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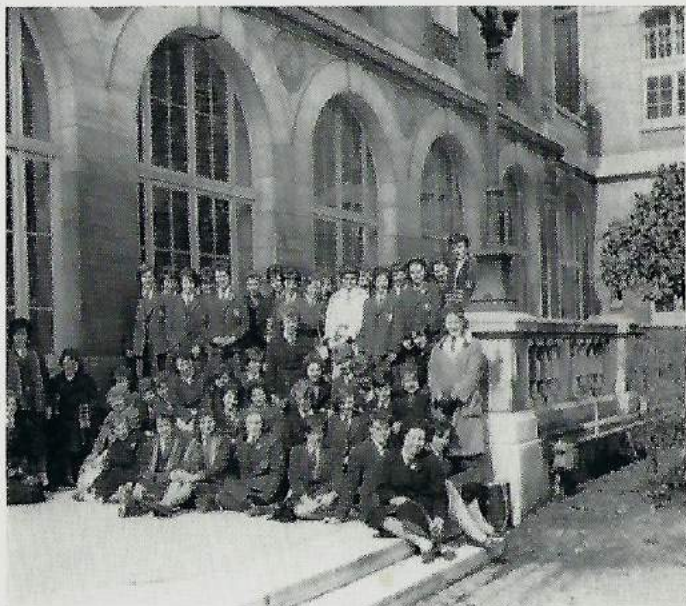
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The magazine committee thanks the many girls especially in the lower part of the school who submitted contributions. We ask those whose efforts were not accepted to try again next time as with a little more care for expression or a better working out of a good idea they might have been successful.



A Versailles



Au Lycée Janson de Sailly

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SCHOOL NOTES

There have been no changes on the Governing Body this year, but in September we shall have a number of staffing changes. We congratulate Mrs. Miller on being appointed Senior Mistress of Hayward Grammar School at Bolton, in Lancashire, and wish her many years of happy and interesting work there. Mrs. Miller will be succeeded by Mr. M. Watson, at present second Chemistry master of Loughborough College School. Miss Milner and Miss Douglass are going together to teach in Tasmania, for a minimum period of two years. We shall wish them godspeed at the end of term with mixed feelings, of regret, admiration and envy. Miss Milner will be succeeded by Mrs. Bell, who has had teaching experience in Art in Grammar and Modern Schools and the City of Leicester Training College; and Miss Douglass by Miss Mitchell, who has been teaching near Southampton. Finally, marriage is depriving us of Miss Snow and Miss James. Miss Snow is moving into Nottinghamshire, not very far away, and we hope to continue seeing something of her; but Miss James's fiancé is taking up a research post in America and it will be a long time before we see her again. As the numbers in the School have been temporarily declining in the last two years, Miss James's post will not be filled; Miss Clamp will take over the charge of Physical Education and will be assisted by Miss Wright, who comes to us from Bedford College of Physical Education.

To those leaving us we express our very warm thanks and good wishes.

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We congratulate Barbara Welch, who has just completed her B.Sc. examinations of Sheffield University and has been awarded an Honours Degree in Zoology, being placed in the Upper Division of the Second Class. In addition, Barbara has been accepted for Voluntary Service Overseas, after a most searching interview, but does not yet know where she will be sent. She is the first old girl of the School to volunteer for this adventurous and difficult work. We hope that she will find it very rewarding, and that her example may perhaps stimulate others. Barbara's degree result is the only one to reach us so far.

Donations to the Library are gratefully acknowledged from Miss Lucy Facer, of Quorn, and from Valerie Simpson, Vivian Ridley and Helen Freer.

Cynthia Willett has presented a Van Gogh print to the Sixth Form House.

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood, parents of Yvonne, have presented a cup for the Senior Long Jump.

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Ann Heaps represented the school in the County team for the Mathematics Quiz at Leicester University in November.

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Congratulations to Jennifer Wye on captaining the Junior County 1st Hockey XI and being chosen for the Midlands 1st Junior XI.

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Ann Warren has obtained the Certificate in Social Studies of Sheffield University, and has been appointed Child Care Officer in the city. ~

HOUSE NOTES

BRADGATE

Although Bradgate has enjoyed no great apparent success this year I am sure all members have made a considerable effort in their work for the House. All sections have worked as a unit, this co-operation being exemplified in the very creditable entries for the Inter-House Festival.

In the Spring term the netball teams acquitted themselves very well, the Junior team taking first place and the Senior VI second place. The hockey teams were less successful, but all those who took part gave of their very best. On the Festival day, Bradgate had a surprising degree of success, and surely the greatest shock of the day was the triumph of our House choir, a choir which for many years has concealed its talents.

Up to going to press this term has not yet seen many of the summer House events; the rounders matches have just begun and the tennis matches, Sports Day and the swimming sports are yet to come. I know that every member of the House wishes those taking part the best of luck and will give her support with whole-hearted enthusiasm.

Finally, I should like to thank House mistresses, House officials and the House itself for their help during the last year, and send my best wishes to my successor for continued good fortune.

M.C.P.

BEAUMANOR

We came third in the Festival this year although only one point behind the second house. The group entries were only partially successful, all the hard work being left to the most enthusiastic members of each year. I was pleased that we had so many volunteers for the Festival day items and I am sure they all enjoyed themselves.

Winter games had mixed success, but I was delighted at one Senior Hockey match to hear a very enthusiastic group of junior supporters cheering us on.

Basically, Beaumanor is an excellent house; we have talent and enthusiasm; but unfortunately lack the determination to bring us to the top. However, I am sure with a little more effort from everyone next year Beaumanor could easily be in the lead.

I should like to thank Mrs. Diggle and all fifth and sixth formers for their help during the year. I hope that next year Beaumanor will have the success it truly deserves.

A.G.H.

GARENDON

This year has been an enjoyable one for members of Garendon and although we did less well in the Festival we have achieved a better all-round standard. With the introduction of group entries and the exclusion of individual written entries there has been much greater co-operation between different sections of the House and it has enabled more of our senior members to play an active part in the organisation of the Festival.

At the beginning of the year we had to face the loss of several of our best athletes but through hard work and enthusiasm the seniors did better than usual in winter games. Although the juniors did not do quite so well we have many promising younger members who I hope will help us to achieve success in the summer sports.

With the continued interest and co-operation of every member of the House I am sure that Garendon could reach the former high standard of work in the festival and I wish them every success.

J.P.

ULVERSCROFT

This year has brought the House considerable success. Hard work and enthusiasm in the Inter-House Festival, both in the items on the day and in the prepared entries, gained us first place. Yet even so there was a marked lack of co-operation in certain parts of the School in the constructing of the prepared entries, where most of the work was left to a conscientious few. I should like to

take this opportunity to thank all those in the sixth form who gave their time to the organisation which ensured our success and a thoroughly entertaining day, and to the many volunteers who offered their support. The numbers of the people who offered to take part made it impossible to include them all, but I hope that this will not damp their enthusiasm for future years. In spite of this achievement, success on the games field was most erratic, notably in the senior tournaments, but I am sure that with a little concentrated practice future seasons will be more profitable.

K.M.C.

NETBALL

The netball teams have acquitted themselves well this season and there has been much enthusiasm, especially in the Junior part of the School.

The first team had stiff matches at the beginning and end of the season against Collegiate Girls' School, their old rivals, these being the only two matches that they lost. In all their winning matches over twenty goals were scored.

Following these successes the Under 15 team must be highly commended for their interest and unfailing support and for rivaling the first team in goal scores.

The highlight of our season was the success of both Senior and Junior teams in representing Leicestershire at the East Midlands Tournament held at Crown Hills School, Leicester. Although we did not manage to win all the three matches we had to play we gained much experience and enjoyed some very interesting games.

J.C.P.

ROUNDERS

This season has been an interesting one, although several of the matches have had to be cancelled. We began by the 1st IX challenging and defeating the 2nd IX in a Saturday morning match. One very determined effort to play resulted in games against Melton Grammar School, with rain and mud as well as the other teams as opponents. However, we managed to adapt ourselves to the conditions and came away victorious in all four matches. A great effort has been put in by the Junior School in gaining creditable success, particularly that of the 1st year IX.

The 1st and U.15 IXs have recently taken part in the Junior and Senior tournaments at Leicester, the first team sharing first

place with Loughborough High School, and the U.15 IX, although taking less of the honours, yet reaching a high standard of play. We send to the teams our best wishes for continued success in the latter part of the season. To Miss Snow we give our hopes for her future happiness and thank her for the invaluable guidance and support she has given during her years at the School.

M.C.P.

HOCKEY

In spite of the bad winter, the hockey season has been both interesting and successful for all the teams. Four teams represented the School this season, a 1st, 2nd, U.15 and U.14 XI, and we were also able to play a friendly match with a team of second year girls. Sixty girls have been given an opportunity to represent the School, a number of whom we shall be sorry to lose, but with new talent to take their places we hope to maintain the standard they have set us.

The 1st XI have perhaps enjoyed the most success, winning all their fourteen matches. The 2nd, U.15 and U.14 teams have all conceded one defeat; the 2nd year XI, after their match against Limehurst, came home defeated but satisfied with their efforts. Next season we hope to have more fixtures for the U.14 team.

Five girls took part in the County hockey trials in November; Jennifer Wye gained a position in the 1st County Junior XI and at a later date graduated to the Captaincy of that team and also to a place in the Midlands Junior 1st XI. Christine Perkins, our School Captain, and Shirley Welch, gained well-earned places in the County 2nd XI and Janet Smith was chosen as Reserve.

Many matches were cancelled but in spite of the difficult conditions all teams maintained a high standard. Every player would like to thank Miss Clamp for her leadership and assistance throughout the year.

M.C.P.

TENNIS

The tennis teams have gained some valuable experience in match play this season. The 2nd team have provided the 1st team with competent opposition both at team practices and also as visiting opponents for a Saturday morning match. We have been most disappointed by the number of cancellations made owing to bad weather and unfortunate misunderstandings, with the result that we had only one match against Lutterworth and regrettably lost so far. We badly need match practice as a chance to gain confidence in our own ability and skill in the game.

The teams would like to thank the umpires and ballboys for their efficiency and Miss Clamp for her help and encouragement.

A.G.H.

SPEECH DAYS

Senior

The postponed Senior Speech Day was held in February, and much thankfulness was felt that Miss Sawdon was able to appear again on the platform after the serious accident which had incapacitated her for several months, and to take her usual part in the proceedings. The chair was taken by the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. H. O. Pell, J.P., and the guest of honour was the Bishop of Leicester, 'Dr. Williams. After the Chairman's remarks the Senior Choir sang the Irish traditional song, "My love's an arbutus."

In the introductory remarks to her report Miss Sawdon thanked all who had helped to sustain her with sympathy and practical assistance since her ill-fated journey in September, mentioning especially her Deputy, Miss Oughton, and the Headmistress's Secretary, Mrs. Woods. She could report that, in spite of some anxieties, the past year had gone very smoothly. It had, for instance, been feared that we might be adversely affected by the pressure for places in Universities and Training Colleges, since some thousands of boys and girls throughout the country had to be disappointed in their hopes of finding places. Happily that fear was swept away by September, for all our University applicants were successful and of the large number of Training College entrants all but two, who subsequently obtained places for 1964. There was a pleasing tendency to branch out in the choice of Universities and Colleges, to seek new fields, such as St. Andrews or Sussex, and it was right that, while some would want to follow traditions, some should want to play their part in establishing them at new centres. So far it looked as if in 1963 we might continue with the same success. It was encouraging, too, to learn what a high proportion of present fifth-formers were proposing to stay on for the Sixth. The opportunities were indeed very wide for those who would enter the Sixth and were prepared to work; but a place in the Sixth was a prize to be won, and the price must be unremitting work lower down the School, at a lot of subjects, not just a few favoured ones.

After reviewing the various activities of the year, Miss Sawdon spoke for a while on the effort that would be begun in 1963, on a national scale, to improve the quality of education in this country. During 1963 the findings of the Robbins Commission, which was set up to enquire into further education and make recommendations for the future, would probably be published, and from this and other investigations some very important changes in our educational system were likely to result—changes which, according to their temperament, some people would no doubt ecstatically embrace; some would treat with scepticism and some stubbornly resist. Quoting Bartok—"Only a fool will build

in defiance of the past. What is new and significant must always be grafted to old roots"—Miss Sawdon said that it was very important to be quite clear as to the good qualities of the present system that should not for any reason be sacrificed; which were the healthiest "old roots" on to which any new ideas must be grafted. There were three features of English education which had made it, despite all its shortcomings, probably the best in the world: first, our high intellectual standards, secondly our concern for the individual, and thirdly the training of character. With regard to the last, she feared that we were fighting with the pressures of society against us, and sometimes, let it be said, with parents against us, but if we did not keep the training of character as the third important root of our educational system, no matter how many millions of pounds were spent on education in the future we should have failed our young people.

The Senior Choir continued the programme with Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus," and after the Bishop's address the School sang in unison Beethoven's "Creation Hymn."

The Bishop entertained his audience with lively comments on the occasion, mingled with some good advice. He referred to the proposed changes in the School, saying that in all spheres of life if one had to live in an atmosphere of uncertainty one must learn not to let it interfere with vital things but keep oneself alert to accept what life offers and turn it all to the best account. He spoke of the differences there would be in a mixed school, and was of the opinion that there would be many advantages.

The presentation of prizes followed.

Prizewinners

Charles Roberts' Memorial Prize for particularly distinguished work: Caroline Wardle. (State Scholarship in Mathematics, Physics and General Studies).

G.C.E. at Advanced Level (three subjects): Susan Bagshaw, Mavis Bilton, Virginia Branston, Margaret Clark, Margaret Cruse, Barbara Francks, Pamela Francks, Anne Martin, Ann Overton, Christine Perkins, Gillian Sutton, Caroline Wardle.

G.C.E. at Advanced Level (two subjects): Diana Adkin, Verna Barber, Ann Burchell, Gwen Clarke, Janice Darmon, Mary Evans, Ann Gwynne, Ann Heaps, Judith McCarthy, Janice Palmer, Christina Preston, Valerie Watts, Shirley Welch, Cynthia Willett, Judith Young.

G.C.E. at Ordinary Level:

Form V: Judith Gamble, Janet Iliffe.

Form VA: Carol Murray, Diana Coxall.

Form V Alpha: Sandra Lucas, Margaret Stanford, Jill Simons.

Form IV: Susan Darlston, Patricia Jex, Patricia Bundock.

Form Prizes

Lower Sixth: Pamela Foulds, Jane Suffolk, Elizabeth Wakefield.
IVA: 1, Christine Vann; 2, Mary Nourish; 3, Kathleen Miller.
IV Alpha: 1, Christine Parker; 2, Bridget Cooke; 3, Alice Patterson. III: 1, Mary Cassidy; 2, Patricia Chell; 3, Mary Bream. IIIA: 1, Marion Jones, Margaret McLeod; 3, Lesley Freeman. III Alpha: 1, Jane MacClung; 2, Linda Lowe; 3, Susan Cross. II: 1, Stephanie Wright; 2, Ruth Mellor; 3, Ann Beverley. IIA: 1, Shirley Brown; 2, Patricia Wheldon; 3, Elaine Price. II Alpha: 1, Barbara Dewhirst; 2, Janet Tipton; 3, Margaret Asher.

Special Prizes

Service to the School (presented by the Chairman of the Governors): Mary Evans, Vivian Ridley.

Reading Prize: Jean Jones.

Steady Work and Progress: Barbara Richardson, Margaret Brearley.

Outstanding Work for the Inter-house Festival: Anne Martin.

Outstanding Work for the School Magazine: Cynthia Willett.

Outstanding Contribution to Physical Education: Yvonne Haywood.

Best Kept Set of Exercise Books: Angela Grewcock, Bryony Foxall.

Mountsorrel Prize (presented by the Mountsorrel Educational Trust): Wendy Wood-Antill.

Quorn Prize (presented by A. M. Smith, Esq.): Mavis Bilton.

Subject Prizes

English: Cynthia Willett, Shirley Welch.

History: Virginia Branston, Christine Perkins, Christina Preston.

Geography: Anne Gwynne.

Modern Languages: Vivian Ridley, Barbara Francks.

Latin: Barbara Francks.

Mathematics: Sixth Form (presented by Mrs. L. P. Priestley): Pamela Francks, Judith McCarthy, Caroline Wardle; Fourth year (presented by Miss E. Mounteney): Patricia Jex; Third year (presented by V. Gamble, Esq.): Janet Blencowe.

Science (presented by Miss V. Gray): Janice Palmer, Valerie Watts, Pamela Francks, Margaret Cruse.

Art: Susan Doherty.

Domestic Science: Diana Lovett.

Music: Diana Adkin, Gillian Sutton.

Scripture: Kathryn Cochrane.

General Studies: Jean Jones.

General Certificate of Education (Northern Universities, 1962)

At Advanced Level: Diana Adkin, Susan Bagshaw, Verna Barber, Mavis Bilton, Virginia Branston, Ann Burchell, Margaret Clark, Gwen Clarke, Kathryn Cochrane, Margaret Cruse, Janice Darmon, Mary Evans, Barbara Francks, Pamela Francks, Anne Gwynne, Yvonne Haywood, Ann Heaps, Hazel Jones, Jean Jones, Tanya Lawson, Diana Lovett, Anne Martin, Judith McCarthy, Ann Overton, Janice Palmer, Isobel Patrick, Monica Patrick, Christine Perkins, Christina Preston, Vivian Ridley, Helen Robinson, Valerie Simpson, Jacqueline Steele, Christine Stukins, Gillian Sutton, Caroline Wardle, Valerie Watts, Shirley Welch, Cynthia Willett, Judith Young.

At Ordinary Level: Sixth Forms (additional subjects): Marion Gamble, Dianne Mawby, Ann Spencer, Janice Barratt, Mary Barry, Dinah Bray, Pauline Burge, Susan Doherty, Jean Eggleston, Valerie Field, Pamela Foulds, Betty Griffiths, Judith Hickling, Gail Hunt, Frances Long, Stella Morfey, Penelope Morris, Cynthia Payne, Wendy Radford, Janet Spiby, Jane Suffolk, Jennifer Swain, Elizabeth Wakefield, Amy Warnes, Patricia Warren, Susan Waterfield, Carole Woodward. Form V: Jane Bower, Carole Fowkes, Judith Gamble, Joy Goodman, Pauline Henley, Susan Hollidge, Susanne Horrod, Janet Iliffe, Susan Mayer, Sandra Peasland, Mary Poole, Jillian Shield, Jean Stirling, Jennifer Taylor. Form VA: Janice Agar, Susan Aho, Elizabeth Baker, Susan Beaumont, Margaret Belton, Elaine Blakesley, Jennifer Cotes, Diana Coxall, Theresa Flood, Veronica Frear, Christine Hancock, Rosemary Hind, Susan Kilworth, Margaret McGolpin, Mary Mothersole, Carol Murray, Eileen Noon, Rosalyn Pole, Patricia Richardson, Barbara Rush, Diane Stanford, Susan Stokes, Jennifer Wye. Form V Alpha: Rita Brooks, Ann Christie, Janet Cox, Patricia Curtis, Patricia Dakin, Sylvia Dunlop, Unice Foster, Carol Frost, Dawn Knight, Mary Lloyd, Susan Lovett, Sandra Lucas, Charlotte Middleton, Joan Morton, Denise Potter, Susan Sarson, Angela Shoulder, Jill Simons, Pamela Smith, Margaret Stanford, Linda Wakelin, Janet Ward, Pamela Ward, Susan Warren, Irene Watling, Lesley Wright, Janice Yates. Form IV: Diana Brush, Patricia Bundock, Susan Darlaston, Gillian Gamble, Helen Ison, Patricia Jex, Anne Merriman, Josephine Michalska, Valerie Palfreyman, Carol Seal, Nicole Shaw, Janet Smith, Christine Suffolk, Mary Willett, Patricia Wood-Antill, Ann Woolston.

London University, 1962: Additional subjects: Pauline Burge, Valerie Field, Yvonne Haywood, Wendy Radford, Ann Spencer, Carole Stanton, Jane Suffolk, Jennifer Swain, Sally Ward, Amy Warnes, Susan Waterfield.

Inter-house Shield: Garendon.

Inter-house Leander Swimming Cup: Ulverscroft.

Individual Swimming Cup: Janet Ward.
Individual Tennis Cup: Pamela Francks.
Janet Archer Cup for Inter-house Hockey: Ulverscroft.
Girl Guide Cup: Anne Fullagar, Mary Bream.

Junior

Junior Speech Day was held on Thursday, May 30th, when the chief guest was Dr. Winifred Thompson, of Loughborough. The chair was again taken by Mr. Pell. The Junior Choir sang the Canzonet "When lo, by break of morning", Handel's "O Silent glade" and "The Mermaid Song," by Haydn, and the whole Junior School sang "Service," by Alec Rowley.

Dr. Thompson began her address with some amusing remarks on the hazards of being invited to make a speech, and confirmed from her personal experience the accuracy of a well-known B.B.C. humorist on this subject. Her commission to "say a few words" she then made the opportunity to appeal for a more imaginative understanding between parents and children. There must always be some barrier, she said, between the two generations, but each could try, by using imagination, to see the other side of the barrier. She explained how, for example, the affluence of today, contrasting with the early struggles experienced by the older generation, had created a difference of outlook which could cause disharmony if it were not recognised and allowed for by both sides. Then again, children ought not to find that their parents had failed to advance in sympathy with the best ideas now held about the aims and methods of education. One could not think any longer just in terms of the three Rs, of pushing in some more or less useful facts about History, Geography and so on, but education was now conceived of as preparing a child for living, and inspiring her to continue wanting to learn throughout life. It was not a learning from books only (and indeed many children had no great ability of that sort) but a learning to see the beauty in the world, and above all in human relationships. Teaching, in the home or at school, was no use unless through it all the growing child was helped to become a mature, balanced person, who could live in harmony with others, understand people and be really concerned about them. Dr. Thompson pointed out that education interpreted in that way obviously met with the greatest difficulties at the period of adolescence. It was not easy for parents to adapt themselves to the changing moods of adolescents and to see just where and how they could place that gently guiding and restraining hand which was what the young people really needed. Those same young people would do well to remember that, if adolescence might be regarded as a stormy time for them, it could equally be a difficult and frustrating time for their parents.

After the presentation of prizes the girls again entertained their parents with a dancing display.

Prizewinners

Form Prizes awarded to last year's First Year Girls: Form I: 1, Judith Field; 2, Charlotte Waldron; 3, Gwyneth Morton. Form IA: 1, Kathleen Todd; 2, Pauline Stukins; 3, Kay Kirby.

Progress Prizes (1962-63): Marion Turner, Penelope Trewin, Susan Hancock, Carey Goodman, April Lee, Jane Roberts, Marion Bates, Pamela Meeke.

Prizes for the best kept sets of exercise books (1962-63): Second Year: Judith Field, Jennifer Iliffe. First Year: Vida Schepens, Angela Price.

Mathematics Prizes (presented by Miss E. Mounteney): Barbara Collinson, Susan Illston.

Mary Lawrence Cup for Physical Education: Patricia Southerington.

"The time has come," the doctor said,
"To talk of many things,
Of coughs and colds and medicine
And bandages and pins,
Of tablets, cuts and ointment
And things a doctor brings."

"But wait a bit!" the patient cried.
"There's nothing wrong with me.
My arms and legs are working still.
I'm fit as I can be,
I do not need your medicine
And that's quite plain to see."

FRANCES HEDGES,
Form IA.

SCHOOL EXPEDITIONS

Paris, 1963

On March 30th no fewer than 51 persons from our "Victorian mansion in a rustic setting" (see the Leicester Illustrated Chronicle), accompanied by four chaperones and one ex-secretary, set out for 'gay Paree'. At Folkestone we boarded our ferry, the "Maid of Orleans". For many of us the first experience of a Channel crossing proved agreeable, despite a meal of bacon and eggs on board. At Calais, our port of disembarkation, we climbed into the train and reached Paris by about 11 o'clock.

The first famous building we saw was the Sacré Cœur, which was seen beautifully illuminated as we entered the Gare du Nord. A bus was waiting for us and when the cases were piled on the roof we boarded it, finding that the arm-rests of the seats could be let down to provide extra seats in the gangway.

The foreign language was at first rather puzzling, but we soon became more accustomed to it, most of us trying out our own versions by talking to the guide.

The bus whisked us across Paris to our home for the week. En route we were able to see the Champs Elysées, beautifully illuminated. The school where we stayed was the Lycée Janson de Sailly, a very old boarding school.

The excursions planned for us were all very enjoyable and we were able to see an amazing number of famous places in so short a time. Our usual mode of travel was the Métro. Wednesday was a particularly exciting day. The morning was spent visiting the Louvre museum where, to everyone's delight, we were able to see the 'Mona Lisa', safely returned from her visit to America—though to many it proved a little disappointing in being smaller than one expected. Outside the Louvre were the booksellers on the banks of the Seine, and on the opposite bank the side-streets of the Latin Quarter.

The afternoon of the Wednesday was spent on a visit to the Eiffel Tower. A few of the girls even ventured to the top—by lift, of course. From the top one has a marvellous view of Paris, and also (we were told) for a radius of a hundred miles on a fine day. There is a cafeteria, surprisingly enough, and even a little souvenir stall.

All too soon our holiday ended and after bidding farewell to the garçons at the school (who proved very popular) and to various other new-found friends, we were soon again at the Gare du Nord. The crossing on the return ferry provided some excitement, as the sea was very choppy and the boat bobbed around like a cork. However, we arrived at Folkestone intact, except for the loss of a camera overboard, and in no time were rattling towards Leicester, many of us thinking of the girl we had to leave behind with tonsillitis and who was to follow later.

We are very indebted to Mrs. Johnson for all the hard work she did in preparing this memorable holiday, and to Miss Hawley, Mrs. Miller and Miss Trown for all their help both in France and on our journey.

J.M.

On visiting Paris, we never believed we should see so much of that city's famous underworld, but in fact it was the most frequently visited place. Indeed, every one of the fifty-one members of our party could now give a detailed account of—the Métro!

The aroma which greeted us on entering these underground zones was that of smoke, conditioned air and that exquisite French perfume, garlic. Our first encounter was with a typical educated French lady whose arduous task it was to make a perforation in the centre of our tickets. Once past her vigilance, we had to make our way through those death-traps of clanging iron gates, to the platform below. When the train arrived, we were not so much ushered as pushed aboard, through gleaming doors which had an alarming tendency to bisect one's anatomy as they rapidly closed. It was those same doors that two typically English blue-clad schoolgirls were leaning against when one pleasant-minded Chemistry mistress informed them that a not-so-pleasant-minded Parisian had, only the day before, pushed his wife through two similar doors.

The journey would begin and darkness would fall. Informed of our destination, we then had to scrutinise the map which hung so precariously above our heads, in order to know when our goal was reached. Finally, the French architects never allowed us to leave this shadowy underworld without noting the splendour of the white-walled tunnels of their famous Métro.

M.J., M.Mc.L.

The Sixth in Paris, Easter, 1963

In the Easter holidays four of the Upper Sixth French group were fortunate in attending a "Semaine de Culture Française" at the Lycée Lakanal with about one hundred other sixth formers from schools in the Midlands. After an uneventful journey, during which we were all decorated with red ribbon for the purposes of mass-identification and furnished with an intriguing time-table of the coming activities, we were safely installed in the vast dormitories, which during term-time house over 3,000 boys. The next morning, after negotiating countless flights of stairs and a corridor reputed to be one kilometre in length, we had our first, somewhat frugal French breakfast in the refectory. Then, as each following morning, we attended four hours of rigorous, but invaluable lectures—which consisted of phonetic classes, prose and translation lessons, conversation sessions and lectures expliquées based on our set books. As a culmination of these lectures a prize essay and concours thème were held at the end of the course and we were delighted when it was announced at the distribution of prizes that Barbara Francks had come second in the French prose competition.

Each afternoon we had a choice of excursions which included the Arc de Triomphe, the Sorbonne, the Latin Quarter, the Champs Elysées, Les Invalides and Ste. Chapelle. The religious atmosphere was not lacking since we visited Notre Dame and the Sacré Cœur which combined elegance and grace of architecture with peace and

tranquillity, contrasting with the gaiety and bohemian quality of Montmartre itself. The Unesco building we found particularly interesting, in both its design and function.

We were overawed by the Palace of Versailles, where the brilliance, luxury and opulence left us sighing in superlatives! The visit to the Louvre was tantalising in its brevity, but we retain a deep impression of the exquisite beauty of its treasures. Closing-time at the Louvre left us with an equally vivid memory, its forbidding army of guards descending the main staircase in a menacing mass—they presumably had to resort to such dramatic tactics since everyone seemed as loth to leave as we were.

Another memorable afternoon was spent in the hushed, hallowed, perfumed atmosphere of the Nina Ricci fashion house. The element of secrecy was increased by the warning before we went in that there was to be no conversation among the spectators during the fashion show, and absolutely no attempt at sketching or photographing—so we resigned ourselves to inward reactions. The swift flow of exotic fabrics, classic designs and gorgeous colours flooded our senses until we felt intoxicated—and accordingly could remember very little about it afterwards. But the girls who modelled these breathtaking garments seemed “pale and spectre-thin,” unless perhaps it was by design that their angular, expressionless forms were eclipsed by the beauty of their clothes. To us, squirming in our seats and feeling inevitably scruffy, this was a consolation.

One whole day was devoted to a trip to Chartres—where the Cathedral was truly awe-inspiring. One could feel the oppressiveness of its age, and the alien, cold atmosphere of its crypt was frightening. The actual town was charming and quaint—as was the picturesque castle at Maintenon, which we visited on the way there.

Most evenings there was an organised theatre or opera outing. We saw an admirable performance of ‘Le Misanthrope’ at the Comédie Française, where we were impressed by the rich red velvet and gilt of its interior. Cinema visits were impracticable as Paris cinemas seemed to be showing exclusively American or British films!

Other evenings were spent at dancing parties which our French hosts very generously held for us at the Lycées, or else in unsupervised visits into Paris, with a specified proportion of boys to girls, a measure taken to protect us, the weaker, ingenuous sex from the alarmingly persistent attentions of the French, to which we were, of course, unaccustomed.

Although we had been in Paris for only ten days, and time had always been at a premium, our holiday seemed to have lasted much longer because our activities had been so many and diverse—and because we were in such an impecunious state at the end of it. We had fallen under the spell of that ‘joie de vivre’ which

pervades the whole city, and had grown so fond of the Métro, the cafés, the boulevards, the salons, the bouquinistes—and the indulgent weather!

We returned home with a little more knowledge, new friends, overtaxed memories and a firm resolve to go back again soon.

S.D.

Visits by the Science Sixth

Various visits have broadened the outlook of the School’s scientists this year. Miss Trown arranged visits to several lectures sponsored by the Maths. Association, and Ann Heaps represented the School and county at the annual Maths. Quiz.

At the end of this term a group of mathematicians and scientists went to Leicester Technical College for a two-day course on computer programming. This was a very valuable course, which included some interesting practical work with computers. Arising from this—any contributions towards a desk calculator will be gratefully received!

Mr. Bowman, from Loughborough College, used a mixed group of VIth Formers for teaching experiments connected with his book about Algebra.

The chemists went to Leicester Technical College to be shown the chromatographical techniques in use there. This visit included the new Radioactive Laboratory.

We hope that future Sixth Formers will also benefit from such interesting and instructive outings as these.

V.W.

Pony-Trekking Weekend

We should like to thank Miss Douglass and Miss Milner for organising a riding weekend for us at Sludge Hall in Cold Newton. On the Friday when we arrived we went riding until about 10.30. In the morning, after we had caught and groomed the ponies, we went for the morning ride and in the afternoon to Asfordby Gymkhana, in which Mr. Dobson was judging and competing in the jumping. Back at the stables, we had a barbecue, with hot dogs, jelly and orange juice. There was more riding on Sunday and when it was time to go home we were all very sorry to leave. Fortunately this time no one fell off her pony, but *Alan ran away with Miss Douglass. (*her mount).

B.C., G.P., F.R., G.T.

FROM RECENT PAPERS

Big Bullies.

Q.: With what country was Lilliput at war?

A.: Brobdingnag.

Unofficial Secrets.

Catherine of Braganza brought to her husband a huge diary.

Heaven in Leaven.

The zymase in yeast acts as a firmament.

Is she in Bradgate?

You need the doe.

Unholy alliance.

The bond of union between mother and child is the unbiblical cord.

Oceanic Error.

The Continental Shelf is where the sea slips up.

Chilly Work.

During the cold spell the girls came in shifts to clear the tennis courts.

Chez Nous.

Pour consoler Alice, nous lui avons envoyé dans une petite boîte deux souris mignonnes.

To console Alice we sent her in a little box to imaginary mice.
Pour aider ma mère, je fais la ménagerie et je tends les enfants.

SIXTH FORM NOTES

Each year the Sixth Form elects a committee to improve the amenities of the Sixth Form House. At the beginning of the year we decided to have our own scarves, of the same design as the ties, and these have proved very popular indeed. Our next venture was a dance at Christmas to which we invited our own friends. The Art group designed the tickets and we all helped to make decorations for our Jazz Blues Dance for which the Black Bottom Stompers provided the music. The Sixth Form provided refreshments and several members made some punch. We were very grateful to Mrs. O'Leary for compering. It was a very pleasant evening and we made £20 profit.

More books have been added to our collection of paperbacks and we hope to build it up into a substantial Sixth Form Library. We have asked our artists to design a special bookplate for us.

Plans are now being made to start a Debating Society and to hold a tennis cum coffee party to raise funds for Oxfam.

A.G.H., B.F.

2nd QUORN GIRL GUIDES

This year we have a small company of thirty Guides; our reduction in numbers has enabled many Guides to get ahead with First Class badge work. There were only two recruits and they were enrolled in October. Two Queen's Guide Badges have been gained this year, bringing our grand total to six. This badge is the highest award that can be attained by Guides and as the Guides concerned were only 14 it was a considerable achievement.

Badges gained were.—4 camper, 10 child nurse, 2 map reader, 2 Commonwealth knowledge, 2 cooks, 2 emergency helper, 4 homemaker, 4 hostess, 3 swimmers, 5 thrift, 1 needlewoman.

First Class Badges.—S. Stott, J. Matts, A. Bunker, G. Waite.

All-round cords.—Anne Fullagar, Mary Bream.

Little House Emblems.—M. Bream, A. Fullagar, Ann Bunker.

Queen's Guide Badges.—M. Bream, A. Fullagar.

Events

August, 1961.—A ten-day camp was held at Honiley, near Kenilworth. The Guides visited Coventry, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwick Castle and Kenilworth. At Coventry they were able to take part in a weekday service at the Cathedral. The Guides will always remember August Bank Holiday as it rained continuously, and they had to patrol the tents throughout the night.

October.—The county celebrated its Jubilee by holding a Pageant at the De Montfort Hall. Many Guides from all over the county took part in it either by portraying certain proficiency badges or by showing a brief history of Guiding in Leicestershire. Our district displayed the Toymaker's Badge, by means of a dance, from "Coppelia."

November.—We took part in the Remembrance Day parade in Quorn. Anne Fullagar gained her Queen's Guide Badge, but unfortunately moved to Cyprus the September before. One Saturday the Guides went on a hike to Broombriggs, a farm in Woodhouse Eaves, and many cooked their lunches over a fire.

December.—J. Hickling and S. Waterfield went with Miss Morris to the Guiders' Training Centre at Foxlease in Hampshire.

February.—The Company held a Thinking Day party which was arranged by the four Guides in order to gain their Hostess Badges. During the party there was a quiz about the World Association of Girl Guides, followed by a camp fire programme of songs from other lands.

April.—A Spring Fair was held in Quorn, organised by the Parents' Committee. Our Company had a grocery stall.

May.—The new Guide and Scout Headquarters for the 1st Quorn Company was officially opened in the Village. M. Bream and A. Fullagar had previously cleaned the chairs and walls.

June.—Mary Bream organised a patrol camp at Whatoff Farm in Quorn at Whitsun. It was enjoyed by everyone concerned because the weather was so unusual for camp. The Division Parade was held in Loughborough at Baxter Gate Chapel on the 15th June. Our Company colour was carried by Mary Bream, escorted by Elspeth Neville and Sheila Priest. Valerie Field was an escort to the County Standard. Four Guides from the company sold a large number of programmes at the County Show which was held at Enderby.

July.—Mary Bream was presented with her Queen's Guide Badge on July 3rd.

August.—The company will be camping at Allerford, near Minehead in Somerset.

During the last two years Valerie Field, Dinah Bray and Judith Hickling have joined the County Cadet Company. Pauline Henley belongs to the Ranger Company organised for Loughborough High School and Rawlins Grammar School. Valerie, Dinah and Pauline attended a Senior Branch mixed camp at Ullathorne.

Much time during the Summer Term has been spent in experimental cooking on fires on the School field.

Our thanks go to Miss Morris and Susan Waterfield for all the help they have given us during the past year.

M.B., G.W.

S.C.M.

The S.C.M. has enjoyed visits from various outside speakers during the year and our regular discussion groups have continued with the help and guidance of Mrs. Culley.

In September, Mr. Fursdon addressed us for the last time before leaving the district when he showed us slides and told us of his visit to the Holy Land. The Rev. C. Hughes Smith spoke to us in November on Miracles and we held a successful meeting in the Spring Term when questions were put for discussion to a panel of speakers. We have seen several interesting films during the year, including two of a series by the War on Want organisation about the World Food Problem.

We continue to raise money for refugees by sales and weekly collections and an appeal to the School for postage stamps to provide work in refugee camps brought a very good response.

Discussion groups have been helpful and enjoyable but more members could perhaps take advantage of them.

The annual VIth Form Conference is to be held on July 9th and several of our members are to attend.

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks for all the work and support that Mrs. Culley has given us throughout the year.

J.C.P.

JUNIOR DRAMA

"Robinson Crusoe" is one of the plays the Junior Drama Club has rehearsed during the last year to be performed on Thursday, July 11th. It is quite an amusing play; the real story of Robinson Crusoe is changed to give the play a comic effect.

Last term we did a play called "Twice Is Too Much." This is set in the Middle East. A man Abu and his wife are short of money so they trick the Caliph and his wife to give them money. They are eventually found out, but the Caliph finds it so funny he gives them more money and Abu a better job.

This term in Junior Drama we did a play with Miss James called "The Sleeping Fire." This is about a slave girl in the time of Julius Caesar. Before we had finished this play we changed to another one called "The Crimson Coconut." This is about two foreign people who bring a bomb to blow up the Bank of England. This bomb looks like a coconut which when set in motion begins to go pink, then after ten minutes, when it is bright crimson, it blows up.

JOY HOLLINS and PENELOPE TREWIN.

VAULTING CLUB

Throughout the year, Vaulting Club has been enthusiastically supported by a number of girls, thus making Wednesday evening enjoyable, as it is rarely without comedy.

During the Autumn term a vaulting display was performed. This was a success, especially the final pyramid which gave a dramatic climax to the display.

Towards the end of the year we extended our range by venturing into the field of music with gymnastics by vaulting to the record of "Oklahoma."

It would be greatly appreciated if there could be an increase in junior members next term.

After a most interesting year all members would especially like to thank Miss Clamp for her valuable assistance.

J.W.

MODERN DANCE CLUB

The time available for Modern Dance Club this year has been considerably curtailed by the Festival and exams., and we have been unable to embark upon a detailed programme in the Spring and Summer terms. However, in the Autumn term we did manage to have many meetings. The club volunteered to prepare a dance for demonstration with several other schools, at Bushloe High School, a demonstration to be attended and examined by Miss Fogo, County Dance Adviser. To a set piece of music, we, under the guidance of Miss Snow, evolved a dance, portraying the life of a flower, from seed, through blossoming, to dispersal.

Among other records used during the year are excerpts from the soundtrack of the film "West Side Story," "Carnival of Animals," "Vltava," Malcolm Arnold's "English Country Dances" and "Love of Three Oranges"; and the dances have included a Martian invasion, the course of a river, supernatural incantations and instruments of an orchestra.

We should all like to thank Miss Snow for the time she has given to the club, and we wish her every happiness in the future.

M.C.P.

THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS

This term several members of IIIA decided that they would like to put on a variety show to raise money for charity. With the aid of our form mistress we arranged a programme. At first we were to have a 'live' entertainment. Five of the girls had arranged words set to music. They had a singer, a drummer and three guitarists. However, this did not work out quite as expected. In the end, Susan Berridge played a clarinet solo, "Stranger on the Shore," and the rest did imitations of famous 'stars.' The funniest was the imitation of "Come Outside," by Lynda Sedgwick and Pat Payne. Barbara Neal introduced the items and between the acts we had advertisements. For part of our show we had a "Spin a Disc," for which we needed a panel of teenagers and teachers. We were lucky when Mr. Berger, Miss White and Mademoiselle Duclos came up to give us their opinions of our new records. Then to finish off the show we had a surprise star—Billy Fury. Marion Wilson imitated him very well. We were surprised to find, when Miss Douglas counted the collection, that we had raised the sum of £3 18s. 0d.

R. EAGLES.

VICTORY

Down to the sea we go today,
Down to the restless rolling sea.
Drake has called, and we must away
To rout the Spaniards, and make them flee—
The swarthy Dons with their airs and graces,
We'll send them packing, and laugh in their faces!

Stout English yeoman with hearts of steel,
Man the mainsail, and steady the wheel!
Stand by the guns, full ready to die,
Unquestioning, brave, not reasoning why.
They stand impassive, quiet, alone,
Defending the land they call their own.

The cannons roar, the timbers shake,
Under the charge of this great man Drake.
The screams of the wounded rend the air,
The thundrous crash of the sails as they tear,
The churning water, running blood-red,
The acrid smoke, full of flying lead.

The battle is over, the victory won,
Every man at his post his duty has done.
Silence descends; the thick air clears;
Away with the smoke go all the fears.
England is saved, by blood, toil, and tears!

ANGELA HEATHCOTE,
Form IIIA.

MUSIC NOTES

This year has been an extremely busy one for the musicians. At the beginning of the year the Senior Choir took a new step and made a long-playing record of some of their famous madrigals. They made this record in 1½ hours on a Sunday afternoon, which was quite an achievement. Both choirs took part in the usual Music Festivals, both City and County, and achieved a high standard of success. The Senior Choir sang carols to people at Swithland Recovery Home where Miss Sawdon spent her convalescence. On May 19th they took the place of the church choir at St. Mary in the Elms, Old Woodhouse, which was damaged by vandals earlier in the year. As it was the parish church of our founder, Thomas Rawlins, it seemed fitting that we should help towards its renovation. The choir performed some of their religious songs, Eileen Noon played an oboe solo, Mr. Brydson was at the organ and Isobel Patrick came down from the Royal Academy to sing. We were very pleased to see that the church was full.

We also have an excellent orchestra whose average age is very young. For this year's festivals they played a miniature piano concerto very competently.

Our recorder group is very promising and many of the players attended a one-day course which they found very helpful.

Many of our instrumentalists and choir members took part in the Leicestershire Schools Music Festival, For'ard, at the De Montfort Hall in May.

Members of the School have been taking it in turns to play for assembly. The descants of the Junior Choir are doing well but the altos in the morning hymn could well be a little more forceful.

I am sure we are all grateful to Mr. Berger for his help and unfailing enthusiasm during the year.

A.G.H.

"But the English—ah, the English!—
They are quite a race apart." (Kipling)

English humour seems to have a world-wide reputation, and I had heard much on this subject before coming to England. So I was looking forward not only to learning to speak the language properly and to getting to know English people, but also to discovering their sense of humour.

My first acquaintance with this occurred when I went to see a play, called "At the Drop of a Hat," a series of sketches performed by two sad-looking comedians. I was sitting amongst an audience of Englishmen, who soon were roaring with laughter and kept doing so to the very end, whereas I only wondered all the time what was so funny in all that. When I inquired afterwards, I got the reply: "But didn't you grasp the puns and all the nonsensical and cunning remarks?"—Well, I hadn't. In the course of the year I became quite familiar with the expressions "to tease" and "to pull one's leg." In conversation with English people I often wondered at their peculiar way of speaking, at their being so self-controlled and serious-minded. I had been told that they liked to make fools of themselves, but this trait I could only discover in the characters of Dickens, never in the dignified behaviour of people I talked with. "But didn't you realize that you were teased like mad? That they were pulling your leg?" I was asked afterward.—Again, I hadn't. And how could I, being used to people conveying their humour by their gestures and facial expressions. Most English people, however, only convey it by a slight twinkle in the eye, which is in strict discrepancy with their composed appearance, and always invisible to foreign people.

Thus English humour has remained for me somehow incomprehensible and indefinable, and I shall have to leave England with very long legs—by so much pulling—waiting for English people to come to my country to be as stupefied at our humour as I have been at theirs.

BRIGITTE LEITNER.

A SPORTING LIFE

Nul n'ignore Outre-Manche le nom de Wimbledon et ce qu'il évoque: tennis, joueurs de grande classe, trophées, coupes . . . Et certains Français, soit par amour du Sport, soit "parce que cela fait chic," souhaiteraient venir en Grande Bretagne assister aux Championnats Annuels. Profitant de mon séjour, je me suis rendue à Wimbledon où j'ai découvert une fois encore, combien le Sport tient une place importante dans la vie d'un Anglais.

Sans doute, ce "hobby" commence à l'école. Les lycées ont la chance d'être pourvus de courts de tennis, de terrains verdoyants à la différence des lycées du Continent qui, pour la plupart, ne renferment que des cours austères bordées de platanes . . . L'idéal de Montaigne en matière d'éducation, "mens sana in corpore sano", se réaliserait-il mieux ici?

L'élève anglais, qu'il s'exerce au hockey, au tennis où au cricket, participe au jeu non seulement avec tout son corps mais aussi dans un certain esprit le "team spirit." Fier de faire partie de l'équipe, sa déception est très grande s'il ne parvient pas à atteindre ou à conserver son rang dans le groupe.

Il a l'occasion de jouer contre ses professeurs, les derniers battus, il se sent encore plus fier sans avoir cet esprit malicieux et vengeur qui ferait dire à d'autres écoliers "Ah! Ah! On les a bien eus." Et quel enthousiasme et quels applaudissements pendant la distribution des coupes lors du "Speech Day." J'ai remarqué cette même dévotion chez les étudiants pour lesquels, le grand honneur de concourir pour "The University Boat Race" surpassait celui d'être reçu aux examens avec mention!

Certainement un Français se dit volontiers "sportif" lorsqu'il assiste à un match ou en écoute les commentaires à la radio; l'Anglais pratique son sport, ses sports favoris. Je ne me hasarderai pas à parler du cricket considéré comme le sport national si ce n'est pour dire que ses imperceptibles subtilités échappent aux non-natifs et que je comprends assez mal l'attrait qu'il exerce sur des foules fascinées.

Mais qu'il s'agisse de cricket, de golf, de football, de tennis ou de yachting, l'Anglais est membre d'un club. On va aux dîners, aux soirées du club. On porte la cravate de "son" club, et la rencontre régulière des partenaires fait naître de solides amitiés.

Rien ne décourage les sportifs . . . Tout le monde sait qu'il est difficile de faire de la montagne ou du ski en Angleterre, mais qu'il tombe quelques centimètres de neige et l'anglais sera prêt à affronter les pentes de la plus proche colline.

Au besoin même il se rendra quelque part sur le continent: les Alpes par exemple.

Les vastes gazons, les rivières aux écluses fleuries, tout s'utilise au maximum pour la pratique du sport.

L'Anglais initié à ce passionnant "hobby" dès l'enfance est éduqué et non seulement instruit. Avec sa volonté de l'emporter, il sait aussi perdre et encourager "fair play." He is a good sport!

MADELEINE DUCLOS.

PIT DISASTER

The disaster came in '94.
The pit was full and the seam way down.
The women were a-sobbing and the kiddies were quiet,
When they brought up the men from the cruel, cruel earth.
The air was black with dust and coal,
And the doctor was a-shouting for the ambulance-men,
When they carried up my man from the cruel, cruel earth.
His mother was a-sobbing in a black shawl,
His sister went kind of quiet,
And I just stood and thought of John
In that deep black hell of cold and dirt,
Choking in the gas.
Not one man was spared from the cruel earth's toll,
From the earth, the cruel, cruel earth.

ELAINE HARRISON,
Form IIA.

MYTH AND RITUAL AT RAWLINS

It is generally believed that the secrets of our origin lie in the pond at the bottom of the School field. We know that the School was "originally only a small foundation." If then it moved to the top of the field, to be near the main road, could not the pond be the outcome? Perhaps this explains why almost every member of the School feels herself at some time or other drawn to it, and it certainly explains the first-form ritual to which the following quotation is freely adapted: "Cast thy exam. paper upon the waters and the fruit of thy labours shall be returned unto thee in the form of a repeat."

There are mysteries in our school. Why is it that every year the Head Girl disappears, and with her several of the Prefects? Why never ALL the staff? Whose are the boys' caps that still exist in unsuspected places? One of the Rawlins myths is that of the Grey Girl—the girl who never came. We can testify that she was a girl of our own form in years gone by. Everything about her was present—exercise books, desk and contents, but not the most important factor—herself! She was not actually placed in exams. and gained no honours for the School, but she was well in the running for the prize for the best-kept set of exercise books.

Some of the rituals of Rawlins are quite fantastic. Why a tattered old flag should be put out on certain days, and why those days are always wet, will puzzle future historians. The marker-board in Mr. Lowe's kitchen—does the pointer move with him wherever he goes? If so, why is it always pointing to "Out"? The ritual of the staff meeting is faithfully registered, they say, in the kitchen boiler—black smoke for no decision, white smoke for a decision. Why then does black smoke so regularly pour from the boiler?

At fixed seasons of the year a stately procession is seen parading down the field, with overalls flapping, mixing-bowls at the ready, to return with gooseberries and sticks of rhubarb. This brings us to the ritual of cookery, the reason for which is well expressed in "The Cult of the Dead"—"They reduce them to ashes for convenience in carrying them home."

What of the future? It is reported from the bus-stop that the Wise Woman of Quorn has said:

"The day of Rawlins will be o'er
When the bell rings as never before
And then falls shattered on the floor."

This would make Rawlins Grammar School itself a myth.

THREE ANTHROPOLOGETICS,
Form IVA.

MONEY-RAISING ACTIVITIES

There have been several enterprising efforts this year. Form IIIA gave us a most amusing dinner hour when they put on their adaption of "Thank Your Lucky Stars," Miss White, Mr. Berger and Mademoiselle Duclos forming a most efficient jury. With the help of Miss Douglass, they raised £3 15s. 0d. for the Church of England Children's Society.

Other efforts for charity included a shoe-cleaning campaign by Form II who, raised £2 10s. 0d. for the N.S.P.C.C.

With the help of Miss Hawley, Form II also raised £2 10s. 0d. for the Oxford Committee of Famine Relief when they produced a French version of "Snow White" earlier in the term.

At the time of the School Festival, Form III and Miss Trown made and sold house mascots and raised £1 15s. 0d. for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

S.P.

[Some of our older readers will remember Mrs. Henning (Miss Rooth). We were very pleased to receive from her the following impressions of life in Trinidad, where her husband is organising the public transport of the island].

LETTER FROM TRINIDAD

National Transit System Limited,
The Terminus,
Port of Spain,
Trinidad.

"Until mid January we are settled in a spacious ground floor flat in a residential suburb about two miles from town. The area has a large expatriate population and we are next door to the Trinidad Country Club where the exiles congregate. We have a full-time maid and a "boy" in his thirties who comes two days to polish floors and to garden. Help is needed because it is not possible to keep up any speed and too dark to garden in the evening.

The children acclimatised themselves very quickly. Stephen has a gorgeous tan and a hopeless accent—Beeston, Derbyshire and a Trinidad lilt together. He is due to go to school, mornings only, next term at a prep. school which is staffed by English-trained teachers. The general standard in the government schools is not high and they still use the pupil-teacher system in order to staff them. Rachel is now a very bouncy and bonny infant. Her clothing is normally nappy and vest, but she does have her dress on for the hour's outing we always have in the cool of the evening between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

We are finding the cost of living at least half as high again as at home. Most of our shopping is done in a Supermarket which is very much like its English counterpart. Our purchases are imported mainly from England and Canada, with dairy produce from New Zealand. This side of things is counterbalanced by an abundance of fresh, cheap fruit, fish, local coffee and local drinks—gin 12s. a bottle. You will, in the light of the above, be interested to know that bus drivers get 40 dollars, conductors 31.50 dollars per week and are considered well paid. A dollar is 4s. 2d.

Part of every week-end is spent on the beach. The combination of bright sun and warm sea, palm tree shade, gentle breeze makes us realise why the tourists come. Some of the week-end is always spent in driving over bus routes—Bill will soon know Trinidad better than most Trinidadians.

The routes range over all the Northern part of the island and on nearby Tobago. Punctuality is not a local virtue and it is difficult to make buses run to time. The Company has reached agree-

ment with the Union, something of a miracle since the island is troubled with Union bothers and strikes. The enemy of the bus service is the route-taxi. A hire licence allows one to charge as little as 10 cents per passenger, and the speeding and cutting in to obtain passengers have to be seen to be believed. However, the bright yellow National Transit buses are now well in evidence, and making steady progress.

The shouting over Independence has now died down, but there is a steady stream of propaganda aimed to create a sense of nationality, after years of thinking federally. No new flag can solve the fundamental problems of an island with too many people, very little industry, very little education and badly utilised land. The whole place is full of colour and movement and stark contrasts. One-roomed huts for ten stand next door to little palaces for two, and beggars sleep outside the big stores. We have avoided the cocktail society so far—some of the white women here play bridge, drink coffee, drink tea, drink cocktails and gossip, and then wonder why the coloured people have the political power. One can only reserve judgment about the future for it is going to take a long time to achieve real stability.

However, it is a wonderful experience to live in such a polyglot community, where Creole, Indian, Chinese and European all mingle peaceably, and the resulting mosaic of religion, custom and culture is unique."

SCHOOL WELFARE FUND

May I use the opportunity of the School Magazine to remind parents of the work of the School Welfare Fund and the need to maintain contributions to it? I established this fund some years ago as a means of assisting individual girls, and old girls, whose financial circumstances may at times present difficulties and limit their educational opportunities, and I am grateful to those parents and staff who have helped to build the fund and keep it open. But as its work, for obvious reasons, cannot be made public, this fund can easily be forgotten, and now its balance is merely twenty pounds—too little, I feel, for what it may have to do during the next School year.

May I, therefore, appeal for some more donations? Even a few shillings, sent now and again when they can be spared, will be very welcome, and if a number of parents would send small but regular sums, the fund could continue to give help and still remain in a healthy condition.

M. E. SAWDON.

OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

A varied and interesting programme is planned for next year, and any who would like details and particulars of membership should write to the Secretary, Miss Rona Souter, 50, Garden Street, Thurmaston.

AT SUNSET

On the rock there stood three figures, turned towards the sun.
As the sun sank low they watched it, every one.
High in the sky, about all else, it first was gold, and then glowed red,
Then, 'neath a blue and scarlet sky, it slowly went to bed.
The figures on the rock turned black, as if it were from fire.
The rock itself, was cold and dread, and loomed up even higher.

BERYL BEAUMONT,
Form IA.



The Prefects en route for the Staff Hockey Match



The Staff Netball Match in progress

*Best Wishes
for the future
have Amy.*

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PREFECTS & CAPTAINS 1962-3. UL

Head Girl: Christine Perkins.

Deputy Head Girl: Anne Martin
then Ann Heaps

Head of Sixth : Ann Heaps
Form House: then Barbara Francks

Prefects: Virginia Branston, Margaret
Clark, Susan Doherty, Gail
Hunt, Hazel Jones, Dianne
Mawby, Judith McCarthy,
Janice Palmer, Pamela
Richardson, Jacqueline Steele,
Susan Waterfield, Valerie
Watts, Shirley Welch and
Judith Young.

House Captains: Beaumanor, A.Heaps
Bradgate, C.Perkins
Garendon, J.Palmer
Ulverscroft, M.Clark

Games Captains: Netball, J.Palmer
Hockey, C.Perkins
Rounders, C.Perkins
Tennis, A.Heaps

Games Secretary: J.Taylor.

*Best Wishes
Sue (W)*

*Wishing you success
and happiness in the
future
have love*

and success
in the future
and more happiness
love/Jan

Love & best wishes,
Caroline Hunt

Have a Deee Viter, Val!
love Sue D.

Have fun - be good!
be good - have fun!
love Cynthia Payne.

Best of luck
love, Pam H.

Goodbye but I mean
"Quarantair" or "any Wednesday"
Lie.

Have a good time
Val - lots of love
& best wishes from
Fran.

Be as good as you are
love Jan.

Have fun all
the best & don't do
anything I wouldn't
do - Betty

Very best of luck
Valerie - hope you
are very happy!
Lots of love
Stella

Love & best wishes
for the future
Woody.
Best of luck in everything
Valley. Love, Love, God!

All the best
for the future, and
don't do anything I
won't do.
Love, Imah.

Have fun
but be good
Monday

3/12/68
Thank you
Cuck
The best of
love