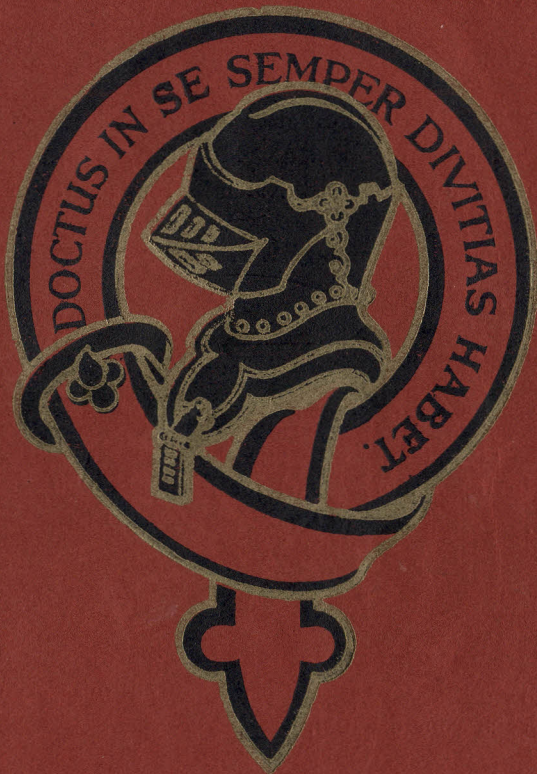


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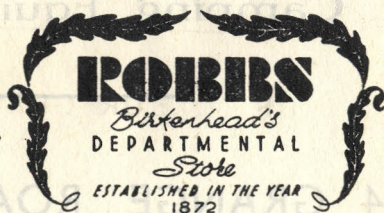
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School Calendar.

Summer term began	May 2nd
Athletic Sports	May 26th
Half-term holiday	June 6th, 7th, 8th
Summer term ends	July 22nd
Autumn term begins	September 5th
Half-term holiday	October 24th, 25th, 26th.
Autumn term ends	December 21st
Spring term begins	January 4th, 1961

Editorial.

IT is a custom of respectable antiquity that a school magazine should have an editorial. Belonging to the same period when a school debating society was regarded as a nursery for the House of Commons, the editorial used to be highly conscious of its public responsibility in drawing attention to the burning topics of the day. It would be an affectation to deny, however, that it has long since shed such pomp and circumstance. The reader will therefore look here in vain for our fulminations upon apartheid, road accident figures, or the apparent incompetence of the Japanese police. But, if the survival of the editorial in such a place as this, within the opening pages of a Summer Term *Visor* is by now a convention, what a pleasant usage it is! And how agreeably has the character of your editor been improved by his emancipation from the old pressures and prejudices. We are no 'thunderer' as the "Times" was known when Delane sat in its editorial chair, but survey everything in our community, as our pages attest, with a benevolent tolerance. We fear no summons to the sanctum of an irate proprietor who might send us packing on the instant because our leaders have offended his cherished foibles or alarmed his favourite hobby-horse. If Wells is to be believed, one of the Harmsworth Brothers acquired his taste and talent for power while on the editorial staff of a school magazine published within the City of London. Yet our novelist freely admitted that, although the circulation increased, as a school magazine it was ruined by such antics. No, we continue to write editorials because we feel *Visor* without them would be slightly indecorous, like a man appearing at table without his tie; because we wish to greet our public anew; because we think no harm is done by a gentle proffering of our wares as was done by the more genteel merchants in the bazaars of Samarkand. In short, because, in writing them, we honour a tradition and because we hope, may feel, that our sentiments would be missed if they did not appear.

Salvete.

4A; Chalkley, K. B.

Valete.

4A; Peterson, J. L.

Mr. W. E. Williams.

THIS term we lose, with the greatest reluctance, the services of Mr. W. E. Williams, M.A., who came to the School in September 1930. A brilliant historian, Mr. Williams was a Scholar of Peterhouse, Cambridge, where he took a first class in the Historical Tripos, Parts I and II, and he came to us after spending a year at Hawarden and the British Museum in research on the Gladstone Papers. During 1941 and 1942 he served in the Royal Artillery, but for the rest of his time he has absorbed himself in the life of the School in a way that has never been excelled.

Pre-eminently Mr. Williams has been the inspiring teacher, with a knowledge of his subject equalled by the lucidity of his exposition. It has been a liberal education for every boy in the last thirty years to be shown how to weigh the pros and cons of an argument, and how to extract the salient facts of a situation and to rank them in a comprehensive and comprehensible array. That his labours have not been in vain is shown by the number of his pupils who have read history in the universities of our country and who received their inspiration from his teaching.

Side by side with this ability there has gone another, the genius of administrative and organising ability. Whatever has been run by Mr. Williams has functioned perfectly. For very many years he has prepared the machinery for such events as Speech Days, for which he has both selected the prizes and arranged their distribution; Athletic Sports, at which, presiding in the back room, he has translated the ceaseless flow of information from the table of the Records into an ordered simplicity of shields, cups, medals, and certificates; and finally School and Joint Matriculation Board examinations, over which he has presided in an Olympian fashion which foresaw and precluded any hint of mistake.

When, in the summer of 1939, the first History of the School was published to mark the School's Jubilee, it was the work of the then Senior History Master, later Headmaster, Mr. G. W. Harris. This account covered the years 1889 to 1908, and the next instalment, whose publication was delayed by the War, did not appear till June 1949, when the original record was re-printed and brought up to date. In this 1949 edition Mr. Harris carried on his history as far as 1927, when the *Visor* was founded, and Mr. Williams was responsible for the period 1927 to 1949. Mr. Williams also contributed to this number the article "Some Distinguished Old Boys". Then in 1959, to mark the seventieth year after the foundation, Mr. Williams re-wrote the complete History of the School from 1889—1959, a work which compels the admiration of all readers.

The *Visor* is greatly indebted to Mr. Williams's remarkable literary ability. For very many years now he has contributed a termly article notable for its originality of thought and felicity of expression. For an equal period he has produced scholarly editorials and provided accurate School records in *Staff Notes* and *Varia*. His, too, has been the pen which has paid tribute to members of Staff on their retirement.

It will come as a surprise to the present generation of boys to learn that Mr. Williams has also taught English in this School as well as having been in the Music department, where he was the pianist at Assembly and for many years presided with his noted vigour over the hymns and class singing.

With all this there has gone an individuality which will remain long in the memories of all his acquaintance. The flash of wit that enlivened a drab episode, the biting invective that lashed any kind of folly or incompetence on any level, the outspoken commentary on passing events, these are the things which will be remembered by colleagues as well as by pupils. We trust, however, that things may not turn out as black as now they seem, and, if we are to lose those daily shafts of mordant humour and the chromatic glories of W.E.W.'s blackboards, perhaps it will be given to us to see yet again that tall scholarly figure in blue mackintosh and bowler hat come long striding along Derby Road and across Whetstone Lane to revisit his former haunts and as of old to brighten with his quips the labours of his friends.

Staff Notes.

THIS term the School welcomed Mr. Purnell, who took charge of the Geography Department in the interregnum between Mr. Blake's departure in April and his successor's assumption of the post next September. We were singularly fortunate to secure the services of so experienced a specialist as Mr. Purnell for the vital period of a Summer Term. Educated at Keble College, Oxford, graduating B.A. in 1950, and M.A. in 1954, and holding the Fellowship of the Royal Geographical Society, Mr. Purnell has seen service at the Boteler Grammar School, Warrington, and St. John's College, Southsea.

Between July 1957 and January 1960 he was Head of the Geography Department at Nelson College, New Zealand. He has a very wide range of interest, having been in charge of both football and cricket at Boteler School, and in 1956 being Commanding Officer of the Combined Cadet Force at Embley School, Romsey. We beg to thank Mr. Purnell most cordially for the great assistance he gave to the School in coming to us at a time of staff shortage and at such short notice, and we wish him every success in the appointment which he has been offered at Ampleforth College, York.

Both Mr. Illsley and Mr. Holt leave us for new posts at the end of this term, and we have already given our readers outlines of their academic careers in an earlier *Visor*. Mr. Illsley has been appointed Lecturer in Method at the Dundee College of Education, where, as befits his considerable colonial experience, Commonwealth Students will be his especial care. Mr. Holt will be joining the Modern Languages Staff at King George V Grammar School, Southport, in the new academic year. The School would like to assure both of them of its obligation for the work they have done here, and hopes that their future careers will be happy and successful.

Wilfred Owen Memorial.

IN order to honour the name of Wilfred Owen, an Old Boy of the School and now acknowledged as one of the foremost poets of the 1914-18 war period, it has been decided to start an appeal to commemorate his association with Birkenhead Institute.

It is thought that Wilfred Owen himself would have wished this to take some useful form. Therefore we shall be appealing to the School, Old Boys, parents and friends of the School, for money which will be used to enlarge the School Library. This enlarged Library will be named 'the Wilfred Owen Library'.

It is hoped that all who read these pages will be as generous as possible in supporting this appeal.

Donations should be sent to the Headmaster, at School.

A Chapter of Reminiscence.

TO one looking back from this Summer of 1960 to the Merseyside scene as it appeared thirty years ago, the contrasts are sharp enough to make memory almost mistrust itself. Today the future beckons inexorably, and the pattern of a startlingly new human era is already establishing itself around us. But in 1930 the past remained so strongly represented that it was still possible to regard that time as a mere extension of Edwardian days. The whole atmosphere then was of an older and slower age, standing on a threshold but still comparatively undisturbed. Commemoration of the 1918 Armistice continued annually on November 11 with a nation-wide two minutes' silence. On the other hand few had then heard of Hitler, and those who had considered him without significance. 1930 clung obstinately to the former ways in so many aspects of life, giving no inkling of the revolutionary future, that a consideration of all the changes and contrasts, then and now, would embrace a very wide field of survey. But

let us illustrate those differences, for the nonce, by looking at the Mersey scene as it was thirty years back.

On the great river highway of this community the observer of 1930 could see much that had changed very little since the earliest years of the Century. The White Star Line which today has shrunk to a house flag, was then operating a weekly sailing to New York, and its four Liverpool vessels, **Adriatic**, **Baltic**, **Cedric**, and **Celtic** had the long yacht-like hulls, the tall stacks, and the superb array of masts, which had come off the drawing-boards in the early 1900's during the reign of Ismay. Regarded as enlarged versions of **Teutonic** and **Oceanic**, they recalled that even older England of Victoria. Also on the river were Canadian Pacific boats which had formerly sailed under the Allan flag when emigration to U.S.A. had been at its height, and when fur caps and the incomprehensible accents of Baltic and Slavonic lands had been a commonplace on Princes Stage. Among the smaller fry, Wallasey Ferries operated vessels like **John Joyce**, which had once sailed to New Brighton with summer crowds innocent of any knowledge of the first World War, and Birkenhead had not yet abandoned its service of steamers from Liverpool to Rock Ferry Pier. As this was some years before the opening of the Mersey Tunnel, or the erection of its giant towers against the sky line, a vast "luggage" ferry service continued between the great floating roadway at Liverpool and its matching counterparts at Woodside and Sea-combe. A good half of the patient traffic waiting in long queues for embarkation on both sides of the river remained horse-drawn. Indeed, along the whole length of the Liverpool Dock Road the horse had barely lost his monopoly.

Nor was it in water-borne or commercial traffic alone that in 1930 the voice of the past was insistent. At Lime Street Station, for instance despite the Grouping Act of 1923, the bulk of the locomotive stock was that turned out by George Whale and Bowen Cooke in the tremendous motive power improvements undertaken at Crewe between 1904 and 1912. The brass nameplates of many of these engines kept alive famous names of the early railway era. At Exchange, the electric train stock working to Ormskirk and Aintree was unchanged since the pioneer electrification of 1904. And at Woodside it was still possible to see double-framed Great Western four-coupled engines sporting the enormous brass domes which had been one of the hallmarks of Swindon since the eighties. On the thoroughfares of all the Merseyside boroughs pride of place was claimed by that most characteristic creation of the early 1900's—the electric tramcar. Go where one would, into the furthest recesses of Bootle, up to Aintree on Grand National Day, to New Ferry Toll Bar, or to Wallasey Village, tram tracks and crossings, intricate overhead wiring, and insistent tramcar foot-gongs

were ubiquitous. Astonishingly little change had overtaken the rolling-stock in its thirty years career. Liverpool had, it is true, already abandoned (but only six years previously) the elegant and class-conscious white livery of its first class cars, Birkenhead was to scrap in December 1930 its "Knife board" seat tram which always claimed on its route board to reach Port Sunlight (but never did!), and Wallacey's pale green cars were under sentence of death. But substantially the street picture was the same as it had been before 1914. Apart from some external modifications in such things as lifeguards and wind-screens, the maroon coloured Liverpool tram would have been instantly recognisable by a Rip Van Winkle who had gone to sleep in 1903 and only reawakened during Britain's second Labour Government. Motormen still wore the military cut tunics of a past age. The Old Haymarket, undisturbed by any major Tunnel entrance, had some centre tramway standards of a pattern installed as far back as 1900, firmly planted on their round stone refuges.

Birkenhead then knew nothing of blue buses. The dark-brown double deckers of that period were interlopers at Woodside terminus, which had not changed since 1901 as a purely tramway siding with six parallel tracks. Some buses still had solid tyres, and the greater part of the fleet had their rear stairways open to the weather. That most familiar sound to the Instonian of 1960 of a bus starting up from the "Beechcroft" stop was as yet unheard. In all the borough there was not a single beacon, nor pedestrian crossing, no roundabouts, no one-way streets, and no traffic lights apart from the original experimental set where Duke Street met Park Road North. Once a pedestrian was clear of the town centre and entered the suburbs, he could shake off bricks and mortar quite speedily. In those days, for instance, on a walk from Storeton Road to Arrowe Park Gates, the northern side of Woodchurch Road with rare interruptions was hedge fringed throughout, and the whole thoroughfare innocent of either dual carriageways or sodium lights. Even the vast World Jamboree traffic of 1929 had to negotiate a narrow brick arch under the railway at the foot of Swan Hill. Beyond it was meadows all the way, and the curlew stalked the acres we now know as Woodchurch Estate. The prospect from Oxtan footpath across Wirral to the Dee was still largely rural. Only a very few years before had some Institute masters living in the Heswall area been able to use a Crosville bus for their journey to school in place of a long trip by railway through Hadlow Road and Hooton.

Somehow, then, before the country had yielded entirely to the town, and before traffic-choked arteries had become a burden, there seemed to be more room for everyone and a ready escape to tranquility from the madding crowd.

W.E.W.

Birkenhead Institute, School Institute and Endurance Test 1960.

WE arrived at the Headmaster's house at 5-35 a.m. on Wednesday the 20th April 1960 and were given a booklet of instructions by Mr. Webb, who had just arisen. We opened the booklet and read what tasks we had to perform. We had to visit and bring back proof of visiting the castles of Caernarvon, Harlech, Conway, Denbigh, Rhuddlan, Beaumaris, and Chirk, the cathedrals of Bangor and St. Asaph, Birkenhead Corporation Reservoir, the summit of Snowdon, the ancient village site of Dyn Lligwy in Anglesey, South Stack Lighthouse, Gelert's Grave, and the tip of the Llyn peninsula. We were not allowed to use any public transport, and we had only fifteen shillings each.

We made our way, from the Headmaster's house, to the Mersey Tunnel entrance. We arrived there at 6-5 a.m. and got our first lift at 6-20 in a grit lorry bound for Chester. We passed most of the other competitors by the New Ferry by-pass. The driver dropped us off at the Welsh road. We walked along this road for fifteen minutes before getting a lift in an old lorry bound for Morfa Nevin, which is about twelve miles from the tip of the Llyn peninsula. Our driver was very helpful and suggested several routes to us, but we decided to go all the way to Morfa Nevin with him. We stopped at Caernarvon on the way there, where we asked the castle custodian for his signature, and also bought a map of North Wales. We reached Morfa Nevin at 11 o'clock, and after consulting our map we decided to make for Aberdaron, a very drab seaside resort and the only town of any size at the tip of the Llyn Peninsula. We were lucky and got a lift in a private car fifteen minutes after starting out. Our driver, a voluble Welsh tractor salesman, had to leave us at a point about six miles from Aberdaron. We reached Aberdaron at 2-30 after traversing some very desolate country where hardly any cars go. We found the town's only policeman and obtained his signature.

We then decided to make for the main road at Abersoch, some ten miles away. The lane we walked along was in need of repair, and few cars passed us. Four miles later we got a lift in a new Morris Oxford driven by two University students. It was very hot, and we were wearing heavy jackets and carrying packs, and so we were grateful to get that lift. They took us as far as Pwllheli, where they were staying, and at 5 o'clock we started out for Harlech, which we hoped to reach before nightfall. Our luck held, and we got a lift in a farm wagon to Penrhyndeudraeth, which is nine miles from Harlech. At 5-25 we were given a lift by two mountain climbers in

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a Morris 1000 to Harlech. We climbed a steep hill to the rook-infested castle, and saw the keeper just as he was going home. After obtaining his signature, we returned to the main road and opened a tin of shrimps, our first meal of the day.

At 6-25 we started back to Penrhyndeudraeth, and half way there at 7-50 we got a lift in a Bedford workman's van. Night was falling when we arrived, and so we decided to call it a day. After making enquiries in the town we were directed to a farm called Tolgarth, situated on the top of a hill overlooking the town. The farmer let us camp in one of his fields. We pitched tent in the shelter of a slate outcrop and watched the sun go down over the Snowdonia range. We cooked a meal of sausage, bacon, and soup with the aid of a flashlight.

We awoke at 6 o'clock and it took us over two hours to get ready. We then headed for Beddgelert, about seven miles away. We walked nearly all the way, through the wonderful scenery of the Aber Glaslyn Pass. We got a lift near Beddgelert in a Manweb Electric van, carrying workmen, and arrived in Beddgelert at 11-25. We followed the signposts to Gelert's Grave and found ourselves in the middle of an open field, looking at a slate plaque upon which was written a Welsh tale about a dog called Gelert, who was supposed to be buried there. As there was no keeper from whom to get our evidence of having been there, we did the next best thing and copied down the inscription, word for word.

Our next target, the biggest, was the summit of Snowdon. At 11-55 we got a lift in a Bedford van to the foot of the Watkin Path leading to the summit. We started at 12-10 and reached the top at 4-30. The path is about four miles long, and the van driver had said that the last few hundred yards were "a bit of a scramble", but what we saw was a goat track running diagonally up a practically sheer cliff face. While we were toiling up this track, Tooley and Williams, two fellow competitors, both of 5A, passed us on their way down. On reaching the top we went to the summit cafe and asked the manageress for her signature. While we were cooling off with lemonade and enjoying the view, several other competitors came in, but they had all followed the railway from Llanberis, and I think we were the only ones to climb up the other side. We then followed the railway to Llanberis, about four miles away and arrived there at 7-5. At 7-15 we got a lift in a contractor's lorry to Bangor, by-passing Caernarvon. We arrived at 7-55 and went to the Cathedral, which was closed, and so we went to the Canon's house, but receiving no reply we went to the Dean's house, and interrupted him while he was having his dinner, but he gave us his signature. It was then 8-5 and nearly dark, but we decided to cross the Menai Bridge and try to get a lift to Holyhead, which is near South Stack Lighthouse.

At 8-45, after having crossed the bridge, we had a stroke of luck. We got a lift on the back of an open milk van all the way to Holyhead. On hearing that we were going to South Stack our driver, a dairy farmer's son, with his young brother, took us to South Stack, a few miles outside Holyhead. The assistant lighthouse-keeper was just locking the gates as we appeared on the top of the cliffs. We shouted him and ran down hundreds of stone steps and across a small suspension bridge. We got his signature, and then our driver insisted that we stayed at his father's farm. We reached the farm at 9-40, and his father let us sleep in his granary. We had not eaten since breakfast, and so his sons brought us a pot of tea, salmon rolls, and a bottle. After that we soon went to sleep.

We awoke at 7-40 and our friends gave us a lift to Valley, a town a few miles from Holyhead. At 8-20 we got a lift on the back of a market garden lorry as far as the Menai Bridge. We arrived and at 9-20 started walking towards Beaumaris. At 9-55 we got a lift in the back of an open contractor's van to Beaumaris. We arrived at 10-5 and went to the castle, one of the best we had seen, and asked the keeper for his signature. We also bought a guide book as further proof.

We left Beaumaris at 10-20, and at 10-30 we got a lift to Menai in the same contractor's van that had taken us to Beaumaris. In Menai we were mistaken for two bricklayers. We crossed the Menai bridge and at 10-55 we got a lift along the coast road in a Morris Minor. The driver and his wife, both Welsh, asked us to have their sandwiches and flask of tea, for which we were very grateful. Our driver, who was going to Queensferry, stopped at Conway Castle. We got out of the car and got the Castle custodian's signature and bought a guide book. We then got back into the car, and they put us off at St. Asaph at 12-15. We went to the Cathedral, but there was no one there. We paid a shilling for a guide book and left for Rhuddlan.

At 12-35 we got a lift in a new Hillman Minx, driven by an American negro, who was with his wife. He was not used to British roads and reached a speed of eighty-five miles an hour. After he had pulled up with his front bumper resting against a telegraph pole, we thanked him and walked to a decaying Rhuddlan Castle, and obtained the signature of a rather reluctant custodian. It was 12-50, and we decided to make for Denbigh, about seven miles from St. Asaph. At 1-8 we got a lift in a private car to St. Asaph.

We walked most of the way to Denbigh, but at 2-10 we got a lift in a pre-war Austin driven by a Birkenhead man who lived in Whetstone Lane. We arrived in Denbigh at 2-30, and, after getting the Castle custodian's signature, we got a lift, at 2-55, in the back of a wallpaper van. We could have gone to Rhyl with the driver, but

we asked him to drop us off at St. Asaph because more traffic bound for Queensferry and Chester passed through there. We had decided to make for home. We arrived in St. Asaph at 3 o'clock, and at 3-10 got a lift on the back of a very old lorry along the A.55. The driver let us off at Chester at 4-10. At 5-10 we got a lift outside Chester from a Liverpoolian mountain climber in a Ford Popular. He dropped us off at the Mersey Tunnel entrance at 5-30. After having a wash and something to eat, we went to the Headmaster's house and gave him our proof.

The test was most interesting and even educational. We were certainly very glad we took part and should like to thank the Headmaster for his work in organising this strenuous competition.

D. McRAE and R. SUTTON.

Athletic Notes

CCROSS-COUNTRY Running was the winter training for our athletes, and field event practice was started in March. Javelin, Discus, and Shot were introduced to all year groups and formed part of our athletics programme. Regular training nights were instituted, and a number of boys availed themselves of these opportunities

SPORTS DAY.

A fine day gave us the chance to complete a long programme of events. G. Blease of 4B broke the School Long Jump record, which had stood at 18ft. 6½ins. since 1924.

TOWN TRIALS.

A number of boys were entered for the trials but only four qualified for the town team: E. Evans, 3A, 100 yards; B. Hill, 3B, Long Jump; A. Lewis, 3A, Discus, and R. Wade, 4A, Discus. A. McIntosh 5B was later included in the team in the Javelin event.

BIRKENHEAD INSTITUTE v. PARK HIGH SCHOOL.

This was the School's first inter-school athletics match, and again we had a fine day for it. The School team had a convincing win by 94½ points to 63½ points, and among the outstanding performances were A. McIntosh, 150ft. 4ins. in the Javelin; G. Blease, first in the 100 yards and the Long Jump; C. Lee first in the 220 yards and 440 yards.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS — STOCKPORT JUNE 25th.

Five boys from the School were in the Town team, and each gave a good account of himself. Our congratulations go to E. Evans of 3A who became Under-15 100 yards County Champion, and who also ran in the 4 x 100 yards relay race which Birkenhead won. B. Hill of 3B was 7th in the Long Jump. We hope Evans will be selected for Cheshire in the All-England Schools Championships, which will be held on July 22 and 23, in Shropshire.

FUTURE PLANS.

Athletics training will start early next year, and new events will be introduced. Boys will appreciate how necessary it is to train hard and practise in order to succeed. It is hoped to have regular competitions next year and to enter certain Open events as a school team.

J.D.H.

Athletic Sports.

THIS annual event took place this year on May 26th at the School field, Ingleborough Road. The day was fine, and perhaps as a result there was a better than usual attendance of parents and friends. We were particularly pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Jones, and Mrs. Jones later presented the prizes and awards. The sports had been admirably organised by Mr. J. D. Hall, and, with the active co-operation of many other members of staff, they were carried out without a hitch. Highlights of the afternoon were the breaking of the long-standing School record in the Long Jump by G. Blease, and the awarding to A. McIntosh and R. Povall of the prizes for all-round sportsmanship which are generously presented each year by Mr. Meggs. Finally we must thank the Ladies' Committee not only for the outstanding success of their efforts on Sports Day, but also for their unwearied and devoted ministrations to the teams throughout the whole year.

RESULTS.

100 YARDS.

1st Form—1, Scoffield, P. L.; 2, Caplin, K.; 3, Parry, P. G.

100 YARDS.

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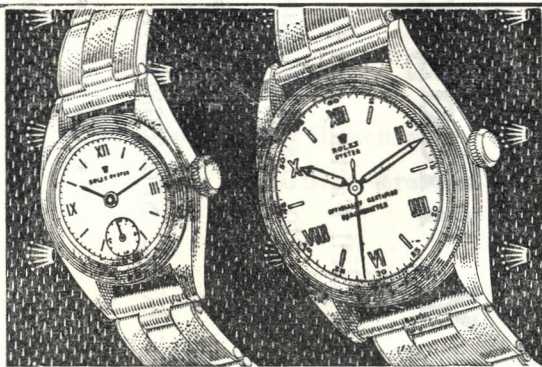
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3rd Form—1, Ratcliff D.; 2, Hill, B.; 3, McKitrick, L. R.

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2nd Form—1, McNulty, M.; 2, Barrett, P.; 3, Morris, R. M.

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SHOT.

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2nd Form—1, McNulty, M.; 2, Brown, G.; 3, Chamney, G. A.

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HIGH JUMP.

4th Form—1, Blease, G.; 2, Wade, R.; Young, G.

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4th Form—1, Waring, M. W.; 2, Moorby, I.; 3, Woodworth, J

LONG JUMP.

Senior—1, Lee, C.; 2, Steedman, A.; 3, Boyd, R.

VICTOR LUDORUM—Lee, C., 29 points.

Runner-up—Boyd, R., 25 points.

JUNIOR VICTOR LUDORUM—Hill, B. J., 29 points.

Runner-up—Evans, E., 26 points.

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RECORD.

In the 4th Form Long Jump, Blease, G., broke the School record with a jump of 18 feet 9 inches.

Holland 1960

DURING the summer holidays thirty boys are to visit Belgium and Holland. They will meet at Hamilton Square at 10.30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24th, and travel by the midnight train from Lime Street, arriving in Euston shortly after 6 a.m. After breakfast, they will leave Victoria about 9 a.m. for Dover, where they will board the ferry to Ostend, arriving about 4 p.m. A coach will be waiting to transfer them to a hotel for the night.

The next day the coach will follow the coast road to Sluis, cross the border into Holland, and board the car ferry to Flushing, the large naval base and ship-building yard on the island of Walcheren. The journey will then continue to Middleburg, the capital town of Zeeland, Roosendaal, where lunch will be eaten, Rotterdam, by means of the renowned tunnel under the harbour, and Delft, the world-famous pottery centre. From there the coach will go to Noordwijk aan Zee, arriving at the hotel about 6 p.m. The party will stay at Noordwijk, a seaside town south of Haarlem, for six days, visiting such places as Amsterdam, The Hague, IJmuiden, Alkmaar, the centre of the famous cheese market, and Marken, a small island in the Zuider Zee.

The return journey to Belgium, where the last night will be spent, will be through Rotterdam, Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges. The party will then board the morning boat at Ostend, arriving back at Liverpool at about 10.30 p.m. on September 2.



VARIA.

ON Friday, June 10, a party went from the School to watch the launching of the new guided-missile destroyer, H.M.S. "Devonshire," by H.R.H. Princess Alexandra, at Cammell Laird's Shipyard. The long history of the School has been punctuated by launches of many famous ships by members of the Royal Family. Indeed one of the most familiar sounds heard by Instonians is the booming salute of the launching gun. The most auspicious of these ceremonies have always found us well represented near the slip-way. H.M.S. "Devonshire," the pioneer craft of her class, now adds another memory to our rich store, which in the last quarter century includes "Mauretania," "Ark Royal," and "Windsor Castle."

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The School enjoyed a full day's holiday during the first week of the term to celebrate the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret at Westminster Abbey on Friday, May 6th. This turned out most fittingly to be a brilliantly fine day, and one that will long remain in the memory, not only on its own account but as a proof that our much-maligned English weather can sometimes rise royally to the requirements of a great occasion.

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The School acknowledges with gratitude the gift from Mr. Stanton Campbell, an Old Boy, of forty-five volumes, chiefly on Art and English Literature, and a large quantity of artists' materials.

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We congratulate J. A. Thomas of 5B on the award of a music studentship by Birkenhead Education Committee. The School has already had ample evidence of his promise as a musician, and trusts that in the future Thomas will emulate those distinguished Old Instonians who have earned celebrity both as performers and as consultants.

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During the last week of the Spring Term the seven members of the Advanced Geography Class undertook a field exercise in the Lake District, led by Mr. Blake. Rawhead Cottage in Langdale was the headquarters of the party. Tramps in the fells were organised

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for Palm Sunday to the head of Langdale Valley and Mickleden, though inclement weather made the going rough and heavy. On the following day, Bow Fell was climbed from which extensive views were obtained. The excursion concluded with a visit to the Little Langdale mines. Despite rough and wet weather, the exercise proved to be a very profitable and stimulating experience for the party.

ATKIN	STITT	TATE	W'MINSTER
			
HOUSE NOTES			

ATKIN.

THIS term has seen the start of the long, hard climb which Atkin has to make to regain former glories.

On Sports Day, Atkin occupied third place, a very few points behind Stitt, the most pleasing performances of the afternoon being those of Blease, who broke the school long jump record which had stood since 1924, and Hill who was junior Victor Ludorum.

Atkin seniors were defeated in all three cricket matches but the juniors won two and lost one, beating Stitt and Westminster but losing to Tate. Edbrooke's fielding was outstanding in the Stitt match and Parry bowled well to take 7 wickets for 15 runs. In the Westminster game Hamlet made 29 runs not out.

W.V.P.

STITT.

THE time has now come for the publication of the last House notes of the year, and for a general survey of the work of the House during the last twelve months.

Our first duty is to congratulate Westminster upon a good all-round display which has retained for them the Coronation Cup. However, we must remember that if we had not relinquished the examination points, which we had held for five years, the destination of the cup would still be undecided.

Since the previous notes we have seen the completion of two competitions in which we gained more points than any other house. On Sports Day we surprised everyone by gaining second place after a close struggle with Atkin. Although this was due to the effort of the House as a whole, our final position was due to the efforts of five boys, Morris 2A, Ratcliff 3A, McIntosh 5B, Boyd L6, and Lee L6. Lee must be especially congratulated on becoming Senior Victor Ludorum and being appointed School Athletics Captain.

Our crowning success was the winning of the Cricket Competition, winning four of our six matches, mainly owing to the Seniors who won three. The Senior cricket provided us with our most gratifying success, that of the defeat of a Westminster side containing seven 1st XI. players.

Two boys have brought honour on our House by gaining their colours for service to the School:—Pendleton, 5B, for service to the Chess team, and Boyd, L6, for his play in the Rugby 1st XV.

In summarising the year I should like to draw attention to Ratcliff 3A, Pye 4A, and Harding 5A, who, though not distinguishing themselves in any one field, represented the House in every competition. A similar spirit by more boys would have gained us the Coronation Cup.

A.G.H.

TATE.

TATE have not fared too well this year, only managing to be second three times and third once in the House competitions.

In the House cricket competitions the Senior team beat Atkin by 10 wickets and lost to Westminster and Stitt rather heavily. The Junior team beat both Stitt and Atkin but lost to Westminster.

Sports day was rather humiliating for Tate, who finished fourth. This was mainly due to lack of interest among the boys. The relay teams did well, as did Povall in the Javelin event and Walker in the discus.

Thus there remain the Mark Sheets to decide the eventual positions in the Coronation Cup, in which Tate are at the moment 3rd. We should however escape from the fourth position.

D.B.

WESTMINSTER.

IN cricket the House came equal second with Tate. The Seniors did well to win two, but the Juniors only won one. This result ensured that we retained the Coronation Cup, a feat upon which the whole House must be congratulated.

However, our best achievement came in Athletics where we collected a total of 494½ points, almost 300 points ahead of Stitt in second place. Although this is essentially due to the work of the House as a whole, several individuals who gained more than 25 pts. each must be especially congratulated. These are Caplin 1A, Oldham 2B, McNulty 2A, Brown 2A, Evans 3A, Thornton 3B. As can be clearly seen, our most outstanding success came in the Junior School, especially the second forms.

It only remains for the House to repeat the Christmas successes in the Summer Examination to round off a successful year.

F.H.

Cricket 1st XI.

RESULTS.

St. Anselm's College—Win—B.I. 95; St. Anselm's College 83.

Wirral Grammar School—Loss—B.I. 59; Wirral 60 for 7.

Chester City G.S.—Loss—Chester 50; B.I. 40.

Quarry Bank H.S.—Loss—B.I. 101; Quarry Bank 103 for 7.

Irby C.C.—Win—Irby 24; B.I. 26 for 3.

Rock Ferry H.S.—Win—B.I. 164; Rock Ferry 69.

Helsby Grammar School—Win—B.I. 80; Helsby 69.

Oldershaw Grammar School—Win—B.I. 95; Oldershaw 65.

Wallasey Technical G.S.—Win—B.I. 73; Wallasey 64.

Caldy Grange G.S.—Rained off.

Park High School—Win—Park High 47; B.I. 53 for 1.

The first match of the season, against St. Anselm's College, proved to be an exciting one, the School being put in to bat and scoring 95 runs, Steedman hitting 21. St. Anselm's made 55 for the loss of 3 wickets, and 76 for the loss of 6 wickets, but were all out for 83, McIntosh taking 6 wickets for 27 runs and Povall 3 for 20.

The rain poured down almost continuously on the Thursday and Friday preceding the Saturday game against Wirral Grammar School. The School again lost the toss and were put in to bat on a difficult wicket and were all out for 59 runs, of which Lee made 17. Wirral then made 60 runs for the loss of 7 wickets, McIntosh taking 6 for 22.

The match against Chester City Grammar School produced fielding of a very high standard from both sides, 11 batsmen in all being caught. Chester, batting first, scored 50 runs, McIntosh taking 3 for 14, and making a superb catch to dismiss the top scorer, and Harding taking 5 for 13. The School then proceeded to throw away the game by batting pathetically, being out for 40 runs and even that total was reached only because the tail wagged.

The batting improved greatly in the match against Quarry Bank High School, the School making 101 runs, of which Lee made 29 and Docherty 28. Quarry Bank then batted and scored 103 for 7, of which one man made 46.

A run of wins began with the game against Irby Cricket Club, who made 24 runs, McIntosh taking 6 for 13 and Povall 2 for 8. The School made 26 for the loss of 3 wickets.

The highest score of the season was made against Rock Ferry High School, the opening pair, Lee and Harding, making 38 and 41 respectively, out of a total of 164. Rock Ferry made 69 runs, Povall taking 5 for 25 and Johnson 3 for 3.

The School hit 80 runs against Helsby Grammar School, Leeming making 25. Helsby were out for 69 runs, McIntosh taking 6 for 23 and Povall 3 for 21.

The match against Oldershaw Grammar School coincided with the Cheshire Sports at Stockport, and the team were thus deprived of the services of McIntosh. Nevertheless the School won by hitting 95 runs, of which Docherty made 20, and bowling out Oldershaw for 65, Povall taking 7 for 21.

Fortunes fluctuated greatly in the match against Wallasey Technical Grammar School. Losing the toss yet again, the School batted first on a very hard and dry wicket and at one time were 12 for 4 wickets. The final total was 73, of which McIntosh made 24. Wallasey then batted and were 1 wicket down for no runs and 2 wickets down for 1 run. Eventually they were all out for 64 runs, McIntosh taking 8 wickets for 33.

Unfortunately the game against Caldy Grange Grammar School had to be cancelled because of continuous rain on the day on which it was to be played.

The weather improved for the match against Park High School who won the toss and elected to bat. They were all out for 47 runs, McIntosh taking 8 for 22. The School hit 53 for the loss of 1 wicket, Harding and Povall each making 24.

With the games against Holt High School and the Old Instonians yet to be played, the season has been a reasonably successful one. The team has maintained a good fielding standard, and the bowlers' figures speak for themselves. McIntosh and Povall, the opening pair, have taken 48 wickets for 230 runs and 26 wickets for 223 runs respectively. The batting has not been as certain at times as the team would have wished, but the only displeasing feature, the batting at Chester, fortunately pales in comparison with performances before and after.

The team wish to thank most sincerely the ladies who have provided such excellent refreshments at all home games, the groundsman for his work on the square, and last, but not least, P. E. (Boswell) Ogden, full time scorer and part time critic and adviser.

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THE membership of the Association continues to increase and it is evident that many Old Instonians are looking forward to the next Reunion Dinner, which is to be held in the Masonic Hall, Clifton Road, Birkenhead, on Saturday, October 22. The organization is in Dinner in January, 1959. Tickets, price 15s each, may be obtained from the Chairman—many have been purchased already. the hands of the sub-committee responsible for the Commemoration

The Old Instonians' Sports Prizes are to be awarded once again at the end of the Summer Term, one to a boy from each House who, in the opinion of his Housemaster, has done most to foster sport in that House during the year. J. T. Bartlett, Esq., a valued member of the 1st XV in his later years at School who went on to play for Waterloo, Cheshire and England, is to represent the Association and present the Prizes at the breaking-up ceremony by invitation of the Headmaster.

News of Old Boys

WE record the promotion of Old Instonian L. R. Allsopp to the rank of Superintendent in the Birkenhead Borough Police. Mr. Allsopp joined the force in 1934, and became an Inspector in 1951. Seven years later he was promoted to Chief Inspector. We beg to offer him our congratulations on his new rank, which was announced in May.

The School congratulates Mr. W. D. Coughtrie, Assistant Town Commissioner for Birkenhead, on the award to him by the Chief Scout of the Silver Acorn, the second highest honour in the organisation. Mr. Coughtrie has deservedly been singled out to receive this distinction for his conspicuous services to Scouting, of which we at the Institute have long been aware. He joined the movement over thirty-four years ago when he first came to the School, becoming a member of our own troop—the 23rd Birkenhead. In 1930-31 he was Captain of the School. Since then he has gained every award and occupied practically every rank open to him. We like to think that his Medal of Merit, won some years since, as well as the Silver Acorn, is in part an acknowledgment of his devoted work as Scoutmaster of the Institute Troop. The school owes him an enormous debt, and his name will always be remembered whenever the history of our scouts is under consideration. Mr. Coughtrie has also been closely connected with the Margaret Beavan (Hospital) Scout Troop, which cares especially for those members of the movement recovering from accident or illness. In acknowledging our deep obligation to Mr. Coughtrie in the light of his new distinction, we trust that he has many years ahead in which to continue this outstanding service.

The School offers its warmest congratulations to M. W. Peers who graduated this term at Leeds University with First Class Honours in Mathematics. His performance in this faculty was so distinguished that he was awarded in addition the Brodetsky Prize, which the adjudicators had not previously given for some years to any student. Mr. Peers thus crowns his undergraduate career with an outstanding performance which though gratifying to those who remember him at School will scarcely come as a surprise, for he combined unflinching industry with his great ability. He now goes on to undertake research in mathematics for the PH.D. degree, and will no doubt in the fulness of time inevitably one day occupy a chair in his subject.

Old Instonians A.F.C.

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WE have not experienced a very successful season in the playing sense. Both the 1st and 2nd elevens finished propping up their divisions in the league and suffered early elimination in their cup competition. The 3rd eleven however saved our face somewhat by attaining 6th. place in their division and getting through to the final of their cup—The C. D. Connerty Trophy—where unfortunately they didn't strike their normal form and were defeated 3-1 by Alsop Old Boys. Bearing in mind that the 3rd team suffers repeatedly by the calls of the 1st and 2nd teams which inevitably weaken their side, this is indeed a meritorious performance. Prominent amongst our leading goal scorers last season was Geoff. Greaves with 18 goals—it is not so long ago that we were welcoming Geoff. to our ranks as a school leaver. Most unfortunately we have lost the playing services of Roy Dorrity due to a leg injury sustained during the latter part of the season, a very sorry ending to a long and worthy playing record with the Club. However, we shall still have his valuable services as a non-playing Committee Member. We have also lost the services—temporarily we hope—of our Treasurer, Frank Taylor. Now doing his National Service with the Royal Air Force, Frank passed his exams in Chartered Accountancy just before he was called up. He may well be useful to the Air Force in counting up their stock of Nuclear arms, but we shall be pleased to have him back eventually balancing our pennies.

Socially, our members have been well catered for. The usual stag nights have been organised and two highly successful social evenings have taken place in the Association Clubroom. A tombola session was also promoted.

As to the future, we once again face the coming season with undiminished confidence and optimism. What we do need are more and more recruits from the ranks of School leavers and to this end we once again issue a most cordial invitation to all soccer-minded boys leaving school this Summer to contact the Secretary as early as they wish in order that they may be invited to our Annual Pre-season meeting where they can met our members and learn of our plans for the coming season.

We extend to all boys and members of the School Staff wishes for a most pleasant and enjoyable Summer Holiday.

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LAST season the club had one of the best playing and social seasons it has ever had.

The 1st XV won 23 matches, drew 3, and lost only 7; and the 2nd and 3rd XV's won over 50 per cent. of their games. The only disappointing feature was the lack of success in the seven-a-side tournaments, our teams being knocked out by the finalists at Birkenhead Park and Caldý. The Easter Tour was most enjoyable, and the Club plans to return to the Lake District next Easter.

The annual dinner was well attended and proved to be a most happy occasion. As usual, the Jeff Thomas Memorial Shield was presented to the best clubman of the year, the winner being J. S. Bassett.

To round off the social activities, a chicken barbecue was held at Greasby on June 11th and was so successful financially and socially that it is likely to become an annual event.

It can be seen from the above that boys leaving School and Old Boys who have lost contact with the club can find good rugby, and good social activities with the Old Instonians. Anyone of any standard of play will be made welcome. For the aspiring player, last season's 1st XV showed that the leading side can be made in one season. For the average player, the 2nd and 3rd XV's are given equal thought and consideration in selection and fixtures. The non-player too can join in the club activities and prove invaluable in an administrative or social capacity.

Those leaving School this summer should ask Mr. Malcolm for full details.

H.S.

B.I.O.B. Golfing Society.

THE Annual Meeting to compete for the W. J. Pyke Cup took place at the Bromborough Golf Club on Thursday, 9th June, 1960. It was a beautiful evening and all present, players and non-players, enjoyed the amenities of the fine course and hospitable Club House.

Thirty-three members arrived, of whom twenty-three competed, four were guests, and the others came along to join us at supper. One of the oldest Old Boys now living, Mr. Stanton Campbell of Hoylake, was invited but unfortunately could not make it at the last minute. It was in every way a splendid occasion. "Budge" Heslop had to yield the trophy after having it for two years to a contemporary of his, Jim Almond, with a net score of 70, the runner up being another long handicapper, Tim Richmond, with a score of 73. Other scores follow at the end.

At the supper table we were honoured to have as our guests the President, Mr. E. G. Webb the present Headmaster, Messrs. R. J. Griffiths (Gits to so many of us), A. O. Jones (Chemmy) and R. J. Hall (Lobby), and it was a great treat to have them reminiscing of days long ago, in both humorous and serious vein. Mr. Webb and Mr. Griffiths both gave us a happy little appreciative speech on behalf of the guests.

There was a wide variation in age groups but none the less the whole evening passed in a most delightful way. There was that common bond of being Old Boys of a great school upon which we can look back with pleasure and appreciation, and the knowledge that the days spent there were undoubtedly some of the best days of our lives.

Next year we hope to meet at Heswall, and more details will be announced in due time.

Very many thanks to all who supported the Meeting.

R. M. Delf.

ANNUAL COMPETITION — W. J. PYKE CUP.

At Bromborough.

J. P. Almond (Wins cup and First Sweep	91	21	70
A. E. Richmond (Wins Second Sweep after tie)	97	24	73
F. H. Heslop	76	3	73
H. Owen	86	12	74
G. C. Wood	86	11	75
D. S. Bruce	93	18	75
D. T. H. Whalley	80	4	76
R. H. Ceha	92	16	76
A. G. Douglas	92	16	76
G. C. Venables	79	4	75
F. A. Jobson	83	7	76
J. Williams	92	15	77
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