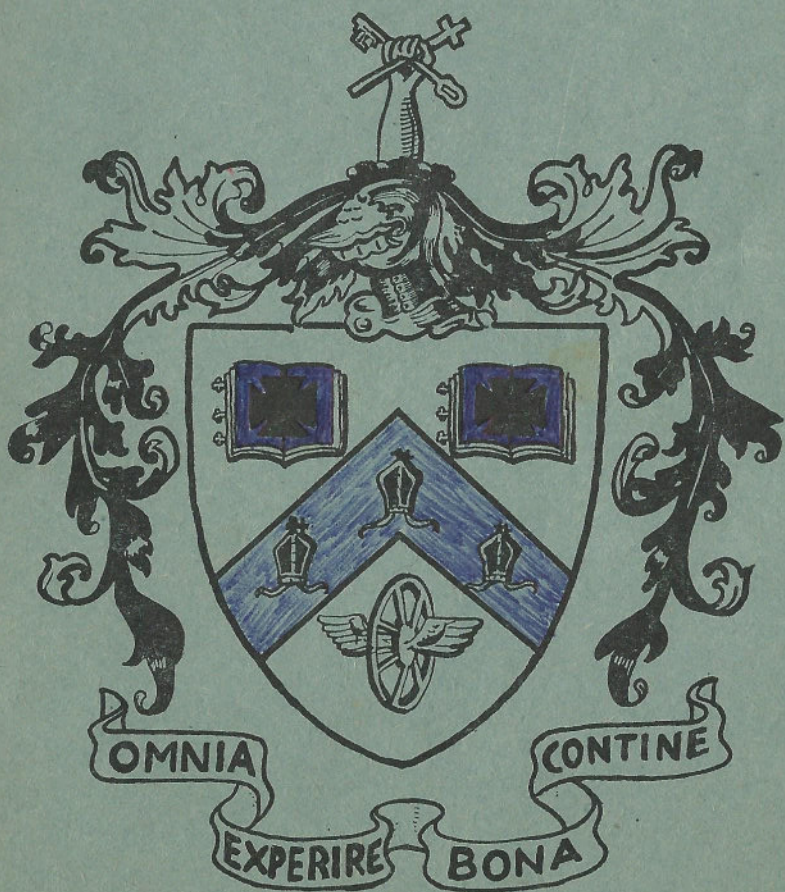
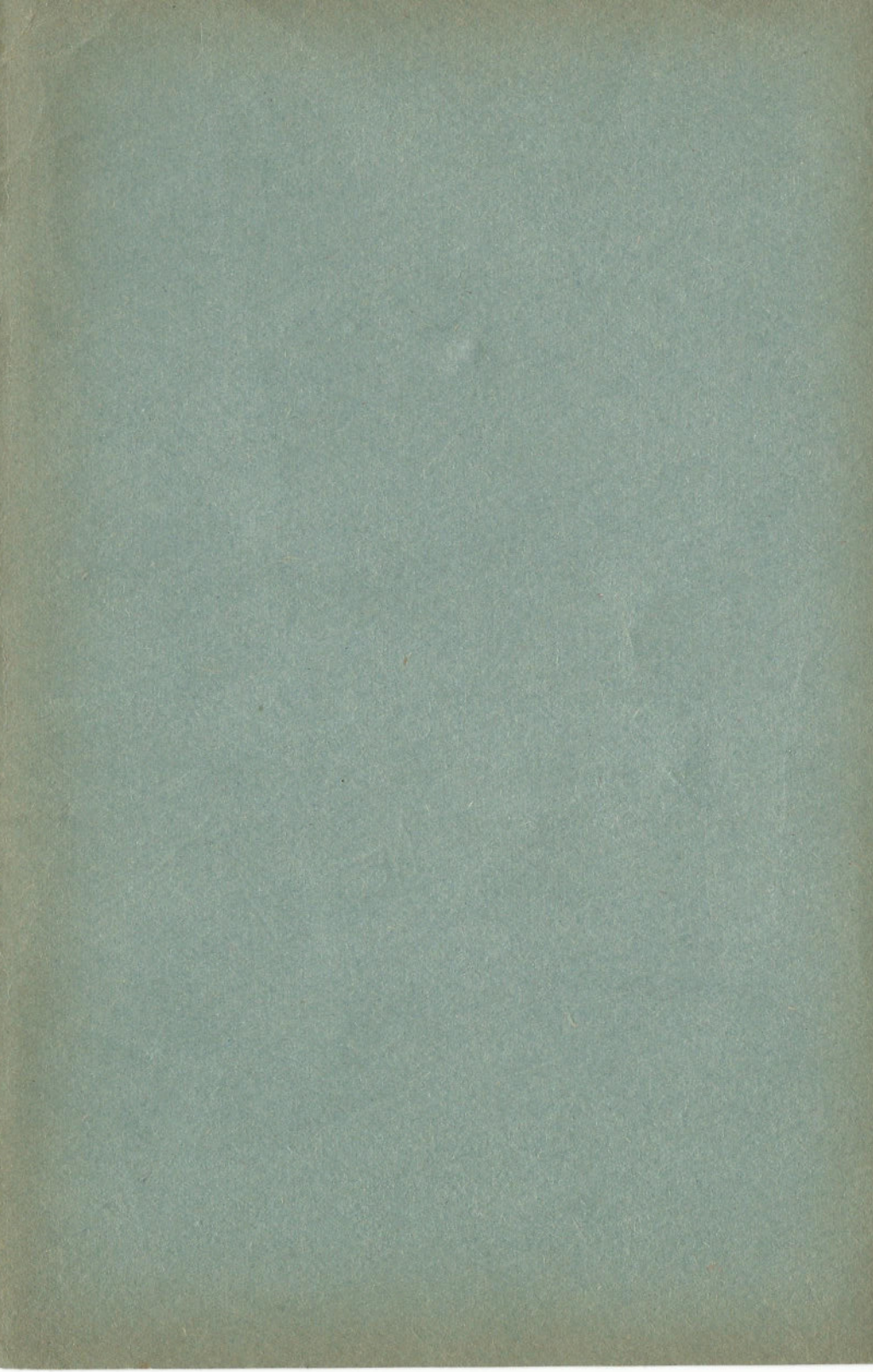


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## EDITORIAL

The publication of the magazine marks the end of a very eventful year. The school is taking on a new look with an additional small hall that is our special pride, additional science laboratories, considerable extensions to the library and geography rooms and further extensions that are not yet begun. True, our ears have been assaulted by electric drills and violent hammerings, we have picked our way through muddy pools and round gaping holes in corridors, librarians have become expert dusters through daily practice; but in a few months' time we shall feel the splendid new facilities worth all the present discomfort.

Meantime, lessons have gone on, even if staff have occasionally had to develop stentorian voices, societies have flourished and even new ones sprung into being.

As usual, a number of visits have been arranged. Parties were taken to see "Midsummer Night's Dream" at Bristol Old Vic, "Pickwick" in London, "Romeo and Juliet" at the Arts Centre, a Greek play in Cambridge; and the Stirling French players gave a performance at Headlands. Films seen were "Becket" and "The Royal Ballet" at a commercial cinema, "Martin Luther" at Merton Fields and "Henry V" at Headlands. There were the annual visits to a Promenade Concert and to a concert given by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Other groups went to the Wild Fowl Trust at Slimbridge, to St. Albans and Hatfield House, to Avebury, to a demonstration in cooking at the Gas Offices, and an exhibition of electrical equipment, and to the match at Cardiff between Fijians and a Welsh XV. Certainly not a year of vegetation!

And we have an exciting year to look forward to in which, as a result of the reorganisation of education in Swindon, we shall be drawn into close friendship with several other schools. We must give a specially warm welcome to the fourteen-year-olds who will be the pioneers of the new system, for it will not be altogether easy for them to leave schools where they have formed many ties.

The greater part of the school will have the opportunity to take part also in an exciting new venture, the Headlands Association. An idea of the activities planned for this club is given in a special article.

It seemed fitting that, with so many changes in the school, the magazine should put on a new dress. The editors have done their best to make the magazine look attractive, and the junior and middle schools are to be congratulated on the contributions they sent in. We are hoping that next year more seniors will rally round.

## THE SCHOOL COAT - OF - ARMS

In 1950 the school acquired its own coat-of-arms, designed by Mr. J. P. Brooke-Little, Chairman of the Heraldry Society.

Since a number of pupils may be unfamiliar with the significance of the symbols, we give here the "blazon" expressed in modern English, and explanations of the symbolism.

A green shield (indicating the field of youthful endeavour) carrying a silver chevron bearing three red mitres (these represent Archbishop Otto of Bayeux, to whom this part of England was granted by William the Conqueror). Above the chevron two gold books (indicating wisdom and knowledge), each surcharged with a blue cross (indicating the Christian faith). Below the chevron a gold wheel with wings (indicating the railway industry on which New Swindon was founded). The crest is a strong right hand grasping the key of knowledge and the cross of self-sacrifice. The mantling is green lined with silver, to match the principal colours of the shield; it derives from the cloak which was worn by a knight-at-arms over his armour. The motto:—

Omnia experire bona contine—  
can be translated:—

Put all things to the test; cleave to that which is good.

T.S.M.

## HEADLANDS GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The School year 1964/5 has seen a continuance of activities for the Parent-Teacher Association. Members of the Committee were invited to be present at the meeting of 'new parents' and it was most pleasing to enrol so many of them immediately as P.T.A. members.

About 230 parents attended the film evening held on September 7th, when films of educational interest were shown.

On September 28th, the Annual General Meeting was held with 79 parents and members of staff in attendance. In his remarks, Mr. Magson, Headmaster and President of the Association, expressed the belief that the P.T.A. meetings had not only been enjoyable and good for the school, but also had improved the parental relationship with the school community as a whole.

In November, in response to the requests of parents, another evening of 'Any Questions' was held. From the excellence of the answers by the Staff panel and the interest of the parents, this will obviously become an annual event.

On December 18th, the first P.T.A. Dance was held, and proved to be a successful social occasion which will, no doubt, be repeated. The Committee had also organised a Christmas Draw, profits from which amounted to £43 7s. 6d.

Swindon Male Voice Choir provided a really wonderful evening of entertainment in January and our sincere thanks are extended to them. A debt of gratitude is also due to the Swindon and District Co-operative

Society, who provided a most refreshing breath of spring and summer at the Fashion Show we staged in February. Girls from the school were most willing and excellent models. After a break for refreshments, Mr. Glover showed slides of the 1964 School Geography Trip and transported everyone to wonderful scenes in Belgium, France and Switzerland.

From the sublime to the ridiculous—in March we held a Jumble Sale. This proved a successful event and a further £25 was raised.

The P.T.A. will be co-operating with the School at the fete and Open Day on May 29th, and in June we shall be having a car Treasure Hunt, as this event proved so enjoyable last year. Another films evening is planned for September.

During this year, the sum of £75 has been transferred to the newly-formed Headlands Association, from which all of our children will benefit. An article by Mr. Glover about this Association appears elsewhere in this magazine.

So ends the period in office of this Committee. The Annual General Meeting will be held on September 20th; it is hoped that all parents will attend to elect their officers and committee.

### THE MONASTERY

How well I remember the musty smell of the interior of the monastery of Montserrat in Spain!

As the ancient, creaking door closed behind me, I stepped into a holy room and looked around. Ten or twelve large golden candelabras stood about the room. People murmuring prayers around them were occasionally disturbed as a dripping tallow candle was replaced by another.

I walked up the aisle alongside rows and rows of intricately carved wooden benches and came to the altar, where there was an enormous golden cross with the figure of Jesus inlaid with precious and semi-precious stones.

I walked on, down a long narrow passage where a silent queue approached the statue of the Black Virgin, supposed to have been carved by Saint Luke. Soon came my turn. I stepped aside and watched the Spaniards kissing the glass case. A frail old woman shuffled up, and removed her lacy mantilla; as she kissed the statue tears streamed down her face. Suddenly she swooned and two men carried her out.

I left the bible-black statue and walked back through the main hall; a pungent smell of incense met my nostrils. Then I saw eight or nine Benedictine monks walking round in their habits of black sackcloth, rope belts and sandals.

As I went through to the graveyard at the back, I could almost smell the history of this monastery, which all the kings of Spain had visited. One grave was as old as 1340. The cross on it was just rough pieces of wood nailed together.

I had been very much impressed by the devout Catholics. The visit was an experience I shall never forget.

N. Maggs, 2 E.

## THE MONSTER OF BARU

The Monster of Baru  
Is a fearsome sight  
In the eerie darkness of the night,  
And anyone who ventures there  
Should say a prayer  
To protect him from the Monster of Baru.  
Even Godly men whose cause was right,  
Without a fight  
Went screaming far into the night  
Possessed with fright  
At the terrible sight  
Of the Monster of Baru.  
Some say he was born of a volcanic eruption,  
But some of a sorcerer's brew.  
But what does it matter?  
He forever grows fatter  
On the flesh of people like me and you,  
On the lonely Isle of Baru.

M Beasant, 3 U.

## LUCKY DUCKS

The little ducks upon the pond  
Can do just as they please,  
And no-one says, "Go in, my boy,  
And wash those grubby knees."  
The little ducks can splash about  
In every pool they meet,  
And no-one says, "Oh, mind your shoes!"  
And "Look! You've wet your feet!"  
A little duck can play and swim  
And stand upon its head,  
And no-one says, "Come in, my boy,  
It's time you were in bed."  
I wish I were a little duck to do the things I like.  
But—I've just thought—suppose I were,  
I couldn't ride my bike.

J. Barber, 3 U.



## WAR

There are many words that describe war; many of the wars of old are described as glorious. This theme is expressed in music, plays, paintings and poems. The crash of the cannon in the exciting "1812 Overture," King Henry's rousing speech at Harfleur from Shakespeare's play, "Henry the Fifth," the poem, "Charge of the Light Brigade" and the awe-inspiring painting of the Royal Scots Greys in full charge at Waterloo; these glorify war.

Nowadays war is a shattering blow to any nation. It leaves men helplessly floundering in a sea of brutality, friendless. Bodies ripped and blown asunder lie as mutilated hulks about the land, which is permanently scarred from barrages of high explosive. Smoke and flames belch from bombed buildings, where people lie charred and distorted beyond all recognition. This is war today.

War is courage, in the face of overwhelming odds, courage such as was needed for the Polish cavalry, mounted on small fast horses and brandishing gleaming sabres, to charge German tanks, when the Panzer divisions rumbled over the Polish border.

War is hunger, pale starved bodies lying prostrate upon the ground, people too weak too brush away the flies that continually settle about their mouths.

War is hunger so great that a fifteen-year-old boy, braving men with guns and savage dogs, crawled four miles through a Russian forest, to scratch potatoes from the earth with his bare hands, and crawled back to his hovel to devour them, skins and all, at the dead of night.

War is dignity in the face of degradation; survivors from concentration camps are living examples of this. It is said that even today, no birds sing in the trees around Belsen, such was the suffering.

War is people running blindly in screaming panic away from the lashing bullets; burning buildings crumbling and collapsing under immense heat, burying thousands in glowing masonry. Then, through the smoke and stench of blood they come, their smeichers clattering out their message of death, with but one thought throbbing continually in their heads—KILL THE ENEMY! Yes, this is war, a horrible thing which separates nations and families alike and stirs them into the brutal savagery of grief and death.

J. Bolbot, 1 R.

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## EAST WIND

The east wind whistles loud and shrill,  
Angrily chases clouds from the hill.  
Spitefully seeks to chill all who dare  
To venture into the open air.  
Snarlingly snatches at window frames,  
Tugging at shutters and playing wild games.  
With hats and umbrellas and clothes out to dry,  
Tossing and turning and blowing them high.  
Turns people's noses blue with cold,  
Giving no quarter to young and old.  
This is the wind that blows from the east  
And vents its fury on man and beast.

K. Ziokowski, 2 E.

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## THE CAVE

Dark, dark and dank,  
Its slimy rock confines green and living  
For eternity,  
Like a hollow, endless taproot it reaches,  
The ground itself crawls,  
The cave roof bleeds with a ceaseless dripping.  
The foul air clings,  
The pools are thrashed by starving leeches,  
In one insignificant corner a small yellow flower  
Radiates warmth in the gloom.

S. Maxfield, 4 U.

# A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES.

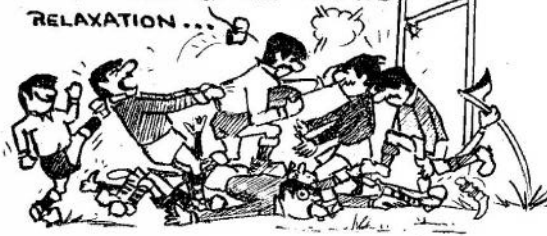


HERE WE HAVE A TYPICAL FIRST YEAR PUPIL ...

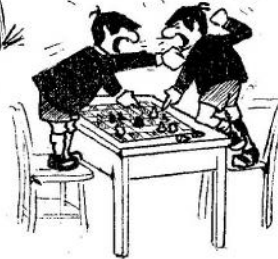


...WHO WILL SOON FIND HE HAS PLENTY OF TIME ON HIS HANDS, (AFTER HE HAS DONE HIS MEAGRE BIT OF HOMEWORK) FOR VARIOUS LEISURE ACTIVITIES!

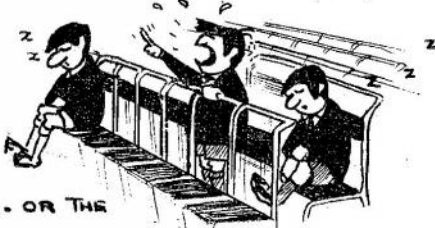
AT SCHOOL HE WILL HAVE ORGANISED GAMES FOR HIS RELAXATION ...



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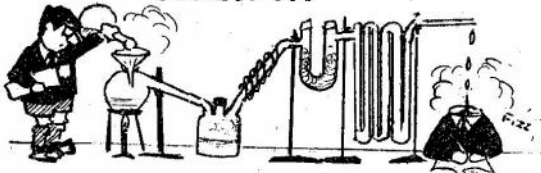


... OR THE DEBATING SOCIETY, ...



... OR, OF COURSE ... !!

... OR THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY ...



G. MAPSON. 7A1



## A SCHOOLBOY'S LAMENT

After carefully tending my hair and preening myself on a luxurious growth, it is frustrating to receive my father's ultimatum,

"Get your hair cut or else—"

Tears of sorrow welling into my eyes do not soften his stern resolve.

A week later, I slink into a barber's shop. The other customers stare as if a rare wild animal has appeared, while I stare in dismay at the rapidly disappearing hair of those seated in the chairs. It is impossible to concentrate on magazine or paper for the buzz of the electric razor. Time is ticking away to the moment when my locks are to be separated for ever from the head that was held so proudly erect.

The moment comes, and the chair waits, vacant, mocking. The barber begins his dreaded work. Soon, the scissors which a few minutes before winked with sharpness have become blunted, and tug instead of cut. The shaggy result bears no resemblance to the crowning glory of five minutes before.

Nor does the shame end at the barber's, but follows me to school, where I am hailed with derisive calls of "Baldy."

Fathers, please remember—you, too, were young once.

T. Wicks, 4 U.

## SCHOOL LIFE SET TO MUSIC IN THE TOP TEN

French lessons: Please don't let me be misunderstood.

Zoology lessons: Let me tell you about the birds and the bees.

Changing general books: When's it going to be my turn?

Detention: Don't fence me in.

Prefect on duty: You can't do that.

Form-master's warning: One more chance!

Tuck-shop: I'm into something good.

Trampoline Club: Fly me to the moon.

Competition on Sports Day: I'm going to get there somehow.

### Latest Release

Four O'Clock: Yeh! Yeh! Yeh!

Pat Giles and Assistants, 3 R.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Chicago, being at the bottom of Lake Michigan, needs much barge transport.

Liverworts and noses are examples of Bryophytes.

Pines, firs and ewes are examples of conifers.

London has grown because it has many conveniences.

# PRESENT STUDENTS' NOTES

## SPEECH DAY

The prizegiving ceremony was held on April 1st. In the afternoon, when the junior forms were present, Councillor J. G. Mason, Chairman of the Swindon Education Committee, took the chair and the guest of honour was Dr. Marita S. Harper, M.A., B.M., B.Ch.

Dr Harper took as her theme the future of education. She said that while progress was inevitable and desirable, it was important that much of our present teaching system should be preserved. Referring to the rapidly increasing use of television in schools, she pictured a time when the pupil would lounge at ease in an armchair and acquire his learning, painlessly, from a television teacher. This might appeal to the children but it would mean the loss of the personal contact between teacher and child which ensures both mental discipline and the competitive spirit, essentials of any satisfactory education. She concluded with a plea that in building for the future we should not destroy the best of the past.

At the afternoon ceremony, attended by the seniors, the Chairman was Councillor H. W. Gardiner, Chairman of the School Governors, and the guest of honour, Professor A. J. Taylor, Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Leeds University.

The theme of Professor Taylor's address was the importance of education in the building of a society. He pointed out that, while we no longer think it the sole aim of education, the acquiring of useful knowledge must be a part of the educational process. Some of the knowledge we acquire may not seem to have an immediate practical application but will blossom later as new experiences come to us. In the meantime, we are learning a way of thinking.

Professor Taylor spoke in particular of the value of a study of the humanities, since education is also a learning about life. The study of such subjects as history and literature can deepen our understanding of ourselves and of the whole of humanity. It enriches our experience and teaches us how to live tolerantly with others. We develop a sense of values.

Finally, he mentioned the qualities that those selecting students for admission to universities were looking for in candidates: knowledge, and evidence of hard work faithfully carried out, but also evidence of clear-thinking minds that will tackle problems, not accept a facile solution. Most of all they looked for enquiring minds, an eagerness for intellectual adventure.

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We congratulate the many pupils who received prizes for school work or certificates of passes at G.C.E. at Ordinary or Advanced Level, but have not listed their names since full details were supplied to those who attended the ceremony.

## SCHOOL NOTES

The following teachers have joined the Staff since the publication of the last School Magazine: Mr. B. W. Caws, Head of the English Department; Mr. J. Garside, Head of the Department of Religious Instruction; Mr. D. A. Heptonstall, Head of the Latin Department; Miss B. Coles, Miss J. Rippin; Mr. M. Bray; Dr. D. G. Higgs.

The following have left during the year, or will be leaving this summer: Mr. E. O. Furber, Head of the Latin Department; Mr. D. Jenkins, Head of the Economics Department; Mrs. P. Davy; Miss M. McMullan; Miss J. Rippin; Miss M. K. Wood; Mr. M. Bray; Mr. D. Chinn; Dr. D. G. Higgs; Mr. A. J. Rackham; Mr. J. Squire.

During the Spring term the school had the honour of a visit by the Minister of State in the Department of Education and Science, Mr. R. Prentice, M.P.

In January the Head Boy, the Head Girl, and their deputies attended, as representatives of the School, the Lying-in-State of Sir Winston Churchill in Westminster Hall—an unforgettable experience.

Two pupils are to be most warmly congratulated on outstanding achievements—

G. E. Chadwick was awarded a Trevelyan Scholarship for his research and thesis on "Pilgrim Routes in Southern France." The scholarship tenable at Cambridge University, is worth £500 a year for three years. Chadwick has been accepted by Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and is in the meantime an assistant teacher in a private boarding school in the Savoy district of France.

Gloria Ritson has been awarded two Entrance Scholarships by Manchester University: The Charles Robinson, worth £30 a year and the Marjory Lees, worth £40 a year, each tenable for three years. Gloria is, until the Autumn, working in a school in Switzerland.

M. J. Latham spent three weeks last summer bird-watching in the Camargue, having been granted a Ford Scholarship of £100 for that purpose.

J. Lindsay spent three weeks at an Austrian work camp that was a joint venture of the Crusaders' Union and the Boys' Brigade. The group were working alongside Austrian workmen in a village near the Yugoslav border.

I. Bolbot won £5 as runner-up in a story competition organised by the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

In October, four members of the 7th Year spent a week-end in the Swanage area studying coastal features—and realising the truth of the saying that geography must be learnt through the soles of the feet.

Small groups have occasionally been on pot-holing expeditions in South Wales.

During the last two days of the Christmas term all forms took part in the annual Operation Blankets. At the end of the holidays 23 blankets and some boxes of clothes were despatched to Oxfam.

The usual Carol Singing parties were organised. Even bitter cold, and fog so thick that buses failed to appear, did not prevent a party from reaching Stratton Hospital and Elm Court. The total sum raised—£5—was sent to the Mission to Lepers.

The Natural History Society had, during an ornithological field meeting in Somerset, the remarkable experience of sighting a rare bird, the Black-winged Pratincole. The species breeds in Roumania and is an odd mixture of plover, tern and swallow. The Society's observations have been reported to the Rare Birds Committee, who have accepted this Black-winged Pratincole as the seventh record for Great Britain.

Through the Bristol-Bordeaux Exchange Organisation, 22 pupils are this year exchanging visits with French pupils at Easter or in the summer.

## THE HEADLANDS ASSOCIATION



Pop music and coffee in the West Hall table tennis in the Hall, drama on the stage, TV in the Green Room—it is hoped that all these will become part of the pattern of things when the newly formed Headlands Association swings into action in September.

The building of the West sector as a complete unit has facilitated the organisation of social activities and it has been decided to develop a weekly club evening. Organisation is, for the moment, in the hands of a committee of staff, old students, and parents, but

it is hoped that members of the Association will, in time, have a larger say in affairs.

The core of activities is to be the West Hall where a fully equipped, portable, coffee bar will provide a social centre. Record-playing and amplifying equipment is to be purchased for this soon. Other facilities will include a games room, table-tennis, lounge and homework room, and, with supervision, the use of the gym for basketball, badminton and trampoline.

A wide range of other, less regular, activities has been planned to include ballroom dancing, dancing classes, debates, drama, film shows and probably judo and fencing. No doubt as more ideas come forward this range will be extended. Suggestions please—we want to provide the activities you want!

Membership, costing 2s. 6d. per term will be open to all in the fourth year and above, and for the monthly 'live' music dances membership will entitle you to bring a named guest for the evening. Restrictions will be at a minimum consistent with the maintenance of Headland's standards in order that all may get the maximum enjoyment.

The staff are pinning their faith on the extension of school activities by the Headlands Association—at last we are "with it"—are you joining us?

D. C. Glover.



## THE INNOCENTS ABROAD

Twelve days before we arrived home our party set off from Headlands for the Continent. The party consisted of Mr. Glover, Miss Wildman, Mr. Greed and Mr. and Mrs. Magson, under the able leadership of 37 Headlandians. We went by coach to Dover and "broke" on the way at Kew Green and again at Canterbury for supper.

We caught the car ferry from Dover to Ostend and as we arrived in Belgium very early in the morning the coach stopped for an hour so that Mr. Glover could go to sleep on the floor. From here we went on through Luxembourg, where we spent the first night. We then went on into France, stopped for lunch at Nancy, where we were allowed a few hours to go sightseeing and improve our French. That night we stayed at Versoul, en route for Lausanne, which was to be our first "resting-place."

Having arrived at this beautiful Swiss city we made straight for the barracks. This is not as strange as it sounds, for we were to spend the next two nights there. As there were no facilities for meals at the barracks we had to go down to the city centre. This was a ten-minute walk, but took forty minutes by coach.

The next day was spent in visiting the Lausanne International Exhibition, which was an exciting experience for us all, although we rather thought that a certain member of staff must have spent more than he could afford, because that evening found him sitting crosslegged on the pavement outside our restaurant, begging.

The following morning we left Lausanne and made our way along the picturesque Rhone Valley to Triente, to a small alpine hotel with a church, a few houses and a horse attached. From Triente we walked along the valley and climbed up to the Triente Glacier, all in our Sunday best, especially Mr. Magson, who sported the latest fashion in cardboard headgear.

The next day we went along the Southern shore of Lake Geneva to Geneva itself. While we were there we went swimming in a terrific thunderstorm, and after half-an-hour most of the party decided they were better off in the lake, as it was drier there than on the roads. Our last evening on the Continent we spent watching a firework display in the town of Chaumont, part of the celebrations of Bastille Day.

On our arrival back in England the customs officer, after noting the innocent looks on all our faces, immediately got us all out of the coach and searched our bags. Naturally he found nothing contraband. (It was all hidden under the seats). We were soon homeward bound once more and on arrival in Swindon it was agreed by all that the holiday had been a most enjoyable one, and many thanks were due to the staff for risking life, limb and sanity to give us such a marvellous time.

## EASTER FIELD TRIP, 1965

A coach packed with thirty odd bodies and hundredweights of equipment left Headlands at the unearthly hour of 8 a.m., on Saturday, April 17th. Everyone was very keen to begin work and excitement rose to fever pitch as we travelled into Cornwall. We finally located the

Humphry [no "e"] Davy Grammar School in Penzance in the early evening. The school was no "glass palace" and we soon realised the advantages of Headlands equipment. After the struggle of erecting camp beds we rushed to the restaurant, half-a-mile away, for supper, but although the food was reasonable it was scarcely up to school dinner standards.

Saturday evening and Sunday morning (coffee and church) were free but the work began after lunch on Sunday when the complete party visited Land's End and Sennen Cove.

From Monday to Thursday we were in small groups working in a different area each day. On Monday our group studied the features of the Lamorna Valley and the economy of the Mousehole, Newlyn and Penzance areas. After parading at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday we were led by Mr. Beams on an assault of the steep slopes leading to the Stone Age village of Chysauster. Having successfully 'taken' this we then moved on to Gulval for village and agricultural studies. The attraction here proved to be a Mr. Potter, a very local, local guide who explained the mysteries of "the bolt" and the winter of 1947, which we all, of course, remembered! The party lost formation on the return trip and many were forced to seek refuge in ice-cream shops.

The Wednesday tour was concerned with local industry at the Geevor tin mine and Hayle creamery—tin oxide and a pint of milk cannot, however, be stuck into field books! The north coast was again our field of study on Thursday, when we looked at the physical features of the Zenor region and the tourist industry of St. Ives.

The final day was taken up with a summary of the course and note-book compilation. We took our leave of the school, our four wash-basins, the gym and library with some nostalgia. The general behaviour of the party was very good and a spirit of co-operation overcame petty rivalries. The staff provided an efficient night watch service with lights out at 10.30 p.m. (torches were available for later reading!). Further, they were always ready to repel invaders, mice and biological specimens included.

All in all, it was a good week and, despite the need for most evening strollers to shelter from the bitter wind in various coffee bars, Penzance is little the worse for our visit.

A. Manners and N. Lewis, 6 A.

### SCHOOL FETE, SATURDAY, MAY 29th

The wind came straight from the Urals with little in the way of friendly obstructions, the sky had that brooding look that is usually associated with incipient snowfall, a large number of people, over-coated in opposition to the merry month, were carelessly throwing hard-earned money away trying to guess the weight of cakes or paying for the privilege of trying to kick a football through a hoop, and, finally, British to the last, a cricket match was under way—this was the setting for the school fete. Inside the school the less intrepid spent their time among some of the excellent exhibitions or raced model cars around an electric track. Outside, huddled together in groups for warmth, the hardier specimens

sampled the varied delights that were available—from the heady excitement of sinking tins with pennies (too many people showed skill at this, incidentally) to the calmer pleasures of the flower and cake stalls.

From 2.30 to 5.30 while the temperature sank lower and lower the profits rose higher and higher, and, at the end of it all, the Headlands Association was over £250 to the good. All the work, organized so efficiently by Mr. A. Pollock, had been worth while, and icy hands and frost-bitten feet had not been endured in vain.

## MUSIC

Musical activities during the year have been varied. The School Choir, Girls' Choir, Orchestra and the Recorder Club have continued to meet regularly.

The annual School Concert was enjoyed by a large audience, a very popular item being Herbert Chappell's "The Daniel Jazz," which was obviously much appreciated.

The Carol Service took place in December, in the School Hall. One innovation here was the use of Organ accompaniment on "tape," which gave everyone present a taste of what the sound will be when we have our own organ.

On September 3rd, a party of about 60 pupils and staff made the annual visit to a Promenade Concert at the Albert Hall. The Orchestra was the BBC Symphony, conducted by Sergeant. The concert included Bach's Third Brandenburg Concerto, Elgar's Cello Concerto, in which Jacqueline du Pré gave a fine rendering of the solo part, Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, a new cello concerto by a contemporary African composer, which had a mixed reception, and finally, Stravinsky's "Fire-bird Suite." It was an interesting concert, enjoyed by all.

## DEBATING SOCIETY

This year, in addition to debates and informal discussions on a wide variety of topics, the Society staged two major events.

We are happy to report that at the "Assize" held in the School Hall a "jury" of nearly a hundred members acquitted D. Kavanagh, by a majority of over seven to one, of the charge of murdering his wife.

The Mock Parliament, however, produced a defeat for the Government by one vote on an Opposition Censure motion, after one of the two Chief speakers for the Government was prevented by the division bell from summing up, and one Liberal member had crossed to the Conservative benches.

B. J. Pready, 6 SM.

## FILM SOCIETY

This season has been one of the most successful in the history of the Society.

As a result, it has been possible to plan an ambitious programme for next season. The feature films will be "The Dam Busters," "The Lady-killers," "Hue and Cry," "Back of Beyond" and "North-west Frontier"—a mixture of adventure and fun.

With such a programme—offered for the modest subscription of 2s. 6d.—we hope not only to keep our present members but attract many of the new pupils. The more members, the finer the next season's programme!

Della Summers, 7 A1.

### SENIOR GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

During the year, the Geographical Society was divided into junior and senior sections, run by committees of pupils.

The meetings of the senior section covered a wide variety of subjects: The Alpine Economy of Switzerland, Western Ireland, Europe, Yugoslavia and Hong Kong. But the highlight of the year was undoubtedly the visit of Mr. Bolonogov, the Second Secretary of the Russian Embassy, who talked to us about the economic geography of Russia.

All the meetings were successful, especially the last, which had a record attendance. Attendance could have been higher at some meetings, but it is notable that a high degree of interest is being shown by the scientists of the school. We hope that subscribed membership will increase in the future, as this will permit the Society to invite more speakers of the calibre of Mr. Bolonogov.

Cynthia Wooldridge, 7 A1.

### JUNIOR GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

The Autumn term saw the birth of a Geographical Society open only to first, second and third formers. For a small subscription of sixpence members are entitled to attend lectures and illustrated talks on aspects of geography and to visit exciting places such as Cheddar Gorge and Fry's chocolate factory. Shortly after the year's programme was published, the membership grew at an almost alarming rate to the present total of 126.

Although staff attend meetings, the difficult task of running a new society has been done—with enthusiasm, optimism and determination—by a committee of sixth-formers, working together as one big happy family. The future is unsure, but this year has seen a successful start.

### LITERARY SOCIETY

1964-5 was the first year of the Literary Society and a very successful one it has been. The Society got off to an uproarious start with a play-reading of "Murder in the Red Barn," with that well-known star, Mr. David Jenkins. But perhaps the most important feature of the Society has been the theatre trips to the Oxford Playhouse, where members saw "Arms and the Man," "The Country Wife" and "The Alchemist." Arrangements are being made for a trip to Bristol to see "St. Joan." As well as theatre productions, we saw, at school, the films of "Pickwick Papers," and we are now hoping to hold a session of dramatic readings with members of staff in the leading roles. The committee trusts that next year the Society will grow even stronger.

G. S. Room, 7 A: Secretary

C. A. Curtis, 7A1: Assistant Secretary

## YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

The Young Farmers' Club has continued to meet regularly on Wednesday evenings throughout the year, and enjoyable visits have been made to the Wiltshire Newspaper House and to Mr. Griffiths' farm at Kingsdown.

Once again we entered a team in the North Wiltshire Public Speaking Competition at Wootton Bassett.

Interesting talks were given on tree-pruning and on Lackham School of Agriculture, and plans have been made to visit Lackham in the forthcoming year.

We are hoping to raise funds so that small animals can be kept at school and looked after by members of the Club.

Although loyal, the group has been small and new members would be very welcome.

Audrey Goodridge, 5 U.



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# SPORT



## HOCKEY

As will be seen from the table of results at the end of the reports, both teams have had a very successful season.

Of special interest was the Inter-Schools Tournament, held on October 10th. Despite heavy rain, the Under XV team came equal eighth in the junior section, losing only their last match. The 1st XI did extremely well to win the senior section of the Tournament, winning the final match in grand style.

During the Tournament those hoping to be selected for the Junior County team were closely watched during play, and as a result of the final trials at Devizes Mary McConnell was chosen to play for the 1st XI, Senior County team, Ann Howard for the 1st XI, Junior County team and Linda Francis as reserve for the Junior team.

Both teams participated in a hockey demonstration organised by Miss Jordan. Despite the Trial G.C.E., four practices were held after school and the very successful and instructional demonstration of umpiring took place in Pinehurst gymnasium. The effect of participation has been that we find ourselves much more critical of our own play.

The results at the end of the season were as follows:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st XI ... ..	10	7	1	2
Under-15 XI ...	10	9	0	1

Pat Hislop, 5 M.

## NETBALL

Once again the Under-16 team have lost no matches. The team has grown considerably stronger this season in both attack and defence. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to find stronger opposition, apart from the staff. The team were disappointed to be beaten in extra time in the final of the Swindon Schools Netball Tournament; the result, I am sure, was due to tension and over-anxiety.

Three members of the team were chosen to play for Swindon Under-16 team and three for the Under-19 team. I believe this is the first time someone from this school has played netball for Swindon.

The Under-14 team has also had a successful season, losing only one match. They did not share in the success at the Swindon Tournament, but it is hoped that with experience and practice they will be able to take over from the Under-16 team with confidence.

The first and second year teams show promise and have made a good start in their netball career.

Colours were awarded to R. Watts and M. Simpson.

R. Watts (Captain).

## RUGBY

### 1ST XV:

This season has not been quite as successful as the past few seasons, as the results indicate. At the beginning of the season, when the ground conditions were difficult, injuries to several of the more experienced players made selection of a regular team impossible. During this time many newcomers to Senior Rugby were tried out and, though victories were few, the performance of these younger members was most promising. There were several close matches, including the last of the season, against Park, who were defending an unbeaten record. Headlands took a deserved early lead but Park drew level seconds from "no-side," thus avoiding their first defeat.

Results:

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
15	4	1	10	113	153

Colours were re-awarded to C. Ashman, L. Blazewicz, D Hollister, and awarded for the first time to G. Vizer, G. Rollason, D. Radway, J. Sheffield.

The following were given a trial for the Wiltshire and Dorset County Under-19 team: C. Ashman, L. Blazewicz, D. Hollister, D. Ponting. C. Ashman, L. Blazewicz and D. Ponting played for the Wiltshire Senior Schoolboys XV, C. Ashman for the Wiltshire and Dorset XV also.

C. Ashman (Captain).

### 2ND XV:

Although the record of the team was not as high as in previous seasons, the team's spirit was, nevertheless, as high as ever. The team lacked only a reliable goalkicker; only one member could kick the ball between the two white sticks regularly! The last game of the season was, without doubt, the team's most remarkable, for the team lost to the 1st Hockey XI.

Results:

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
10	4	1	5	145	100

C. Ludford (Captain).

### Results of Other Teams:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	
Under-15 XV	...	...	12	3	1	82	188
Under-14 XV	...	...	13	7	0	275	159
Under-13 XV	...	...	8	8	0	228	42

## SEVEN - A - SIDE RUGBY TOURNAMENTS

Prior to this year's seven-a-side Tournament at Oxford, the Headlands Senior and Junior teams took part in the Swindon Schools Sevens. An enthusiastic Junior side, with strong fast forwards and dependable backs, played good open rugby and won the competition, beating Park and Commonweal.

Several injuries weakened the playing strength of the Senior team, consequently co-ordinated team work and spirit were lacking and the team were knocked out in the first round by Park, who went on to win the Senior Section.

In the Oxford Sevens the Juniors were drawn against Southfield in the first round of Section B. Although playing the purposive and intelligent rugby which had led to their winning the Swindon 'Sevens,' after keen end-to-end play they were narrowly defeated 6—0.

The Seniors, in Section C of the Senior Age Group, were now back to full strength and a much higher standard of play was manifested, the side giving a perfect display of teammanship. Ashman's kicking deserves special praise. All the games were very keenly and sportingly contested, and the team did very well to reach the Quarter-Finals, defeating Littlemore Grammar School 15—0, Oratory 24—0, on the way, but eventually losing to Bloxham 13—3.

L. Blazewicz, 7 S1.

## SOCCER

The 1st XI has had another successful season, losing only one of their matches—that against Park Grammar School, whom we had earlier defeated. The number of fifth and sixth formers in the side promises well for the future.

Results:

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
8	6	1	1	32	12

Colours were awarded to: Ian Eldridge, John Sheffield, Graham Vizer, Derek Bird, Geoffrey Rollason, Derek Hiatt.

G. Vizer, 7 A1 (Captain).

### Under-15 XI:

This team played well in the Swindon Schools Under-15 Cup competition to reach the Semi-Final. After drawing 3—3 against Park Grammar School in the Semi-Final we eventually lost 2—1 in extra-time.

Results:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
Under-15 XI ...	6	2	0	4	12	15
Under-14 XI ...	6	5	0	1	33	22
Under-13 XI ...	5	4	0	1	12	12

## TRAMPOLINE CLUB

The Trampoline Club was very well attended this year, as in previous years, especially in the Junior Sections, where membership is still increasing. We entered five people in the Wiltshire Trampoline Championships, with very encouraging results:

### Junior Boys:

5th — David Ponting.



**Junior and Senior Girls:**

1st — Elizabeth Guard.  
 3rd — Jennifer Burton.  
 5th — Heather Warren.  
 7th — Joy Arnold.

Elizabeth Guard, 5 M.

**SWIMMING**

The outstanding event of this year's swimming season was the Swindon Schools Annual Trophy Competition, held last November. In the Finals of this Gala members of Headlands' Team gained several 4th and 3rd placings, and the senior girls' relay team came 2nd. Marion Simpson of 5 E swam a very fast race to come level first with Commonweal in the two lengths free-style event. The school swimmers are now training for the forthcoming Swindon Schools Gala, which is to be held in June.

There have been other individual achievements by Headlands swimmers during the season. Owen Green of the 1st year has recently gained the Silver Standard for Personal Survival, and Susan Mann of 3A has been awarded the bronze medallion for life-saving.

The School Swimming Club still meets every Friday lunch-time, at the Baths, under the capable supervision of Mr. Stewart, and I hope more people will join during the summer term.

Pam Dennett, 6 A1 (Captain).

**SCHOOL SPORTS**

The following were the final House totals:

1st Barbury 471½ points; 2nd Rockley 411 points; 3rd Silbury 371½ points; 4th Kennet 325 points.

The following gained first places.

**11-13 Years—Girls:**

80 yards D. Warren K 11.4 secs.  
 100 yards D. Warren K 14.2 secs.\*  
 65 yards Hurdles G. Harris S 13.5 secs.  
 High Jump B. Lincoln K 4ft. 0in.\*  
 Long Jump S. Lawton R 12ft. 0½in.  
 Relay Kennet 63.2 secs.\*

**11-13 Years—Boys:**

100 yards R. Miller S 13.6 secs.  
 220 yards R. Miller S 32.2 secs.  
 Hurdles P. Dixon B 15.1 secs.  
 High Jump B. Mann B 3ft. 9in.  
 Long Jump B. Mann B 13ft. 5½in.  
 Relay Barbury 59.5 secs.

**13-15 Years—Girls:**

100 yards J. Arnold R 14.1 secs.  
 150 yards J. Arnold R 21.6 secs.  
 Hurdles A. Smith B 15.6 secs.  
 High Jump P. Archer K 4ft. 0in.  
 Long Jump J. Arnold R 14ft. 9in.  
 Discus L. Beale R 60ft. 7¼in.\*  
 Javelin L. Powell B  
 Relay Rockley and Silbury 60.5 secs.

**13-15 Years—Boys:**

100 yards B. Chaney K 12.2 secs.\*  
 220 yards B. Chaney K 27.9 secs.\*  
 440 yards K. Coello B 63.8 secs.  
 880 yards A. Dabal B 2 mins. 32.1 secs.\*  
 1 Mile A. Dabal B 5 mins. 32.5 secs.  
 Hurdles C. Lewington B 14.5 secs.  
 High Jump D. Ponting B 4ft. 8ins.\*  
 Long Jump B. Chaney K 16ft. 1in.  
 Triple Jump D. Ponting B 32ft. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins.  
 Pole Vault G. Couling R 6ft. 0in.  
 Shot P. Rivers K 35ft. 2ins.\*  
 Discus M. Ford B 73ft. 10ins.  
 Javelin M. Ford B 99ft. 1in.\*  
 Relay Kennet 54 secs.

**15-17 Years—Girls:**

100 yards E. Guard B 13.6 secs.  
 150 yards G. Hodges K 20.6 secs.  
 Hurdles E. Guard B 15.5 secs.  
 High Jump E. Guard B 4ft. 4ins.\*  
 Long Jump L. Francis K 12ft. 11ins.  
 Discus R. Watts R 68ft. 0in.\*  
 Javelin H. Butcher R 66ft. 11ins.\*  
 Relay Barbury 61.1 secs.

**15-17 Years—Boys:**

100 yards A. Titchener R 11.7 secs.  
 220 yards A. Titchener R 26.1 secs.  
 440 yards R. Jones S 59.6 secs.  
 880 yards K. Ward K 2 mins. 22.5 secs.  
 1 Mile K. Ward K 5 mins. 16.5 secs.  
 Hurdles R. Stocks S 18.9 secs.  
 High Jump P. Tenty K 5ft. 2ins.\*  
 Long Jump R. Horsell B 16ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.  
 Triple Jump R. Horsell B 41ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.\*  
 Pole Vault D. Comley B 8ft. 0in.  
 Shot J. Smith K 37ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.\*  
 Discus M. Evans K 139ft. 1in.\*  
 Javelin M. Whittam R 123' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
 Relay Silbury 50.5 secs.

**17-19 Years—Girls:**

100 yards D. Rhodes R 13.1 secs.  
 150 yards A. Howard B  
 Hurdles P. Hislop R 16.7 secs.  
 High Jump J. Collins B 4ft. 6ins.  
 Long Jump A. Howard B 14ft. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins.  
 Discus P. Butler S 103ft. 2ins.\*  
 Javelin H. Williams B 59ft. 5ins.\*  
 Relay Barbury 60.3 secs.

### 17-19 Years—Boys:

100 yards G. Rollason B 11.2 secs.  
220 yards G. Rollason B 25 secs.  
440 yards J. Bailey R 58.2 secs.  
880 yards R. Pixton S 2 mins. 8.5 secs.\*  
1 Mile I. Melrose S 4 mins. 52.2 secs.\*  
Hurdles L. Rogers B 17.5 secs.  
High Jump L. Rogers B 5ft. 0in.  
Long Jump M. Stevens S 18ft. 6½ins.  
Triple Jump R. Anderson B 39ft. 7ins.  
Pole Vault D. Bird R 10ft. 6ins.\*  
Shot L. Blazewicz S 37ft. 5ins.  
Discus D. Radway R 81ft. 11½ins.

\*Indicates a new record.

### TOWN SPORTS RESULTS, 1965

The school succeeded in winning three shields, awarded to the following age groups:

Boys: 15-17; Girls: 17-20; Boys: 17-20.

The second place was won by Boys: 13-15 and 11-13.

The third place was won by Girls: 15-17.

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# PAST STUDENTS' NOTES

The past year has been one of mixed fortunes for the Old Headlandians Association. Following the "boom" of the previous two years we have experienced something of an anti-climax in recent months. Membership has fallen; at the time of note-writing 145 of last year's members had not rejoined and, in addition, fewer than usual of the School Leavers have joined.

We have, however, continued our activities with a full and quite comprehensive programme. As detailed reports of events have been circulated in regular news letters it is sufficient to summarise now. Activities have fallen into two types (1) regular events, (2) occasional functions.

In category (1) we have:

**The Badminton Section:** Playing in the gym 3 nights per week, plus league matches.

**The Football Team:** With regular weekly matches in the Swindon Sunday League, Division 2.

**Saturday Night Club/Coffee Bar:** Every Saturday, with darts, table tennis, billiards, etc. The coffee bar has also been used by the Seventh Year during the school lunch hours.

In category (2) we have a wider range of events:

There have been car rallies, hikes, a skittle tournament, a darts tournament, a four-a-side football tournament, a bonfire night barbecue, camping weekends, and the second of our informal dinner parties. Not to mention, of course, our annual "event of the year," the Christmas Party. All have been successful in varying degrees.

So one might say, "Why strike a despondent note in paragraph 1?" Quite simply, it's this: The events promoted are being supported by, generally speaking, the same people on each occasion.

Whilst we know that a large number of our members are away from Swindon, it is difficult to avoid a tendency to do only what the "inner circle" want to do and not continue to attempt a programme of universal appeal. There is an ever-present danger that the Association's events could well become a "closed shop," not by any intention of the "active" members but rather from the apathy of the "in town others." I can assure anyone on the fringe of joining in any of our events, that we really are quite a friendly crowd. If we do tend to congregate in a little clique, this is not to keep you out but force of habit on our part!!!

So what of the future? As you all know, the Grammar Schools of Swindon disappear in September and will be replaced by Senior Highs. Within a few years the number of school leavers from Headlands each year will rapidly increase and it is to be hoped that our Association, with its long-established background of Youth Work (over 40 years) will be able to meet the challenge of the new situation. It is obvious that in

recent years we haven't quite been able to offer enough to attract all the School Leavers into permanent membership. We, your Officers and Committee, can spend countless hours playing guessing games on the reasons for this, but I think it is essential that everyone reading these notes spends a while in thinking of ways in which we can consolidate and improve on our position as the Old Students Organisation of Headlands School.

We shall be holding our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, September 11th, at 7.30 p.m., at Headlands Senior High School. This, of course, is the one day of the year when "all the heads are on the block together." We hope **you** will come and give your views on the past, the present, and the future of OHA.

Finally, in closing these brief notes, may I say we have deliberately kept the notes brief this year, as fuller reports on events and details of programme are given in the regular newsletters which are circulated. You haven't received these? Isn't the answer simple—complete the following membership form, enclose appropriate cash and leave the rest to chance (and me)? Incidentally, life membership is like the dentist, painful at first but no more problems once the job's done.

Best wishes to you all from,

Ben, Den, Dave and all Committee members.

P.S. A 'phone call to either of these numbers (all local calls) will give you any further information you need. Swindon 4865, Swindon 3363, Stanford-in-the-Vale 206.

**STOP PRESS!! (ink still wet!)**

It is possible that next season the O.H.A. Saturday Club and Coffee Bar, will take on a "new look" in the new school extensions now nearing completion. We need to know how members would view such a move. Come to the A.G.M. and join discussions on this exciting project.

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## NEWS OF OLD STUDENTS

We offer our warmest congratulations to—Dr. A. Forty, who has been appointed Professor of Physics at Warwick University and J. K. Stott of the Metropolitan Police, who was commended by the Commissioner for courage in tackling a dangerous, armed criminal.

Best wishes

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