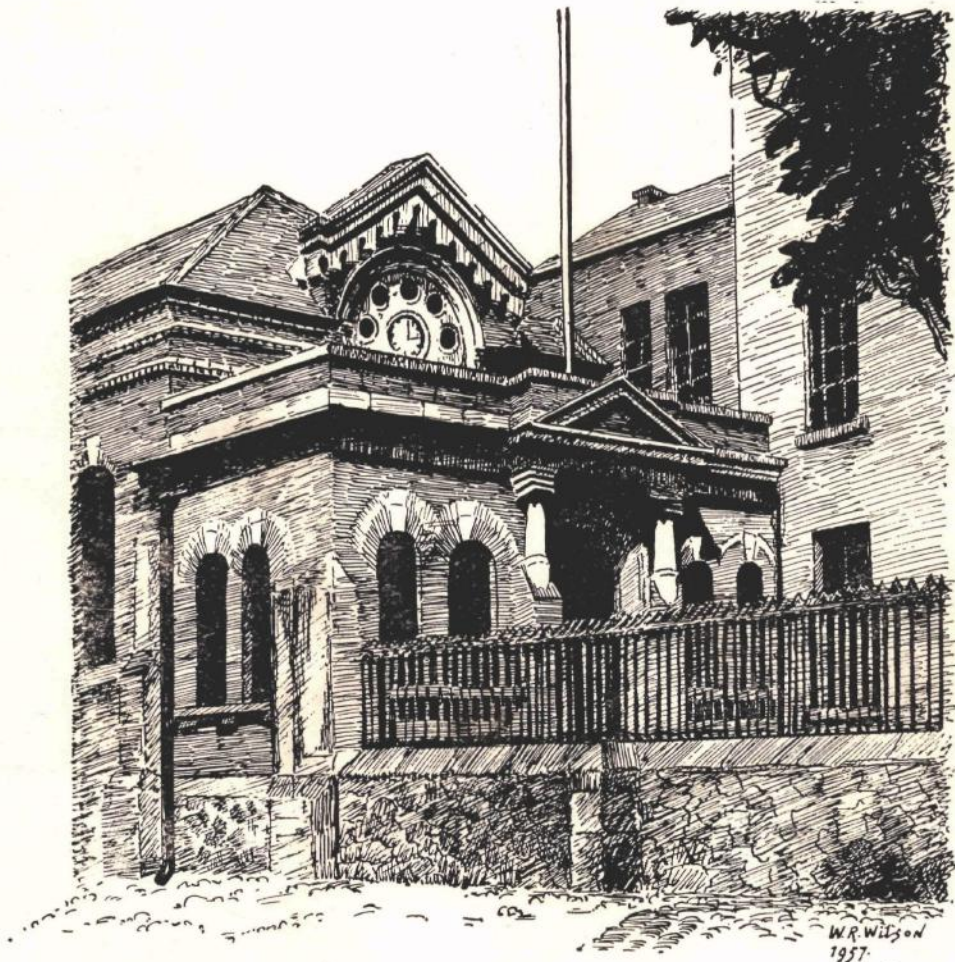


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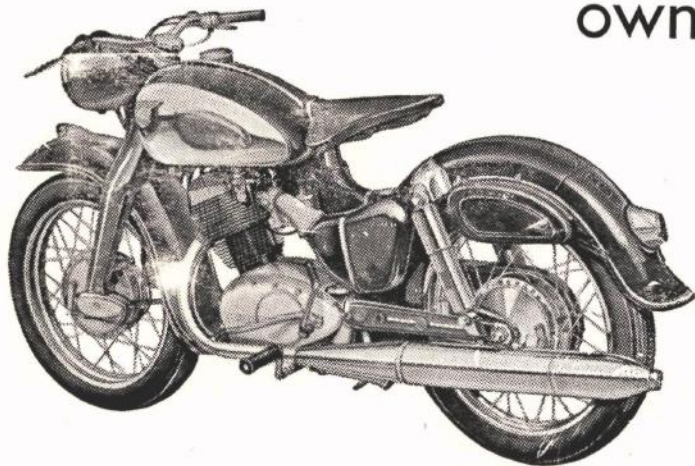
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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School News

Last June Mr. Evans completed forty years' service on the staff. A dinner was held in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Evans by the staff.

The marriage of Miss E. de Courcy Williams to Herr Karl Frick took place in Germany during the summer, and Mrs. Frick left the staff of the school in October. Her departure was marked by a presentation from the school in appreciation of her work there.

Mr. E. W. Cookman has been appointed Headmaster of the Royal School, Raphoe. We offer him our congratulations, and our good wishes for the future.

We welcome to the staff Mr. P. Start, M.Sc., M.I.C.I.; Mr. A. W. West, B.A., B.A.I., and Miss H. Barton, B.A.

Over eighty senior boys attended the Holy Communion service in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Michaelmas Day and were addressed by the Dean (the Very Rev. J. W. Armstrong).

A concert was given in October by the Equale String Quartet, with the addition of a clarinet. The programme comprised pieces by Mozart, Haydn, Franck, Weber and Armstrong Gibbs.

Talks were given in the course of the term by Dr. Eileen Snow (C.M.S.), Mr. Richard Skerrett, and Lieut. A. Bishop of the F.C.A.

Beginning in November a traffic warden has been on duty outside the school both morning and afternoon.

Collections in the school raised £2 3s. 10d. for the Blind and £4 16s. 1d. for the Earl Haig Fund. £27 was collected in the school for the *Irish Times* Congo Fund.

We congratulate A. I. Donaldson on winning the de Vere Shortt Cup for cricket.

Miss Estelle de Courcy Williams

Miss Williams has left us to get married, and the Junior School will never be quite the same again. There can be few pupils who remember the Junior School without her and, indeed, she typifies all that is so successful in it, for in her classroom was maintained an atmosphere which, while inspiring diligence, remained most happy. The reason for this, of course, is that she took a very deep interest in all her pupils, and long after we had risen from

the Junior School she keenly watched our scholastic career. In fact many of us only fully appreciate the advantages which the Junior School gave to us when we reach the higher forms in school. We can now only offer Miss Williams our thanks and hope that in the future life may be as kind to her as she has been to all her pupils in the past.

D.J.C.

Valete

- J. D. Reynolds, D. J. Challen, C. F. L. Smith, R. A. Fleury, J. C. Darling, M. N. McKay, D. W. H. Adams, B. C. Johnson, V. W. F. Armstrong, A. I. Donaldson, J. P. Hayes, J. R. Williams, M. C. Gorman, E. D. Williams, R. O. Luke, D. Rissman and G. A. McCamley have entered Trinity College.
- G. H. Lanigan secured fourth place out of about 380 candidates in the examination for Royal Naval Cadetships.
- A. K. Dungan, A. K. Pope, R. S. Medcalf, S. A. Mackay, C. S. Maybury and R. C. G. Balmer are under articles in firms of chartered accountants.
- D. W. Rowell has joined the staff of the Representative Church Body.
- C. S. McLean and W. B. Cooper have joined the staff of the Royal Bank.
- H. D. Graham has secured a position with the Ulster Bank.
- N. D. Egan is in the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.
- W. E. Shepherd is now with the State Assurance Company.
- T. H. Gick has obtained a position in the General Accident Insurance Company.
- J. M. Watson passed the Apprentice Technician examination into the R.A.F., being the only Irish candidate to obtain a first class pass.
- C. T. Watson has joined Messrs. Campbell and Walker, wool merchants.
- D. G. Sibley has joined the staff of Messrs. Weir and Sons.
- I. W. Kelly is now with Messrs. J. C. Parkes and Son.
- D. W. R. Lee is now with Messrs. Fannin of Grafton Street.

H. S. D. B. U.

"The Congo Crisis," "China To-day," "Red Indians in Brazil," "Key Phrases of the Bible": these are some of the many and varied subjects given by our speakers at this term's Bible Union. The talk on the Congo Crisis was given by Dr. McDonald and was illustrated by Kodachrome slides which brought us a picture of the conditions in the Congo to-day.

Rev. "Joe" Wright, whose brother was killed by the Indians in Brazil while doing missionary work among them, told us something of his experiences among these same Indians. His own life was in danger many times from them. He was also shipwrecked three times but each time God spared him. Along with these unusual subjects, there were also interesting talks on the Bible.

Our meetings continue to be held after school on Fridays. Each meeting takes a different form: a boy acts as chairman, another opens in prayer and another reads from God's Word. Our numbers have greatly increased this term and we are looking forward with confidence to the future. However, we would still like to see many more boys along and extend a welcome to all. We would like to add that we value the prayers of all old boys and parents who are interested. Let us finish by reminding all to "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." (Ecclesiastes 12, v. 1.)

D.B., M.M.

The Dramatic Society

This society meets every fortnight on a Wednesday evening and provides an opportunity for those boys who are interested in acting and play reading. This is the fourth year that the society has been in existence.

We have read Lennox Robinson's "Is life worth living" and listened to a recording of "Under Milkwood" by Dylan Thomas. When this article appears in print we shall have read Noel Coward's celebrated comedy, "Blithe Spirit." At present we are on the look-out for a suitable play to produce in the school concert. In the past we have produced "The Little Man," "The Monkey's Paw" and "The Man in the Bowler Hat."

R.W.S.

The Bible Comes to Life

Arrangements were made for two forms, 3A and 3C, to visit a Biblical exhibition in the Molesworth Hall in October. The exhibition was entitled "The Bible Comes to Life."

When they arrived at the hall they went to their seats and a man in Arabic dress gave a short introductory speech. He told them about many of the exhibits. The party walked round the exhibition, noticing first the temporary synagogue and the Temple of Herod, with the Gate Beautiful. On the next table was a model of ancient Jerusalem, with places such as Calvary marked on it. As well as this there were pictures and objects of special significance of all the Jewish feast days. Next the party saw a Hebrew scroll and a scribe's writing desk. On this table there was a Biblical bed, merely a large canvas coat. Next the party saw pictures of various Eastern countries. The last, and probably the finest, table of exhibits held many models of agricultural implements, knives, axes, camels, boats, shoes, and the shops and work places of carpenters, silver-refiners, tanners and tentmakers. We left with a fuller understanding of the Jewish faith and of the Bible, through this wonderful exhibition.

D. WENT (3A).

F. I. G.

A number of boys are members of the Fellowship of International Goodwill and attend meetings of that body from time to time. It is the purpose of the Fellowship "to encourage an international attitude towards present-day problems and to promote a spirit of friendliness and service through a knowledge of the lives and conditions of other peoples."

A.A.L.

The Hobbies Exhibition

The Annual Hobbies Exhibition took place this year on Saturday, 17th September, and was, as always, a great success. Despite the small number of entries early in the Term, there was a last-minute rush, and in the end there were almost as many entries as usual. To compensate for the slight drop in numbers, the standard of workmanship was higher than usual, and the exhibits made a fittingly effective display for the first official function held in the newly decorated clock-room.

The exhibits were very varied, ranging from a bottle of home-made elderberry wine (which got such a severe shaking on the journey to school that it fizzed and fizzed until it eventually pushed off its wire-tied cork) to a Whinshurst machine which generates electricity. The wine contains sugar, brandy and cloves as well as elderberry juice, and is claimed to have exhilarating results, while the Whinshurst machine took eight months of intermittent work to make. Also included in the exhibits were a remarkable coin collection, a magnificent model aeroplane, which was built not from a kit but from plans, hand-drawn by keen observers, seven stamp collections, a bird table, a book of wild flowers, vegetables, a canoe and numerous cakes and sweetmeats.

We are very grateful to Mrs. E. W. Beck, wife of the chairman of the Parents' Association, who presented the prizes; to the Parents' Association who organised the exhibition; the Old Boys who judged the exhibits, and to Mr. Evans who did all the work behind the scenes and whom we were delighted to see among the prize-winners.

The prize-winners were:—

Under 11—(a) Lewis, B. D.; (b) Lewis, B.D.; Hanna, M.; Mason, H. G.; (c) Lewis, B. D.; Hanna, M.

Under 13—(a) Sholdice, N.; Carson, B.; (b) Medcalf, D. R.; Hilliard, C. J.; Carson, B.; (c) Reynolds, A.; Benson, A.; Talbot, N.

Under 15—(a) Lewis, S. R.; Bloomfield, J.; (b) King, D.; Bird, R.; Fox, D. C.; (c) Fox, D. C.; Taylor, E. J.; Dungan, R.

Over 15—(a) Bradfield, E.; (b) Erskine, P.; Cobbe, P.; Williams, B.; (c) Frencken, J.; Bradfield, E.; Robinson, D.

Cookery—Tinsley, C.; Robinson, L.; Lewis, B. D.

Merit Certificates—Mowatt, D.; Plant, P.; Lewis, S. R.; McClatchie, H.; Went, D.; Murtagh, N.; Beck, D. L.; Bolton, J.

Lending Library

We wish to thank an Old Boy, K. A. H. Mills, for a gift of nine books to the library, and a member of 6B, who has presented books on many previous occasions, A. S. Doak, for a gift of twelve books.

The Choral Society

This year the Choral Society is preparing the Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "Trial by Jury," for production at the school concert. A shortage of tenors and basses is hampering the casting, but under Miss Barklie's direction good progress is being made. It is hoped that more of the senior boys will join to swell the ranks, but the enthusiasm of the members makes up for the shortage of numbers.

R.M.C.

The Gramophone Society

A catholic selection of records was played at the Gramophone Society's Friday afternoon meetings in the Board Room, ranging from "The Dutch Swing College 'At Home'" to Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto, played by Richter, and including the "Rubaiyat" of Omar Khayyam, spoken by Michael Mac Liammoir, and others from Beethoven to Bartok. Attendance has so far been poorer than last year's and little interest has been shown in the Society outside of the Upper Sixth.

Mr. W. Richards, who is choirmaster of the Dublin Grand Opera Society, has offered to give a talk on Verdi and play some of his music at the school and we intend to avail of his kind offer shortly.

S.E.

The Boyne Valley

On June 2nd a number of boys from the first three forms went on a bus tour of the Boyne Valley. The weather was not very promising looking as we set off in the two coaches; however, that did not bother us very much as we had all the day in front of us.

The buses were soon on the Navan Road and after we had passed through Blanchardstown, it was not long before we arrived at Tara and started our tour of this historic place. We looked at the earth works which surrounded the once glorious palaces and banquetting halls of Tara. The view from Tara is very interesting and the surrounding countryside full of beauty.

We lunched in Slane and soon were driving towards Newgrange. Newgrange is situated

to the west of Drogheda and its outward appearance is that of a beautifully wooded hill. It was originally a heap of 100,000 tons of stones. Before the heaping of the stones a central chamber and passage were formed to receive the dead nobles in prehistoric times. The opening of the passage faces south. We went along this passage and came to the central chamber which is nearly twenty feet high with a funnel-shaped dome. We were amazed at some of the oval basins and the coil and spiral carving on some of the stones of the passage and chamber.

We left Meath and went to Monasterboice, which is in Louth. A beautifully wooded road led to the abbey. The abbey has two churches, a round tower and several high crosses. One of the crosses is about fifteen feet high and has panels carved with figures. From here it was only a short distance to Mellifont Abbey.

The ruins of Mellifont Abbey are situated in a secluded valley. This was one of the first Cistercian abbeys founded in Ireland. The remains of the abbey church are very slight, but the Chapter House and lavabo are fairly well preserved. The Cistercians have now returned to the locality and occupy new Mellifont, a short distance from the old abbey. The district around these old abbeys was the scene of the Battle of the Boyne and the guide pointed out many places of historical interest.

We drove along the Boyne Valley to Drogheda where we stopped for half an hour. From Drogheda we proceeded to Laytown where we stopped for a breath of sea-air. Our journey was nearly at an end and the buses travelled at a hare's pace towards Dublin. We reached it at about six o'clock, a bit tired, perhaps, but feeling that the tour had been both educational and interesting.

A. D. McCREA (4A).

Ceol Chumann na nOg

During the last few years over 1,000 High School boys have attended concerts given by the Radio Eireann Symphony Orchestra. They formed a part of a total of 56,000 boys and girls from schools in the Dublin area, who have attended similar concerts.

The organisation which made this possible—Ceol Chumann na nOg—was started ten years ago by a small group of people who believed

that music and the experience of hearing it performed by a fine orchestra, was an important part of education. At first they received no financial or other support from any official body. The Radio Eireann Orchestra gave their services free, as they still do. Later, the Arts Council provided some financial help, but now, just when the organisation seemed secure at last, this grant has been withdrawn. Only the generosity of a private patron, together with ruthless economies, has made it possible to continue with this year's concert. At some future date we hope to hold a flag day.

The last concert the High School boys attended was in September. The programme then was typical of many other concerts. It included:

Mozart: Overture to "Marriage of Figaro."

Bizet: Clarillon from *L'Arlesienne* suite.

Beethoven: Finale of Symphony No. 7.

Wagner: Prelude to "The Meistersingers."

The conductor was Eimear O Broin, and he also gave an introductory talk on the music and the orchestra.

The obvious enjoyment the boys get from these concerts would, in itself, make them worthwhile. To this is added the possibility of a lifetime's pleasure. To-day, with the gramophone and wireless, we can hear almost unlimited amounts of music. Yet these inventions have increased rather than diminished the importance of the concert performance. Ceol Chumann na nOg has tried to provide this experience for children; we hope it can continue to do so.

R.W.

The Greek Play, 1960

The annual Greek play was performed at Danum on Monday, June 20th. This year the play chosen was the "Cyclops" of Euripides, a satyric drama of unknown date which has the added interest of being, with fragments of the "Searchers" of Sophocles and of the recently discovered "Net-fishers" of Aeschylus, the only extant drama of this type. Euripides adapted the story, from the Odyssey, book nine, of the capture of Odysseus and his contrived escape from the one-eyed Cyclops, Polyphemus, and worked it into a form suitable for stage production. The whole subject is treated facetiously.

Examinations greatly reduced the available actors, but three old boys, R. J. Miller, R. S. F. Murphy and R. A. Buttimore, who are all well experienced in these matters, took the three major rôles. Respectively, these were Odysseus, the central figure of the piece and the Homeric professional hero; Polyphemus, the one-eyed monster, and Silenus, the friend of Bacchus, who is a usual participant in this type of play. In supporting parts, as chorus-speakers, were A. H. F. Griffin and I. B. King, and the rest of the satyr-chorus under the direction of Miss Barklie. Finally, a word must be said about the contribution of the costumieres and producer to the whole success. Often they are taken for granted, but without their conscientious efforts the fortunes of the undertaking would have been seriously imperilled. Taken as a whole, the cast succeeded in maintaining the high standard that we have come to expect from these productions, and were able to continue the humorous without lapsing into the ludicrous.

J.E.D.

Question Time

On Thursday, 1st December, the annual Quiz got off to a prompt start at 7.30 p.m. in the Clock-room, and proceeded, as was forecast by the large number of parents and friends present, to be an unequalled success. The questions were chosen and arranged by Mr. E. Frith, Hon. Treasurer of the O.B.U., and Mr. G. W. Keegan, member of staff and O.B.U. committee member, and Mr. R. J. Walker was question-master.

There were four teams of six boys on the platform, each team representing a house. Belgrave and Galway tied for the lead in the first round, but in the second Belgrave got ahead. In the third round Mrs. Shannon played tunes on the piano, whose titles each team guessed and which they then sang. Belgrave continued to hold the lead through the fourth, fifth and sixth rounds, and out of a possible total of 114 points, the final results were:—

Belgrave	100
Abbey	94
Galway	86
Harcourt	74

The winner of the Individual Prize was Adrian Moran (4A) of Belgrave House. This prize was kindly donated by Messrs. Hodges, Figgis & Co. Ltd.

Mr. P. R. Walker, President of the O.B.U., having asked his wife to present the prizes (some of which were donated by Mr. Frank Tate), thanked everyone concerned for contributing to a most successful evening.

A.B.W.

Parents' Association

Your Committee acquitted themselves most faithfully during the year, their individual and collective attendance having been 96% at all our seven meetings. They discussed, apart from the always complicated arrangements for the monthly meetings, a grant to the Erasmian (this was made), the printing of stationery, the more effective distribution of the notices convening our meetings, the unpopularity of film shows, the purchase of gramophone records for the School (this was done), the replacement of crockery (this was done), the soliciting of prizes for the Whist Drive (this was negated), the "circulation" of members at meetings (this was not favoured), the parking of scooters (this was ruled out of order), a gift to Mrs. Williams on her resignation (this was made), submissions by a prospective third supplier of school uniforms (this was referred back several times to the Headmaster), participation in a Memorial to Mr. Dillon (this was done), gift of an electric clock to the School (this was done) and its installation, which last was done free of charge.

The Annual General Meeting took place on 13th October and was attended by about 80 members, who elected a new Committee as follows:—

Mr. Beck, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Erskine, Mrs. Hudson, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Scales.

HON. AUDITOR—Mr. Wilson.

HON. SECRETARY—Mr. Mowatt.

HON. TREASURER—Mr. Stuart.

Mr. Bowen was elected Chairman at a subsequent Committee Meeting and two fixtures were arranged.

On November 17th three speakers addressed us on the subject, "Are we afraid of our children?". They were Mr. Michael Coote, the Rev. Gordon Fletcher and Mr. Ralph Walker.

The annual Whist Drive was arranged for December 9th.

We tried the experiment of posting the Notice convening these two meetings because we are uneasily aware that many of these Notices are not delivered reliably by the present method through the boys and consequently that many parents are unaware of our activities—or even of our existence. We propose to do this once only, because of the cost and labour involved, but we hope to be able to judge the difference in response, if any, to guide us in any future decisions of the kind. The cost of membership cannot be a deterrent since it is only 5/- per family per year and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. R. Stuart, 12 Gledswood Park, Clonskeagh, will be glad to hear from anyone not so far reached.

H. P. MOWATT, *Hon. Secretary.*

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Fifty Years Ago

(From THE ERASMIAN, March, 1911)

The clock-room, which had been without any proper lighting arrangement and often, we remember, on a winter's day, had been plunged into the darkness of the Styx by a sudden fog, has been fitted with electric light. From the beams, suspended by brass chains hang twelve electric lamps, ten of 100 and two of 200 candle power, which, besides their proper utility, certainly give a brighter aspect to, and, in a way, beautify the erstwhile gloomy hall. The clock-room will be available during the evenings for any private or public function connected with the school.

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The Prize Distributions

JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Junior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clock-room on Thursday, November 10th. The chairman was Mr. W. S. Cunningham, B.A., and the Special Speaker was the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Maurice E. Dockrell, T.D.

The Headmaster reported that the work of the Junior School had proceeded calmly, and, he thought, successfully during the past year. The boys did very well in the under 12 scholarship examination, B. D. Lewis obtaining first place and the Mitchell Prize, and three other boys being awarded scholarships. During the year Miss Williams had got married and had left to live in Germany. She had been with us for eight years and had created for herself a unique position in the Junior School. She was a gifted teacher and her work with the top classes had been quite outstanding, above all in the cultural side of teaching. He was sure that all present would join in wishing her happiness in her married life.

The Chairman introduced the Lord Mayor as one who was, by virtue of his office:

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Councillor Dockrell suggested that perhaps the things that most interested boys of Junior School age were games, reading and hobbies. As regards the first, he encouraged them to persevere at a game although they might not be particularly good at it, and he believed that their hobbies might provide them with pleasure in later years as well as now. He went on to say that only they themselves really knew how well they had worked, and if they decided to do better they might surprise their

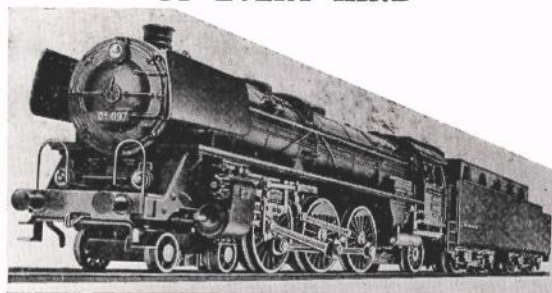
teachers and even themselves. From his own experience in college, a subject might become easier if one applied oneself to it.

A number of musical and dramatic items were then presented by the boys of the Junior School, including a nativity play produced by Miss McClure and Miss Blakeney, songs and percussion band directed by Miss Barton, a dramatisation of scenes from "Alice in Wonderland" produced by Mrs. Stokes. Displays of handiwork and painting were exhibited in some of the teachers' rooms.

SENIOR SCHOOL

The Senior School Prize Distribution was held in the Clock-room on Friday, November 11th. The Chairman was Mr. R. E. M. Clarke and the Special Speaker the Lord Bishop of Tuam, the Right Rev. A. H. Butler, M.B.E., D.D. The Headmaster, before beginning his report, expressed the great regret of the school at the death of Mr. Mervyn Bell. He was far more than a Registrar, he was a devoted Old Boy and a most loyal supporter of the school in all its aspects. The Headmaster then spoke of some of the changes that had taken place in the school in the ninety years of its existence,

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there being one essential element that did not change, except in externals—the boy. He wished to thank Mr. E. J. Montgomery who had been responsible for the redecoration of the Clock-room, and Major C. J. Reid who had installed the new lamps in it.

All through the years the school had set great store by the successes of its pupils in public examinations, and this year's results were as good as any before. D. J. Challen, specialising in mathematics, secured first place in the examination for Entrance Scholarships into Trinity College. The Intermediate Certificate candidates produced better results than in any previous year, 35 obtaining honours and 19 passing, out of the 60 boys who sat the examination. For the first time two full classes had sat for the Leaving Certificate examination, and out of 29 candidates, 22 passed, 10 with honours.

In June, Mr. Evans had completed his fortieth year on the staff. For almost half the life of the school he had been a teacher there, but he had done far more than teach, and every single function in connection with the school owed its smooth running to his efficient hand. Mr. Cookman, who would leave us at Christmas

to become Headmaster of the Royal School, Raphoe, had proved himself a valuable colleague during the four years that he had been with us, and he would carry with him our good wishes.

The Chairman congratulated the Headmaster and staff on the school's results and associated himself with Dr. Reynold's remarks about Mervyn Bell, Mr. Evans, Major Reid, and Mr. Montgomery.

The Bishop of Tuam emphasised the importance of the occasion as one on which all connected with the school could be put "in the picture" regarding the life of the school, and helped to realise better the importance of their contribution towards the education of the boys. The Greeks' ideal had been "eukosmia," the attainment of qualities that concerned themselves not only with getting to the top, but also with how you got there, that paid attention not only to what you said but how you said it. Nowadays, he continued, there was an inevitable emphasis on higher standards in learning. Was there a similar concern for a higher standard of innate decency? A Greek schoolboy had the family "pedagogos" to supervise his training in all these things, but now the link between home and school (especially in a day school, where the problem was greatest) must be the Old Boys' Union, the Parents' Association, and the school tradition, all binding the school into a closer relationship with the boy in his life.

In the absence of Mr. Glorney, Mr. S. Meyer presented the Glorney Cup to R. A. Fleury. The President of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. Philip R. Walker, B.Comm., presented the Old Boys' Cup to Mrs. Lanigan, who accepted it on behalf of her son, G. H. Lanigan.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Tuam.

Examination Results

Department of Education Examinations

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1960

Honours—D. J. P. Bryans (7), R. Curtis (7), F. R. O'Neill (6), J. P. Hayes (6), R. M. Carson (5), V. W. F. Armstrong (5), A. I. Donaldson (4), G. H. Lanigan (3), A. K. Dungan (3), J. R. Williams (3).

Pass—E. N. Brunner, H. F. Price, W. E. Shepherd, R. O. Luke, B. E. Killen, D. W. Rowell, N. D. Egan, A. K. Pope, D. N. Spurgeon, D. Rissmann, D. W. Goodey, G. A. McCamley.

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Pass—T. G. McCamley, K. M. Hayes, J. C. A. Robinson, P. W. Newell, B. H. W. Douglas, B. W. Waring, N. R. Galloway, B. W. Martin, W. J. Gorman, R. Price, I. S. Wright, W. D. O'Byrne, V. J. Robinson, L. N. Kennedy, F. W. Jones, M. Moussoulides, I. R. Usher, C. E. Cotter, J. V. Saunders.

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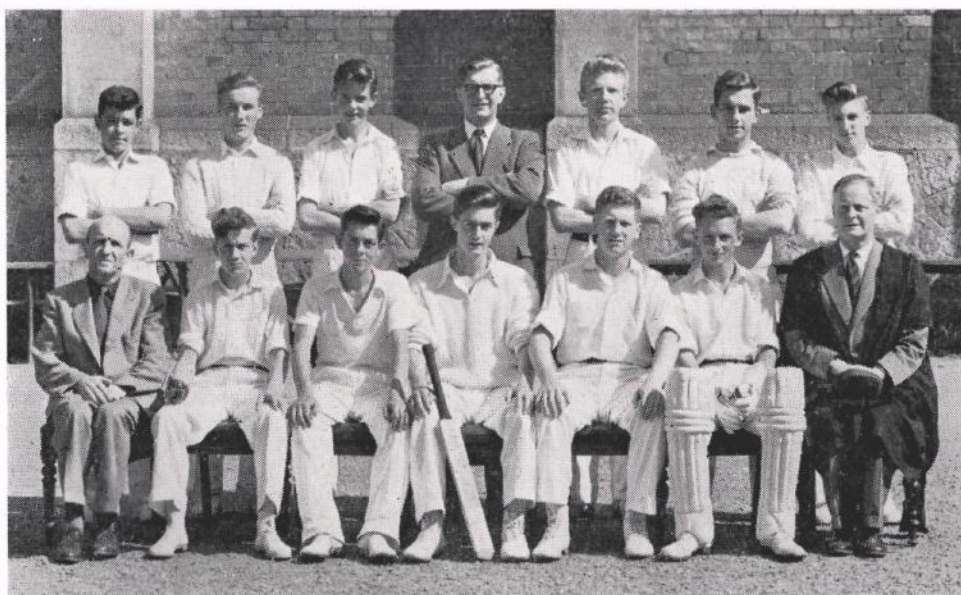
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SENIOR CUP TEAM, 1960

Standing—D. Miller, K. McCormick, S. Ellis, Mr. Lowry, P. Nelson, S. Mason, A. Squires.
Sitting—Mr. Cornish, F. Gannon, D. Micks, A. Donaldson, G. Lanigan, N. Galloway, Dr. Reynolds.

Rugby

This is the first season for us to have almost full facilities at Danum. We are as yet only able to play two matches at home on the same day, however, because of lack of dressing-rooms. There are three pitches in full use at the present time. All the teams in the school are using Danum and, unlike last year, we have no need of outside grounds.

There has been a most successful start to the season in all sections. The Senior team has played four matches, losing only one and that by a small margin. The team is a mobile one and shows promise for the season. The backs are smaller than usual, but they have

shown plenty of determined running and there has been an abundance of open play.

The 2nd XV has not had many matches as yet. Present indications are that there is room for much improvement in the side.

Our J.C.T. has got off to a flying start. They have a hundred per cent. record so far, having won their six matches played. Already, one hundred and twenty-seven points have been scored by the team and only twenty-two against. They are small in size but make up for this in mobility and speed. We are looking forward to them having a successful season if certain weaknesses in the side can be eliminated.

The under 14 XV has only played two matches so far, beating Terenure and losing

narrowly to Belvedere. Their 2nd XV has also defeated Terenure. If the team continues to show reasonable improvement it should do well.

The under 13 team is a very keen side and has won its two matches, both very convincingly. There is plenty of enthusiasm here, and considerable promise for the future.

The under 12 XV, like the under 13, is an enthusiastic team and its members look forward very much to their matches. They have won one and lost one match so far. The under 11 team has not had any matches yet, but fixtures have been arranged for the team in the near future.

D.M.B.

Cricket

This year we had full use of Danum; this was a welcome change and was well made use of. It was possible to have at least three home matches on one day, which was a change from preceding seasons. This year we had an innovation: a tea interval during the match! This was very welcome and we thank all those concerned with the catering.

The year was only moderately successful as far as the competitions were concerned. The

1st XI were defeated by Wesley College in the first round by 5 wickets. The annual fixture with the Old Boys was very enjoyable with a very exciting finish in which the Old Boys won by 1 wicket. We would like to congratulate Alex Donaldson, our captain, on gaining his colours for the first XI.

The Junior XI had an only moderate season also, but they were keen and it was probably bad luck which brought them down. They were defeated by C.U.S. in a closely contested first round Cup match.

The under 14 XI are a very keen team and they won and lost an equal number of matches. They should develop into a useful Junior team next year.

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The under 13 XI were by far the most successful team in the school. They won eight matches out of nine and this looks very promising for next year's under 14 League team.

The under 12 and under 11 were very keen as was shown by the numbers which attended practice.

D.M.

Swimming

The swimming club held its annual gala on Thursday, 20th October. It was a great success and we were pleased to see the increase in the entries, especially among the Juniors. Most of this success was due to the hard work of Mr. Myles, Mr. O'Kane and Mr. Evans, who devoted so much of their spare time to the pre-gala preparations. The committee would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and others who helped to make the gala a success, and Mrs. Reynolds who so kindly presented the prizes.

The main results were:—

Senior Championship—R. M. Taylor.

Junior Championship—K. McCormack.

4 x 20 metres House Squadron—Abbey House (Taylor, Price, Miller, McCormack).

At the gala, the John Philips Cup for life-saving was presented by Mr. Philips in memory of his son who was so tragically drowned during the summer. It was won by Belgrave House.

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This year the school relay beat the Old Boys' relay. The Inter-Schools relay was won this year by Mountjoy, four teams swimming, Mountjoy, Wesley, St. Andrew's and King's Hospital. There was a water-polo match at the end of the gala in which High School played a team selected from the visiting schools. The visitors won.

At the end of the gala, before the water-polo, there was a life-saving display, organised by Mr. Myles. This was a great success and the boys in it are to be congratulated as much of the work that went into it was done in their spare time. We hope to continue the life-saving and to see many more boys availing themselves of the opportunity to learn how to prevent a few of the thousands of deaths due to drowning that occur every year.

R.M.T.

Boxing Report

Once again boxing is flourishing at High School with the help of Mr. Goulden, our boxing master, and Mr. Miles, our trainer. As in preceding years, the sport began with an excellent amount of enthusiasts, but unfortunately as the Fridays passed the numbers lessened, due to lack of interest. However, at the moment we have got some novices who present fine talent in the noble art. It is hoped that they will keep up the very old boxing tradition of High School. Though we have a fine number of junior boxers, it is a sad fact that we have very few seniors, and seniors are necessary if we are to have a tournament at the end of the season. In spite of our small numbers, some of our seniors are now looking forward to a bout in the contest held for the Trinity Freshmen.

E.N.B.

Athletics

The annual school sports for both the Senior and Junior Schools were held this year at Danum for the first time. Athletics had already been taking place in Danum during the summer term and the increased facilities were of great benefit. The number of boys taking advantage of these facilities is, however, less than might be expected and we have found it difficult to

field competitors for events other than sprints, field events especially being neglected.

There were several entries for the Leinster Secondary Schools Sports but no success was obtained although all entrants performed creditably. This year the Harold A. Sloan Cup (generously presented by Mrs. Mabel Sloan for Senior Long Jump) was awarded for the first time. The main winners at the sports were:—

War Memorial Cup—R. Curtis.

Danum Cup—A. T. Shaw.

Walker Cup—G. Pullen.

Moore Cup—B. C. Johnson.

Sloan Cup—R. Curtis.

Magill Cup—R. M. Taylor.

Athletic colours were awarded to R. Curtis.

R.C.

Tennis

At 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st June, the annual tennis tournament between the mothers and the boys of the school took place at Leinster and Stratford Lawn Tennis Club. This feature of Sports Week proved as enjoyable as it has done in previous years. The weather being wonderful, some tough matches were experienced, the mothers emerging victorious (as in previous years) by six matches to five.

D. Lewis v. Mrs. Sandes (6-8, 3-6).

C. Maybury v. Mrs. Lloyd (6-3, 6-3).

A. Squires v. Mrs. Murphy (6-4, 6-1).

G. Balmer v. Mrs. Townshend (0-6, 3-6).

T. Lloyd v. Mrs. Gray (8-6, 6-3).

G. Lanigan v. Mrs. Squires (0-6, 0-6).

F. McQuestion v. Mrs. Mason (6-2, 6-2).

G. Balmer and A. Squires v. Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Townshend (6-4, 2-6, 6-1).

D. Lewis and G. Lanigan v. Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Sandes (4-6, 6-4, 4-6).

C. Maybury and F. McQuestion v. Mrs. Squires and Mrs. Murphy (2-6, 0-6).

T. Lloyd and G. Groves (substitute) v. Mrs. Gray and Miss J. Davidson (substitute) (3-6, 3-6, 1-6).

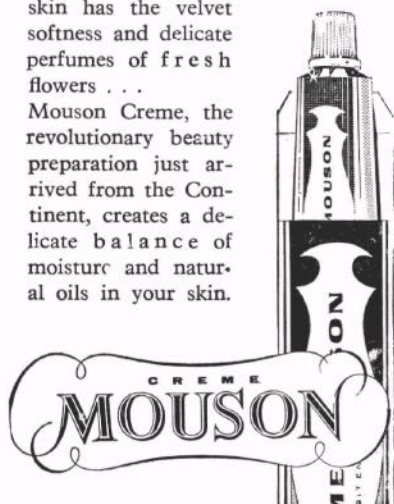
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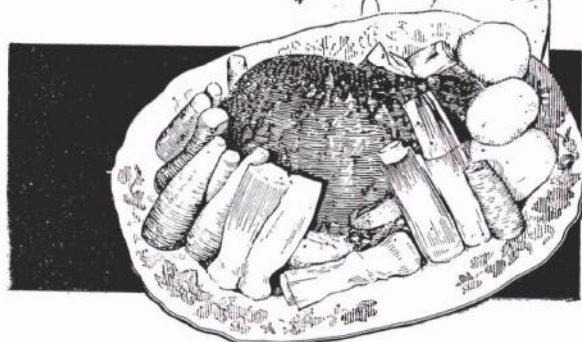


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EDITORIAL

Rugby in Winter

(With apologies to William Shakespeare)

When icicles hang by the wall,
And all the forwards' might and main
Is strained, so we can heel the ball,
And we come frozen home in pain,
When our blood is nipp'd and pitches are
foul,

Then gaily call an obvious foul:

Tweet! Tweet!

Tweet! Tweet!

The husky ref doth whistle up.

K. M. HAYES (Form 5B).

"Through Streets Broad and Narrow"

"5 a shillin' d'apples, 4 a shillin' de pears."

The words were reiterated in rich bass voices. I approached a barrel loaded with fruit of quality of varying degrees. I noticed rather large forms displaying aprons dashed with dirt marks and stains from quite a number of different fruits. A pocket in one of the corners of the aprons sagged under the weight of coppers. I came nearer to the barrels to examine at closer quarters the displayed fruits. A shrill voice rang out in a tone that was deafening to say the least.

"Go on, love, take the last five and I'll give you six."

I accepted this agreeable offer and the lady hawker set about picking out the apples and putting them into a paper-bag. The deal was completed and both parties satisfied. I continued through a narrow laneway which showed the cleanliness of Dublin streets to its best advantage. Fish-skeletons and full-blooded tomatoes were mingled together at the base of many of the hawkers' barrows. Trays of fly-infested mackerel were exposed to the sunshine, and as the crowds passed they turned their noses at the distasteful aroma.

"6 a shillin' d'apples; 5 a shillin' de pears."

On hearing a more handsome offer resounding through the narrow laneway, I decided to investigate. I saw apples which for the most part were not of the previous hawker's standard. As I appeared to be interested in the displayed fruit, an eagle eye watched my every move and a voice was screaming words of enticement at

me. A swift hand motioned to the top layer of apples intending to fill a paper bag held in another hand. I murmured under my breath rather daringly as I was practically embarrassed into purchasing the apples.

"I don't think they're quite ripe yet, you know."

"Ah, go on, sure you're not ripe yourself."

Taking a defeatist line, I hurried off retreating from such dangerous enticement.

I passed into an arcade and gazed at two parallel lines occupied by wheelbarrows of every description. A variety of rich colours attacked my eyes. . . . Scarlet-red and emerald-green flowers of every shape and size. Fruit of all categories were on show to the eyes of the public. The ground was littered with debris of the fruit and floral kingdom. A considerable deal of the arcade's pavement was covered with this awful mess. It seemed such a shame that such good hearts as the hawkers possess do not display a little more consideration for Dublin streets.

Lifting my eyes up from gazing at the litter, I saw a grand exodus of wheelbarrows stampeding in my direction. The message of danger spread rapidly and in very little time wasted, the complete army of wheelbarrows was intact. They all shared the mutual fear of the mysterious slim figure in blue uniform approaching from the far end of the arcade.

H. SHAPER (Form 4s).

Song of the Spirits of High School, Past, Present and to Come

Double, double, toil and trouble,
Fire burn and cauldron bubble,
Impositions we must mention,
Lines and plenty of detention.
Never in a classroom nap,
Fines if you forget your cap,
Do not hope to have the luck
Never ever to be stuck.
Be thou clever, be thou wise,
Ten upon thy exercise,
Then, to taste the joy of heavens,
Thou wilt please archangel E——.
But be a sinful, slothful boy,
Thou wilt finish in Mountjoy.

A. E. B. BECK (Form 1A).

"I too, will Something Make"

"But what?" is the usual question when Hobbies Exhibition comes round again. I scratch my ear and rake through a hundred possibilities. Nothing fits. I ask my acquaintances, but, as usual, they don't know either, stupids. Seeking inspiration, I wander into the workshed, open a few tins of dried-up paint and idly hammer a nail into the bench. I observe with seething fury that somebody has used my only sharp chisel as a screwdriver-cum-paint-stirrer-cum-tin-opener and that it now has a toothy grin. Well, perhaps something out of papier-mâché? I shudder and dismiss this notion, remembering a sad episode of when I manufactured a whole gallon of the stuff in a bucket and then forgot about it, to be reminded of its presence two months later by the rude pong.

Suddenly inspiration strikes and I start toiling madly bursting with enthusiasm. Half an hour later, weary and dusty, my too-ambitious brain-child lies on the floor among shavings, nails and screws, so I return to Radio Luxembourg and more headscratching. This happens a few times until I choose something which I am not so wildly keen about but at least it is practical. The work of art might take as long as three months at the rate of maybe twenty minutes a week. Then the critics start: "Lovely, but what is it?" "A bit rough, perhaps?" "Woolworths have them for sixpence!"

On the day before the entries are due, mine is four-fifths finished, so passers-by see strange lights flickering into the early hours of the morning as I sweat and strain to finish the new brain-child.

One of the satisfactions about making things is a bit of improvising although there are pangs of conscience if I must dismantle, say, an old radio set for some strips of tin foil. My last contraption was a kind of electric generator, and the making afforded me great entertainment in scrounging and foot-slogging around the junk yards of the city. I was searching for some copper tubing when I finally arrived at Messrs. X & Co. Peering in, I saw among the heaps of metals a large individual, with bristling jaw, wielding a sledge-hammer, so I timidly asked this Atlas if I might browse around.

Fascinated as always by the possibilities of

all that junk, I spent a happy hour until I found what I wanted, so I showed him the piece and explained. He vanished with it, but returned presently, the scrap done up in a neat parcel which he presented to me with a sweeping bow: "In the interests of scientific research and with the compliments of Messrs. X & Company Limited."

So, win or lose, I like to have a go whenever the "Hobbies" comes around.

D. KING (Form 4A).

The Aran Islands

The Aran Islands are situated thirty miles out in the Atlantic Ocean from Galway City. A steamer leaves Galway three times a week for Kilronan, the capital of Inishmore. Then it visits Inishmaan and Inisheer, depositing mail and food and picking up any islanders who wish to visit the mainland.

The three islands have a population of nearly one thousand people. These islands are composed of hard rock with only a thin layer of soil on top of the stone. It is a hard life for the islanders. Fishing is their main means of support. They go out fishing in their currachs, which can be rowed at a very fast pace. They collect seaweed from the Atlantic and leave it to dry on the beach in bundles. Carrageen is one of the things made from this.

Recently more and more visitors have seen the islands. Most of them stay at Kilronan and Kilmurphy on Inishmore. When the boat visits the other two islands, currachs have to come out to meet it, because the sea is so shallow, even at full tide. There is a small pier on the larger island, and the steamer is met by side-cars pulled by horses. Most of the people come only for the day, but quite a sizeable proportion now stay for their holidays.

On the islands, there are very interesting ruins to visit, the most famous being Dun Aengus, which is on top of a three hundred foot cliff. Many diggings have taken place on Inishmore with interesting discoveries.

The island is supplied with fuel by turf boats from Connemara. A wonderful view of the Twelve Bens (Pins) Mountains can be seen from the islands.

The main feature of these islands is that they are one of the last true Gaelic outposts. Most of the islanders can speak a smattering

of English. The woollen industry is carried on in the cottages by the women who sell beautiful crioses and pullovers. These are now famous the world over. The people live a hard but very interesting life and one wonders how long will the islands be inhabited by Irish-speaking people.

B. DOUGLAS (Form 5B).

Across the Atlantic

We left Waterford a little after ten o'clock on the morning of July 2nd last, on board my father's ship, the s.s. Irish Poplar, going out to collect a cargo in Montreal and the Great Lakes. The weather was fine for most of the way over, except for an occasional fog-patch or spell of rain. For the officers and crew it was, I suppose, a comparatively uneventful crossing, but I enjoyed every minute of it. I took the wheel for a time each morning and afternoon, and in a few days I could steer a fairly straight course, but it took some practice.

On Thursday, 7th, we saw Canada for the first time; Cape Bauld on Newfoundland stretched out to sea on one side of the Belle Isle Strait, and it was here we met our first icebergs. These are fascinating, though sometimes terrifying things, sometimes over a hundred feet high. The "growlers," however, are the most dangerous of all types of 'bergs, since, on account of their lowness in the water, radar cannot pick them up. For a ship to collide with one of these rock-like chunks of solid ice would be very dangerous indeed. The horrifying fact about them is that the part seen is about one-tenth of their total size, so the big ones we saw were really quite colossal.

The French-Canadian pilot came aboard at six o'clock the following morning to take us down the St. Lawrence as far as Quebec. This part of the river is very beautiful indeed; just by the estuary of the Saguenay, pine-clad hills rise up steeply on one bank, and in the occasional clearings among the trees, lonely houses stand out completely isolated. In places where the hills level out are tiny wooden villages, always with a church spire rising from behind them; every little village or township had its own church, and we counted great numbers of spires while going down the river. Across the wide expanse of water, on the other side of the St. Lawrence, low grey hills appeared behind the heat haze, with spires and chimneys bristling across them.

At four o'clock that afternoon we sailed through Quebec and slowed down to change pilots. The predominant feature of this French-Canadian city is the Château Frontenac, a massive hotel looming several hundred feet over the river; the Château was used as a wartime meeting place by Churchill and Roosevelt, and it is so huge that even buildings, which by our standards would be skyscrapers are dwarfed by it.

The river narrows beyond Quebec, and in the quiet and windless evening, it was very peaceful steaming up river; on one side we were flanked by a tree-lined highway, and on the other by rich green fields, and an occasional house or village. It is hard to believe, looking back, that in winter all this beautiful countryside is completely frozen over, and cars drive over where we were steaming in deep water.

We got to Montreal on Sunday morning, and set foot on Canadian soil for the first time. Montreal is mostly French, and in some areas English is not spoken at all. However, we were fortunate in that the people with whom we stayed while the ship went on up river, lived in the English-speaking quarter, so we had little difficulty. The city itself is very modern; the buildings are in a contemporary style and are well ventilated; in fact, most are air-conditioned. The roads are broad and spacious, accommodating the wide, glamorous cars, and they run evenly and parallel, to form neat blocks.

The big stores are magnificent; the floors, usually about seven of them, each occupy about two acres, so it would be impossible to see through a whole store in one day. On account of the heat outside (over 90°) they are all air-conditioned to about 70°, which, by comparison, is very cold. The supermarkets are equally as big in ground space, though they have only one floor; they sell everything in the food line, and are all self-service. In general we did not find goods to be much cheaper than at home. Food is perhaps not quite so dear, but clothes and shoes are certainly more expensive. Things like cameras and radios are much cheaper, about one-quarter their price here. On the other hand, hair-cutting is very expensive. I was charged (robbed of, would be better) a dollar (approx. 7/4) for a very second-rate cut!

On Friday, 15th, I took a trip to the capital, Ottawa, with a Canadian cousin. Although

Ottawa is the first city of Canada, it is by no means the largest. Being in the province of Ontario, no French is spoken there at all, and as the people were very friendly, I felt more at home. On a bus tour we took around the city we were shown the residence of the Prime Minister and Government officials, as well as the elegant houses of various ambassadors. We also saw the "Red Room" or Senate House, a lavish hall with red velvet covers everywhere. Outside some "Mounties" were walking around, resplendent in red and blue; they were there solely for tourist attraction, so I got some good photographs.

The following Monday I flew up to Toronto on a Canadian Pacific Airways Bristol Britannia to meet my father and come down the new St. Lawrence Seaway on board the ship. Coming down these many locks is a tricky business and the officers and men were sometimes up the whole night. With a ship the size of the Irish Poplar (10,000 tons) it is not easy to edge into a narrow lock and then to stop in a limited space. However, we came down to sea level again without mishap.

We left Montreal early on Friday morning, this time for Port Alfred; this is a very small, completely French village along the beautiful Saguenay river; the Saguenay is a natural fjord, very deep, with high cliffs rising on both sides. Unfortunately it was dusk going both up and back, so we did not see as much as we would have liked.

After Port Alfred, we went to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where we spent a very pleasant couple of days. Halifax was the nearest to home we had seen; there were no skyscrapers, the cars were somehow shabbier and the people were very pleasant. This was our last stop in Canada, so we loaded up with gum, applejuice and all the other wonderful foods we cannot buy here, and sadly said goodbye.

G. R. CAIRD (Form 5A).

The Ordeal

It was his turn now. Nervously and slowly he proceeded to the room where the Leaving Oral Irish Examination was being held. On his way Candidate 00001 remembered the advice of his Irish Master: "I know you're dumb, you know you're dumb, but for goodness sake, don't let the examiner know you're dumb. Smile when you're answering a question and pretend you know what it means." Candidate

00001 walked into the examination room. Facing him was the examiner. He motioned to a bench and said "Suigh síos." Candidate 0001 collapsed into the indicated suíochán. He hoped that the examiner would see the badge prominently displayed on the lapel of his blazer. It was the badge of a well-known firm which distilled whiskey, but the candidate hoped that the examiner, in his short-sightedness, would mistake it for a fáinne. Soon the examination began. The examiner talked in Irish for about three minutes then stopped. There was a moment of embarrassing silence. Then it suddenly dawned on the poor candidate that he was expected to answer. He had no idea what the examiner had been saying, but he knew that he must say something. After a second's deliberation, he smiled and said: "Ar mheiste leat an cheist seo a chur orm arís le dhoil." The examiner emitted a sound rather similar to the noise that a piglet would make if his evening swill was taken away from him, and at length repeated the question. The candidate had still no idea what the examiner was talking about, but he knew a paragraph of idiomatic Irish which might impress him. So he began: "Lá breá a bhí ann. D'éirigh mé ag breachadh an lae agus chuir mé mo chuid

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éadaigh orm gan stad gan staonadh agus chuaigh mé go dtí an seomra bidh. D'ith mé—" He stopped suddenly. One look at the examiner's face was sufficient to tell him that the answer had nothing to do with getting up in the morning.

As the examination wore on, the examiner became more and more aware of the candidate's lack of knowledge. In the end, the examiner, in desperation, pointed to a picture depicting a woman dressed in Victorian clothes. "Cad é sin," he asked. The candidate, realising that his answers had not been to the examiner's liking, tried to be funny. "Is pictiúir Lady Chatterley é," he said. The examiner said something under his breath and muttered a few sentences in which the word "Críochnaithe" appeared. The candidate, guessing the examination was at a close, hurriedly left the room.

As he wended his way sorrowfully home, Candidate 00001 realised that he was "Críochnaithe" with regard to the results of the examination. What a pity he had not had an examiner with a sense of humour.

P. WALSH (Form 5A).



"Towns in France"

Lessons at school sometimes tend to become monotonous. This is very true often of both History and especially Geography. There is, however, a much more interesting and pleasant way of learning geography than by the old text-books with reams and reams of names and figures; that is by visiting different countries.

I have been fortunate enough to have visited part of Normandy this year. While staying

there I saw two very interesting but completely different towns.

The first and smaller one, Fécamp, is found between the very high chalk cliffs of Seine Maritime, many of which are still covered with fortifications from the last World War. It is a town which lives to a great extent on its fishing industry. The town possesses some beautiful churches, but by far the most interesting thing in it is the famous museum of the antiques of the Benedictines. This lovely building also houses the place where the Benedictine liquor is made. In olden times a monk of the Order discovered that by mixing twenty-nine herbs together a palatable liquor was obtained. This process was kept a secret within the monastery until the end of the nineteenth century when it began to be manufactured commercially. To-day the town is well known because of this famous liquor, which is exported all over the world.

Another day later in our holidays we decided to go to Rouen, the second of the towns. We had to go to a small town called Yverot by bus, whence we caught a train for Rouen. As I was walking round the station, waiting for the train, I looked at some posters advertising railways in different countries. There were some from Germany, Denmark and then. . . What! Could it be? I gazed with amazement at the words: "Ireland, by C.I.E.," with the lakes of Killarney in the background.

The most beautiful building of Rouen is the Gothic Cathedral. It is enormous and has lovely spires, the biggest of which is 151 metres high; but during the last World War it was greatly damaged and has not yet been completely restored. Another church, "L'église Saint Maclou," which was also bombed, has only a small portion of the front standing and some of its outside wall, but it also is being renovated. The whole centre of the city was almost destroyed, but there are some old parts left which, in their original medieval character, form a complete contrast to the modern architecture.

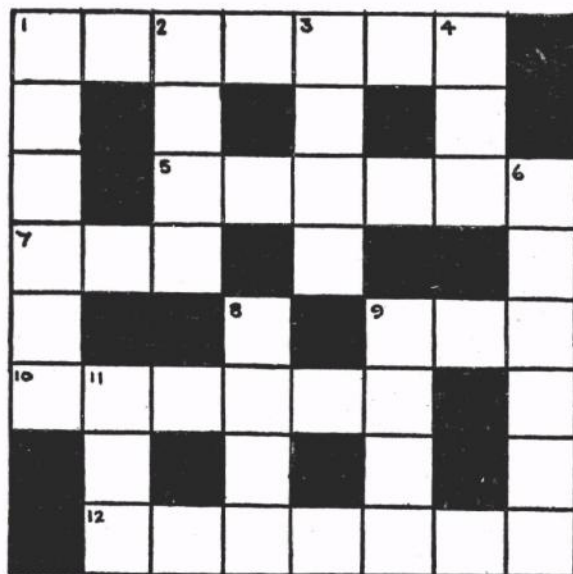
Rouen is also the town where Jean d'Arc was tried and burnt at the stake. Although the original buildings of the historical market place were destroyed by fire and during the French Revolution, there is a monument and a museum dedicated to her there. The place where she was burnt is marked by a cross. The museum dedicated to her is full of life-size wax figures which depict incidents of her career.

"Le Gros-Horloge," a big clock with one hand, dating from 1389, is the oldest working clock in the world, and is a remarkable feature of the old town.

By far the most interesting place of the town, however, is L'Aître Saint-Maclou." This is an old burial ground of "L'église Saint-Maclou." On approaching it by the secluded entrance, one arrives at the courtyard. As we entered we saw geese and a cat sunning themselves peacefully on some grass in the centre of the yard. It was a complete contrast to what the place used to be during the Black Death when so many people died that they could not all be buried. This place was used as a charnel for the dead people. The wealthy people had the privilege of having their bodies put behind the walls, while the poor people were put in the open.

R. WICKLOW (Form 4A).

Crossword



CLUES

ACROSS

1. A, thing.
5. Deep blue enters with D.
7. There's part of a dagger in it, you know!
9. Strange! Two will not go in exactly.
10. State ——— in NATO.
12. The Irish fort has disappeared to prison!

DOWN

1. Seasoned between hot and cold.
2. Three in riot.
3. There's a cipher in the Irish for "drink."
4. A poacher's delight?
6. Clerical appointment in road.
8. One does it to a cheque.
9. At one time a cone.
11. The end of a cockney's arm.

(For answers see page 22)

S.E., A.B.W.

"Cats"

"Cat" is the general name given to all members of the feline or Felidae family. The domestic cat was thought to have originated in Egypt, but this cannot be taken as fact, though the cat was treated as a sacred animal there. It was worshipped in the temples and when it died both rich and poor had the body of their cat beautifully embalmed. That all took place in Egypt about three thousand years ago.

Felines have many common characteristics: strong curved and retractable claws; long bodies combined with strength and agility; all walk on their toes and have a third eyelid called the vicitating membrane; they have the same type of skull and tongue; the hearing and the smelling is sharp. The eyes are large and full with pupils that can easily expand and contract to narrow slits. Cats cannot see in complete darkness, but their eyes respond to the smallest amount of light.

It was once thought that the domestic cat was the wild cat tamed, but it now has been proved that they are two distinct breeds. although many domestic cats have gone wild and have interbred with the wild species. The wild cat is bigger and stronger than the domestic cat; it also has a larger and squarer face and a short and very brushy tail. Many attempts have been made to tame wild cats but they do not respond to kindness. There are no wild cats to be found in Ireland.

The domestic cat we know to-day was introduced by the Romans into England and from there it spread to Ireland.

There is a big difference between the long-haired domestic cat and the short-haired. Those are the two main groups they are divided into. There are many different breeds of cats (about fifty) which are too numerous to be gone into. The popularity of cats as pets is on the increase.

They are ideal companions for elderly people or invalids, as, unlike dogs, they do not need to be taken out for exercise and, in spite of the belief that cats prefer places to people, they become very attached to their owners.

Cats make wonderful parents. The maternal instinct is very strong; they care for and treat their young ones gently and love to show them off.

Of all the domestic pets the cat is the most popular because it is the cleanest, most companionable and the most intelligent.

I. S. WRIGHT (Form 5B).

Austria and the Oberammergau Passion Play

As the town of Oberammergau is quite small, the few hotels cannot accommodate everybody and the visitors stay as paying guests with the people. No visitor can stay more than two days in Oberammergau. Our group of 62 boys was divided among about fourteen different houses.

After we had breakfast we assembled for the Passion Play. At 8.0 a.m. we were in our seats and fifteen minutes later the play began. In the first scene hundreds of people were on the stage, all shouting and hailing Christ's entry, on an ass, into Jerusalem. Before each act a chorus of about 60 people came on to the open-air stage and sang songs of praise, accompanied by the village's fifty-piece orchestra, while a smaller inner stage was uncurtained, revealing well-known Old Testament scenes.

There is one magnificent scene that I shall never forget—the scene of the crucifixion of Christ. It was portrayed with such magnificence that we were tempted to believe that we were witnesses to the event which took place 2,000 years ago. We saw Jesus struggling with the cross and breaking down under its weight. They lifted Him up and nailed Him to it where he remains for 20 minutes. We hear the words "Eloi! Eloi! Lama sabachthani?" "My God! My God! why hast Thou forsaken me?" and then see Him die, the soldier piercing His heart with a spear tied to a rod, His blood trickling down His body. His friends then come and take the body down from the cross.

The following morning we left Oberammer-

gau for Matrei-am-Brenner in Austria. At the guest house we unpacked everything, and after dinner we prepared for a visit from a Boys' Brigade party from Lancashire. Between us all we had lads from Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales. Each section entertained the others with a traditional dance or song, the most popular act being a Scottish Highland fling! When we had sung Auld Lang Syne we went up to bed feeling very tired.

The next day one half of the party went mountain climbing, the other swimming. As it was a very hot day, I joined the swimmers, and after a 10-minute ride on an electric train we arrived at our destination—Steinarch. The water in the pool looked smashing, but what a shock we got when we dived in. It was absolutely freezing!

It was not long, however, before we returned to Steinarch, this time to see an exhibition of Tyrolean dancing. Tables had been reserved and a coach hired and the dancers came well up to expectations. The highlight of the evening came when two men and two women came on the stage, the men carrying a seven-foot log on their shoulders and big axes in their hands. When the music started, the men began to chop the log to the time of the music, while the women got a frying pan and eggs! Within five minutes they had cooked an omelette big enough for everybody to taste! After the exhibition there was a rush for autographs.

That night we got to the hotel at midnight and we were all pretty well tired. After breakfast the following morning we began to cross the famous Brenner Pass to Cortina in Italy. As we passed through each town and village, our Tyrolean guide (who was a student doing holiday work) pointed out each place of interest as we travelled on. In 1956 Winter Olympics were held at Cortina, our next halt, and consequently everything was at least double its normal price.

The next day some keen climbers decided to climb the Maria Waldrast, a peak over 8,300 feet high. When they came back that afternoon they had all reached 1,000 feet from the top, and most of them had reached the summit with the aid of ropes. They were lucky—they found a glacier on the way up and were able to cool themselves!

On Friday, 5th August, we set off in coaches to Ober-Gurgl in the Otzal. When we arrived

we got a chair-lift that the skiers use in winter to the Gaisberg (6,795 feet) and then a further chair-lift to the Hohemut (8,724 feet), which was the summit. There was snow all around and it was very cold. Everybody who had a camera took photos of these views which are some of the finest in all Austria. Having had some hot soup, we rushed to the bottom, as the pass was being closed while they were blasting the road. The roads through this pass run along the side of the mountain and are barely wide enough for two of the powerful Continental coaches to pass on.

We returned to Matrei in time for dinner and bought some gifts to bring home as the following day was our last in Austria. We went home by the same route as we came, and the next day when we arrived back in England, we were very sorry to say goodbye to one another. I got my plane home to Dublin later that evening, full of memories of the best holiday I have ever had.

F. D. JONES (Form 5B).

Illegal Methods of Catching Fish

I will advise, first of all, the fathers or boys who are anglers not to try any of the methods in the following essay unless they can run very fast. (Always remember the game-keeper's dog usually runs faster.)

The first method I will discuss is called the night line. This consists of some sea fishing twine with some hooks attached by leaders from the main line to the hooks. This line can either be thrown out into the river and one end tied to a stake on the bank; or if the hooks are in the middle of the line or if it is convenient, it can be tied to both banks. The hooks are baited and left for about twelve hours. The poacher then goes down and collects his catch. A lot of eels are caught this way, but it also catches the "big uns."

The amount of fish caught this way is trivial to what is caught by "dragging" the river. This way is much more expensive than the last way, but the results are much bigger. A gill-net is set across the river at some narrow point. The net is weighted at the bottom and it is let into the water so that the top is about one foot above the top of the water. Then four or five men wade into the river about half-a-mile up-stream and beat the water with

brooms which consist of young saplings with some branches tied to them. The men then proceed to walk downstream beating the water. The noise and commotion caused by the smacking makes the fish swim down towards the net. The net is adjusted so that the big ones get caught and drown, but the little ones can swim through. This is not carried out very often because the chances of being caught are too great.

Another way similar to the last way is setting a bag. This consists of putting an onion bag across a small river. First the river is dammed except for a small space in the middle. Then an onion bag is procured and some wire is laced through the mouth of it so as to make the shape of a semi-circle with a diameter the size of the width of the opening of the dam. The bag is then put in the gap and the bottom of the mouth is weighed down and any holes in the dam sealed off. The net can be left for about six to twelve hours. This method can only be carried out in the spawning season when the fish are going up the small tributaries to spawn. The fish go up river by jumping over the dam, but get caught in the bag while going down again.

A. T. SHAW (Form 4s).



B.B. KING. 2A.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

ACROSS—1, Article; 5, Indigo; 7, U.N.O.; 9, Old; 10, Nation; 12, Dungeon.

DOWN—1, Autumn; 2, Trio; 3, Code; 4, Egg; 6, Ordain; 8, Sign; 9, Once; 11, 'And.

Cathair na bFionbhoth

Lough Rynn

I was one of the thousand scouts fortunate enough to attend the first Irish Jamborette held this summer at Mohill, Co. Leitrim, which, despite the weather, was a great success. About a week before we left for Lough Rynn, excitement started mounting and all was ready by late on Sunday night, July 24th.

The following morning one was woken up at some ungodly hour and told in so many words to get up and away. Nine o'clock found one still half-asleep on the ramp at Westland Row Station, causing, along with all the other scouts, traffic chaos. In desperation, somebody suggested that we board the train. This was done and we settled in, but amused ourselves by throwing out any newcomers. At 10 o'clock we left for Dromod, which we reached by 1 p.m. and boarded buses that took us to the camp site where, on arrival, we were given a mug of tea and some sandwiches by the Irish Countrywomen's Association. Then we set to pitching camp and collecting stores. This done we had tea and awaited the arrival of the visiting scouts; in the case of our troop, a patrol from Goole in Yorkshire. A pep talk was given, handbooks and scarves distributed and we turned in for the night. The next day the official opening took place. We rose at approximately (very approximately) 8 o'clock and had breakfast, after which we went to rehearse for the ceremony which was performed by the owner of the estate, Col. Clements. A long speech during the opening came to an abrupt end, thanks to a sudden and heavy shower of rain which saw us back to camp at great speed. That evening the first camp-fire was held and was enjoyed by all.

Wednesday was "the day that the rains came down" and some campers went on a Shannon cruise (poor fellows). We remained at camp and built our "Congo" gateway. That evening we were packed into buses and went to Mohill to see Charlie's Aunt, performed by the local dramatic society. It was a great success as was the ceili band during the intervals. We returned to find the site almost under water and trenches were dug rather belatedly around the tent at about 1 a.m.

Thursday dawned a beautiful day and off we went to Rooskey where we embarked on

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the St. Ciaran for a cruise on the Shannon, during which almost all the top twenty were played over the loudspeakers as well as traditional Irish music. We disembarked at Carwick at one o'clock, had our sandwiches and then wandered around the town. We returned to Mohill by bus.

Friday morning saw us on a bus (early ZC) with Stirling Moss II at the wheel. Suffice it to say, we reached Sligo 20 minutes ahead of all the other buses. From there we went to Rosses Point and had a bathe—need I say it, in the rain? We returned to Sligo where we stopped for an hour. On our way campwards we halted at Ballymote and explored a cave system. The other buses did not stop there, but we incredibly soon passed them and arrived back at camp long before they did.

Saturday was the first visitors' day and the campshop "Dick's Dive" did a roaring trade. A sports was held that afternoon including tossing the caber and tug-o'-war. That evening there was the main camp fire at which items were performed by all the foreign scouts as well as many of the Irish.

Sunday dawned with water everywhere except in the buckets. Some of us went to 8 o'clock Holy Communion, leaving the others to light the fire (the optimists) and prepare breakfast which was at 9 o'clock. At 10.15 we had a few sandwiches and off with us to the Scouts' own service held on the lawn outside the house in the rain. Then it cleared up and we "marched" into Mohill as part of the "Fleard Ceoil" procession.

Mohill was again invaded on Monday by the scouts, though this time conveyed by lorries and exhibitions of Irish sport and culture were put on, while some unfortunate parents visited the empty camp-site.

Tuesday, August 2nd, was the last day of the Jamborette proper and marquees started coming down. That evening the camp was closed at the last campfire, from which we returned to the sites for our last night.

On Wednesday we left for home. That morning there was both chaos and hard work, but by 3 p.m. everywhere was cleared and we left for home in the same train in which we had come 10 days before. We reached Dublin about 8.30 and it was pouring rain, a fitting though sad conclusion to a most enjoyable camp.

H. B. KNOTT (Form 6A).

"Shannon or Burst"

These words were to become the motto used by my cousin and I when we decided to visit Shannon Airport during the summer holidays. As we could not afford the fare we resorted to our bicycles, and have never regretted doing so. We set out on a Friday morning at 7 o'clock and very soon ran into trouble.

We had with us a large rucksack which we in turn carried for 30 minutes, but it was too heavy and was to be the plague of our journey. Our destination for the first day was Roscrea, where we decided to pitch a tent. By mid-day we had reached Port Laoighse and were on the point of collapse, owing to the rucksack, but a good meal refreshed us and we arrived at Roscrea in very good spirits. We had a good night's sleep and left once more at 7 a.m.

Once again the rucksack gave trouble. It was a wet day and we found that the person with the rucksack could not wear his cape. However, we had managed to get within eight miles of the airport when, disaster! The main link had come out of my cousin's chain and was lost in the mud of a road-widening scheme. There was nothing he could do but walk, so I took the kit and went on. I had just reached the airport when he stepped off a bus in front of me, having left his bicycle in one of the engineer's houses till we were returning.

We remained at the airport till Monday morning, during which period we saw for the first time the Boeing 707 and DC-8 jet airliners. and were actually brought on board a Swissair DC-8. We became very friendly with the ground staff, who were very surprised to hear we had come all the way from Dublin to see the airport, and who went out of their way to get us certain privileges, such as use of the staff canteen and sleeping accommodation.

All too soon our stay was over, and on Monday at 10.30 a.m. we began the return journey. This was much easier than coming down, but we lost nearly three hours at Killaloe owing to a severe thunderstorm and torrential rain and did not reach Roscrea till 9.30 p.m. We had now had enough of the rucksack and arranged to have it sent on to Dublin the following morning.

Tuesday was a beautiful day and we spent the morning in Roscrea, knowing that without the rucksack Dublin was a mere six or seven

hours away. We left at 12.30 and almost effortlessly sped back to Dublin.

This trip (300 miles) was our first experience of long-distance cycling, but it will not be our last, and already plans are made for a similar trip next year. However, one thing we will not do is carry a rucksack.

A. P. MORAN (Form 4A).



A Day in a German School

If you were a German schoolboy you would rise at seven o'clock in order to be in school at eight o'clock. On arriving at school you would hang up your coat, enter and wait for the bell to ring. When it did you would sit down and wait for the master, because, instead of the class going to the master, the master goes to the class. In your class would probably be 40 or 50 boys, but for religious instruction the class would split up as the schools are of mixed religions.

The school programme is much like in Ireland, but instead of games being after school they are during school hours. You would play basket-ball or do physical training indoors in winter, and you would play football and athletics in summer. As every schoolboy in Germany has to play some musical instrument, you would have one or two music lessons a week. Also after school you would have one hour's orchestra or singing.

Instead of examinations you would have tests during the year which are made harder by the fact that you do not know of them beforehand.

School would end at 1 o'clock, when you would go home and have your dinner.

E. KUSTER (Form 2A).

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Ireland and her Flags

Ireland has had many flags, some of which I am going to speak about now. Green is the colour which is universally associated with Ireland—and things Irish; but, to be exact, the original colour of Ireland was St. Patrick's blue. For hundreds of years the national flag was a golden harp on a field of this colour. That same flag to-day forms the President's flag, while the same harp on a green background is the Irish Naval Jack.

The present green, white and orange tricolour National flag was suggested originally by the blue, white and red flag of France. The Irish Nationalists adopted the French tricolour around 1820-1830, substituting green, white and orange for the French colours—green for the country of Ireland, "the Emerald Isle" itself; orange for the Ulstermen, and white suggesting peace and unity between the two.

On the inauguration of the Irish Free State the tricolour was officially adopted as the National Flag. A tricolour was very suitable for Eire because since the French Revolution the colour has become, universally, the symbol of successful revolution and has been adopted by many countries as such.

J. BRADFIELD (Form 4A).

New York

Not many boys in High School will ever experience what I was lucky enough to experience in the recent summer holidays. This was a five weeks' holiday in the U.S.A. I have relatives living in New York State and they invited me over.

On the 6th of July I started my journey from Dublin Airport. I flew by Aer Lingus to Shannon Airport, and from there by K.L.M. DC-7 to Idlewild, New York. This part of my journey took around 12 hours. I was collected at the airport and driven to my temporary home in Mastic Beach, Long Island, in a typical American streamlined car. Talking of cars, if one brought a black car over to the U.S.A., people would think this was a funeral car, as black cars are rarely found over there except for funereal purposes.

The house was situated in an area of holiday resorts for American Nationals—Americans like my relatives, who come to New York for

their holidays. In Mastic Beach I spent my time fishing, swimming, visiting "Soda Fountains," listening to the radio and watching TV. The TV sets in New York are capable of receiving seven channels, and there are about twenty radio stations in New York State itself which broadcast "top pop" music all day.

The game that replaces rugby and soccer in America is baseball, which can be seen on TV practically every day. Also in Mastic Beach I paid my first visit to a "drive in" movie.

I spent three days in New York City itself, which I will always remember. During these three days I saw everything worth seeing: The Statue of Liberty, the Museum of Natural History, the Coliseum, Broadway, the Empire State Building, the R.C.A. Building, Coney Island, etc. Coney Island is a "city" of fun-fairs, practically as big as Galway! The Empire State Building, as you probably already know, is the tallest man-made structure on earth: 1,472 feet high with 102 stories. I also visited Macy's, the biggest department store in the world.

The best way of getting around in a city as big as New York is by subway. In these subways one can travel as far as one likes for 15c. At the rush-hours, however, they are so crowded that you are liable to be pushed out!

But how expensive everything is! For example, one haircut cost me about 10/6 compared with the 1/6 I pay over here. The wages are correspondingly higher; the minimum wage in New York State is \$1 per hour, which is shortly to increase to \$1.25 per hour.

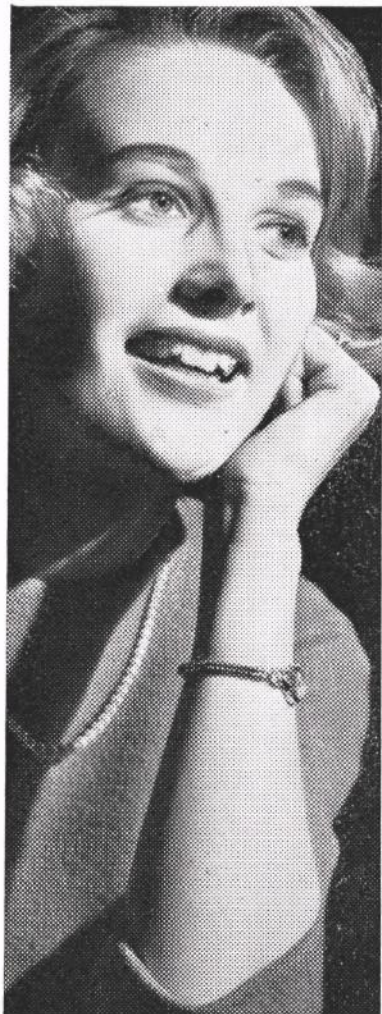
I returned to Ireland on the 17th of August, having crossed the Atlantic for the first (and I hope not the last) time.

J. FRENCKEN (Form 4A).

Trinity Letter

MICHAELMAS, 1960.

Here in what a Cambridge student describes as the "quiet atmosphere of a quaint intellectual backwater" we have suffered our annual attempt at rude awakening. I refer to the influx of fresh Freshmen among whom we recognise the "juniors" of our former years. Only now they are no longer "juniors" but "Freshers" theoretically equal with the rest of college but socially looked down upon.



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I am glad to see that the High School men have joined the "Phil" in accordance with the old traditions. The "other society," I'm glad to say, can boast few Erasmians. Of the old boys here, only one is on the "Phil" Council, but I see they are active in the faculty societies. Robin Miller and Foster Murphy, both scholars of 1960, hold office in the Classical Society, which may soon become a High School monopoly. In the unspeakable (by Arts men) science quarters, mercifully separated from us by acres of erstwhile green fields, the names Mervyn Taylor and Michael Richardson appear on the distinguished rolls of their societies.

On the sports field, High School is beginning to take an interest in the more unusual games, to the possible detriment of the traditional rugby and cricket. Richard Fleury has joined the golf club, to our knowledge the first old boy to do so. George Aitken is a member of the Boat Club, and has grown a beard. The connection between the two is not immediately apparent, even to us. There have been other attempts at beards, but most of them rather unfortunate. They come and go like the leaves in autumn. In the Rugby Club Robin "Hacker" Hall is still keeping the old flag flying.

Academically, High School has been doing quite well. Trevor West has left college to study for a higher degree at Cambridge. As I have already mentioned, the school had two scholars last year, both in classics. The influx of High School exhibitioners and scholars this year augurs well for our future.

As you read this, sitting in, presumably, well-heated homes or classrooms(!), I sit in rooms in college, where conditions have improved slightly in recent years, i.e., they are now Bronze Age. Anyway we here shall be looking forward to seeing many of you coming up to college on future occasions. We like to see the "old school tie" even if we do not recognise your faces!

ROBERT BUTTIMORE.

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T. IRWIN (Form 3B).

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Boardroom on Friday, 21st October, 1960; the President, Mr. W. F. Burgess, was in the chair. There were 36 members present.

The Hon. Secretaries report for the 32nd year (1959-60) of the Union's existence contained the following items of note:—

The President attended all our functions and Committee meetings and represented the Union at many of the functions given by our kindred associations.

The 31st Annual Dance was held in the Metropole Ballroom on Saturday, 7th November, 1959. There was an attendance of 510 and we have to thank Mr. M. G. Kearthland and the Dance Sub-Committee for the continued success of this function.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Clock-room on Saturday, 16th January, 1960, and once again it proved a success. There were 200 present and the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosse was our principal guest.

The London Dinner was held in the Hall of India, Overseas House, on Friday, 12th February, 1960, the eve of the England v. Ireland Rugby International at Twickenham. Once again members were able to invite their wives or lady friends to dine with them. 81 members and guests were present, including 31 from Dublin. We were honoured to have Sir Alexander and Lady Clutterbuck as principal guests. An excellent musical programme was

headed by Mr. Paddy Henry and a first class meal was served by the Overseas League.

A very successful Question Time was held in the Clock-room on the 2nd December, 1959. A collection was taken up towards the expenses of the annual match with Royal Edinburgh High School.

During the year the Dexion Angle Stage in memory of the late Willie Wilson was erected in the Clock-room.

The Union gave £15 towards a fund for a memorial to the late C. L. Dillon. Prizes were presented to the School for articles in "The Erasmian" and for swimming.

Twenty-seven new members joined the Union during the year.

Our Union was represented at all U.I.S. and A.S.U. meetings and functions.

The Hon. Treasurer's report showed an excess of expenditure over income of £1 18s. 10d. for the year.

Letter from the President

This year I hold the honoured position of President of the Old Boys' Union. I am fully conscious of the responsibilities of this office. In trying to carry out my duties I need the help and co-operation of every member.

The Old Boys have done a great deal for their old school, both as individuals and as a union. This year your Committee is anxious to do more, and with that object in view, has decided to build an extension to the sports pavilion at Danum. I would ask you to give your sympathetic support to the appeal when it is launched early next year. The Board are to be congratulated on their enterprise and vision in affording such wonderful sports facilities for the school, and I would recommend those who have not seen Danum to pay a visit and see the excellent playing fields and pavilion.

When I think of supporting the Old Boys Union, I remember the late Mervyn Bell. His passing has left a big gap in the Union. Few of us realised the thought and deed he so cheerfully put into the work of the Union. What better tribute can we pay to him than to strive to make stronger the foundations he so willingly helped to build over the past years.

This year Mr. S. S. Evans, affectionately known as Sammy, completed 40 years teaching

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in the School. We congratulate him on his fine record. Everyone will agree that the success of the School is, in no small way, due to the devotion, energy and thought he has put into the running of the School over those years. We wish him well and hope that for a long time to come the boys of the High School will go on codding their fathers and mothers but not finding it possible to cod Sammy.

Finally, I would urge the present boys to think seriously of joining the Union when they leave School. It is up to the young members to carry on in future years and to maintain a Union second to none amongst our Irish schools.

May I wish all our readers prosperity in the future.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP R. WALKER.

Ladies' Night, 1961

This function will be held in March or April, 1961. Full particulars may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, after the 1st February, 1961.

The Annual Dinner, 1961

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Clock-room on Saturday, 21st January, 1961. If you intend being present, kindly advise the Hon. Secretary, W. G. Booker, on the form enclosed with this issue of "The Erasmian."

Golf Report

A.S.U. Competition, Dollymount, 9th June

Royal Dublin Cup won by Sandford Park—289. High School were 5th with 298.

Scores—G. A. Cole, 71; F. E. Tate, 73; H. Jarrett, 76; G. F. Cole, 78.

O.B.U. Competition, Grange, 1st September

Old Boys' Cup—A. F. Bennett, 87 (18)—69.

Harry Bunbury Cup—J. Ridgeway, 93 (22)—71. Runner-up—F. E. Tate, 84 (11)—73.

Best Gross—G. H. Priestman—82.

Visitors—I. Dickson, 83 (16)—67.

1st Nine—G. F. Cole, 37 (3½)—33½.

2nd Nine—H. Jarrett, 41 (4½)—36½.

Secret Score—D. A. Orr—87.

U.I.S. Competition, Milltown, 15th September

U.I.S. Shield won by Rockwell—139.

High School were 8th with 147½.

Scores—F. E. Tate and G. F. Cole—74; H. Jarrett and G. A. Cole—73½; G. H. Priestman and R. T. Motyer—77.

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News of Old Boys

W. W. Bornemann (1948-54) played for Leinster in the Interprovincial Rugby matches with Connaught and Munster in November, and also for the Dublin XV against the Pyrenees selection at Toulouse.

R. A. Buttimore (1953-59), who has been elected to the Council of the D.U. Philosophical Society, read a paper to the Society on "Democracy."

D. R. Dagg (1953-58) has finished his training as a cadet in the Irish Air Corps and has been commissioned as Second Lieutenant.

Dr. C. F. G. Delaney (1936-42), who is Lecturer in Experimental Science in Trinity

College, Dublin, gave a talk to members of the Rotary Club on "The Uses of Radioactive Isotopes in Industry."

A. J. Freedman (1940-46) has been awarded the Canadian Husky Good Roads Scholarship. He will study at the University of California.

D. B. W. Good (1915-25) has been in Dublin on leave and attended the Prize Distribution. He is a Judge of the Appeal Court in Malaya.

H. W. W. Good (1922-29) has been appointed "Officer Commanding No. 1 Casualty Clearing Station, R.A.M.C./A.E.R." in the rank of Lt.-Colonel.

W. M. Gregory, B.A., B.A.I., A.M.I.C.E.I. (1946-52) is in Teheran, Persia, working as civil engineer with Richard Costain Ltd., engineering contractors.

C. G. Hayes, A.C.A. (1946-50) is now working in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, as Manager/Accountant with a management firm in that city.

S. Hayes (1946-55), having graduated with first-class honors as a Bachelor of Agricultural Science, has been awarded a grant by the Research Grants Committee of Trinity College, Dublin, to go to Oxford for one year to read the Diploma in Agricultural Economics.

A. B. Hollinshead (1948-53) secured first place in Great Britain and Ireland in the Diploma examination of the National Institute of Hardware; he had come first also in the preliminary and intermediate examinations. Previously with Messrs. McKinley of Blackrock, he is now in his father's engineering business.

G. H. Lanigan (1954-60) has become a Cadet in the Royal Navy, obtaining fourth place in the Navy examination.

J. I. Mackay (1908-17) paid a welcome visit to the School in September, and talked to the Upper Sixth. He is Assistant Regional Controller (London Area) in the Ministry of Labour, London.

E. J. Margetson (1939-46) has been elected Honorary Secretary of the Dublin Solicitors' Bar Association for 1960-61.

Rev. G. F. Marks (1948-50) has gone to Cape Town Cathedral, South Africa.

Captain Allen Maynard (1931-35) is serving with the Irish contingent, United Nations' Forces, in the Congo.

T. W. R. Meates (1943-54) played for the Dublin XV against the Pyrenees Selection at Toulouse in November.

Rev. E. C. T. Perdue (1941-48) has been appointed Dean of Residence, Trinity College, Dublin, where he succeeds another Old Boy, Rev. R. K. Maguire (1934-41), who has gone to Montreal, Canada.

R. V. Siev (1946-51) has been called to practice at the Bar.

P. H. Stewart (1937-47), who has been with the Canadian National Railways, has accepted a position as Civil Engineer with Messrs. Christiani and Neilsen, Copenhagen.

T. T. West (1954-56), who came first of the first class in Moderatorship in mathematics, has been given a research scholarship to Cambridge. The D.U. Philosophical Society awarded him its gold medal in composition for his essay on "The Schools in Ireland."

R. S. Young (1929-34) has been appointed to the Chair of Biochemistry in the University of Shiraz, Iran. His brother, K. H. Young (1934-40), who is home on leave from Malaya, was present at the Prize Distribution in November.

(Copy of newspaper cutting received 27th Sept., 1960)

ALF COOPER SCORES 108 TO PACE CRICKET WIN

BERKELEY.—Alf Cooper wrote Del Monte Cricket Club history yesterday when he led Del Monte to a 178-63 win over the University of California. Cooper tallied 108 points to pace the win. It was the first time in the club history that a player had scored over 100 runs, according to Alec Merivale.

[A. W. M. Cooper (1944-51) was captain of the High School XI that won the Senior Cricket Cup in 1950].

Marriages

John Leonard Barry Deane (1941-42) to Mary Dorothy Perrott, October 4, 1960.

Cyril Godfrey Hayes (1946-50) to Muriel Sydney Buchanan, October 8, 1960, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Arthur Lambert Jones (1935-42) to Joyce Audrey Buckles, June 4, 1960, in Toronto, Canada.

John Love (1943-51) to Maud Adair, September 15, 1960.

Ronald William Pope (1945-48) to Margaret Scott Rowland, June 11, 1960.

Richard Stevens (1945-53) to Jill Keatinge, June 7, 1960.

David C. B. Taylor (1936-48) to Dorothy G. Lee, July 2, 1960.

Norman Stanley Taylor (1936-42) to Elsie Iris McLean White, September 10, 1960.

George Hamilton Watson (1945-53) to Chloë Diane Kilroy, September 10, 1960.

Trevor Willis Williams (1941-50) to Elizabeth Rose Drover, October 7, 1960, at Clarendville, Newfoundland.

Deaths

Frederick George Bestall (1921-25) (suddenly) in London, November 16, 1960.

Dr. John Robert Fitzroy Smith (1938-41) in Llandudno, November 5, 1960.

John James Lenehan (1919-26), September 24, 1960.

Denis George Mansfield Lyster (1949-58) following an accident, July 22, 1960.

A Tale that has Never been Told

By J. I. MACKAY

This is the story of a little known job carried out by a small volunteer team of officers of the Ministry of Labour during the dark days of the 1940-41 winter blitz in London; one of those extra jobs this Ministry has so frequently been called upon to undertake on behalf of other Departments.

On a lovely Saturday afternoon—the 7th of September—the long awaited concentration of attack on the metropolis began. In less than an hour nearly 400 German bombers and fighters penetrated the defences and delivered their bomb loads along the river from Woolwich to West London. A two-hour pause and soon after 8 p.m. back they came, a night-long attack during which more than 250 bombers poured destruction on the city below—a city illuminated by more than a thousand fires and conflagrations. Throughout September and Octo-

ber, and into November, these nightly attacks continued—fifty-seven nights of continuous bombing by fleets of enemy planes in numbers varying from 20 to 400 and averaging 200 each night.

During these three months no fewer than 36,000 high explosive bombs fell on London, killing nearly 13,000 and seriously wounding 20,000 of London's civilian population.

How were the survivors standing up to this holocaust? Were they behaving as Hitler hoped they would behave? Were they, indeed, behaving as the Germans, in their broadcasts, claimed they were? "London is facing riots," they said; "public services have ceased to function," they boasted; "the population of London is seized by fear . . . all self-control is lost . . . they run aimlessly about in the streets."

What wishful thinking!—What a hope!!

But—could it happen? What was the true strength of the public morale? What was the breaking point? Were the people who nightly went to the air-raid shelters reaching the limit of their endurance?

Would that be where the break would appear? These were vital and urgent questions to answer. There were still no signs of panic among those carrying on in London. Even after three months of intensive attack the population of London, even in those areas most heavily attacked, has fallen by no more than 20 to 25 per cent. The 75 per cent. who remained made their own arrangements for the safety of their families and themselves, and, in doing so, demonstrated the great strength of the morale Hitler and Goering sought to smash. Census revealed that almost 70 per cent. of the 3,200,000 population of Inner London slept in their own beds (or were at work) every night; 20 per cent. were in their domestic shelters (Andersons and the like), while only 10 per cent. were in public shelters. It was the condition of this 10 per cent. in public shelters which gave the authorities cause for alarm.

The public shelters were built to provide only temporary cover during the short, sharp raids, of an hour or two at the most, that were anticipated. Never had it been envisaged that they would be used as dormitories, and they were not equipped for that use. By the end of October 1940 standards of amenity and equipment had been drawn up and local authorities

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were urged to bring all the public shelters in their charge up to these standards. Shortages of labour and of materials made progress slow, and the occupants of the shelters were becoming discontented and restive in the belief that authority cared nothing for their plight and were doing nothing to alleviate it.

Was this the first shadow of a break?

Volunteers were at once found and sent to report to the Regional Control Centre of London Civil Defence in North Kensington. Here an intensive briefing was given by senior officials and by Admiral Evans (of the *Broke*), who was then a Regional Commissioner, before the newly appointed Regional Shelter Officers went out into their allotted territories.

Our daily routine followed a pattern something like this: To the office at 9 a.m. for report writing, discussions with heads of departments, and making appointments by telephone with Borough engineers, surveyors, medical officers, A.R.P. Controllers, etc., for that afternoon. Then, as the sirens wailed again around 5.30 to 6 p.m., off on a tour of air-raid shelters, because only at night, when the shelters were occupied, could proper inspection be made and a true appreciation of their deficiencies and their urgent needs obtained. And what deficiencies there were—no beds or banks, inadequate sanitation, indifferent lighting, absence of alternative means of lighting, dampness—flooding—stench—squalor.

And so for hour after hour, visiting shelter after shelter (I seldom got home before 1 a.m.—often 2 a.m.), noting the urgent needs, assuring the shelterers that we were doing our best to make them as safe and as comfortable as possible.

All this was not just a show laid on to allay the fears of the shelterers that they were a forgotten people. It was a genuine purposeful operation to improve conditions in the shelters, a real concern shared by everyone in Civil Defence right up to the top. Miss Ellen Wilkinson, then at the Ministry of Home Security, accompanied me on several occasions on tours of the South London shelters: so, also, did Admiral Evans, who, with his breezy navy way brought cheer to many a dreary shelter.

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