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Editorial

"Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow . . ."
and suddenly it is TODAY, and you troop into the hall to shrink down into a desk which bears the carved initials of former sufferers—but of what consolation is it now to know that others before you have sat in this self-same desk faced with a sheet of questions—and you must admit that the questions would be quite reasonable if only you could remember what you so laboriously studied for weeks in advance. But alas, today you sprawl perplexed and uninspired over a desk uncomfortably small, or cower behind one which towers over you, biting your pen-nib ferociously or gazing despondently at the industrious forms about you. The minute hand creeps round. What! Someone going up for more paper already! You try to smother the nagging impression that you might have been able to tackle the paper in a more confident and determined manner if you had only stayed at home last Saturday instead of going out; but it was worth it! . . .

So your mind roves on, dreaming of what may be in the sweet future when "Mock" is a thing of the past. But, O ye uninitiated! Has no one murmured that Mock is never a thing of the past (perhaps that is why they call it "Mock"), they who mark your papers, they who pounce with fiendish delight upon your errors, they who show you, with long-suffering patience, what you might have achieved if only . . . they soothe your anguished spirit with those cheerful, encouraging words: "But of course, in the summer . . ." What does happen in the summer? Can anyone tell me what happens in the summer?

Springtime, new life, fresh colours. As one writer put it (and he was one of those Americans): "Spring is like a perhaps hand that comes carefully out of nowhere." But as each little leaf unfurls, as each grass blade bows its head under a crystal dewdrop, as each gentle breath of wind whispers that Spring is here, yet your lifting spirits droop, haunted by a strange forboding that all is not well.

However, to those concerned, and to those whose raised voices have hushed on nearing the precincts of the examination hall, we wish you a good holiday, even if you do not find a chocolate Easter egg in your stocking!

Headmaster's Notes

School numbers this term have been 575.

Prefects appointed this term are Mary Knottley and Pat Webb; R. McSorley, S. Schuyleman, R. Bodle, R. Kimber, M. Tims, B. Watts and D. Wigfield.

The new Biology Laboratory was completed and came into use early in March, when we were also glad to note the resumption of work on the Pavilion. We look forward to the completion of the Pavilion and its formal opening early in the Summer Term.

For the gift of nine flowering-cherry trees planted alongside the school drive we thank a good friend of the school who wishes to remain anonymous, and we look forward to their blossoming year by year.

The School took a collection for the World Refugee Year Fund and raised £55, which has been paid into the Mayor of Godalming's Appeal Account. Nineteen out of twenty-two Forms exceeded the target set them. Form 4A raised the fine total of £6/10/0 and several Forms by reaching £3 doubled their target.

We were sorry to say "Good-bye" in February to Miss Joy Hockley, an Old Godhelmian who had come back to be our Caterer. We enjoyed the meals she planned and cooked, but she found the long journey from beyond Chiddingfold aggravated nasal troubles and returned to her previous post at the Royal Surrey County Hospital. We are very grateful to Miss Holmes of the County's Staff for filling the post so excellently while we await a permanent appointment.

W.M.W.



1st XI.

Of the six games played so far this term, the XI. has lost 5 and drawn 1. The promise shown last term seems to have been lost. Despite the defeats, the standard of play has been quite good on occasions. The defence has worked fairly well, but a number of goals have been scored against them as a result of misunderstanding and bad calling. Mid-field play has been moderate; but good constructive play by Buck has too often been wasted by

the forwards.

Two vacancies had to be filled at the beginning of the term, and the forward line has not settled down as a result of this. All too often good approach play has been wasted and ruined by hesitancy in front of goal, and making the extra unnecessary pass; together with inaccurate and weak shooting. More goals could have been scored, and some defeats could quite easily have been victories.

2nd XI. The 2nd XI. has lost all 4 matches played this term.

M.A.W.

COOMBES (goalkeeper), Capt. Colours. Has served the team very well. Has good anticipation, gathers the ball cleanly, and is courageous. M.A.W.

BARTLETT (L. back), Vice-Capt.). Quite good; but needs to develop a stronger tackle and a greater sense of urgency. M.A.W.

SENNETT (R. back). Colours. A strong tackler; his positional play is very good.

WHITING (R. half). His positional play is very good, and he makes intelligent use of the ball; but he must go into the tackle harder.

CROSS (C. half). Colours. A much improved player who makes good use of the ball. He must try to improve his heading.

BUCK (L. half). Colours. A good all round player. Always uses the ball intelligently.

BODLE (R. wing). A fast winger, who has a good shot in both feet. He must try to improve his ball control.

TIMS (Inside right). Has good ball control and a good shot in both feet. Does not always use the ball to the best advantage.

KINSHOTT (C. forward). Has a good shot in both feet, but often misses goals because of his inexperience.

HANAUER (Inside left). Colours. A tricky, hard working inside forward. His right foot shot still needs improving.

LAMBERT (Left wing). A very fast, direct winger. Has a good shot from a narrow angle. His heading however needs improving.

MANSELL (Centre forward). A very good opportunist, who scored 20 goals last term. He was greatly missed when he left.

HALES (Inside right). A strong player with good ball control, but inclined to play too deep.

WESTWICK, CARPENTER, have also played in the 1st XI.

F.C.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Under 15

This side has lived up to the promise shown earlier this season and are still undefeated in spite of the facts that Whitaker and Cheal have only been available for afternoon games, due to cricket coaching arrangements, and Kinshott has been moved into the 1st XI.

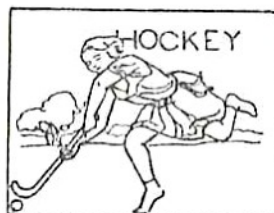
With a goal scoring average of five per game, giving a total of 40, and with only 14 goals having been scored against, this side looks extremely promising for the future. The neat intelligent forward line and strong tackling defence co-ordinate to form a powerful team in the true sense of the word.

U.14. The form of the U.14 has been extremely variable and they have never settled down as a team. The side is a very young one which should, with more match practice, do quite well in the future.

D.E.W.K.

RESULTS.

1st XI.	v. Hinchley Wood C.S.S.	Lost	1-4
	v. Glyn C.G.S.	... Lost	2-6
	v. Woking C.G.S.	... Lost	1-4
	v. Ryden's School	... Drew	3-3
	v. George Abbot School	... Lost	1-3
	v. Dorking C.G.S.	... Lost	1-3
2nd XI.	v. Woking C.G.S.	... Lost	0-6
	v. Glyn C.G.S.	... Lost	1-3
	v. Gordon Boys School	... Lost	0-4
	v. Dorking C.G.S.	... Lost	1-5
Under 15 XI.	v. Hinchley Wood	... Won	3-1
	v. Woking C.G.S.	... Won	5-4
	v. George Abbot School	... Cancelled	
	v. Ottershaw School	... Won	10-1
Under 14 XI.	v. King Edward's School, Witley	Won	1-0
	v. Woking C.G.S.	... Lost	10-1
	v. Ryden's School	... Lost	2-1
	v. Ottershaw School	... Won	3-1



Bad weather at the beginning of term prevented early trials and practices. Several matches were cancelled. It was therefore well into the term before teams were settled, particularly the 2nd and U.15. When able to practice outside all girls worked hard and intelligently. Unfortunately this intelligence tends to

leave them during a match.

Match Play. Individual stickwork and ball control was usually good but teamwork lacked sensitivity and sympathy, thus there were eleven players but no team. This applies to all three teams. They must learn to adapt their game to other players and in accordance with the opposing team.

During the term there has been some progress in team-work, and the two matches played provided valuable experience especially for the 2nd XI.

In all teams the defence has been more reliable than the attack both in actual defence and in beginning an attacking movement.

The attacking forwards have failed at the crucial moment in their speed and power of shooting. This can be improved by quicker footwork and closer ball control. Each forward should be prepared to take the initiative and go in and shoot hard and follow up for another shot.

MATCH RESULTS

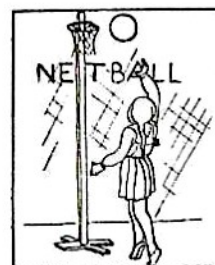
1st XI.	v. Tormead	... ..	cancelled.
1st XI.	v. Petersfield	... ..	cancelled.
1st XI.	v. Oak Hall	... ..	Lost 1-0
2nd XI.	v. Oak Hall	... ..	Lost 3-0
1st XI.	v. Woking	... ..	Lost 8-1
2nd XI.	v. Woking	... ..	Lost 1-0
"A" XI.	v. Midhurst	... ..	Lost 4-0
1st XI.	v. Dorking C.G.S.	... ..	cancelled
2nd XI.	v. Dorking	... ..	cancelled
1st XI.	v. Guildford C.G.S.	... ..	Lost 2-1
2nd XI.	v. Guildford C.G.S.	... ..	Lost 2-0
1st XI.	v. Old Godhelmians	... ..	Drew 2-2

1st XI.			2nd XI.
C. Gates	... G.K.	... E. Sawyer	
A. Wallace	... R.B.	... C. Haynes	
J. Parker	... L.B.	... R. Gorringer	
E. Meadows	... R.H.	... M. Rowland	
C. Ingram	... C.H.	... V. Smith	
P. Westcott	... L.H.	... E. Wigfield	
		... J. Edwards	
J. Norman	... R.W.	... G. Butcher	
K. Thayer	... R.I.	... C. Davies	
P. Sivill	... C.F.	... L. Colley	
R. Ahearne	... L.I.	... J. Bennett	
J. Aylott	... L.W.	... G. Wibberly	

U.15 XI. The following girls have attended practices:—

J. Colpus, E. Hardiman, P. Holmes, G. Lewis, S. Marshall, H. Matthews, L. Riley, C. Darlow, M. Heath, S. Kingman, S. Lawrence, S. Ruffhead, G. Nightingale, M. Wheeler.

J.M.P.



All members of teams have worked enthusiastically at the practices and games. Great efforts have been made to improve the standard of footwork and ball control. In addition they have made every effort to combine together, the U.15 being more successful than the U. 14, who at times still play a rather individual game.

The U. 15 VII. have made good progress in most aspects of the game and deserve the successes they have had. However they must be even quicker in switching from attacking to defending and in positioning themselves between their opponent and the ball during an opposing attacking movement.

The U. 14 VII. have had a series of reshuffles this term and have failed to produce a completely settled team. The team has

also suffered from a lack of shooters in the 3rd year with the result that it has been necessary to use an *under 13* player. The other shooter owing to unfortunate absences has had little chance of proving herself in matches.

The *Under 13 VII.* is a very new group which has worked hard and with great enthusiasm into an efficient team. As with the U. 14 VII. the lack of shooters has been a handicap but those selected have practised untiringly.

The team will benefit from the interest the rest of the 2nd year is taking in them.

MATCH RESULTS

U. 15	King Edwards School	...	Lost	12—10
U. 14	Priors Field	...	Lost	11—5
U. 15	Midhurst S.M.	...	Drew	6—6
U. 15	Midhurst Grammar	...	Won	13—11
U. 14	"	...	Lost	15—7
U. 14	Midhurst S.M.	...	Won	15—12
U. 13	"	...	Lost	9—2
U. 15	Pewley	...	Lost	12—8
U. 14	"	...	Lost	14—10
U. 15	Woolmer Hill	...	Won	22—7
U. 14	"	...	Won	11—5
U. 13	"	...	Won	14—9

U. 15 VII.		U. 14 VII.	U. 13 VII.
Sh.	J. Colpus	J. Baker, S. Bailey	J. Harman
A.	H. Matthews	J. Viney	J. Sutch
AC.	G. Lewis	J. Hoffman	V. Burgess
C.	E. Hardiman	J. Thomas	J. Ede
DC.	M. Heath	E. Field	J. Bradfield
D.	P. Holmes	P. Freeman	C. Curtis
Gk.	S. Marshall	S. Jones	H. Shergold

N.P.

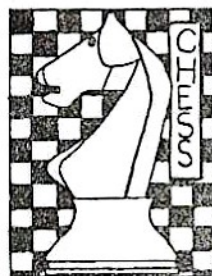
Gym Club

This term the emphasis has been on modern gymnastics and dance. Although these are commonly practiced in many schools, this was the first attempt that anyone above the 1st Form had made at our school, and although most people found it difficult at first to use the very free type of movement, and to use their own imagination they have now become more accustomed to it, and appear to be enjoying this new experience.

Attendance has been fairly steady throughout the term, but any girl of the 5th or 6th Form who would like to join will be welcomed.

Our grateful thanks are due to Miss Pinching and Miss Paul, who kindly give up their time to suffer and encourage our attempts.

R.P.A.



Although several matches are still to be played the Chess Club can claim to have had an enjoyable and successful season, the First Team having won three and a half out of seven matches, and the "Under 16" Team six out of seven matches played. In addition the teams entered for the *Sunday Times* Tournament and won three out of five matches. Downer reached the area final of the Surrey Boys' Competition and D. Wigfield has played for Surrey against Hampshire.

Looking ahead to next season we shall be needing more players from the present fourth forms if the strength of our teams is to be maintained.

The Junior Chess Club has kept up its enthusiasm, although a number of set backs have been experienced this term. The inclement weather interfered with the first two meetings, and the Dining Hall has been required for other activities on two occasions. However the last few meetings have been successful and the "Ladder" and "League" are now well under way.

RESULTS.

1st	v. Woking	...	Drawn	6—6
	v. Farnham	...	Won	4½—3½
U. 16	v. R.G.S. Guildford	...	Won	6—2
	v. Woking	...	Lost	3½—4½
	v. Farnham	...	Won	6—2
	v. Charterhouse	...		

V.J.M.

Senior Debating Society

President: J. Nicklin

Secretary: D. Street.

Vice-President: P. Orr.

Committee: Rosemary Ahearne, Georgina Ingram, R. Kimber, S. Schuyleman and M. Brayshaw.

As this Spring term is longer than usual, more meetings have been held. Attendances have been higher than usual for this time of the year, even though examinations have interrupted the meetings; but more support from the Fourth form would be desirable. The regular speakers have maintained last term's standard, but there have been too few maiden speeches.

Among the subjects debated were: "This decade will see a decline in craftsmanship," "Britain should not try to keep up with the Joneses," "We have never had it so good."

A literary meeting has been held, and Mr. Fermor kindly took the chair for a discussion on "African Problems."

At the time of writing, the annual Cup Debate, a debate with

Charterhouse, and a lecture on the Outward Bound movement are yet to come.

The Summer excursion this year will be to the Cotswolds, Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick.

D.J.S.

Student Christian Movement

There have been ten meetings this term, at which attendances have been very good. At the beginning of the term, however, some people tended to talk amongst themselves instead of speaking for all to hear. This was soon overcome, and discussions continued more freely.

During this term the subjects discussed have included: "Is religion necessary for life?", "The authority of the church and the Bible," and "The Sacraments." This last discussion went so well that we continued it on the following Tuesday, and there was still good discussion forthcoming. I have been very pleased this term to see some of the younger members of the group adding their own views at the discussions.

Just before Half-Term we held a discussion on Refugees, and on the 15th February a film was shown on the same subject. Our thanks go to Peter Orr, who was responsible for bringing the film and arranging for it to be shown; and also to Mr. Watkins who was our projectionist. A small collection was taken after the film had been shown, and this went towards our School Fund for Refugees.

Although, owing to G.C.E. examinations, there will be only a few meetings of the S.C.M. next term, new faces are always welcome, and we should like to hear more people's views.

PETER HEARTFIELD.

Matters of Music

SENIOR CHOIR

The first half of this term has been spent in sectional practices and with a two-week interruption of practices during the Mock period we have not (at the time of going to press) really heard the combined results of our labours. The music we are studying is as follows:

" My Lord, what a morning "	<i>Spiritual</i>
" Little David play on yo' harp "	<i>Spiritual</i>
" Glorious is thy name " (12th Mass)	<i>Mozart</i>
Choruses from " Samson "	<i>Handel</i>

We are fortunate at the moment in having fairly strong soprano, alto and bass sections. As always the tenor department is under strength. Considering that we lost several valuable members to the compulsory School Team practices on Tuesdays (periods 4 and 5) the situation is quite healthy, although more tenor and bass voices will always be welcome.

Practices: Thursdays, 4—5 p.m. (sometimes sectional);

Alternate Tuesdays, periods 4 and 5 (members of Forms V and VI only) sectional.

JUNIOR CHOIR

During the major part of this term the Junior Choir has been working together with a number of Senior Choir sopranos and altos in preparation for the concert at the Odeon, Guildford, in aid of the World Refugee Year (27th March). We were fortunate in being invited to take part in this venture in company with three Guildford schools. The combined choir consists of two hundred girls. We regret that as it is not a mixed choir our boys could not take part.

Practices: Wednesdays, 4—4.45 p.m. approx.

VIOLIN CLASSES

We now have two grades of violin class tuition in operation. A slightly odd feature of this is that the first year group consists almost entirely of girls, while the second year class contains no girls at all.

ROBERT MAYER CONCERTS

Throughout the Autumn and Spring terms there have been regular visits to these famous concerts at the Royal Festival Hall. We are hoping for larger parties next Autumn.

D.S.

Junior Dramatic Society

Regular well supported meetings enabled the Society to produce two plays last term. The first years did a charming nativity play, and showed great enthusiasm in learning their words and producing many of their own costumes.

Second year members in small groups each wrote a play, and the best was chosen and acted before the Society. The play, written by Janet Ede, Pauline Newton-Dawson and Elizabeth Schupke, was based on a group of children who did not believe in Father Christmas. The gnomes, as Father Christmas' helpers gave a very gay and light-hearted touch. These strange people from fairyland dressed in bright pom-pom hats and even brighter stockings performed a most energetic and appropriately weird dance which they composed themselves.

The first part of this term was devoted to poetry reading and just before half-term we had a full meeting of the Society which enabled us to hear the best speakers from each group. We were delighted that Miss Gill and Mr. Needham were able to join us and give their helpful criticism. Susan Partington gave a particularly pleasing rendering of Martin Armstrong's "Mrs. Reece Laughs," but generally speaking the standard was disappointing mainly because the choice of poem was unsuitable for the individual.

The third years have been devoting their time and energies to a one act farce "Archibald." I am sure this will be a success as

the third years are a particularly promising group. It has been gratifying to watch their progress since rehearsals began. At first they were obviously just members of the third year standing on the stage (with back more often than not to the audience) and saying words. As they have gained in confidence words have become audible and movements on the stage natural. This has enabled them to really become the characters they are representing.

Members of the Vith Form continue to give great help as group leaders, and I would like to thank them for the time they devote to the Society.

N.P.

Junior Debating Society

Informal discussions and short talks have proved much more successful than formal debates this year. Many subjects have been considered, including Space Travel and Research; The Colour Bar; Pocket Money; Capital Punishment; Juvenile Delinquency; Corporal Punishment for Criminals; The Revival of Swastika Daubing. 3A have been particularly active, and supplied an excellent team for a "Twenty Questions" session, which will be repeated later in the term.

M.B.

Quality Street, December 1959

This is a difficult play for schoolchildren to tackle because it has very little action and what action there is, is restrained as becomes Ladies of Quality; and restraint is not a characteristic of youth. Yet tackle it these boys and girls did—and with obvious enjoyment and not unnaturally, their audiences enjoyed it too.

The curtain rose on a delightful set—which must have helped enormously to give the young players the right atmosphere. There, in the blue and white drawing-room of Miss Susan Throssel, ten years of joy and heartache are presented for our sympathetic consideration.

Jennifer Aylott as Susan, produced the best piece of acting of her school career; she was excellent. Janet Norman sustained a long and rather emotional part extremely well and was particularly effective as Miss Livvy the pretty flirtatious "fictitious" niece. Jeremy Nicklin (Valentine Brown) looked every inch the hero and spoke beautifully.

Celia Gates, Carol Piper and Janet Grimes twittered and nodded meaningfully and charmingly as the gossiping neighbours.

George Dodman was suitably imperturbable as the recruiting sergeant. Nigel Forde and John Brayshaw were absolutely right in the parts of Ensign Blades and Lieutenant Spicer and gave really creditable performances. So did Ella Chidgey as Patty, the maid. She gave full point to every action, every comment, every glance.

Rosalind Jewitt as an attractive minx, Caroline Haynes as a romantic young lady, Patsy Freeman as the schoolgirl who asks awkward questions, Keith Bramall as the schoolboy very naughty but very loyal, all played their parts adequately.

Pauline Westcott and Jean Parker as ladies at the ball, bore themselves with dignity; Eleanor Field, Jane Marshall, Angela Harman, Trevor Plumbley and Richard Anderson completed the tale of schoolchildren with suitable decorum.

The producer and all his assistants, and the young ladies and gentlemen of the cast, are to be congratulated on a very elegant achievement—something very well worth doing and very well done.

K.M.P.

The Experiences of a Candidate at a General Election

By PATRICK FURNELL

I was not a novice when I contested East Grinstead in October, 1959, for I had previously done a good deal of political campaigning and had been a candidate ten years before. But whereas I had previously stood in a large industrial town, this constituency was very different. Apart from two or three small towns it consisted of dozens of villages scattered over an area of several hundred square miles.

The job of a candidate and his party organisation is to get his party's policy known to as many voters as possible. At the same time he must project himself as an individual because we still believe that the M.P. should have views and interests of his own.

Yet a good and efficient organisation is all important, for no one person can personally contact more than a fraction of the 60,000 voters. So the candidate relies on his supporters to call on the electors, to prepare the envelopes for his election address, to organise meetings and to man the committee rooms. In fact he relies on others for almost everything, except to make his speeches!

What strikes one most is how short a time there is for all this work. Last year the Prime Minister gave us only four weeks between the announcement of the election and voting day. In the first fortnight the Agent—a key figure, who does all the real organising work—and I, spent the time in feverish preparations, and only in the last 2½ weeks does the public really hear of the local election efforts. I spent most of my time during the day travelling all over the constituency calling on people, using the loudspeaker for outdoor meetings and propaganda, and generally making a noise. In the evenings there would be between one and three meetings every night, so careful timing was necessary.

You soon learn to be prepared for the unexpected. The Chairman may fail to turn up; and so may the audience, especially in a small village! You may be asked questions on absolutely anything from vivisection to the H. Bomb; and if you do not know the

answer it is not always wise to pretend you do. My most embarrassing moment at an election meeting was when the chairman not only fell to sleep but snored.

Modern elections tend to be rather quiet affairs. Interruptions and heckling at meetings are rare and television keeps a lot of people at home. Yet I would say that most people are better informed about political issues today than they were fifty years ago, when election meetings were one of the few entertainments available. Certainly we have progressed since the days when men's votes could be bought for a few guineas each, for such dishonesty is almost impossible.

Undoubtedly the most exciting time is when all the votes have been cast and the count begins in some central hall. The boxes containing the voting papers are opened and counted on a large number of tables. The candidate, unlike other people, is free to wander from table to table to see how he is doing, and gradually the piles for the different candidates mount up: but not without ups and downs in your individual fortunes which put your heart in your mouth. Quite soon the last vote has been counted and the Returning Officer, who is a sort of umpire, announces the name of the new M.P. If you were a loser, like I was, this is very much of an anti-climax. Within a matter of minutes you cease to be a person of some importance and your life returns to normal.

Article

"The Prime Minister announced this morning that Election Day will be October 8th." The long period of waiting is over—let battle commence. After all there's only a 15,000 majority to overcome. Brief thoughts about suitable subject for maiden speech. Back to reality—well anyway we are bound to cut the majority.

Next morning enter staff room in cheerful mood. Rather chilly reception. It's a pity they couldn't get a supply teacher during my three weeks absence.

Meeting with active workers to plan campaign. Main complaint seems to be that Party H.Q. will not recognise marginal nature of constituency. Study detailed map of constituency—find several places that I didn't know existed. Go home and write election addresses—"Cool for Cats" provides soothing background accompaniment.

First meeting—chest swells during Chairman's introductory remarks—"and now the candidate"!

Stand up—knock over chair—"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen . . ." Long pause—what was that opening sentence which took so long to prepare? Two hours later—that's the first one over. Praise from anxious agent. Rule 1 in Agent's notes—keep the candidate happy at all times.

First week passes—everywhere large meetings and enthusiastic

supporters. The best since '45. Further thoughts on maiden speech—slowly back to reality—at least it will become marginal.

Same pattern during second week. Travel hundreds of miles, answered numerous questionnaires, gratefully received sample packet of throat pastilles from enterprising firm.

A few minor mishaps. Car breaks down in depths of New Forest, loudspeaker equipment fails during factory gate meeting, someone forgets to post 2,000 election addresses, enthusiastic supporter flyposts meeting notice on large detergent advertisement (your ——— Candidate washes cleanest and whitest!).

Best meeting yet—over 200 in audience. Make fiery, fighting speech. Supporters cheer—opponents heckle. Sit down flushed with enthusiasm. This is the great moment. 1st Question: "What is your party's policy?"

Election Day—up at crack of dawn ready for 200 mile tour of constituency. Car breaks down after 5 miles. Shouldn't have tied that Vote Mitchell notice in front of radiator. Rapid repairs. At 11 a.m. reluctantly hand over loudspeaker to wife and retire to nearest Committee Room for cup of tea. The day begins to drag. This is the party workers' big day. Feel in the way, so eventually repair to local hostelry. 10 p.m. enter count. Watch voting papers piling up. Rather a lot of electors seem to have put cross in wrong place.

At last its all over. Mayor announces result. My opponent has increased his majority. Feel very depressed. Congratulate opponent and murmur words about next time.

Go home and watch results on television. Get out pencil and paper and work out complicated percentage sums. Feel better now—at least we have done better than most other places. With this encouraging thought drop off to sleep in chair.

Next morning—back to school. Enter classroom—chalked on blackboard are words "better luck next time." At least the children think I should be in Parliament. I wonder why!

R. C. MITCHELL.

VI. Form Chemistry Trip

On Tuesday, 23rd February, six Lower VI members went to London for a lecture on Chemical Reactions.

The lecture was held at the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, just off Piccadilly, and was given by Professor Porter.

At 5.30 p.m. with everyone assembled in the small lecture room, Professor Porter entered, and within 5 minutes had exploded a mixture of hydrogen and oxygen! (This incidentally was demonstrating a fast reaction!) He demonstrated the speed of chemical reactions to be proportional to the square of the concentration by calling out ten of the audience to perform a particular experiment, each with solutions of different concentrations (unfortunately Godalming was not represented in the ten experimenters).

The Professor was evidently a *dynamic* man, for no less than eight explosions were heard during the hour's lecture. He burnt some of the solid fuel which is used for firing space rockets, and showed that it was rather difficult to extinguish—it continued to burn even when immersed in water. He demonstrated the fact that we ourselves (or the stuff we are made out of) is not particularly stable, chemically speaking. This point was shown by the blowing of some animal cells, from a tube, into a bunsen flame. The result—a flare.

Among the "bangs" was the interesting combination of hydrogen and chlorine, which will take place only very slowly in diffused light, but explosively in sunlight or very bright light, owing to the dissociation of chlorine molecules to chlorine atoms. The experiment was to flash a photographic flash torch beside a gas jar containing a mixture of hydrogen and chlorine. The expected result was obtained.

The formation of water from its constituent elements, hydrogen and oxygen, figured twice in the lecture; firstly, the straightforward "place match in jar and retire immediately" method, and secondly, the passing of an electrical spark through the mixture (demonstrating electrical energy). Nevertheless, however one attempts to convert the hydrogen and oxygen directly to water, the result is always the same—one is left with water and jarred nerves.

Another interesting demonstration was the burning of gun cotton (nitro-cellulose), there being no visible residue, due to its complete vaporization.

An unexpected event at the end of the lecture was the appearance of Sir Lawrence Bragg, whom some had seen on B.B.C. television some time previously, lecturing in the very same hall.

D.C.W.

The Sea

How calm the sea lay in the sun,
The wavelets rollicked on the shore
And all was sweet and wonderful.
Around the pebbles little waves
Gurgling and splashing as in play,
Now chasing in, now slipping back
In some delightful, tireless game.
Those wavelets caught my fancy so.

In after years I once returned
To that same shore, and found the sea
A changed sea: rough wind-tossed waves
Came hurtling t'wards my naked feet,
And crashed with thundrous roaring—
Still my mind echoes the refrain.
Those wrathful waves, now tow'ring high

Like some great beast, about to pounce,
As merciless, as terrible . . .
And now they fall, and crash and rain,
The wallowing sea shakes violently,
And hungry waves come sucking in
To gurgle round my cowering feet.
Cold, merciless, vast, powerful,
The angry sea to motion stirred,
Beats unavailing on the shore,
And in frustration strives again
With some yet mightier wave, to reach,
To strike, to overpower, to grasp,
To draw down to bottomless grave
With hungry jaws of crocodile
My shrinking form, which now in fear
Recoils, retreats, and leaves the sea
Clad in its grey cloak of salt spray,
The mighty, royal dreadful sea,
To its own vibrant, self-sought doom.

E. M. W.

By the River

The bridge is old, and creaks under our feet, but there is no better place from which to view the river on this sunny afternoon.

Beyond the bridge stands a boat-house painted green, the owner's name written in large letters above the wide doors. Canoes, punts and small rowing-boats are tied up at the landing stage. A small black and white terrier scampers about on the bank, eagerly awaiting the first customers.

Further down the river, there sits a fisherman lazily nodding over his line. Several gaily painted house-boats, moored to the bank, seem deserted. The river laps lazily against their sides. Everywhere seems quiet and deserted, except for the noise of the river rushing through the lock gates.

The sharp ringing of an axe disturbs the silence. Our attention is drawn to a wood-cutter who has just returned from his dinner. The fisherman gives a start as he feels a tug on his line, and quickly winds it in, only to find that that large fish is a bunch of reeds. Some children, close by, seem to be having more luck with jam-jars!

But fishing, for the time being, is forgotten, as the movement of the water signifies that the first boats of the afternoon are being launched. The splash of oars attracts our attention; looking behind us, we see a small rowing-boat waiting to come through the locks. The boatman goes to help the lock-keeper: the gates are opened, and the water rushes through, until it is at the same level at both sides of the gate. The boat is then rowed through, and

these gates are closed. The other gates are then opened, and the boat falls swiftly as the water lowers. The oarsman thanks the lock-keeper and goes on his way.

By this time we begin to feel thirsty, so we go in search of a cup of tea. On reaching the top of a nearby hill, we pause and look back as the sun is setting and the last boats are coming back to the boat-house. The fisherman is packing up his tackle, and the children have already run home to tea.

But the river still rolls lazily on its way.

ROGER PRICE, IIA.

Watts in a Name

The study of surnames can be both serious and scientific. Let it be said at once that this article will be neither. One recalls the names of members of this School past and present, and remembers the whole back row of the chessboard, Kings, Queens, Bishops, Knights, a Castle and a Hardcastle, but never a pawn. We have had Earls but never a Countess. We even had a Prince, but, poor fellow, he never became a King. We have had Lords but no Ladies; what! no Ladies in a co-educational school? Tut-tut! Alas, no, Sir, but if no Ladies, we've had many a Mann. We have had Squires, Burgesses, Towners, and even Savages; Smiths, Wrights and Wheelers; Farmers and Fowlers; Taylors, but not Tinkers; Butchers and Bakers, but no Candle-stick-makers; though we have had Cooks and Butlers, and of biscuit-makers we have had Huntley and Palmer, McVittie and Price. We have had Masons and Carpenters with their appropriate materials, Stone and Clay, Wood and Glue, Windows and Glasse. We have had the Strong, but not the Weak, and curiously enough, the Little without the Big, and as befits our games tradition, we have taken pride in the Fitness of our Hardiman. We have had Armes and Leggs and Knees and even Kneels, but they spelt themselves without a K.

We have had Norinans but no Plantagenets; Stewarts and Stuarts, but no Tudors. We have had French and Scotts, and though we have had England and Ireland, we have had neither Wales nor Whales—though we did have a Snowdon. In our Avery we have had Peacocks, Eagles and Sparrows, Cox but no Hens, and even a Rainbird. We have had Webbs but no Spiders, and Sparks without Fire.

If without railway transport, we have had a Rocket; though without a Boat we have had two Orrs; and among cars we have had Austins, Fords and Morrisies to travel along Streets without pavements.

We have had Churches but no Chapels. We have had Fields and, in fact, Meadows with Burns and Waters, but with no Grass (which sounds rather like Mudd). We have had Fielders and Bowlers but neither Balls nor Wickets.

Though we cannot boast J. Caesar, who did live in Godalming, we are doubly represented in Ancient Greek literature with Plato and Homer, and if we are thin in English Men of Letters we can boast the great Lexicographer who has been represented in almost every generation.

Whites, Blacks, Browns, Greens and Pinks complete our Rainbow.

SENEX.

O.G. News

BIRTHS

To Dorothea (née Wigfield) and Rodney Hooper, a second son, Peter William Paul, on 6th March.

To Peter Fuller and Angela (née Ellis), a daughter, Susan Caroline, on 25th February.

ENGAGEMENTS

Margaret Wakeford to Tony Everitt.

Sylvia Mounsey to David Morley.

Monica Langan to John Harding.

Kenneth Butcher to Judith Bentley.

Vivian Potter to Brian Vince.

Patricia Alexander to William Bygraves.

Gwen Gooder to Allan Wheatman.

Stella Charman to Richard Wolfe Parry.

MARRIAGES

David Ellis to Shirley Springate on 13th February, 1960.

Ann Stearne to Alan Budd on 17th February, 1960.

Judith Mant to David Baldwin on 19th March, 1960.

Colin Baster to Louisa Giulia Giopazzi on 13th February, 1960.

Valerie Plumbley to Keith Taylor on 5th March, 1960.

Denise Plumbley (2 B) was a bridesmaid.

It is regretted that the marriage of Margaret Wakeford to Tony Everitt was announced in the last issue of THE GODHELMIAN. The Editor wishes to apologise for the error.

Old Godhelfian Association

Colin Mills has applied for an appointment as an Agricultural Officer in the Overseas Civil Service.

Congratulations to R. Richardson on his recommendation for training as an Officer in the Army.

John Noble is to sing the lead in "Pilgrims Progress" which is being produced by the Selwyn College Musical Society. Roger and Martin Wastie are also members of the same Society.

At a ceremony on board H.Q.S. Wellington, G. P. Allington, an apprentice with Overseas Tankship (U.K.) Ltd., received a sextant from Capt. C. St. G. Glasson, Master of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners. The sextant is awarded annually to the apprentice producing the best third year navigation paper in the Merchant Navy Training Board examinations.

Yvonne Grinsted is now a W.R.E.N.

Kenneth Birbeck is working in Paris.

Brian Wiggins is doing his National Service in Cyprus.

Ian Kinnaird, A./T., L./C. is in the R.A.M.C. at Crookham.

Davina Crocker is nursing at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton.

R. E. Johnson is in T.R.G., Bn., R.A.S.C. at Aldershot.

Colin Conway was married last April and lives at Bournemouth. He is working for the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority at Winfrith, Dorset.

David Ellis is working in Insurance in Lagos, Nigeria.

Graham Beattie is now an instructor at Lloyd's Bank School, Haslemere.

Ian Logan, now Chief Officer M/V Sulima, exchanged greetings with David Ellis who was en route to Lagos, travelling on R.M.V. Aureol. Both ships were in Freetown Harbour.

Valete

UPPER VI SCI.

Dodman. G.C.E. A.L.4. 2nd XI Football Capt.*. 2nd XI Cricket Vice-Capt. Debating Society committee, 1st Chess. Has entered Forestry.

LOWER VI LIT.

R. Ketteringham. G.C.E. O.L. 7. Philips House Captain. Junior Dramatic Society, Senior Choir, Debating Society, Dancing. To enter a library.

UPPER V.

Campbell, G.C.E. O.L. 4. Debating Society. To enter Customs and Excise.

Franks. G.C.E. O.L. 7. To do clerical work.

S. Gent. G.C.E. O.L. 6. Cartographer with the Southern Electricity Board.

J. Grimes. G.C.E. O.L. 3. 1st Lacrosse Team*. Debating Society, Dancing, Gym Club. Temporarily employed. Hoping to train as a nurse.

P. Green. G.C.E. O.L. 6. Gym Club. Temporarily employed. Hoping to do a secretarial course.

Mansell. G.C.E. O.L. 7. 1st XI Football. 1st XI Cricket. Working in a Market Garden at Shackleford.

McVittie. G.C.E. O.L. 4. Temporary employment.

Osbourne. G.C.E. O.L. 3. 2nd XI Football. Working in Godalming Savings Bank.

M. Ponsford. G.C.E. O.L. 5. Debating Society, Dancing, Gym Club, Junior Dramatic Society. Working for the Civil Service.

Hales. G.C.E. O.L. 6. 1st XI Football. 1st XI Cricket. Athletics team. Training for the Merchant Navy.

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Nichols. 1st Chess Team.* 2nd Football XI. To train as an electrician.

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