

THE POULSTONIAN





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EDITORIAL NOTES

We congratulate the Chairman of the Governors, County Alderman J. R. Hull, on his recent appointment as Chairman of the Lancashire County Education Committee. We may perhaps be permitted to hope that in due course, like his predecessor Sir William Hodgson (who was also Chairman of both these bodies), he may become Chairman of the County Council.

Messrs. Slater, Poppleton and Randell, who have joined the Staff this term, have entered whole-heartedly into the life of the School, and have become involved in various out-of-school activities which will benefit by their enthusiasm.

Apologies must be made for a slightly incorrect statement in last term's Honours List. P. Ramsden, who graduated at Durham University, obtained a degree in Double Honours (French and German), not French only, as stated in the July magazine.

We thank all those who have written articles and reports for this edition of *The Poultonian*; we have not been able to print them all, but we are holding one or two items over for the March issue.

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Christian Fellowship : D. JENKINS and G. JENKINS, L.VI (Arts).

Geographical : S. JACKSON, U.VI (Arts).

Film Appreciation : P. B. PARKINSON, U.VI (Arts).

Classical Music : T. HOLME, L.VI (Arts).

Modern Music : C. JOHNSON, V Alpha.

Model Engineering : J. J. CLEGG, VM.

Photographic : P. H. HINDLE, U.VI (Science).

Science : K. A. YOUNG, U.VI (Science).

Philatelic : A. J. WATT, L.VI (Science).

Junior Table Tennis : S. HOWARTH, IIX.

Senior Debating : J. L. COOKSON, L.VI (Arts).

Junior Debating : G. LANCASTER, IIIs.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, 1957-58

CHRISTMAS: Thursday, 19th December, to Wednesday, 8th January.

SPRING HALF TERM: Friday, 28th February, and Monday, 3rd March.

EASTER: Tuesday, 1st April, to Tuesday, 22nd April.

WHITSUNTIDE: Thursday, 22nd May, to Monday, 2nd June.

SUMMER: Friday, 25th July, to Tuesday, 9th September.

HONOURS LIST, APPOINTMENTS, Etc.

D. C. Flenley, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B. (left 1950) : Awarded (by Univ. of Edinburgh) Ettles Scholarship in Medicine, Leslie Gold Medal for Medicine, Buchanan Scholarship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Mouat Scholarship for Practice of Physic, and Murchison Memorial Scholarship in Clinical Medicine.

R. Leach B.Sc. (left 1952): Ph.D., University of Hull.

G. Tolson (left 1956): Preliminary Examination of the British Horological Institute. Awarded Arthur Tremayne Memorial Prize (for highest award of marks to any apprentice indentured under the B.H.I. scheme).

D. Waddington (left 1953): Final Examination in Housing Management, Institute of Housing; appointed Assistant Housing Officer, Sunbury-on-Thames U.D.C.

M. Williamson (left 1953): Ordinary National Certificate in Electrical Engineering.

D. G. Farrer: State Scholarship and Lancashire County Scholarship.

Lancashire County Scholarships were awarded to E. Atkinson, S. R. H. Blackamore, J. W. Greaves, F. Pearson, L. M. Tate, S. J. Templar, R. Weston and J. Wheildon.

The Blackpool Authority granted University Awards to J. R. Algar, C. A. Brand, W. P. Chattington, C. B. Davies, E. B. Halsall, G. Hindle, N. H. Johnson, K. P. Lawson, M. R. G. Leeming, G. B. Oxspring, R. Robinson, J. Sutter, N. Thomas and K. Whitehead.

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

London University, University College: S. J. Templar.

Manchester University: E. Atkinson, W. P. Chattington, D. G. Farrer, J. W. Greaves, G. B. Oxspring, J. Wheildon.

Manchester University, College of Technology: S. R. H. Blackamore, J. B. Ives, F. Pearson.

Liverpool University: J. R. Algar, C. A. Brand, C. B. Davies, G. Hindle, N. H. Johnson, K. P. Lawson, M. R. G. Leeming, J. Sutter.

Sheffield University: L. M. Tate.

Nottingham University: N. Thomas, K. Whitehead.

Hull University: E. B. Halsall, R. Weston.

University of the South West, Exeter: R. Robinson.

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GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1957

Advanced and Scholarship Level

Three Subjects : J. R. Algar, E. Atkinson, S. R. H. Blackamore, C. A. Brand, W. P. Chattington (Distinction in Mathematics), A. J. Cumpsty, C. B. Davies, D. G. Farrer (Distinction in Chemistry), J. W. Greaves, G. Hindle, N. H. Johnston, R. B. Kirk, K. P. Lawson, M. R. G. Leeming (Distinction in Chemistry), J. H. Morgan (Distinction in Chemistry), B. Morris, G. B. Oxspring, F. Pearson, R. Robinson, C. V. Stafford (Distinction in History), J. Sutter, L. M. Tate, S. J. Templar, N. Thomas, J. Wheildon, K. Whitehead.

Two Subjects : E. B. Halsall, M. F. Harmer, W. D. Haslam, J. B. Ives, E. R. Johnston, R. Weston, K. A. Young.

One Subject : K. H. Swadkins.

Ordinary Level

Form Vm : A. R. Anderson, J. Ashton-Rigby, A. J. Bamford, R. H. Barnes, W. G. Beckett, E. Davies, K. Hayward, B. Ingham, D. C. Newby, B. Priest, M. Roe, E. K. Sillis, K. M. Smith, B. O. Soden, D. Spore, A. F. Stephenson, R. Sunderland, I. Thomason, P. J. Tordoff, K. Woods, V. E. Worrall.

Form Vs : R. S. Ashton, F. C. D. Barnes, J. Bell, F. W. Brook, T. M. Buckley, B. K. Chadwick, D. A. Cooper, J. Gardner, B. Garstang, M. P. Grundy, M. K. Hardy, T. Holme, B. Johnston, D. B. Jones, I. Rawcliffe, D. J. Ridgway, N. Roberts, S. F. Thompson, A. J. Watt, B. Whalley, J. Bignall, S. Jackson, D. P. Ramsden, M. Rigby, R. E. Sutcliffe.

Form V Alpha : D. S. Ball, J. Barnes, K. Bellwood, R. J. M. Bews, G. W. Bowes, J. L. Carlsson, N. Chadwick, J. L. Cookson, M. Edwards, H. B. Formstone, E. D. S. Gee, T. Heap, D. Jenkins, G. Jenkins, C. Johnson, J. B. Longden, A. Marsden, M. J. Needham, D. Owen, D. N. Parkinson, I. M. Robson, I. S. Taylor, J. Taylor, J. Wallace, J. S. Whittaker.

SPEECH DAY, 1957

Speech Day took place on Thursday, 31st October, in the Winter Gardens Pavilion, Blackpool. County Alderman J. R. Hull was in the chair, and the prizes were distributed by County Alderman J. Welch, C.B.E., M.A., LL.B., Chairman of the Lancashire Education Committee. Councillors Mrs. G. M. A. Abbott, J. Carrabine, C. Eddleston, F. Fearnside, Messrs. A. B. Bithell and Russell Smith (all Governors of the School); Councillor G. C. Bishop, J.P. (Chairman of Poulton U.D.C.), Messrs. W. Smith (Divisional Education Officer), L. M. Ball, B.A. (Clerk to the Governors) and H. Ellis Tomlinson, M.A. (President of the Old Boys' Association) accompanied the Headmaster and Alderman Hull on the platform.

Speaking of the success of last year's football teams, and of the new lease of life shown in our swimming and athletic activities, Mr. Martin said that for a very long time some of the best lessons any school had to offer had been learned on the sports field. He went on to say that speech day provided an opportunity to underline the fact that education was a joint undertaking by all. The school was only one—albeit a major one—of the many influences to which the boys were exposed. He did not propose to take the usual attitude that all other influences are baneful and evil and should be

condemned; boys were not, after all, being trained for some life of monastic seclusion away from the world. Nothing was more dangerous to the purpose of education, and to the reputation of the educational profession, than an academic stuffiness which attempted to correct and mark life as if it were one large exercise book. He appealed to parents to help to provide the boys with a due sense of proportion in placing the proper amount of importance upon the various influences that came their way.

Alderman Welch complimented the School on its achievements. He said that the traditions of a 240-year-old school were important, but these traditions must be kept up-to-date, and experiments must be made with education to see how it could be improved in changing conditions. Grammar schools, and especially an aided school, had a wonderful opportunity to show the country that they can produce the type of boy needed by the state at the present moment.

Councillor C. Eddleston thanked Alderman Welch for having distributed the prizes and for his address.

The proceedings were concluded by the following programme of music, performed under the direction of Mr. Rawes:

UNISON SONG	....	....	"Daffodils" (Wordsworth)	....	....	Eric Thiman
VIOLIN SOLO	....	....	Sonata No. 2 in G G. D. LANG	....	....	Weber (1786—1826)
PART SONG	....	....	"The Frog"	....	....	Ernest Newton
VIOLONCELLO SOLO	....	....	"Largo" from Sonata in G JOHN LANG	....	....	B. de Boismortier-Ruyssen (1691—1765)
TRIO FOR VIOLIN, 'CELLO AND PIANO	....	....	"Rondo" (Trio in G)	....	....	Haydn (1732—1809)
PART SONG	....	....	"The Dance"	....	....	Elgar

PRIZE LIST, 1956-57

FORM AND MERIT PRIZES

Shell :	1, J. D. Edge 2, W. K. Garrett Merit, A. W. Robertson	Form IIx :	1, K. Bamber 2, G. E. Blinkhorn Merit, I. Logan
Form Is :	1, P. Ridgway 2, R. A. Wood Merit, P. Tomlinson	Form IIs :	1, B. Rossall 2, D. Kent
Form Im :	1, M. Coombs 2, K. R. Towers	Form IIIm :	1, L. W. Barker 2, A. Brown

Form III m : 1, C. Barnes
2, P. C. Whiteside

Form III s : 1, A. Marsden
2, J. Charnley
Merit, D. J. Bland
C. J. Copple
D. J. Stead

Form III alpha : 1, A. M. Taylor
2, N. Sharrock
Merit, J. P. Stevenson

Form IV m : 1, J. A. Roby
2, J. A. Swain

Form IV s : 1, A. J. Hawkins
2, J. A. Maguire
Merit, G. J. Parkinson
J. H. Bowers

Form IV alpha : 1, R. E. Heywood
2, A. Fryer

Fifth Year Prizes awarded on General Certificate Results :

D. J. Ridgway, D. Jenkins, J. B. Longden, J. Wallace.

SPECIAL AND ENDOWED PRIZES

F. Barrow Robinson Memorial Prize : P. Ganley, L.VI Arts Prize.

Alec Poole Memorial Prize : S. J. Templar, U.VI Arts Prize.

Richard Place Memorial Prize : M. Rigby, L.VI Science Prize.

Keith Bamber Memorial Prize : D. G. Farrer, U.VI Science Prize.

Mrs. Keirby's Prize for Mechanical Science : E. Davies.

Roland Darbyshire Prize for Mathematics : G. B. Oxspring.

Public Speaking Prizes : (Bolton-Newton Prize) *Senior*, K. Whitehead.
(Harold Mason Prize) *Middle School*, A. J. Watt.
Junior, K. Bamber.

Richard Thompson Memorial Prize (Photographic Society) : P. H. Hindle.

Headmaster's Prefects Prize : C. A. Brand.

Senior Art Prize : W. D. Haslam.

Junior Art Prize : D. Henderson.

F. J. Stafford Memorial Prize for Languages : J. B. Longden.

Public Service Prizes : R. N. Coppack, V. I. O. Williams, D. J. Ridgway.

SCOUT NOTES

A considerable influx of recruits to the Junior Troop and the continuation at School of most of last year's Seniors have meant a considerable enlargement of the Group. The Junior Troop now numbers 27, including 13 recruits, and has Mr. Poppleton—a former King's Scout himself—as its new Scouter. The 10 Seniors, under Messrs. Charnley and Ward, with L. Metcalf and M. Hardy as Troop Leader and assistant, have met separately from the Juniors—save for a joint "Night-Op." when "Tee" Wood appeared to have its own illuminations—and have made their main aim the acquisition of Venturer Badge. They spent considerable time, also, putting the

School Wood to rights and at half term some of them, with Mr. Ward, camped in the Malham district of Yorkshire. Before the beginning of term several of them spent the last days of the Summer holiday exploring Scotland, using Youth Hostels.

Junior Troop activities have continued much as usual with the emphasis on Tenderfoot work, although not all recruits have been enrolled. Courts of Honour have met on Mondays; visits have been paid (Asian 'flu' permitting) to the Handicapped Troop at Singleton, whose September garden party was a great success despite the weather; Patrols have met regularly, and until half term Troop meetings were held on Fridays, starting at 4.30 p.m. in order to give footballers a chance of attending. Some useful practice was gained, also, at our Derby Baths' meeting when many passed parts of First Class and Swimmers' Badges. At present we are trying the experiment of holding one meeting in every four on Saturday mornings, so that Scouts may have more opportunity of outdoor work. One evening meeting took the form of a Camp Fire in the School Wood.

In addition, Scouts have taken part in the following: Fylde Art Society Annual Meeting, Blackpool Scouts' Swimming Gala, Remembrance Sunday Parade, the collecting of milk bottle tops, which we hope will become a regular "good turn" to augment the Singleton Troop's funds, half term hikes into the hills during which two Scouts produced reports of First Class journeys, and a course of short, lunchtime meetings for First Aid instruction.

Beavers (7): P./L. J. Charnley; Second, P. Bucke.

Otters (7): P./L. S. Ramsden; Second, P. Davies.

Owls (7): P./L. P. Smith; Second, A. C. Waddington.

Squirrels (6): P./L. F. Harrop; Second, A. Flint.

Good Scouting in 1958 to all B.G.S. Scouts, past and present, and our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon ("Bill") Hope, married on 14th December.

SALEN CAMP, SUMMER, 1957

Junior and Senior camps were combined, owing to lack of support this year, and held at Salen in Ardnamurchan, Argyll, from 22nd July to 7th August.

Transport was by car or van and the first night was spent in a sawmill at Lochmaben, near Dumfries. The next day, travelling

by way of Erskine Ferry, Lomondside, Rannoch Moor and the Corran Ferry, we were able to arrive—in pouring rain—at the camp site by evening.

For the first three days we had continuous rain, the stream became a torrent and a certain "Bishop" and his friend "Feasach" ("the bearded one") were often to be heard sighing vociferously for their camp site at Southwick. At this stage they certainly would not have agreed that this was a camp site "of taste"—a phrase of which the inventor never tired and which was to be heard frequently, in its English or French forms, in camp and out of it. The site, discovery of an Edinburgh Rover Scout who had provided it with an extremely useful "lean-to" shed, was known to all the "locals" as "Billy Wolfe's" site and the name, with suitable emphasis, was frequently to be heard.

Once the rain cleared we began to explore the district, combing and fishing from the interesting beaches of Loch Sunart, which was on our doorstep, and frequently going much farther afield, thanks to our transport. Castle Tioram on its islet was visited, then, after church parade, we explored the beaches of Ardtoe. Ardnamurchan Point, most westerly point on the British mainland, was Monday's rendezvous, where we were shown round the lighthouse, encountered an old friend of the G.S.M. who was "geologising" in those parts, and, after crossing lovely white sands, we enjoyed swimming in the crystal-clear water. More strenuous were the trips which some made in the boat borrowed—as we thought!—from the local policeman, although the only fish to come our way were from the frozen food cabinet in the village store. Leaving our Southwick-lamenting colleagues to guard the camp and taking with us "Ray" Edge who had ambretta'd up, we climbed Ben Resipol, whose shapely peak overlooks this area, and were fortunate to have the top just clear of cloud so that we saw and photographed many excellent views. Loch Shiel, the eighteen-mile stretch of fresh water along which "Charlie" sailed to the gathering of his clans at Glenfinnan, has no road along its banks, but a modern diesel-engined launch bore us after a two-hour journey to Glenfinnan, where some of the party explored the statue and were serenaded by wandering minstrels (Scottish type, with bagpipes, aged "baby" Austin, collecting boxes and powerful thirsts). After some ten days, three of our party of twelve had to leave and so missed our visit to Tobermory on the Isle of Mull—a lovely, land-locked bay which we approached by ferry across the Sound of Mull from Kilchoan. By this time the weather was set fair and there was nothing but admiration for this most lovely of bays in which, whilst awaiting our ferry, some of us, even "Feasach," bathed. Our last trip, a comparatively short one, on the last Saturday, was to Loch Moidart, another of Prince Charlie's haunts, where, after harvesting masses of orange-hued seaweed, we bathed and dried out in the hot sun.

On Sunday, another day of oppressive heat, we had to start packing, carrying some of the tents and gear laboriously the quarter-mile to the vans, across which ground-sheets were draped to form a Scouters' "boudoir" for the night. By 5 a.m. on the Monday we were up, the site was cleared, rubbish burned, and at 7 a.m. we were on the road, "Feasach" leading (as usual). Through Bank Holiday traffic we returned to Erskine Ferry, then branched west for Greenock where we spent the night in the local Scouts' H.Q. Black's, the well-known tent makers, showed us round their factory at Port Glasgow—another piece of "Feasach" organisation—and then we rolled comfortably south, via Ayr and Loch Ken to Gatehouse of Fleet. There we met our old friends the "Post Office Patrol" in an uproarious evening, after visiting a former B.G.S. camp site at Anwoth, and at length turned in to spend our last night in the Rutherford Hall.

So ended a most enjoyable fortnight in one of the most attractive areas of Scotland.

"De Goût et cie."

WORLD JAMBOREE, 1957

"Quick ma-a-rch!" was the order of the day at Streetly Station, Sutton Coldfield, as the N.W. Lancs. contingent set off on the last stage of the journey to the 1957 World Boy Scout Jubilee Jamboree. This was two days prior to the official opening, and the vast camp area was already strewn with camp equipment belonging to other contingents from the world over. We were all soon hard at work erecting our home for the next fifteen days.

The excitement mounted the following two days with the arrival of the overseas contingents with their strange and colourful varieties of uniform and headgear. We soon made contact with our neighbours from the Sudan, South Africa and Sweden, and I was surprised to note that the lack of knowledge of foreign languages was not an insuperable difficulty.

The usual English summer weather was appreciated by all, especially the two days of torrential rain and resultant flooding, much exaggerated by sensationalist journalists. During one particularly bad thunderstorm a very wet but not downhearted scout remarked that if this weather continued, the "Swedes" in the next compound would be taking root.

The most memorable event was the visit of Her Majesty The Queen and Prince Philip, who made a general tour of the Jamboree.

Other V.I.P.s included Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout, with whom I shook hands.

The closing ceremony, conducted by Lady Baden-Powell, was a most moving and unforgettable event, and thus ended one of the largest and most successful jamborees ever to have been held.

A. WATT, L.VI.

S.C.M.

Manchester, 1957

On the 19th of July a party of Sixth Formers from Baines attended a Conference organised and sponsored by the Student Christian Movement in Schools which, by kind permission of the High Master and Governors, was held in the Manchester Grammar School.

We arrived in time to hear the first speech of the Plenary Session by Sir Eric James, who welcomed the packed audience. The speaker, Canon T. R. Milford, introduced by the Chairman, T. J. P. York, Esq., had chosen as his topic of discussion "The Problem of Authority," after which there was an opportunity for questions from the floor.

After lunch the assembly split up into groups for the parallel courses, each of which comprised an address followed by a General Discussion.

A Service of Praise, at which the preacher was the Rev. Dr. Townley Lord, followed tea, after R. H. A. Waine of Lancaster Royal Grammar School had efficiently moved a vote of thanks to the organisers and speakers.

We were grateful to the S.C.M. for the opportunity afforded by this Conference for discussions on matters of current interest, and thanks are also due to Mr. Harris, who was in charge of our party.

C.V.S.

SCIENCE TRIP TO MANCHESTER

A party of Senior scientists went by coach to Manchester on 19th July. Arriving at the Research Laboratories of Messrs. Hardman & Holden Limited, we listened to a lecture on the history and scope of the Company, after which we were conducted on a short tour of the test plants and research laboratories. Here the uses of the basic raw material "spent oxide" or ferric sulphide

obtained from the gas works were investigated. Tests on the wide range of organic and inorganic products were demonstrated. Such tests are carried out to improve methods of production and to prepare new substances for industry.

After a hasty meal we moved back into the centre of Manchester and, after being thoroughly wet in a thunderstorm, arrived by rail at Blackley where we were to visit the laboratories of the Imperial Chemical Industries' Dyestuffs Division. Here we listened to a brief history of the dyestuffs industry and then set off to view the laboratories and test-plants of the research centre. In the test-plant we saw small-scale replicas of full production installations undergoing efficiency tests. In the laboratories, we were impressed by the accuracy and efficiency of the modern equipment used for research purposes (we saw one balance which was capable of weighing to a thousandth of a milligram). One laboratory was reputed to be the most up-to-date in Europe for chemical analysis.

After a vote of thanks to the guide, proposed by K. A. Young, we regretfully left the laboratories. It was generally agreed that the trip had been most enjoyable, and we were very grateful to Mr. Green for having organised it.

K.A.Y.

HIGH PRICE FOR ALGEBRA !

A book sold at Sothebys, London, recently, draws attention to an interesting but almost forgotten man. He was the Elizabethan scholar, Thomas Harriot, who was engaged by Sir Walter Raleigh to teach him mathematics.

The book which reached the auction room was one on Algebra by Harriot, and put that ancient branch of mathematics more or less into its present-day form.

As a collector's piece it brought £130. But some of us may feel that this was a rather high price to pay for something which has been the cause of so many classroom headaches.

D. J. GAMBLE, III.

THE MONOLITH

It is a matter for regret that, although as a School we trace our Foundation to the early eighteenth century, we have no visible survival of the original buildings.

But we are not altogether bereft of memorials which may have some archeological interest. I refer to what I term the "monolith."

This was, until recently, a familiar object to all who frequented the path which leads from the Old to the New School and whose eyes were not beguiled by the mysteries of the Meteorological Station or entranced by the charm of the Canteen Buildings. It is a stone pillar of individuality and character formerly embedded at the edge of the shrubbery. It is of substantial size and weight, curiously worked in the round and on its visible end bears strange and runic markings.

It has, no doubt, its own authentic history, but I have refrained from serious research and enquiry, since this may lead to some dull prosaic explanation of its existence which would rob it for ever of any romantic association.

Several explanations have occurred to me, only to be dismissed as improbable. Among these was the idea that it might be the single projecting foot of some huge fossilised and inverted mammoth whose greater bulk lay upon its back buried beneath the soil and concrete. I doubt whether it was really designed as a landmark to guide the wandering boy through the winter snow to some urgent appointment in the huts. It was certainly not intended as a mercy seat for the weary master whose time-table may shuttle him mercilessly from the Old School to the New. Nor is it, I am sure, some major academic "brick" dropped at some remote School Inspection.

I suspect that it is something much more human and significant. Here we have, I suspect, the weathered-down remains of some luckless junior who, venturing upon the field one day, when the notice clearly read "Out of bounds," was turned to stone by the Medusa glance of some former Headmaster. (I understand, although this is mere hearsay, that at least one of my predecessors would have been capable of such a geological feat.) A chubby, well-fed youth he must have been—no doubt a boarder. Judging from his former Pisa-like inclination, his fatal mistake was that he turned to run away. So he remained petrified, poised in flight and, though much reduced, a warning to you all.

Recently, however, he has been translated, as you may see, to the apex of the triangular pathway in front of the School House. The rumour that he is there to discourage canteen transport from turning too sharply over the flower beds is unfair to our respect for the past.

His present position represents both a pardon and an honourable retirement. You may still catch a glimpse of him as you skirt the canteen—the long way round—or as you go out to the field from the changing-rooms.

His present promotion has been long delayed, but it is, we feel, justified. For although his progress has been very slow, his conduct in recent years has been excellent, and it must be remembered that although his original misdemeanour was a serious one, he has been at School every "Saturday Morning" ever since. W.H.M.

THE CLIPPER

The clipper ship sails through the night
Upon the ocean deep;
The foaming billows break on board,
There is no thought of sleep;

While up aloft the sailors cling
To yard-arms, cold and wet,
And down below the men all run
Along the foaming deck.

The captain walks the bridge alone,
His watch is never over,
For life of crew and ship depend
Upon this "ocean rover."

The captain shouts out, "Furl the jib!"
The men rush to obey.
What hour of the night it is,
Not one of them can say.

At last the weary night is o'er,
The dawn breaks all around.
No longer are the men afraid,
The ship is homeward bound.

M. W. QUARRIE, IIX.

THE CLIMATOLOGICAL STATION

To quote from the monthly weather report of the Meteorological Office, June was "unusually sunny and warm." This appeared to be a good augury for our possible "eight year cycle." However, our hopes soon crumbled with the entry of July with overcast skies, and a total of nearly four inches of rain. August commenced with clear skies, and temperatures high in the seventies . . . Five days later we enjoyed more rain and cloudy skies, to bring the month's total to 4.4 inches. September put the finishing touches to the "summer" with five inches of rain.

June and September average temperatures were as follows:

	Av. Dry.	Highest Max.	Lowest Min.
June	66.4	83	35
Sept.	55.6	67	36

The anemometer is now nearing completion, and I should like to thank Messrs. Charnley and Shrimpton and also members of the Upper Sixth "Lab. Arts" class for the work they have done in its construction.

We are now entering our third year as an official station and have become sufficiently experienced to refrain from predicting the weather.
P.H.H.

RÉUNION CULTURELLE

JULY, 1957

Once again a party from our Sixth Form attended the Réunion Culturelle arranged by the Blackpool and Fylde Schools' French Association.

PROGRAMME

MONDAY.

- a.m. Fifteen-minute talks (Rossall School).
(1) "La pêche sous-marine." (2) "Mes cousins de Paris."
Songs, Susan Kittson (Elmslie School).
"Le Roi Soleil," Mrs. Matley (Embassy speaker).
"Causeries" by Assistantes.
- p.m. "Traditions de la famille française," Mrs. Matley.
Scenes from "Antigone" (Preston Park School).
"Le bulletin trimestriel" (Arnold Girls' School).

TUESDAY.

- a.m. "La Corse," Mr. Arthurson.
Schooldays in Paris, Mrs. Pastore.
Scenes from "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme."
Vingt Questions.
- p.m. "La jeune fille et la jeune femme du 17e siècle," (Miss Pemberton).
"Madagascar," by an Assistante.
"L'homme qui épousa une femme muette" (Collegiate School).
Quiz, Boys v. Girls.

The time, thought, and energy which had gone into the items, and the planning of the programme as a whole, was appreciated by all, and we can look back on yet another instructive and interesting Réunion.
C.V.S.

SCHOOL VISIT TO BELGIUM

19TH TO 29TH AUGUST

MONDAY, 19th.

Morning.—Left Poulton, to Euston, Victoria and Dover. It was dark when we reached Ostend after a good crossing. By electric train to Brussels and coach to our hotel.

TUESDAY, 20th.

Morning.—Made our currency arrangements and had the rest of the morning to ourselves.

Afternoon.—Conducted coach tour of Brussels.

WEDNESDAY, 21st.

Morning.—By coach to Bouillon passing Waterloo, Warre, Namur, Dinant, and stopping at Beauraing.

Afternoon.—Spent looking round the mediaeval town.

THURSDAY, 22nd.

Morning.—Visited the massive Château Fort, a mediaeval stronghold overlooking the town.

Afternoon.—A three kilometre walk to Corbion on the French border.

FRIDAY, 23rd.

Morning.—Coach tour through Florenville to Arlon where we visited the very beautiful monastery. On to Ettelbruck and Bastogne, where we saw the American War Monument.

Afternoon.—Passed through the beautiful farming land of Luxembourg, then into Germany by Wasserbillig to Trier, where we went shopping. Returned by the beautiful little city of Luxembourg. Here we saw the Pont Adolphe, the Post Office, the Royal Palace of Luxemburg and the Cathedral. Returned to Bouillon by Libramont and Neufchâteau.

SATURDAY, 24th.

Morning.—Free to go walks.

Afternoon.—Went on coach trip in the valley of the Semois and walked back through the forested valleys.

SUNDAY, 25th.

All day.—Free for shopping, fishing, walks and boating on the river.

MONDAY, 26th.

Morning.—A free morning.

Afternoon.—Visited the famous grottos of Han-sur-Lesse. In the grottoes is a huge cavern in which a cafe has been erected. We were rowed on the subterranean lake through the rest of the grottos out into the sunshine.

TUESDAY, 27th.

Morning.—A free morning.

Afternoon.—By coach to Sedan in France. Although it was raining we visited the ruined Château-Fort and caught a glimpse of French town life.

WEDNESDAY, 28th.

Morning.—Return journey to Brussels; en route we visited the abbey at Maredsous, where we saw the monks at worship.

Afternoon.—Free for shopping in the big stores or going to the war museum.

THURSDAY, 29th.

Morning.—Free till 12 o'clock.

Afternoon.—We returned to Ostend by a very speedy electric train, then across the Channel; a perfect crossing to Dover, on to London, and a meal at Lyons' in the Strand. Then by night train home to Poulton. A very enjoyable and interesting holiday, thanks to Messrs. Shrimpton and Marsh.

B. ROSSALL and D. J. GAMBLE, IIIs.

FIRST FORMS VISIT CHESTER

On 18th and 19th July, parties of boys from our First Forms visited Chester to see the Roman remains, the Museum and the Cathedral.

After a pleasant coach journey via the Mersey Tunnel we stopped by the Dee, where we soon found the swans had developed a liking for candyfloss. After this brief experiment we climbed on to the Wall, much of it on Roman foundations, which encircles the town. From its height we looked down on a section of a hypocaust, viewed a

corner of the Roman fort and compared it with the busy city streets, some of them following the lines of the Roman streets.

We continued along it to the Cathedral, where we were shown round by an honorary chaplain. Until Henry VIII dissolved it, this had been a monastery, and its cloisters, refectory and chapter house still exist. We were interested in the picture painted on silk made from spiders' webs and in the Chapel once used by Charles I. Later, we were allowed to walk around the Cathedral by ourselves.

We then crossed the busy streets to the Regimental Museum in the Castle, where we saw battle colours, cannons, machine guns and grenades. Hundreds of years back, but only a few steps away, were the Roman exhibits of the Grosvenor Museum, our next port of call, where in a pleasant theatre we rested our feet and saw a number of slides on the Roman history of Chester. The Museum itself was a model of what such a place should be, with its dioramas, its models and its explanatory diagrams.

Then we returned to the Fylde by coach, grateful to those members of the School Staff who had arranged a most interesting and a very full day excursion.

AN OVERSEAS FLIGHT

On the morning of Friday, 19th July, six A.T.C. Flight-Sergeants left the rain-drenched airfield at Lyneham, Wilts., on a flight to Gibraltar. On board the Hastings aircraft was a Cadet from 191 Squadron enjoying his last few days as a member of the Corps. The aircraft rose steadily to 8,000 feet into a blue sky and well above the clouds which almost completely covered the south of England. Our last glimpse of our island came, almost poetically, through one of the very infrequent breaks in the clouds as we were just crossing the coast at the Lizard. Our course continued over sea and cloud to the east coast of Spain, to which we flew parallel until we reached the Portuguese border. Crossing the coast, we flew the length of Portugal from north to south. Now we followed the Spanish coast again until we reached the Straits of Gibraltar with the Mediterranean below us, Spain to the north and the mountains of Tangier about seven miles to the south. Five and a half hours after take-off the Hastings landed on the only runway on the Rock; seconds later our

stomachs caught up with us, for, with the cross winds, our landing was bouncy.

After unloading the aircraft we were shown our billet, a room with a view of the harbour. Immediately we changed from our dog-collared tunics into tropical kit and went for tea, where we learned a little about life on the Rock. We were told that the Forces have two pastimes, swimming and sleeping, and have plenty of time to enjoy both, for they finish work at noon. After tea we also took part in the more active of these pastimes, finding the water warm and very clear.

The Saturday morning was spent in wandering round the town and gazing at the thousands of tax-free Swiss watches which adorned the windows of every other shop in Main Street, the only shopping street in the town. In the afternoon we climbed to the top of the Rock, having fed the famous apes on the way.

The Spanish frontier town of La Linea was having a fiesta which we hoped to visit, but we were informed that Anglo-Spanish relations are rather strained and visas difficult to obtain, especially when the officials themselves want to be away at the fiesta. We had to be satisfied, therefore, with walking to the frontier, which is only a few hundred yards past the airstrip, and watching the kilted soldiers patrolling the British side as international buses carried hundreds of the local people across to Spain.

On Sunday two Land Rovers collected our party to take us to the places of interest. The first stop was at the Moorish castle, built in A.D. 711 by the Arab conquerors who were the first to recognise the strategic importance of the Rock. The tour continued to the summit, which bristles with radio and radar aerials. On our descent we stopped to explore the natural limestone cave of St. Michael which contains some fine examples of stalactites and stalagmites.

After dinner we were taken on a race round The Rock by sea in a powerful R.A.F. rescue launch, which gave us our first chance to cool off in the breeze since we landed.

The following morning was misty, and as we left in the aircraft we were unable to look back and see the Rock disappear. Six hours later, after covering the same course as on the outward journey, we landed at Lyneham. There six Cadets emerged brandishing bottles of brandy and wine and 200 cigarettes each, much to the amusement of the customs officers, who remarked on the tastes of modern youth.

So ended a short but memorable visit to the limestone gate to the Mediterranean.

Flt./Sgt. D. G. FARRER.

THE HOUSES

Founder's House

This term we are pleased to welcome Mr. Randell as successor to Mr. Wilde, who rendered such valuable service to Founder's House, especially in connection with cricket. The assurance (or was it a threat?) that "Mr. Randell is a footballer" has been supported by his appearances on the field, and his welcome encouragement on the line.

Inter-House activities have been confined to the football competition, in which we did much better than at first seemed likely. Failings by rivals in the last crucial matches, aided by a Middle School victory no less splendid because unexpected, enabled us to finish a mere point behind Hibbert and Whittington. Continued enthusiasm should bring its reward in other spheres, so that we may well make up our present slight deficit and finish Cock House for the fifth successive year. Let us make a good start with the Cross Country!

We congratulate Templar on his election as House Captain and as a Prefect, and are very pleased that our secretary, Harmer, has been made Senior Prefect. We are proud to have so many members in School teams; we think we hold a distinction that constitutes a School record in that all the School's six teams have a Founder's man in goal.

H.

Hibbert House

With great satisfaction we can announce that we shall begin the year 1958 well on the way to winning the Cock House competition, for we have tied with Whittington House for the Football Cup. We applaud the worthy efforts of our three teams, in particular the Junior team, which won all three of its games, the last of which resulted in a score of 23 goals to nil.

If a similar standard is set in swimming and cricket next year we may be assured of the Cock House Cup. Our sports activities this term have certainly revealed a fine House spirit.

We congratulate T. Croft on being made a Prefect.

Last term we said good-bye to two House Masters, Mr. Croswell and Mr. Harrison, and we wish them every happiness in the future.

This term we welcome two new masters, Mr. Poppleton and Mr. Slater.

We should like to make known our gratitude to our House Masters for their interest.
T.H.

Hodgson House

So far this term the activities in the House have met with rather disappointing results. This, however, was not entirely the fault of any one in particular. The Seniors lost all their games of soccer, as did the Juniors. On one occasion a Junior team was beaten by a total that is best not recalled, whilst the only success gained in the term was by the Middle School team, which played excellently, winning two games out of three.

During this term also the normal winter activities have been continued, swimming has progressed quite successfully, and it is to be hoped that the swimming team has as much success in the future as it has had in the past.

In the future, however, we must strive hard to improve our position. The Cross Country run will take place quite soon and we all hope that the House will score a great victory in this field.

We thank all the House Masters for their help and encouragement during the past term.
D.H.

Whittington House

Congratulations to all Whittington football teams on sharing the Football Cup with Hibbert. We hope their performance will stimulate all members of the House to do their best to secure the Cock House Cup.

The next event on the House calendar is the annual Cross Country race. We hope there will be a full entry, because every boy has the opportunity to compete. There is a great need for swimmers and we should like to see many more boys learning to swim in order to compete in the swimming competition and to qualify in life-saving.

We congratulate C. V. Stafford on his appointment as deputy Senior Prefect and D. P. Ramsden on his election as Football Captain of the First XI.
D. and G.J.

FOOTBALL, 1957-58

First Eleven

Captain: D. P. RAMSDEN

Record to date: Played 8, Won 3, Lost 4, Drawn 1; Goals, For 20, Against 25.

Results : v. Palatine School (home).	Won	5—1.
v. Old Boys (home).	Lost	1—4.
v. Clitheroe R.G.S. (home).	Lost	1—5.
v. Burnley G.S. (home).	Won	6—2.
v. Haslingden G.S. (away).	Won	3—2.
v. Palatine School (away).	Lost	1—7.
v. Technical College (home).	Lost	1—2.
v. Manchester G.S. (home).	Drawn	2—2.

The following boys have played for the First Eleven this term: Priest, Johnson, Hill, Cookson, Miller, Ingham, R. Taylor, D. P. Ramsden, Oldroyd, Newton, Rowe, Anderson, Longden, Curwen and Rothwell.

Second Eleven

This has been a term of mixed fortunes. Many difficulties, amongst them flu and injury, have beset the team. The results show that, with due regard to circumstances, the members have given of their best. Cookson succeeded Hill in the captaincy when the latter was promoted to the First Eleven.

Results: Played 7, Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 3; Goals, For 28, Against 30.

Sept. 21—v. Palatine (home).	Won	5—0.
Oct. 5—v. Old Boys (home).	Won	7—5.
„ 12—v. Clitheroe G.S. (home).	Lost	2—6.
„ 19—v. Burnley G.S. (home).	Drawn	3—3.
Nov. 9—v. Palatine (away).	Lost	5—6.
„ 16—v. Hutton Agricultural College 1st XI (home).	Lost	3—7.
„ 23—v. Manchester G.S. (home).	Drawn	3—3.

Team: Sherlock; Fryer, Cookson; J. Taylor, Hill, Miller; Newton, Blackmore (6), Birch (9), Whalley (1), Rothwell (7).

The following have also played: Barnes (1), Cumpsty, Johnson, Howarth, Metcalf, Brookfield (2), Wright (P.), Curwen, Buckley, Knapman, Robinson.

(Figures in parentheses indicate individual goal scores).

D.G.

Under 15 Eleven

Although very few fixtures have been played to date owing to the flu epidemic earlier in the season, the team has shown some improvement on last year. The future should show a more settled team and a blended combination capable of holding its own with any team in the true Baines spirit.

Congratulations go to Hepworth, who represented Blackpool and District Secondary Schools' Eleven in the English Schools' Trophy Competition.

Results to date: Sept. 20—v. Hodgson (away).	Won	6—3.
„ 28—v. Palatine (away).	Lost	1—6.
Nov. 2—v. St. George's (home).	Won	4—2.

The following have played: G. Taylor, Massey, Sharrock, Wood, Hepworth, Nottingham, Barker, Etchells, Mayoh, Catherall, Flint, Wright, Sharples, Billington, Rothwell, Partington, Crowe, N. Perry, Longden and Bamber.

Goal scorers to date: Rothwell 3, Sharples 2, Catherall 2, Bamber 2, Barker and Etchells 1.
A.E.

House Football Championship, 1957-58

		Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
1.	Hibbert	9	5	3	1	11
	Whittington	9	5	3	1	11
3.	Founder's	9	5	4	0	10
4.	Hodgson	9	2	7	0	4

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Under 14 Eleven

Captain: D. J. PARTINGTON

The team has soon resumed its winning way and is continually improving. Vigorous direct play has earned decisive victories, and if any department deserves special mention, it is the half-back line, which is tireless in defence and aggressive in attack. Results to date (league matches):

Sept. 25—v. Bailey (home)	Won	6—0.
Oct. 5—v. Claremont (away)	Won	5—3.
„ 19—v. Highfield (home)	Won	2—0.
Nov. 9—v. Palatine (away)	Won	5—0.
„ 23—v. St. George's (away)	Won	8—0.

Friendly matches:

Sept. 21—v. Worsley Wardley G.S. (home)	Won	5—0.
Oct. 12—v. Clitheroe G.S. (home)	Drew	5—5.
Nov. 2—v. Haslingden G.S. (away)	Won	3—0.
„ 23—v. Manchester G.S. (home)	Won	7—0.

Regular team: Rothwell; Glover, Brown; Wright, Gamble, Partington; Rowland, Perry, Longden, Hulse, Bamber.

Also played: Shores, Tomlinson, Orrell, Minns, Lang, Cottrell, Pratt.

Under 13 Eleven

Captain: C. ORRELL

This team is also carrying on where it left off last season, and by playing an almost precocious brand of football, has continued its unique record of winning every match played.

Results to date (league matches):

Sept. 24—v. Hodgson (home)	Won	14—0.
„ 28—v. Palatine (away)	Won	6—0
Nov. 2—v. St. George's (home)	Won	8—2.
„ 16—v. Thames Road (away)	Won	11—1.

Friendly matches:

Oct. 19—v. Ancoats (Manchester) Boys (home)	Won	10—0
Nov. 9—v. Palatine (away)	Won	7—0.

Regular team: Christy; Hitchen, Roberts; Appleby, Orrell, Coombs; Goldberg, Warburton, Hamer, Scott, Cottrell.

Also played: Riley, Naylor, Kelly, Harrison, Thomason, Ancell.

Under 12 Eleven

Captain: G. KELLY

The new boys have settled down well after a rather slow start due to the influenza epidemic, when "unblooded" reserves had to be rushed into all kinds of unaccustomed positions. The team is improving visibly every week, and frequent practices with their high-powered predecessors are developing positional sense, speed off the mark and in the tackle, and confidence in shooting.

Results to date (league matches):

Sept. 21—v. Bailey (away)	Lost	2—3.
Oct. 5—v. Claremont (home)	Won	2—1
„ 19—v. Highfield (away)	Drew	1—1.
Nov. 9—v. Palatine (home)	Won	5—2.
„ 23—v. St. George's (home)	Won	9—0.

Friendly Matches:

Oct. 12—v. Thames Road (home)	Won	10—0.
Nov. 16—v. Palatine (away)	Won	2—1.

Regular team: Glossop; Cookson, Fry; Kelly, Harrison, Thomas; Bingley, Wilkinson, Gregory, Cox, Melloydey.

Also played: Anderson, Slater, Roach, Fish, Laird, Reddyhough.

H.E.T.

NATIONAL SAVINGS BRANCH

For the twelve weeks of this term, up to 29th November, our returns are:

Amount subscribed, £107 15s. 0d.

Average number of subscribers per week, 90
(18% of the School).

Forms with the best averages: IV Alpha, 30%; V Alpha, 28%; III Alpha, 27%.

The number of subscribers this term has been very disappointing; this is to a great extent due to the small number of new boys who have joined our School branch. We find on enquiry that most of them were "regular savers" at their previous schools, and we appeal to parents to encourage the continuation of thrift next term.

The special National Savings Badges awarded each term to Form Secretaries for particularly good work have been gained by D. Tinsley, IV Alpha, P. L. Rothwell, V Alpha, and P. R. Pratt, III Alpha.
A.C.O.

SCHOOL SOCIETY

We notice with approval the rekindling of the public speaking spirit as shown by the sessions of the two Debating Societies. The newly formed Junior Chess Society has shown remarkable enthusiasm, encouraged by the efforts of Mr. Poppleton.

The School Society wishes to express its gratitude for the assistance afforded by certain members of the Staff, and it only remains to report that provided the Society funds are replenished in the near future, the committee looks forward to a prosperous Spring term.
A.J.W. and T.H.

The Science Society

The Society has met fortnightly this term, a full and interesting programme having been completed. The programme consisted of five subjects: "The Story of Oil," "Artificial Fibres," "Titanium Metal" and "Malaria" (for the Seniors) and the "Discovery and Properties of Oxygen" (for the Juniors). The speakers at these meetings were Young, Rigby, Johnston and Halton of U.VI and Marsden of IVs. Each lecture was illustrated by sound-colour films.

All the meetings have been well attended, and it is hoped that this support will be maintained for next term's programme.

We wish to thank Mr. Green for his help and encouragement, and all the boys who have contributed to make the meetings so successful.
K.A.Y.

The Music Society

During the Summer term of 1957 this Society enjoyed a prosperity which was blemished only by a complaint about the evening of the week chosen for meetings, and so it was decided to experiment with other evenings in the Autumn term. Monday proved hopeless, and it was announced at mid-term that Tuesday evening was to be tried. At the time of the writing of this report, however, no meetings on this evening had been held, mainly because the prospects of good attendances were not very great. The reason for this is not only the swarm of protests about the choice of evening, but an apparent dissatisfaction with the gramophone which, while no doubt satisfying the requirements of the Modern Music Society, fails to provide the high standard of reproduction to which music lovers' ears are accustomed. A remedy for this has been suggested and will no doubt be tried in the Spring term of 1958.
T.H.

Modern Music Society

During the past term meetings have been held regularly on Friday evenings. The attendances have been good. We would like to thank all people concerned with supplying records and thus making possible our meetings.
C.J.

The Film Society

This term has not been as active as the corresponding term last year, partly because of the increased costs in film hire. However, we have had one meeting this term which we feel has made some contribution to the general academic life of the school.

On Wednesday, 23rd October, we presented a programme called "The Development of the Cartoon." This was a brief study of the different approaches to cartoon animation since the early days of cartoon film-making. The meeting attempted to show firstly, the different styles of various artists; secondly, the contrast between the earlier and most modern animated cartoons; and finally, the difference between the cartoons of various nations.

The meeting was illustrated with cartoon films which were enthusiastically received by the 160 members who attended.

Next term we hope to show the original silent version of Victor Hugo's classic "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," played by Lon Chaney.

We extend our thanks to Mr. Smith for his unflagging support, Swadkins of U.VI (Science), and Mr. Poppleton for his kind assistance in advertising.

P. B. PARKINSON, U.VI (Arts).
R. KIRK, U.VI (Arts).

The Geographical Society

This term has probably been the most successful in the history of the Society. Meetings have been held at least once a fortnight and attendances have been encouraging.

We began the term with a lecture, illustrated by photographic slides, given by Jackson of U.VI (Arts). The topic was "The Yorkshire Dales." Then at our next two meetings there followed programmes of films, which included Diamond Mining in West Africa, the Development of Insurance, the Channel Islands and the Scottish Highlands.

On Friday, 15th November, an Old Boy of the School, the Rev. Donald Schofield, B.A., gave a most interesting lecture on Madagascar, where he has been engaged in missionary work. At the following meeting three films concerning the British Isles were shown.

The officials of the Society would like to thank Swadkins, U.VI (Science) for his invaluable work as projectionist and also Mr. Marsh for his advice and assistance.

S.J. and P.S.

School Christian Fellowship

During the term Paul's Epistle to the Colossians has been studied, but meetings have been hindered by other School activities and the influenza epidemic, which have reduced our numbers.

One open meeting was held in which the Rev. G. W. Hart, the travelling secretary of the I.S.C.F., showed a Fact and Faith film entitled "The Voice of the Deep." There was a good attendance at this meeting.

We invite all members of the School to join us in next term's meetings as we continue the Bible Study series.

D. and G.J.

The Photographic Society

Meetings have been held regularly throughout the term. Each week new recruits have been taught in small groups by the more proficient members. They have attempted, with some measure of success, a little printing, enlarging and developing.

As yet, the alternate Monday meetings of the Society have not been put to a great deal of use, but P. H. Hindle U.VI (Science) gave a lecture on Table-top Photography which was well received.

We express our thanks to Mr. Scupholme for allowing us the use of the Advanced Physics Laboratory as a dark room.

B.G.B.

The Senior Debating Society

President : Mr. D. GREGSON.

Chairman : S. TEMPLAR.

So far this term the Senior Debating Society has met on three occasions and the most pleasing feature of these meetings has been the greatly increased attendance.

At the first debate the motion that "This House deplors education" was easily defeated by 17 votes to eight, and an interesting point raised by the opposition was that "education is a means of fending off mental stagnation." This motion was proposed by C. Stafford and J. Barnes and opposed by M. Harmer and T. Croft.

The second meeting of the Society was a Fourth Form debate, when a motion that "This House considers a journey to the moon unnecessary" was defeated by 16 votes to five, even though the proposition pointed out that "the terrain of the moon is not conducive to human life." This motion was proposed by J. Charnley and A. Marsden, and opposed by B. Beesley and J. Stevenson.

At our last meeting the proposition that "Great Britain should become the 49th State of the U.S.A." was carried by the small margin of 14 votes to 12. This motion, proposed by K. A. Young and P. Ramsden, was forcibly opposed by M. K. Needham and J. Wallace. In spite of such vigorous opposition, however, the proposition gained a hard-fought victory.

It is hoped that a greater number of IV and V Form boys will take this excellent opportunity of increasing their knowledge and acquiring greater self-confidence.

J.L.C.

Junior Debating Society

During the Autumn session three very successful meetings have been held.

The first meeting was a session of "Any Questions?" held before a house of 30. A "Balloon Debate" was held before a house of 35. This meeting resulted in a farmer, a policeman and an architect being thrown out of the balloon.

The third meeting was a debate "That this House considers railways are an obsolete form of travel which should be abolished." This debate was held before a house of 43, and the motion was decisively defeated by 40 votes to two.

G.L.

The Chess Society

There have again been regular meetings of the Senior section, and we have been successful in two matches played this term against Blackpool Grammar School.

The Junior section, too, under Mr. Poppleton, has thrived, and it is encouraging that a high attendance has been steadily maintained throughout the term.

Competitions are now in progress in both sections, increasing interest in the Society and improving considerably the general standard of play.
C.V.S.

Model Engineering Society

Meetings have been held after school on Wednesdays throughout the term and attendances have been very good. Among articles under construction are several steam engines, electric motors and electric bells. We thank Mr. Astell and Mr. Charnley for their help and advice.
J.J.C.

Stamp Society

Weekly attendances were poor at the beginning of the term but the recent big increase in numbers and enthusiasm has shown that "it pays to advertise." Winners in stamp quiz competitions have been: R. N. Corkhill, IVs (twice); G. E. Knight, IIIs; A. W. Benbow, Im (twice) and P. Cunliffe, IIx. We record grateful thanks to D. Parkinson, Is, for a very generous supply of recent stamp magazines, and to Mr. Ward for his gift of stamps to be awarded as prizes.

Before the end of term a selection of his stamps will be exhibited by Mr. Okell to whom, once again, we are indebted for his active help and advice.

Next term we hope to have an illustrated lecture on "Romantic Rarities."
A.J.W. and D.A.C.

THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The Cross Country team has been holding training sessions regularly this term and the enthusiasm of the members is encouraging. Although we have a young team this year we hope that the School will reap the benefit in years to come.

We have had two fixtures. The first was against a strong team from R.A.F. Weeton, and although the team ran well they were narrowly beaten by 35 points to 43 points. Ferry was placed third and Hill fourth. The second match was against R.A.F. Wharton,

when the School gained a decisive victory by 31 points to 51 points. The School's positions were: 1, Ferry; 4, Hyde; 5, Cumpsty; 6, Padgett. This result gives us confidence for the future.

We should like to thank Mr. Etchells for his endless patience and encouragement.
P. RAMSDEN.

BASKETBALL

Although this sport was introduced as a medium for training for football and athletics, one or two friendly fixtures have been arranged, with prospects of more, by Mr. Etchells. To date, however, only one game has been played; it was against the Technical College, whose players were even less experienced than our own, and the result was 32—5 in our favour. A return match will be held at the Technical College in the near future.

We thank Mr. Etchells sincerely for teaching us the rules and how to play, and also for allowing the team to use the Gymnasium during the dinner hour. It is generally hoped that the game will be established as another School sporting activity.
I.S.M.

SWIMMING

The Swimming team has represented the School once this term; that was in the Blackpool and District Schools' Gala. Our results were as follows:

SENIORS.	Open Dive	....	K. Smith, 1st.
	110 yards Back Crawl	....	K. Smith, 3rd.
	Open Squadron	....	B.G.S., 2nd.
JUNIORS.	Plunge	....	J. F. Thorpe, 1st.
	Dive	....	J. F. Thorpe, 2nd.
	Style	....	J. F. Thorpe, 2nd.
			G. C. McKillop, 3rd.
	Under 15 Squadron		B.G.S., 3rd.

We congratulate the Juniors who put up a good fight; this is the first time the School has entered a Junior team.

K. Smith took third place in the Senior Dive in the English Schools' National Championships at Bournemouth. Kenneth has now won more cups, trophies and badges, etc., in the swimming world than any other boy from Baines, past or present.

We also congratulate J. F. Thorpe and G. C. McKillop, who represented the Blackpool and District Schools in the Lancashire Schools' Championships.

K. A. Young, D. Haslam, R. Marrison, D. Parkinson and D. Atkinson will represent the School in the Ogden Trophy Life-Saving Competition. The School enters this competition for the first time.
D.H., U.VI.

ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS, JULY, 1957

25 Yards Back Stroke :

Junior. 1 Brown (Ho), 2 Swift (Ho), 3 P. Davies (W).

50 Yards Back Stroke :

Senior. 1 Smith (Fo), 2 R. L. Davies (Ho), 3 Tordoff (F).

25 Yards Breast Stroke :

Junior. 1 Barker (Ho), 2 P. Davies (Ho), 3 Raphael (W).

50 Yards Breast Stroke :

Senior. 1 Grundy (Hi), 2 Haslam (Ho), 3 Porter (F).

50 Yards Free Style :

Junior. 1 Swift (Ho), 2 Brown (Ho), 3 E. Whiteside (Hi).

Senior. 1 K. Smith (F), 2 Bell (W), 3 Miller (F).

110 Yards Free Style :

Senior. 1 Bell (W), 2 Barnes (W), 3 Marrison (F).

Life-saving (Release and Rescue): 1 Hibbert, 2 Hodgson, 3 Whittington.

Senior Plunge: 1 Tordoff (F), 2 Atkinson (W), 3 Marrison (F).

Junior Plunge: 1 Thorpe (Ho), 2 Smith and Brown (Ho), tie.

Senior Dive: 1 K. Smith (F), 2 Haslam (Ho), 3 Anderson (Hi).

Junior Dive: 1 Barker (Ho), 2 Thorpe (Ho), 3 Longden and Shores (W), tie.

Junior Squadron: 1 Hodgson, 2 Whittington.

Senior Squadron: 1 Founder's, 2 Hodgson.

Championships

Junior Championship: 1 Swift (Ho), 2 Barker and Brown (Ho), tie.

Senior Championship: 1 K. Smith (F), 2 Haslam (Ho), 3 Bell (W).

House Championship: 1, Hodgson, 98; 2, Founder's, 44; 3, Whittington, 32; 4, Hibbert, 12.

House Championship (including Life-saving Awards): 1, Hodgson, 141; 2, Whittington, 115; 3, Founder's, 96; 4, Hibbert, 32.

Life-saving Awards

Instructor's Certificate: Young (W).

Bronze Cross: Williams and Marrison (F), Maguire, Haslam and Davies (Ho), Parkinson, Butlin and Bell (W).

Bronze Medallion: Day and Porter (F), Mayland and Beckett (Hi), Haslam (Ho), Bell Cartade and Morfi (W).

Intermediate Certificate: C. W. Day and Bland (Fo), Copple (W).

BY THE WAY

There are 501 names on the School Roll.

Salvete.

Form Shell: R. P. Bailey (Ho.), J. P. S. Blundell (W.), G. Bottomley (F.), M. T. Coupe (Hi.), D. Curwen (Ho.), A. Dearden (W.), R. Dearden (F.), R. I. Ferguson (Hi.), M. J. Fry (W.), T. F. Glossop (F.), M. A. Harrison (Hi.), C. J. Heyworth (Hi.), J. M. Hindle (Ho.), P. T. Jenkinson (Ho.), D. L. Johnson (Ho.), L. S. Laird (Hi.), G. Lowe (Ho.), R. G. Mills (Ho.), G. Moore (Hi.), N. Palfreyman (W.), A. Pegden (Hi.), S. Roach (Hi.), J. Taylor (W.), C. A. Todd (W.), H. P. Turner (F.), D. M. Unsworth (Hi.), P. L. Whiteside (F.), P. Wild (F.), T. H. Wilde (Hi.), G. Wolstenholme (Hi.).

Form Is: M. Anderson (Hi.), P. A. Beard (F.), I. R. Birbeck (Ho.), D. R. Brown (Hi.), M. J. Brown (Ho.), C. G. Dixon (Hi.), J. L. Edge (Hi.), S. Fish (Ho.),

D. Gregory (Hi.), E. R. Hamner (W.), J. Hampson (F.), D. R. Jesson (W.), A. Johnson (Hi.), D. Knowles (F.), D. J. Mannig (Ho.), M. J. Mellodey (Hi.), G. M. A. Mitchell (F.), N. Moseley (Ho.), D. Parkinson (F.), D. E. Penny (Hi.), A. Porter (W.), M. Shuttleworth (F.), J. C. Simmons (Hi.), M. D. Simmons (Hi.), C. Slaney (Ho.), D. Sutton (Ho.), B. J. Vowell (W.), H. Wilkinson (Ho.), R. Wilkinson (W.), A. R. Wilson (F.), P. G. Wood (F.).

Form Im: R. F. Allen (F.), C. W. Bale (Ho.), N. W. J. Ball (Hi.), A. W. Benbow (Hi.), D. M. Bingley (F.), E. G. Bowman (F.), J. Burrows (F.), S. G. Caley (Ho.), R. Cookson (F.), H. Cox (Ho.), J. D. Early (Ho.), D. E. Ellacott (W.), J. R. Evans (F.), R. J. Grime (Ho.), T. B. Holme (Ho.), G. Jewitt (F.), R. H. G. Kelly (W.), D. M. Lane (Ho.), P. G. Lynch (W.), B. Ramsden (W.), D. Reddyhough (F.), P. H. Roscoe (Ho.), D. J. Rowley (W.), D. Slater (W.), P. M. Smith (F.), B. D. Thomas (F.), D. H. Thomson (Hi.), W. Tolan (Ho.).

Form Iix: K. J. Tolan (Ho.).

Form IIs: D. R. Hart (Ho.).

Form IVm: B. E. W. Fox (Ho.), J. C. Wight (W.).

Form Vs: C. Williams (Ho.) (re-entry).

Form V Alpha: J. E. Minor (W.).

Form Lower VI (Science): D. Woodhouse (Ho.).

Valete

J. R. Algar, E. Atkinson, S. R. H. Blackmore, C. A. Brand, W. P. Chattington, C. B. Davies, R. W. Eagles, D. G. Farrer, J. W. Greaves, E. B. Halsall, G. Hindle, G. D. Holstead, J. B. Ives, N. H. Johnson, K. P. Lawson, M. R. G. Leeming, J. H. Morgan, B. Morris, G. B. Oxspring, F. Pearson, T. O. Smalley, J. Sutter, L. M. Tate, N. Thomas, R. Weston, J. Wheildon, K. Whitehead, J. L. Cardwell, V. A. Ashcroft, M. Edwards, D. H. Exley, E. D. S. Gee, T. Heap, D. G. Hughes, A. Marsden, W. D. Porter, I. S. Taylor, V. I. O. Williams, R. S. Ashton, J. Bell, T. M. Buckley, B. Garstang, D. B. Jones, N. Roberts, S. F. Thompson, B. Whalley, J. Ashton-Rigby, R. H. Barnes, W. J. Beckett, R. N. Coppack, E. Davies, I. Donaldson, K. Hayward, R. G. Mayland, F. Morgan, D. C. Newby, M. Roe, E. K. Sillis, G. Smith, D. Spore, A. F. Stephenson, R. Sunderland, I. Thomason, P. J. Tordoff, A. P. Wright, P. S. Wilkinson, T. C. Dell, W. J. Hanley, B. F. Butterworth.

It was unfortunate that the epidemic of influenza disorganised our ordered existence at the beginning of the term. By the time we reached our ninth working day there were 244 boys and two masters absent, and at the "peak" period, a few days later, 258 boys and four masters. One form had dwindled to two boys!

Small wonder that the topic of "Asian 'flu" was the chief conversational gambit! When a similar, though more deadly, epidemic struck this country nearly forty years ago, it was promptly labelled "Spanish." We have often wondered why. Perhaps it was because we had a grudge against Spain and the Spaniards at that time

(or would it have been a "hangover" from Elizabethan days?) and were prepared to blame them for any unpleasant occurrence. We never heard whether there were any resultant acrimonious diplomatic exchanges between London and Madrid; whether there were or not, we seem to have been more guarded in our choice of label for this year's visitation. After all, "Asian" is almost equivalent to "anonymous."

But, though we discussed influenza for a week or two, we very quickly abandoned that subject when the news of the Russian satellites burst upon a startled world, early in October, and provided us all with a very fruitful subject for discussion and speculation. Everybody seems even now to be talking of "sputniks"; and the poets in our midst have done their best to immortalise the unfortunate creature whose fate was the talk of every newspaper. It is regrettable that none of these poems, however high-minded its sentiments, was sufficiently inspired (or inspiring) to find its way into print. One would-be contributor in prose, however, gave us food for thought. He claimed to have inside information that the inventors of the Sputnik would ultimately make their way to some other planet, transfer thither all their fellow-countrymen, and then proceed to bombard poor old Mother Earth out of existence. Well! Well! You have been warned! And to think that we had imagined that Mars was probably destined to become a mere dumping-ground for political undesirables, a sort of super-S-b-ria!

We hope that those optimists who are already booking seats for inter-planetary journeys will choose a destination that is not already reserved exclusively for the Sputnik travellers. It should be quite thrilling to stand on, say, Uranus or Neptune and witness the disintegration of Earth! There should be a display of fireworks to beat any 5th of November!

The sometime caretaker's flat, and various rooms in what used to be the Headmaster's house, have been very well adapted to serve as extra classrooms, and are now in regular use. If only that long walk could be eliminated. . . . !

We are told that the pavilion is to be in use during the cricket season of 1958. The clock given by an Old Boy has now been installed and gives an air of completeness to the front of the building.

On Armistice Day the School was represented at the Poulton Service of Remembrance by the Headmaster, some members of the Staff, Prefects, A.T.C. and Scouts, and a wreath was laid as usual on the War Memorial.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a pleasant holiday!

OLD BOYS' PAGES

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Editorial

The Old Boys' Sports, held on 19th July, proved to be the most disappointing of all these occasions which we can recall, in that no competitors offered themselves to challenge Roy Halstead's title. The usual faithful were present, of course—Harry Dennison, Dick Pye and George Curwen, for example—and they took part in the Cricket Ball and Handicap race; but Halstead had not even nominal opposition in the sprints, long jump and mile. We therefore had no Sports in the real meaning of the word, and Halstead retains his Championship. We should mention that he did run over the mile course and that a prominent School runner, Ferry, invited to run against him, did very well. Before the events, purposely delayed in the hope that some competitors would arrive, we had adjourned to the School television set to watch the "Ibbotson Mile," and we like to think that this inspired Roy in his own version of it!

It would appear that this function is not popular as an open-to-all-comers event. We have hesitated in the past to make it a matter of formal written entries submitted in advance, but it looks as if we shall have to resort to some such guaranteed entry in future. It is disheartening to the Association's officials, not to mention the School Staff, who so readily assist, when their time and efforts to arrange a sports meeting are wasted. This year's meeting was nothing more than a pleasant social occasion for those of us who attended, and if the Old Boys' Sports are to survive as such, we must have a better measure of support in future.

Mrs. Tomlinson presented—or should we say "distributed"?—the prizes, and handed the Championship Trophy back to Roy Halstead, who will retain it until seriously challenged and defeated.

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The Cricket Match took place a week later than scheduled, because of bad weather. This postponement must have proved inconvenient to one or two of the team, who failed to appear. However, Dick Pye—as on many diverse occasions—took off his coat and helped to make up the side. As last year, we were no match for the School; Ramsden was again in devastating form and almost repeated his single-handed decimation of 1956.

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The Hot-pot Supper took place on 11th October, and this, again, was numerically disappointing. Only forty members came along; in previous years as many as eighty have supported this function. There was not the deterrent of bad weather which cut down last year's

attendance, and adequate notice had been given. Must we conclude that the attractions of more sophisticated entertainments are preferred nowadays to the traditional simple pleasures of an informal conviviality? We who attended enjoyed ourselves immensely, but the Association would have entailed a loss without the generosity of F. L. Stafford, who once again provided the supper itself. We cannot allow generosity to be imposed on as a matter of course, and we must have greater support for this and other established Association meetings if we are to continue to provide the social amenities for which the Association largely exists.

Geoff. Walker retained the Table Tennis Championship and Ardron Cup, defeating Peter Foulds in the final. Foulds, however, was more successful in the Beetle Drive, sharing first place with Bill Dewhurst. Tom Croft, who had found time to come along after attending an official function in his capacity as Chairman of Thornton Cleveleys U.D.C., received the prize for the lowest score, and Mick Ardron again obtained a reward for his imaginative creations. We suggest that the House of Ardron would do well to establish a Fashion Design Centre as a subsidiary to the existing business; Mick's sartorial designs for space-beetles would make up into really rather gorgeous metal suits for satellite passengers.

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The Dinner Dance held at the Palatine Hotel on 22nd November was one of the most successful we can recall. Some sixty humans and one dog were present—Harry Dennison's poodle came in at about midnight, but carelessly omitted to bring a partner. An excellent meal was soon dissipated in the whirl and flurry of the dance, from which few, if any, were allowed to escape, so firmly yet genially were we organised by Dennis Tofts as M.C. and by another Old Boy, A. Davey, at the piano of an unusually melodious and accomplished band. Everything "went," from Gay Gordons to a Toftian square dance entitled the "Baines Romp"; all styles and age-groups were well catered for, so next year, you crazy cats, come along and be sent!

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In response to the recently circularised appeal for the Stafford Memorial Fund, a gratifying number of members sent donations, for which we are very grateful. Over 130 Old Boys have now contributed some £200, and we look forward to an even wider response—the target is five to six hundred pounds for a developed site—and the fund remains open. Several contacts have already been made in the Lake District with regard to the proposed Camp Site, and we will report progress as soon as possible.

Personalia

We congratulate B. Bates, K. Butterfield, F. A. Johnson, H. J. Hull, R. R. Reay, P. Sharrock and A. Walton on their recent weddings.

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We regret to announce the death of Leslie Sherry, who died at the early age of 50 after a short illness, and offer our condolences to his widow and his son, Peter, who left School quite recently.

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Congratulations to County Alderman J. R. Hull, an Old Boy and Chairman of the Governors, on his election to the Chairmanship of the Lancashire Education Committee. We like to think this is a special reward for his services to B.G.S.!

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Recent professional successes include those of Rodney Leach, Edmund Pearce and Derek Waddington. Leach has been awarded the Degree of Ph.D. and is working in Nuclear Research near Knutsford. Pearce has passed Part II of the Diploma Examination of the Institute of Bankers, and Waddington has passed the Final Examination in Housing Management of the Institute of Housing and has been appointed Assistant Housing Officer to Sunbury-on-Thames U.D.C. (Middlesex).

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We have two regular correspondents in Canada, Peter D. Smith and Douglas Eakins. Smith is in the Registrar's Office of McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, where he has an interesting post. Hamilton is the Canadian "Birmingham" for industrial importance, or "Sheffield" for importance in steel. In a long letter he gives the pro's and con's for intending immigrants, but, like a good official, he makes no categorical pronouncement. It all depends, he says, on what you are and what you seek; but Canada must be regarded neither as an infantile backwood nor as a modern Canaan.

Eakins, who went out last year, is doing very well in the insurance business in Toronto, and in January he will move to Ottawa as resident adjuster for his company, with prospects of even more substantial promotion. He has met another Old Boy, Robert Cudlip, who is in the real estate business.

News of these two ex-Under 14 footballers reminds us that three others are following Durie into the hazards of League football. S. Hill (known to all as "Mandy") found himself suddenly promoted in an emergency to the Blackpool Central League side after some outings with a much more junior side, and has played on at least one other occasion since then. E. L. Cobb is also playing on the wing for the Blackpool "B" team at the moment. Both were in the Blackpool Youth team which was recently overwhelmed by Manchester United's Youth team, but we do not think this will necessarily blight their prospects! Durie, by the way, recently had the distinction of scoring four out of five goals for the F.A. XI against the R.A.F. Harry Downes is also playing in a junior team.

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We are even more indebted than usual to Jim Croft for his Football Club Report, as he wrote it in considerable discomfort while abed with influenza and complications. We hope he will be fully recovered when he reads this, otherwise we hate to think what will happen to the team!

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Old Boys' Football Club

President: H. R. DENNISON

The practice games in August were well attended, but not enough regular players were forthcoming to make the running of two teams practicable. We have more than enough players for one team, however, and an attempt is being made to give them all a game.

The team started off in fine style, winning their early matches very easily. The results of the matches played so far are:

Sept.	7—Blackpool Rangers "B"	(h).	Won	6—0
"	14—Blackpool North End	(a).	Won	6—0
"	21—Co-operative Youth	(h).	Won	8—2
"	28—Post Office Eng.	(a).	Won	9—1
Oct.	5—School 1st XI		Won	4—1
"	5—School 2nd XI		Lost	5—7
"	19—Anchorholme	(a).	Draw	1—1
"	26—Blackpool Accountants	(a).	Won	9—1
Nov.	2—B'pool Mechanics "A"	(h).	Won	6—2
"	9—Fleetwood I.C.I.	(a).	Lost	0—3
"	16—Fleetwood St. Mary's	(h).	Lost	0—1
"	23—N.A.L.G.O.	(a).	Won	8—0

A very successful Buffet Dance was held at the New Central Hotel on 19th October, at which members of the team which won the Ramsden Shield were presented with individual cups. These were distributed by Dennis Airey, deputising for the Club President, Harry Dennison, who was on holiday in Madeira. About forty were present, including the Association's President and Mrs. Tomlinson, who presented the "spot" prizes, and a small profit for Club funds was realised.

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The Club thanks those Old Boys who responded to the appeal for Vice-Presidents, and a full list will be published in the next issue of the Magazine.

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New Members

- 1911 E. Fletcher, 19a Cearns Road, Birkenhead, Cheshire.
- 1957 T. O. Smalley, 28 Greenheys Avenue, Carleton, Poulton-le-Fylde
- 1957 N. Thomas, 51 Cookson Street, Blackpool.
- 1957 J. B. Ives, 44 Knowsley Avenue, Blackpool.
- 1957 R. Weston, "Cobblestones," Ramsbury, nr. Marlborough, Wilts.
- 1957 K. Whitehead, 7 Marsden Road, Blackpool.
- 1957 D. G. Farrer, 17 Orchard Drive, Fleetwood.
- 1957 R. N. Coppack, 22 Hesketh Place, Fleetwood.
- 1957 G. B. Oxspring, 178 Bispham Road, Blackpool.
- 1956 Ronald D. Taylor, 2 Hill Crest, School Lane, Inskip, nr. Preston.
- 1957 David Cater, 4 Cigma Court, Wilson Street, 3rd Avenue, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia.
- 1956 J. B. Shepherd, Jackson's Farm, Pilling Lane, Preesall, nr. Fleetwood.
- 1914 C. Humphrey, 51 St. Nicholas Road, Wallasey, Cheshire.
- 1952 John Clough, 7 Hodgson Road, Blackpool.

- 1957 Rd. Robinson, 1 Sherbourne Road, Blackpool.
 1957 I. S. Taylor, "Stuart Dene," 17 Willoughby Avenue, Cleveleys.
 1957 M. R. G. Leeming, 617 Devonshire Road, Bispham, Blackpool.
 1957 Michael Edwards, 53 North Park Drive, Blackpool.

Changes of Address

- R. T. Birch, "Silverlands," 38 Wellington Road, Hatch End, Middlesex.
 W. H. Black, 6 Stray Garth, Elmfield Terrace, York.
 G. G. Copley, 53 Diamond Street, Leigh, Lancs.
 J. Croswell, "High Tor," Staynall Lane, Hambleton, nr. Blackpool.
 P. A. Lord, 22, Courtfield Gardens, London, S.W. 5.
 D. Mortimer, 35 Barden Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham.
 J. Summersgill, 7 Ullswater Crescent, Cleveleys, nr. Blackpool.
 Brian Taberner, 16 Ashley Close, Blackpool.
 A. Walton, 30 Devonshire Road, Salford, 6.
 N. Wolstencroft, 40 Dewlands, Godstone, Surrey.

For Your Diary

Feb. 22—Football at School (two teams).

A.G.M. and Dinner (Clifton Hotel, Blackpool) 4.45 and 7.30 p.m.

WHO'S WHO

Harold Ellis Tomlinson (President 1957-58)



Entered B.G.S. (Founder's House) in March, 1928, as a County Scholar from Sir John Deane's Grammar School, Northwich. Prefect 1931, Senior Prefect 1933. Training College Scholarship and Hulme Hall Exhibition at Manchester University, 1934. B.A. (Honours in French) and Alliance Française Medal, 1937; Teacher's Diploma, 1938; M.A. (Honours) by thesis on Heraldic Language, 1942.

Appointed to Staff of Rochdale Grammar School, 1938; joined B.G.S. Staff 1940. Master in charge of Junior Football since 1941.

Elected to O.B.A. Committee 1940, Vice-President 1952. Old Boys' Editor since 1947.

Member of the British and French Heraldic Societies, Heraldic Adviser to the Rural District Councils Association and the Building Societies Association.

Other interests include motoring, foreign travel, choral singing and amateur dramatics.

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