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EDITORIAL

This Editorial of the Penvro has a rather strong affinity with the first turn in the old-fashioned music hall. Its position does not indicate importance—rather the reverse—and most people do not start paying much attention until Item No. 2 is reached. Consequently it does not much matter what this item, or at least its beginning, contains. The few readers of this paragraph may therefore experience a warm benevolent feeling, one of having conferred a kindness upon the writer.

The main body of the magazine contains, we feel, much that is good, and some items by writers who show much promise. The record of School events is a pleasant and encouraging one too. It is to be regretted that we cannot reach a still larger number of readers, both in and out of school. The more readers we have the more matter we could print, and there is little difficulty nowadays in obtaining this matter.

We shall be very sorry to lose the services of the Rev. Herbert Jones from the Governing Body. He has retired from Tabernacle Church, Pembroke, and will be leaving the district. Mr. Jones, who was a Foundation Governor, had been on the Governing Body for five years.

There is again plenty of staff news. We are particularly glad to herald the arrival among us of Ceinwen Mathias, on March 4th, and of David Cooper, on May 14th. They are fortunate in having joined such pleasant families, and although they can hardly be expected to read these words yet, we welcome them very cordially.

We were genuinely sorry to lose Mr. Harries at Whitsun, but we congratulate him on being made Headmaster of Dinas C.P. School in the north of the County. His classes have missed him greatly, and he has been especially missed in the Masters' Room. We have already met his successor, Miss Joan Bishop, as she spent three weeks at School in June. We hope she will be happy here when she makes a real start in September.

Miss James's stay with us has unfortunately been very short—just two terms. As she is leaving to be married, we can at least feel that she is not going to some school that she feels to be better than ours. We hope her married life will be very happy, and we wish her and her future husband well.

Mr. Cleaver's presence has been missed this term too, but we hear that he is having a very interesting time, albeit a hard-working one, in his course in furniture design. We look forward to seeing him back next term—"bringing with new ideas." We were very lucky to have the services for the summer term of Mr. A. Houghton, who has filled Mr. Cleaver's place admirably. Mr. Houghton has many interests outside his subject, as he is a F.R.G.S. and F.R.H.S., and a keen photographer.

We were proud to learn during the Easter holidays that Mr. Garlick had been elected a Member of the Royal Society of Literature. This is a very exclusive body and we congratulate him most cordially on this honour.

Mademoiselle Lyliane Galet completes her year with us at the end of this term. We should have been very pleased if she could have stayed longer, and she herself would have been glad to do so, but the Ministry's regulations are like the laws of the Medes and Persians, and it was "nil faciendum." It is not only the French department that will miss her, as she has been in every way not just a visitor, but a full member of the staff.

An interesting and welcome visitor at the end of the summer term was Frau Jagusch, who came here for a few weeks to observe the life of an English school. Frau Jagusch teaches in a school in Hamburg, and we hope she will benefit by her stay here, and take back with her a good impression of us, and happy memories of her visit.

By the time these words are read, the trips will all be over, and the Austrian expedition will be very near. We hope to have many impressions of these in our next issue.

A pleasant holiday to all.

A THUNDERSTORM

The threat of thunder,
hazy oppressive heat,
with sky overcast,
a single drop of rain;
the distant rumble,
like a far-off battle drawing nearer,
nearer.

A liquid jet of flame
spurts from some unseen flame-thrower,
fired by an unknown hand,
crackling over trees,
playing round hills;
whilst we count—one, two, three—
and crashing almost overhead
the salute of many guns
of some ghost army
fighting above,
in the skies,
in flight,
pursued,
pass by.

The warring roar passed,
freshness,
a different haze
from steaming roads.
Bird song in Summer serenity;
oppressive heat,
battling thunder storm
waged over other climes,
has passed,
leaving outward
peace.

WILLIAM SMITH, VI.

A THUNDERSTORM

Lake glimmering, shimmering
Under a sultry sun.
No stir in the trees;
No breeze.

Sudden, the change.
Thunder-god, in playful mood,
Tears the lazy, languid leaves,
Whirls them, twirls them.
With murderous moans,
Growls and groans;
Lightning flashes,
Dashes, crashes.
Clouds race,
In maddened chase,
Across an angry sky.

Caprice gone.
Sun shone.
Storm past,
Calm at last.

BARBARA DAVIES, VI.

SCHOOLS IN GERMANY

What impressed me most when I came to Pembroke Dock was the difference between school life in England and Germany.

The first thing I observed was the school dress of the pupils and the gowns of the staff. In Germany school dresses are nowhere in use. The girls wear nice but simple coloured cotton frocks or Dirndlkleider, in winter pullovers and woollen dresses.

School hours are quite different from those in England, too. We start at 8.0 and finish at 1.30 (on Saturdays, too). The pupils have six lessons with four small breaks and one longer one between them. In this longer break they can have a thick warm soup, but only a very small number of children take it. We have no school dinner as you have. In the afternoon there are no lessons. But you must not be envious of German children; they have to do a lot of homework for the next day, at least two hours work at home, and bad pupils more than that.

A lot of class-tests are written during the school year. The results of these class-tests, together with success in discussions and lesson decide whether the pupil will move on to the next form or stay in the former one. The pupils who have not moved once must be very careful not to fail a second time. In this case they must leave school and go back to an elementary school, or learn a trade.

There are no special examinations at the end of the school year except the examination in the top form for going to the University. The teachers find the subjects, send them in to the school authorities to be confirmed, and each of the class-tests (German essay, Mathematics, English essay, Science or Foreign Languages—French or Latin—five or six hours each) is corrected by two teachers. The papers are sent in to the school authorities; and one day of oral examination in at

least eight subjects follows. It requires great efforts and a high standard of training to pass this examination.

In Germany we have no terms as you have. In Hamburg the school year begins and finishes at Easter. Up to now the pupils have also sat for a second certificate in the autumn. The grades of the certificates and class-tests are: 1 (excellent), 2 (good), 3 (satisfactory), 4 (sufficient), 5 (bad).

Sport is much less important in German schools than in English schools. There are two lessons a week, but matches are very rare, perhaps some in handball, football, basketball and athletics. There is no tennis or cricket in school sports. Cricket is totally unknown in Germany.

J. M. M. JAGUSCH.

THE HERON

A heron stood in the shallows of the pond,
He watched each weed, each seaweed frond,
Each splash, each swirl, each rillet or eddy,
With body tense and beak at the ready.
He stood quite still the colour of lead,
From his tail to the crest of his handsome head,
On one reed-like leg, the other tucked under his breast,
The picture of elegance manifest.
At last he plunged his beak so sharp,
Into the silvery side of a luckless carp,
A flap of broad wings, circles of the pool,
And he had disappeared into the evening's cool.

RICHARD S. BROWN, Vr.

FISHING

"Yes," said Dick, contemplating his friends John and Tom, "fishing is the life for me. I shudder when I recollect the wasted years behind me, with no fishing." His friends saw the symptoms, and waited. It was a new craze, a craze that would last about a fortnight and then disappear. "I've bought some tackle and we'll hire a boat and go fishing to-morrow."

So on the morrow Dick, John and Tom arrived on the beach loaded with tackle. Dick had piles of it, and by the look of it was going to catch all the fish in the ocean. John and Tom had just a reel each. They hired a boat, a heavy great tub, at the sight of which Tom and John inwardly groaned. The old salt who pushed the boat out laughed a wheezy laugh at the sight of Dick's tackle.

Dick took the oars. "Now heave," he said encouragingly to himself, but unfortunately, in his enthusiasm, he forgot to dip the oars deep enough into the water, and consequently disappeared over the back of his seat. His friends beheld a pair of legs thrashing the air and a pair of arms waving wildly from beneath a mix-up of chains, ropes, sails and oars. After rescuing the enthusiastic oarsman they hoisted the sail and sailed on.

Dick took the helm while his friends betook themselves out of the way of the boom which was inclined to get "playful" now and then. Suddenly things began to happen. Jack shouted "Rock ahead," Dick put the helm hard over, the boom

swung round, and Dick disappeared over the side and into the sea. He swallowed several mouthfuls of the salty liquid and gurgled "Help, I'm drowning." Tom immediately plunged in with a loud splash and came up clawing at the mud and seaweed which adorned his head. "Whaddyer mean, you're drowning, it's only three feet deep." Dick confirmed this by standing up, and remarked brightly "So it is." They saw that John had successfully dodged the boom and had hold of the rudder. Tom started towards it but in doing so he stepped off the edge of the mud-bank which was only around the rock which had caused their troubles. When he came up from the bottom again and stood on something solid, Dick remarked "You're clean again."

They climbed aboard, and after anchoring proceeded to fish. Dick, with all his tackle, did not catch a thing, and was getting angry. Only once he had a bite, and he hauled in his line as quickly as possible. It got stuck on something, however, and the result was that the line snapped and Dick fell backwards into the boat, while his line hit John on the head and nearly gouged Tom's eye out.

Clambering over some rocks on the way home Dick, seeing something move in a deep pool, savagely jabbed his rod at it. He was startled, to say the least, when, on lifting his rod out, he saw a huge lobster on the end. He immediately lifted the rod high in the air, but unfortunately the lobster let go and fell on top of Dick and nipped his hand. At this he gave a howl which would have done credit to a banshee and which caused his friends to jump about two feet in the air and come hurrying back. After a sharp tussle and some nips, they finally got the lobster into a bag.

"This has cured me of sea-fishing," said Dick later, looking at his damaged hand and glaring at the lobster. "But I know a nice quiet life, fly-fishing. Now, fly-fishing is not dangerous, it's...."

His friends groaned and looked significantly at each other.
KARL LEES, V Remove.

ST. GOVAN'S CHAPEL

St. Govan's Chapel, a most unobtrusive building constructed in a fissure in the cliffs on a remote part of the South Pembrokeshire coast, is now a mere "place of interest" for sight-seers, who little realise the history and mythology surrounding that hermitage. Many superstitions envelop this pious secluded spot, and St. Govan himself is supposed to have been a very superstitious being.

It is said that the worn limestone steps leading down to the chapel, like the stones constituting the Stonehenge circle, cannot be counted, and it is, in fact, a popular belief at the present day. The chapel is a really ancient structure, crude and unornamented, and some people believe that the body of the hermit saint lies under the altar contained therein.

The greatest mystery of all, however, surrounds a niche in the wall, to the left of the altar, and numerous superstitions are connected with it. The most well-known fable is that the wall opened to embrace the hermit, when he was closely pursued by his pagan persecutors, and re-opened to re-

lease him when the chase ceased; it is believed to be in that state to-day. The niche appears to be about the size of a middle-sized man in a crouching position, but people say that it will admit the largest and smallest man; and that if you wish when accommodated inside it, and do not alter your frame of mind while executing the operation of turning round, your wish will be granted.

Two other real superstitions are attached to the well, and the "ringing" stone. The well (outside the chapel) is said to have healed crippled individuals, who came from all over Britain to bathe their diseased limbs in the supposed miraculous waters, and were made whole again.

The "ringing" stone is thought to have had its peculiar ringing quality induced into it by pirates, who, when surreptitiously relieving the chapel of its bell, rested it thereon. Similarly, this theory is extended to all other stones that the bell chanced to contact on its way to the sea.

Seawards, St. Govan's hermitage is contained by almost an amphitheatre of dominating but precipitous cliffs. The hermit saint therefore must have been in need of complete solitude and seclusion to spend much time in this isolation, with nothing to console him, or keep him company, but Nature.

PETER PREECE, V Remove.

A VISIT TO A SUBMARINE

After hearing about the submarine "Affray," I think you would be interested to hear about a visit to a submarine I made whilst on holiday in Torquay last Easter.

This submarine belonged to the Dutch Navy, and it came into Torquay Harbour one Sunday morning, along with a destroyer. In the afternoon the ships were invaded by enthusiastic sightseers, and my sister and I climbed aboard the destroyer, hoping that we would enjoy ourselves. We inspected the destroyer, asking the crew questions of all sorts. The men were kind and considerate, and explained the different parts to us. Then we joined a queue, which was waiting to go aboard the submarine.

It was wallowing on the port side of the destroyer, and to get to it one had to cross a narrow gangway with a rail on one side only. As I was going across I felt a sickening feeling in my stomach, and I was glad to reach the submarine at last. We went inside and listened to a sailor showing us the torpedo shaft. We were shown through a kind of corridor, where we saw a lot of sailors making merry in general. We at last arrived at a compartment in which there was a periscope. We had a peep at it, and it was marvellous how clearly we could see everything. An old sailor caught sight of us and took us to the engine room, where the noise was unbearable and nearly spit my ear-drums. Soon we felt we wanted to get out of the stifling atmosphere. We climbed up the conning tower, only to find it was impossible to get any further. Then we climbed wearily back, and found at last a way out of that under-water menace, and stepped aboard the destroyer with some relief, although the experience was very interesting. We decided that wild horses could not drag us back to the submarine, but we salute all sailors who go down to the sea in submarines.

JEREMY GORDON, IVa.

THE PRIDE OF PEMBROKE

Travellers of England come to see
Pembroke Castle, its main beauty.
Inside its massive walls are found,
A little tower snug and sound.

Within this tower in years gone by,
A new-born babe, a king did lie.
Soon this new king would rule to see
A better England come to be.

Alas! Alack! of what need
To speak of Cromwell's cruel deed!
He stormed the castle with all his might,
Until it was a ghastly sight.

But later on in years to come,
A man spent money, quite a sum;
And so the castle still had might,
And now is still a conspicuous sight.

BRYN ELLIOTT, IIIc.

THE CASTLE VIEW

Below the castle's crumbling shade
The lowing cattle graze.
The sun is shining in the glade,
The sea is clothed in haze.

The curving pastures look so green,
And just across the beach
The village church is plainly seen
Quite near the great sea's reach.

But far away on yonder bank
A swan and cygnets walk,
And on a painted wooden plank
Old seamen sit and talk.

DAVID PHILLIPS, V Remove.

THE EMERALD ISLE (Three Points of View)

Most people who have never been to Ireland think of it as a backward place with pigs in the parlours. When I first got there I thought the same, because when I got off the boat I asked a porter what time the next train went to Dublin, and in reply I got—"Och, it goes at half-past seven, but it can't go then, because it's a quarter to eight already."

Travelling through the impressive wooded hills we got to Dublin, where I went window-shopping.

While I was in the North, I saw the famous Giants' Causeway, consisting of hundreds of eight-sided pillars fitting perfectly into each other, although no two have the same shape. These pillars continue under the sea to the Hebrides.

JAMES CROFT, IIIa.

My biggest thrill during my visit to Ireland was to sit in the Speaker's chair in Dublin, and in the seat allocated to Mr. De Valera. What struck me especially was to see bananas hanging in clusters and to find sweets off the ration.

I can only mention a few of the places we visited. Dungan, a beautiful old market town; Youghal, where it is claimed Sir Walter Raleigh introduced the potato and tobacco; the Blarney Stone in Cork; the magnificent scenery of Keem-anagh Pass; Bantry Bay—a glorious sight; Glengari, one of the beauty spots of the south-west; Killarney—a terrific climb through a tunnel, and suddenly we looked down at the great lakes of Killarney; O'Connell Street in Dublin, with its four lines of traffic each way, and lit with neon lights; Bray; Wicklow; the vale of Avoca, the prettiest sight on the east coast (here the poet Thomas Moore wrote "The Meeting of the Waters"); through Enniscorthy back to Wexford.

It was a wonderful month's holiday; The Irish people were so courteous and obliging, and so complacent about everything. They seemed to honour God's laws rather than any man-made laws.

MARGARET THOMAS, IIIc.

I first caught a glimpse of Ireland through the port-hole of our cabin. By the end of the first day I had learnt quite a lot of Gaelic, from the road signs and so on. The thing which I, on my bicycle, had best reason to notice, was the rough roads. As we had fine sunny weather, every car that passed us left a huge cloud of limestone dust behind it, but fortunately there were not many cars.

Up the side and on the top of all the mountains were large numbers of shaggy mountain sheep, branded in red or blue. We saw a number of bare-footed children, even riding bicycles bare-footed. Everywhere we went we saw huge yellow patches of gorse in full bloom. In several places we saw the Irish Jaunting Cars, and pony and donkey carts, which usually looked as if the wheels were coming off. Quite often there were pigs and chickens in the cart with the driver. I have never seen more beautiful scenery, but all the quaint things, like old women with black shawls all round their heads, green pillar-boxes and telephone-boxes and so on, will always remind me of Ireland, although I only saw the South. If the rest of Ireland is as interesting as this, I should like to see it all.

JAMES PROUSE, IIIa.

MEMORIES OF DEVON

Devon, the land of sweeping hills and rolling valleys! It has much to offer, and of all my numerous memories, two at least stand out in my mind.

It was a glorious day with the unmistakable tang of spring in the air. On and on we sped across the moors to our destination—Princetown. The magnificent panorama that greeted my eyes made me gasp. The silent majestic grandeur filled me with awe. The almost fairy-like stillness, occasionally broken by the beat of hooves of one of the numerous ponies on the road, was almost terrifying. Tiny rills and streams looked like silver fish in the distance. The very names on the

signposts, such as Widdecombe-in-the-Moor, breathed of romance and history untold. When we reached our goal, I was almost sorry. Suddenly the pile of Princetown loomed ahead, black and foreboding, the infamous prison overshadowing the countryside. As we turned away, I took my last look, and shuddered to think of escape from that sinister place.

Suddenly, over more hills and dales, the lovely sparkling Dartmeet met my eager gaze. Here the river dances madly over the stones, and swirls around in a swiftly rushing eddy. Ponies were to be seen galloping along everywhere. So timid and shy they looked, I could have easily coaxed one to come along with me.

As we left the moors, we saw a little house with stone-carved pixie figures guarding it. This little scene was in keeping with the eerie moors, on which one could easily imagine the existence of real pixies.

But I shall have to squeeze my account of Cockington into one paragraph. Cockington, "the prettiest village in England," has many gems within its humble boundaries. I cannot describe to you the quaint old thatched cottages, the famous old forge, and many other things. However, I could relive that moment again.

JENNIFER GORDON, IIIa.

Sonnet: STORM

The hare limped slowly through the rain-soaked leaves,
The birds no longer sang; and one could hear
A steady rhythmic patter from the eaves.
And now, across the heavens, bringing fear
To all the earth beneath, Thor's thunder crashed
And cruel lightning forked, flashed out its claw.
The driving rain swept through the sky and slashed
At latticed cottage windows, fast-closed door.
The storm abates. See now the glistening rain
Drips slowly to the waiting earth below.
All Nature is refreshed. Peace comes again.
The crops raise drooping heads, the flowers glow,
The trees stretch out their limbs all drenched with rain,
And streams rush down the hillsides to the plain.

BRIAN JOHN, Lower VI Arts.

AUTUMN

Brown and gold and scarlet leaves
Whirling down from skeleton trees,
Gathering into rustling heaps
Where they were blown by an autumn breeze.
Gone are the birds that nested there
To warmer climates far away.
Farmers wearily homeward go
At the end of a long, long day.
Squirrels begin to store their nuts
In the hollows of the trees,
For the summer is well night past
And they feel the autumn breeze.

JOHN WILLCOCKS, Upper IV.

THE 1851 EXHIBITION

The great exhibition of 1851 was encouraged by four men. They were Cole, the French Minister of Agriculture, Fuller, and Albert, the Prince Consort.

The exhibition was organised in the hope that peace would be the consequence, but there followed a number of European wars. Before this, however, there were many difficulties to be overcome, the first of which was that of choosing a site for the exhibition. Many places were considered, but Hyde Park was finally chosen, and to satisfy a certain man who objected to a few trees being chopped down, it was decided that the exhibition hall should be built with some of the trees inside it.

Then came another problem. What shape was the hall to take? A prize was offered for the best design the committee received. Many were sent in but they were all rejected, so the committee decided to plan the hall themselves. However, a man named Paxton realised their difficulty and designed the Crystal Palace. He was a gardener and had built several conservatories of his own design. He sketched the Crystal Palace on a piece of blotting paper, and within three days had finished all the plans. It was accepted and it was "Punch" who gave it the name of 'Crystal Palace.'

The third difficulty was that of the sparrows. They inhabited the trees inside the palace, and it was impossible to show any exhibits near there. Lime was suggested, as well as shooting them, but in the end the Duke of Wellington uttered the miraculous words "sparrow-hawks."

Another problem was that of the arrangement of the exhibits, and after many discussions it was decided each country should apply for the amount of floor-space that it required.

There were other difficulties, but they were all overcome, and on the day, Queen Victoria opened the exhibition to the public. The same type of proceedings took place before the 1851 exhibition as went on this year before the opening of the 1951 exhibition. These preparations were the lighting up of London, a flood of foreign visitors, and much hard work.

DOREEN PLATT, V Remove.

THE LION

The lion who comes from the jungle wild,
Who is now in the Zoo, looks meek and mild
Behind those bars so big and strong,
Swinging his tail that is so long.

When it is feeding-time he'll get up and growl.
He does not eat his food off a plate or bowl,
And when the keeper givse him his meat
He stamps all over it with his big feet.

When he was young he used to roam
A long way from here in his jungle home;
But now he is in the London Zoo,
And there he can find hardly anything to do.

He is there by himself and all alone,
With no more lions from his jungle home,
No lion there to speak with or talk,
And round and round his cage he doth walk.

MICHAEL TEE, Form IIa.

THE CRUSADES

The great nobles of Western Europe
Set off in 1096 upon a Crusade.
With the aid of the Byzantine Emperor
They crossed the Bosphorus,
Then in 1099 they entered Jerusalem.

The three rulers paid homage
To Godfrey of Bouillon.
Then in 1099 Saladin arose;
He united Egypt, Syria,
And Palestine under his rule.

To meet this heavy disaster
Richard I of England,
Frederick Barbarossa, the Holy Emperor,
And Philip Augustus of France,
Set off on another Crusade.

Philip quarreled with Richard
And went home,
Then Richard conquered Acre.
Then gained the right for pilgrims
To enter Jerusalem.
Then he went home.

ROLAND SMITH, Form IIa.

OLLA PODRIDA

"Confessions"

Here to you my faults I've told,
And may I be forgiven.
I pray that I, within the fold,
May make my home in Heaven.

"Saturday Night"

But when I get as bored can be
(And have finished writing lines),

I go to see a tragic film,
And cry in the 'one-and-nines.'
I hope no more poems I have to compose,
I feel at this I am weak;
I think I would much sooner write prose;
To call this a poem would be cheek.

"The Ferry Boat"

We could hear the church bells ringing
And the happy birds singing,
While the firemen in the room below
Are continually wiping the sweat off their brow.

The ferry-boat is a horrid boat;
I think I'd rather ride a goat.

In summer the boat is quite nice
Except the awful squeaking of the mice.

The boys and girls from Neyland town
Come to Pembroke Dock to win renown.

In weather calm, in weather bad,
'Tis always there but not to be had.

The ferry-boat has a deck,
As in most boats you will expect,
I believe that there is a cockpit,
And that the man who steers uses it.

Although we love it dearly
'Tis better broken down.

"To a Bird"

The bird to which this ditty is wrote
Is one with a bright red coat.

O skylark you are but a bird
But you do own a voice superb.

Floreat IVB: Semper eadem.

If people want to learn to become nuns and monks, they could do so at school.

Monasteries should be retained because it is nice to think that some people believe in God.

Machiavelli had Borgia's idea—If you cannot beat your enemies in battle, you must poison them.

Charles belonged to the Hapsburg family, that is, he had a proceeding forehead and rejecting jaws.

When Wolsey was nearly over, Thomas Cromwell came into Henry's life. (cf. Happy Mag.).

Wolsey started work in the body of the Church and went up to the top.

III B: Per Ardua?

Alfred was known as the "Father of the Sea," as he was a very good sailor, and intelligent, with a well standard (Kwell standard?).

William did not come, as the tide had turned for the period of five or six weeks.

Edward the Confessor did not marry and had no children. Fifty years later he still had no children.

The Witan was a big meeting, where all the wise men met to disguise things of great importance. (Plus ça change?).

Alfred drew Watling St. on a piece of paper and told the Danes to get behind it.

From IIIB notice-board: Essay homework—How to spend and earn your pocket-money by Monday.

"GLANIAD Y FFRANCOD"

Y flwyddyn hon, am y tro cyntaf, cymerodd rhai o blant yr ysgol ran yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd, a gynaliwyd eleni yn Abergwaun. Portreadodd y plant laniad y Ffrancod ger Abergwaun yn niwedd y ddeunawfed ganrif. Yr oedd yn rhan o'r pasiant "Molawd Penfro," a olrhainia rai o'r prif ddigwyddiadau yn hanes y sir.

Yr oedd cyfraniad ein hysgol yn cynnwys dau feim a drama fer. Portreadai'r meim cyntaf weid y llongau Ffrengig ac adwaith y bobl. Yn yr ail feim gwelwn wragedd Abergwaun yn ymdaith o amgylch bryn yn eu clogau cochion a'u hetiau tal. Yn y ddrama clywn weddill y stori trwy enau brodorion y cylch yn siarad â'i gilydd ar sgwâr Abergwaun.

Yr oedd tua deg ar hugain yn y parti o'r ysgol. Siaradai ychydig ohonynt Gymraeg, dysgai eraill yr iaith yn yr ysgol, ond yr oedd rhai na siaradent ac na ddysgent yr iaith.

Aethom i fyny i Abergwaun dair gwaith, ar ddydd Sadwrn y ddeuddegfed o Fai a'r dydd Mawrth canlynol i'r rihysal, ac ar ddydd Mercher i'r perfformiad.

Er inni gymryd rhan gyda bechgyn a merched a fedrent yr iaith, credaf inni wneud ein gwaith cystal â hwy, a gallwn ymfalchio yn ein hymgais.

MARGARET NICHOLLS, VI Arts.

THE LANDING OF THE FRENCH

This year, for the first time, a number of boys and girls from the School took part in the National Eisteddfod of the Urdd Gobaith Cymru (The Welsh League of Youth). It was held at Fishguard, beginning on May 16th, and lasting for four days. Our part in the Eisteddfod consisted of portraying one episode in a pageant depicting the history of Pembrokeshire: the episode being the landing of the French at Fishguard in 1797. The pageant was staged in the Market Hall on the night of May 16th.

The School party made three boisterous journeys to Fishguard, the first two being for rehearsals. Thanks to the robust humour of David Rees, the bus journeys were not the least entertaining parts of the proceedings.

I was not aware until then that I resembled the hardy, beer-swigging Jemima Nicholas without my make-up, but everyone seemed to be able to pick me out.

The make-up caused amusement to everyone. Everything was done for me, even to the putting on of hand make-up. It was an embarrassment to sit down with someone rubbing my hands as if I had fainted.

However, the time for our contribution arrived. The first mime, showing the discovery by the villagers of the approach of the French ships, and the second mime, depicting the women of Fishguard in their red cloaks and tall hats walking around the hill, did not last long. Then came the sketch, giving the story of the invasion and the subsequent surrender of the French, in which we had to prove that some of the people "South of the Haven" speak Welsh. When it ended I think that the audience were convinced of this fact.

I realised as we sang the Welsh National Anthem, what a wonderful experience it is to be a Welsh person, living in Wales, and taking part in the "Urdd Eisteddfod."

MARY JENKINS, V Remove.

CAMPING HOLIDAY

I am a boy scout,
Boys much talked about.
One June we went to camp
Although the ground was damp.
We got up at four o'clock
One hour before the cock,
On our camping holiday.

We lit a fire with one match
Although it took a long time to catch,
We cooked the bacon till it was small,
Then we did reveille call.
By the time the boys were up
We had very nearly had our sup,
On our camping holiday.

We made cake in a mud oven
Although it weighed about half a ton.
One day the boys went out for wood,
When they came back they had sweet rice pudd.
We came back wet and bothered
And all of us in mud were covered,
On our camping holiday.

DAVID PLATT, Form IIa.

THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO

In eighteen fifteen, that year of gore,
Napoleon and Wellington fought a war.
This battle was one of the greatest known
Since the seeds of mankind first were sown.

"Wellington! Wellington!" the British did cry.

Napoleon said to his men on high:

"Fight for your country, honour; be free!"

But Napoleon's men preferred to be

Cowards alive than heroes dead.

But they fought until their hands were red.

The infantry their rifles fired

And kept the cavalry inspired.

Wellington's troops held them off all day.

When the French tired, they jumped to the fray:

They fought man to man for their leaders. The brave,

The fought until they were borne to the grave.

Napoleon gave up to us with a smile,

But they banished him off to St. Helena's Isle.

He died there, far from any place,

The most famous leader of a race.

DAVID JENKINS, Upper IV.

SKOMER

The lone greater black-backed gull, sweeping through the sky, was alarmed by the putt! putt! of our Seagull outboard motor, and wheeled, squawking, in the air, back to its rocky home on Skomer. We dashed from wave to wave, our heavily laden craft smashing the greeny-blue water into tiny drop-

lets of glistening spray. From the boat we could hear the crash of the swell on the igneous cliffs of Skomer, mingled with the harsh screeches of the puffins as we passed the calm of the North Haven.

Once ashore, we climbed up the tortuous track and started off around the cliffs, looking for nothing in particular, but seeing more of Mother Nature than we had ever seen before. The coarse grass was crisp under our feet, the sun shone on our backs, and we had the exciting sensation of expectancy. Here were birds in thousands, flying, screaming, dipping and diving into the water, birds which we had seen only on solitary occasions before, and birds which we had never seen. There were puffins, oyster-catchers, and the different types of gulls, while if you had long enough arms you could reach the nocturnal shearwaters, deep in their rabbit-holes, safe from the sharp beaks of the greater black-backed gulls. When the springy grass gave way to the crunchy bluebells, which grew by the million and whose blooms coloured the landscape blue, we came upon a colony of sea-gulls. As we approached the gulls rose into the air, squawking and uttering their defiance against us. The bolder of the gulls, fearful for their mottled brown eggs, and the little balls of grey-down that are their young, swooped down to within a few inches of our heads, their wings fluttering and their beaks searching for our heads.

We left the colony and struck inland, followed only by one of the larger gulls who seemed to be ushering us off the colony. As we tramped across the tract of treeless heathland, the alarmed peewits called to us shrilly, trying to lure us from their nests where lay their eggs. Suddenly a tiny skylark flew out of a nest almost under our feet. A buzzard hovered, almost motionless, above us, waiting for some small and unfortunate rabbit to leave the shelter of its burrow.

Soon the cries of the sea-birds could be heard again, and surmounting a ridge I saw one of the most breath-taking scenes. The Wick dropped one hundred and fifty feet to the sea below, the yellowish-brown of the rock hardly visible through the white plumage of the gulls and kittiwakes. The screams of the birds echoed against the stark walls of the cliff, making a tremendous impenetrable din, while down where the waves tumbled on the boulders could be heard the bark of a seal.

Back around to South Haven where our boat was riding on the placid waters of the bay. Hot from our exertions, we quickly changed and slowly stole into the icy-cold but crystal clear water, and swam out to the boat, struggled out of the icy mantle of water and on to the sun-drenched boards of the boat. The sun-tanned ex-owner of the island proved most interesting in his conversation, telling us of the birds, the fish and the plants of the island, the run of the tides and the changed perspective of the seas in a gale.

As we chugged back across Jack Sound the cries of the sea-birds became less audible and finally disappeared altogether when the boat rocked and shuddered where tide crossed tide. But back on the island the intruders had left, the puffins had settled on the calm waters of North Bay, the gulls no longer feared for their young, and the buzzard, like Nemesis, relentlessly pursued his prey to the death, Mother Nature continued on her way. As the island became less distinct, I had

a pang in my heart, to have left so much unseen, so much undone. As the rugged heights of Wooltack Point stole the island from my sight I silently said au revoir to Skomer.

ROY HAGGAR, VI.

Unrelated comments—

As I stood on one of the highest points of the island I gazed down, and a wonderful sight met my eyes. Dwindling in the distance was the party returning. As my gaze swept round, on the beach I saw the breakers crashing down unceasingly on the shingle, and razorbills flying down from their cliff-side nests to catch an unwary fish.

Opposite the beach where we landed there is a large bottle-neck of water. It is like a baby-show there. There is a terrific noise. Miss Lewis Davies says we are rowdy, but we are a little squeak compared with this.

While one boy was examining a nest a seagull dive-bombed him, and actually knocked his cap off.

On the way back we stopped at a small shop and almost everybody bought drinks or crisps, including Miss Davies, Mr. Mathias and Mr. Houghton. This was certainly a relief, and we sat down contentedly sucking lemonade through huge straws.

The boat started at once and drew away from the cove, and as it did so Mr. Houghton remarked what a good figure-head Mr. Mathias made as he sat in the bows.

When we entered Milford Haven town there was an awful smell of fish. I thought the smell of Pembroke Dock Gasworks was bad enough, but I think this was worse.

When we arrived at St. Martin's Haven about eight boys, Davina Evans and Mr. Mathias bathed. I was very surprised that Davina Evans was the first to duck, and that Mr. Mathias was the last.

THE HAVERFORDWEST EXHIBITION

One day it was announced in school that there was going to be, on the following Friday, a school trip to the Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Haverfordwest. I immediately put my name down, as well as many other boys and girls in my form.

Friday came and it turned out to be a lovely summer's day. We enjoyed our ride in the bus through the country very much.

At Haverfordwest we were split up into three groups. In charge of each group was a master or mistress. The three teachers were Miss Hughes, Mr. Griffith and Mr. Lloyd, who was in charge of the group that I was in. We then walked down to the Market Hall in which the exhibition was held.

When we were inside the main hall we could look round by ourselves. The first thing that I saw was a coracle-boat held on the wall so that we could see the inside of it. The outside of the coracle was covered with pitch, and the inside was like a basket. Next to this was a series of wrought iron-work specimens made by various blacksmiths. These were two crafts at the exhibition, but the third craft, pottery-making, was probably the keenest and best. This was being made by

a man from the Ewenny Potteries. There were also people demonstrating leather-craft, quilting, basketry and clog-making.

Also in the main hall was a large yacht made by Messrs. Kelpie Boat Services, Saundersfoot, who also demonstrated the process of boat-building.

There was also a separate room called the "Gold Room," in which were various books, maps, and manuscripts. There were also photographs of Pembrokeshire.

It was then time to go, and so I went out of the exhibition glad that I had seen such a marvellous display of arts and crafts.

GRAHAM PHILLIPS, IIA.

"GENERAL KNOWLEDGE"

Madame Curie is famous for her discovery of Ballet.

Edward Jenner discovered Music.

Livingstone discovered peace.

Marconi discovered macaroni.

A blunderbuss is either a clumsy person who is always in trouble, or something for knocking people on the head.

Dean Swift is a celebrated film star!

Blubber is to pout in a crying sort of way.

Who or what is or was Blue Peter—You can cook with it!

Auld Reekie is a smelly chimney.

The English equivalent of the American "street car" is a barrow boy.

An Orangeman is a man who dresses in orange and lives near the River Orange.

A Gusher is a fast talker who gushes over his words.

Van Gogh was an old British sea-dog.

Who are Burgess and McLean?—Biscuit manufacturers, cricketers, actors or comedians.

What is Big Bertha?—Billy Bunter's sister, or the nickname of a fat woman.

Pug-Wudjies are sparring partners.

The Mabinogion is another name for the Ten Commandments, or a famous Welsh Male Voice Choir.

Yellow Jack is a man who dresses in yellow.

Who was Bach?—a little Welshman.

THE EISTEDDFOD

Whether it was because of the lapse of a few years or in spite of it, the standard of performance at this year's eisteddfod was, generally speaking, quite up to that of previous years. Some items, admittedly, were rather disappointing, but to compensate for this there were others which were considerably better than we had expected.

We are very grateful to the adjudicators, some of whom spent most of the day on the platform. It was a wonder that their tempers were not frayed by the end of the day. Many of them were old friends of ours, but others were appearing for the first time as adjudicators. We hope that we shall be able to prevail upon them to help us again.

This year, by a majority vote, the system of scoring was changed, to bring it into line with the system used in the annual sports. Under the new system, the best three competitors appear on the platform, irrespective of the house to which they belong. It is therefore possible, in extreme cases, for all three finalists to belong to the same house.

The arduous job of conducting the eisteddfod was shared by Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Devereux and Mr. Davies. There is hardly any need to say that, for the nth year, Mr. George was the scorer.

RECITATIONS

Junior Girls ("Tarantella" by Hildaire Belloc)—1, Gillian Richards (T); 2, Victoria Fogwell (T); 3, Margaret McGarry (G).

Junior Boys ("The Vagabond" by R. L. Stevenson)—1, M. Thomas (T); 2 (equal), D. Platt (P) and J. Jenkins (P).

Senior Girls ("Mrs. Reece Laughs" by Martin Armstrong)—1, Kathleen Lockett (G); 2, Mary Phillips (T); 3, Gillian Davies (G).

Senior Boys ("The Bat" by D. H. Lawrence)—1, D. John (P); 2, P. Williams (T); 3, D. Evans (G).

Welsh, Junior ("Ceffyl fy Nhad")—1 (equal), Eiliona Henry (G) and Janet Nicholas (P); 3, Suzanne Brown (G).

Welsh, Senior ("Y Sipsi" by Crwys)—1, Morfwyn Henry (G); 2, Dorothy Thomas (G); 3, Mary Jenkins (G).

Choral Speech (an extract from "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" by Robert Browning)—1, Tudor; 2, Glyndwr; 3, Picton.

MUSIC

Piano Solo, Junior ("The Garden of Music" by Rathbone)—1, Sheila Smith (T); 2, Jean Manning (T); 3, Jean Puleston (P).

Piano Solo, Senior ("A Dance by Moonlight" by Carse)—1, Diana Jones (G); 2, Nesta Phillips (G); 3, Christine Copeman (T).

Violin Solo ("Graceful Measure" by Fletcher)—1, Ralph Davies (G); 2, Pat Doyle (T); 3, G. McLean (P).

Solo, Junior Girls ("A Rainy Day" by Una Gwynne)—1, Victoria Fogwell (T); 2, Sheila Smith (T); 3 (equal), Ann Lloyd (P) and Elizabeth Wilson (T).

Solo, Junior Boys ("The Alpine Song" by John Ireland)—1, R. Smith (P); 2, C. Macken (G); 3, M. Davies (T).

Solo, Senior Girls ("As torrents in summer" by Elgar)—1, Kathleen Lockett (G); 2, Margaret Nicholls (T); 3, Barbara Davies (T).

Welsh Solo, Junior ("Wrth fynd efo Deio i Dywyn" by Hen Alaw)—1, Ann Lloyd (P); 2, Joan Lewis (T); 3, G. James (T).

Welsh Solo, Senior ("Yn Iach i ti Gymru" by Hen Alaw)—1, Margaret Nicholls (T); 2, Mary Jenkins (G); 3, G. Wainwright (G).

Unison Song, Junior Girls ("Knotting Song" by Purcell)—1, Tudor; 2, Glyndwr; 3, Picton.

Unison Song, Junior Boys ("O sing to the Blast")—1, Glyndwr; 2, Tudor; 3, Picton.

Unison Song, Senior Boys ("Green Hills of England" by Longmire)—1, Tudor; 2, Glyndwr; 3, Picton.

Duet, Senior Girls ("On Wings of Song" by Mendelssohn)—1, Kathleen Lockett and Mary Jenkins (G); 2, Barbara Davies and Margaret Nicholls (T); 3, Margaret Evans and Joyce Horn (P).

Choral ("Loudly Proclaim"—Welsh Air, arranged S. A. Evans)—1, Picton, conducted by Vernice Evans; 2, Glyndwr, conducted by Kathleen Lockett; 3, Tudor, conducted by Valmai Folland.

POEMS

Form II ("To a Bird")—1, Victoria Fogwell (T); 2, Pat Kavanagh (P); 3, Janet Nicholas (P).

Form III ("The Ferry Boat")—1, Suzanne Brown (G); 2, Anne Phillips (P); 3, Jean Puleston (P).

Form IV ("Saturday Night")—1, Ruth Cole (T); 2, Jeremy Gordon (P); 3, Joan Peters (T).

Form V ("Confessions")—1, Mary Phillips (T); 2, R. Brown (G); 3, Brenda Steptoe (G).

Form IV ("A Thunderstorm")—1, W. Smith (P); 2, Barbara Davies (T); 3, G. Harper (G).

ESSAYS

Form II ("If I Had Three Wishes")—1, Yvonne Richards (P); 2, Sheila Smith (T); 3, Gillian Richards (T).

Form III ("A Dream")—1, Suzanne Brown (G); 2, Jennifer Gordon (P); 3, G. Rickard (G).

Form IV ("Fairs")—1, Noreen Jones (G); Barbara Nicholas (P); 3, Eileen Llewellyn (G).

Form V ("The World in 4000 A.D.")—1, P. Preece (G); 2, Pat Doye (T); 3, Frances Rixon (T).

Form VI ("The radio and newspaper as media of information, education and entertainment")—1, Gillian Davies (G); 2, Barbara Davies (T); 3, Margaret Nicholls (T).

Dramatics (Act V of "A Midsummer Night's Dream")—1, Glyndwr; 2, Tudor; 3, Picton.

Prepared Speech ("What steps would you take, if you had the power, towards preserving the beauty of Pembrokeshire?")—1, T. Lewis (G); 2, P. Nutting (P).

ART

Drawing and Painting, Junior—1, Sylvia Green (P); 2, B. Tucker (P); 3, Enid Watts (P).

Drawing and Painting, Senior—1, F. Utting (T); 2, E. Mullins (T).

Drawing and Painting, Open—1, D. Welby (G); 2, W. Lewis (T).

Lino Printing—1, K. MacCallum (P); 2, J. Greenwood (G); 3, Annette Williams (G).

Pen Lettering—1, Joan Peters (T); 3, Eileen Hervey (T); 3, Sheila Randell (G).

NEEDLEWORK

Junior—1, Margaret Thomas (T); 2, Anne Semmens (P); 3, Pat Kavanagh (P).

Senior—1, Inez Threlfall (G); 2, Mary Thomas (G); 3, Janice Picton (P).

Feltwork, Open—1, Valerie Westgate (T).

KNITTING

Junior (Bonnet)—1, Ira Brickle (T); 2, Victoria Fogwell (T); 3, Jean Devote (T).
Senior (Socks)—1, Janet Rees (P); 2, Pamela Hay (T); 3, Alethea Johns (T).
Senior (Gloves)—1, Sheila John (G); 2, Thelma Phillips (T); 3, Megan Harries (G).
Open (Toy)—1, Hilda Thomas (P); 2, Doreen Platt (P); 3, Jean Paterson (P).

EMBROIDERY

Open (Teas-cosy)—1, Valerie Heath (T); 2, Pamela Mackeen (P).

COOKERY

Junior (Welsh cakes)—1, Ann Semmens (P); 2, No award; 3, Janet Nicholas (P).
Junior (Rock cakes)—1, Pamela Griffiths (G); 2, Pamela Bodman (P); 3, Suzanne Brown (G).
Middle School (Sausage Rolls)—1, Noreen Jones (G); 2, Dorothy Thomas (G); 3, June Roderick (P).
Middle School (Sandwich cake)—1, Valerie Albury (T); 2, Janice Picton (P); 3, Alethea Johns (T).
Senior (Fruit cake)—1, Shirley English (P); 2, Thelma Phillips (T); 3, Mary Thomas (G).
Senior (Swiss Roll)—1, Mary Thomas (G); 2, June Strachan (G); 3, Janice Phillips (P).

CRAFTWORK, ETC.

Junior (Toy)—1, D. Stewart (G); 2, G. Jones (G); 3, W. Scone (G).
Senior (Woodwork)—1, G. Tregidon (G); 2, N. Jones (P); 3, J. Davies (P).
Table Decoration, Open—1, Pamela Hay (T); 2 (equal), Sheila Randell (G) and Anne Phillips (P); 3, Sylvia Collins (T).
Plant Collection, Open—1, Pauline Armitage (T); 2, Delphia Welham (P); 3, Wendy Lees (T).
Stamp Collection, Junior—1, D. Roblin (T); 2, D. Horn (G); 3, T. Panton (T).
Stamp Collection, Senior—1, Gillian Davies (G); 2, D. Evans (T); 3, Eileen Hervey (T).

The points were awarded as follows—in the dramatics and the choral competition there were 12 points for the first, 8 for the second, and 4 for the third. In all other items there were 6 points for the first, 4 for the second, 2 for the third, and 1 point for each competitor who was highly commended.

The final result was—Tudor 297, Glyndwr 291, Picton 214.

The adjudicators were:—Drama—Mr. Peter Upcher; Music, Rev. Iorwerth Thomas; Poetry, Miss Morwyth Rees; Choral and Prepared Speech, Rev. J. Emrys Davies; Recitations, Rev. Evan Jenkins; Welsh Recitations, Mrs. Olwen Rees; Essays, Miss Ethel Young, Mrs. Norah Davies, Mrs. Sarah Thomas, Mr. Henry Birkhead, Rev. Herbert Jones; Craftwork—Mr. Norman Nash; Art, Mr. J. M. Carradice; Needlework and Cookery, Mrs. E. Griffith; Stamp Collections, Mr. J. H. A. Macken.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The second annual cross-country race was run this year over the same course as last year through the Bush Estate. The weather was kinder to us this year and the times were faster. The course was much less muddy and everybody who entered completed the course. The boys were quite enthusiastic and keen competition was witnessed.

Again the School was divided into three groups according to age, the seniors over sixteen, the middle school between fourteen and sixteen, and the juniors under fourteen.

Glyndwr House were easily the winners, with Tudor second and Picton third.

The individual results were:—

Senior—1, D. Williams (G) and D. Welby (G); 3, P. Williams (T); 4, N. Jones (P); 5, D. Rendall (G) and G. Phillips (P).
Middle—1, R. Willington (P); 2, V. Rossiter (G); 3, E. Evans (T); 4, J. Willcocks (T); 5, D. Evans (G); 6, P. Preece (G).
Junior—1, R. Smith (P); 2, D. Cousens (T); 3, A. Morris (P); 4, R. Kenniford (G); 5, D. Horne (G); 6, G. Reynolds (G).

COUNTY SPORTS

The meeting this year was held for the first time at Bush Camp, on Saturday, June 23rd, with our Grammar School as the host school. The weather proved kind to us and the sports were a huge success from every view-point, so much so that many expressed the thought that the sports should be held at Bush Camp every year. Competitors and visitors were admirably catered for by the Domestic Science staff of the school under the shelter of a marquee on the ground, with all the good things associated with such entertainment.

The sporting events themselves were a matter of satisfaction, for throughout the county the standard of achievement is gradually rising. Many records were broken.

In the completed boys' events the championship was won jointly by Haverfordwest Grammar School and Milford Grammar School with 183½ points each, while our school came a close third with 168 points. Our school won the Gwyther Cup for the Middle School Boys, this being the first time the boys have won a trophy in this series of sports. Our congratulations to them. The girls' championship was won by Tasker's Grammar School. Again our girls managed only third place. These results give cause for serious thought throughout the school.

While admitting that in the last three years our actual achievements have advanced on each occasion, we have not yet reached the pinnacle. The answer in my opinion is simple. We have the boys and girls in this school who are physically capable of doing better, but unfortunately a number do not try hard enough over the months preceding the sports. Steady continuous practice brings good results in the end.

May I point out that this is true not only in athletics but in everything worth while that you attempt in life, including examinations. I hope therefore that these few words will sink in, and cause increased enthusiasm among all of you and thus bring to the sports next year its own justifiable rewards of honour and glory to the school.

Results:—

Senior Girls—220 yards: 2, Nancy Macken; 100 yards: 3, Janice Phillips; Hop, Step and Jump: 1, Nancy Macken; High Jump: 3, Janice Phillips.

Middle School Girls—Hop, Step and Jump: 1, June Palmer; Discus: 2, Gwyneth Macken.

Junior Girls—High Jump: 3, Margaret Phillips.

In the Relays our girls came second in the Senior and Middle School races, and third in the Junior.

Senior Boys—Mile: 2, P. Stanley; High Jump: 1, F. Manning; Javelin: 2, N. Smith; Discus: 2, B. Bowen; Long Jump: 2, B. Bowen; Hop, Step and Jump: 1, B. Bowen.

Middle School Boys—880 yards: 1, V. Rossiter; 220 yards: 2, B. John; Hurdles: 2, E. Morgan; Hop, Step and Jump: 2, J. Lindburgh; Javelin: 1, P. Preece; Long Jump: 3, B. John; Pole Vault: 3, K. Wainwright; Discus: 2, D. Williams; Shot: 1, P. Preece.

Junior Boys—Hurdles: 1, J. Prouse; Pole Vault: 3, G. Rickard.

In the Relays, the School were third in the Middle Section.
N. H. GREENWOOD.

THE THREE-COUNTY SPORTS

This year, the Festival Year, a three-counties Secondary School Athletic meeting was decided upon under the control of the Welsh Secondary School A.A.A., the meeting to be held in Carmarthen Park. On the success of this meeting depended future meetings in Cardiganshire and Pembrokeshire. The idea was to give our future athletes a further chance of a good competition before a national sports.

The success of the meeting obviously depended on certain factors. Firstly individual schools providing good competitors, and secondly a good county athletic meeting, and thirdly a good support from boys and girls of the different schools in the three counties, for it is certain that no sports meeting can be run without sufficient money to pay its way. At the meeting each county supplies two competitors for each event, or two teams of four in the Relay races. The competitors run in three age groups, the seniors over sixteen, the middle school over fourteen, and the juniors under fourteen.

Points ranging from six to one are awarded according to the position of the competitor at the finish of the event. At the end of the meeting it was intended to choose the competitors for Pembrokeshire for the national meeting.

The sports were held in Carmarthen Park in glorious weather on June 30th. The meeting was opened by a march and parade of all the competitors before many notabilities of the county, including the Mayor, Mr. James Griffiths, M.P., and Mr. Hopkin Morris, K.C., M.P. Brian Bowen had the honour of being chosen County Captain and presenting the county representatives to these important people.

The boys looked very gay in their coloured vests, white for Cardigan, red for Carmarthen, and mauve for Pembroke, the colours used in the National Sports. The events themselves were very keenly contested and at least one national record was broken. Our county refrained from entering boys for the walks, so that we can be justly proud of the result. The boys

of our school acquitted themselves well and as a result we shall be represented in nine events at the National Sports Meeting in Cardiff, a number greater than at any previous National Meeting. We have the honour for the first time of providing the County Captain for the National Sports in Brian Bowen. We offer our congratulations to him.
The final placings were—Carmarthen 312½ points, Cardigan 244, Pembroke 243½.

Results:—

Senior—Discus: 3, B. Bowen; High Jump: 2, F. Manning; Hop, Step and Jump: 2, B. Bowen; Javelin: 5, N. Smith, Mile: 3, P. Stanley; Long Jump: 3, B. Bowen.

Middle—High Jump: 5, J. Lindburgh; 880 yards: 2, V. Rossiter; Javelin: 5, P. Preece; Discus: 5, D. Williams.

Junior—75 yards Hurdles: 1, J. Prouse.

The following competitors were chosen for the National Sports at Cardiff on July 14th, 1951:—

Senior—High Jump, F. Manning; Hop, Step and Jump, B. Bowen.

Middle—100 yards, B. John; 440 yards Relay, B. John; 880 yards, V. Rossiter; Javelin, P. Preece; Weight, P. Preece.

Junior—440 yards Relay, J. Ebsworth; 75 yards Hurdles, J. Prouse.
N. H. GREENWOOD.

SCHOOL DIARY

- Jan. 9 Spring Term began.
- Jan. 11 In the afternoon the Compass Players gave an excellent performance of Marlowe's "Dr. Faustus," with very complete technical effects.
- Jan. 15 The attendance in the morning was about 175 out of 440. Instructions were received from the Medical Officer of Health that the school was to be closed on account of the influenza epidemic.
- Jan. 22 School re-opened at about three-quarter strength.
- Jan. 31 The first four display cases were left with us by the School Museum Service.
- Feb. 5 (et seq.) London Inter-Collegiate Scholarship Examination.
- Feb. 13 Squadron-Leader Gregory gave a talk in the morning to Senior boys on the R.A.F.
- Feb. 15 Tudor Lewis gave a talk on Captain Cook in Assembly.
- Mar. 1 The Eisteddfod.
- Mar. 8 Visit of Mr. Langford and Mrs. Williamson to talk about careers to the Vth and VIth forms.
- Mar. 12 School Cross-Country Race.
- Mar. 19 Peter Nutting spoke in Assembly on Laplace, the Mathematician.
- Mar. 21 End of term.
- April 10 Lectures by Capt. R. Morris of the Army team of lecturers, Western Command, and Capt. E. Good, W.R.A.C., on the Army (National Service and Permanent Commissions).
- April 19 Showing of Art films (by the courtesy of the Arts Council)—made by Luciano Emmer and others.
- April 30 & May 1 Cookery Practical Examination taken by Miss F. M. Hall.

- May 7 Christine Copeman spoke in Assembly on Brahms, and four Vth form girls sang one of his songs by way of illustration.
Physics Practical Examination taken by Prof. Llewellyn Jones.
- May 8 Dr. E. E. Watkin took the Biology Practical Examination.
- May 10 Mass Radiography Unit began work at the School. Nearly all children over fourteen were examined.
- May 11-15 Whitsun and Half-Term Holiday.
- May 16 Urdd National Eisteddfod at Fishguard. Mr. Islwyn Griffiths's party presented, as part of "Molawd Penfro," the scene "Glaniad y Francod." It was an excellent performance for a mostly English-speaking cast: much of the burden was borne by Tudor Lewis and Morfwyn Henry; also by Mary Jenkins as Jemima. This was one of the best three or four scenes in the pageant.
- May 17 Geography Practical Examination at Milford Haven Grammar School. Woodwork Practical (Advanced level) taken by Mr. L. G. Wright of Caerleon College.
- May 18 Woodwork Practical (ordinary level).
- May 23 Chemistry Practical Examination taken by Prof. Davies.
- May 23 & 24 French Oral taken by Mlle. Rolin.
- May 24 Dr. R. Marley took the German Oral.
- May 25 Entrance Examination held at School. There were 178 candidates.
Mr. Cooper took his Vth form Art Class to St. Davids Cathedral.
- May 28 Mr. L. W. Shears, B.A., B.Com., B.Ed., of Melbourne, lectured on Australia. This was arranged by the Imperial Institute.
- June 5 Oral Welsh Examination, conducted by Mr. Islwyn Griffiths.
Mr. Mathias, Miss Lewis Davies and Mr. Houghton took a party of 24 to Skomer.
- June 23 County Sports at Bush Camp.
- June 29 General Certificate of Education ended.
- June 30 Three County Sports at Carmarthen.
- July 2 The London Trip, with Mr. Greenwood, Mr. George and Miss Lewis Davies.
The Stratford-on-Avon Trip, with Mr. Garlick.
The Birmingham Trip, with Mr. Evans, Mr. Cooper and Miss Pennington.
The Oxford Trip, with Mr. Moses, Miss Hughes and Miss Lewis.
The Gower Trip, with Mr. Rees, Mr. Humphreys and Miss Bevan.
The Caldey Trip, with Mr. Devereux.
- July 4 The Dolgelly Trip, with Mr. S. Griffith, Mr. I. Griffiths and Miss James.
- July 2
3, 4, 6, 10 Royal Society of Arts Examination.
- July 10 Athletic Sports on Bush Camp
- July 18 End of Term.

SCHOOL NOTES

At the beginning of the Summer term the total number of pupils was 426; there were 217 girls and 208 boys.

The Prefects are:—

Glyndwr—Gillian Davies (senior), June Strachan, Mary Thomas, Tudor Lewis (senior), Brian Bowen, John Greenwood.

Picton—Vernice Evans, Margaret Hughes, Joyce Horn, William Smith, Peter Nutting Noel Jones.

Tudor—Barbara Davies, Christine Copeman, Sheila Whitford, Keith Bowskill, Kenneth Catherall, Peter Williams.

In June, because so many prefects were sitting the W.J.E.C. examinations, the following junior prefects were appointed, to serve until the end of term—Margaret Nicholls, Margaret Evans, Janet Rees, Astrid Gould, Graham Harper, John Walters, Brian John, Gerald Thomas, Nigel Albury.

A number of members of the VIth Form will be going to College next term. For most of them, of course, entry will depend on success at the examinations this summer. Gillian Davies and Barbara Davies are going to University College, Aberystwyth; Sheila Whitford to University College, Swansea; Trevor Gwyther to either the University of London or University College, Bangor; Tudor Lewis and John Greenwood to the University of Birmingham; Brian Bowen to University College, Cardiff; William Smith to University College, Bangor; Peter Nutting and Keith Bowskill to the University of Nottingham; and Frank Manning to University College, Hull.

June Strachan is going to the Bishop Otter College, Chichester, where she will be trained for missionary work, and Inez Threlfall hopes to go to the School of Occupational Therapy in Liverpool. Jean Macken is going to the Bristol Royal Infirmary as a student nurse, and Astrid Gould is going to be a Student Teacher.

Neville Smith and Noel Jones have not applied for College yet, and will probably do their national service before proceeding further, while Peter Stanley is hoping to go to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Vernice Evans passed the Clerical Classes Examination of the Civil Service last September, and began work at the local Employment Exchange on June 18th. Derrick Williams, who passed the same examination, left at Easter and has begun work in the Establishments Section of the Customs and Excise in London. Desmond Davies, who passed the same examination at the same time as Williams, has been given an appointment under the War Office, but is doing his national service in the R.A.F. before taking up his appointment. His elder brother, Vernon, will complete his national service in August, and hopes to enter Trinity College, Carmarthen, in September.

Brian Jancey will probably be going soon to Davies's Steel Specialities, London Road, as an apprentice tool-maker.

Among those who have left since the last number of the Penfro appeared, Maureen Ballard is now Secretary at the Pembroke Dock Secondary Modern School; Derek Evans is working at the Savings Bank, Haverfordwest; Derek Scone is an articled pupil to the Surveyor of the Haverfordwest R.D.C.; Bruce Preece, Owen Morris and D. Yates are farming; Evelyn Pannell is nursing at West Bromwich and District Hospital; and Lorna Armstrong, Jean Richards, Kathleen Preston, Pam-

ela Macken, Jean Palmer, Maureen James, Shirley Berry, Evelyn Skyrme, Shirley John, Jeffrey James, Tony Brabon, Peter Brabon and Brian Cook have all found work in the district.

Judith Travers, Michael Finnely, Marian Fishman and Cynthia Jenkins have transferred to other schools.

At the moment we have no accurate news of these other pupils who have also left—Amy James, Jean Rowlands, Teresa Dony, Joy Maidlow, Audrey Brawn, Raymond Halkyard.

An apology is due to Hilda Thomas for the omission of her name from the examination results in the last Penvro. Hilda passed the School Certificate with a Very Good in English Literature and French, Credits in English Language and Cookery, and Passes in History, Geography, Latin, Mathematics and Chemistry.

It was interesting to see a story by Peter Preece in the last number of "Dock Leaves." We congratulate him on finding a place in such distinguished surroundings.

Thelma Phillips has distinguished herself in a different sphere. In May she won second prize in the Wales Gas Board Festival National Cookery Competition (Pembroke and Pembroke Dock Group). On June 20th she competed in the next round—for the whole of Pembrokeshire—and did even better, coming first! This necessitated a visit to Cardiff on June 28th to compete with the winners from the whole of Wales. To enable her to do so, arrangements were made for her to sit the Biology paper at Cardiff High School. We could hardly believe our ears when we heard on the Welsh news that evening that she had won first prize there too! (It was a further surprise to hear her voice in "Welsh Rarebit" that evening). She will now go on to the finals of the All-Britain Competition at the Dorchester Hotel, London, on July 10th.

Margaret Nicholls has been very lucky to be selected as one of the seventeen pupils in Wales to receive awards to enable them to attend, free of expense, the National Eisteddfod of Wales at Llanwrst this August.

In June the Headmaster announced in Assembly that an anonymous donor had offered a prize of one guinea for the best literary item, in prose or verse, submitted by one of the pupils. The prize has been shared by Jennifer Gordon and Richard Brown. Brown's poem is published in this issue. Jennifer's will be printed in the next Penvro.

During the Spring term a total of £13/6/6 was collected for the Social Service Fund. Cheques were sent as follows:—the Princess Tsahai Memorial Hospital, £4; the R.S.P.C.A., £3; the Royal Eye Hospital, £3; the Sunshine Home for Blind Babies, £3.

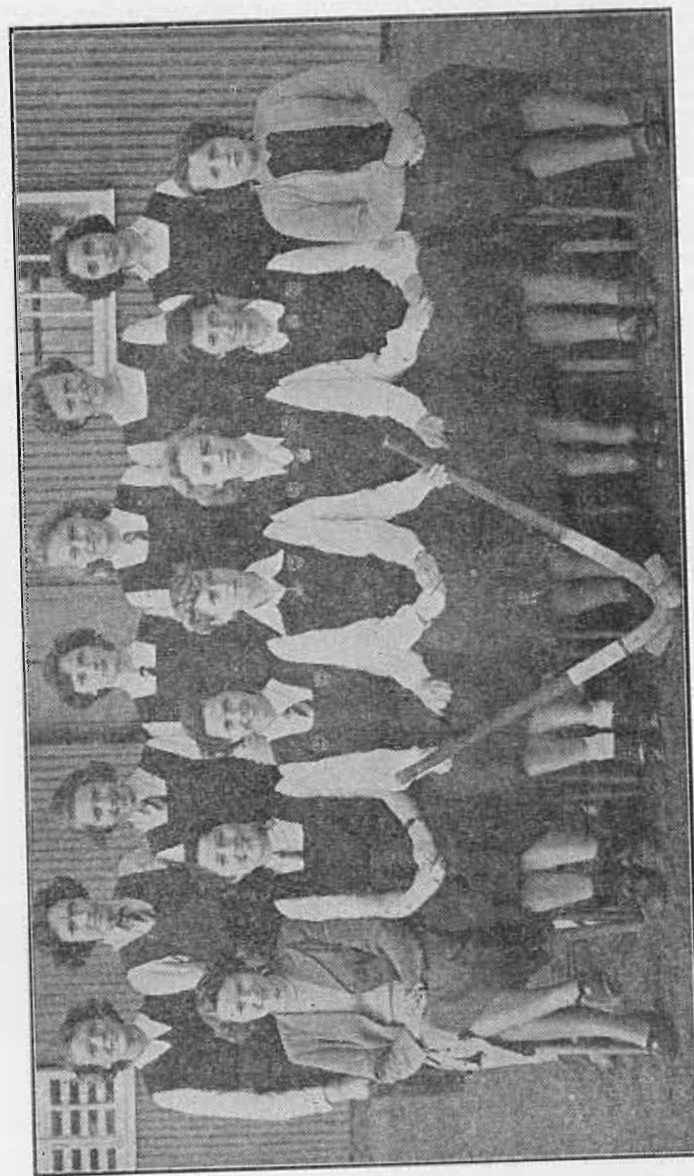
SCHOOL SPORTS

"Every man shift for all the rest and let no man take care for himself."

The Tempest.

HOCKEY.

Our traditional enemies, the elements, again tried their best to damp the ardour of the Hockey team in the Spring term, and succeeded in causing several matches to be cancelled. There were no brilliant results or outstanding games; of the seven games played, four were won and three lost. The



FIRST HOCKEY XI 1950-51

Second team, made up almost entirely of third and fourth form pupils, lost their match against Pembroke Dock Secondary Modern School First XI by two goals to one.

The highlight of the season was the game against the Staff, when the School team was no match for the speed and brawn of their opponents. However, the frail (?) girls were by no means disheartened and fought violently to the end, receiving and giving bruises and falls in the friendly sport of master versus pupil. Mr. Devereux and Mr. Humphreys were outstanding for the Staff team, while the other Staff members played very well—except for one or two who had obviously not held a hockey stick before. For the School, the backs put up a very good fight, but the forwards were too slow and careless in passing, while the half-backs overworked the left side of the forward line. Nevertheless it was a well-fought fight, much enjoyed by all who took part.

Results:—

Jan. 13	Milford Haven Grammar (away)	Won	3—2
Jan. 20	Milford Secondary Modern (home)	Won	5—1
Feb. 10	Narberth Grammar (home)	Lost	2—1
Feb. 24	Fishguard Grammar (away)	Won	6—1
Mar. 10	Tasker's High School (home)	Lost	3—1
Mar. 17	Whitland Grammar (home)	Won	2—1
Mar. 20	Staff	Lost	4—1

The First XI was chosen from the following:—

*Gillian Davies (Capt.), *June Strachan (Vice-Capt.), *Barbara Davies (Sec.), *Nancy Macken, *Coyeta Sabido, Shirley Griffiths, Brenda Steptoe, Joyce Horn, Pamela Rees, Frances Rixon, Janice Phillips, Mary James and June Palmer.

*Old Colours.

SENIOR RUGBY.

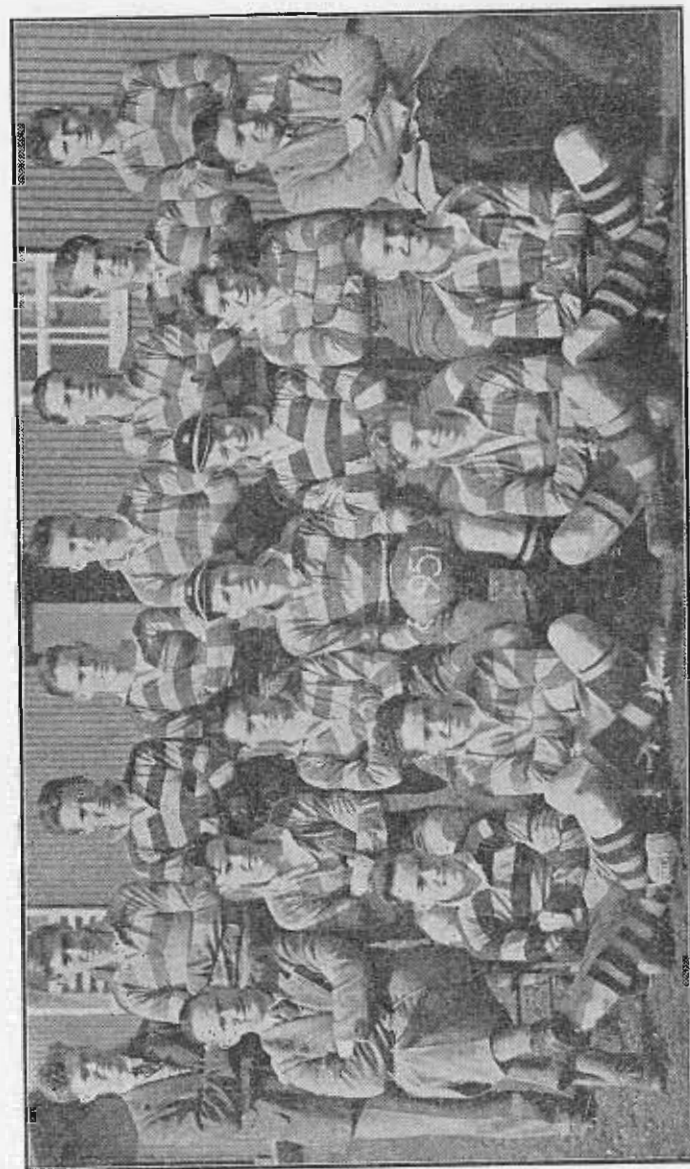
The School First XV finished the season with a creditable record. It reads as follows:—

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points for	Points Agst.
18	8	10	0	97	111

It is reasonable to say that we are now getting over the initial difficulties of the turnover to rugby, and when one considers the opposition met, the record shows up even better. For example, Llanelly Grammar School and Carmarthen Grammar School have an excellent tradition for rugby football, and they compare most favourably with the best rugger schools in Wales. They invariably provide two or three players apiece for the Welsh Secondary Schools' rugby international teams annually, so that our record against these two schools is most satisfactory.

There remained a few weaknesses in the key positions of full-back, right wing, scrum-half, and open side wing forward. The only position which was eventually filled satisfactorily was that of scrum-half, where John Davies proved himself a good server of the ball, and also an excellent defensive player.

The forwards improved towards the end of the season, and Derek Scone showed glimpses of his real form in the last four games. A much improved forward was Michael Davies, and he should do well next season.



FIRST RUGBY XV 1950—51

The results of matches played during the Spring Term were as follows:—

Jan. 27	Carmarthen Grammar School (away)	Lost	0—9
Feb. 3	Haverfordwest Grammar School (home)	Lost	0—23
Feb. 10	Llanelly Grammar School (away)	Lost	3—10
Feb. 24	Llandilo Grammar School (away)	Lost	0—3
Mar. 3	Tenby Grammar School (home)	Won	18—3
Mar. 15	Cardigan Grammar School (home)	Lost	9—11
Mar. 17	Tenby Grammar School (away)	Won	8—0
Mar. 21	Old Boys	Won	6—3

The following represented the First XV during the season:—Eric Mullins (captain), Peter Williams, K. Catherall, G. Tregidon, N. Smith, D. Scone, Noel Jones, Michael Davies, T. Gwyther, R. Haggar, John Davies, B. Bowen, T. Ridley, A. de Candia, P. Nutting, K. MacCallum, M. John, B. Jancey, J. Walters, G. Lewis, D. Rendall, V. Rossiter, P. Preece, G. Phillips, F. Manning, B. Fox, M. Nicholas.

Full colours were awarded to Eric Mullins, and half-colours to Peter Williams, Noel Jones, Kenneth Catherall and Trevor Gwyther.

The officials were—Captain: Eric Mullins; Secretary: Peter Williams; Committee: Kenneth Catherall.

The Old Boys' match was played as usual on the last afternoon of the term. As usual, too, it was played in atrocious weather conditions, torrential rain and some wind. This time it was the school fifteen which mastered the conditions, and gave a meritorious display. The forwards kept well together and were more than a match for the Old Boys XV. Soon after the start Neville Smith kicked a penalty goal from in front of the posts. This was soon followed by a try by Peter Williams, who had the only touch down. The Old Boys' try was scored by David Macken. The final score was—School 6 points, Old Boys 3 points.

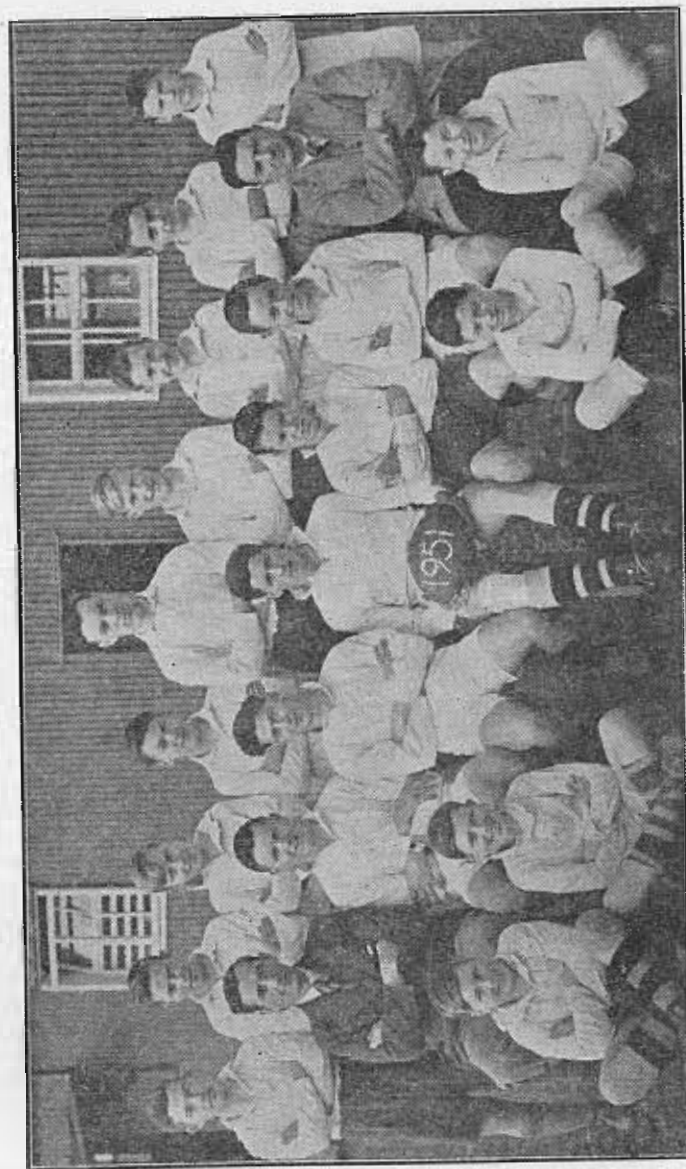
The Old Boys' team was as follows: T. G. Bowling; D. Macken, B. Smith, Dennis Lloyd, B. Griffiths; Leslie Culley, Roy James; Gwilym Pendleton, Leonard Silcox, Harold Griffiths, Tony Johnson, Michael Green, Alan Morgan and Steve Johnson. The referee was Mr. Cleaver.

Will Old Boys who are desirous of playing in next season's game on December 19th, please send in their names and addresses to the Hon. Secretary, R.F.C., at the school? Any requests will be forwarded to Mr. Les Culley, who is responsible for organising the Old Boys' team.

JUNIOR RUGBY.

During the past season the Junior Rugby XV met with varied fortunes, but showed consistent progress throughout the season. Sixteen games were played, of which 10 were lost and 6 won; the team scored 151 points, whilst 52 points were scored against them.

The team was selected from the following: P. Preece (captain), R. Willington, V. Rossiter, B. John, D. Williams, R.



JUNIOR RUGBY XV 1950—51

Williams, P. Davies, T. Thomas, D. Beynon, D. John, D. Blake, E. Bowen, E. Morgan, R. Halkyard, T. George, E. Evans, D. Davies, J. Thomas, D. Yates, J. James, O. James, J. Prouse, M. Joy, D. Weale, G. Rickard, J. Cornwell, S. Griffiths, D. Stewart, G. Thomas, G. Horn.

At the end of the season full colours were awarded to P. Preece, R. Willington and V. Rossiter.

On several occasions the following represented the County XV: P. Preece, R. Willington, V. Rossiter, B. John and D. Williams.

TENNIS.

The Tennis team has had a fairly successful season, and has done much better than the results themselves show. We are eagerly looking forward to the Staff match at the end of term, and to the School tournaments which are being revived this year.

Matches Played:

April 28	Milford Haven Gram. School (home)	Drawn 2-2
May 19	Tasker's High School (home)	Lost 3-1
May 26	Tenby Grammar School (away)	Won 26-10

The team was chosen from the following:—

Gillian Davies (Capt.), June Strachan, Barbara Davies (Sec.), Vernice Evans and Inez Threlfall.

ROUNDERS.

The Rounders team has not, so far, enjoyed a very successful season, having played four matches and lost three of them. They hope to do better, however, against their remaining three opponents.

Matches Played:

April 28	Milford Haven Grammar School (home)	Lost 7-2
May 5	Milford Haven Sec. Modern (away)	Lost 2-1
May 19	Tasker's High School (home)	Won 6-1
June 2	Narberth Grammar School (home)	Lost 2-1

The team was chosen from the following:—

*Nancy Macken (Capt.), *June Strachan, *Barbara Davies (Sec.), Gillian Davies, Coyeta Sabido, Shirley Griffiths, Janice Phillips, Pamela Rees, Valmai Folland, Frances Rixon and Hazel Newton.

* Old Colours.

CRICKET.

The season has not been very successful so far. Seven matches have been played, of which three have been won and four lost. As usual the main weakness has been in batting, which at times has been unbelievably poor. The explanation for this failure is undoubtedly lack of practice. Few senior boys have taken a real interest in cricket this term, and even those selected for the XI have rarely practised. Not until regular and serious practices are held after school will any real improvement be shown.

Tregidon, one of the few to show any consistency in batting, played for Pembrokeshire against Carmarthenshire on

June 2nd and against the Pembrokeshire County Youth XI on June 16th, and has been selected for the combined Pembrokeshire-Carmarthenshire team to play Glamorgan on July 7th. Neville Smith also played in both county matches, and must consider himself unfortunate in the fact that, although selected for his bowling, he was given little opportunity to show his ability.

F. Manning, G. Phillips and D. Rendall also appeared in Pembrokeshire County Trials.

Results:

April 21	Whitland Grammar School (home). Whitland 57 (N. Smith 3-11, Rendall 2-1); School 22.
April 28	Tenby Grammar School (home). Tenby 71 (Rendall 7-17); School 121-3 (Tregidon 19, G. Phillips 15, Catherall 36, Manning 33 not out).
May 5	Narberth Grammar School (home). School 43 (Tregidon 12, Rossiter 11); Narberth 27 (D. Phillips 3-3).
May 19	Carmarthen Grammar School (away). School 80 (Tregidon 23, M. Davies 18 not out); Carmarthen 98-2.
June 2	Pembroke Dock Nomads (home). Nomads 21 (Preece 7-7); School 49-5 (Rendall 12, Catherall 15, Manning 10).
June 16	Narberth Grammar School (away). School 8; Narberth 47 (D. Phillips 3-1).
June 28	Penvro Old Boys (home). Penvro Old Boys 62 (Myers 4-9, Rendall 3-3); School 60.

The following have played in the XI:—

K. Catherall (Capt.), N. Smith* (Vice-Capt.), F. Manning (Secretary), M. Davies, G. Tregidon, D. Rendall, P. Preece, G. Phillips, J. Davies, P. Nutting, B. Bowen, V. Rossiter, D. Phillips, M. Cole, D. Myers, K. Edwards, D. Beynon, E. Evans, B. Fox, J. Cornwell and E. Ridley.

* Old Colours.

OLD PUPILS' ASSOCIATION

President: R. G. Mathias, Esq., M.A., B.Litt.

Chairman: J. H. A. Macken.

Secretary: J. R. Powell.

Treasurer: J. C. Blencowe.

Committee:

Mrs. H. Macken, Miss Kathleen Rouse, Miss Mary Phillips,
W. G. C. Price.

Magazine Representatives: W. D. Carr and J. H. A. Macken.

The membership of the Association is gradually increasing, and the number of fully-paid members is at present 165. Considering the fact that there are thousands of Old Pupils all over the world the proportion is very small. Surely we can attain a figure of 500 by next year. This will then give the Committee something to work for.

Last March the first Annual Old Pupils' Dinner was held at the Lion Hotel, Pembroke. About fifty attended the function, and it is hoped that the number will be doubled at the next Dinner. A full report of it appears later in this issue.

At the last Annual Meeting the annual subscription was increased to 5/-; subscription for students receiving full-time instruction 2/6; Life-membership fee, 60 and over 42/-; 50-60 £3/3/0; 40-50 £4/4/0; 40 and under £5/5/0.

HOCKEY

As is usually the case during the second half of the season, bad weather caused the cancellation of several matches. Owing to illness, D. F. Hordley was unable to play after Christmas. Later he took on the role of umpire with great efficiency. Lionel Morgan missed several matches through illness, but returned at the end of the season to play some sound games. He will be greatly missed next season, but the Club wish him every success in his new post at Chelmsford. Unfortunately we have also lost the services of our regular right back, Hilda Hughes, who has joined the Women's Police Force.

It is clear that a number of places will have to be filled next season, and we again appeal to all Old Pupils interested in the game to join us. The Club is now affiliated to the recently re-formed Pembroke-shire Hockey Association, and a number of attractive fixtures have been arranged for next season. We are very grateful to the Headmaster for allowing us the use of the School ground for home matches; next season it is hoped that we may have the use of Bush Camp ground occasionally.

The Club did very well in the R.A.F. six-a-side tournament on April 14th, and was narrowly defeated by Tenby 1-0 in the final. Our players were unlucky in having to play the final immediately after winning a very strenuous semi-final game against Trinity College, Carmarthen.

Three of our players, Eric Orsman, S. Broom and A. W. W. Devereux, played for Pembroke-shire in the return game with Glamorgan on April 8th, when Glamorgan won 2-0.

Results:-

Jan. 27	Haverfordwest (home)	Lost	1-3
Feb. 10	R. A. F. (away)	Lost	1-4
Mar. 3	H. M. S. Harrier (home)	Won	2-0
Mar. 31	Milford Haven (home)	Won	3-1
Apl. 7	Carmarthen (home)	Drew	1-1
Apl. 21	Tenby (home)	Drew	2-2

BADMINTON

The Penvro Club continues to flourish, and although very few matches were played during the 1950-51 season many enjoyable evenings were spent at the Club, and some very keen games were witnessed.

The officials for 1951-52 are: Chairman, Mr. D. F. Hordley; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. B. Arnold; Match Secretary, Mrs. Macken.

A Club pair, Mr. Day and Miss J. Thomas, won the County Mixed Doubles Championship.

DRAMATICS

There is little to report about the Dramatic Society. At the moment the Penvro Players are busy preparing "She Passed Through Lorraine" by Lionel Hale, which they hope, with the permission of the Governors, to put on in the School Hall on Friday and Saturday, September 28th and 29th. We hope that all readers of these notes will keep these dates in mind.

Elsewhere in the magazine will be found an announcement of the engagement of two of our members, Mildred Tucker and Mervyn Thomas. Their marriage is to take place in August, and all members of the company wish them every happiness in their life together.

THE DINNER

The decision to hold an Old Pupils' Reunion Dinner during the Easter holidays was one taken with some misgiving. From past experience it was patently obvious that, numerically, Eastertide functions were far from successful. Although the support given to the Reunion Dinner was hardly spectacular, in view of the constant requests for such an event a mild degree of interest if not enthusiasm was not unreasonably presumed. Nevertheless the fifty or so Old Pupils and guests who shared what was undoubtedly a memorable evening, fully justified the organisation of the event.

Few anticipated that this deviation from the accustomed form of reunion would meet with the unequivocal success that it did. From the start, in an atmosphere of friendliness and fellowship, it was evident that, far from being an evening to be endured rather than enjoyed, this, the first Reunion Dinner in the history of the Association, was to be a most memorable occasion.

Most of the speeches centred around some aspect of the past or present life of the School. Throughout, in the nostalgic reminiscences of Mr. Cyril Preece, the patriarchal reflections of Mr. Courtenay Price, and the scintillating address by Mr. Mathias, an adept in the art of both amusing and stimulating his audience, there was a self-evident pride and intense interest in the School and its activities.

The Association was privileged in securing as guest speaker Mr. Desmond Donnelly, M.P., who, accompanied by Mrs. Don-

nelly, contributed so much to the success of the evening. The Chairman, Mr. J. H. A. Macken, whose untiring efforts were largely responsible for the efficient organisation of the dinner, proposed the toast to the King. This was followed by the toast to Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly, given by Miss Gibby, one of the more senior Old Pupils, who performed the invidious task of making the first speech of the evening with great vigour.

Mr. A. W. W. Devereux, at very short notice, proposed the toast to Absent Old Pupils, and this was followed by the toast to the visitors, proposed by Mr. J. R. Powell.

The Mayor, Mr. A. Hopkins, who with Mrs. Hopkins added civic dignity to the occasion, replied on behalf of the visitors. Mr. V. Cleaver, Chairman of the Milford Haven Grammar School Old Pupils' Association, added his good wishes to the Penvro Association and spoke of the friendly connections which had existed for so long between the two schools. The presence of Mrs. Cleaver, a former pupil of the Pembroke Dock Grammar School, adequately testified to the fact that Mr. Cleaver has the courage of his convictions.

Mention must be made of the excellent catering and most attentive service provided by the proprietor of the Lion Hotel.

Finally, no account would be complete without mention of the most excellent way in which Mr. Courtenay Price performed his duties as Toast Master, ably assisted by Bill and Toby Price.

CRICKET

For the second season since being formed, the Old Boys' Cricket Club has been doing well. So far five matches have been played, of which three have been won and two lost. In the second round of the Harrison-Allen Bowl the Club was drawn against the local Brittonia Cricket Club. After a very exciting match the Old Boys lost by six runs.

There are still vacancies for Old Boys who wish to play during the holidays from the University or for the whole season. Contact may be made through the Committee. The Club also wishes to thank the Headmaster for his whole-hearted support in lending the ground and changing facilities.

The officials are—Chairman, Mr. A. W. W. Devereux; Secretary, Mr. G. E. A. Macken; Treasurer, Mr. W. D. Carr; Captain, Mr. Stanley Roch; Vice-Captain, Mr. Peter Collins.

TENNIS

The recent Pembroke Dock and Pembrokeshire County Lawn Tennis tournaments have once more been noteworthy for the number of Old Pupils who not only took part but reached the finals and semi-finals.

The Ladies' events saw Miss Tucker, Mrs. B. Bevans, Mrs. Rickard and Mrs. Macken playing prominent parts, while in the Men's events W. Bevans, J. H. A. Macken, M. Willoughby and F. Rogers had successful runs.

It is of interest that the Pembrokeshire County team has seven Old Pupils either in the team or acting as reserves.

NEWS OF OLD PUPILS

Ivy Garlick (1941-48) has successfully completed her degree at Newnham College, Cambridge, by obtaining a Second Class (Division I) in the Second Part of the Geographical Tripos. She has won a scholarship which will enable her to return to Cambridge next year to do research, and will study the industrial development of South Wales.

Eric Manning (1936-40) completed his medical studies this Spring at Bart's, and is now a fully qualified medical practitioner.

John Maynard, who entered University College, London, a year ago, has done exceptionally well in his first year there. He was top student in his year in the internal examinations in Science. He had the almost incredible mark of 96% in Chemistry. His very good mark in Physics—70%—pales into insignificance in comparison.

Alec J. Carpenter (1939-44), who is a Sergeant in the R.A.S.C., received information from his Commanding Officer, while home on leave from Accra in West Africa at Christmas, that he had been awarded the B.E.M. (Military Division) for his work with an R.A.S.C. Unit at Accra. On completion of his leave he was stationed at Aldershot.

I. J. H. Sabido (1919-26), who is a B.Sc., A.M.Inst.C.E. and A.M.Inst.W.E., is now Engineer and Waterworks Manager at Shrewsbury. He was previously, up to January this year, Chief Assistant Engineer to the Water Committee of the Leicester City Council, and when he left the Committee placed on record their appreciation of his services.

Gwyn Emmet (1946-49) has begun duties as an apprentice electrical fitter in H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth. He came 25th out of over 200 in the entrance examination.

Alan Smith (1944-48), who is now a Leading Aircraft Apprentice, Armament Fitter, at Halton, has won the prize for being the best tradesman in the Trades Standard Test in the Armament Fitter Trade.

Major Christopher Head (1922-25) has been awarded the M.B.E. He is on the Imperial General Staff at the War Office. He joined the Army as a boy, and apart from his war service has been on the War Office staff since he was eighteen.

Dorothy Clements (1928-35) has been teaching Mathematics since last September at Wallingford Grammar School, Berks. Before that she taught at Brighton, and before that at Bridgend.

Albert Morgan (1926-34), who took a B.Sc. degree at Cardiff some years before the war, is doing research work at the Atomic Research Station at Harwell.

Frank Denzey (1931-37) is in the Civil Service at Reading. Hilda Hughes (1941-45) joined the Police Force in January. She took a three months' course at Warrington and then joined the Pembrokeshire Constabulary, being stationed first at Milford Haven. In May she was transferred to Tenby.

Fred Hughes (1938-44) left the town on January 3rd for Penang in Malaya, to take up an appointment on a rubber plantation. He flew out from London by K.L.M. Airlines, via Amsterdam, Cairo and Rangoon. From news received he is very happy in his work there.

Leslie C. Davies (1938-46) completed a year's course in Librarianship at Brighton Technical College last December. At the beginning of April she obtained a post as Branch Librarian under the Somerset County Library. She worked at the headquarters in Taunton until June 14th, when she took charge of two branches in the south of the county, at Ilminster and Crewkerne. She will have a third branch—at Chard—to look after in the autumn.

Daphne Weekes (1939-46) was commissioned in the W.R.A.C. (Territorial Division) in April, and will now command the Pembrokeshire Platoon. She was the first local girl

to join the Territorial Branch of the W.R.A.C. when the recruiting drive began about twelve months ago. She is Secretary to Mr. John Mendus, the chemist.

Mrs. Jean Hogg (née Paterson, 1939-45) has been home from Malta with her husband and small son since April. Her husband, Lieut.-Commander Hogg, is expecting to be stationed in this country for a time now.

Eric Griffiths (1924-26) is still a very keen musician. In January he conducted the Welsh National Orchestra in a broadcast performance. Shortly afterwards he acted as guest conductor of the British Concert Orchestra, in a programme of opera and ballet favourites, at the Empire, Kingston-on-Thames. He is Music Master at the Tiffin Boys' School at Kingston.

William J. Lewis (1945-48) took part in the R.A.F. Bomber Command's "Sunray" overseas training exercise. He joined the R.A.F. as an armament mechanic in October, 1948, and is now an A.C.I.

Elmer Jenkins (1938-44), who has a permanent commission as Captain in the R.A.S.C., is in charge of a School of Illiterates at Bordon, Hants. He and his wife live at Rowledge, just outside Farnham, Surrey.

Philip G. Sudbury (1925-31), who was last autumn appointed a Senior Education Officer in Kenya, sailed from Tilbury on January 6th, with his wife and two young sons, to take up his appointment.

William Barger Rees (1943-5) is now a L.A.C. in the R.A.F. and there was an interesting item about him in the "West Wales Guardian" of May 11th. The B.B.C. programme "Family Favourites" had recently been broadcast from Piccadilly Circus, and one of those stopped in the street and interviewed was Rees. He was on leave in London at the time.

Sidney Mathias (1944-49) left for the R.A.F. in February. He was stationed first at Henlow, Beds., and was then transferred to the clerical department.

Nesta Rosen (1946-49) finishes her course at Padgate Training College, Lancashire, this term. She is hoping to find a post in that county.

W. A. Crowe (1935-40) has left the school at Bolsall Common in Warwickshire to which he was appointed two years ago and is now teaching at a school in Stratford-on-Avon.

His brother Norman (1941-45) has left Glover's Garage, and is now working as a driver for the Maypole at Millford Haven.

Arthur G. Skone (1943-49), who has been serving with the Army in Egypt, hopes to enter Trinity College, Carmarthen, in September.

Marion Jenkins, who entered the Rose Bruford College of Speech and Drama last September, was the soprano soloist in a performance of Arthur Somervell's "The Passion of Christ" given on March 1st.

Daphne Roch (1943-47) entered the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, on June 12th as a Student Nurse.

A. E. Griffiths (1912-15), whose name is among those on the Roll of Honour in the Hall, called at School on April 2nd. He had not been back for 27 years, and was very disappointed at being unable to contact any old friends or contemporaries (Old Pupils of First World War vintage, please note). He now lives at 29 Selwyn Road, New Malden, Surrey, and teaches at West Hill Secondary Modern School, Wandsworth.

Joseph W. Pearce (1925-34), son of Mr. A. W. Pearce, Physics Master here from 1919 until his death in 1931, called at School on April 2nd. He is teaching Metalwork at a school for retarded boys in Birmingham, and living at 78 Sandhurst Avenue, Birmingham 8. He has three sons, aged seven, four and two.

Robert Whitlam (1946-50), in a letter dated April 10th, said that he had become very interested in Civil Engineering. He was then about to begin a correspondence course in this with the British Institute of Engineering Technology, and had been registered as a student-member of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Mary E. M. John has been employed at the Cottage Hospital, Pembroke, since she left in June, 1950. She is to begin her training as a nurse at the West Wales General Hospital, Carmarthen, in September.

William George Hicks (1914-18) called in at School on May 7th after an absence of 28 years. He went into the Dockyard in 1918, and remained there for five and a half years. Then he went on spec. to Canada, to an aunt who had a fruit farm at St. Catherine's, Ontario. He worked first of all in a factory, then went to a business college. After training he became book-keeper at a sales garage, and later became Secretary of another garage of similar type at Niagara Falls. He is now a Director of his garage, and of other newer ones at Welland and Port Colbourne. He lives at 93 Griffith Street, Welland, Ontario, is married and has one son. Having been in Pembroke two days he announced (a) that he felt the cold very much (b) that British Railways would never be tolerated in Canada (c) that he had no intention of coming back to Pembroke to live! However, from the mass of information he produced, he did seem to hold the School in a good deal of affection.

Peter Maynard (1940-48), who has just completed three years at University College, Exeter, and is now awaiting the result of his degree examination, is to do three weeks teaching practice at School in September.

Kenneth G. Carr (1937-43) has now been made Senior Physics Master at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Bristol.

Mary Williams (1942-48), of Pembroke, who has just completed a three-year course at the Training College of Domestic Arts, Cardiff, has been appointed Domestic Science Mistress at Greenhill School, Tenby, beginning in September.

Alfred Panton (1944-49), who entered the Engineering Department of the Post Office two years ago, left for Catterick at the end of June to begin his period of national service.

Norma Shears (1942-48) has just completed her B.A. at Swansea with Second Class honours in History.

Lionel Morgan (1938-44) has been appointed assistant engineer to the Chelmsford Council. He is at present on the staff of the County Surveyor at Haverfordwest.

Lilian M. Gwyther (1930-37) has been appointed Headmistress of St. Mary's Infants' School Belston, Staffs.

Edward Nevin (1931-36) has obtained the degree of M.A. (Wales). He won a Fellowship to Cambridge twelve months ago.

We congratulate these Old Pupils on their engagement:— William Thomas (1933-37), of Bangeston, to Sheila Croft (1940-45), of Cosheston; Barbara Dix (1942-45) to Ernest Bowers, of Wednesfield, near Wolverhampton; Glenys James (1939-43) to

Dennis Headley, of Braunstone, Leicester; Catherine Day (1940-45) to John Harold Borrill, of Inkerman, Jersey; Mervyn G. Thomas (1930-36) to Mildred Tucker, of Pembroke Dock; Ann Pullin (1943-47) to Cyril Flewin, of Portsmouth, all announced in December. Doris Mathias (1945-47) to Ronald Evans, of Pembroke; Sarah Ellen (Nelly) Voyle (1940-45) to William Nicholas, of Manorbier, both announced in January. Mary Neville Greenhow (1937-40) to Gilbert Attwood, of Hemel Hempstead, announced in March. Stephen Mitchell Pickard (1937-43) to June Doris Roch, of Manorbier; Marion John 1941-46) to David Jeffrey Rees (1942-46), of Pembroke Dock; Jeanne Reynolds (1946-49) to Maurice Morien, of North Shields; Iris Watts (1942-49) to Derek Haynes, of Hayes End, Middlesex, all announced in April. William James Gaddarn (1935-40) to Valerie Joan Hinchliffe, of North Finchly, London, announced in July.

We congratulate these Old Pupils on their marriage:—

- Dec. 16 Patricia John (1944-48) to David Marshall, R.A.F., of Cardenden, Fifeshire.
 Dec. 26 Joan Mary Woolcock (1940-45) to Kenneth John Seabourne (1939-41), of Pembroke.
 Dec. 30 George Henry Peter Price to Barbara Jasmin Griffiths, of Hundleton.
 Mar. 26 Dilys Johns (1940-45) to Robert Ridley, of Pembroke Dock.
 Mar. 27 Elsie May Bearne (1938-42) to Oswald J. Williams, of Pembroke Dock.
 Apl. 28 James Llyn John (1941-45) to Elsie Irene John, of Stackpole.
 May 12 Eileen Nevin (1931-36) to Tom McNalley, of Westport, Co. Mayo, Eire.
 May 26 Trevor Baker (1942-45) to Mildred Goudie, of Seacombe.
 June 2 Pamela Crook (1942-48) to Lieut. Bernard V. H. Fullerton, R.A.
 June 18 Geoffrey Charles Denner (1929-35) to Margaret Wynne Jones, of Whitland.
 June 30 Margaret G. Elliot (1942-45) to Bryn Rowlands, of Pembroke Dock.

We are happy to record the following births:—

- Apl. 8 To Ruth (née Bracher, 1928-33), wife of Jack Humber (1928-33), a daughter.
 July 1 To Maisie (née George, 1934-40), the wife of John W. Blencowe (1935-42), a son.

Since it is now some considerable time since we asked in the local Press for the names of Old Pupils who lost their lives in the last war, we publish the list as it stands at present. If no further information is received this will be the final list to be placed on the proposed memorial.

The names are as follows:—

Arthur Allen	Trevor John Mordley	Joseph Payton
Jack Bevans	Clifford Isaacs	Geo. Richard Phelps
H. Galton	Christopher F. Jelley	Arthur Prickett
S. de Gandia	F. Edward Johnson	Michael Rees
E. Roy Darlington	Grenville Jones	W. J. Cephas Rouse
Colin Lewis Davies	Ernest Lewis	Peter Saunders
Harry W. Davies	Patrick McGrath	Eric Williams
William G. Evans	Norman Owen	Phillip Winter