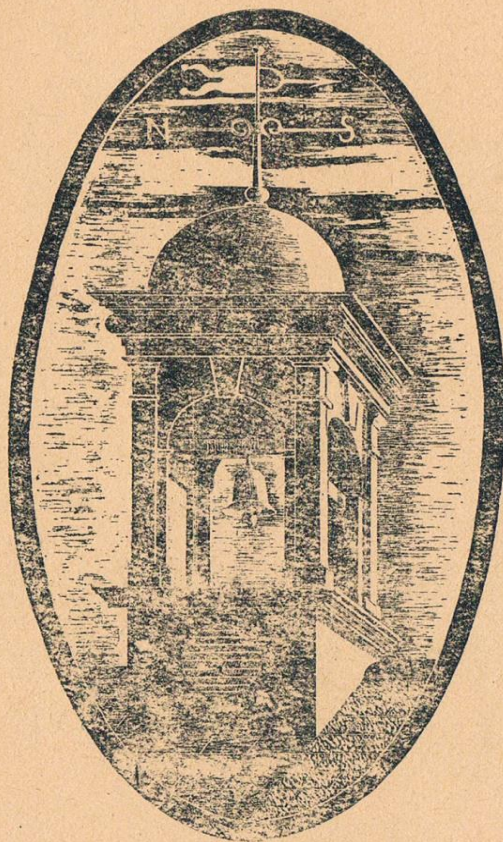


THE MITCHAMIAN



SPRING TERM

1953

EDITORIAL

This term marks the beginning of a new phase in the life of the School, with the arrival from Kingswood School, Bath, of our new Headmaster, Mr. G. J. P. Courtney. Any vague apprehensions about "the new man" were quickly dispelled by the friendliness of his maiden announcement at the first Assembly of the term. His policy of regarding the work of the School as a co-operative student-staff enterprise, combined with a firm and unambiguous attitude on disciplinary matters, has already earned him genuine respect.

A constantly occurring comment in past Spring editorials has been on the great activity of the Spring term. This one has been no exception as regards the number of activities. There seemed to be a slight lessening of general interest in the Aesthetic Trophy Competition although there was the usual keen support from those organizing the sections. Further comment on this subject must be deferred until detailed appraisals of the entries are made available by the judges.

Turning to the School Societies, there is certainly no doubt that there has been a marked increase in support. Nearly all this increase comes from the Fourth Form, who are providing an enthusiasm and leadership sadly lacking in the Sixth Form. If this interest is maintained, in two years the School will have one of the most Society-conscious Sixth Forms it has had for some time.

In the realm of Rugby the prestige of the School has been enhanced by the fact that five members of the 1st XV were chosen to play in the Surrey Schools Team. Also, in the Surrey Schools' Rugby Football Union Seven-a-Side Competition the School reached the semi-final and was beaten by Selhurst (who subsequently won the final) only after extra time.

Looking ahead there is a prospect of much more activity than usual in the Summer Term, for on July 11th the School will be holding a Fair, proceeds from which are to go to the Memorial Pavilion Fund. We feel sure that everyone connected with the School will be able to help in some way, and look forward to a successful fulfilment of the venture.

In conclusion we extend grateful thanks to Mr. Hopton and the Printing Club for their unobtrusive work (some of which took place on Saturday mornings) which has made "The Mitchamian" possible.

“THE MIKADO”

Again, at the end of the Autumn Term, the School produced the “Mikado” under the direction of Mr. Doig, who started in 1930 the series of Gilbert and Sullivan productions which have become so great a feature of our school life.

I can remember, in 1945, seeing the last production of the Mikado—I well recall being glued to my seat by the Mikado's blood-curdling laugh. This year, I heard the laugh from closer range and felt sure that it affected the junior members of the school just as it once did me.

I also recall being most amused by the trio “To sit in solemn silence” and by the fat smugness of Pooh-Bah whose duplicity was even then obvious to me. The Pooh-Bah this year was as fat and smug as any I have seen.

“The Three Little Maids” were, of course, to the Senior Members of the Chorus when seen in the boyish flesh, pretty tough eggs. However, to the audience, they were as charming a set of Japanese damsels as ever had been seen in Mitcham. The three voices were splendidly blended, and Yum-Yum's solo was gratefully received by those members of the audience capable of more musical appreciation.

Ko-Ko was characteristic of the school interpretation of Gilbert and even more of Sullivan. So much “funny business” was utilized, that sometimes we wondered if it were all in the textbook—it was. Thus was Gilbert revered. But Sullivan came off decidedly the worse. The notes were adequately sung but the rhythm went sadly astray at times.

This was a distinguished performance, but it was sad to realise that this was the last opera to be produced at Mitcham by Mr. Doig. He has shown the way to appreciate G. & S., and we hope that he will be at next year's show.

R.D.G.

THE CHRONICLES OF M. C. B. S.

And it was in the passing of the Winter and there came unto the Land of Mitch, wherein was a seat of learning, many seekers

after knowledge, for were they not to be tried by the Wise Men that they might prove themselves worthy to receive erudition? For so sayeth the Prophet, that to him that hath intelligence forby to profit, to him shall the jewels of wisdom be dispensed.

And when the day came there was a loud clamouring at the gates and, whereas the Wise Men would have the rabble proceed in stately manner, they that were come would not be adjured, and rushed like Gaderine swine each one to gain for himself the hindmost seat,

And in the fulness of time sobeit, those that were admitted were seated each according to his number and patronimic, and the Chief of the Wise Men, one called Ajaymash, had given unto each a script whereon his wisdom he should record

And when they saw what they were asked they looked at one another and said, "What manner of question is this? 'Tis not seemly that it should be asked of us such corkers," and they were so dismayed, for never had their mentors so instructed them. But some there were whose mentors had forsook the rules and divulged unto their pupils the manner of the questioning which the Wise Men would put to them, seeking thereby to gain kudos. So it came to pass that in the fall of the year, as was the wont, many seekers after knowledge, clad in raiment of mauve and green, came again unto the gates of the academy and clamoured to be admitted. "For," said they, "we have justified our entry by our intelligence, therefore open thou the doors and give us books and speak to us the promised words of wisdom."

And so it was.

And the moon waxed and waned many times, three score and five in all, and often and often did they gaze at the Wise Men as they spake, not understanding, for the Wise Men did speak strange tongues and wrote strange symbols and the one sound which brought gladness to their long entangled minds was the Toscin which called all men to bread at the end of the day. And they toiled not neither did they spin. "For why," said they, "should we cudgel our brains — have we not shown of our intelligence — surely are there more pleasant things wherewith to occupy our time. Let us, then, gather to the Feast called Kokhowse and raise our voices to the prophets Gilban and Sullibert for they in sooth are pleasant."

And it came to pass that when five harvests had been gathered

in, it was nearing the Solstice of the Sun and the Day of Judgement was at hand, and thus it was that there issued forth from the High Temple of Learning from afar off a ukase that much investigation should be made that it might be found out to what degree they who had been favoured by the Wise Men had profited.

And so approached that time of the year which is called Gee-see-Ee—in sooth a sad and troublous time, for though the birds do sing and the flowers do bloom it availeth nothing, for no joyous shout of boy is heard nor sound of tinkling glass nor splintering wood. And many there were who had not stayed the course while others there were who fell sick of a strange malady which no-one could diagnose (except perhaps the Wise Men!) and no medicine could allay. Albeit those that remained were served with scripts that they might record their wisdom.

And as they sat palsied with affright they looked again at one another, then beat they their breasts and tore their raiment.

"Woe is me," they lamented. "Wherefore did I enter this cursed Academy, for all this seemeth Greek to me and I am a Saxon." And they laid down their stiles and wept.

And lo it came the time of the Harvest Moon and those who had pleased the Wise Men of the High Temple were listed while those who had not were not, and behold the list of those who had not was many times those who had, while even those that had indeed barely sufficed in erudition.

And during all these moons, when those who long ago had clamoured at the gates and gained admittance had whiled their time in Feasting, Phutball and Riot, even then had those who were turned away from the gates become drawers of water, hewers of wood and diggers of holes and so suited were they to their labours that now they had become chiefs each in his own sphere.

And thus it was that to these came those brethren whose years the locusts had eaten and begged of them that they should be given labour more suitable to their Ages, Aptitudes and Abilities.

"For," said they, "we have been cheated by the Wise Men who said unto us, 'Come into our Academy and we will give you pearls of wisdom and anon a parchment withal, wherewith ye can gain high rank,' but nothing said they of Feasting, Phutbal, Tournament and riot and lo we have partaken deeply of such and now the promised

parchment is denied unto us."

And each was given a task of little magnitude, some to toil in the fields, some on the roads, some in the abattoirs and some even to the waste lands where now they labour with song in their hearts and a glad cry on their lips.

Birds in our Tree

The wounds of pruning have recovered fast,
Light green springs the leaf and white the blossom.
A rowdy gallery of sparrows watch
The uninteresting performance.

When the March winds have taken the leaves they chose,
The lazy opulence of summer creams the air,
And fills it with sounds and scents and feelings;
And somewhere hidden, a blackbird nests.
In the evening, an occasional starling rests here,
Whilst a black cloud of friends and relations
Flock downward down the sky;
And at night, an owl hoots ominously
Through the pacific air.

Autumn brings the wild geese out of the strontic west
To old paludic haunts beside the sea;
In strict formation, they never turn aside,
And never think of resting in a tree.

The birds, with the leaves, decrease.
And as the last of the geese fly trumpeting,
Our tree is left bare both of leaves and birds,
Except for an infrequent robin,
And the eternal sparrows, undaunted in their ravenousness.

J. D. W.

AERO CLUB

With the departure of Mr. Rushworth in 1948 the Aero Club was disbanded, but in 1952 renewed enthusiasm amongst the model-makers brought about the re-birth of the club which is now organised under the care of Mr. Woodiwiss.

Although at first many difficulties arose, the keenness of its members overcame these obstacles and it is hoped that soon the increasing popularity of the club will enable it, once again, to take its place among the other school societies.

A.J.B.

THE DEBATING AND LITERARY SOCIETY

The meetings of the Society during the past two terms have been well attended, considering the number of concurrent activities, which have accounted for the absence of members on many occasions. The level of debate has been reasonably good, individual speakers being either amusing or informative, sometimes both and seldom neither.

A feature of the meetings has been the regular presence of several new members from the Fourth form, which augurs well for the future.

J.D.W.

SCHOOL CHOIR

During the past six months the choir has accepted many new members, all of whom display considerable keenness. In conjunction with this influx there has been a very noticeable increase in the standards of the Choir. The knowledge of music has developed together with an interest in external musical events. The Choir made up parties to see "The Barber of Seville" and a concert in the Albert Hall.

The activities have been varied. On Speech Day in the morn-

ing a Service was held and in the evening a group of songs was given. A Carol Service was held just before the end of last term, and this term a programme of songs and solos was given at the Parents' Social.

In future, we hope to enter the Balham and Streatham Festival, and the tenors and basses are singing selected portions of "The Messiah" with the girls of the Rosa Bassett School.

THE PHALANX

A feature of the current school year has been the change of the Presidency of the society, Mr. Courtney having succeeded Mr. Doig.

Amongst the activities of the society throughout the year was the arrangement and conveyance of support to the 1st XV matches against Windsor and Thames Valley.

The jobs tackled by the Phalanx have varied but in some cases have been prolonged by interruptions from other school activities.

The Phalanx Social and Dance, which has become an annual event, was held on February 28th and was a great success.

For the information of newcomers to the school the Phalanx is a society to which boys of the fourth form and above are elected as showing a keen and intelligent interest in the school and its activities.

N.W.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This year, the most enthusiastic 4th form for many years has caused a phenomenal rise, not only in Hist. Soc. membership, but in the attendance at each meeting, which has regularly approached the 40 mark, in spite of competition from Opera rehearsals, prefect's detention, exams, house plays and choirs, and Cross-county and Rugby practices. This sudden unaccustomed strength has had four

main results, which have caused considered changes in the Society. A return has been made to a fairly rigid system of membership; the Constitution has been completely redrafted; outside "Specialists" on various topics have been invited, and, what is even more important, no meetings have had to be cancelled, even on such unpromising days as the Fridays of the Opera and the school exams.

In all, by the end of this term, there will have been ten meetings. In addition to two business meetings, talks have been delivered on:— "Historic Public-Houses of London" (Mr. J. C. Steel); "The Gunpowder Plot" (Mr. Madden); "Thrilling Escapes" (Mr. Campbell); "Your Royal Descent" (Mr. D. J. Steel); "The Huguenots" (Mrs. Gwynn); and "The History of Merton and Morden" (Miss Jowett). A Debate "That the Teaching of History in Schools serves no useful purpose," and a general discussion on Historical questions were held with great success, in the latter especially the 4th form showing surprising ability in discussion.

The year which has been marked by the enthusiasm of the fourth form has unfortunately also been marked by a complete apathy among the fifth forms. This may be a blessing in disguise, for it means that few of the Society's members will leave this year, and a reasonable support from next year's fourth form should therefore bring the Society's membership from its present fifty to well over the sixty mark.

D.J.S.

BADMINTON CLUB

So far this year the Badminton Club has led a quiet existence. The main reason for this is the failing support of the older members. This lack of support has been due to the fact that several have left school, while others have had outside commitments of an unavoidable nature.

However the fact that, of necessity, the club is relatively small has ensured some keen competition for membership. This keenness

has been particularly noticeable among members of the 5th Form.

Once again it is necessary to thank Mr. Madden for his tireless efforts in the coaching of new members. They will doubtless hope to see him play as well as he coaches in the forthcoming match with the staff.

B.L.W.

EXAMINATION FEVER

Examinations are over. Another visitation of that disease known as "Examination Fever" has been fought and conquered, to bring colour back to the wan faces of one-time sufferers. With the marks forgotten, the papers shelved and the attitude of boys towards masters steadily becoming less hostile, I think it is the time to inform the public of the lesser known facts about the illness.

In the scholars the symptoms are evident about three weeks before the examinations and take the form of fits of depression in which much revision is intended and very little achieved. A week before the exams comparative sanity returns to the patient, but the fever begins as a pitiful attempt is made to revise a term and a half's work in a few days. Cinemas and theatres go bankrupt while grocers report that stocks of midnight oil are diminishing. The symptoms become considerably more interesting upon the arrival of the exams, when the sufferer is noticed to have violent trembling periods and a strong desire for the wide open spaces.

The actual illness occurs during exam week, throughout which the patient is in a state of semi-consciousness, and has often to be restrained from committing suicide. After this the fever, from the medical point of view, loses its interest, for the patient either recovers or dies, according to the strength of the tonic in the examination results. Scholars with the constant low temperature of three effort marks, and some with the equally constant high ones of six, are usually immune from the illness.

The symptoms start to appear in the masters at the same time as the scholars, but take an entirely opposite form. The sufferers

generally exhibit a not unnatural tendency to relax and let the boys do the work, the only break in this being a sudden flurry of energy in which a minimum of three minor tests and two 'mock' examinations are administered. However, when exam week is over, the masters take a distinct change for the worse, hiding away in their kennels, and emerging only for brief periods to give an essay for the rapidly recovering scholars to do. In this period, the coat is very dull and shows a tendency to fall out, while the nose is distressingly warm and dry. It is usually found that extremely aged and very young masters are immune from a serious attack, but others have gone mad from the total misery around them.

Well, that is the fever. The after-effects consist not of fits of depression, as in influenza, but generally a desire to go to sleep, preferably until the end of term. This, however, is achieved only by a small minority, who never wake up, anyway, for anything.

Before going away to celebrate your recovery, let me give one piece of advice. It is only by the complete abstinence from all work of any kind from now until the next examinations, that you can possibly hope to live through another such visitation.

And now, having cleared my conscience, I can go back to sleep.

B.M.H.

ART CLUB

The Art Club has flourished this term with a band of enthusiasts engaged in making a model of the central area of Mitcham. Scale enlargements have been made from maps obtained from the Borough offices to form a basis for the models of houses. Each member has been given an area to study and make; the individual models will be placed together to form the complete project.

While the Club has inevitably been affected by the "butterflies" of the school, who lack sufficient determination to pursue an undertaking, it still has a worthy nucleus of keen members whose enthusiasm, it is hoped, will not deteriorate by elevation to the

Vith form. Next term it is hoped that pottery will be developed now that the potter's wheel has been returned from Rowan School.

The smooth running of the Club this term has been due to the work of F. Linden and his committee.

R.J.M.J.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The youngest of the school societies was contemplated late in 1952 and the first meetings were held early in 1953. The Fellowship was the idea of a small group of sixth-formers who placed themselves under the leadership of Mr. A. W. L. Lindsay-Smith and Mr. D. H. Strickland.

The Fellowship is inter-denominational in character and has successfully blended Baptists, members of the Church of England, Plymouth Brethren and Methodists into a strong united body. The aim of the Fellowship is to make the school alive to Christianity and to provide a strengthening and steadying influence for those who are already trying to follow Christ.

The inaugural meeting on January 19th was addressed by a local church minister, the Rev. D. Monahan. Since that date the most ambitious project has been a film show "Voices of the Deep" sponsored by the Inter-schools Christian Fellowship. Discussion groups are still in the process of being formed and support from the whole school is invited.

F. M. L.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

At the beginning of the year the ranks of the society were swollen by an influx of new blood from the Fourth form, and it was found difficult to keep the Society's membership down to the reg-

ulation sixty. But though all these enthusiastic new members arrived, the work done by the different sections was disappointingly small.

The Autumn Term ramble to the Chilterns was led by Mr. Purbrick, and others took place around Leith Hill; Shere, Surrey; and Westerham, Kent.

Lectures this year were distinguished by the invitation of two old boys as speakers. Mr. Wayte, an ex-secretary, spoke of his visit to Finland; and Mr. Bryant, a former treasurer, gave an insight into life at Strasbourg University. An interesting talk about the problems and conditions of Africans in Uganda was given by Mr. Kantinti, son of a former Prime Minister of that country. Mr. Dugate gave a well-illustrated talk about his travels in Spain last summer, and members of the Lake District expedition gave a series of talks on various aspects of the expedition.

The Annual Tea and Theatre Visit, as usual, concluded this term's proceedings.

It is hoped that the Society will continue activities during the summer term this year and the Chairman hopes that the Easter expeditions to the Lake District will help to stimulate individuals to undertake field study on their own or in groups.

K.A.S.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club still carries on its normal activities on Tuesday evenings. Under the expert tuition of Mr. Madden new members have rapidly come to grasp the rudiments of the game. Attendance, which was good in the autumn term, has dropped since the beginning of this term, which is, however, to be expected in view of the numerous other activities taking place, in particular the Aesthetic Trophy Competition. Last term, to our regret, we had to ask for a voluntary subscription from our members, in order to buy the equipment necessary to challenge other schools. Response to this appeal has been quite good, and next year we hope to have

a good fixture list. Internally the Club is not functioning as well as it might, but we hope soon to remedy this, and look forward to better times. New members are, of course, always welcome.

J.I.C.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Thirteen Cadets attended Annual Camp at Dibgate, near Folkestone, for a week during last August. All agreed that as well as being good training (eight cadets passed the examination for Certificate A, Part I, there), it was a very pleasant week at a little over ten shillings. Two cadets found that even cookhouse duties paid dividends.

This term one cadet is taking the examination for Certificate A, Part II, and ten for Part I. There would have been more entering but for irregular attendance on the part of a few. These have been dismissed from the unit and we hope it will now be possible to spend parade time more profitably.

The Annual Inspection will be held on July 17th and immediately afterwards the unit will leave for Camp, again at Dibgate.

A.J.N.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Much of the business of the Parents' Committee is to decide what we can do for the benefit of the School. This year we have a ready-made cause presented to us. We have been invited to co-operate with the School, the School staff and the Old Mitchamians in organizing the Open Day on July 11th, to raise funds for the provision of the Memorial Pavilion which is to be built, we hope, in the near future. This is indeed a worthy object and I can assure you that we are all keyed up for a great effort. We know we can

rely on your support and are looking forward to a great success.

We have had several very entertaining evenings this term and support has been very encouraging. Our dances have been well attended and our Social Evenings have been most enjoyable. The Whist Drives, however, have not been so well attended as in the past, but with the added incentive of the Memorial Pavilion we are hoping that all your parents will roll along and enjoy a pleasant evening with us.

We are very pleased to welcome the new headmaster, Mr. Courtney, to our Association. He has accepted the position of President and I am sure we shall all enjoy working with him for the benefit of the School. The School staff also render us every assistance and the thanks of the P. A. are cordially extended to them. Mr. Perry must also be thanked for his able assistance. We often keep him from his bed, whilst we cogitate at our committee meetings.

A. F. Furnish.
(Hon. Sec.)

OLD MITCHAMIANS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

The 1952-53 season has proved a most successful one for the Old Mitchamians' Rugby Football Club. The O.M.'s 1st XV has played to date twenty-one matches, losing only one of them.

The Club now has a membership of about seventy, and of these fifty or so are playing members. 1st XV and 'A' XV matches are being played every week and, when and where possible, Ex 'A' XV matches are being played as well, this latter being mainly possible during University and College vacations.

A team is being entered for the Surrey Seven-a-Side Competition on April 18th, three teams (one of which it is hoped will be a Junior team consisting of members of the school) for the Staines "Sevens" on Easter Monday, and two teams for the Old Mid-Whitgiftians "Sevens" on April 25th. The O.M.'s have always done well in these seven-a-side competitions and hopes are high that 1953

will again prove successful, at least to the extent of retaining the Staines Trophy which the Club now holds.

As always the Club looks to the School for its future Rugby talent and a welcome is extended to all those about to leave school who are interested in the game. The Club's fixture list is steadily improving and the Old Mitchamians' reputation as a club playing good, clean Rugby football is fast spreading in the Rugby world.

R.G. Brett. (Captain)

RUGBY

A new venture this year has been the formation of a Surrey County Team. Ten schools sent in players for trials, a team was picked and matches were played against Middlesex, Kent and Essex, all three being won. Five players from Mitcham: James, Emere, Ward, West and Kinsley played in these games, and in each the Surrey team was captained by James.

As a result of these games James and Emere played for the combined Surrey and Kent team against the combined Middlesex and Essex team and then went to play for the London Counties team against the Midlands. James has now been picked to play in the Final English trial at Bridgwater.

The School Rugby has carried on this year in spite of great difficulties. Our own field is still under repair and the pitches used on the Common have been very unsatisfactory, being stony in dry weather and waterlogged in wet. During the Autumn term there were several weeks when no form games could be played at all.

In spite of this the first team has got through a full programme of matches, but the second team's fixture list has been considerably curtailed. However, with the dry weather of Spring the House matches have been played on a form basis.

The 1st XV have had quite a successful season but appear to have tired towards the end of it, losing to teams which they could easily have beaten. A feature of this season's Rugby has been the fast and open play of the backs, but this has been marred towards

the end of the season by too much kicking. The forwards have played well but they must realise that their first job is to get the ball and give it to the backs. Illness and injury have taken their toll this season but the play of the young recruits augurs well for next season.

Team: Watts D., Pearson, Banks, Shulman, J. H. Laming, D. M. Kinsley, J. F. G. Eldergill, B. L. Ward, N. West, Fisher, D. V. James, Werro, Gillard, G. T. G. Emere, Maberley, Barrow, Steel, Nicholson, Gabriel, Pearce.

Old Colours, Re-awarded.

N. WEST, D. M. KINSLEY.

New Colours.

J.F.G. ELDERGILL, G.T.G. EMERE, D.V. JAMES, J.H. LAMING, B.L. WARD.

H.M., D.V.J.

2nd XV The results given below show that we have had a fairly successful season. What is of greater interest, however, is the way in which the games have been played. Every member of the team whether a regular member or not, has shown commendable keenness not only during play, but in turning up to practices; all have played hard and shown a good spirit. Several have acquitted themselves well when called upon to play for the 1st XV.

The main adverse criticism of the team has been a lack of flexibility in tactics to keep the other side guessing. Play tends to develop on too orthodox lines; and the aim of keeping the ball moving towards the opponent's touchline by greater variety of means is too often lost sight of. The ball is kicked to touch too often when attacking.

However, the team has done well with good leadership from Shulman and Godbold; and tackling has much improved.

A satisfactory season.

C.F.L.

Team from: Godbold (capt.), Chapman, Barrett, Leeson, Hogfress, Jackson, Howe, Deadman, Davies, Pearce F., Webb, Yass, Seabrook, Daniels, Goldney, Goodge, Harris, Watts M., Stuart, Mears, Nicholson, Gabriel, Gray, Keen.

Colts. The Colts have had a very successful season. The forwards were very good in the loose, and in the tight obtained a fair share of the ball. Gillett, Baker and Hathaway were always seeking opportunities of breaking away and their tackling spoilt many of their opponents' moves. Poor handling on occasions marred otherwise fine displays by the backs, who were, nevertheless, all determined runners. Henn and Williams in particular showed commendable directness in making for the line. Congratulations to Henn and Gillett on playing for the Surrey Schools' Under Fifteen team, and to Andrews chosen as reserve.

Team from: Henn (capt.), Gillett (vice-capt.), Osmond, Howe-Gough, Sullivan, Mogg, Williams, Andrews, Couldridge, Gaisford, Elliott, Bristow, Forrester, Bartlett, Hathaway, Baker, Lambert B., Geddes.

Under 14 Team. Lack of weight and height told heavily against this year's team. Always outweighed forward, the backs could only show pluck in stopping opponents' movements and had few opportunities to develop their own.

All must learn the art of positioning, in particular the full-back.

Team from: Fisher (capt.), Ellingham D., Stanley, Rust, Bird, Goose, McLucas, Ellingham J., Teather, Smalley, Gambold, Potten, Waitworth, Byford, Hunt J., Garner, Preston.

W.B.J.

The Season's Results.

	Ist XV	2nd XV	COLTS
BECKENHAM	L 3 11	W 16 0	W 37 3
WANDSWORTH	W 57 3	W 42 0	W 11 3
	L 6 8	L 8 37	W 29 0
TIFFIN	W 3 0	L 3 17	
SHOOTERS HILL	L 17 18	W 14 3	
WALLINGTON	W 13 0	W 8 6	W 6 3
	W 39 3		
THAMES VALLEY	W 22 5		W 27 0
PURLEY	W 3 0		
SELHURST	W 11 5		
St. OLAVES	W 19 0		
WINDSOR	L 3 5		W 12 0
WESTMINSTER	W 29 5		

STAINES	W 46 3		
OLD BOYS	W 22 8(v. 'A' Team)		
	L 8 25		
St. JOSEPH'S	L 5 8		
HARROW	L 0 9		
SURBITON	D 6 6		
SUTTON		L 5 8(1st)	W 38 0
			W 51 0
WHITGIFT MID.			W 35 0
BUSHEY ROAD			W 25 3
BALHAM			L 9 11
BEC			W 24 3
BADINGHAM		D 9 9 (1st)	
		L 9 5 -do-	

Coronation Preparations

Thoughts of Summer Coronation
 Engage the eager population;
 Then will be the celebration,
 But first comes the preparation:
 There has been much concentration
 On the City's decoration.
 London's had some alterations——
 Building stands and cleaning stations,
 Now they're fitting installations
 For the June illuminations;
 These intensive operations
 Cause a lot of complications;
 So does lamp-post lubrication,
 And the seating allocation,
 Not to mention transportation.
 Comes the cry and lamentation
 Of the incensed population:
 "Hard to get a reservation
 (Prices high — no limitation,)
 Or a decent standing station
 Of sufficient elevation;

So we'll in the situation,
View the TV presentation,
On this day of acclamation;
Of the Summer Coronation. "

S.J.D.

PRINTING CLUB

The production of this magazine has been rather hampered by the lack of material before half term. In the last two weeks of the term the printing room has been a hive of continuous activity and even Saturday mornings have been used to get the magazine ready by its publication date.

The Autumn term is relatively quiet, the only items for publication being various tickets. During this time the apprentices get the feel of the type and become proficient in the various trades.

Some improvements have been made in the equipment used by the Club and shortage of type is no longer a problem, even with the increased page content of the magazine. The Club extends its thanks to Mr. Field for nickel-plating the compositing sticks. The main requirement is a new printing press, the present one having almost reached the end of its useful life.

The amount of work done in a year shows the importance of the Club in the School's life. It is hard to imagine a term without a calendar, and the Parents' and Old Boys' Associations rely upon it for their Dance and Social tickets.

P.G.W.

SCHOOL NOTES

D.J. Steel has won an Open Scholarship to Peterhouse, Cambridge. This is the second time in the history of the School that a boy has won an Open Scholarship.

During the Autumn Term three new records were created in the School's collection for "Netherheys", one of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, at South Croydon. They were:—

- (a) a new tutorial record (by the Prefects); 31 shillings;
- (b) a new weekly total record: £10. 11s.;
- (c) a new term total record; £62 16s.

The inter-house cross-country race was won by Blue House. First in each race were A: Gingell (Blue); B: Mogg (Blue); C: Wilson (Black).

We welcome to the School Messrs. E.G. Holmes, A.W.L. Lindsay-Smith, D.H. Strickland and E.A. DeBevere.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

The following were successful in the examination this term:—

Sgt. Harris. Certificate A, Part II.
Lance-corporal Hubner, Cdts. Bristow, Foster, Lee, Watkins, Wilks, Wood. Certificate A, Part I.

The 112 members of the School Savings Group raised £210 4s 6d in the Autumn Term and £174 16s in the Spring Term.

Next term it is hoped to re-introduce the weekly lunch-hour programmes of music on gramophone records, which were a popular feature in past years. With the aid of the School's record collection and contributions from diskophiles in the School, it should be possible to give much variety to the programmes.

The School Cross-Country Team lost away against Surbiton and won at home against Hampton.

Senior team from: Clark P.B.; Emere; Gingell; Keen; Leeson; Spencer; Stone; Webb; Wheatley.
Junior team from: Davis J.H.; Emmett; Farr; Gillett; Hathaway; Hodges; Howe B.; Mogg; Stevenson; Tanner; Wealthy.

ERRATA:

Two of the 1st XV results on pp. 17, 18 are incorrect. The correct results are: v. Wandsworth W 27—3, v. Wallington W 30—3. Four of the 2nd XV are also incorrect. The correct results are: v. Wandsworth W 37—8, v. Tiffin W 17—3, v. Wallington L 6—8, v. Badingham W 9—5.