recorded.
Stamped out.
And pushed away.
To be forgotten?
Perhaps.

Some are, but others are remembered,
Men are almost still alive
When their deaths are recorded.
Even the employees are afraid to look,
To see their own name on a card.
This mass of machinery records every part
Of
Life.

C. A. INGHAM (3A).

HAIKU by 2A

(The Japanese Haiku is a short three-line poem which, because of its shortness, cannot afford a lot of detail; what detail there is has to be significant and important to the description. In the original Japanese, Haiku do not rhyme and are usually seventeen-syllable poems, the syllables being arranged five, seven, five on the three lines: obviously these poems do not conform to this description but the aim and the spirit of Haiku are there.)

LIFE

The naked mermaid,
Beautiful and vain . . .
The old hag, ugly and lame.

A. B. FOYNE.

Splashing softly on the ledge
Only to return:
The rain.

A. HOBDAV.

SONG

On an apple tree
Singing, singing so prettily,
A nightingale rests.

A. B. FOYNE.

The swirling snow
Covering all the barren land;
No progress.

A. HOBDAV.

A wood, dark and lonely.
A bird calling:
No answer.

L. C. I'ANSON.

One grain from a whole bag of salt—
That's all our world is
In the Milky Way.

P. WOODWARD.

Palm-fringed beaches
Rising out of the sea;
Hump-backed, an island.

R. JEFFREYS.

A round green pea,
With a streak of black:
That is the world today.

J. C. PEAT.

The willow tree
Bows to the stream:
Paying homage.

D. B. ANDREWS.

A caterpillar worms his way along a branch
Like the mercury of a thermometer
Creeping with slow constancy.

J. ROWE.

FLOWER

I grow from the sun,
I bloom from the sun,
I wither . . . from the sun.

J. HOWE.

TEST PILOT
For me up here,
For them down there—
Suspense.

N. D. GODDARD.

The writhing flames
Seeking to escape
The enchantment of the fire.

A. HOBDAV.

The sun from the west,
The rain from the east;
They find a rainbow.

J. S. DALBY.

I go to Heaven,
You go to Hell:
Was it all that different?

J. S. DALBY.

TREES

In summer are bushy towers, shining in splendour,
In winter, are skeletons,
Waving thin arms.

P. M. W. NIAS.

REVOLUTION

At eight o'clock it was decided,
By twelve o'clock it was concluded,
At eight o'clock it was circulated,
At twelve o'clock it was planned.

At eight o'clock it all began,
An armoured onion lorry and
A vintage Skoda command car,
Left the farmyard on paraffin.

At twelve o'clock he made a speech,
At one o'clock he was president,
At two o'clock he appointed generals,
At three o'clock he started marching.

At four o'clock he took the radio,
At five o'clock the local airport,
At six o'clock he reached the town,
At seven o'clock the town hall.

At eight o'clock he announced,
To all the oppressed millions,
His success in a bloodless coup,
At eight o'clock he was warned.

At nine o'clock he was bombed,
At nine he appealed for help,
The Americans had a pact,
The British had a crisis,
The French couldn't care less.

At ten he was shelled,
At eleven he was attacked.
At twelve the streets ran blood,
And the town was gone.

At two he was captured,
At four he was condemned,
At eight he was shot,
At twelve they announced,
A further victory against capitalism.

C. M. SWINDLEY (5Y).

"DEATH" DURING LIFE

The cripple limps,
As he looks
For "dimps",

In the dirty gutter
He is heard
To utter

A spluttering cough.
His life is rough;
Living on
A miserable sum;
Not enough for
A tot of rum!
He limps around
On his broken leg,
To see what
He can steal
Or beg.
He's a dirty old coat,
And well-worn shoes,
Which take
Their rest
In one of the "loos"!
He
Does not live!
People do not give

To a man;
But to a "thing"!
A being—
No more can
This man live.
He just exists.
He is like
A Zombie—
"The living dead."
As,
For the last time,
He lights a "fag",
As in
The Street
He lies.
Slowly,
He dies.

N. J. BURNSIDE (5B).

A CARNIVAL

The black sky was turned to flame with a thousand dancing torches, and the hot, thick air was lanced with flashes from a sea of sequins, and coloured by the spectrum of costumes and feathers. The crates of cheap liquor were nearly empty now, and dozens of nearly-empty bottles lay smashed in the gutter in a mud of confetti and ribbon. The pulsing drumbeat was now beginning to lose its rhythm as the drummers staggered and giggled to themselves. A gang of painted, drunken youths were pushing against one of the great silvery floats, and seconds later came a crash and a hysterical squeal of laughter as it bulldozed into a shop window and was ripped open by the glass. Another hideous mask threw a torch on the wreckage and it burnt like a large sheet of paper.

Other small gangs formed and went hunting each other, and bloody fights with broken bottles started in the side alleys. Farther along, a semicircle of drunken, jeering youths and girls were ridiculing an old man in a nightshirt, who was shouting at them from a bedroom window. After some minutes, one of them flung a torch at him, and they screamed with laughter as he fell back from it. Then some picked up bottles and began to hurl them through ground-floor windows.

The streets were filled with yelling crimson and gold figures, all insane with drink; some dancing and staggering, others sprawling in the gutter, giggling, others beating on the discarded drums and singing ludicrous songs. Time after time a hysterical girl would blunder through the milling crowd, pursued by a wild-eyed, laughing youth. Some of the crowd fainted with exhaustion and drunkenness, only to be walked upon by the blind crowds. More fights broke out, and some of the jagged, broken bottles were rinsed with blood. Still the air was filled with screams of laughter and the discordant banging of drums. Inevitably, the wine-store was found and torn apart. The senseless, painted devils staggered through the streets waving bottles of whisky, champagne and cognac.

By this time, all the beautiful, delicate floats had been fired, along with a parked car and some furniture dragged from a looted shop. The procession formed into circles

of glassy-eyed, chanting figures, lolling around the blazes. Gradually the drums petered out, and the people began to sink slowly to the ground, giggling feebly. Then the air was again filled, this time with the mumbling and snoring of the crowds prostrate around the crackling fires, and the crying of the wounded. The Carnival was over.

D. ROYLE (5Y).

BIRDS

The hawk with keen and searching eye
Hangs waiting on the quiet air
And marks his quarry far below—
The squeaking mouse, the fleeing hare.
The owl glides down upon the farm,
Flits like a ghost from barn to stall,
Hunting the silent, moonlit yard,
The rustling stack, the crumbling wall.
The sombre rooks, their peace disturbed,
On ragged wings with raucous cries,
Like scraps of paper charred and torn,
Tumble about the sullen skies.
The stormy-petrel skims the waves,
Wild as the winter weather he,
Spirit of wind and water born,
To travel the restless, surging sea.
These brave birds fly the world around,
And now these birds we all but ban,
We are their greatest enemy,
We are, of course, . . . merciful man.

S. NETTLETON (2C).

SONG

. . . Softly descends into the darkness of the Heart,
And the shadows that were sung of long ago
Glimmer over the purple sea.
And the walls of the Sanctuary ring with the
Strident confrontations of gods.

The shadows softly descend, and over the horizon
Is seen a New Land . . .
A land where the dead live and the
Living never grow old . . .
The scent of the blossom wafts gently through the mist
And the spring leaves wave unceasingly over the sand.
The dark clouds laugh over the beating waves
And the gods laugh . . .
But the mist dissolves into light . . . a
Purer light
The wind of fate drives onward;
The New Land shines in a halo of light . . .

And out of the silence come the voices of the gods.
The waves wash, the sails creak, and in the
Highest firmament shines a single star . . .
A star of hope and light,
Forever newer light . . .

J. R. BANKS (6ML).

O.H. NEWS

NOTES AND NEWS

We congratulate ROBERT MARK on being appointed an Assistant Commissioner of Police at Scotland Yard. Mark, who has been Chief Constable of Leicester for the past ten years, was one of the three assessors in the Mountbatten enquiry into prison security and produced within two days a detailed report on the escape of Frank Mitchell from Dartmoor. In his new position he will be responsible for a wide range of police activities, including a number of technical innovations. Mark joined the Manchester force as a constable in 1937 and by 1955 had risen to the rank of Chief Superintendent in charge of administration. He was appointed Chief Constable of Leicester in December, 1956, and soon acquired a reputation as an original thinker in dealing with such problems as traffic control, parking, relationships with the public, and crime prevention. We wish him well in his new post.

We congratulate R. Y. FISON, Joint Managing Director of Meredith and Drew Ltd., on the award of the C.B.E. for his services to export.

C. H. JONES has been appointed to the Committee of Management of the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

P. B. EASTWOOD has been appointed an assistant general manager of the Northern and Employers Assurance Company.

LEONARD MOSLEY'S biography of Emperor Hirohito has recently been published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson. D. W. BOWETT'S *The Law of the Sea* is in the Manchester University Press list of forthcoming publications.

M. J. DELANY is Professor of Zoology at Makerere University College, Kampala, Uganda.

JACK EDWARDS was vice-captain of the Addiscombe cricket team that won the *Evening Standard* championship for the London District for 1966.

JAMES YATES, for twenty years headmaster of All Souls C. of E. Primary School, Beswick, has supervised the school's move into a new and splendidly equipped building.

PETER McNULTY gained his B.Sc. in Civil Engineering at Manchester University in 1966; he was also awarded a prize by the British Iron and Steel Federation for the best project submitted by a final year student. He is now with Simon-Carves and has been working on a Coalite and Chemical plant being erected near Barnsley.

G. A. M. WOOD is at Santa Barbara University, California; his address is Apt. H, 630 East Victoria Street, Santa Barbara, Cal. 93103, U.S.A.

I. A. B. LOW is now teaching at the Lambton College in Sarnia, Ontario. His address is 2870 Lakeside Road, Bright's Grove, Ontario, Canada.

UNIVERSITY RESULTS

Sheffield: W. Hodson, Class 2i French.

Leeds: H. Gravelle, Class 1 Economics. D. Gee, Class 2ii Law. I. Wheatley, Class 2ii English and Philosophy. P. Merriman, Class 2i Civil Engineering. M. Bishop, Class 2ii Mechanical Engineering. R. Wetton, B.Sc. (Physics). A. Leake, B.Sc. (Physics).

S. S. WAINER and P. MERRIMAN have both been awarded Postgraduate Studentships by the Science Research Council as a result of distinguished results in Finals.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

EDWARDS—On August 6, to Jean and Jack, a son.

WALLWORK—On August 27, to Sandra and Barry, a son.

HEMMERDINGER—On September 14, to Jacqueline and Michael, a daughter.

WHEELER—On October 8, to Pat and Peter, a son.

TREDWELL—On December 27, to Elizabeth and David, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

CRAWFORD—MARTIN—On September 10, Kenneth W. Crawford to Nancy Mary Martin.

COOKE—FENWICK—On September 17, Graham Lord Cooke to Margaret Jean Fenwick.

KENNEDY—WIELE—On October 1, Ian G. Kennedy to Mary Wiele.

ELLIS—WOODHOUSE—On November 5, Dr. George Graham Ellis to Dr. Olga Woodhouse.

DEATHS

WESTBROOK—On September 10, Alfred Keith Westbrook, of Mount Pleasant, Goostrey, aged 58 years.

ODDY—On September 22, George Vernon Oddy, of 23 Park Road, Buxton, aged 59 years.

ETCHELLS—On November 1, as the result of an accident, Anthony David Etchells, of Roker Park Avenue, Audenshaw, aged 22 years.

SUTTON—On November 28, at his home in Valparaiso, Chile, Charles Evans Sutton, aged 91 years.

MUNDAY—On January 3, 1967, Walter Herbert French Munday, of 33 Wilford Avenue, Sale, aged 52 years.

OBITUARY

FREDERICK BANCROFT TURNER

In our last issue we recorded the death, on 20th August, 1966, of Frederick Bancroft Turner at the age of 75. Two years ago he retired from his post as Stipendiary Magistrate of Manchester, a position he held with distinction for thirteen years. Previously he had been Stipendiary Magistrate for Salford, also for thirteen years.

On leaving school, where he was captain of cricket and football, he read law at Manchester University. During the 1914-18 war he served with the 8th (Salford) Battalion of the Lancashire

Fusiliers and was wounded in the Gallipoli campaign. After the war he practised on the Northern Circuit until appointed Stipendiary Magistrate of Salford in 1938. He dispensed justice with an understanding and humanity that won the admiration of those who came in contact with him, including even those who stood on the other side of the dock rails.

OLD HULMEIANS ASSOCIATION

Close on one hundred members attended the forty-seventh Annual General Meeting of the Association on 14th September, 1966, in the Upper Hall at School. Unfortunately, the year's workings revealed yet another loss, this time of £126. Happily the date for the final repayment of the last loan for the building of the Clubhouse, ten years old in October, is in sight and from then on there is a fair chance of breaking even. Inevitably, the cost of maintenance of the Clubhouse increases. Recently dry rot was discovered in the roof above the bath and this has been eradicated at a cost of some £60.

There are many things the Association would like to undertake on behalf of its members and the School, but shortage of money renders it impossible to do so. Your committee is loath to increase subscriptions and would welcome suggestions by which income could be augmented. Increased membership is the most desirable solution and your assistance in finding new members, or persuading members whose subscriptions have lapsed to rejoin, is earnestly sought.

The reunion dinner held in the School dining hall before the annual general meeting was attended by a very satisfactory total of one hundred and seventy. It is disappointing that so many got lost between the Dining Hall and the Upper Hall, for your committee would welcome constructive suggestions for the running of the Association from as many members as possible.

So far, thirty-one of the boys who left School in July, 1966, have joined the Association, which is not quite so good as the previous year.

Sectional secretaries will be writing reports on their respective sections but mention must be made of the progress of the Rifle Section. This section would welcome new members and an attractive all the year round programme has been arranged. A close link between this section and the Motor Section has developed and their jointly sponsored social occasions are proving to be very popular.

The Annual Cricket Match against the School will be played at School on Saturday, 1st July,

1967. Any Old Boys wishing to play should contact A. M. BLIGHT, Esq. at the School. The Annual Dinner will be held at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on Saturday, 11th March, 1967.

It is with regret that the deaths of G. V. ODDY and A. K. WESTBROOK are reported. Both were prominent members of the Association and Lacrosse Section.

Our congratulations must be offered to R. MARK on his appointment as Assistant Commissioner of Police at Scotland Yard.

Eric Barnes was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Association. He has now completed twenty-one years as its secretary.

ASSOCIATION OF OLD HULMEIANS IN LONDON

Since our last report two important functions have been held—the Autumn Supper and our Annual Dinner. The former was at our usual comfortable burrow—The Copper Kitchen, Fleet Street. The Steak and Kidney Pudding was followed by the Annual General Meeting, when two empty chairs made themselves sadly prominent—those usually occupied by Norman Pearson and Mike Smith. Norman was a beloved institution (“I remember playing against Croydon in 1925—or was it 1905?”) and Mike outrageous in his habit of leaving Manchester at one o’clock in the afternoon and hitch-hiking his way to Fleet Street in time for a drink before supper.

We were very happy to meet Gillett and Nightingale fresh from school and another new member, of an earlier vintage, C. I. Hammond. In all, twenty-four members were present—a very satisfactory figure for an evening that was as much a business meeting as it was a social event. In the course of the evening’s business J. ‘Bonnyman’ Reid handed over the chair to John Fitzgerald. To the disinterested observer the new incumbent seemed a little uncertain as to how he found himself in a position of such eminence. Was it, he seemed to be pondering, that he was just born to greatness or had it been thrust upon him? The secret smile on George Creasey’s face probably contained the answer.

Once again our Annual Dinner, the high point of our year, was eaten in the House of Commons; our host, the Rt. Hon. William F. Deedes, M.C., M.P. This venue is undoubtedly most popular despite, or perhaps because of, our having no Members on the active list. We were delighted to have with us our President and old friend Mr.

D. M. Williams looking, for an old friend, very young indeed. His memory, so exact in detail for events of over forty years ago, is extraordinary even for a schoolmaster and disturbing to the middle-aged serenity of at least one of his audience. Whilst the total present was a little below our usual number it was very heartening to have nine people with us for the first time, amongst whom were three 1966 school leavers, M. B. Gillett, K. W. Nightingale and J. R. Roland. We hope they liked what they saw and will be with us regularly in the future.

There was a particularly strong Manchester contingent. Headed by our President and the Headmaster, there were Eric Barnes and P. M. Charnley, and those three old reprobates (and contemporaries of the writer) W. Liggett, F. H. Marshall and T. H. Weir. For these last three, it was their first attendance. We hope they will keep their promise to make it an annual event. For the guidance of our new members and any others who may be in our area in the next few months, coming events include

January 22nd, 1967—At 11-0 a.m., Old Hulmeians v. London University, at Motspur Park. This event will include a considerable “getting together” of friends old and new after the match.

February 24th, 1967—Supper at The Copper Kettle, Fleet Street, 7-0 for 7-30 p.m.

There is also to be the usual cricket match against a team of Old Lancastrians on Sunday, June 18th. Geo. Creasey (address: 145 Copse Hill, West Wimbledon, S.W.20) will be delighted to hear from any new arrivals who would like to play in this game. A liking for cricket and a good day out is far more important than prowess.

Their respective contemporaries will be glad to hear that we have recently received greetings from Tom Oliver, now in Manila, George Wood in Santa Barbara, California, Ian Low in Ontario, and Malcolm Leggatt in Nanaimo.

Finally, we offer our congratulations to D. C. Barnes on his appointment as Head of the Ministry of Labour. J. F.

OLD HULMEIANS RUGBY CLUB

*Ah, what avails the classic bent,
Ah, what the cultured word
Against the undoctored incident
That actually occurred?*

—Kipling

Without doubt, the outright winners so far this season have been the successive waves of vandals and burglars who have assaulted the club through doors, through windows, and even through the roof. Insult to injury—even while we were playing the West of Scotland they got in. We had fortunately secured our opponents' valuables but neglected to secure our own. On three occasions egress was made through the window in the ladies' lavatory—an aperture 10in. square. After the second attempt I secured this point of departure with the aid of a Birmingham screw-driver, some 6in. screws and a quantity of iron. The challenge was promptly accepted, and the next time the whole window went—frames and all! Now, thanks to case-hardened steel provided by Barry Edge, I think our ladies' lavatory is as secure as the average gaol—a standard of security on which Bobby Mark may care to express an opinion when he is next in the area. Nothing daunted, however, they forced the main doors last week, heaved out the safe and proceeded to carve a two-foot hole in it with a pickaxe. Apart from damage to property, losses are running at about £100 so far. A plea for a triple fence—preferably electrified—to surround the place has so far fallen on stony ground.

The playing season started on September 3rd. Within fifteen minutes of the opening whistle we had scored two tries and the sun was shining . . . We lost 12—15, and the opening game against Y.M.C.A. was to set a pattern oft repeated—tactical superiority for most of the game and then loss of control at a critical point, allowing our opponents to score crucial points. This game was also unfortunate for the new skipper, Barry Edge, who in a moment of extreme casualness and generosity in presenting unprotected ribs to a determined opponent, rose from the tackle with two of them broken; consequently he missed the next six games.

The 'A' XV were all smiles, having won 6—3, but against Eccles the following week they went down 0—28 and gloom began to descend. The 1st XV was also on a hiding, 3—33. This was a low point early in the season, but some lessons were learnt, especially in defence, for the next three games were drawn: 6—6 against Metrovick, 6—6 against Old Aldwinians, and 11—11 against Cheadle Hulme. Three very interesting games, all of which could/should have been won if only . . .

The 'A' XV was still taking punishment. Selection meetings became, and have remained, a bit acrimonious, but it tends to be difficult to run three XVs on twenty-seven players. We could not raise a third fifteen until October, and its appearances in the first half of the season have been sporadic—a raw deal for the few regulars and an unhealthy prognostication for the future of the club.

Things looked better for the 1st XV when we played the 'A' XV of the touring West of Scotland side and won convincingly 11—3. Sackcloth and ashes the following week, defeated 0—11 by Toc H. The 'A' team also lost by the same score—a frustrating performance where nobody seemed to want to score, although there were opportunities enough. Dukinfield were beaten 9—3—a workmanlike effort. The 'A' team returned defeated 6—17, complaining they had been playing against Wigan or St. Helens, or somebody of that ilk.

Down 12—13 to Ashton-under-Lyne—another occasion when we made presents to the opposition. We were on a much sounder basis the following week against Calder Vale in a game which fluctuated the whole time, providing plenty of excitement, with E. L. Jones achieving the rare distinction of scoring all 17 points in a 17—14 win. The 1st XV was now in a winning streak, defeating Salfordians 11—3, but the unfortunate 'A' team was enduring an unbroken run of defeats.

The annual fixture against the School took place on November 5th. For the first time for three years to my certain knowledge the 1st XV played to a plan worked out in detail on the Tuesday night. The School team was never allowed to show its paces, and the one clear chance of scoring was squandered. Tribute must be paid to some resolute tackling by the School side which broke up successive attacks which were repeatedly mounted after well-placed kicks had put us in a favourable position.

Victory against Old Sandbachians the following week was to be our last before going to press. Sandbach was led by the son of an Old Hulmeian who was wearing a 'Crosse Club tie and recounted memories of the soccer days—a good time was had both on and off the field. The score?—6—3. Defeat by Rochdaliens 8—16 was a bit of a fiasco, and that by Old Salians 3—6 sheer frustration from the touchline point of view—only a last-second penalty goal to show for 80% of the game spent attacking. It was the same story against Manchester 'A'—3—8 down in a game that should have been won. Prestwich likewise, with two mis-directed kicks for touch landing in the winger's arms; in each case he ran over to score, and with both tries being converted we went down 9—15.

On Christmas Eve Y.M.C.A. completed the double in winning 3—0; both sides were below strength and regrettably we started short. The try awarded to Y.M.C.A. was open to dispute for, following a good move and a beautiful cross-kick, their winger crossed the line only to allow the ball to slip from his grasp in the very act of grounding it. However, justice was, I think, done in the final score, for conditions were rough and we could not overcome them.

Since their opening victory the 'A' XV have won only against the School. However, they are tending to force their opponents to score nearer the corner flags, and the Christmas Eve game against Y.M.C.A. resulted in a 3—3 draw, a try to a penalty—some cause for satisfaction.

The Griffins have played and lost twice—mud and quite well-drilled opposition on each occasion being too much for our endeavours.

Christmas Eve turned out to be almost Reunion Day—nearly a full team of emigrés returned to base. To a sentimentalist such as I, this makes things worth while.

MUDDIED OAF.

OLD HULMEIANS LACROSSE CLUB

An injury-prone attack on the first team has considerably weakened the Club this season. This makes some excuse for the relatively poor showing of the first, but emphasises how well the other sides have done in spite of losing players upwards.

Having pleaded injuries in defence of a record of four losses and one draw before Christmas, the first then proceeded to take all the honours in the return fixture with the unbeaten Mellor side.

In the absence of F. M. McClinton, M. H. F. Cocker, D. A. Hilton, K. Irving and J. Winfield, the reserves played outstandingly well. The presence for the first time of J. Blake, coming up from Bangor, was most welcome. He, D. W. Lomas, D. G. Murray and D. C. Williams fought magnificently to secure a great victory.

In October our Annual Buffet Dance was held at the Pinewoods Hotel, Handforth. This proved to be a most successful change of venue. Thanks to M. W. Barber the proceedings went smoothly in most attractive and comfortable surroundings. We will be making an early return.

On 20th November, a Sunday morning, two teams entertained Purley and Lee Lacrosse Clubs who were touring the North. At the Cocktail Party and get-together afterwards we celebrated the results:

v. Lee—lost 6—8.

v. Purley—won 9—8.

On which happy note we look forward to an improved second half of the season, which includes fixtures with the School, followed by a Wine 'n' Cheese Party. What could be happier?

RESULTS:

FIRST TEAM

Sept.	24	Ashton	...	...	...	A	W	13	6
Oct.	1	Old Stopfordians	...	...	...	H	W	8	4
Oct.	8	Mellor	...	...	...	A	L	2	6
Oct.	15	South M/c. & W'shawe	H	L	4	11			
Oct.	22	Stockport	...	...	...	A	W	9	5
Oct.	29	Rochdale	...	...	...	H	W	6	4
Nov.	5	Heaton Mersey	...	...	...	A	L	5	8
Nov.	12	South M/c. & W'shawe	A	L	5	7			
Nov.	19	Urmston	...	...	...	H	W	8	4
Nov.	26	Old Waconians	...	...	...	A	W	8	1
Dec.	3	Cheadle	...	...	...	H	Postp.		
Dec.	10	Leeds University	...	...	...	A	Postp.		
Dec.	17	Ashton	...	...	...	H	W	6	3
Dec.	24	Old Stopfordians	...	...	...	A	D	9	9
Dec.	31	Mellor	...	...	...	H	W	8	7

'A' TEAM

Oct.	1	Disley	...	...	...	A	D	6	6
Oct.	8	Sheffield University	...	H	W	6	4		
Oct.	15	South M/c. & W'shawe 'A'	...	...	...	A	L	3	7
Oct.	22	Oldham & Werneth	...	H	W	8	5		
Oct.	29	Urmston (1st Round N.E.L.A. Jun. Flags)	H	W	13	5			
Nov.	5	Heaton Mersey 'A'	...	H	W	11	4		
Nov.	12	Sheffield Univ. (2nd Rd. N.E.L.A. Jun. Flags)	H	W	8	7			
Nov.	19	Old Mancunians	...	...	...	A	W	11	2
Nov.	26	Sheffield University	...	A	W	7	3		
Dec.	3	Manchester Univ.	...	A	D	4	4		
Dec.	10	Cheadle 'A'	...	...	...	H	W	7	5
Dec.	17	Mellor 'A'	...	...	...	A	Postp.		
Dec.	24	Disley	H	W	12	5

EXTRA 'A' TEAM

Sept.	24	Cheadle Hulme Sch. 2nd	A	W	25	3			
Oct.	1	Chorlton	H	W	4	2

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Oct.	8	Chorlton	A	W	8	6
Oct.	15	Old Waconians 'A'	H	W	1	0
Oct.	22	Stockport G.S.	A	L	5	9
Oct.	29	Nottingham Univ.	A	L	5	9
Nov.	5	Heaton Mersey 'B'	...	...	...	A	W	15	4
Nov.	12	South M/c. & W'shawe 'B' (N.E.L.A. Jun. Cup)	...	...	...	H	D	7	7
Nov.	19	South M/c. & W'shawe 'B' (Replay)	...	...	...	A	L	5	11
Nov.	26	Liverpool University	...	...	...	A	L	6	8
Dec.	3	Cheadle 'B'	...	...	...	H	Postp.		
		Boardman & Eccles 'A'	...	...	...	A	Postp.		
Dec.	17	Old Stopfordians 'A'	...	...	...	A	Postp.		
Dec.	24	Cheadle 'B'	...	...	...	A	L	4	7

'B' TEAM

Oct.	1	Ashton 'B'	...	...	...	A	W	13	5
Oct.	8	Urmston 'B'	...	...	...	H	L	4	8
Oct.	15	South M/c. & W'shawe 'C'	...	...	...	A	L	7	8
Oct.	22	Leeds University	...	...	...	H	W	8	6
Oct.	29	Birmingham Univ.	...	...	...	A	L	0	1
Nov.	5	Heaton Mersey 'C'	...	...	...	H	W	13	6
Nov.	12	Cheadle Hulme 'A'	...	...	...	A	L	4	7
Nov.	19	Sheffield Univ. 'A'	...	...	...	A	W	19	6
Nov.	26	Mellor 'B'	...	...	...	H	L	3	9
Dec.	3	Stockport 'B'	...	...	...	A	Postp.		
Dec.	10	Oldham & Werneth 'A'	...	...	...	H	W	8	3
Dec.	17	Stockport 'B'	...	...	...	H	W	7	1
Dec.	24	Ashton 'B'	...	...	...	H	Postp.		
Dec.	31	Urmston 'B'	...	...	...	A	Postp.		

OLD HULMEIANS MOTOR CLUB

After a few months of inactivity during the Summer, we held our first competitive event for quite a long time in October. This was an excellent Treasure Hunt type of event, ably organised

for us by Christopher Templar, and was won by John Preece and Stuart Jones. A similar event in November was unfortunately cancelled owing to insufficient entries, and Christopher's preparations were in vain.

In December we held our usual Annual Dinner Dance, at the Woodlands Hotel, Timperley, and on this occasion it was a joint function with the Rifle Club. The evening was a great success, and the assembled throng were able to see a vast amount of silverware being presented by the Rifle Club, as their awards for competitions during the year. A certain person not unknown to members of the Motor Club appeared to receive a major portion of the Rifle Club awards! The premier award of the Motor Club is the Pidd Trophy, and this was awarded to Stuart Jones for his competitive successes in 1966.

Plans are in hand for January to give members an opportunity to drive such exotic vehicles as Ferrari, Lotus, Cooper, etc. The vehicles are of diminutive proportions, however, being "Scalextric". The plans are for an evening of "Scalextric" car racing at the clubhouse, co-promoted with Metrovick Motor Club. A film show is planned for February, and a further one for April.

Any enquiries about membership will be welcomed by the Hon. Secretary, John L. Williams, 7 Kings Avenue, Gatley, Cheshire. Telephone: GAT 4666.

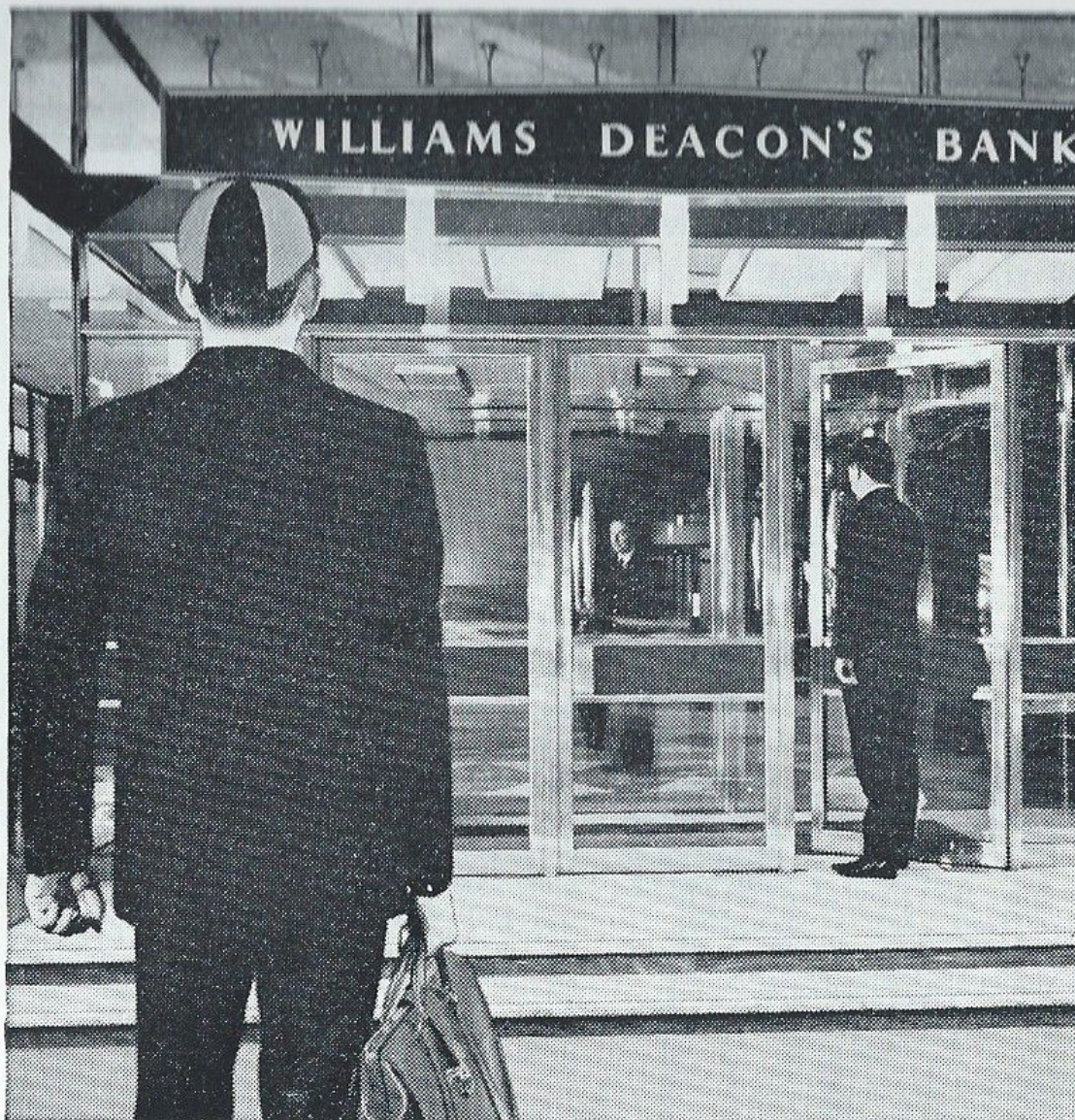
OLD HULMEIANS RIFLE CLUB

We can now look back on our first season's shooting, which has been, despite low membership, a most successful one. Our team won its division in the County of Lancaster Summer League—the only team to win a Division outright without losing a point. To date five members have achieved the maximum score of 100—some on more than one occasion.

In the winter League we have entered two teams, the first team in the 9th Division and a second team in the 12th Division. To date the first team have won all seven matches in the first half of the competition, and the second team are third in their division and have the second best aggregate, having won four out of seven matches.

The first team are also entered in the National League and have won two and drawn one of the three matches so far fired, and have a good chance of winning their Division.

Three club members had the impudence to compete in the County Championships at Lytham



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on 18/9/66. Needless to say, to produce the Champion was too much to hope, but we came away much richer in experience after a very enjoyable day. Two members attended the August Open meeting at Altcar with some success.

The Club Trophies were competed for last term and presented at a highly successful Dinner Dance run jointly by the Motor and Rifle Clubs.

The winners were:—

Springbridge Trophy (presented by the Motor Club): J. L. Williams.

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Meetings are now on Wednesday at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 7 p.m. We still would like to see new members. Would interested Old Boys contact club

members, or Dr. A. Wilson, 120 Alexandra Road, Manchester 16. Tel.: MOS 2710.

OLD HULMEIANS LODGE No. 7062

Our new Worshipful Master, John Lunt, had hardly time to make himself comfortable in the Chair of the Lodge when he had to leave us to take up a senior appointment for his firm in Holland for the next two years. This was a severe blow to the Lodge, as we had been looking forward to what we knew would be a happy and interesting year under his guidance. However, we wish him every success in his new post, and look forward to seeing him when on home leave. Meantime our affairs are still in good hands under the leadership of Jack Foulds, our Immediate Past Master, who has kindly volunteered to take over for the remainder of the year.

Our Christmas Party for members and wives was held at the Birch View Cafe on December 9, when a happy time was had by all.

Hon. Secretary: A. E. Bolsover, 268 Brooklands Road, Baguley, Manchester.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Tenth Annual Dinner Dance was held at the Embassy Rooms, Sale, in November and, despite the Freeze, we had the best attendance ever. We were pleased that the "new" parents turned up in strength and we hope that this augurs well for the future activities of the Association. Instead of the customary raffle we had a Tombola this year and our thanks are due to all parents and friends who so kindly donated prizes and continued their dogged triumphs of hope over experience by buying tickets. All profits go to buying gifts for the School, but it would be nice to win a prize for a change, wouldn't it? Still, it was a very pleasant evening and we hope that all who came will continue to support us in future events and, of course, advertise our endeavours.

Early in December Mr. Haynes, assisted by Mr. Peat, gave us a talk on William Hulme's on Holiday. These talks are proving to be very popular occasions and so they should. The speakers are anything but dull and the talks are illustrated with some wonderful photographic slides of the boys, and masters, on all their holiday activities in the school year. They included trips to the Yorkshire Dales, at camp with the Cadets, Junior School camp by the newly acquired cottages near Hawes, down (or up) the Norfolk Broads, parties to Switzerland, France and Italy. This list, which is by no means complete, gives some indication of the range of holiday pursuits

which the boys can enjoy. The pursuit of the beauties in Italy—especially those reclining on the beaches—seemed very determined.

The Christmas Party was at the School on the 21st December and rounded off the term in the proper spirit. This time, for a change, we had a session of Old Time Dancing. Our M.C.s wisely eschewed the Lancers and such complicated intricacies and kept to those dances which were within our somewhat limited scope. After a few hesitant steps and some pushing and pulling by our partners a number of us finally mastered the sequences and glided round the floor, reflecting that Harry Davidson had nothing on us. Father Christmas came and distributed gifts to all after a supper prepared by Mrs. Taylor and her ladies, to whom many thanks are due. The raffle included a large number of excellent prizes, and once more we are very appreciative to all who contributed. Whilst on the subject, a number of donations towards the cost of prizes at our various functions have been received from members who do *not* forward their name and address, due probably to an oversight on their part. We are most grateful but, of course, cannot acknowledge these gifts, much as we would like to do so.

By the time these notes appear we shall have had a Hot Pot Supper at the Manor Hey Hotel, Urmston. This is our first Hot Pot Supper, so we



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hope that it will have been well supported. In March we shall be holding our Annual Supper Dance at the Embassy Rooms. This is an informal occasion to which we invite the Staff and their ladies as our guests. More information about this will be given later.

If any new parents have not yet joined the Association, the Treasurer or Secretary will be pleased to hear from them. The Committee look

forward to meeting all members again at forthcoming functions, and if there is anything you wish to know about the Association and its activities please do not hesitate to ask any Committee member, who will be only too pleased to help.

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