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## **EDITORIAL.**

Once more, after the exigencies and rigours of the W.J.E.C., we bring you the Summer edition of the School Magazine. It is encouraging to note that all articles submitted to the Editorial Committee for consideration were of a substantially higher standard than last term. Perhaps this is a forerunner of the spate of contributions which we hope will inundate our successors next year.

After a gap of three years a Welsh article is again included, which we hope will appeal to an appreciable number of pupils.

May we take this opportunity of wishing the Headmaster, Mr. Glan Powell, all the very best in his retirement. We all hope that he will enjoy many years of health and happiness after a long career in the service of education.

This being our last production may we bid Dynevor and all our friends among staff and pupils, a sad but fond farewell.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

The Summer term commenced on the 6th May and almost immediately the practical and oral examinations for the W.J.E.C. began. Consequently no events of great importance or significance have taken place during the term.

Mr. Andrewartha made a most welcome return to School after several months in hospital and it is to be hoped that next year's L.VISc. will not have such a disastrous effect on his health. Illness again struck during the term and deprived the School of the services of Mr. Mort and of the Secretary, Miss Davies. We all hope they are now fully recovered.

Once again we welcome a new laboratory assistant, Mrs. Davies. The fact that Mrs. Davies is married would seem to indicate that the pin-striped-trousered minions at the Guildhall are persisting in their dastardly policy of thwarting the anxious aspirations of the Sixth Form.

Another new arrival this term was Herr Rolf Michels from Aschen who is over here studying British methods of educational instruction. Looking forward to next term, we extend a hearty welcome to Monsieur P. Abensor of Paris, who will take up the position of French Assistant.

The congratulations of the School are extended to :—

Mr. Richard Evans, who, in his capacity of Divisional Superintendent of Sketty St. John's Ambulance Group, has been awarded the Service Medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem for 15 years meritorious service. This is considered to be the Blue Riband of brigade work, and will be presented to Mr. Evans by the Commissioner.

Mr. Walter Evans, the son of Mr. Richard Evans, gained the distinction of obtaining a First Class Diploma in Teaching and Education.

Former pupils Michael Davies and Philip Croot, the former gaining World-wide acclaim as a top-class tennis player, and the latter continuing to make progress in the field of music. Three of his songs were included in the programme of a concert given before an invited audience under the auspices of the distinguished Welsh composer, Mr. Daniel Jones. He is now working on a Concerto dedicated to his old school, Dynevor.

The usual School parties visited Paris and Stratford, under Mr. R. B. Morgan and Mr. E. Abbott, and Mr. B. Cox and Mr. O. Morris, respectively.

On the 15th of May the Gym. was taken over for the purpose of holding the Youth exhibition "Youth at Leisure." The diversity and excellence of workmanship is a tribute to both participants and organisers.

This year's Mayoral Procession was something of a disappointment to the prefects, who were denied the privilege of attending.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Bryn Davies, the junior forms received two interesting lectures by Mr. D. Moore, of Cardiff Museum, on "Roman Remains in Wales," and "The Archaeologist and his Tools."

The School Orchestra suffered a loss when Roger Harries from the first year left for Elmhurst Grammar School, Somerset. In recognition of his ability as a flautist, he was presented with a flute.

The Sub-Prefects, appointed while the regular prefects were engaged in examinations, carried out what is fast becoming an annual duty in providing stewards for the Secondary Schools' Concert held at the Brangwyn Hall. The programme was composed of excerpts from Haydn's "Creation."

The annual Old Boys' Cricket Match was held at St. Helen's. The match resulted in a win for the Old Boys, the scores being: Old Boys, 131 for 8, declared; School, 97. The teams were as follows: OLD BOYS: R. Longhurst, K. Walters, G. Dixon, R. Farmer, J. Phillips, G. Corney, G. Dadds, G. Hounsell, N. Blyth, D. Thomas, T. Kiley. SCHOOL: Lewis, Spencer, Beynon, Morgan (J. M.), Mathias, Harries, Hopkins, King, Price, Mitchell, Grey.

The annual Staff v. Boys match resulted, as usual, in a convincing win for the Boys. The Staff made 84 runs for 8 wickets, and the Boys had little difficulty in passing this total for the loss of 5 wickets.

During the term, the structural improvements, interior and exterior, have continued apace. We have watched, with particular interest, the keen rivalry which has become apparent between plasterers and electricians. It is pleasing to note that as a result of the labours of these two groups, Dynevor has at last dry walls and bright lights. The general outward appearance of the buildings, with their flat roofs, is now in keeping with the adjacent premises of Telephone House and the "Mayflower" restaurant. However, we hope that something will be done to truncate the rather tall and unsightly chimney which still rears high above the main building.

Messrs. W. K. Crabbe and D. H. Williams, Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Swansea Schools Swimming Association, attended a School Assembly at the end of term to present the runners-up shield to the School Swimming Team for their achievement at the recent Schools' Gala. This new trophy, presented for the first time, was handed to David Steele, 1b, the youngest member of the team.

In conclusion, we are looking forward to the advent of our new Headmaster, who comes to us from Hampton Grammar School. May we express the hope that his stay at Dynevor will be a long and happy one.

### **Old Boys' Successes.**

Up to the time of going to press, we have news of the following academic successes of Old Boys :

Rhys Bryant, First in Chemistry, U.C.W., Swansea.  
Wm. George, First in Chemistry, U.C.W., Swansea.  
Alan Mitchell, First in Mechanical Engineering, U.C.W., Swansea.  
Bernard Penry, M.B., BCh., Welsh School of Medicine.  
Michael Griffiths, 2A in Geography, U.C.W., Swansea.  
Ivor John, 2A in Chemistry, U.C.W., Swansea.  
Vyvyan Malpas, 2A in Chemistry, U.C.W., Swansea.  
Donald Perkins, 2A in Botany, U.C.W., Swansea.  
Ian Park, L.D.S., Newcastle.  
P. Bryant, Third in Electrical Engineering, U.C.W., Swansea.  
Wm. Wagstaffe, Second in Economics and History, U.C.W., Swansea.  
J. V. Davies, Second in English Tripos, Part 2, Cambridge.

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### **THE LONELY YOUTH.**

Alone. A million 'round, and yet alone—  
Save one—He, whose presence never fails,  
Whose glorious sway the living, dying sun twice daily hails ;  
Who ever standing is with unloos'd sails,  
To lead us to his home midst wondrous trails.  
So when I watch, and see myself forlorn,  
Of childhood's faiths and loves so cruelly shorn,  
May I not think that I am wholly lost,  
Bereft, while yet remains for me a still more lovely host,  
Whose gate for all displays an unlock'd post  
Upon a hill paved with the steps of th'eternal host.

W. JOHN MORGAN, U6 Arts.

## A HEADMASTER RETIRES.

Mr. Glan Powell, B.A., present Headmaster of Dynevor County Secondary School, is due to retire at the end of this term. He has been associated with the school as a pupil, as a Master and as the Headmaster for about 54 years and, during this period, has seen many changes, both educationally and structurally.

At the conclusion of his period as a pupil Mr. Powell was qualified to enter Hartley University College, Southampton (now University College) where he graduated with a B.A. degree of London University. His first teaching post was at West Suffolk where he remained for a short time before coming back as a master to his old school. His teaching career was interrupted in 1914 when he enlisted, received a commission and served as an officer in France until he was discharged in 1917. During the second World War he was evacuated with the Swansea pupils to Gwendraeth Valley Secondary School where his work as billeting officer was very much appreciated by both pupils and residents. He assumed the duties of Head Master of the Swansea Secondary Schools at Gwendraeth when Mr. W. Bryn Thomas returned to Swansea as Headmaster of Dynevor in 1942.

His activities out of school have been many and varied and he took particular interest in organising school trips to France, Belgium and Denmark. Music has always been one of his main interests and he has given enthusiastic support to school choirs, particularly during the period when they gave annual concerts at the Brangwyn Hall.

Before becoming Headmaster five years ago Mr. Powell was Senior French Master and Careers Master at the School. He gave valuable advice to pupils about their careers and continued his interest in them after they had left. He has also been actively associated with the Old Boys' Association and rarely misses any of its functions. He is the President-Elect of the Association this year.

Mr. Powell is still a young man in spirit and in outlook and it is difficult to think of him in retirement—which must, for him, be one of varied activity. I know I am expressing the feelings of all members of Staff, of past and present pupils, when I say that we wish Mr. Powell a long and contented period of retirement and that he and Mrs. Powell will long be spared to enjoy it together.

H.J.G.



#### PREFECTS.

*Back Row*—V. C. Tucker, C. Reynolds, D. R. Thomas, A. Perkins, I. Ellis, J. Richardson, D. MacCreadie, D. W. Beynon, R. De la Mare.  
*Front Row*—J. King, R. Foote, J. Linnard, W. J. Morgan, Mr. G. Powell (Headmaster), C. J. Picton (Captain), Mr. H. J. Griffiths, B. Mathias, P. Francis.

## CHICAGO LETTER.

INSTITUTE OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY,  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

At last I've time to sit down and write a letter to you. I thank you for your news concerning Dynevor—also many of the newspapers sent here to me from Swansea help to fill in the long 4,000 mile gap. As you know I will be returning home at the beginning of September, so now with the major part of my stay here over, I'll try and give you some idea of how 'life' progresses at an American University.

My first sight of this country from the deck of the 'Queen Elizabeth' was indicative of the differences between two countries separated by the Atlantic, New York's tall Wall Street outline being visible from many miles, contrasting so much with Southampton's uninspiring shoreline. After a quick lunch in the business capital, an Australian friend and I drove to Chicago via Philadelphia, a road trip of some 950 miles averaging 55 m.p.h. on the newly constructed six-lane roads. So to Chicago, second city in the U.S., capital of the Mid-West. The city is internationally famous for many things, size, wealth, wind, and gangsters being just a few of the more desirous. The University lies eight miles from the City centre, and is easily reached either by electric train, or by automobile via the eight lane 'Lake Shore Drive.' The University was founded in 1892, and since then has grown into an institution of some 8,000 students. The University buildings themselves are all extremely well planned, the University area, or Campus, covering some 5 sq. miles. The buildings are replicas of structures at Oxford or Cambridge (a whim of John D. Rockefeller who initially provided the necessary capital). The academic structure of the University is unusual by even American standards, for only 25% of the students are at undergraduate level, the remainder being engaged in research.

The undergraduates, on entering the University, attend eight courses, no particular specialisation is required. Upon passing this level the student has to attend lectures more on the lines of the British Honours School before being allowed loose in the research libraries or laboratories. This system would appear to work quite well, for in a recent analysis Chicago was placed third in academic standing in the whole Country! One drawback, however, is that the student attends the University for at least two years longer than his British counterpart.

On the more pleasant social side one has the usual complete range of activities, from political, through sporting, to the religious. Just about every sport has its fanatical squad

of coaches. Naturally American football (poor substitute for rugby), baseball (yes, it *is* 'rounders'), and basketball are among the more popular sports ; but due to its large number of mid-European emigrants, soccer is rapidly gaining in popularity. Of the Summer sports tennis only is of particular mention, though the British and West Indian element in the area have managed to get some seven cricket teams organized into a league. The incongruity of cricket on the American way of life must be left to your imagination !

Odd comments which come to mind : the size (and low price) of American cars. (No self respecting High School boy is without his independent means of transport ! ) Huge television sets with unfortunately ghastly programmes ; completely commercialised radio where popular tunes are slyly inserted between advertisements ; frozen goods ; large refrigerators ; air-conditioned public buildings ; central heating ; cold winters, hot summers. All worthy of much comment—but time and space run out.

I hope I have at least given you an inkling as to conditions here—if I haven't then you must excuse a poor scientist !

I hope everything is progressing well in the School with respect to both examinations and the promised interior decorations.

Yours sincerely,

JIM HAMBLING.



AT THE SHAKESPEARE STATUE

## STRATFORD PILGRIMAGE, 1957.

For the past ten years, a party of "Dynevor Scholars" and two masters have made a journey to the world-famous Warwickshire town of Stratford-upon-Avon. This year, a party once more travelled to Stratford.

Shortly after 7.15 on the bright sunny morning of June 5th, the party set off in a luxurious (going but not returning) motor coach. After a halt in Morriston and Skewen to pick up passengers, the coach made good speed through the forested Neath Valley, over the Brecon Beacons, and into the narrow streets of Brecon, arriving at 9 a.m. Light refreshments were provided as the coach was not due to halt again until at Worcester, in three hours time. The journey from Brecon to Worcester was made through the beautiful countryside of Herefordshire and Worcestershire. One feature of the scenery was the numerous rows of hops in large fields. For some unknown reason, there was, hitherto, a lack of singing in the coach, which, on past occasions, usually rang with the voices of the Dynevor vocalists present.

However, Worcester was reached—promptly at mid-day, where lunch was taken, the manager of the restaurant adding a pleasing touch by saying grace. After lunch, the coach made good speed and Stratford was reached in an hour.

On arrival, the first engagement entailed a visit to the Memorial Theatre Museum. Here, many paintings of scenes from Shakespeare's plays were seen. However, Holy Trinity Church proved to be of greater interest, for it contained the registration, in the Parish Register, of the baptism and death of Shakespeare. A visit to the home and surgery of Dr. John Hall, Shakespeare's son-in-law, ended the first day's itinerary. But, the highlight of the day proved to be a visit to the theatre to watch "As You Like It." In the long intervals, visitors were privileged to leave the auditorium and enjoy the fresh air on the theatre balcony, which overlooked the peaceful Avon.

Next morning, many members woke with the lark. Chaos in the dormitories enforced an early-morning visit from Mr. Morris—but not with morning tea. After breakfast and the completion of duties, the party set out for a visit to No. 2 New Place. It was on the site next to the museum that Shakespeare wrote his last play—"The Tempest." For the remainder of the morning, the party were shown over the Elizabethan country home of the Lucy family—Charlecote

Mansion which is about five miles from Stratford. In the grounds of Charlecote, it is said that Shakespeare was caught poaching deer. (The deer still roam the spacious grounds in large herds.) Lunch was provided at Charlecote Hall, and then the afternoon gave an opportunity of seeing Shakespeare's birthplace in Henley Street, Stratford. In the adjacent museum is kept the first folio of the works of Shakespeare. Its value now? £25,000.

The latter half of the afternoon gave the members an idea of life on a farm in the 16th and 17th centuries in the form of visits to the cottages of Anne Hathaway—Shakespeare's wife, and Mary Arden—Shakespeare's mother. The rest of the afternoon was free and many members of the party bought souvenirs in Stratford.

Then at 7.30 p.m., after supper at Hemingsford House, the hostel, the party was privileged to watch "Julius Caesar." One foolish fellow described it as "full of juicy murders"!

Next morning, after a good night's rest, the party set off in the coach for the return journey to Swansea. After passing through the beautiful Vale of Evesham, Tewkesbury was reached, where the party were shown over Tewkesbury Abbey—a 6th century Cistercian Monastery. In a vault of the Abbey are kept the bones of the first Duke of Marlborough, killed when fighting against Oliver Cromwell.

After lunch, the only stop made by the coach until Cardiff was reached, was Lydney for fuel. But in good time Cardiff was reached and, after tea, the party were shown over Llandaff Cathedral. The main topic for discussion here was the newly-erected "Majestas" by Sir Jacob Epstein. It is a statue of Christ made from pure Aluminium only, and weighing a mere seven hundredweights. After hearing the history of the Cathedral, the party once more boarded the coach—for the last time. At 9.15 p.m. the coach arrived in Swansea, thus ending a most enjoyable and profitable "three days leave."

I should like to thank and congratulate, on behalf of the party, Mr. Cox (who celebrated his birthday whilst on tour) and Mr. Morris, for the success of the 1957 Pilgrimage. I am sure that the boys profited by it, and I am also sure that the coach driver, Mr. Pickard, did so too.

R. J. HUKKU, 3D.

## A HIGHLIGHT OF THE SCHOOL VISIT TO PARIS, 1957.

On the Thursday morning of the 1957 school trip to Paris, we were informed that a surprise item would take place later that morning. This took the form of a special English lecture at the planetarium in the Palais de la Decouverte (Paris's equivalent to the Science Museum.)

For the benefit of the uninitiated, a planetarium is a machine invented by Zeiss of Jena in 1913, which projects upon a dome representations of all celestial bodies including stars, planets, meteors and our own sun and moon. With a planetarium it is possible to represent the night sky as it would be seen from any point on the Earth, and at any time in the past or future. The year can be compressed into 7 seconds, making the planets seem to chase each other among the stars. Not only can the night sky be pictured, but also the lines of Right Ascension and Declination (celestial longitude and latitude), the Ecliptic (sun's apparent path) and the names of the stars and constellations.

Having been issued with tickets, we duly took our seats with a feeling of great anticipation. Around the base of the dome we saw the Paris skyline containing the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower and the Sacre-Coeur. The dome was uniformly lit by a light of undetectable source until it slowly began to fade in such a way that it appeared as if the sun was setting, to the accompaniment of some appropriate music. After about five minutes a switch was thrown and a picture of the night sky appeared on the dome, together with exclamations of "Oooh" from the female members of the audience.

The lecture which followed was most interesting, showing us first the daily rotation of the stars round the celestial poles. We then were shown the seasons as well as the movements of the sun, the phases of the moon, and the weird twists and loops of the planets. The lecture was concluded with thousands of meteors shooting across the sky, the sun rose, and we heard the "Pilgrim's Chorus," by Wagner, played, a most fitting conclusion to what we had just seen.

Although there are several planetaria in the world (America has seven), Britain is about the only advanced country without one. This deficiency will be rectified soon, however, as Madame Tussauds have announced that they are going to erect one near their Baker Street Wax-works. It will take about two years to build and the projection apparatus will cost approximately £50,000!

Our visit to the planetarium was a wonderful experience, and the 1957 school trip to Paris would have been memorable for that alone.

On behalf of the 22 boys who came with us, we should like to express our thanks to the masters-in-charge for a very enjoyable visit to the French capital.

A. C. HICKS, 3D.

J. D. McGIVAN, 3D.

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### SPACE TRAVEL.

When space travel is mentioned in these modern times, one almost invariably conjures up pictures of huge, insect-like Martians travelling through the vast emptiness of space, in their flying saucers.

Today, space travel is regarded by most reliable scientific authorities as an inevitable event. Indeed, it has been described as "inevitable as the rising of the sun." The man who made this statement is Dr. Wernher von Braun, a German-born, American rocket engineer, who is now in charge of a guided missile installation at Huntsville, in Alabama.

Dr. von Braun, who has been described as the foremost authority on space travel in the world, has with the help of some associates, designed a project to set up a man-carrying artificial satellite, which starting now, he says, could help man to be on the moon by 1975.

It must be noted that the popular conception of a moon rocket to travel to the moon in one continuous journey, is out of all question. Such a vehicle would weigh 800,000 tons—ten times the weight of the "Queen Mary"! The only solution is the erection of a space station, situated beyond the earth's atmosphere, to serve as a stepping stone for future inter-planetary space ships.

Von Braun's project is a colossal affair. His space satellite is like a giant wheel; its rim 30 feet thick and 250 feet in diameter. It would carry a crew of about seventy scientists and technicians. The satellite would be carried up to a 1,075 mile orbit, in prefabricated parts, by a fleet of giant cargo rockets. One of von Braun's rockets would weigh over 7,000 tons, ninety per cent being fuel alone. The rocket would be 265 feet tall and 65 feet wide at the base. There

would be three stages, the uppermost of which would carry the cargo, and a crew of seven.

Three minutes after take-off the rocket would be 705 miles from the launching site, at an altitude of 63.5 miles. Within an hour it would have travelled halfway around the earth to an altitude of 1,075 miles. There, the rocket would unload its cargo under gravity-free conditions: all objects would seem to hang in mid-air—only there is no air present! Eighteen flights later, a satellite would be revolving around the earth once every two hours.

After the establishment of the satellite, construction would begin on three huge moonships. Von Braun envisages an invasion of the moon by about fifty scientists, engineers and technicians, who will stay there for six weeks. Each ship would weigh 4,000 tons at take-off but only 39 tons on return. They would be built, fuelled and serviced in the 1,075 miles orbit, which would be their base during the expedition. They would have a maximum speed of 19,500 m.p.h., and, after a five-day voyage, the three ships would land on one of the many plains of the moon.

As streamlining is not needed in outer space, the ships would seem cumbersome, but would act with great efficiency. They would consist of a mass of spherical fuel tanks, strung together by an array of seemingly irregular steel girders. Two of the ships would carry personnel, while the cargo ship would remain on the moon as a permanent radar station.

Soon after the return of the moon fleet, work would begin on seven space ships for an expedition to Mars. Seventy men would make the journey, but only fifty of them would actually land on the Red Planet, the remainder orbiting Mars in the space ships.

The entire trip would take two and a half years. When compared with the times and distances involved in interstellar travel, the Mars voyage is a trivial matter.

"Proxima Centauri," the nearest star to our solar system, lies so far away that light, travelling at 186,284 miles per second, takes four and a half years to reach us from that star. This means that if we saw now "Proxima Centauri" suddenly exploding, the explosion would have taken place in March, 1953 (earth time).

Atomic energy would have to be employed when travelling to "Proxima Centauri," whose actual distance away from us

is twenty-five million miles. In the future, entirely new propulsion systems will probably be invented. A possibility is the system depending on the magnetic attractions of the gravitational fields of celestial bodies of high density. This type is believed to be used in the so-called flying saucers.

Some men claim that the inhabitants of these disc-like space-craft are comparable to human beings. If this is so, it is highly improbable that the saucers originate from Mars or Venus, or any other planet of our solar system, as human life cannot exist in the conditions present on those planets. They must originate from a solar system outside our own.

This is highly improbable but not entirely impossible. Do flying saucers and huge, insect-like men from Mars exist? That you must decide for yourself.

J. LINNELL, 5D.

### SNIPPETS.

#### History Examination—Summer Term.

Candidates under 74 years of age, or earning over £4,000 per annum, should not attempt questions 6, 3, 1, 4, 2, and 5.

1. *Either* : Compare and contrast Walpole with the first victim of the Black Death.  
       *or* Explain why William Williams, of Pantycelyn, never had a song in the Top Twenty.
2. Give your views on the effect that Tommy Steele would have had on the following :—  
       (a) the early cave-man ; (b) the Pilgrim Fathers.
3. Which were the most alike, Caesar or Nell Gwynne?
4. Do you think that Alfred would have burnt the cakes if he had used " Easy-Mix," the wonder cake mixture?
5. What effect did Robert Bruce's spider have on Napoleon's retreat from Moscow, 1812?
6. What would have been the outcome of the American Civil War if Elvis Presley had enlisted sooner?

#### Prefects (or Rogue's Gallery).

- L. LEWIS—" I must to the barber monsieur, for methinks that I am marvellous hairy about the face."
- J. RICHARDSON—" His shorn hair came abruptly to a stop  
       Above his ears, and he was docked on top."
- D. BEYNON—(Musing, after entering 4C room alone). Youth's blossom lay unshorn upon his cheek ; Scarce was he but a boy." (" 'Twas a pity he had to die so young ! ")
- C. REYNOLDS—" He that loves a rosy cheek, and coral lips admires."

C. J. PICTON (alias "THE TAFF")

"He knew the taverns well in every town  
And every inkeeper and barmaid too"!!!

THE PREFECTS—searching for boys in the lobbies at break :—

"Oh! say what is this thing called light?"

There is absolutely no truth whatsoever in the rumour that Mr. Wilkins intends to enter a *privately owned team* in next year's Le Mans endurance race.

### DYDD A GOFIAF.

Codais ar ol noson o droi a throsi a'r geiriau "twelve inches, one foot; three feet, one yard; sixteen ounces, one pound; fourteen pounds, one stone," a llu o dablau tebyg yn gwibio drwy fy meddwl. Nid oedd angen fawr o frecwast arnaf, ac ar ol i 'mam a 'nhad ddymuno'n dda i mi gadewais y tŷ. Daeth y dydd.

'Roedd yn fore oerllyd ac eira'n gorchuddio pob man megis mantell wen. Y bore hwnnw, nid bachgen unarddeg oed oeddwn. 'Roeddwn wedi tyfu i fyny, fel pe tae. Cerddwn i lawr yr heol gan osgoi'r eira mwyaf (peth anghyffredin iawn i grwt) ac ni thynnais fy menig oddiar fy nwyllaw i wneud pelen eira i'w thaffu ar ôl y gath ddu a fentrodd allan o dŷ cyfagos.

Efallai mai wrth weld yr eira a'r rhew y ceisiais gofio ym mha beth yr oedd "eskimo'n" byw,—“Rraal?” “Nage; “Wigwam?” “Nage siwr, wel ie, “iglos” wrth gwrs.

Cludwyd ni i'r ysgol, chwech ohonom, mewn modur Eisteddem yn hollol dawel fel drwg-weithredwyr mewn “Black Maria.” Benthycais “watch” fy nhad ac edrychwn arni o bryd i'w gilydd gydag edmygedd mawr. Wrth wyllo'r eiliadau yn cyflymu ymlaen cawn f'atgoffa bod yr awr fawr yn gyflym ddynesu.

Wedi cyrraedd yr ysgol, sylweddolais fy mod wedi bod yno lawer gwaith o'r blaen. Ie, yr un ystafelloedd ag a welais ganwaith gynt. Cyferchais yr un bobl ac eisteddais yn yr un ddesg. Nid oedd y diwrnod hwn yn wahanol i'r rhai cynt yn yr ystyron hyn. Rhannwyd llyfrau ysgrifennu a phensiliau, un i bob un, yn union fel y gwnaed drwy'r misoedd a aeth heibio. Ond yn y munudau a ddilynai, cofiais am yr holl bobl oedd wedi son am y diwrnod hwn ac wedi dymuno'n dda i mi. Cofiais am yr oriau a dreuliais wrth fy ngwaith cartref, a daeth yn fyw i mi bod fy nyfodol yn dibynnu i raddau helaeth ar ganlyniad yr awr honno.

Dechreuais, ond Oh !, mor annodd oedd cael fy meddyliau at ei gilydd. Beth oedd y llythyren a ddilynai 'P' yn y wyddor ? Beth oedd enw mam yr oen ? Cofiaf hyd heddiw mai " sheep " oedd yr ateb sgrifennais i lawr.

Sut bynnag, wedi bwrw golwg bryderus o'm cwrpas a gweld ysgrifennu brwd ymhobman, sylweddolais fod yn rhaid i minnau brynu'r amser. Gorffennais rhyw ddeg munud cyn amser llawn, braidd yn anfodlon, gan y gwelwn y lleill a'u trwynau'n dyn yn eu papurau. A atebais bob cwestiwn—Cyfri eto. Popeth yn dda cyn belled ag oedd nifer yr atebion yn bod. Casglwyd y papurau ac allan a mi i'r iard. Bu trafod brwd ar rhai cwestynnau, ac yn ol barn un neu ddau, cyfeil-iornais yn enbyd mewn rhai atebion.

Cyn hir daeth y disgyblion iau i'r ysgol gan ein holi'n fanwl. Teimlem fel arwyr wedi ennill y V.C. am ryw wrhydry arbennig. O'r braidd y gallem ymboeni gyda'r creaduriaid dibrofiad. Beth wyddent hwy am ddiwrnod ysgoloriaeth ?

Holi drachefn wrth y bwrdd te gartref. Mam a nhad yn siarad ar draws ei gilydd a minnau'n sylweddoli cymaint yn well y gallwn fod wedi gwneud. Dechreu gofidio braidd, ac arwyddion o hyn yn gwawrio ar fy mhad. Ni chefais fy holi mwy a bwyteis fy nhe mewn llonyddwch.

Melys fu hun y gweithiwr diwyd y noson honno. Yr ysgoloriaeth drosodd a diwrnod y " results " yn bell. Diwrnod byth gofiadwy ! !

PAUL ROWLANDS.

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### HIKING.

This article was first written under the heading " In search of the Buzzard." It was then suggested to me that I might borrow a title and call it " Travels in Wild Wales." However, my third choice seems to me to be more appropriate.

Two years ago, it was my pleasure to introduce you to the delights of mountaineering. Now I must tell you something of the joys of hiking.

Four Old Dyvorians tried this novel experience recently and the full details of their travels in Mid Wales can now be disclosed. As one of the four concerned, I have been persuaded to write an account of our " hike."

We assembled in Pell Street at 4.10 p.m. one Monday afternoon in June, all fit and ready for the fray. We got into the car, and proceeded in a northerly direction towards Llangyfelach. On we went through Llanllienwen and Rhydybandy to Mynydd-y-Gwair. (We did not feel at all tired at this stage of the journey.)

From Mynydd-y-Gwair the hiker is rewarded with a marvellous view of the Lliw Reservoir, the Bristol Channel and the surrounding countryside. At this point the road stretches like a ribbon over the bare mountain top towards Ammanford. This makes a grand hike ; in fact Bettws can be reached quite comfortably in about four hours.

We arrived in Bettws at 4.30 p.m. We proceeded via Ammanford to Llandeby and thence to Llangadog. This stage of the journey takes the hiker through very pleasant meadows with a good surface underfoot for about fourteen miles. In order to enjoy the scenery this walk should not be attempted in less than three hours.

We arrived in Llangadog at 5.15 p.m. and partook of an excellent meal. Refreshed, after an hour's rest, we were now ready for the next stage of our hike.

We proceeded on foot to the Ford Consol and then continued our journey towards Llandovery. (Our four hikers still showed no signs of fatigue.)

It was on the road to Llandovery that we spotted our first buzzard perched on a telegraph pole.

Our ultimate destination was to be Rhandirmwyn which is about  $8\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Llandovery. The car proceeded at a steady pace as we went via Cilycwm to Ystradffin. The car drew up at the roadside and we alighted. (Socrates was tiring a little by this time and needed to stretch his legs.)

Harry, complete with compass, acted as our guide, and led us, on foot, through fields, banks of wild iris and fern, over rippling streams until we reached the valley of the Towy.

Wild hills towered above us, while a rough footpath followed the river as it tumbled in waterfalls over rocks and boulders. Trout glided below the surface of the water while at intervals, some leapt out of the water seeking flies in the evening sunlight. A truly wonderful spot !

Gremlin watched the gloaming flake of the brimming river, and on the spur of the moment composed these lines which he recited lustily :—

“ I wind about, and in and out  
With here a blossom sailing,  
And here and there a lusty trout  
And here and there a grayling.”

We lingered at the water's edge in the warm evening sunlight, glorying in the wonders of nature, and regretting that the beauty spots of our native land are not better known.

We were within a stone's throw of Twm Sion Catti's Cave. We had walked along the same footpath which that romantic character Twm Sion Catti had trodden centuries ago.

There is little doubt that George Borrow himself reached this spot just over a hundred years ago. He describes Ystradffin as “ one fair and pleasant valley, far away there over the Eastern hills by the Towy on the borders of Shire Car.”

George Borrow was no mean hiker ! In fact, he left East Anglia in 1854 for Llangollen to start a hike in Wales—a hike somewhat similar to ours.

He came down via Lampeter and Tregaron to Llandovery and was deeply interested in Ystradffin and the Towy Valley

George Borrow describes Twm Sion Catti as “ the clever thief who married a rich widow owning much property around ‘ Strath Feen.’ Twm later was made a magistrate and Justice of the Peace. He became Mayor of Brecon and died a rich man.”

In fact Twm became master and ‘ Lord of Strath Feen.’

We thoroughly enjoyed our walk through Twm's estate, still unspoiled by man.

I should mention the fact that our car was now out of sight, some four hundred yards away.

Regretfully we turned our backs on this demi-paradise and wearily trudged back to the roadside.

We entered the car, tired and footsore but with happy recollections of a walk which no hiker should miss.

The car left Ystradffîn at 8.15 p.m. and we passed through Rhandirmwyn a few minutes later. Here we spotted three buzzards circling overhead.

We made good speed on our way to Llandovery and soon we were passing through Llangadog once more, and making for home via the Black Mountains route.

For those who are interested in hiking, we assure them that no extensive preparation is really necessary. My colleagues do suggest, however, that some initial training is advisable. For instance those who live in the Caswell or Llansamlet areas should walk to school three days a week each term.

The haversack is an important item, for it should contain the minimum requirements for a day's outing.

However, some items may be regarded as essential, e.g., road maps and compass. In addition, the beginner would be well advised to take with him a few reference books such as : George Borrow's " Wild Wales " ; Walton's Complete Angler ; Encyclopaedia Britannica ; a Telephone Directory. A fishing rod (or jam jar) and if possible a Ford Consul are also very useful and much appreciated on such hikes.

As we approached the Swansea Valley on our return journey we recalled that George Borrow had come this way on his journey south. When he arrived at a place called Glandwr his boots had given way at the soles, large pieces of which were sticking out.

He wrote " It was no wonder they were in this dilapidated condition for in these boots I had walked at least two hundred miles over all kinds of paths since I had had them soled at Llangollen. Well ! It won't do to show myself at Swansea in this condition."

Like George Borrow we are now having our hiking shoes re-soled in readiness for our next walk.

Next year we intend going further afield if we can afford the petrol.

" VIGILANTES."

## THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

As in past years, due to the pressure of examinations and other activities during the Summer term, the meetings of the Society were brought to a close at the end of the Spring term. Debates maintained the high standard established during the Christmas term and attendances were generally good. Meetings were held weekly up to half-term, but the Society's programme was unfortunately disrupted from then on by various circumstances with the result that only three meetings could be held in the latter half of the term, the cancellations of the annual debates with the High School and Glanmor giving rise to regret from many, and a storm of indignant protests from many more.

The term began with a debate on the value of inter-planetary research, but even Dynevor's foremost authority on matters "extra terra," Linnell of 5D, could not upset the equilibrium of the Society, the house dividing into two equal camps at the close.

The inter-school debate with Bishop Gore proved most entertaining, and, as the main Dynevor representative, Stuart Winks, L6 Arts, displayed his carefully studied emulations of goonery in opposing a motion which claimed that "We are losing our sense of values in according greater glory to Harry Secombe than to Dylan Thomas." The proposition was ably seconded by Harry Norris, 5D, whose skilfully presented orations established him as one of the Society's foremost speakers this year.

Other debates up to half-term were concerned with "serious" topics, and outstanding among them was that of February 1st when the merits of the totalitarian state were discussed before a packed house. As is usual in debates of a political nature, the two main speakers, H. Davies, L6 Arts, and R. Mahoney, L6Science, who were both making their maiden speeches, presented their arguments with great fervour and inspired much heated discussion when the debate was opened to the floor.

For the final meeting before half-term, the Society was delighted to welcome two United Nations students now at Swansea University College. Between them they gave us a most vivid picture of their Nigerian homeland, and enlightened us with impressions of this country.

The first debate after half-term was on a humorous theme with Winks, L6 Arts, once more displaying all the symptoms of goonery to propose that "Schoolmasters should be heard and not seen." However, David Mendus, 4D, was also armed with a ready humour and successfully opposed the motion. A meagre attendance somewhat marked the next debate, on whether British amateur sport should be state-subsidised, but the final meeting of the Society, which took the form of the popular annual Brains Trust, attracted a capacity audience. As usual the panel consisted of masters and sixth-formers, and it was most amusing to hear their retorts to such questions as "What annoyed you most?" or "What do you regard as the highest form of pleasure?" One of the senior members of the panel relieved many minds of long-felt doubts when he stated that he believed the highest form of pleasure to be "a cow chewing the cud." Perhaps his Saturday afternoons are not all spent on golf after all?

In considering the success of the Literary and Debating Society this year, perhaps the greatest achievement is seen in the large number of junior boys who regularly attended the meetings. Form 3D was particularly well represented throughout the year and the unreserved enthusiasm of many of these younger members in addressing the house is a good augur for the future of the Society. If one may give a word of advice to those senior boys whose interest in the Society will continue next year, it is that they should set up a committee, with a secretary and chairman, from the outset, and then arrange the programme as far ahead as possible, together with speakers for each meeting. Arranged in such a way, the Society will be far more successful than relying on haphazard planning which invariably results in confusion and a decline in support. Finally I should like to offer the Society's thanks to Mr. Chandler for his unflagging support and readiness to remain behind with us on Friday afternoons throughout the year.

W.J.M., U5 Arts.

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### Spring Term Programme.

#### JANUARY :

18—"This house believes that the vast expenditure on inter-planetary research is not justified."

*Proposer* : V. C. Tucker, UVI.

*Opposer* : J. Linnell, VD.

Tie (22—22).

- 25—"This house believes that the Welfare State does not provide for the working man."

*Proposer* : P. Francis, UVI Sc.

*Opposer* : D. Winfield, UVI Sc.

Carried.

#### FEBRUARY :

- 1—"This house believes that dictatorship leads to greater prosperity than democracy."

*Proposer* : H. Davies, LVI Arts.

*Opposer* : R. Mahoney, LVI Sc.

Rejected.

- 8—Inter-School Debate with Bishop Gore :—

"This house believes that we are losing our sense of values in according greater glory to Harry Secombe (Old Dyvorian) than to Dylan Thomas (Old Grammarian)."

*Proposer* : M. Stephens (Bishop Gore) and H. Norris (Dynevor).

*Opposer* : S. N. Winks (Dynevor) and G. Jones (Bishop Gore).

Rejected.

- 18—"This house deprecates the evangelical method of preaching religion."

*Proposer* : A. W. Rees, LVI Arts.

*Opposer* : H. Norris, 5D.

Carried (Chairman's casting vote.)

- 22—Talk given by two Nigerian students.

#### MARCH :

- 15—"This house believes that schoolmasters should be heard and not seen."

*Proposer* : S. N. Winks, LVI Arts.

*Opposer* : D. Mendus, 4D.

Rejected.

- 22—"This house believes that British amateur sport should be state subsidised."

*Proposer* : H. Davies, LVI Arts.

*Opposer* : G. Clark, LVI Arts.

Rejected.

#### APRIL :

- 11—Brains Trust :

Mr. C. Evans, V. C. Tucker, UVI Sc.

Mr. E. Price, P. Sidey, UVI Sc.

Mr. G. Gregory, D. Austin, LVI Sc.

*Chairman*—W. J. Morgan, UVI Arts.

## **THE D.P.S.**

Dear Readers, We assure you that this is not another Russian code name, being merely an abbreviation for the recently founded Dynevor Photographic Society. The purpose of the Society is to encourage young photographers, and at the same time to allow the older boys the opportunity of displaying their knowledge and experience.

The Society hopes to equip a dark-room which will be at the disposal of all members.

The Club will be composed of groups, each of which will deal with a specific branch of photography, e.g., portrait, landscape and bird (the ones with wings). Unfortunately no group can be formed for the most popular branch of photography, owing to the difficulty of obtaining a model at a small fee.

The Society meets very Wednesday in 4C form-room, so if you have a camera, why not join us? At least it will be a cheap way of getting your films developed!

“BARON” THOMAS, 4C.

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## **WHY NOT POLITICAL SCIENCE?**

The great interest which sixth-form pupils take in politics is little realized by both teachers and parents alike and as a result many are under the misconception that sixth-formers cannot substantiate the opinions which they often express in the most vehement terms.

It is now about time that this interest was nurtured and encouraged in the schools, at a time when television has brought into the majority of homes the leading political personalities of our time who either imbue into their audience some degree of inspiration or who raise controversial issues which sixth-formers in particular enjoy discussing. At any event an interest is created in politics which few members of the upper forms can adequately satisfy.

Why not therefore introduce into the sixth form Political Science as an additional subject to be studied by those interested, or for those more deeply concerned, as a subject to be taken at the Advanced Level Examinations?

Many would welcome this opportunity though some may be discouraged by the rather formidable title ‘Political Science,’ which in fact means little more than the study of local and national government and the principles underlying

the various political groups. It is true that societies exist outside the schools which students may join if they wish, such as the "Young Conservatives Association" or the "Labour League of Youth"; but commendable though these may be, they are largely controlled by members of University age and deal only to a limited degree with actual politics.

All that remains therefore for the interested sixth former is the school "Literary and Debating Society" which occasionally deals with politics but which more often than not is concerned with subjects of a lighter vein. In one school, however, much to the disgust of many of its budding politicians, the "Lit. and Deb." has been forbidden to discuss anything in the nature of politics—a decision which is not only harsh but injudicious.

What is the point of studying history when the course invariably ends about 1914? Would it not be better to bring the course up to date so that political opinions may be expressed, strengthened or perhaps dashed in the light of a more detailed knowledge? Indeed students studying history might well find the course more interesting and useful if the syllabus extended into the realms of political science and dealt with present day problems rather than with the problems of the past which have been studied so many times before by armies of historians.

Political science is essentially a practical subject which would enable the student to understand the details of administration and the theory of government, and it would not be merely an appendix to the history course. History in itself is meant to train the student to think and criticise, but with the addition of a course in political science it would train a fair proportion of future administrators. Administrators are in greater demand than either thinkers or critics; therefore why not Political Science in the sixth-form?

R.B.

### **BADMINTON.**

Last season, 1956-7, the School Badminton Team won five of their fixtures. Much of the credit for this excellent result must be given to the first pair, Rees and Bennet UVISc., who were an almost invincible combination.

The School played Bishop Gore three times, our arch-enemies eventually winning the third match 6-3. The quick footed, hard smashing Spencer, unfortunately, missed this game so that the pairs had to be re-arranged with a resultant lack of cohesion. The other two games were easily won 6-3 and 7-2. Neath Grammar were also convincingly defeated by the same margins.

Besides the three players already mentioned, Barry Reeve, LVI Sc., proved himself to be a natural badminton player, playing extremely well in this, his first season, and will be the main-stay of next year's team. John King UVI Sc., never worried by the run of play, kept his place in the team through-out the season. W. J. Morgan, UVI A., D. Austin, P. Vaughan, and G. Evans, LVI Sc., also represented the School during the year.

Finally, although their efforts deserve a more prominent place, the masters must be thanked, especially Mr. Gregory, whose instruction by word and *example* encouraged the team to its success ; and also Messrs. Hounsel and T. Chandler, for their time spent in supervising the Badminton Club.

J. KING, U6 Sc.

### SCHOOL RUGBY.

#### Dynevor "A"—League Champions 1953-57.

The Intermediate "A" Rugby Team was very successful last season winning twelve games, drawing two and losing NONE. The team was under the competent supervision of Mr. Gregory and Mr. Glyn Jones.

The strength of the team is indicated by its resounding defeat of the School 2nd XV. During the game several 2nd XV players were injured and had to leave the field. (Don't tell Bishop Gore !)

The team was very pleased that six of its players commanded regular places in the Swansea Schoolboys team. One of the six, B. Hullin, who did not enter the team until well into the season, played so well against Loughor that he earned himself a regular place in the Swansea side.

Hugh Evans, our 13 stone lock-forward, played one game as scrum-half ! But then decided that he was not really suited for the position and returned to the scrum (much to the relief of opposing scrum-halves).

Alan Rees, who played in the scrum at the beginning of the season, ended up as a very forceful centre, thanks to the coaching of Mr. Gregory.

In conclusion may I wish next season's "A" team every success and hope that they will be able to maintain the high standards of their predecessors.

Members of the successful team were :—J. Thomas (Capt.), D. Price, Hugh Evans, A. Rees, N. Evans, A. Davies, B. Hullin, G. Lewis, R. Symons, M. Tucker, G. Longden, D. Tamlin, R. Beynon, J. Willis, P. Hanney, R. Bowen, J. Morgan, D. Morgan, D. M. Rees and A. Smith.

J. J. THOMAS, 4C (Captain).

### **" C " Team.**

The " C " team enjoyed a very successful season, only losing to Bishop Gore in the league series. However, we could not repeat last season's success in the cup, being unfortunate to lose in the first round to our old rivals Llansamlet by 11 pts. to 6. Valuable points for the team were scored by David Evans, who came in at centre and played extremely well throughout the season. He, together with a few other second years from this year's team, should form a strong backbone for next year's team. This success would not have been possible but for Mr. Lloyd's support and organisation throughout the season.

C. LEWIS, 3D.

### **" D " Team.**

The " D " team had a most disappointing season. However, although no matches were won, some of the scores do not give a true picture of the efforts of the team. Time after time good attacking movements were rendered useless by the inability of any member to prevent a counter move by hard tackling. This deficiency was accentuated by the injury which Balsdon, the best tackler of the team, sustained. A bad cut on the head from an attempt to tackle too low made him lose a great deal of confidence. Hukka proved to be a consistent player but was unable to play for the greater part of the season owing to injury.

It is good to note that the team were not downhearted at their lack of success and even managed to joke after a particularly heavy defeat.

DALE, 2A.

### **FIRST XV.**

P. 21 ; W. 11 ; D. 0 ; L. 10 ; F. 132 A. 126  
Points

As the above result will show this year's 1st XV experienced a season of varying fortunes. The team retained but five members of last year's remarkably strong side, and thus the ten newcomers were faced with the task of playing top-line senior rugby without that little bit of essential experience. However, they proved themselves, on the whole, capable of meeting any opposition which they encountered.

The season started with victories over Ystalyfera and Llandilo although we were unable to cross our opponents' line.

This promising start was not to continue for we were heavily defeated by Maesteg, our old rivals Bishop Gore and Llanelly and our hopes of an unbeaten season were shattered. From that point until the Christmas holidays victories and defeats were about equal, our last game resulting in a just victory over the confident Swansea Youth team with H. Lewis and Harris crossing the line.

The second half of the season began with the loss of our captain (J. Richardson) who was obliged to discontinue his game due to internal trouble. Barry Harris was preparing for examinations while Ivor Ellis finding out that the T.T. races are not supposed to be run around Birchgrove was laid up with an injured knee. Thus with three regular members out we were rather dubious of a better second half to the season. Losing the majority of the games was not a true reflection of our play. Indeed we never lost a game by more than three points usually after leading for close to full time. Llanelly, twice our visitors, received quite a worrying time on our home replay. Having trounced us previously they expected a similar performance, but when Roly Edwards scored straight from the kick-off they realised that they would have to rearrange their ideas. They eventually emerged victorious



#### FIRST XV.

*Back Row*—Mr. G. Jones, H. Lewis, D. MacCreadie, C. Evans, G. Taylor, J. Morgan, I. Ellis, D. M. Bevan, M. Twomey, Mr. G. Gregory.  
*Middle Row*—P. Arthur, B. Harries, D. Charles, The Headmaster, J. Richardson, Mr. H. J. Griffiths, P. Vaughan, T. Walters, J. Linnard.  
*Front Row*—C. Richards, O. Thomas, R. Edwards, B. Greeve.

scoring their winning try in the closing minutes of the game.

To round off the season the team once more found their form. Twomey came from full back to centre, Richards moved from outside half to full back, and H. Lewis moved to fill Richards' place from the centre. The switch paid large dividends with an 8 points victory over the Old Boys at the University ground and a brilliant victory over a strong Swansea Youth side. The 16-8 pts score is a good pointer as to our play. An extremely clever break by H. Lewis put Twomey the centre to pass to Charles close to the line. Charles crossed under the posts to put Dynevor in the lead. C. Richards converted. Our next try came from Roly Edwards who took full honours by scoring near the touch line. Finally D. Charles scored a fine try when he intercepted a back movement and ran 30 yards to score just outside the posts.

That final victory gave us a happy ending for a season of moderate success. The success of the team was largely due to the speed of D. Charles and H. Lewis in the backs who set up a useful partnership. The kicking of C. Richards was exceptional and he captured more than half of our total points by his own efforts. Arthur and Vaughan were the mainstays of the forwards (the latter admirably filling the place vacated by his captain after Christmas).

After six years of patient and conscientious labour, Mr. Gregory has handed over the reins of the 1st XV to Mr. Glyn Jones. His uniting efforts when the team lacked a stable nucleus, encouraged the members throughout the season until last year's zenith was attained. The 1st XV will always be indebted to him for his admirable service.

We look forward to next season with high hopes and confidence.

J. R., D. C.

### RUGBY "WHO'S WHO?"

C. RICHARDS—*Full Back.*

Has proved himself a confident, successful player, with sound handling and kicking. He should improve with experience. Scored highest number of points.

J. MORGAN—*Wing.*

The "gangly one." Although lacking in speed his aggressiveness and good tackling make him a reliable player. Always says the wrong thing at the right time.

O. THOMAS—*Wing.*

A new member who will improve with experience. A sound tackler, he had his greatest triumph in bringing to earth the Swansea Youth full-back right in the middle of the pitch before an awed crowd. Needs more determination when going for the line.

R. EDWARDS—*Inside Half*.

The "Peter Pan" of the team. Every team member has great faith in him and his unique gait. Has scored brilliant opportunist tries throughout the season.

H. LEWIS—*Outside Half*.

This year's find. Has linked up the backs to forge one of the most successful back divisions in years. Possesses a fine side-step and a deceptive change of pace. Renders many a heavenly duet with his partner, Vaughan.

D. CHARLES—*Centre*.

A sound Vice-Captain. One of the spearheads of the attack. He is extremely fast, with a sound tackling ability. Scored many fine tactical tries. Leader of the "Choir."

M. TWOMEY—*Centre*.

Although insists that he has never stolen rides on petrol lorries, he has the most wonderful pair of bow-legs. A brilliant tackler, he was moved from the full-back position near the end of the season and proved himself most capable in the new role of centre.

WALTERS—*Prop Forward*.

Had a most promising debut and has proved himself of great value to the team with his sound tackling. Has captured both his tries with spirited two yards bursts.

J. LINNARD—*Prop Forward*.

A splendid scrummager who possesses a devastating right-hook. Has a habit of pulling his opposite number's nose. Takes the game seriously.

D. MACGREADIE—*Second Row*.

A very strong, useful player, who always gives of his best.

Very fit, but should try to lose his even temper now and then.

G. TAYLOR—*Second Row*.

Another newcomer who has had a fairly successful season. A hard worker in school, he maintains this attitude on the rugby pitch.

BEVAN—*Hooker*.

Yet another good find for this season. He has exceptional hooking qualities and got the better of many bigger opponents. Should be a valuable asset to next year's team.

J. RICHARDSON (Captain)—*Lock Forward*.

A good successor to last year's captain Bennett. A fine jumper in the line out and hard runner. Unfortunately he was indisposed for the latter half of the season. Very fond of "Unchained Melody," which he renders most touchingly in his foreign tongue.

P. VAUGHAN—*Lock Forward.*

This personality has a lamb-like disposition until his hands touch a rugby ball. Has been known to bite off his opponent's ears. His strength and intelligence have made him one of the mainstays of the pack.

B. REEVE—*Wing Forward.*

The "big boy" of the team. Played soundly and vigorously and took a lot of stopping when on the move. Hotly denies being off-side under the posts when playing Ystradgynlais. Easily consoled when miserable. (Phyllis to his friends.)

P. ARTHUR—*Wing Forward.*

The terror of the opposition, with his strength and devastating tackle. Once he was seen to swing a cow round his head and throw it at the referee.

J. R., D. C.

### HOUSE RUGBY.

This year's rugby house matches resulted in a convincing victory for Llewellyn House. The call-over at 8.30 a.m. on the morning of the first match between Roberts and Llewellyn proved the latter to be firm favourites—if the going was good. This was probably due to the fact that Llewellyn were fortunate in having eleven members of the 1st XV among their ranks.

The result of this match was a 44 points to nil victory in favour of the punter, which definitely flattered the victors as the Robert's pack, lacking experience, fought with determination and proved themselves the best eight of the four houses.

The second eliminator was won by Dillwyn by 8 points to nil despite the very enthusiastic play of P. J. Arthur (Mr. Dynevor 1957), who blamed his lack of success to a new pair of socks. Dillwyn's tries were scored by the brothers Gwyn and Hywel Lewis.

So Dillwyn met Llewellyn in the final and, although briefed by Mr. Grove with such phrases as "If you can't walk off, I'll carry you off" and "Do unto them before they do unto you," they were defeated by 17 points to nil.

With plenty of chances of open play Llewellyn should have won more convincingly. But close marking and good tackling by the younger members of the Dillwyn team, aided by the individualism of the Llewellyn team kept the margin of victory down.

P.V., LVI Sc.

## SCHOOL SOCCER.

### Senior A.

The Senior A team played football of a high standard throughout the season and were unlucky to lose the services of H. Evans (4c) for the greater part of the season. Their record was :—

P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals
12	9	3	0	For 39 Ag. 22

### Senior B.

The record of the Senior B team shows that they too enjoyed the satisfaction of a successful season.

P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals
9	6	3	0	For 33 Ag. 20

\* In the Senior Cup Competition, Dynevor defeated Pentrepoeth 5-1 in the first round, but lost narrowly 2-3 to Townhill who were the eventual winners.

Four boys played for the town team during the season. In fact, in the match against Wrexham, Dynevor players made up the last line of defence for Swansea team : viz., Leighton Jenkins (Goalkeeper), D. Thomas (right back) and R. Harries (left back). Hugh Evans also played for Swansea in the early part of the season.

Four of last season's Senior A XI are available again next season ; they are : R. Harries, R. Evans, D. Henchey and Roger Saunders. The prospects for next season are therefore most favourable.

### Intermediate A.

The Intermediate A team, captained by Roger Howells (2A), had a disappointing season. They lost their first three games but they did show some improvement later in the season. Their record was :—

P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals
9	4	4	1	For 18 Ag. 19

### Intermediate B.

The Intermediate B team had a great proportion of their matches cancelled, but many of the boys showed promise for next season.

## HOUSE SOCCER MATCHES.

A most welcome innovation this year was the introduction of House Soccer Matches. Mr. James was instrumental in starting this new venture. The School was split into two-groups-senior and middle. In the senior section, Dillwyn were drawn against Grove and Roberts against Llewellyn. After many postponements because of inclement weather, the matches were finally played. In the the first game, Dillwyn

beat Grove 3-2. It was a very exciting match, with fortunes fluctuating. Grove took an early lead through L. Rees and further increased it before half-time through L. Lewis. However, Dillwyn hit back soon after the interval when King scored direct from a free-kick and later equalised through Crayford. Then Grove were awarded a penalty when H. Lewis handled to save a certain goal, but goalkeeper Roberts saved Reed's spot kick. Then just before full time, Grove were awarded another penalty but again Roberts saved brilliantly. So extra time was necessary and a ding-dong battle ensued. Excitement mounted as the final whistle drew near but just before time Dillwyn were awarded a free kick and from it, Day prodded the ball home with the last kick of the game. So ended a most exciting match.

By comparison, the match between Roberts and Llewellyn was very ordinary. Play was even for most of the game with Roberts showing the better teamwork. Both sides had near misses and bad luck, but generally the finishing of both sets of forwards left much to be desired. Half way through the second half, D. Thomas, Roberts centre half, showed how it should be done when he moved up and scored with a scorching drive from just outside the penalty area. This solitary goal proved sufficient to win the match for Roberts.

For the final, Dillwyn were forced to make a number of changes and consequently were unable to reproduce their previous form. Roberts soon took the lead when R. Jones snapped up a loose ball in the penalty area. However, Dillwyn quickly equalised when Darracott scored an excellent goal after a good run down the wing. Roberts regained the lead before half-time through R. Jones. In the second half, Dillwyn had a glorious chance of equalising when they were awarded a penalty but Darracott blazed his shot over the bar. Shortly afterwards, D. Thomas made certain of the game by scoring Roberts' third goal. Thus Roberts won the Senior House Final by 3 goals to 1.

In the Middle Section, both matches were very close as can be seen from the scores. Dillwyn beat Roberts 4-3, and Llewellyn beat Grove 3-2.

In the final, Llewellyn proved far too strong for Dillwyn and won 4-2. Scorers for Llewellyn were T. Davies (2), R. Harries and an own goal while Evans and Fuller scored for Dillwyn.

I think that it can be truly said that these games proved a success and it is to be hoped that these matches will be continued in future years.

Finally, I think, a hearty vote of thanks is due to Mr. James for all the trouble he took in arranging these games and the energy spent in refereeing them.

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