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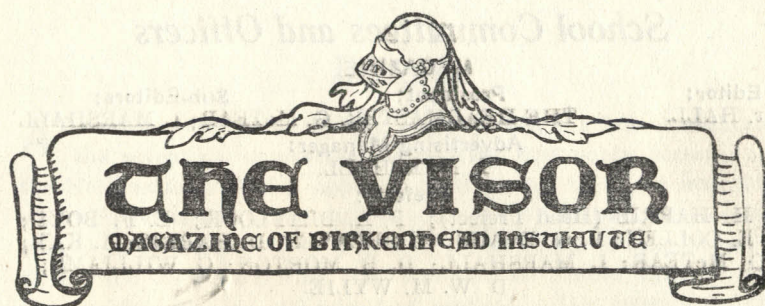
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Autumn term began ..... September 8th  
 Half-term holiday ..... October 3rd and 4th  
 Parents' evening (5th forms) ..... November 13th  
 Autumn term ended ..... December 19th

#### 1959

Spring term began ..... January 5th  
 Speech Day ..... January 15th  
 Half-term holiday ..... February 16th, 17th, 18th  
 Parents' evening (4th forms) ..... March 5th  
 Cross Country ..... March 23rd  
 Spring term ends ..... March 25th  
 Summer term begins ..... April 13th  
 Half-term holiday ..... May 18th, 19th, 20th  
 Summer term ends ..... July 24th  
 Autumn term begins ..... September 7th



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## *Editorial*

**A**T morning prayers on Monday, January 12th, the School celebrated the seventieth anniversary of its very first public session, and the Headmaster took that opportunity to remind us of the intentions of our Founders and of the earliest years of the Institute. These recent months have therefore been a notable period in our annals, including as they did the Prize Giving, fixed this year for Friday, January 16th, to coincide with our attainment of septuagenarian status; the Old Boys' Commemoration Dinner on the following evening in the Town Hall, and the widespread public interest reflected by the Merseyside press in this auspicious anniversary. From the magazine's point of view, these events explain the editorial decision not to publish the usual terminal number last December, since the revised history of the School entitled "Birkenhead Institute—the first Seventy Years," produced by the *Visor* Committee, was at that time going through the press and required the whole energies and attention of its sponsor. In consequence this present number records the events and successes of two terms and will be found to include all School news since the summer issue in July, 1958. Although it is good on occasion to ascend to the peaks and look back on our long history since 1889, and to enjoy the well-merited celebrity of our achievements hitherto, it is now our duty, as well as our pleasure, to return to the plains in resumption of our journey into the future. Stated more prosaically, your Editor has been enabled this term to turn his attention, after an interlude of preoccupation with the glories of past history, to the more normal chronicling of contemporary happenings, to Salvete, the fortunes of the XV, and the activities of School Clubs.

This number of the *Visor*, then, is not exclusively a record of a short Spring Term which was not so much crowded as bursting with fixtures of one kind or another, from choir practices and fifth form trial examinations to the annual cross-country run. In fact, though overshadowed by the "History" in magnitude, it has an equal significance, since it is the *Visor's* business to cover every aspect of Institute life. Indeed, much of the later material in the "History" was garnered from previous issues of the magazine. We place this Spring number in our readers' hands in the hope that it furnishes a true and faithful record of seven more months of Institute life and in the confidence that it will fill a worthy place among the now serried row of volumes which have appeared over the last thirty years.



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## Staff Notes

SINCE our last publication in July, 1958, there are several staff changes to record. The headship of the Geography Department, vacant owing to the retirement of Mr. Allison after 37 years' service at the Institute, was filled from the beginning of the Autumn term by Mr. Blake, to whom we extend a cordial welcome. Educated at Newton-le-Willows Grammar School, he took the Geographical Tripos at Cambridge University, afterwards proceeding to the University of Leeds for the Diploma in Education. Between 1951 and 1953 Mr. Blake was an Education Officer in the R.A.F. He has held appointments at two schools well known to our first XV, having been on the staff at Grove Park, Wrexham (1953-55) and at Wade Deacon (1955-58). An intrepid mountaineer with extensive climbing experience both in Britain and on the Continent, Mr. Blake believes in learning geography the hard, practical way, at first hand.

The resignation of Mr. Robins in July in order to undertake a course at the Carnegie College left both Physical Training and Rugby without an instructor and coach. Before a permanent appointment was made to this post in January, 1959, we were singularly fortunate that an Old Instonian, Mr. A. A. Smith, was able to give us assistance with the training of the XV when he accepted an appointment as an English master here last September. Mr. Smith was at the Institute from 1942 to 1950 whence he proceeded to Liverpool University. His career there in the Faculty of English was marked with the highest distinction, since he was Edward Rathbone Prizewinner in 1953 and a Foundation Fellow in 1955-56. He took an honours B.A. degree in 1954, and gained his Master's degree two years later. In sport, the promise he had shown in the Institute Rugby side was amply fulfilled at the University where he was a regular member of the first XV. Mr. Smith's arrival permitted some reorganisation of the time-table, whereby Mr. Shaw took over Physical Training for two terms.

In September, we also welcomed Monsieur Coulbary as French 'Assistant' attached to us for this School year. Previously these very acceptable visitors have come to us from the universities of metropolitan France, but M. Coulbary is our first representative from Dakar (Senegal), French West Africa, where he has already had a most successful career, gaining his Baccalaureat in philosophy and distinction in his degree in English Studies. A prominent member of the student body at Dakar, he has been chairman alike of the English Club and of the External Relations Department of the Union. M. Coulbary has already gained golden opinions in our midst as a most willing and pleasant colleague with a mastery of idiomatic English, and his work with the Sixth Form has been particularly welcomed.



We parted at the Christmas breaking up from Mr. Mealor with genuine regret, not only because it has always been agreeable to have an Old Boy on the Staff, but also because his time here proved to be a genuinely happy association both in the Staff and Form rooms. Mr. Mealor had been on the Modern Languages Staff for nearly four years (1955-58), and during that time had done much to foster interest in his subject, notably in his Russian classes. We wish him every success in his new appointment at Wallasey Grammar School. The vacancy so caused has been filled this term by Mr. Griffiths, to whom also we offer a hearty welcome. Educated at Bethesda Grammar School and Bangor University, he brings valuable experience in business to his profession, from his work as a Civil servant (1944-51) and as an auditor with Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board between 1951 and 1956. Mr. Griffiths then returned to Bangor University in 1957 to take the Diploma in Education. Before coming to the Institute he was on the Staff of Warbreck Secondary School, Liverpool.

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**F**OR more years than one always cares to remember, Speech Day has been held during March, between the wars usually on the eve of Grand National Friday, so that the customary holiday enabled some to make the trip to Aintree. This year the date was fixed as close as possible to January 12th, the day on which the inauguration took place in 1889. The Old Instonians' Association having arranged a Commemoration Dinner for January 17th, many Old Boys living in other parts of the country arranged to come for the week-end and to attend both functions. This was indeed a memorable innovation and one not lightly to be forgotten.



Our March Speech Days have had more than a fair share of bad weather, with hail, rain, cold, and, frequently, wind. January proved equally unkind, and we had frost and snow. Nevertheless, those who braved the wintry conditions enjoyed a very pleasant evening. We were honoured by their Worships the Mayor and the Mayoress, Alderman Robert N. Melville, J.P., and Alderman Mrs. Dorothy Melville. The prizes were presented by I. Bowen, Esq., C.M.G., M.Sc., F.R.Ae.S., A.M.I.E.E., formerly Principal Director of Research in Aircraft Equipment and Development at the Ministry of Supply, and Chairman of the Air Navigation Committee of the Aeronautical Research Council. The Chairman of the Governors, Alderman F. Garstang, M.A., J.P., was at the last moment prevented by illness from attending, and in his place the vote of thanks was ably proposed by Councillor C. S. McDonald. R. F. Salmon, School Captain, seconded the vote of thanks in a confident and easy fashion, born no doubt of experience in the Literary and Debating Society.

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M. B. Perry, B.Sc., Ph.D.—Lecturer in Medical Chemistry, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

A. Hyatt Williams, M.D., D.P.M.—Visiting Professor of Psychiatry, University of Toronto.

J. E. Green—Elected a Scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge.

K. O. Gore, M.A.—Elected to a Fellowship of the University of Wales.

P. Heath, B.Sc. (Eng.)—City and Guilds Associateship.

R. P. Hopner—Awarded a Manchester and District Engineering Scholarship (University of Manchester).



## *The School Trip to Denmark, 1958*

ON Thursday morning, the twenty-first of August, twenty-one boys assembled with Mr. Malcolm at half-past seven in Lime Street Station, Liverpool. Their destination was Karlslunde near Copenhagen.

The train to London ran to time and took just over four hours. After lunch in London we took the train to Harwich and soon embarked on the ship "Kron Prinsesse Ingrid", where we had an evening meal. We arrived in Esbjerg, the Danish port, just after midday on Friday. Before we disembarked we were met by reporters, and our photograph was taken for the local newspaper. As we stepped off the boat, we were welcomed by our host and guide for the week in Denmark. From Esbjerg we went by rail to Fredericia, where a coach was waiting to take us to Middlefart only thirty minutes away. There we were given our rooms; they were small bungalows which held five boys each. In the evening we were taken for a walk round the district. We were fascinated by the bicycles which had no hand-brakes but a simple back pedal brake. Another thing we noticed which is unseen in England was that outside a number of the houses there were two mirrors, erected in such a way that the person in the room could see through the mirrors what was happening in the street.

The following morning, after breakfast, we were taken to the station in two spacious, large blue, American cars, which were used as taxis. The train took us to Odense, where we visited the house of Hans Christian Andersen and had lunch. From Odense we continued by train to Nybourg, where we got off the train. Denmark consists of three main parts, two of which are islands. To get to Copenhagen from Esbjerg it is necessary to cross the sea twice. The first crossing had been made by a bridge near Fredericia, and this crossing was to be made by boat. It took well over an hour. Disembarking from the ship, we boarded another train and arrived in Copenhagen at about eight o'clock in the evening. The coach then took us to the hotel where we were to stay for the next six days. It was a similar place to the one which we had stayed at on the previous night.

On Sunday we spent a quiet day to recover from the travelling, but in the evening we went to the Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen. These are fantastic pleasure gardens where money goes like water. We returned to the hotel not on Sunday evening but in the very early hours of Monday morning. The next morning was spent sight-seeing in Copenhagen. In the afternoon some of us spent our time shopping, while the others visited the zoo. On Tuesday morning we went to Kronborg Castle, the scene of Shakespeare's "Hamlet". This famous



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castle was well worth visiting. After eating a packed lunch, we crossed to Sweden by boat from Elsinore to Halsingborg where almost all the boys bought cigarette-lighters at fantastically low prices. We returned to Denmark for our evening meal at the hotel, after all having a "hot dog" as refreshment in Copenhagen.

On Wednesday morning we walked to a Danish farm about two miles away, and were shown the interesting parts of it. After lunch we went to Roskilde, a seaside resort not far from Copenhagen. We visited the famous Cathedral there and saw tombs of past Danish royalty. In one part of it there is a wide stone pillar and royalty who visit this Cathedral have their heights marked on this pillar with a red line and their initials marked by it. The highest mark was that of the Czar Peter of Russia, who was six feet eight, and there is also a mark of the Duke of Windsor.

On Thursday morning we visited the Tuborg breweries on the outskirts of Copenhagen. These breweries are reputed to be the finest in the world. We were given free samples of their products as long as we drank them there. After leaving the brewery we went into a vast church which was made of seven million bricks and held three thousand seats. The bricks were all hand-made and were a light cream colour. We spent the afternoon shopping in Copenhagen, and in the evening we revisited the Tivoli Gardens.

On Friday morning we left Copenhagen by train on our way home. Coming, we had got off the train to embark on the boat crossing to the other island but this time the train itself went on the boat. The front of the ship was raised, and the train ran on it. Once the train was on land it speeded along to Esbjerg, and we embarked on the boat for Harwich. Arriving in Harwich on Saturday in the heat of the midday sun, we passed through the customs without difficulty. We had lunch in London and spent a couple of hours sight-seeing. The train was late leaving London, and it was almost eleven o'clock when we arrived back at our starting-point.

I am sure we all enjoyed the holiday very much thanks to the reasonably good weather, the excellent food, the fine hospitality of the Danes, and the good organisation of the trip by Mr. Malcolm.

J. K. ELLIOT, (5A).

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### *Watch this Space*

THE recently published report of Major Tangerine, R.E., chief inspector of Stellar Accidents to the Ministry of Space Travel, on the regrettable mishap at Aldebaran (South) on January 10 last has further increased public uneasiness concerning traffic control in the firmament. Our readers will recall the circumstances of the collision



when the 3.27 p.m. rocket from Minsk Central to Saturn via Stalybridge ran into the rear of a rake of stationary meteors standing on the down fast orbit at Aldebaran. Fortunately the rocket had been checked for permanent (milky) way work at Betelgeuse Sidings, and was passing at a mere five hundred miles a minute: otherwise the impact must have been more severe. Even as it was, the rear meteor was considerably damaged ('telescoped' in fact as a foreman at Jodrell Bank said at the inquiry). The Major in his report has some caustic things to say about the shunting of empty meteor stock on to fast roads, even when protected by distant (radio) signals as close as ten thousand miles away, and further suggests that relief signalmen at Aldebaran No. 5 box might find some more suitable occasion to eat ham sandwiches than when being offered fast rockets on an already over-crowded route. While space travellers must hope that the worthy Major's findings will receive prompt attention in official quarters, the whole incident only serves to emphasize the urgency of the traffic problem up aloft. Congestion has grown acute, but remedial measures hitherto have proved mere palliatives.

And what, the groaning tax-payer may fairly ask, has actually been done despite the lavish promises of the Ministry? The provision of Aerial Subways has proved a disappointment, since some irresponsible Martians (uninstructed in their correct function by a neglect of Hansard) have already been detected using them as skittle alleys. The work of converting the planets into intermittent flashing beacons proceeds but slowly. Nor have the celestial parking-meters fared much better, since some scientific misunderstanding over the inversion of the laws of gravitational pull in outer space led to many of the meters showing a reading of minus half a crown to the credit of comet drivers who had overstayed their time and who therefore gleefully pocketed what they argued with some plausibility was really theirs. That most ambitious project, our new Astro-Bahn of 200,000 Kilometres, of which the first three furlongs were opened with considerable éclat (as our readers will recall) by the West Bromwich Road Courtesy Queen on October 7 last had to be closed the following day, after a shooting star had fallen clean through it. And closed it remains to this moment. This led to some sharp exchanges in the House, when the Minister pointed out that the necessary repairs would only cost half a million or some eleven and threepence less than the new Comprehensive High School at Sevenoaks, of which the first thirty-seven storeys have already reared their ugly head. Clearly, work on the Astro-Bahn must be prosecuted with vigour, and at the present rate of progress it should be completed about the middle of next century.



But what of Summer week-ends? Imagination boggles at the prospect of queues of sputniks lined up bumper to bumper en route to Billy Bunter's Holiday Camp on Cassiopeia. Here the situation cries aloud for the construction of a new by-pass from the roundabout built some years in Pegasus High Street. Nor do we feel much assurance that the Minister has been alive to the Martian traffic coming the other way on fine Saturday afternoons on excursion trips to Hobbs Lane and other terrestrial resorts which the enterprising Quatermass tourist agencies have been advertising up there on Mars during the close season. Anyone who finds himself on the stretch between Andromeda and Aquarius on a Bank Holiday is likely to have his gears, brakes, and temper alike sorely tried. A little official imagination and foresight, however, tackling these difficulties with resolution, could soon bring improvement. The training of competent Sky Terriers, the scheduling of Ursa Minor as a one-way thoroughfare, and the provision of an avoiding fly-over at that nasty blind corner at Capricornus, are among the measures proposed by experienced trundlers in space. Let us defer the proposal of the Wiggeston Feminist League to establish a Woman in the Moon. What is chiefly needed is that our officials should reverse their present attributes and emulate those constellations of the first magnitude—now as accessible for a happy holiday trip as Rhyl or Blackpool—which, unlike the Minister, are said to be remarkable for their very low density.

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## *Come on in, the Water's Cold*

If anybody stops me on the beach this summer and says, "Are you going in?" my answer will be, "No!" The water is cold. It is always cold. Ever since 1940 people have always said the water is fine when you get used to it. This is an untruth.

There are two schools of thought about entering the water. One advocates running in like a goon. The other school (to which I belong) maintains that you should get wet an inch at a time, so allowing your body's anti-freeze mechanism to function properly. In entering the water it is important to watch out for small children who will nonchalantly fling the contents of their buckets down your spine. Also you will notice that the waves are of different heights, and one may lap round your ankle before you are ready. Personally I step over them.

It is usually about here I step on a piece of broken shell. Or is it a crab? I do not wait to find out. I move off, laterally, about ten feet. Now I am worried. How good is a crab's eyesight? Can he see ten feet? Did he see where I went? Did he think I stepped



on him on purpose? Does he hold a grudge? While I am in this pitiable state of mind, hemmed in by crabs and frozen from the knees down, a fifteen-stone rugby forward, in yellow trunks, flashes past on his way out and splashes eight or nine gallons of ice-cold water on my nicely warm upper portion. The shock automatically shuts down my breathing apparatus, leaving me barely enough breath to gasp a high-pitched "hu-hu-hu-hu!"

Now I am wet; so I might as well swim. I move to where the water is nice and calm. A thought hits me. This is jelly-fish territory. I am aware that every brush with a jelly-fish spells death. However, a careful scrutiny of the water fails to reveal any jelly-fish. Scanning the horizon for waves, I gently lower myself into the water and make two or three powerful strokes. On the fourth, a five-foot giant engulfs me, flinging me like a banana skin shot from a gun.

Now it is time to get out. I used to be proud of the length of time I could stay in the water. I still am. I can remain in for five minutes. Any doctor will tell you that when the body temperature has fallen to twelve degrees Fahrenheit it is time to leave the water. After five minutes that is what mine has fallen to.

My teeth are chattering. I am numb all over. There is ice in my ears, but it is no use banging the side of my head to remove it. It will not come out until it melts. My one thought is to reach the beach while there is still time. The warm sun will feel good. Glancing up at the sun, I see a large grey cloud moving across it. By the time I reach the beach it is a cloudy day, and a wind is whistling in from the North, and raises what I think I am warranted in calling "goose knobs" on my bare surfaces.

However, by the time I have reached the knot of friends and relatives, I have myself reasonably under control. My teeth are chattering with less noise; my body temperature has risen to forty degrees, and my circulation is starting again. I am shivering but not enough to blur my outline. To the casual observer I suppose I look normal.

When I join my friends there is always somebody who has not yet been in the water. "How is the water?" he says.

He has come to the right man: if anybody knows how the water is, I do. The water is cold. Very cold. I can warn him that he goes to an icy death; that his body temperature will plummet to twelve degrees Fahrenheit; and that ice-crystals will form in his hair.

Do I tell him these things? Certainly not. Why should I? Nobody told me the water was cold.

"The water's fine." I say, "after you get used to it."

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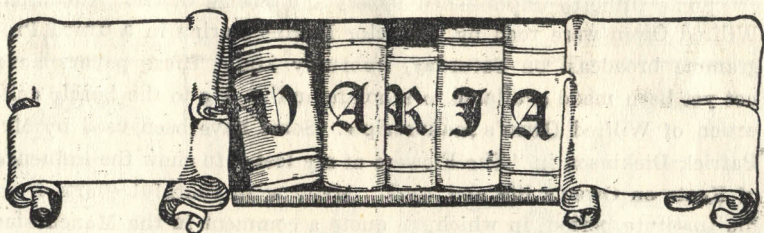
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Nature who delights in extremes and who never shirks a challenge, was green with envy. Conscious that for once she had met her Waterloo at the hands of our painters; in a fit of spleen on January 13, she blotted out the Institute altogether in a fog of Mosaic thickness. Other public buildings and thoroughfares of course suffered a like fate on what may be remembered locally as "Black Tuesday," but our members are more likely to recall some compensations of the impenetrable murk; the temporary suspension of 'lates' (thus making at least one prefect redundant) and on Thursday, January 15th, a shortening of the afternoon session so that the homeward bound could overhaul their radar outfits.

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For the Annual Prize Giving, Mr. Shaw composed a descant and violin obligato for Arne's "Rule Britannia." A last minute inspiration at the final rehearsal restricted the accompaniment to the violin alone—played with assurance by J. A. Thomas of 4B who must be congratulated on this confident debut. Mr. Shaw invited the audience to join in the choruses and conducted the ensemble in a manner reminiscent of Sir Malcolm at the last night of the Proms.



Some hitherto unpublished letters and poems of Old Instonian Wilfred Owen were read by the actor Marius Goring in a Third Programme broadcast on Saturday, February 21st. These papers have not yet been made available to scholars and belong to the family collection of Wilfred Owen's manuscripts. Some have been used by Mr. Patrick Dickinson in "The Flowers at my feet" to show the influence of Keats on Owen's life and work. Many were youthful efforts from his Institute period, in which, to quote a comment in the Manchester Guardian, "from the age of 15 he was obsessed by Keats, learning and extracting from him almost all that he, as a born poet, needed." Present members of the School may see the name of Wilfred Owen on the first of our War Memorial Tablets, that in honour of Old Boys who fell in the Great War of 1914-1918.

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On Tuesday, February 24th, in the course of his tour of the Far East, H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh reached Singapore in the royal yacht. The Institute was closely linked with the Duke's chief engagement on that day when he visited the new Singapore Polytechnic—a vast and splendid building offering technical courses under a staff of specialists recruited from all over the world. The Principal of this important college is Mr. David J. Williams, M.A., B.Sc., formerly Senior Physics Master at Birkenhead Institute and the successor of Mr. W. H. Watts in that post. Mr. Williams was on the Staff here for seventeen years before taking up technical college appointments at Liverpool, Nottingham, and Lancaster.





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HOUSE NOTES			

#### ATKIN.

**A**TKIN began the Rugby season dismally, losing the Senior Rugby match played against Stitt, a House renowned for its failures in the Rugby Competition, by six points to nil. This setback to our fortunes was followed by a heavier defeat at the hands of Tate.

In the Senior Chess Championship Atkin's fortunes touched rock-bottom since all three matches in the Senior section were lost to stronger teams. D. Harris is to be congratulated on his particularly fine performances against three of the School's leading players. However, the Junior team fared a little better and managed to defeat Westminster, last year's Chess Champions. This solitary win meant that Atkin shared third place with Westminster in the Chess Competition.

This Term the Cross Country runs and the Examination results have still to be decided; but it is to be hoped that Atkin will improve on her present position by doing well in these two events.

As these notes show, Atkin's record of achievement so far this year has been unsatisfactory, but there is still time for Atkin to gain a respectable placing in the Coronation Cup Competition if every boy will do his utmost for the House both in the classroom and on the gamesfield.

I. MARSHALL.

#### STITT.

**A**T the end of the last school year, when Stitt finished in a lamentable position, an appeal was made for a concerted effort to put the House back at the top. This has not gone unheeded among the members (particularly the Juniors), and, although we have not had the complete success we hoped for, the results so far suggest the possibility of better things to come.

In the Senior Rugby fixtures, thanks to the fine example set by the captain, E. Boyd, and the support he received from the fifth forms, we managed to break a lean spell, and our victory over the once proud



Atkin was the first for nearly three years. In the other two games, although we did not gain the day, at least the opposition knew they had been confronted by a team whose spirit and endeavour they would do well to copy. Defeated but not disgraced is perhaps the best phrase.

The Chess Championship proved to be a struggle between Stitt and Tate. In the Senior matches the Tate team emerged supreme, but in the Juniors the converse is true. However, a draw was not the final result; an examination of the points revealed a narrow margin which gave Tate the ultimate victory.

By the time these notes are published, the Junior Rugby games and the Cross Country race will have taken place, and it is hoped that the Stitt revival will continue. "Beware the men in green" may yet again become a warning with meaning in the Coronation Cup Competition.

G. McTEAR.

#### TATE.

**A**LTHOUGH there has only been one house activity so far this term Tate can look with pleasure on the result obtained. The junior Chess team continued the good work carried out by the seniors last term by beating Westminster and Atkin. Although they lost to Stitt, their previous efforts gave Tate a greater number of games in order to win the competition. Outstanding in their efforts were Peterson, Griffin and Muddiman.

The Senior Rugby was won last term by Tate after three very nerve-racking matches in which Stitt proved to be the toughest and Atkin the easiest opponents to beat. In these matches it was left to the backs to relieve the state of apathy shown by the forwards, and we could only manage to beat Stitt 6-3 and Westminster 15-11.

It is hoped that Tate can do much better in the forthcoming cross-country event than they have done in previous years.

C.E.C.

#### WESTMINSTER.

**A**FIRST examination of the results so far would suggest that Westminster has achieved very little in her efforts to retain the Coronation Cup. But we must remember that only the Chess competition has yet been decided. Out of the two senior Rugby matches played this year, the House lost against Tate but beat Stitt rather comfortably. Owing to bad weather the match against Atkin has still to be played, and in connection with this it must be remembered that Atkin were well beaten by Stitt.

On the surface, it would appear that Westminster's position is none too strong; but, with the whole-hearted support of every member of the House, Westminster will repeat her success of last year.

T. HARRIS.



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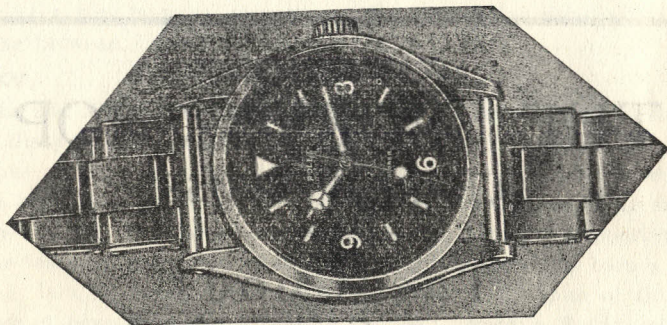
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# Rugby

## 1st XV.

THE 1958-59 season must be classed as a disappointing one for the 1st XV. After a number of good wins against sides of comparable resources, the 1st XV has failed to realise its considerable potential in matches against schools which have much greater numbers from which to select their sides.

The backbone of the side has been the pack, usually competent and often dominating. Docherty's excellent hooking, which fully merited his selection for the Cheshire Schoolboys' XV, some good line-out work by Evans and Hadfield, and a powerful foraging back row of Marshall, Lord and McCarter, provided many opportunities to the backs. The threequarter line, frequently disrupted by sickness and injury, has failed to provide sufficient thrust and penetration to round off these opportunities, despite all that Harris and Boyd could do.

On those occasions when forwards and backs worked in complete harmony, as against Park High School and Oldershaw Grammar School, the results were impressive. Such occasions were, alas, few, and far between.

## 2nd XV.

The 2nd XV have not enjoyed a successful season, which is somewhat disappointing considering the strength of the Colts XV the previous year. A number of drastic team changes had to be made at the beginning of the season, and, with heavy demands being made by the 1st XV throughout the year, there has been little opportunity for the team to settle down. As a result of this there has been a noticeable lack of team spirit and enthusiasm. In spite of this a number of boys have given faithful service, especially Brady, whose tackling in the full-back position could not be faulted.

## Bantams.

The Bantams XV has not had a very successful season. The XV has a fair share of talent, but a lack of determination in resisting sustained attack in the initial stages of a game frequently led to loss of heart. Hard work by Kevan, Jones, and Clays in the forwards and strong running by Young and Davies in the backs all too often went unsupported.

## Junior Bantams.

The Junior Bantams have been outweighed in many of their games, but have nevertheless, continued to play good Rugby at every opportunity. The need for continual backing-up and hard tackling has not been heeded, but the general enthusiasm and spirit shown during the game are highly commendable.



# 1st Form XV.

The 1st Form XV has had a most encouraging season. Much talent has come to light, and the play of Bodels, Pye, Steels, McCoy and McNulty bodes well for the future.

## RESULTS.

September 1958—March 1959.

### 1st XV.

Birkenhead School .....	Away	Lost	36—0
Wirral Grammar School .....	Home	Lost	19—0
St. Anselm's College .....	Away	Lost	22—11
Grove Park Grammar School .....	Home	Won	24—3
Rock Ferry High School .....	Home	Drawn	11—11
Helsby Grammar School .....	Away	Lost	26—3
Park High School .....	Away	Won	3—0
Helsby Grammar School .....	Home	Drawn	3—3
St. Edwards' College .....	Away	Lost	26—0
Holt High School .....	Home	Won	14—0
Old Instonians .....	Home	Lost	11—10
Oldershaw Grammar School .....	Away	Drawn	3—3
Calday Grammar School .....	Home	Lost	14—3
Oldershaw Grammar School .....	Home	Won	19—0
St. Edward's College .....	Home	Lost	22—5
Park High School .....	Home	Won	25—3
C.G.S. St. Helens .....	Home	Lost	23—8
St. Anselm's College .....	Home	Lost	3—0
Holt High School .....	Away	Won	24—9
Wirral Grammar School .....	Away	Lost	39—5

### 2nd XV.

Birkenhead School .....	Home	Lost	32—6
Wirral Grammar School .....	Home	Lost	26—0
St. Anselm's College .....	Home	Won	19—8
Grove Park Grammar School .....	Away	Won	29—0
Rock Ferry High School .....	Home	Won	18—3
Park High School .....	Away	Won	17—0
Oldershaw Grammar School .....	Away	Drawn	0—0
Oldershaw Grammar School .....	Home	Lost	3—0
C.G.S. St. Helens .....	Home	Lost	25—3
Wallasey Technical School .....	Home	Lost	8—0
Wirral Grammar School .....	Away	Lost	39—8



# **"A" XV.**

Wallasey Technical School .....	Awlay	Lost	3— 0
Quarry Bank High School .....	Home	Won	26— 6
Holywell Grammar School .....	Home	Lost	8— 6
Holywell Grammar School .....	Awlay	Won	11—10

# **Colts XV.**

Wirral Grammar School .....	Away	Lost	22— 3
Helsby Grammar School .....	Away	Lost	26—10
St. Anselm's College .....	Home	Won	10— 6
Grove Park Grammar School .....	Home	Won	14— 5
Park High School .....	Home	Lost	8— 3
Helsby Grammar School .....	Home	Won	13— 0
St. Edward's College .....	Away	Lost	14— 0
Oldershaw Grammar School .....	Home	Won	3— 0
Denbigh Sec. Tech. School .....	Home	Won	19— 5
Calday Grammar School .....	Away	Lost	34— 5
St. Edward's College .....	Home	Won	14—12
Park High School .....	Away	Won	9— 6
St. Anselm's College .....	Away	Lost	25— 0
Wirral Grammar School .....	Home	Lost	29— 3

Won 7....Lost 7....Points for 406....Points against 192.

# **Under 16 team.**

Denbigh Sec. Tech. School .....	Home	Won	41— 5
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# **Extra: Colts.**

Birkenhead School (under 16). .....	Away	Lost	51—10
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# **Bantams XV.**

Wirral Grammar School .....	Away	Lost	9— 5
St. Anselm's College .....	Home	Lost	33— 6
Grove Park Grammar School .....	Away	Lost	9— 0
Woodchurch Sec. School .....	Home	Won	27— 0
Park High School .....	Home	Lost	28— 0
Oldershaw Grammar School .....	Away	Lost	11—10
Calday Grammar School .....	Away	Lost	29— 3
Park High School .....	Away	Lost	27— 5
Wirral Grammar School .....	Home	Lost	11— 3

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## Chess Notes

AS was expected, our opponents in the Wright Shield Competition this term have proved to be of much tougher calibre than those encountered last term and shattered our earlier record. However, our defeats were sometimes heavier than they need have been, as many games which showed promise in the early stages were lost because of weak mid-game moves and ineffective combination play. It must be realised that it is most difficult to secure a winning position unless a real attempt is made from the beginning to initiate an attack with the major pieces in mutual support. The final result in the Wright Shield Competition was:—

Played 7      Won 3      Lost 4.

Our successes were gained against Wade Deacon G.S., Liverpool Collegiate School, and Rock Ferry H.S., while our victors were Calday Grange G.S., Holt H.S., King Edward's College, and Ormskirk G.S.

In addition to these matches, 'friendlies' have been played against Grange Secondary School (won 4—2 and 5—1) and Maghull G.S. (lost 4½—2½), and a further friendly match is due to be played on March 17th against Wirral G.S.

The House Match Competition was decided this term and resulted in a win for Tate. The full results were:—

- 1 Tate—5 Matches—27½ games.
- 2 Stitt—5 Matches—22½ games.
- 3 Westminster—1 Match—18 games.
- 4 Atkin—1 Match—15 games.

A Knock-out Competition for First Formers was initiated last term. This was won by J. Tunley, who beat E. Pye in the Final.

The Senior and Junior Championships are drawing to a close and the finalists will play off early next term.

Finally, about a dozen boys have entered for the Liverpool Junior Chess Congress in the Easter Holidays, who, we hope, will do well in their respective sections.

R.H.J.

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## The Literary and Debating Society

AT the time of writing two meetings of the Society have been held this term. The first was to elect officers and to decide upon a subject for debate the second, on February 12th, was a debate at which the proposal was "That Ghosts are Real," the motion being defeated. This proved to be a very interesting debate, and it is hoped that in future more boys will be attracted to the meetings, at which the Society intends to cover a wide variety of subjects.

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**T**HE Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Friday, 27th February, at the Old Instonians' Club, 126 Elmswood Road.

The Chairman in his address reported an increase in the membership of the Association and an increase in the range of activity within the Association. Apart from the Rugby Football Club and the Association Football Club, both of which were affiliated to the central body, there now existed Golf and Tennis Sections and a Cricket Team, and during the year a Commemoration Dinner, a car rally, and numerous socials had been held.

Sports Prizes had been awarded at the end of the school year, one to a boy from each House who, in the opinion of his Housemaster, had done the most to foster sport in that House during the year. By invitation of the Headmaster, these prizes were presented by E. G. Williams, Esq., on behalf of the Association, to G. Buckland-Evers of Atkin, C. E. Colley of Tate, and P. J. Sampson of Westminster. The prize was not awarded to Stitt, because it was considered there was no boy of sufficient merit.



Wreaths were laid on the memorials in the School on Remembrance Day.

It was decided at the meeting that the Association shall have an official tie, this to be black with open gold visors in diagonal lines.

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Easter will see us in Bridlington this year, a change from the Isle of Man, which we have visited at Easter since 1951. We are entered in a "Sevens" there on Easter Monday, and have also arranged full games for the remainder of the weekend.

In conclusion, we should like to offer a sincere welcome to any boy leaving the School who is interested in Rugby, either as a player or non-player, and assure him of an enjoyable time with us. Mr. Malcolm can give any boy full particulars of the Club. As always, we send our best wishes to the Headmaster, Staff, and Boys of the School for the continued success, prosperity, and long life of the Birkenhead Institute.

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