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Editorial

At last, after a long and dreary winter, Spring is upon us. Fathers have been looking at their gardens more fondly than of late, and mothers have been delving with detergent and water into every nook and cranny left undisturbed this past year. Lads and lasses, in school and out, have been marking the advent of Spring in no uncertain way; for if this season is associated with the young man's fancy, it also brings the Trial G.C.E. Examinations.

Now it is that we all take stock in our several ways, considering the past, speculating on the future. What changes have taken place during the six or seven years of my life here—years that seem so short in retrospect? In the outside world there was the Coronation of our Queen, the conquest of Everest, and crossing of Antarctica, Ladies in the Lords, the achievement of independence in parts of the Commonwealth, and the probings into space—to mention just a few. And, on a smaller scale, our school has known its changes too: an increase in numbers so great that we burst at the seams despite new classrooms, the formation of new societies and of a trans-Atlantic bond, music and prefects' readings in Assembly, Founders' Day, an extra playing field, and many other things beside.

In passing, it is interesting to imagine what changes one would find six years hence: changes in staff, of course; the little first-formers will have become the dignitaries of the Sixth, a new Pavilion will be in regular use. A swimming pool? Separate buildings for meals? To forecast much more would be imprudent; nevertheless, whether in six years' time the current arithmetic paper will contain questions on satellities instead of trains, I feel pretty sure there will still be, as now, Spring with its trials and compensations. For 'plus ça change; plus c'est la même chose'.

School Notes

At the end of this term we have to say 'Good-bye' to Miss Alexander, who was Head Girl and Captain of Games in 1950-51, and who came back as a member of the Staff in 1956, teaching principally Games, Gymnastics and Dancing, and also French to junior forms. Miss Alexander served on the Old Godhelmians' Committee and raised and captained their teams to play the school at Lacrosse, Hockey and Tennis. We have enjoyed her company and appreciated her teaching. We are sorry to lose her; we thank her for her services to this school, and wish her happiness at Northlands School, Olivos, Buenos Aires.

In her place next term we shall welcome Miss J. M. Pinching, who was educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham, and Dartford P.T. College. She has taught at schools in Walsall and London, and comes to us from the Comprehensive School, Mayfield, at Putney.

New Prefects appointed this term are Rosemary Ahearne, Jennifer Aylott, Monica Langan and Claire Nokes, J. R. Chidgey, A. Collyer, and P. Radlett.

The plans for the Pavilion have been approved by the appropriate committees; the site has been marked out, the foundations dug, and we await the pre-cast concrete frame.

W.M.W.



1st XI.

The weather has interfered with fixtures this term, two having been cancelled. Of the games played (since the last publication) the first XI. have won 5 and lost 2.

The defence have continued to improve. In one or two games they have been outstanding—especially in the match with K.E.S.

The forwards, too, have improved particularly in the last three games, and are playing much more as a unit.

Coombes is developing well as a captain, ably aided by Pledge as vice-captain.

2nd XI.

The 2nd XI. has continued to play with customary keenness. They have won all their games, and have been well led by Dodman, G.

M.A.W.

COOMBES: Goalkeeper. Has continued to improve and has played very well, very often in difficult circumstances. His anticipation and positioning are good and he takes the ball cleanly and confidently. (Colours).

PLEDGE: Centre Half. Very good. Plays good, forceful and intelligent football. County reserve. (Colours).

SUMNERS: Right Back. A useful player, who uses his feet and head well, but must tackle harder.

BARTLETT: Left Back. A strong forceful player, but must learn to use his right foot.

LEWIS: Right Half. Plays well, but must use the ball more intelligently.

WALKER: Left Half. A strong tackler, uses the ball well, but must learn to attack as well as defend.

MCDERMOTT: Right Wing. Colours. A fast winger, but must try to improve his ball control.

BRUCE: Inside Right. Colours. A tricky inside forward, who has a good shot in both feet.

HALES: Centre Forward. Has a good shot in both feet and has added much needed punch to the forward line.

WENSLEY: Inside Left. A promising player but must try to distribute the ball more quickly.

HANAUER: Left Wing. Colours. A very tricky winger, who has a good left foot shot. Should try to use his right foot as well.

LAWRENCE: Right Half. Colours. A good all round player, who was greatly missed when he left.

The following have also played in the 1st XI:

DODMAN, G., BUCK, TIMS.

F.C. A.P.

RESULTS

1st XI	v. K. E. S. Witley	Won 1-0
1st XI	v. Pewley C.S.S.	Won 2-1
1st XI	v. J. T. S. Guildford	Won 10-1
1st XI	v. Midhurst G.S.	Cancelled
1st XI	v. Hinchley Wood C.S.S.	Lost 4-7
1st XI	v. Farnham G.S.	Cancelled
1st XI	v. Epsom C.G.S.	Lost 2-6
1st XI	v. Woking C.G.S.	Cancelled
'A' XI	v. J. T. S. Guildford	Won 6-2
1st XI	v. Camberley C.G.S.	Won 3-0

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2nd XI	v. J. T. S. Guildford	Won 9-3
2nd XI	v. Farnham G.S.	Cancelled
2nd XI	v. Epsom C.G.S.	Won 6-5
2nd XI	v. Woking C.G.S.	Cancelled
'B' XI	v. J. T. S. Guildford	Won 3-1
2nd XI	v. Camberley C.G.S.	Won 11-1

Cross Country

During the past two terms School Cross Country teams have been entered in several events and there has been a steady improvement in performance.

In the "Richard Haskell" cup we attained our highest position of twelfth. In preparation for the Surrey Boys' Championships, School U.16 teams have been running with Guildford & Godalming Athletic Clubs. In consequence, we came seventh in the team placings out of 21 teams entered. Riddle, Lile, Shackleton, Langtree & Heartfield played a prominent part in this very creditable result.

We still have two matches ahead; one with Guildford Technical College and Farnham Grammar School and the other with the Royal Grammar School and Elmbridge.

There are some very promising runners in the U.16 team and if they devote more time to training, cross country in this school will become a considerable force.

G.J.M.



As usual this term the emergence and development of a strong 1st XI. has been greatly hampered by the weather and illness too. This is not put forward as an excuse for our defeats, but undoubtedly there is nothing like regular match play and practice to improve on early weaknesses and consolidate a team's good points.

As it is, the 1st XI. do not know one another's play well enough, especially in the forward line. As individuals they have worked very hard as regards their stickwork, but it is as individuals that they still play in matches. Until recently there has been too little constructive thought behind their play and too much reliance on luck. There has not been that sense of combined and delicate forward work, especially near goal, though this is much improved and great strides are being made every fine day. The 2nd XI. forwards have arrived at this stage much earlier, playing with some ease and polish.

The defence is beginning to knit solidly together now, though in matches they have been sorely pressed, and have only been kept alive because of some very good work by the goalkeeper. This has been partly due to their own uncertainty and partly to an unawareness by the forwards, who must be prepared to drop back more and more if the situation warrants it.

It is obvious that the ability is there, and it is to be hoped, and indeed expected, that against our stronger challengers towards the end of term, we find that our tactical play and technique will match that great stamina, our strongest ally, gained during a term of lacrosse, and that we will prove worthy opponents.

P.J.A.

The second team, who came together at a very late date in the term, showed promise from the start. The forwards, each

member possessing neat stickwork, understood the importance of co-operation, not only as a line of five, but in smaller groups within the attack. The defence, which has been subject to a lot of changes, has nevertheless adapted itself quickly to the forward line.

The "follow-through" beyond the twenty-five line and persistent shooting is the next step, but already the team has acquitted itself well in a short and difficult season.

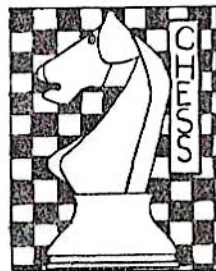
S.M.

J. Whitney*	Goal	E. Sawyer
E. Westcott* (capt.)	Right back	L. Evans
G. Ingram	Left back	C. Felter
J. Norman*	Right half-back	P. Westcott
J. Gittens* (vice-capt.)	Centre half-back	E. Meadows
E. Elliott	Left half-back	S. McQueen
M. Wallace*	Right wing	J. Cresswell
C. Lannon	Right inner	J. Grimes
G. Martin*	Centre forward	D. Crocker
J. Aylott	Left inner	D. Sparrow
C. Nokes	Left wing	M. Luckham

Reserves: K. Thayer, P. Sivill

RESULTS.

1st v. Petersfield C.H.S.	...	Drew 2—2
1st v. St. Andrew's Convent	...	Lost 6—0
2nd v. "	...	Lost 2—1
1st v. Guildford C.G.S.	...	Won 3—1
2nd v. "	...	Won 1—0



Winter afflictions, among which may be included the trial G.C.E. examinations, have reduced numbers at senior and junior meetings, and also the strength of our teams. However, we have had an enjoyable season, with some well-fought games.

G. Dodman reached the final of the 1958 Michell Memorial Shield Competition, and was awarded the runner-up prize of £1.

In this season's competitions E. and G. Dodman, Wigfield and Cross were entered, and Cross reached the Guildford area final before being eliminated.

RESULTS.

1st Team v. Charterhouse	Won 4—2
v. Woking	
v. R.G.S., Guildford	
Under 16 Team v. Fullbrook	Won 5½—2½
v. R.G.S., Guildford	Lost 3½—4½
v. Charterhouse	

V.J.M.

The Debating Society

President : Morgan G. J.

Secretary : E. Meadows. *Vice-President* : G. Dodman.

Committee : R. Ahearne, Whitaker, Nicklin, Boulton and McLaren.

As the Spring term is so short only a few meetings have been held, but despite this the Society has enjoyed a pleasant term. Because of the "mock" G.C.E. examinations the attendances have been lower, and it is hoped that more 4th and 5th formers will speak. The House heard the Archdeacon of Surrey, the Ven. A. J. de C. Studdert, give a very interesting lecture on his trip to Russia illustrated by a coloured film of Russian places of interest. Also during the term came the inter-school debate with the Royal Grammar School, Guildford. It was their turn to come to us this year, and a very interesting debate was held on February 20th, the motion being "That this House wants to become a Stargazer."

The Annual Cup debate was held on February 25th when the adjudicator was Mr. V. C. Osborne. He awarded the cup to Enever, who has now held it for two years in succession. In the middle of the term a lively discussion was led by Mr. Copsey on (a) "Peaceful Co-existence" (b) "Spirits." The Summer Excursion has been planned and the Society hopes to visit Bath, Wells and the Mendip Area.

During the term other motions debated were:—

"This House has faith in Lady Luck."

"This House would support a Revolution."

The principal speakers for these debates were:—M. Rich, Dodman E., Dodman G., Boulton, Enever, Orr, Nicklin, Brayshaw M., and Francis.

E.C.M.

Junior Debating Society

Owing to absence and bad weather, a number of this term's meetings have had to be re-arranged or cancelled. Some interesting discussions have taken place, and the First and Second formers have shown particular enthusiasm.

M.B.

S.C.M.

The S.C.M. meetings this term have, perhaps, covered a wider range than in previous terms. The subjects discussed have included: "Was the Bible written under the direct influence and guidance of God?"; "Our Treatment of Lent"; and the problems of reuniting the various denominations of the Christian Church. Members of the Society have also contributed their own questions for a session of "Any Questions."

Glancing through the minutes book, I notice that there has been a slight increase in the number of members of the Society. This may be attributed to the fact that one or two people have

recently undertaken the painting of posters to advertise the various meetings.

Although there will only be a few meetings at the beginning of next term, new members are always welcome.

T. Francis.

Affiliation Society

The Society has met this term to elect a Committee to carry out the suggested projects. We are hoping to arrange making tape recordings and films of various aspects of school life to send to Friends' School in Baltimore.

E.D. E.W.

Junior Dramatic Society

Meetings have been held this term in the Dining Room and last term in form-rooms but despite handicaps of space, and of course the 'flu wave, the Society has had a full programme. At Christmas five groups presented short plays, and now there is the Junior Reading Competition, and the summer play, to think about. New members are always welcome.

C.E.

Summer Fete, 1959

The school will again this year be holding a fête towards the end of the Summer Term, this time in aid of buying new curtains for the school hall. The final details have still as yet to be settled; but we hope that, as the time approaches, you will look out for the posters and give us your full support, both in bringing as much as you can for selling at the stalls, and by encouraging all your parents and relations to come on the day of the fête.

K.J.E.

Life-Saving Apparatus

On listening to a news broadcast, have you ever given much thought when it is announced: "..... a trawler sank off the coast of Norway this morning. The crew of eight was picked up safely two hours later."

How and in what way was that crew saved? Usually it is by an inflatable life-raft or rubber dinghy. Nine times out of ten these are made and supplied by the R.F.D. Company of Godalming.

During the past three school summer holidays I have been temporarily employed in the factory's experimental section. In this section are built all the new prototype dinghies which the design department sends up. Plans and patterns accompany the order to build the new dinghy.

Dinghies are usually made of three ply cotton fabric, proofed with rubber. The main part of a dinghy is the hull which comprises two buoyancy tubes and a floor. Each chamber is made up of shaped

sections and each is independently inflated. The two are stuck together with rubber solution.

The floor is also made up in sections, and has two thicknesses. This enables a survivor to inflate it, thereby keeping the coldness of the water out. The floor is then stuck and sealed to the lower chamber.

Special valves are inserted in all the inflatable tubes, so that any excess pressure may be released. The valves automatically shut when normal pressure is reached.

In recent years, it has been the practice to cover the dinghy with a canopy for protection against the elements. The canopy is supported either by arch-tubes or a central inflatable "pole." There are three kinds of material used for canopies—silk, nylon and "Terylene." They are proofed in brilliant colours, for recognition purposes.

The assembled dinghy is then ready for trials. It is rolled into a tight bundle, and compressed CO₂ in cylinders is attached by hoses. When the bottle seals are broken, the dinghy inflates within twenty seconds.

Each new dinghy has to be put through stiff tests before it is given a certificate of safety by the Ministry of Transport.

When a dinghy is ready for sale, a pack of emergency rations is provided, along with repair and fishing kits, torches and flares. The complete unit is packed in either a canvas valise or a fibre-glass drum. They can be stowed in aircraft or on ship's decks.

The size of dinghies ranges from single seaters to those which can hold over thirty people.

Working in a life saving apparatus firm gives one a great sense of doing a good turn for humanity.

B. Vince U.V.I.Lit.

The Eagle

On a lonely shore in North Scotland the day brought the results of the storm. A strong wind thrust the waves against the rocks, ripped up the long tufts of thick coarse yellow grass, bent small stunted trees and bushes until they creaked, and hurled small boulders off the high pointed cliffs. All noises were almost inaudible due to the howling wind. Rain washed earth from the cliff sides and caused thousands of small ripples in the sea.

Upon a bleak bare cliff stood a large eagle seeming to dare the wind to blow him off. His beak was very large and hooked, his neck short and thick. His two small eyes scanned the horizon. His legs were long and covered with feathers. His talons were narrow and sharp and his feet were covered with white skin and scales. His wings measured eight feet when fully stretched and were coloured dark brown. Across the centre of the back was a golden brown stripe hardly noticeable. His tail was thick and had a broad white stripe across it.

The eagle leapt into the air, closed his claws, put his legs out behind him, flapped his wings and skimmed over the rocks to his nest, a little bunch of mud and clay containing two large red speckled eggs. He looked to see they were untouched and slowly regained his perch. All other animals and birds were cowering in their homes, and the fish were hiding in the mud frightened to get crushed against the rocks by the furious sea. Only the eagle defied the wind and wave to do their worst.

Vink 3A.

The Boxing Day Hunt

When I woke up the sky was grey and overcast. The great day had come at last; the tack had been cleaned and my pony groomed the day before. Hurrying down to Piper's field I found that she needed a bit of grooming, but not much. This I did and then I put on her tack. Straightening my tie and picking up my hunting crop I mounted, opened the gate and we were off. Jane, my friend, was to meet me on the way to Guildford on her pony, Golly. Seeing Jane in the distance I trotted up to her and we exchanged greetings. She looked just as excited as I did. Even the ponies sensed there was something going on, they walked out beautifully and held their heads well. Arriving at Tunsgate after a rather nerve-racking ride up the High Street, I saw one of my friends from a nearby stables. We talked and chatted and entered the car park where quite a few horses and ponies had already gathered. The hounds had arrived and were under the good control of the huntsmen, whose red coats added a brightness to the already vivid scene. Somebody prodded me in the back and pointed to a very unusual sight. Rather a large robust man was sitting on a huge black horse and beside him was a tiny pony with a small girl riding it. I found out later the pony was called Bambi and the horse, Big Jim. The cap came round and I was asked to give generously as it was for the huntsman. Putting ten shillings in, I asked Jane how much she contributed, and was rather annoyed when she said three and sixpence, but I suppose it was for a good cause! Shouts came from one side of the park, and we were asked to make way for the huntsmen. The huntsmen went first, and then it was a free-for-all as to who should follow next. Managing to squeeze in one place, I set off at a brisk trot. We climbed up steep Pewley Hill, and finally got to the downs. A brisk gallop along the downs, and then down through some fields towards the jumps. The first jump was a brush, Piper cleared it with ease, and so did Golly. Then on towards the woods where the log jumps were cleared without difficulty. After a while the hunt emerged from the woods near St. Martha's. We rode just below St. Martha's over to Newlands Corner.

The dull sky had given way now to bright sunshine. However this was short lived. For after about half an hour's slow riding a thick mist clamped down on the whole hunt. We heard the dogs barking

and gathered from their tone there must be a fox nearby. A long gallop through a plantation of young trees was followed with a few jumps. One of the ponies, a grey, in front of me suddenly shied and off came its rider. The pony galloped into the mist but somebody went after it. The hunt was going hard so I did not stop, knowing that to get separated from the hunt in weather like this would be stupid. Stopping and starting was the way we went after this and gradually the hunt was splitting up and going home. Looking at my watch I suddenly remembered Jane, I glanced round but I could not see her; I knew she preferred to stay near the back of the hunt so I waited till the last horse had passed me, but no Jane. After waiting for some time, she still did not come and as I did not want to get lost I kicked Piper into a canter and joined the rest of the horses. We emerged onto Newlands Corner Golf Course and then rode up to the car park at the top. Piper was tiring and sweating and I felt it was not fair to push her any more. So, after shouting goodbye, I turned and started for home. There was quite a distance to go before I reached home, so I loosened her girth and dismounted. When I reached home, I was told that a telephone call had come from Jane which assured me she was safe. Rubbing Piper down was a painful job for me, but a necessary one. Leaving her steadily munching her hay after a good feed, I thought over the day. Although we did not get a kill, it had been very exciting and enjoyable, and I was sure Piper had enjoyed it too.

Rosalind Jewitt. 4X.

III-Pains and More So

(With apologies to Milton's "Il Penseroso")

Hence loathed G.C.E.,
By learned Dons and black gowned demons set,
In Stygian boardroom met,
To min. of Ed's sepulchral cups of tea.
But hail! thou gamesters fair and fit
Yclept Liz, Mag and Jenny Git
Freedom's goddess with racquet high,
The cynosure of neighbouring eye.
Next winged Mag with run and twist
More deadly yet than brawny fist.
Last Captain Liz whose good and calm
Protects the school from daily harm.
How would I gambol with them yet,
Instead, in the cold hall I sweat
To answer puzzles for the magistri
Whose moans redouble to the hills
And back to me.
O Merlin! had I but thy power
To raise the wise from Hades' bower,

That Shakespeare, Archimedes, Donne,
And Jonson (if his socks be on)
Might with their knowledge fill my need,
And I to forty-seven speed.
Come Clio, bouncing up and down,
And weeping in your watery bier,
With Dux Euterpe lending ear,
O! listen to my woeful tale,
Give aid, lest in all eight I fail!
Here I must sit and rightly spell
And lies about my précis tell.
A shepherd on a hummock near
Has marked his fourteenth sheep I fear (Pastoral),
Can it be he who camest low?
So nimbly now his pen doth flow,
Would my light at midnight hour,
Be seen in some high lonely tower.
Soon are we at the feast all met
And at our savoury dinners set
Of herbs and other country messes
Which greatly add to our distresses.
I hear the school now wend her way
To break, with song and roundelay.
Let all who now would shout and sing
Bestill their tongues remembering
That they must tread this "mocking" way;
In years to come they too shall say,
Sing Philomel, sweet, clear and soon,
Sing Philomel, but not in June.

Milly Tonne.

"Edith"

After travelling some six and a half thousand miles across the Pacific without touching land, it was with great pleasure that we strolled around in the ancient city of Balboa, at the southern end of the Panama Canal. Half a day was too quickly spent in this city of contrast between the ancient and modern. Set among the old, elaborately gilded churches, market places, and residences with their wrought iron windows, were the fantastic modern buildings of the luxury hotels, and the colourful, spacious impression given by the large American cars and cinemas.

Tucked away among the bustle of the town is a small palace courtyard where a President had been assassinated shortly before our visit, and where now, lovely white herons were lords of a mother of pearl pool.

In the early hours of next morning the ship started its ascent through the six locks and Gatun Lake, forming the Panama Canal. Each lock has a capacity of twenty six million gallons which fills in

8 minutes. No pumps are used to fill the locks which are able to take all but the five largest ships in the world. Apart from the locks (unlike the Suez Canal) this waterway appears surprisingly natural, and we had the good luck of seeing a "Jesus Christ Lizard," so called because it can walk on water.

The canal engineer and commentator left us with the pilot at Cristobal, and after refuelling at Caracas Bay, Curacao, we started on the last part of our journey.

The Caribbean was in sunny mood, and with the blue water curling from our bows, we spent long, calm days under a tropical sun. Awnings had been erected to provide very necessary shade; and fantastic quantities of long cool drinks were enjoyed. The swimming pool was the centre of fun, in fact the coolest spot on board.

As I sat at the same table as a radio officer it was inevitable during meal times that conversation would demand of him all the bits of news he could give us. He acted as our "newspaper" and although he said much of the news was unrepeatable he would tell us what he could of world affairs.

At that time there was a rumour of bad weather but little was thought of it as our captain was nick-named "Fair Weather Pilcher." Activity continued much as usual on board, and as the New Zealanders are particularly keen on horse racing and betting, very elaborate arrangements are made for this occasion. The horses move according to the throw of a dice, and much amusement is gained and surprising quantities of money change hands.

One such evening, however, our rumour developed when the captain received a message and strolled over to the "controlling tower." Here he announced that the evening's entertainment would have to stop as a storm warning had been sent out. He asked everybody to retire with all their possessions, so that his crew could work on taking down the awnings. Speed was the main factor and everything was bundled into the empty swimming pool. Chairs, canvas, the lot, was packed into the pool and large hawsers and nets thrown over them to prevent loss. Windows were shuttered, portholes fastened. The bar was cleared of glasses, and pianos, chairs, and tables bolted to the floor. And then, "Edith" was upon us.

Hurricanes are given names beginning with the letters of the alphabet, and working from A-Z during the year. There had been few hurricanes this year and although it was August only the letter "E" had been reached.

I too, went to my cabin, and lay on my bunk below the porthole. The motion of the waves was thrilling and my sleep was light. It did not even last long, as to my horror the porthole burst open. Water came flooding in at regular intervals and the cabin floor gradually became more and more flooded, the sea water playing havoc with my personal belongings. I rushed to find the steward. Nowhere was he to be found. It took me a full ten minutes to find

him and as I walked along the passage I must have looked like a drunk, my pyjamas sodden, taking a very meandering course in the direction of the stewards' sleeping quarters.

The ship was lurching heavily and each time the stern rose the propellers would spin violently, clear of the surging mass below them.

Eventually the maintenance crew arrived with hammers and a porthole cover, and my cabin was sealed from the waves outside. Water had already reached the level of the raised threshold and was trickling in all directions down the passage.

I could not return to bed and hurriedly dressed in the clothes that had remained dry. I wandered for the rest of the night and eventually made my way to the covered promenade deck overlooking the bows. To my surprise I could not see them. I stood amazed, but to my relief they appeared a few seconds later, water pouring off in all directions. Then they were gone again, digging deeply into the mountains of water which confronted them.

I found out later that we had broken a propeller shaft and were limping along at a mere two or three knots. Our greatest fear was that we would receive an S.O.S. call which would have to be answered.

We were carrying valuable radar equipment, and a distress call would mean penetrating further into the hurricane, with the probable loss of many valuable instruments.

No distress call came and we crawled slowly out of the worst of the storm and finally left "Edith" a really unwelcome visitor. It took the engineers several days to repair the shaft and then our progress increased, our spirits rose and "Edith" was the subject of many skits at both fancy dress balls and other occasions.

SCHULYEMAN, 5A.

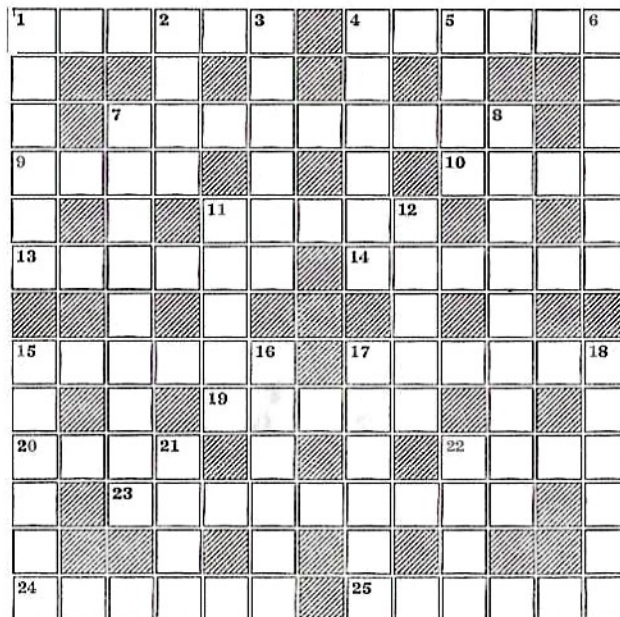
An American "If"

If George the Third and Parliament
Had not been so absurd
The Concord shot that changed the world
Might never have been heard,
And all the talk of taxes
And of Boston and of tea
Would never have occurred at all
It didn't *have* to be!

If George had sent us someone
With tact and wit and charm,
There would have been no North Church light,
No Paul Revere's alarm,
No Valley Forge, no Yorktown, and
(Though we've no wish to be)
The U.S.A. might have remained
A British Colony.

If George the Third had used his head
 He could have changed the scene
 And we'd be singing loyally
 And loud: "God Save the Queen!"
 There would have been no need to fight,
 No need for Lord Cornwallis,
 If George had had the sense to send
 Somebody like Bill Ellis!!

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS:

1. A nobleman in the South East, or Diane of the Fourth.
4. A unique and popular loan from the United States.
7. To do with money matters.
9. A headboy, still in the First Form?
10. Scottish Skirt.
11. Most of our boys and girls are in them, but Form I is not, nor are the staff.
13. Ancient city found in Greece and Egypt.
14. A paste for football boots.
15. An honours examination at Cambridge.
17. The objectives of head-hunting Indians.
19. Poetical word for "under."
20. Goes with glory and honour in one of our hymns.
22. A male cat; small.
23. To do with dancing. You get it by putting sodium chloride on a Conservative.

24. A girl in the Fourth, who once rode to York.
25. A third form boy who used to live at Baker St. You know his methods.

CLUES DOWN:

1. Soul, ghost, courage, or a solution in alcohol.
2. This often stopped the play in Summer.
3. Avoids, dodges.
4. A word meaning "fertile" "fruitful."
5. The way the water got into the boat or out of the bucket.
6. Putrid. There were boroughs like this until 1832.
7. Witty and waggish. Put a face on it from the beginning.
8. Obligation or debt. Seven-ninths of it is sheer ability.
11. Half a joint more familiar to Mr. Bettison than to Mrs. Spalding. If you like, another half-score.
12. In Mr. Copsy's form, a girl sounds quite similar.
15. Tolfree comes after him.
16. An E. Devon coastal resort, giving the weight of water there.
17. If one is in time, nine will be saved.
18. To the Romans, he was the god of sleep.
21. Slightly wet.
22. An inland sea.

There will be a prize for the first correct solution handed to the Editor.

The Fireside

I sit beside a blazing fire,
 The flames that flicker do not tire:
 The coals are burning bright,
 Sending forth an eerie light.
 It's very warm down here and cosy,
 The fierce heat makes my cheeks all rosy,
 I love to sit in front of the fire,
 And, like the flames, I never tire
 While watching the glorious colours blending,
 While the flames of the fire are sending
 Smoke, up the chimney, out into the sky;
 It's a shame to think these flames must die.

GEORGINA BURDELL, IX.

Parents' Association

A fascinating lecture on "Photography to-day" was given by Mr. Cyril Fitcher, of Haslemere, to a small but extremely appreciative audience. Photographs of aeroplanes taken from other aeroplanes were particularly impressive, and studies of children were very charming, as were photographs of country houses.

The lecturer answered a number of questions which revealed how stimulating the audience found the lecture.

Miss Purver, who took the chair at the meeting, thanked Mr. Fitcher for his very interesting lecture.

Parents' teas are being held in March. Indications are that they will be as well attended as ever.

H.J.L.

O.G. News

BIRTHS

To Janet (née Woodford) and Philip Ray, a son Stephen Norton on December 29th, 1958.

To Sheila (née Lewer) and Raymond Mitchell, a son Stephen, on January 28th, 1959.

To Pat Van't Riet (née Smith), a daughter, on July 24th, 1958.

To Dorothea Hooper (née Wigfield) a son Alastair, on January 17th, 1959.

MARRIAGES

Roy Frederick Hackett to Mary Elizabeth Wakefield on November 29th.

Sheila Jeffreys to Alan Jennings on December 13th.

Betty Smithers to John Bookham on February 7th.

R. B. Osborne to Marion Creamer on January 1st.

Brian E. Hardiman to Joan Hislop on February 7th.

Daphne Cheesemore to L./R.O. Norman Bramley, R.N., on February 7th.

The Reunion Social on December 20th was attended by about a hundred O.G.'s and members of the VI Form. An excellent programme of events was organised by Graham Beattie to whom the thanks of the Association are due for arranging a most enjoyable evening. The Head Girl, Elizabeth Westcott, made a charming speech of thanks to the Association for inviting the VI Form and to all who had helped to make the evening such a success.

O.G. Notes

Phyllis Hartt, who left school to join the Godalming branch of Boots the Chemists, was transferred to the Croydon branch. She is now, however, working at Barclay's Bank in the same area.

Shirley Carter is teaching Infants in the village of Crondall, near Fleet, Hampshire.

Shelagh Collins is teaching Maths. in a Secondary Modern and Technical School in Kettering, Northants. She enjoys Bell-Ringing and met the School Society on its recent Bell-Ringing Tour.

Jennifer Young is now Deputy Senior Student at St. Katherine's Training College, Liverpool, and looking after the "new girl," Pauline Mills. They both play for the College Hockey Team.

Pauline Gregory, after six years' work as a Hospital Almoner in Bristol, is now seeking entry to a Teacher's Training College.

Officer Cadet Penelope Evans, W.R.A.C., has been awarded the Sash of Honour as the best cadet of her year and was commissioned at the passing out parade at Hindhead on March 4th, 1959.

Flight Lieutenant Louis Brooks, stationed in Germany, has been married for two years, and would welcome news from O.G.'s. He was posted for a time in Cyprus.

Paul Davies is now working at the Foreign Office.

Kenneth Birbeck is now a Corporal in the R.A.F. and is at present in Cyprus, serving with a team of R.A.F. radar maintenance engineers, whose area covers the entire Middle East.

Grahame Ebben has been selected by the War Office Selection Board for training as an Officer.

Audrey Mann has been awarded her half colours for Lacrosse at Southampton University, and is now in her last year on the Diploma of Education Course.

Olive Gocher has been appointed Deputy School Meals Officer in Surrey and will be concerned with the Kingston-Surbiton area.

Pat Pardington accompanied Princess Margaret on her journeys to the West Indies and Canada.

Gordon Ward, who has been teaching in North Wales, has been appointed to the staff of Rutlish School, Merton.

Margaret Wigfield, S.R.N., has just passed the S.C.M.C.M.B. Part I examination for which she trained at the Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, and is training for Part II Midwifery at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

Walter J. Wigfield has been appointed Senior Assistant Medical Officer of Health at Middlesbrough.

Mrs. G. Bartlett (née Brignall), Misses J. Charleson, J. Courtneil and S. Butters with Messrs. Beswick, A. J. Davis and D. Ellis took part in the recent production of the Godalming Operatic Society "The Pirates of Penzance."

Robert Hockley, B.Sc., has taken a post with the Agricultural Advisory Service in Malta.

Joy Hockley has finished a three-year course at the Royal Surrey County Hospital at Guildford and has now qualified as a cook. She passed the Royal Society of Health's Nutrition examination last August.

Dr. D. J. Smith is now at Welwyn, still working for I.C.I. He was transferred to Plastics Division last year and he is personal assistant to the General Works Manager who is responsible for the production of Polythene, Perspex, Diakon, Formaldehyde resins, etc.

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LITTLE, R. G.C.E. O.L.4. To find work.

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GEORGINA BUNDELL moved to Rochester.

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