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## SCOTTISH BRANCH MAY BE FORMED

**A** NEW BRANCH of the Old Blackburnians' Association may shortly be formed in Scotland.

Association records show that at least 20 old boys are now living in Scotland, and the idea for, initially, an occasional get-together comes from Mr Paul N. Price, who was at the school from 1948 to 1954.

### TO BE VICAR AT BLACKBURN

THE REV WILLIAM DAVID ROBINSON (32), senior curate of Lancaster Priory, is to be the new vicar of St. James's Church, Blackburn. He will take up his new post in September.

Mr Robinson, who was at the school from 1942 to 1949, is a former head boy chorister of Blackburn Cathedral. He is the only son of Mr and Mrs William Robinson, of Nazareth House Lodge, Blackburn.

He studied at University College, Durham, from 1951 to 1954, when he gained his BA degree. He received his MA degree last year.

Mr Robinson was on the staff of Lloyd's Bank at Blackburn and Preston for two years before he decided to enter the ministry. He read theology at Cranmer Hall, Durham.

On ordination in 1958 he became curate of Standish Parish Church, and moved to Lancaster Priory three years later. Mr Robinson served as a pilot officer in the RAF from 1949 to 1951.

Mr William Cliffe (1922-1928), has been appointed chief clerk in Blackburn Town Clerk's department.

Mr Price, who lives at 18, Faskally Avenue, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow (tel. Bishopbriggs 3936) asks: "What is the best way to try to organise an occasional lunch or some function, then we can have a Glasgow branch of the OBs?"

Nine more OBs live in the Glasgow area. They are Mr R. M. Dobson (1934-1943), c/o Glasgow University; Mr B. M. Holden (1921-1932), Rector of Glasgow Academy; Mr A. Smith (1941-1944), 5 Park Terrace, Glasgow, C3; Mr L. P. Bamford (1924-1932), c/o J. and P. Coates Ltd., St. Vincent's Street, Glasgow, C2; Mr T. Gibson (1918-1924), traffic superintendent, c/o Post Office Telephones, Glasgow; Mr F. Wetherell (1931-1940), 45 Netherdale Avenue, Netherlee, Glasgow; Mr I. B. Smith (1946-1950), 63 Linthaugh Road, Glasgow; Mr R. B. Smith (1948-1954), 40 Allander Road, Westerlon, near Glasgow; and Mr A. Battersby (1927-1934), 46 Vardar Avenue, Clarkston, Glasgow.

Branches already exist in Manchester, Liverpool, Oxford, Cambridge, Leeds, Durham and London.

And another branch could be formed in the South Wales area, where many old boys live. The school also has several students at Bristol and South Wales universities.

### NEW HEADSHIP FOR MR BENSON

MR N. S. T. BENSON, headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1948 to 1956, has been appointed headmaster of the Cathedral School, Salisbury. He will take up his new post in September.

Mr Benson, who is 51, is at present senior English master at Allhallows School, Rousden, near Lyme Regis.

The period of Mr Benson's headship at Blackburn saw the start of the school's long-term development programme, which is still in progress. Mr Benson left Blackburn in April, 1956, to become headmaster of Giggleswick school, and was succeeded by the present headmaster, Mr B. H. Kemball-Cook.

Mr Benson was educated at Wolverhampton Grammar School, and took his degree at St. John's College, Oxford, where he held an open scholarship in classics.

He started his teaching career at Shrewsbury School in 1934. In 1935 he went to Giggleswick, where he taught English and classics and was a housemaster.

Mr Benson joined the RAF reserve in 1932, and served with the RAF throughout the Second World War. He was awarded the Air Force Cross in 1942.

In 1945 he returned to Giggleswick, where he remained until he moved to Blackburn. He resigned as headmaster of Giggleswick School in February, 1958.

## Top Post for Mr Taylor

MR MILTON WHALLEY TAYLOR, who was a pupil at QEGS from 1919 to 1929, has been appointed deputy regional director of the Eastern Region of the National Agricultural Advisory Service.

Mr Taylor took his BA degree in agriculture at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in 1932, and was a poultry farmer at Wilpshire, Blackburn, until 1940. He received his MA degree in 1936.

From 1934 to 1946 he was technical advisor and director of the experimental research farm for the Poultry Association of Great Britain, and in the early years of the Second World War taught biology at Clitheroe Royal Grammar School.

In 1946 Mr Taylor joined the staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries as a county poultry advisory officer in the National Agricultural Advisory Service. From 1949 to 1953 he was deputy agricultural attache at the British Embassy in Washington, and on his return to Great Britain became chief poultry advisory officer for the West Midland Province.

He later served as agricultural and food attache to the British Embassies at Copenhagen and The Hague, and rejoined the NAAS at Leeds, in the Yorkshire and Lancashire Region, in 1960. He was awarded the MBE in 1954.

Dr John Earle Varey has been appointed Professor of Spanish at Westfield College, London University.

Dr Varey was at QEGS from 1933 to 1941 and was head boy in his last year at school.

# A "HAPPY FAMILY"— MR C. SMITH RECALLS 28 YEARS AT QEGS

ON A DISMAL afternoon in November, 1927, I arrived at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School to attend an interview for the vacant classics mastership. Mr A. Holden received me in his study and offered me the post—provided that (a) I liked the school and the "great happy family in the staff room" and (b) during my tenure I would refrain from any form of corporal punishment.

After reluctantly agreeing to these conditions, I was taken on a tour of inspection. First we went up to the staff room to enjoy the "splendid" view across the town. Alas! little could be seen except scores of mill chimneys belching forth clouds of black smoke, which hung low on the foggy horizon.

From there we made our way to the huts. From the first classroom came the booming voice of Mr Cumming, who was obviously breaking condition (b) in no uncertain fashion. I smiled. Mr Holden murmured: "It is the end of our final period," and led me quickly away.

So it was that I came to spend 28 full and happy years with the "great, happy family." The late K. A. P. Evans was head of school then. He and I, not forgetting Whittick, used to act as guides at Samlesbury at the request of Mr. T. B. Lewis, the Old Hall's greatest benefactor.

Great interest in the hall was shown by the school governors, and one recalls visits from such as Sir William Forrest, James Kay, William Hare, Ellis Nuttall, Henry Whittaker, Major Feilden, Colonel Robinson, J. H. Hartley, and of course the GOM, Mr J. W. Marsden, who loved to preside over "this ancient school."

Mention of names brings back memories of members of the staff—Turnbull, Sterrey, Elliott, Earle, Brearley, Hale, Miller, Strain, Wilderspin, Mrs Tyler, Miss Cowell. Happy memories too of hours spent with Messrs Towle, Lewney, Kennedy, Eastwood, Clayden, Pullen, Oldwan, Popham, Partington, Northam, Tyler, Mercer, Shaw, Bury, King, Proctor, Watson, Bennett, Braithwaite, Duerden, Collier,

Crehan, Blenkinsop, and many others.

We used to go to farm camp in the Fylde in the war years. The Duke of Norfolk once visited the camp under the aegis of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

I recall with amusement the expression on his face when he tasted the soup from a ladle into which a wasp had just fallen. I remember too the remark he made!

I recall many boys' names—Evans, Naisby, Adams, Crossley, Armistead, Taylor, Whittick, Southworth, Marsh, Gaskell, Walsh, Birtwell, King, Proctor, Ingham, Holden, Marsden, Spink, Brogden, Bamford, Whewell, and scores of others—a splendid lot they were.

And memories come back of the annual evening at Mr and Mrs J. W. Marsden's, where our hostess sang "Cherry Ripe" and our host read us a fascinating story.

There was one occasion in my first term when I foolishly changed all Mr Northam's Latin books—books which he knew by heart. He never complained, but he had his revenge one Robinson Cup afternoon when he invited me to his home before the game and mixed me a special cocktail. I went to the match, but saw little of it, and kept well out of the way of the headmaster and the governors.

I now teach classics at the Bede Grammar School, Sunderland. I do a good deal of newspaper work, lecture throughout the county on local history, still collect stamps and coins, and drive a new Victor de Luxe in which I hope to come to see you some day.

I know little of the school's present set-up, though from what I hear I expect to learn that *Disce Prodesse* has been changed to *Ardua Molimur*—and I'll leave you to work that one out.

—CYRIL SMITH

## Social Activities

The social committee of the association has been busy this year with three highly successful events completed.

A three-way tennis tournament between Old Boys, Staff and School, took place at the end of June.

In March, over a hundred people enjoyed an evening's dancing in Big School, and in May, a treasure hunt took motorists through the Ribble Valley before returning for supper, again in Big School. We are deeply grateful to Mr Eastham for organising these affairs and he will no doubt repeat them next year if Old Boys' show their willingness to give support. A by-product is quite a reasonable financial surplus, which is helping to cover the cost of this first issue of *Magister*.

Bryan Lamb (1943-1951), has been promoted Squadron Leader in the Royal Air Force. He was head boy of QEGS in 1950-51.

Squadron Leader Lamb is at present commanding officer of Riyan, a small airfield in Southern Arabia, about 300 miles along the coast from Aden.

Before taking up the year-long appointment in February this year, he was a pilot with Transport Command. He is a former chorister of Blackburn Cathedral and is a general honours graduate of Leeds University.

## School Cricketer Dies

MR RAYMOND CARTER, managing director of R. Carter & Co. Ltd., fertiliser and flower dye manufacturers, of Wellington New Mill, Blackburn, died in Our Lady of Compassion Nursing Home. He was 53.

Mr Carter, who was at the school from 1923 to 1926, was vice-captain of school cricket in 1925 and 1926. He lived in Ravenswing Avenue, Blackburn.

He was a past captain and past president of Blackburn Subscription Bowling Green Club, and belonged to Blackburn Golf Club. He was also active on the committee of Blackburn Property Owners' Association. He leaves a widow.

Mr Paul Wilson Schofield, a former secretary of the school gym club, has been awarded full colours by his college and a "gold" by his university for judo.

Mr Schofield (22), whose home is in Stanhill Lane, Oswaldtwistle, is a third-year physics student at the University of Wales, Bangor. He was at QEGS from 1952 to 1960.

He will begin a course at the Carnegie College of Physical Education, Leeds, in October.

Mr Frank J. Jones, chairman and managing director of Jones Textiles Ltd., Blackburn, travelled 1,500 miles on a seven-day business trip behind the Iron Curtain at the end of April.

Mr Jones, who was at the school from 1918 to 1924, visited various parts of Bulgaria to study methods used in the country's timber industry.

Mr William Ellis Metcalfe (1948-1956), was married at Four Lane Ends Congregational Church, Blackburn, to Miss Margaret Barker.

Mr Metcalfe teaches chemistry at QEGS. His bride is a teacher at Roe Lee Park Primary School, Blackburn.

Best man was Mr Peter Pearson, and Mr John Threlfall and Mr Robert Killingbeck acted as groomsmen.

## Keeping in Touch

### Growing Membership

MAGISTER has been designed to meet the changing needs of the Old Blackburnians' Association.

Thirty years ago, the association was centred on Blackburn, and its members could easily keep in touch.

But a change has taken place in the last ten years. It started in the early 1950s. More boys stayed on to the sixth form at school. More boys went on to university and college. And after graduation, most of them took jobs away from their home town.

The result is that the association's membership is now more widespread than ever before. Distance makes it difficult and sometimes impossible for old boys to maintain personal contact with their friends from school—although the fact that more and more branches are springing up shows that old boys do want to keep in touch.

The committee felt that something was needed to keep the association's widely-separated branches up to date with what other old boys were doing. This could not be done in the few pages of the *Old Blackburnian*.

This first issue of *Magister* is also being sent to several hundred old boys who are not members of the association in the hope that they may wish to join. Those who do will continue to receive *Magister*. Any old boy who wishes to receive the *Blackburnian* as well may do so by applying to the treasurer.

Mr Glyn Harris (1934-1940), has been appointed headmaster of Cooper's Lane Junior mixed and Infants' School, London.

Mr Harris has been broadcasting on the BBC Friday-morning schools programme, "Music, Movement and Mime."

## Blackburn Doctor Dies

DR HENRY WALMSLEY, an Old Blackburnian (1922-1933) who had been a GP in Blackburn since the end of the Second World War, died at his home in Buncer Lane at the end of April. He was 49.

Dr Walmsley qualified in medicine at Manchester University, and was originally in partnership with the late Dr J. B. Leigh and later with Dr G. P. Walsh.

Dr Walmsley started his career as a house surgeon at Bradford Royal Infirmary. At the start of the war, he volunteered for the Royal Army Medical Corps, and served in Malaya and India. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Dr Walmsley leaves a widow and three sons. He attended St Francis' Church, Fenisccliffe, where the funeral service was held. Cremation was at Preston.

## Death of Brain Surgeon

Nurses and matrons formed a guard of honour at the funeral service of Mr Norman Whalley at St Mary's Church, Swansea. Mr Whalley, who was educated at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School (1925-1931) and Manchester University, died at his home in Uplands, Swansea, after a long illness. He was 49.

After leaving university, he held appointments at Manchester Royal Infirmary and Biddulph Grange Children's Orthopaedic Hospital, and on the surgical staff at Calderstones Hospital, before going to Newcastle-on-Tyne as a brain surgeon.

For the last 13 years, Mr Whalley had been chief brain consultant at Morrison Hospital, Swansea.

He was the only son of Mrs Winifred Whalley, of Falcon Avenue, Darwen, and the late Mr Walter Whalley. He leaves a widow, a son, and a daughter.

The Rev Leonard Cragg (1939-1946), vicar of St Luke's Church, Brierfield, has been appointed chaplain of Whittingham Mental Hospital. He will take up his new duties in August.

## OXFORD DINNER

MR RONALD EYRE, a former English master at the school and now a BBC TV producer, was chief guest at the annual dinner of the Oxford Old Blackburnians.

About 20 members attended the dinner, which was held in Jesus College on May 10th. The party from Blackburn included Mr B. H. Kemball-Cook (headmaster), Mr L. D. Collier (senior modern languages master), Mr W. Hare (chairman of the governors), Colonel G. N. Robinson (clerk to the governors) and Alderman R. H. G. Horne, who is also on the governing body.

Mr Brian Wilson, branch president, of St Catherine's College, proposed "The Queen, Duke of Lancaster," and Mr F. J. Seed, of Queen's College, proposed "The School," to which Mr Kemball-Cook replied.

Mr Collier replied to "The Staff," proposed by Mr Ralph Bamber (branch secretary), of St. Catherine's College, and Mr Eyre responded to "Our Guests" which was proposed by Mr David E. Ambrose, of Merton College.

## 48 at London dinner

Five Old Blackburnians travelled from Blackburn to attend the annual dinner of the London branch of the association. They were the headmaster, Mr B. H. Kemball-Cook, Mr H. King (science master), Mr W. Hare (chairman of the governors), Mr G. N. Forbes (chairman of the Old Blackburnians' Association), and Mr C. R. Davies.

Chairman for the evening was the association's president, Lord Justice Ormerod, who proposed the Loyal Toast.

Lt.-Col. J. Whittaker (1905-1910) proposed "Our Guests," and Mr Hare replied. Mr D. W. Moulding (1946-1953) proposed "The School and its Association," and the headmaster replied.

Forty members and eight guests attended the dinner in the Tavistock Restaurant, Charing Cross Road.

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**President:** Lord Justice Ormerod; **chairman:** Mr. G. N. Forbes; **vice-chairman:** Mr. E. C. Marsden; **secretary:** Mr. H. Burrows, 53 Preston New Road, Blackburn; **treasurer:** Mr. F. Bury, 67 Queen's Road, Blackburn.

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## Wins Badge for Swimming

Police-constable James Warner, of Blackburn Borough Police, has been awarded the Royal Life Saving Society's recognition badge.

PC Warner, who lives in Pleckgate Road, Blackburn, has been secretary of the society's North Lancashire branch for the last three years.

When he was at the school (1943-1948), he trained about 60 fellow-pupils for swimming examinations. He has been an examiner for about nine years, and tests about 1,000 Blackburn schoolchildren annually.

Mr Thomas E. Sharratt (25) has been appointed secretary of the East Lancashire branch of the National Union of Journalists.

Mr Sharratt, who was at the school from 1949 to 1956, read modern languages at Christ Church, Oxford, and took his BA degree in 1961. Since then, he has been a reporter on the *Evening Telegraph* at Blackburn.

# VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN NIGERIA

**JOHN HAWORTH** (1952-1962) whose home is in Preston Old Road, Fenisccliffe, Blackburn, had a year to spare between leaving school and going to college this autumn, so he took a job as a teacher with Voluntary Service Overseas.

## Mr Crossley is General Manager

A former Blackburn man, Mr Walter Livesey Crossley, who has been for nearly three years an assistant general manager of the Westminster Bank Ltd., has been appointed a joint general manager.

He is the only son of Mrs E. L. Crossley, of Billinge View, Billinge End, Blackburn, and the late Mr Robert Crossley.

Mr Crossley (56), who was at the school from 1919 to 1924, joined the Westminster Bank in Blackburn in 1924. Later he served at Rhyl and Preston, in the general manager's department at head office, and on the inspection staff.

He became manager of the Leicester chief office—the bank's largest provincial branch—in 1945, after reconstructing banking services in Jersey following the German occupation.

He was made an assistant general manager of the bank in October, 1960. He has also served at the Warrington branch.

For many years Mr Crossley was secretary of the Old Blacks football club at the time when the northern section of the Lancashire Amateur League was first started, and was also the club's first treasurer when it was revived in 1924. He was also a member of Blackburn Golf Club.

Mr Geoffrey R. Coulthard (1947-1954) was awarded a gold medal for the outstanding student of the year in the textile department of Blackburn Technical College.

Mr Coulthard, who lives in Knowsley Road, Wilpshire, Blackburn, works for William Birtwistle Allied Mills. He formerly worked for John Duckworth & Son (Blackburn) Ltd.

The medal is awarded by Blackburn and District Power Loom Overlookers' Association.

From Nigeria, he writes: "Egbado High School, Igbogila, is a new co-educational school in the Western Region of Nigeria, where the people are mainly Yoruba.

"I have a fair range of subjects to teach at school—a task which is handicapped by the dearth of suitable text-books and reading matter.

"Perhaps one of the unhappy aspects of school life is the inability of some parents to pay fees. This often has serious repercussions on the students concerned.

"During the rainy season, when mosquitos are rampant, classes fall sharply in number and it is not uncommon to see a pupil slumped over a desk, totally unable to work because of malaria.

"Perhaps I have painted a rather depressing picture so far. But there are very many things from which one can get encouragement and enjoyment in school. The readiness of even the youngest of students to participate in debates, discussions, and the like, compares very favourably with their counterparts in any English school.

"The enthusiasm shown at the mention of a short school play was fantastic—so was the performance. The scene was supposed to represent market day, with stalls of fruits, nuts and miscellaneous pots and pans here and there. When the big night came, the stage was bare—except for orange peel and banana skins.

"Away from the academic side of school, I am responsible for taking all boys for physical education, which is quite difficult, in that the students are so unused to any form of organisation in this sphere. Previously they were given a football to kick around, and that was that.

"At first, by my introduction of European methods and ideas into this African school, I probably created many difficulties for myself—'This is not

the way we do it in Nigeria,' I was constantly informed. Now I find a compromise of European and African techniques is the best policy, though of course this is not as straightforward as it sounds.

"Living in a Nigerian household can be fun—sometimes. Everyone in this house has a transistor radio, or seems to have. But the people are a pleasant assortment, even though they are a trifle noisy, when they occasionally drop buckets down the stone stairs at three o'clock in the morning.

"During the Easter holidays, I travelled as far north as Kano by third-class train. It was quite a journey.

"In Kano, I was nearly put into prison. It happened one evening when I strolled along to the railway station to meet a friend who was coming up from Ibadan. The front of the station was just one sea of people—mainly Africans—taxis, animals, the lot.

"As the train pulled into the station there was a sudden surge towards the platform through the barrier. I followed. Suddenly a large hand grasped my arm and I was pulled aside by a railway policeman. He demanded to see my platform ticket, which I had not got. Neither had a thousand others, but I was unlucky. He informed me that I was trespassing on railway property and that I was abusing Nigeria.

"So I was taken along to police headquarters, where I was shown into an overcrowded cell and told that I would appear in court the next day for my offence.

"I woke up pretty smartly, and after a big palaver I managed to see the superintendent, who instantly released me with a caution, admitting it was a mistake anyone could have made. Still—it was an experience!

Back safely in Igbogila again, darkness falls over the tropical forest, a humming, throbbing

forest accompanied by the sound of one hundred transistor radios blaring out an old, old African tune—"Let's twist again, like we did last summer..."

Thirty-six-year-old Mr Geoffrey Kay (1938-1942) has been appointed public relations officer for the Northumbrian District of Northern Army Command, with headquarters at Kirkleavington Hall, Yarm, Yorkshire.

He is the only son of Mr and Mrs Harry Kay, of The Crescent, Cherry Tree, Blackburn.

Mr Kay has been a journalist for 20 years. He has worked on the *Blackburn Times*, the former *News Chronicle* and *Daily Dispatch*, and on the *Lancashire Evening Post*.

On National Service with the Welsh Guards, he served in the public relations department of the Rhine Army HQ.

Mr Gordon Haymes (1947-1955), who took his degree at Christ Church, Oxford, and is now a psychologist in London, was married at St James's Church, Blackburn, to Miss Mairi MacLeod, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald MacLeod, of Isle of Lewis, Outer Hebrides. The bride is a teacher.

The Rev Arthur Whittaker (1941-1946), curate of Bispham Parish Church, was married at Crosthwaite Church, near Kendal, to Miss Hazel Woodend, a Bispham teacher.

Best man was the Rev Frank Bovil, curate of Crosthwaite Church, and the Rev Philip H. Hacking, who is also an Old Blackburnian, and who is now vicar of St Thomas's Church, Edinburgh, was usher.

Mr Brian William Croft (1947-1956), a prominent member of the Old Blacks football team, was married at St Stephen's Church, Little Harwood, Blackburn, to Miss Hazel Lear, of Maple Street, Blackburn.

Mr Croft, who is the son of Mr and Mrs Norman W. Croft, of East Park Road, Blackburn, is a technical scientific adviser with a firm in Scotland. His bride is a teacher.

Mr Peter Hobkirk was best man. Mr Ellis Metcalfe was groomsman, and Mr William Hamer and Mr Jeffrey Lear were ushers.





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## 100 OBs AT SCOUT GROUP REUNION

THE SCOUT GROUP of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School is 50 years old this month. More than 100 former members of the group—including three founder members—attended an anniversary reunion in Big School.

And the Group Scoutmaster, Mr Geoffrey H. Tate, received the Scouting Medal of Merit—awarded for distinguished service to Scouting—from Mr Harold Burrows, Deputy County Commissioner, at a jubilee service in Big School on April 24 (below).

At the reunion on April 25 were former scouts representing every year in the group's history. They had travelled from all parts of the country to attend.

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The three founder members present were Mr R. W. McArthur (1910-1916), of 8 Carr Hall Road, Barrowford, Nelson ; Mr R. F. Whalley (1910-1916), of 14 Park Avenue, Blackburn ; and Mr F. H. Jacobson (1912-1916), of 18 Heald Grove, Heald Green, Cheadle, Cheshire (picture—page 8).

Guests were welcomed by the headmaster, Mr B. H. Kembell-Cook, who praised the group's

example and its influence on the School.

Mr Tate, who is senior geography and careers master, gave a summary of the group's widespread activities, and told guests that 34 boys in the 80-strong group held the first-class badge.

Mr Tate read a message of congratulation from the Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean (see page 2), and thanked the parents' committee for its support.

Mr Tate told guests : " Your presence has given us inspiration and encouragement to go forward into the next phase of Scouting at Queen Elizabeth's."

Many messages of congratulation were received, including a telegram from Woodlands Scout Group, Blackburn. One old scout, Mr Alan Hirst, telephoned from Dundee to express his good wishes.

Log books and photographs from the group's half-century of activity were on display at the reunion, together with a new trophy presented by Mr Burrows, who was Lion patrol leader in 1921.

The trophy, a circular walnut wall plaque which shows a woodsman's felling axe embedded in a tree stump, was made at Gilwell Park by a friend of Mr Burrows, Mr E. G. (Ted) Gathercote.

It will be awarded to the best patrol at summer camp each year.

Mr Burrows was accompanied to the reunion by Mr Charles H. Croasdale, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, who travelled from his home specially for the occasion.

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Mr Kennedy

### MR KENNEDY RETIRES IN AUGUST

MR HOWARD KENNEDY is to retire in August after 35 years as senior mathematics master at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. He will have completed 43 years in the teaching profession.

Mr Kennedy, who lives at 48 Lammack Road, Blackburn, was born at Gateshead, County Durham, and attended Gateshead Secondary School (now Gateshead Grammar School).

He gained a senior entrance exhibition to Armstrong College, Newcastle (now Newcastle University), and after a year won the senior Pemberton scholarship, awarded to the best student in the second-year BSc studies.

His university career was interrupted by the First World War. Mr Kennedy joined the Army and served until January, 1919.

He returned to college and took his BSc degree in 1920 with first-class honours—the only first to be awarded in mathematics that year.

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### Our pictures

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Mr Tate (left) is pictured as he receives the Medal of Merit from Mr Burrows. Watching the presentation are Mr J. A. Hanson, District Commissioner (centre), and Mr J. C. Jepson, County Commissioner (right).



Mr Sharratt

## APPOINTED SUB-EDITOR

Mr Tom Sharratt (1949-1956) has been appointed a sub-editor on the Lancashire Evening Telegraph, Blackburn, after working as a reporter on the paper for two-and-a-half years.

Mr Sharratt read Spanish and French at Christ Church, Oxford, and took his BA degree in the summer of 1961.

## Obituary

### W. BRADLEY

Mr Wilfred Bradley, of East Park Road, Blackburn, a former headmaster of St John's Junior School, died in hospital in January. He was 71.

Mr Bradley, who was at QEGS from 1907 to 1911, was headmaster of St John's for 23 years. He retired in 1957.

In his early teaching career, he became widely respected for his work in connection with schoolboys' sport, especially soccer and swimming.

He went from QEGS to Chester Training College.

His first appointment was to the staff of St John's, where he stayed from 1915 to 1931, when he took over the headship of a special instruction centre in Maudsley Street, Blackburn.

He had been there only a short time when he accepted the post of headmaster of St Stephen's School, Blackburn, and in June, 1934, he became head of St John's.

Mr Bradley was a keen worker for St John's Church. He was superintendent of the Sunday School for 20 years until 1946.

A funeral service at St John's Church was followed by interment at St Leonard's Church, Balderstone.

# GRAHAM, 16, SAVES BOY FROM LODGE

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD Graham Farnhill, a pupil at QEGS, rescued a five-year-old boy from drowning in an 18-feet-deep mill lodge in April.

Graham, who lives in Castle Close, Colne, was on his way home from School when he heard two boys shouting that their playmate was in the water.

## Doctor's 'no' to US post

Dr Jim Margerison (1933-1940), part-time consultant in neurophysiology at Whittingham Hospital, London, resisted the lure of the "brain drain" when he was offered a post in Washington, USA. He turned the job down.

Dr Margerison (41) is an authority on encephalography. He has done much research and is interested in the study of epilepsy, about which he has written and lectured.

He is married, and has two children.

His two brothers, also old boys of QEGS, have also achieved eminence. One is deputy Town Clerk of Swindon, and the other holds a high position in business.



Graham

Racing to the rescue, Graham crawled through a fence, sprinted 20 yards, climbed over a barbed-wire fence, and slid down a five-foot bank into the water.

He grabbed the boy, Stephen Clark, and then hauled himself and Stephen up the smooth concrete bank by clinging on to a pipe.

A senior police officer said later: "It was a darned good job Graham did—an excellent piece of work."

## TREASURER IS OFF TO CANADA

Mr C. H. Singleton (1934-1939), Borough Treasurer of Fleetwood, has been appointed financial adviser to the Corporation of Ottawa, Canada.

Mr Singleton worked in the Borough Treasurer's departments at Blackburn and Preston before moving to Southend in May, 1953, as chief accountant.

He has been at Fleetwood since 1957. He has been the Corporation's housing manager, and has also acted as entertainments manager for the Marine Hall.

## Two for Oxford

Two boys at QEGS have been awarded scholarships in natural science to Oxford University.

David John Ashton (18), of Montague Street, Blackburn, will go to Christ Church, and Geoffrey Herbert Redman (17), of Fecitt Brow, Blackburn, will go to Magdalen College.

HEAD.—Mr B. Lancaster (1936-1943) has been appointed headmaster of the Wheelwright School, Dewsbury.

## Chief Scout sends greetings

SIR CHARLES MACLEAN, the Chief Scout, sent this message to the Scout Group of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School on its 50th anniversary:

"I heard with pleasure that the Scout Group of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its formation by holding special celebrations, including a reunion of its past and present members.

"I am sure this will be a happy and successful occasion, and take this opportunity of sending to you all my warmest congratulations for happy and vigorous Scouting in the School in the next half-century.

"You will, naturally, all know what your successes have been in the past; I expect there may even have been a few failures, but yours is a wonderful record, of which you can be justifiably proud.

"Now—go forth with the strength of your Promise ever before you and the traditions of the past as your inspiration, and adventure, achievement, and happiness will be yours."

## HONOUR FOR MR DUERDEN

The Royal School of Church Music, whose president is the Archbishop of Canterbury, is to confer its Fellowship Diploma upon Mr Thomas L. Duerden, former organist and master of the choristers at Blackburn Cathedral and former director of music at QEGS, for distinguished services to church music.

Mr Duerden will be the first organist at a new cathedral ever to receive the rare distinction.

Dr Francis Jackson, organist of York Minster, is the only other cathedral organist in the Province of York to hold the award.

Dr Gerald Knight, director of the RSCM, who is a former organist of Canterbury Cathedral, will also receive the honour at a ceremony at Addington Palace, Croydon, in July.

## At congress

Sergeant Jim Warner (1943-1948) was one of the four Blackburn borough policemen who travelled to Blackpool in May to help as stewards at the fourth International Police Association Congress, attended by members from 30 countries.

## Three stand for council

Three old boys stood as candidates in the Blackburn municipal elections on May 7.

They were Mr Gordon Henry (26), of Sunny Bower Close, Blackburn (Independent, St Stephen's Ward); Mr Leonard Marsden (40), of Grasmere Avenue, Blackburn (Conservative, St Silas's Ward); and Mr Norman W. Barrett (40), of Branch Road, Mellor Brook (Conservative, St Francis' Ward). All three were defeated.

Another old boy, Mr Thomas E. Sharratt (26), of Kentmere Drive, Cherry Tree, was nominated as an Independent candidate in Livesey Parish for Blackburn Rural District Council, but withdrew his nomination before the election.

PASSED. — Dr Norman Ramsbottom (1948-1958) has passed his final examinations for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery.

## A NEW POST FOR DR PARKINSON

**DR JAMES C. PARKINSON** (1928-1935), great-grandson of a man who founded a retail pharmacy in Blackburn in 1820, has been appointed deputy secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society.

He has been head of the School of Pharmacy at Brighton College of Technology since 1954.

Dr Parkinson qualified as a chemist and druggist at Nottingham University in 1942.

He was commissioned in the Lancashire Fusiliers in 1943, and transferred to the Parachute Regiment in 1944.

He reached the rank of captain on the staff of the 6th Airborne Division before leaving the armed forces in 1946.

After the war he continued his studies at Nottingham and obtained his Bachelor of Pharmacy degree in 1948.

Until 1954 he was on the pharmaceutical lecturing staff of the London University School of Pharmacy, and became an assistant examiner in forensic pharmacy. He obtained his PhD in 1954.

He has served on many professional committees and examining panels.

Dr Parkinson joined the Territorial Army in 1949, and became a major on the headquarters staff of the 44th Independent Parachute Brigade (TA).

He received the Territorial Efficiency Decoration in 1961 and was awarded the MBE in 1962.

Dr Parkinson is secretary of Hurstpierpoint Parochial Church Council.

His wife is a former lecturer in the Department of Pharmaceutics at the London University School of Pharmacy.

**VICE-PRESIDENT.** — Mr Peter Mercer, son of Mr G. M. Mercer, classics master at QEGS, has gained the gold award in the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme and has been elected vice-president of the students' union at Imperial College, London, where he is studying for his MSc degree.

**SECRETARY.** — Mr Robert Fraser (35), deputy secretary of Powick Hospital, Worcester, since 1962, has been appointed secretary of Todmorden hospitals. He was at QEGS from 1940 to 1946.

**EDUCATION.** — Dr Derek Sharples (1946-1953) has been appointed assistant lecturer in education at Liverpool University.



**Mr Harry King**, senior chemistry master and a member of the association's committee, welcomed guests on behalf of the headmaster when Manchester branch members visited the School on April 17. Mr King (right) is pictured as he greets (left to right, front) Mr Bob Davenport, Manchester branch secretary; Mr Ian Malloch, chairman; and Mr Robert Ball, treasurer. Looking on are some of the 27 old boys, masters, and senior pupils who attended.

## ELECTED AN ASSOCIATE

Mr James Miller, senior assistant librarian at Blackburn Public Libraries, has been elected an Associate of the Library Association.

Mr Miller (34), of Byways, Hoghton, read botany and zoology at Liverpool University and gained a BSc degree in 1953.

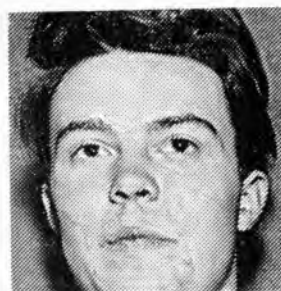
He contributed a chapter to the centenary history of Blackburn and is the author of "A census of nesting birds in a West Lancashire parish," a work frequently quoted by leading ornithologists.

He is the son of Mr George Miller, the Blackburn historian.

## Young teachers' association

Mr Frank Shuttleworth (1948-1954), of Kentmere Drive, Cherry Tree, has announced plans to form a young teachers' association in Blackburn.

He teaches at Park Road Junior School, Blackburn.



**Brian**

## TEACHING IN MADRID

Brian Neild (18), of Brantfell Road, Blackburn, flew to Madrid on March 14 to spend some months teaching English at a language institute.

He goes to Downing College, Cambridge, on an open scholarship in the autumn.

## Graeme Stanton joins the Daily Express

Mr Graeme Stanton (1949-1955) is to take up an appointment as a sub-editor with the Daily Express in Manchester at the end of June.

Mr Stanton (25), of 51 East Park Road, Blackburn, entered journalism as a junior reporter on the Northern Daily Telegraph—now the Lancashire Evening Telegraph—when he left School.

He moved over to the sports staff and specialised in sports reporting until he was called up for National Service in the Army in 1960.

He was posted to the Far East and spent two years as a sergeant journalist with Army Public Relations in Malaya, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

He rejoined the Telegraph as a sub-editor two years ago.

Mr Stanton is a member of Pleasington Golf Club—handicap: 3—and is well known throughout East Lancashire for his weekly golf column in the Telegraph Last Sports edition.



# WEDDING BELLS . . .

Mr John Duxbury Almond (1949-1956), of 457 Whalley New Road, Blackburn, was married at St Leonard's Church, Langho, to Miss June Mary Thistlethwaite, of 7 Sunnyside Avenue, Billington.

Mr Gordon Martin was best man. Mr John Roberts and Mr Richard Poynton acted as groomsmen, and the usher was Mr Albert Ashworth.

Mr Almond and his bride are pictured as they cut the cake at the reception.



Mr Roger Andrew Rozee (1950-1955), of Kinnoull, Ribchester Road, Wilpshire, was married at St James's Church, Blackburn, on March 31 to Miss Jean Valerie Stott, of Shandon, Lammack Road, Blackburn.

Mr Clive Whittaker (1947-1957), of 738 Livesey Branch Road, Feniscowles, was married at All Saints' Church, Blackburn, to Miss Margaret Venables, of 23 Mona Road, Blackburn.

Mr Eric Robert Holden (1952-1959), of 16 Malvern Avenue, Blackburn, was married at the Church of the Saviour, Blackburn, to Miss Elaine Strack, of 89 Roe Lee Park, Blackburn.

Mr John Lamb (1956-1961) was married on March 28.

Mr William Walton Irwin (1951-1957), of 82 Pilmuir Road, Blackburn, was married at Furthergate Congregational Church, Blackburn, to Miss Carol Wood, of 32 Worcester Road, Blackburn.

Mr Peter Kedney (1950-1956), of May Street, Blackburn, a medical student at the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, was married at St Anthony's Church, Beeston, Leeds, to Miss Jennifer E. Newton, of Beeston. The bride is a doctor.

Mr Malcolm McKernan, now with the Foreign Office, was married at Bramcote, Nottinghamshire, to Miss June Harrison, of the staff of University College Hospital, London.

## BANK MAN PROMOTED

Mr H. G. Fielding (1944-1949) has been appointed a senior assistant in the organisation and methods department of Barclays Bank head office in London.

Mr Fielding, who has been with the bank since he left School, was transferred to London to join the O and M department three years ago. His parents live at 30 London Road, Blackburn.

## ANNUAL DINNER

The association's annual dinner will be held on Saturday, December 19.

Mr Harry King told members of the committee on May 26 that Mr John Yerburgh had accepted an invitation to be chief guest.

The toast to the guests will be proposed by Sir Benjamin Ormerod, association president, and Mr Jack Thompson, a former head boy who now lives at Bolton, will propose "The School."

**LECTURER.** — Mr R. W. Wallis (1944-1948) has been appointed lecturer in accounting at Manchester University.

## OXFORD (S)TORY

by David Nicholson

THE exact date of the start of Oxford Tory is not known, but before the war, when it was published by the Oxford University Conservative Association, it had eight issues each year.

After the war the magazine faded out, but it was revived in 1958 at the same time as the Oxford Carlton Club.

The undergraduate mainly responsible for this was John Walker-Smith, son of a former cabinet minister.

He had the backing of the then Lord Hinchinbrooke, and the encouragement of Lord Kilmuir, Sir Ian MacTaggart, and Sir

Charles Petrie, who are vice-presidents of the Oxford Carlton Club.

Incidentally, there is no connection between the fact that I am an assistant editor of Oxford Tory and the fact that David Ambrose is president of the Carlton.

Oxford Tory plodded on in a rather pedestrian way until Jonathan Aitken, nephew of Lord Beaverbrook, gave it a blood transfusion: in addition to articles by MPs and ministers, there now appeared articles by undergraduates on the Oxford political scene.

The magazine has recently started to play a much greater part in university life.

Early this year, the price was halved (to 6d) and the circulation doubled to 1,500.

The Cambridge Conservative publication, New Radical, faces problems similar to those which troubled us a few years ago.

A merger is being planned between the two magazines, and we hope the resultant publication will have articles of interest to the world outside the universities, a much larger circulation, and will carry some punch in national politics.

**OXFORD TORY**, summer issue out now, price by post: 9d in stamps from David Nicholson, Christ Church, Oxford.

## MAGISTER

is issued free to members of the Old Blackburnians' Association. Membership of the association is open to all old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, and to masters past and present.

**President:** Sir Benjamin Ormerod; **chairman:** Mr G. N. Forbes; **vice-chairman:** Mr E. C. Marsden; **secretary:** Mr H. Burrows, 53 Preston New Road, Blackburn; **treasurer:** Mr F. Bury, 67 Queen's Road, Blackburn.

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## LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY POST FOR ALAN KIRK

An old boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School has been promoted to a senior lecturership in the sub-department of numerical analysis at Liverpool University.

He is Mr Alan Kirk, who still has many family connections in Blackburn and whose wife, formerly Miss Sheila Bolton, was a pupil at Blackburn High School for Girls.

Mr Kirk's duties at Liverpool are in connection with an electronic computer.

Mr Kirk graduated at Liverpool University in 1950 with a first class honours B.Eng. degree in civil engineering.

He served as an education officer in the RAF from 1951 to 1954 and returned to the staff of Liverpool University as a research assistant in October, 1954.

His new appointment becomes operative on October 1.

## Annual dance

More than 100 people attended the association's annual dance in Big School on March 7. The dance, which raised about £13 for association funds, was organised by Mr Albert Eastham.

## Opinion

# THE CURSE OF NOSTALGIA

by Tom Sharratt

**SENTIMENTALITY**, as sickening as the scum-laden bilge-water in some rotting hulk's hold, swills messily round the walls of Big School each December.

The biggest event in this association's year, the annual dinner, becomes an embarrassment when members wallow in a ritualistic orgy of excessive nostalgia for the petty triumphs and honours of yesteryear. Forty years on—ad nauseam.

It is natural that a group of men with the common bond of shared schooldays should recall them with pleasure, but it is neither inevitable nor desirable that such recollection should be the only purpose of an old boys' association.

One of the aims of any organisation should be to benefit the community in which it exists. It should not exist simply for its own sake.

The boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School are encouraged to take part in active community service, as is shown by the article on this page.

Are these efforts to end at school-leaving age? Could the scheme not be extended by the old boys?

Let's live in the here and now and see what we can do to benefit tomorrow, rather than pine for bygone days.

*Disce prodesse.* Learn to be of service.

Have we?

## Soccer notes

by Bill Lazenby

The past season was not one of particular merit for the Old Blackburnians' Football Club.

Despite making a very good start, the teams finished in the league tables as follows: 1st XI: seventh; 2nd XI: sixth; 3rd XI: third; 4th XI: ninth.

Match records: Pl 130, W 64, D 16, L 50, F 444, A 316; leading scorers: 1st XI: W. M. Snape 38; 2nd XI: W. E. Metcalfe 17; 3rd XI: M. W. Catlow 29; 4th XI: E. Wilkinson 19.

Coming events: July 3, 7.30 pm at Lammack: annual general meeting; July 8, 6.30 pm at Lammack: car treasure hunt; July 17: summer dance at Locarno Ballroom, Blackburn; September 18: start-of-season dance at Locarno Ballroom.

# LEARNING TO BE OF SERVICE

by Raymond P. Harrison

**EACH** of the six houses at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School elects two of its sixth-form members each year to serve on the School's Community Service Committee.

The committee, guided by the master in charge, decides what can be done by the school to help good causes, and organises projects.

The committee also has in each form representatives who can help in many ways by their closer contact with their forms.

Schemes to help charitable organisations are financed by collections at the weekly house assemblies.

**Raymond Peter Harrison, a 17-year-old sixth-former at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, has been connected with the School's Community Service Committee for over a year, and was chairman until he gave up the position to study for his GCE 'A'-level examinations. He hopes to study modern languages at university. He lives at 38 Leicester Road, Blackburn.**

The boys are encouraged to give a small amount from their own pockets, but there is no compulsion to make them give—the whole principle is that donations should be entirely voluntary.

There is no competition between the houses as to which can raise most. The only reason for house collections is convenience.

About £3 is raised by the weekly collections, and within a few months a reasonable sum can be saved to present a cheque to an organisation or pay for a substantial gift.

Recipient organisations are chosen by the committee, and the rest of the school is informed as soon as possible where their contributions will be going.

It is not just a question of putting a penny in a box and that is the last heard of it—there is a definite goal in mind.

Cheques have been given to Oxfam and Blackburn Orphanage. Gifts selected by the organisations themselves as being of particular use have included a tape recorder to Blackburn Disabled Persons' Club, a work bench and tools to Blackburn Peter Pan Club, and recently a sun-ray lamp to Blackburn and District Spastics Centre.

At present we are collecting to buy a tape recorder for the East Lancashire Deaf and Dumb Society.

However, the help given by boys is by no means limited to contributing money once a week.

Individual boys who are artists come and ask the committee whether they can paint a poster with some message such as "Lend a Hand."

This is excellent for keeping community service before the boys, since between projects and presentations it can easily be forgotten.

Milk-bottle tops are collected for Guide Dogs for the Blind. The number so far collected totals 400,000, weighing nearly three hundredweights, and the number is rising steadily by about 10,000 a month.

Clothing has been collected for Oxfam, and books and toys for underprivileged children, as well as books for Nigerian schools, have also been gathered together. Recently we started collecting used postage stamps, which can be used to raise money.

Every Christmas, a concert is given for old people at Mill Hill, and carol singers visit old people's homes in and around Blackburn.

Within the school we sell biro pens for Blackburn Orphanage and—at Christmas—stickers and tags for Spastics. In activities like this, the form representatives are of particular help.

Volunteer parties of boys are organised during the holidays to dig old people's gardens, and this is followed up by planting flowers. We don't just let the garden grow over with weeds again.

Old-age pensioners are visited regularly by the boys, and at Christmas small presents were bought for them from committee funds.

The School Community Service scheme seeks in these ways to provide a variety of projects which will appeal to boys of different talents, inclinations, and ages, and to open their eyes to the needs around them—particularly the needs of those who are handicapped in any way.

The scheme has become so well-known in and around Blackburn now that we receive requests for help, which we are only too glad to give if we can.



## Regional reports

# Scottish branch starts with Glasgow dinner

**A** NEW branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association has been formed in Scotland.

It is the association's eighth regional branch, and has 12 founder members.

The formation of the new branch was marked by an inaugural dinner at St Enoch's Hotel, Glasgow, on April 11.

Eight members attended. They were Mr B. H. Kemball-Cook, headmaster; Mr Harry King; Mr Leslie Bamford (1924-1932), who is chairman of the new branch; Mr Basil Holden (1921-1932); Mr Alf Battersby (1927-1934); Mr Roy Brunskill (1948-1952); Mr Ray Smith (1948-1954), treasurer; and Mr Paul Price (1948-1954), secretary.

Mr Bamford proposed the Loyal Toast and a toast to the School. Mr Kemball-Cook, responding, expressed sincere wishes for the new branch's success. Mr King said grace.

Apologies were received from five members who were unable to attend.

They were Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors; Mr G. Norman Forbes, chairman of the Old Blackburnians' Association; Mr Ron Dobson (1934-1943); Mr Hugh Caithness (1903-1909); and the Rev Philip Hacking (1942-1950).

The association's new branch has been formed as a result of efforts by Mr Price, 27-year-old Scottish, Irish, and North of England representative for L. S. Mayer (London) Ltd., leather goods manufacturers.

Armed with a list of names and addresses supplied by Mr Fred Bury, Mr Price started inquiries.

He received valuable help from Mr Smith. Between them, they sent out 48 circulars inviting support for the proposed branch, and got 10 replies.

The first meeting, held at the Kenilworth Hotel, Glasgow, was attended by Mr Price, Mr Smith, Mr Dobson, and Mr Brunskill.

Apologies were received from Mr Caithness, of Garmouth, Moray; Mr P. N. Banks, of Bathgate; Mr G. S. Ferguson, of Roslin, Midlothian; and Mr Hacking, of Edinburgh.

Mr Price says: "There is considerable interest in the branch, and I feel this was helped by the dinner, as all members present were enthusiastic, and offered to help in any way possible.

"My thanks to everyone concerned for their support."

## OFFICERS

Chairman: Leslie P. Bamford, Burns Hill, Helensburgh, Dunbarton. Secretary: Paul N. Price, 18 Faskally Avenue, Bishopbriggs, Lanarkshire. Treasurer: Ray Smith, 147 Woodhill Road, Bishopbriggs. Membership 5s.

## MANCHESTER

Mr John F. Dark (1930-1939), thoracic surgeon to the Manchester Regional Hospital Board, was chief guest at the annual dinner of the Manchester branch in the Bavaria Suite at Belle Vue on February 27.

The party from Blackburn included the headmaster, Mr B. H. Kemball-Cook; Mr G. Norman Forbes, association chairman; Mr Harold Burrows, association secretary; Mr Fred Bury, association treasurer; Dr F. Tyler, second master; Mr H. King; Mr E. J. Kay; Mr G. H. Tate; Mr A. Eastham; Councillor Tom Taylor, chairman of Blackburn Education Committee; and Mr D. G. Hartley, Blackburn Chief Education Officer.

Mr I. D. Malloch, branch chairman, presided and proposed the Loyal Toast.

Mr Kemball-Cook replied to the toast of "The School," proposed by Mr G. Gilmore, branch secretary, and Mr Dark responded to "The Guests," proposed by Dr T. S. Hindle.

Others present were Mr R. H. Davenport, Mr R. Ball, Mr G. Carter, Mr A. J. McLeod, Mr D. Sharples, Mr N. J. Cunliffe, Mr M. Wade, and Mr G. B. Kay.

Members of the Manchester branch were entertained to a social evening by the School on April 27.

Twenty-seven old boys, masters, and senior pupils played games—snooker, darts, table tennis, and bagatelle—in Big School before sitting down to a supper of meat rolls, pies, cakes, and tea.

Among the guests, who were welcomed by Mr King on behalf of Mr Kemball-Cook, were Mr Dark, Mr Malloch, Mr Davenport, and Mr Ball. (Picture—page 3).

**Bob Davenport** writes:—John Marshall, who broke his leg, is now fully recovered.

Bill Cunliffe has become a pathologist at Manchester Royal Infirmary, and also has certain teaching commitments.

Mick Wade is being transferred to Bedford by his bank, and we wish him the best of luck in his new position.

Gordon Gilmore has given up the job of secretary and spends his new-found freedom in a flat, surrounded by guitars. I should like to thank him for all the time he has given to the association.

Bob Ball has taken over as treasurer.

## OFFICERS

Chairman: Ian D. Malloch, 25 London Road, Blackburn; secretary: Bob Davenport, 11 Ribblesdale Avenue, Wilshire, Blackburn; treasurer: Robert H. Ball, 7 Gorse Road, Blackburn.

## OXFORD

David Nicholson, Christ Church, has been appointed public speaking secretary of the Oxford University Conservative Association.

He has also been elected a member of the exclusive Blue Ribbon Club, and has been appointed assistant editor of Oxford Tory, one of the university's leading political magazines.

David Ambrose, Merton College, is president of the Carlton Club.

The branch's annual dinner was held at Christ Church on May 8. Full story, picture—page 15.

## OFFICERS

President: Brian Wilson, St Catherine's College; secretary: John Parkinson, St Peter's College; treasurer: David E. Ambrose, Merton College.

## LIVERPOOL

Fourteen members of the association enjoyed a supper evening at Liverpool University Students' Union on May 14.

Dr D. V. Roberts (1935-1940), lecturer in physiology, presided.

Undergraduates present were Mr P. D. Simm, Mr P. H. Bland, Mr D. Walker, Mr A. F. Bradburne, Mr A. Heyes, Mr D. Lowe, Mr D. E. Entwistle, and Mr I. Piper.

In the party from Blackburn were Mr H. Burrows, association secretary; Mr H. Kennedy, Mr H. King, Mr A. Eastham, and Mr F. S. Walmsley.

Mr Simm proposed "Our Guests," and Mr Kennedy replied.

## OFFICERS

Organising secretary: P. D. Simm.

## LONDON

**E. B. Norman** writes:—Forty-three members attended the London branch's annual dinner at the Stag Hotel, Victoria, on February 15.

From Blackburn came the headmaster, Mr B. H. Kemball-Cook; Mr G. N. Forbes, association chairman; Mr H. Burrows, association secretary; and Mr H. King.

Apologies were received from several members, including Sir Benjamin Ormerod, president of the association; Mr W. Hare, chairman of the governors; Mr C. R. Davies, vice-chairman of the governors; Mr A. Fryars; and Mr G. Armistead.

Mr H. Brogden, branch president, presided and proposed the Loyal Toast.

After an excellent dinner, Mr Brogden led the way quickly through the branch annual meeting before asking Mr J. Lee, a member of the branch committee, to propose a toast to "Our Visitors."

Mr Lee extended a genuinely sincere welcome to the members from Blackburn, and made special mention of Mr A. Montagnon, who left QEGS in 1924 after five years as a mathematics master. Mr Burrows replied.

Mr Keith Knott, branch treasurer, proposed "The School and the Association."

Replying, Mr Kemball-Cook said that building continued at the School and the appeal fund was in a "healthy condition."

He said the governors were most grateful for a gift of £15,000 from Blackburn Town Council.

The new building in Duke's Brow was progressing well, as was the Lammack playing fields scheme, which it was hoped would be complete in about two years. One major project for the future was a new assembly hall at the School.

Mr Kemball-Cook hoped that, under any new system of education which might be introduced in Blackburn, the School would be able to continue to play its part to the full in a way in which it was particularly geared to do so.

On March 11, 35 branch members and their relatives and friends went to the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, to see Michael Flanders and Donald Swann in "At the Drop of Another Hat."

## OFFICERS

President: H. Brogden; chairman: F. A. Stonehouse; secretary: E. B. Norman, 3 Kemnal Park, Three Gates Lane, Haslemere, Surrey; treasurer: K. M. Knott, Oakside, Sudbury Hill, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.

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Mr T. L. Duerden, formerly School director of music, retired at Easter after 25 years as organist and choirmaster at Blackburn Cathedral. Ralph Robinson, an Old Blackburnian (1944-1951) and former chorister, contributes this appreciation to mark the . . .

# END OF AN ERA IN CATHEDRAL MUSIC

IT NEEDS someone as large as life to establish a cathedral standard of music anywhere. The man who retired at Easter after doing this in Blackburn for the past 25 years is a bit larger than life.

Mr Thomas L. Duerden, who was organist and master of the choristers at Blackburn Cathedral, combines the dynamism of a Lancashire cotton baron (minus the muck and brass) with the authority of a naval commander.

It is an experience to see him come down King William Street like a ship in full sail, bid a booming "Good morning, officer," to the constable on point duty at the cross-roads, and bear down on the Cathedral as though he were going to ram it.

One remembers his energetic conducting at Diocesan festivals, and on one occasion the amazement on hundreds of faces as he leapt into the air and almost broke his rostrum on landing.

Mr Duerden is a rare exponent of the "grand manner"—an invaluable asset when one considers that almost all he has achieved at the Cathedral he has had to do on a shoestring.

There has never been enough money to pay even semi-pro-

fessional singers. He has had to command the loyalty of his choir by sheer force of personality, together with understanding, warmth, and a willingness to help, in many personal ways, those who were associated with him.

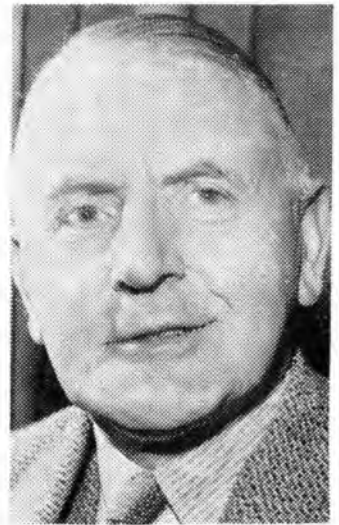
He was invited to take over at the Cathedral in 1939—a few years after it was raised to cathedral status from a parish church. He accepted and began a complete re-organisation of the musical set-up.

Since then he has expanded the musical library enormously, re-established the ancient Song School, which had ceased to exist in the 16th century, and raised £12,000 to found bequests for the musical education of his choirboys.

Not everyone took kindly to his innovations, though what opposition there was came from those members of the congregation who preferred a parish church tradition in music.

Some thought the congregation should join more in the singing. Other complained about his use of Latin in certain anthems; to staunch Protestants this amounted to a betrayal of the Reformation, an act of treachery. The battle-cry of both sets was: "Give us summam we know."

Still others were delighted to be discovering new horizons in church music. To many outside Blackburn, and indeed, Lancashire, Blackburn was a place to be noted on the map of church music.



Mr Duerden

Mr Duerden's own view has been that only the best is good enough for a cathedral. One cannot remember him saying it in so many words, for, like many professionals, he prefers to get on with the job rather than talk about it. Rather he has said it in refusing to neglect what he thinks is the best, and in the loving care he has taken in preparing it for performance.

One afternoon in 1934, his wife's cousin paid him a surprise visit and asked him to listen to her voice. Somewhat puzzled, he agreed and he accompanied her in "O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion" from the Messiah. He recognised a voice of richness and purity and promised to take her on as a pupil. With this, Kathleen Ferrier had started on her way to international recognition.

Mr Duerden's retirement marked the end of an era in the music of Blackburn Cathedral, but not the end of his career.

He will continue as an examiner for several musical boards and as an adjudicator at music festivals.

Most of all, he will continue to visit choirs through out the country as the Special Commissioner of the Royal School of Church Music. He has already made more than 1,100 visits of this kind to choirs in churches, colleges, and schools.

He will be missed at Blackburn Cathedral... and not only for musical reasons. Many a dull sermon has come to a premature end after the electric blower in the organ has whirled into life in the stillness.

One suspects that even tone-deaf parsons who have received a swift and chilling prompt from the organ in the sung part of the service will regret Mr Duerden's retirement.

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## Regional reports ● from previous page

### CAMBRIDGE

R. E. Sowerby, St Catharine's College, writes:—The Cambridge branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association falls into two groups—those who are members of Downing College, and those who are not.

As most of the branch's members do in fact belong to Downing, and because it is convenient to hold our annual dinner there, it has proved desirable that branch officers should be Downing members.

Apart from earlier meetings in the Michaelmas term and the dinner in Hilary term, some members have met periodically over lunch.

The activities of individual members in Trinity term have been clouded by the prospect of examinations. Tripos fever is severe.

But tennis, cricket, and even croquet have been taken up gaily, as well as more leisurely activities on the Cam.

J. Harwood, Trinity College, writes:—Our fortnightly pub lunches, started in Hilary term

so that we could meet more frequently, have lapsed.

I hope they will be resumed next term.

Dave Bolton is now teaching in London. He recently bought the red MG that Norman Whalley used to park at School.

Mick Hayhurst travels up to London quite often.

Trevor Blackshaw is still up here, and Peter Murphy is following up a very fine chess career at School by playing in Downing's first team.

### OFFICERS

President: D. M. Child, St Catharine's College; secretary: A. J. Pendlebury, 44 Perne Road, Cambridge; treasurer: P. H. Gaskill.

### DURHAM

J. C. Sparks writes:—The small contingent of three old boys at present at Durham—which is no longer affiliated to Newcastle University—prohibits the elsewhere common get-together.

For this reason, Durham is somewhat cut off from the Old Blackburnians' Association.

Durham has one of the largest student-inhabitant ratios in the country and, partly as a consequence of this, the university finds itself responsible not only for its own social life but also to a considerable extent for that of the younger section of the local population.

I have heard several inhabitants confess to an attitude approaching dread towards an imminent vacation.

R. J. Leaver adds his own contribution to the lighter side of social life as rhythm guitarist in the Grey College Rock Group. On Saturday nights he almost lifts the roof off the old Union reading room.

The collegiate system which we have at Durham functions smoothly and has the advantage, as far as my own entirely residential college is concerned, of insulating the unwary from below-par lodgings and preventing semi-isolation from fellow students. Grey College forms a self-contained community of about 300 members.

# SCOUTS' JUBILEE

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Mr Croasdale (60), was formerly provincial secretary in the Enugu province of Nigeria.

He attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1915 to 1923, and later took a BA degree at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, before entering the Colonial Service.

Guests were given copies of a history of the group, specially written by Mr G. M. Mercer, classics master and senior scout leader, who has served the group for 29 years.

The address at the jubilee service was given by the Rev W. David Robinson, Vicar of St James's Church, Blackburn, who is also a former member of the group (1942-1949).

The congregation included Mr J. C. Jepson, County Commissioner; Mr J. A. Hanson, District Commissioner; Mr Kemball-Cook; and many parents and friends.

Mr Bernard Davies, Scoutmaster, read the lesson, and Mr Robinson dedicated a flag which had been made and presented by Mrs F. Singleton.

The Scout Law was read by Hugh McLeod, senior scout patrol leader, and the renewal of the promise was led by Mr Mercer. Mr Tate led prayers.

The accompanist was Robin

Bolton, one of the younger members of the group.

Anniversary celebrations also included a day's outing to Wharfedale, in which 85 took part.

## OB's unit wins top award

A machine designed by an old boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School won the top prize, the George Ashton trophy, in the NALGO "Accolade for Enterprise" competition.

Awards in the competition were presented by the Duke of Edinburgh in London on June 2.

The top award went to a portable hand-washing unit for market traders, designed by Mr Eric Preston, chief inspector of weights and measures and markets superintendent at St Albans.

Mr Preston joined Blackburn Corporation weights and measures department when he left School, and moved to St Albans in 1939.

Judges in the competition were Baroness Wootton, Sir Harry Pilkington, and Sir John Wolfenden.

## RAIN HITS OPEN DAY

MANY pupils, parents, old boys, and friends saw a host of indoor exhibitions and events at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School when the School's annual Open Day was held on June 2.

Torrential rain washed out events which were due to be held out of doors.

The model racing car club displayed a racing track in one of the form rooms, and in the geography room a big model of a Swiss mountain landscape, made by the boys, complete with an electrically-driven cable car, dominated the scene and illustrated glacier formation and Alpine agriculture.

Other projects included a study of freight traffic density on Blackburn's roads.

In another room, Mr Roger Hargreaves, physics master, presided over a magnificent collection of model trains and complicated railway track layouts.

Art exhibitions, senior boys' projects, photographic displays, coin collections, and a host of other items completed the programme.

Welcoming visitors, the headmaster, Mr B. H. Kemball-Cook, said that the exhibitions were designed to give a picture of activities inside and outside the classroom.

## Mr Kennedy

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Mr Kennedy remained at the college to take his Diploma in the Theory and Practice of Teaching. For this, he studied under Professor Godfrey Thomson, and helped him with the statistical analysis of the famous "Northumberland Test," which helped to establish the principle of intelligence tests.

Mr Kennedy received his MSc degree in 1923. He taught at Washington Secondary School, County Durham, from 1921 to 1926, and was senior mathematics master at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield (Warwickshire), for three years before moving to Queen Elizabeth's in 1929.

He has been housemaster of Hawkins since about 1934. For most of his time at the school, he was responsible for the purchase and distribution of text-books. He gave up this position a year ago.

Mr Kennedy estimates that he must have taught up to 2,000 boys. "They haven't changed much over the years," he said. "I think boys are fundamentally the same now as when I came here."

Mr Kennedy has served on the Blackburn Joint Four Committee and is a member of the teachers' panel on the Blackburn Transfer Examination Sub-committee.

In 1953-54, he was chairman of a Blackburn advisory committee on the teaching of arithmetic in primary and secondary schools, and he has twice been president of Blackburn Philosophical and Scientific Society, in 1946-47 and 1957-58. He has served on the committee since the society was formed.

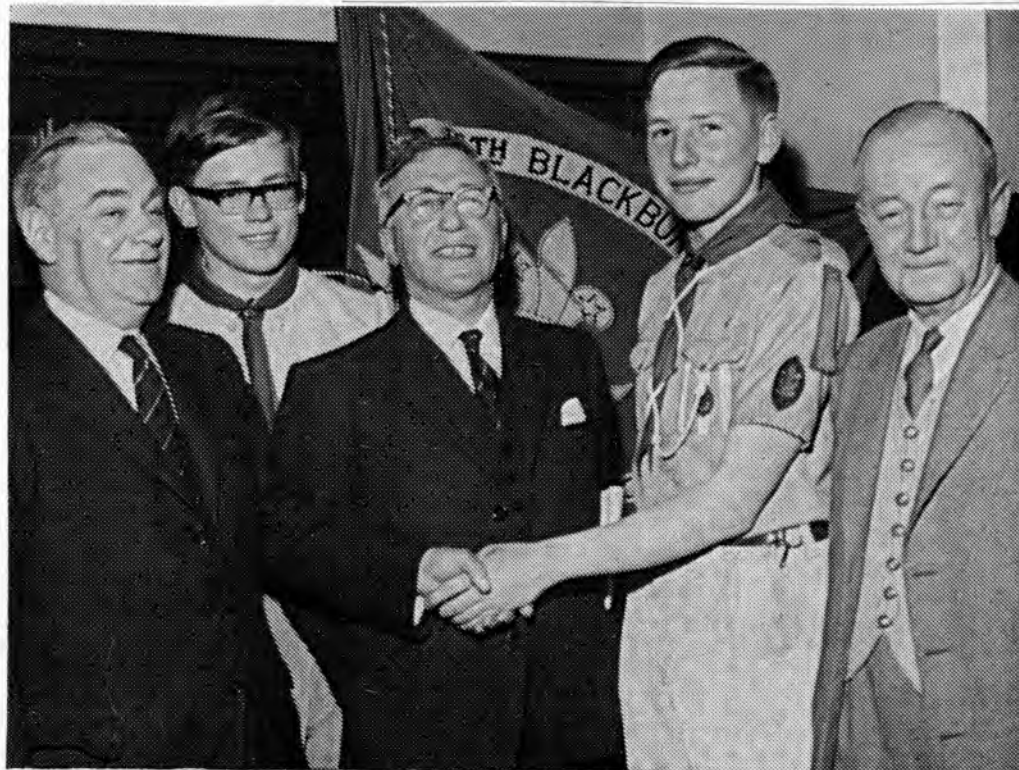
Mr Kennedy's son, John, was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's and took a degree in electrical engineering at King's College, London. He is now an electrical engineer at Whitehaven, Cumberland.

Mr Kennedy enjoys gardening and travel, and has a large collection of classical records. He is particularly fond of Mozart. He used to play for the staff in the annual staff v old boys tennis tournament.

Mr Kennedy will continue to live in Blackburn after his retirement.

He will be succeeded as senior mathematics master by Mr Fred Bury, association treasurer, who was at QEGS from 1931 to 1939 and was head boy in his last year at School.

● An appreciation of Mr Kennedy's work at the School will appear in the next issue of MAGISTER.



Fifty years of Scouting at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School are spanned as three founder members of the group meet two of the present troop leaders. Left to right: Mr R. W. McArthur, of Barrowford; Roger Hoyle (16), Kestrel Troop leader; Mr F. H. Jacobson, of Cheadle; Andrew Lund (16), Eagle Troop leader; and Mr R. F. Whalley, of Blackburn.

On June 13th, 1914, at a meeting held in Canterbury Street Barracks, the 10th Blackburn (Grammar School) Scout Group was born, when Captain Livingstone James proposed the formation of a Scout troop to the boys of Blackburn Grammar School.

On June 24th the School Governors gave their approval. Troop officers were to be Captain Livingstone James and Lieutenants Hornby and Jamieson.

There were six patrols, Beaver, Bull, Curlew, Kangaroo, Lion, and Wolf. Parades were held weekly on Saturday afternoons.

On July 4 the troop made its first public appearance at a review held in Queen's Park, and by November we find the troop already 40 strong, with a band playing in a parade of 360 Blackburn Scouts at Wilmar Lodge.

The band was the pride and joy of the troop for the next ten years, and played regularly in the School assembly. After that, it disappears.

When all the original officers were called up on the outbreak of war, Mr S. Gordon Smith took over.

There followed a period of very rapid growth, for by the summer of 1915, when the first troop camp was held at Lytham for a week in September, there were already ten King's Scouts and ten holders of the all-round cord, a record never since equalled.

From 1916 to 1918 there is a gap in the records, but it seems clear that Mr Gordon Smith must have gone, for the numbers dwindled, and we read in the log for May 9, 1918, that "after a long period of inactivity, the troop was re-organised by C. R. le Manquais."

Sixteen of the original troop were still available and by June numbers were up to 23.

In 1918 we first find mention of Charles Croasdale and Harold Burrows.

Charles was PL of the Lions: he went on to Cambridge and then to a government post in Nigeria where he has had a most distinguished record. We met him again in 1933 at the Hungarian Jamboree, and in 1935 he camped with us in Borrowdale whilst on leave.

Harold, also PL of the Lions, has never left Blackburn nor Scouting since. To-day he holds the Silver Wolf, Scouting's highest award, and is Deputy County Commissioner and GSM of the Woodlands Group, our oldest and most formidable rivals.

# 50 YEARS OF SCOUTING AT QEGS

BY G. M. MERCER

This article is condensed from a history of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Scout Group which Mr Mercer wrote to mark the group's golden jubilee.

In 1919, Mr le Manquais left to take up a post at Bristol, and the next seven years saw the troop in constant search of a permanent leader.

In 1926 George Braithwaite became Scoutmaster, and from now on there is a period of steady progress, with a succession of devoted and experienced Scouters.

George gave five years of invaluable service, from 1926 to 1931, during the whole of which time he was loyally supported by Jim Schollick, first as troop leader and later as ASM.

A Cub Pack was formed in 1928 and continued to flourish until the war years. Mrs Collier kept them together until they finally disbanded under the stress of wartime conditions which was making meetings almost impossible. They were never revived.

In 1928 too, the Scouts, now over 40 strong, were split into two troops, senior and junior. So, with two Scout troops and a Cub pack, we became technically a group for the first time, though it was not until 1932 that Mr Hale took out the first Group Scoutmaster's warrant.

When, at the end of 1931, Mr Braithwaite left to take up a senior post at the Perse School, Cambridge, he was succeeded by Mr Cecil Hale straight from Oxford, where he had been Senior Rover Mate of the University Rover Crew.

There he had had under his charge G. M. Mercer who, in 1936, was to follow in his footsteps as GSM.

Cecil Hale was full of enthusiasm and ideas backed by a wealth of Scouting experience. He was in charge of the group until December, 1934, when he left to take up a post at Redcar.

The next year, 1935, was a year of celebrations. It was the Jubilee year of King George V, and the group took a large part in the construction and firing of the Jubilee Beacon on Pendle summit.

It was also the 21st anniversary of the group, and celebrations took the form of a jamborette held at the school on Saturday, June 13.

In the summer of 1936, the Chief Scout, Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell, paid a visit to Blackburn for the County Rally, held at Troy.

Four King's Scouts from the group formed part of the guard of honour. They were: Jim Lightbown, Frank Duckworth, Walter Maxwell, and Bill Grundy.

In the summer of 1938, for the first time in the history of the group, 19 of its members visited the International Scout Chalet at Kandersteg with Mr Mercer and had a fortnight of glorious weather.

In 1939 came the 25th anniversary of the group. As we had only just had a major celebration in 1935, it was decided to celebrate on a more modest scale with a field day and feast at Waddington.

In July came the ever-memorable senior hike in Wester Ross while the juniors camped at Bossington in Devon.

In September came the war.

The group remained active throughout the war years.

By the end of 1945 the war was virtually over and we were able to count our losses.

Among others, Peter Carmichael, Jim Croft, Gordon Lamb, Ian MacPhee, Lancelot Pennell, Derek Ryden, had all given their lives.

Others, far more than we have space to record individually, had given notable and distinguished service in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

By September, 1946, in spite of all the difficulties of the past few years, we had 27 Scouts organised in four patrols, two senior and two junior, working as a single troop.

"Bob-a-job" started in 1949 as a temporary expedient to help to finance National HQ from within the movement but, having proved so successful, it has come to stay.

It has proved a valuable source of income to the group as well, as any excess over our obligation to HQ is retained by the group, and this has meant an average of £50 per annum earned by the boys for their own group.

For some years the problem of officer strength had been causing concern.

The turning of the tide came in 1951 when Mr G. H. Tate joined the staff and took out a warrant as Scoutmaster. Numbers were now large enough to form a second junior troop this year.

At the end of 1955, Mr Mercer invited Mr Tate to take over the responsibilities of Group Scoutmaster, which he readily agreed to do, and he has discharged these duties for the past nine years with notable success.

One of his first aims was to revive the Group Committee, which had met only occasionally since 1946, and to invite the full co-operation of the parents in the group activities.

Consequently we have to-day a very strong and vigorous Group Committee.

By the end of 1956, the group had no fewer than eight Queen's Scouts, and in May, Mr Mercer was awarded the Medal of Merit.

Four Queen's Scout badges were gained in 1958, one in 1960, and three more in 1961.

The event of 1961 was the visit of the Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean, to North-East Lancashire, when a rally was held at Accrington in the spring.

The same evening he was invited to meet representatives of the County in Big School.

The School group was well represented at both functions and we gave him a great send-off which brought us a personal letter of thanks.

The group has completed 50 active years of Scouting, and we look back on them with pride.

We now look forward to even happier and more successful days of Scouting in the years ahead.

## A WONDERFUL RECORD —CHIEF SCOUT



## In brief

**DIRECTOR.** — Thirty-four-year-old Mr Ernest Allen (1940-1945), of 32 Vancouver Crescent, Blackburn, has been appointed a director of Thomas Moss and Sons (Preston) Ltd., which he joined 11 years ago as a cloth analysis designer.

**HEAD.**—Mr Roy Mayhall (1940-1947), formerly deputy headmaster of St Thomas's Junior School, Blackburn, has taken up a new appointment as headmaster of Heighington Endowed Church of England Junior Boys' School, near Lincoln.

**TOUR.**—Dr Alec Hay (1910-1912), who recently retired as chief inspector of schools, travelled round the Mediterranean last winter and spent some time in Israel and Malta.

**ORGANISING.**—Mr James Haydock (1915-1925) is organising a car treasure hunt for the Old Blackburnians' Association on June 25; competitors should assemble at QEGS at about 7 pm.

**SECRETARY.**—Mr Norman Cowburn (1931-1936) has been appointed joint secretary of the Leek and Moorlands Building Society, which he joined in 1954 after working with the Burnley Building Society.

**HONOURED.**—Mr S. G. Leigh-Morgan (48), of Clan-y-Don, Nefyn, Caernarvonshire, was awarded the OBE in the New Year's Honours List for services as territorial controller of posts and telegraphs in the Northern Territory of Nigeria.

**REPRESENTATIVE.** — The Rev Wilfrid T. F. Castle (1924-1927) has been appointed the Archbishop of Canterbury's personal representative to the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople.

**PRIZE.** — Christopher D. Morris (17), of Burlington Road, Blackburn, was awarded the Near Eastern Archeological Prize of Oxford University for an essay on "The Flood: myth or reality?"

**INSPECTOR.**—Mr Lawrence Stanley Whalley (39), of Preston Old Road, Cherry Tree, who was at QEGS from 1935 to 1940, and who joined the Clitheroe branch of the Midland Bank when he left School, has been appointed an inspector of the bank.

# LIGHT ON A BIG DEAL

by Peter Murphy

**THE** place : Downing College, Cambridge. The time : Friday evening. In the library, silence reigns.

Around an unimaginatively designed table sit four young men, in shirt-sleeves and drooping ties, their one common feature a grim, determined expression born and bred within the venerable walls of stately Downing.

Tobacco smoke drifts aimlessly towards the ceiling, dramatised only by the dim lighting, giving it a sickly hue of jaundice-yellow. Unnoticed, a fly treads its lonely path to its natural habitat, the history section.

One of the young men looks up, breaking the atmosphere of frantic concentration.

He flicks the ash decisively from his cigarette. Beyond all doubt, of concentration has been born decision...

"Four spades."

South suppresses a smile of satisfaction. East grits his teeth. His sphinx-like stare graces in turn the score sheet and then West. He awaits the two brief nods, and with no display of emotion turns slowly to South. In a tone not loud, but deep, he drops the bombshell:

"Double."

Let me introduce Fred, who will be accompanying us on our brief tour of Cambridge life which began so summarily in Downing College library a few moments ago.

Fred is a bright enough chap in his own way; no better than the average, I suppose, but certainly nobody's fool.

He didn't actually go to Cambridge himself, but of course he could have made the grade easily if he'd only worked a bit harder. Let's ask him what he thought of what he saw at Downing.

"Is that all you people can find to do with your time?"

A fair question, Fred. Is that all? Well, no... I mean, one can't spend one's whole life playing bridge, can one?

Cambridge offers a wide enough range of activities, after all. We could visit the river and watch the boat club in action—yes, Fred just like on the telly—or we could take a trip to Long Road to watch the soccer.

Then there's the Union, and I hear the Bishop of Woolwich is preaching at Great St Mary's. Quite a few people are off to a party at Girton, and others are going on a "support-home-industries" trip to the "Fountain." Oh, yes, plenty to do besides play bridge.

"Well, I don't see how you can spend so much time doing all these things."

Ah, I quite understand, Fred.

A veiled question about the food. Well, not too bad at a pinch, I daresay. We live. Neat, but not gaudy, as the old saying goes.

Rooms are quite reasonable too, though I must say I'm rather glad I'm not one of those poor blighters who have to live in digs.

Of course, it can get a bit nasty when the gas pressure falls on a cold day; still, what can you expect in the middle of the fen country?

Lots of exercise too. That's what really keeps us going. No-one minds the odd piece of furniture being carved up and thrown around, just for a bit of fun. After all, students will be students.

What's that you say, Fred? Work? Hmm...yes. You mean lectures and supervisions and things.

They take place in the mornings; very useful institution; all in favour myself. A lot of nonsense talked about lectures at Cambridge. They're really quite good.

A friend of mine went to one the other day and he was pleasantly surprised to find it was worth going to.

Bookshops too. They can get you anything you want, provided you don't mind waiting a while... What's that, Fred? Well, no, they couldn't get you that, not with it being banned and such... well, yes, I suppose it is rather poor in a way.

Anyway, weren't you asking about the students? Ah, the students. A mixed bag, to be sure—English, Welsh, Scots, and Irish thrown together, enriching the word by their example and their relentless pursuit of wisdom in all fields of human knowledge.

"But are they really so brilliant?"

Are they really so brilliant? Hmm...well, of course it all depends on whether one wishes to take an objective or subjective view of the word brilliant...

"Well?"

If one compares the methods of selection with those of the average provincial university and relates the results to statistics for...

"Well?"

Well, it's all a question of...

"Oh, never mind. Go away."

This is Fred speaking. I'm afraid with my provincial sense of humour I was having my friend on a bit.

But this is a question which should be analysed seriously. Let us have one thing clear from the outset. The brilliant at Cambridge are brilliant.

The others divide into two classes, the ex-grammar school species and the ex-public school species.

Of the former, it cannot be in general said that they are outstandingly better than their contemporaries at other universities.

Of the latter, in all fairness it must be said that the percentage of them who get in on the so-called "closed scholarships" is very small. The percentage who get in irrespective of merit is even smaller.

Most of the public school species are better than most of the grammar school section of the community.

Such favouritism as there is is probably uncontrollable. But there is one thing that the grammar school sixth-former can do.

He can enter for one of the Oxbridge examinations. A university cannot be expected to accept someone of whom the authorities have never heard.

In general, the grammar schools are far too pessimistic in encouraging their pupils to enter for Oxbridge examinations.

Naturally, only the same numbers will get places, but there is no doubt that they will be more fairly and comprehensively distributed.

If one doesn't get in, that's the time to have a jibe at those gentlemen in the Downing College library, by way of revenge.

After all, no-one should be at Cambridge who doubles four spades on a hand like that.

## In brief

**PRESIDENT.** — Mr John Bolton (1924-1930), of Wellfield Road, Blackburn, head of the mathematics department at Blackburn Technical and Grammar School, has taken office for the second time as president of Blackburn Teachers' Association (NUT).

**SECRETARY.** — Mr Harry Turner (1947-1952), formerly senior administrative assistant in the group secretary's office, Blackburn and District Hospital Management Committee, has been appointed secretary of the Odstock branch of Salisbury General Hospital.



# LOOKING AT CAMBRIDGE

**A.** John Pendlebury, Downing College.—The scenery of Cambridgeshire is beautiful despite the county's flatness. It is not the wild beauty of the North, but rather the trained beauty of farmland and country village.

The city of Combridge reflects the sort of countryside around it, and yet is active, sophisticated completely in touch, and most important of all an ideal place for study.

But the streets, shops, pubs, and coffee bars are noisy—the undergraduate must talk.

Often I am irritated by what undergraduates say. Argument can undoubtedly be constructive, yet so many voices ring loud and hollow with cliché and artifice, to the total destruction of useful and valuable discussion.

Despite this, there can be no doubt that the liberal exchange of views among students is one of the best ways of learning how to think clearly and accurately.

I cannot find fault with academic activities in the university, and I soon saw the efficiency of the well-oiled Cambridge machine.

Everything is carried out with minimum effort and delay. I have never heard of any organisational mistake within the university, which says much for its efficiency, because any error would always be an undergraduate talking point.

It is a pity that such a triumph of organisation could not find wider application.

Sports facilities within college and university are second to none, with professional instruction in most sports.

I like the way it is easy to find people to play against no matter what standard you are.

Socially the university has a lot to offer, but it is necessary to look for enjoyment. No-one must expect to have social activities thrust upon him.

Parties are the most common event and are at first exciting and enjoyable, but I feel that the

"win-the-girl" game can be played better elsewhere.

I do like the way wine is drunk at parties. It is a far cleaner drink than beer or other drinks, and is invaluable for getting parties off to a quick start.

I have probably done most of the things that a normal undergraduate might do—attended conferences, faculty lectures, political meetings; read plays, reviews, satirical magazines; seen films, festivals, and other

## A letter from Mr Northam

Many old boys will remember Mr Percy C. Northam, who used to teach Latin at QEGS.

Mr Northam now lives at Weathercots, Sidford, Sidmouth, South Devon (tel. Sidmouth 583) and we were pleased to receive a letter from him recently.

He writes :—

"I was very happy in Blackburn for 26 years, but I should not like to go back now.

"The School is so large and the numbers so many that masters and boys would be little more than names!

"I went to the School in 1909, retired in 1935, and am now 89. I am quite fit, but my memory and sight are—as we would say in a school report—very weak.

"I have had to give up most of my reading and all letter-writing. This is the first time I have put pen to paper for a very long time, save the 'enclosed please find' type.

"Very many old boys come and see me. Coggins and his wife turned up not very long ago.

"He is now living in Windsor—I expect you remember him. I always get an annual greeting from Mr Holden.

"If you are ever in this part of our island come and see me—we can have a chat about old times over a convivial drink!

Very sincerely yours,  
P.C.N."

things besides; met interesting people; played golf for college; punted for Cambridge against Oxford; am secretary of a university club; and have done many other things which escape my memory.

The main thing about Cambridge is the almost complete freedom of action and opinion extended to all undergraduates; this is what no-one should be glad to have missed.

David M. Child, St Catharine's College.—I am in my last term at Cambridge, and can look back over three years and say that it is a time I am grateful to have had the opportunity of enjoying.

Although I look forward to the future, this is not because Cambridge has been a disappointment. I do not think one could ask for more beautiful or convenient surroundings in which to work.

The quality of the lecturing has varied from the excellent to the abysmal, but has improved with time, so that the final impression is favourable.

It is the same with supervisions—some of the dons are extremely conscientious, and have thought out the problems they pose; others have a very lackadaisical attitude which fails to impress or to help.

The number of films one ought to see are legion, but it is the theatre which has been the highlight for me.

Not only the professional performances but the excellent productions by university dramatic societies will be long remembered.

My own college, St Catharine's, has an adequate musical and scientific society, but apart from this chaos seems to reign.

This is especially true of the debating society, where eloquence rather than knowledge or reasoning appear to be in vogue—how could it be otherwise when discussions centre on such topics as "Fairies."

But one can spend three years at St Catharine's without worrying about the decline of the debating society.

The college takes undergraduates from a wide variety of schools, many of them from grammar schools and very few from the major public schools.

The facilities are excellent. Everything from meals to baths and washing machine is to hand, making college life more enjoyable than digs.

## Appointed head

Mr Kenneth Entwistle (1928-1934), headmaster of St Matthew's CE Junior and Infants' School, Blackburn, has been appointed headmaster of Bolton-le-Sands Primary School.

## MR HYLAND IS NEW MANAGER



Mr Hyland

Mr Graham Hyland, of Revidge Road, Blackburn, has been appointed manager of Blackburn Employment Exchange.

Mr Hyland joined the staff of the exchange when he left Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in 1939.

He served in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War, and afterwards obtained a BSc degree in economics as an external student of London University.

He continued his service with the Ministry of Labour in the South of England, and later worked in Bolton, Preston, and Manchester before being appointed deputy manager at Blackburn in 1959—the position he has held until now.

He is married, and has three children.

## Rained off

The annual School v Old Boys cricket match was postponed because of heavy rain on Open Day (June 2), and will now take place some evening later this term.

## In brief

**TROPHY.**—Martyn Smith, a pupil at QEGS, won three first prizes at Blackburn Festival of Music, and carried off the Mary Greenwood trophy—the top award for piano solo competitors.

**SUCCESS.**—Mr L. Keith Wyld (1948-1950), of Shear Brow, Blackburn, who teaches at St Peter's CE Boys' Secondary School, Blackburn, has passed the licentiate examination in speech of the London College of Music.

## Graham conducts orchestra

Sixteen-year-old Graham Bond conducted the School junior orchestra in a performance of Malcolm Arnold's "Toy Symphony" at a concert on June 1.

The concert, organised by the School's director of music, Mr Roy Rimmer, included works by William Mathias and Benjamin Britten and madrigals, anthems, and motets.

# DR H. M. POLLARD OPENS GARDEN FETE



Pictured watching a Punch and Judy show with children at the fete are Dr Pollard (left) and Dr Claxton.

## 'Christianity is vital and alive,' he declares

**DR HUGH M. POLLARD** (1926-1934), of Simonstone, principal of the new Church of England Training College at Lancaster, was the opener of a fete held in the grounds of Rowley Hall, Burnley, in May, to raise funds for a new Church of England secondary modern school in Burnley.

Dr Pollard told more than 800 people who attended that the new school would fill a gap in Church of England education in Burnley.

It would teach youngsters much more than the three Rs, he

said—it would teach them that Christianity was something vital and alive.

Among those at the fete were the Bishop of Blackburn, Dr C. R. Claxton; the Bishop of Burnley, the Right Rev G. E. Holderness; and the Rural Dean of Burnley, the Rev G. A. Williams.

About £350 was raised towards the cost of the new school, construction of which is due to start in 1968.

## THIS IS WHAT YOU PAY

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES

**Full members :** 7s 6d per annum, or £1 for three years, paid in advance

**Junior members :** 5s per annum (for the first three years after leaving School)

**Life members :** £5 5s 0d

Full members are encouraged to pay by banker's order. The order should give instructions to pay 7s 6d on August 1 annually to Lloyds Bank Ltd., Blackburn branch, to be credited to the Old Blackburnians' Association. The treasurer will send an order form if requested.

## YOUR SUBS: AN EXPLANATION

AS more and more boys of Queen Elizabeth's increase the extent of their education, so the spread of old boys over the whole country continues.

If, as is hoped, they remain members of the Old Blackburnians' Association, decisions will have to be taken on their behalf at the annual general meeting, and it seems opportune whilst giving a copy of last year's accounts to provide a background to some of the important financial steps taken last December.

The profit shown is false. The BLACKBURNIAN, bought for 1s per copy, was being subsidised by the School magazine committee, to the extent of over 3s per year for each member, and this could not go on.

If a fair price was to be paid, there was no alternative to raising the subscription rates.

A strong case could be made for such action. The subscription was 5s almost 40 years ago when the association was founded: it is now 7s 6d, which is not exactly in pace with the devaluation of the pound.

by Fred Bury,  
association treasurer.

Further, the present rate is only equivalent to a farthing a day, a small price to pay in gratitude for a life's foundation—not that an appeal to loyalty alone was considered adequate.

Members are entitled to value for their money, and it was felt that many of the older ones, long out of touch with the School, would not be enthusiastic about the magazine at an increased price.

It was decided to introduce MAGISTER and retain the 7s 6d subscription. This would make it possible to give more news of old boys but at the sacrifice of much that is interesting to those who have just left School.

To these newer recruits to the association what happens to those who take their place in societies, house, and School XIs, etc., is important, so it was decided to send a magazine free of charge for the first five years after leaving School.

Many are students for much of this period, a difficult time financially, so the junior subscription rate of 5s per year for the first three years was retained.

Beyond the five year period, members wishing to receive the BLACKBURNIAN can do so by paying an annual subscription of 7s 6d to the treasurer of the magazine.

The life membership rate was re-adopted.

MAGISTER is not cheap to produce and distribute ; it has to be faced, there are defaulters ; the "postages" gives an indication of the number of reminders sent out : in short, a healthy financial state will still depend upon reliability of contract.

With this in mind, a new subscription rate was introduced—£1, in advance, for three years to be independent of any increase during the period.

Even this involves correspondence, and so a personal plea from the treasurer to one and all—there is nothing to beat a banker's order, 7s 6d paid painlessly on August 1 each year!

The accounts show how the money goes to keep you, the members, in touch with each other and to give a little help to the School through the Covenant.

The object of the association is not to make a profit, but we wish to remain sound, to be ready if and when the School needs us.

It is worth repeating that **MAGISTER** is not cheap to produce either in terms of cash or endeavour, but it would cost very little extra of either to distribute another thousand copies.

If you know an old boy who does not receive **MAGISTER**, please show him your copy or encourage him to write for one—or let the treasurer have his name and address and a copy will be sent for his approval. *Will you help?*

## OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 1963

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

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## BALANCE SHEET

			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Life Membership Fund :						Lammack Ground at cost, less sales ..			1207	15	6
Balance at 1st September, 1962 ..	1234	16	0			Investments—4% Consols :					
Additions .. .. .	5	5	0			£300 at cost .. .. .	210	12	0		
						£950 at par .. .. .	950	0	0		
	1240	1	0			(Market value £886) .. .. .			1160	12	0
Deletions .. .. .	31	10	0			Cash at Bank : Lloyds Bank Ltd. ..	34	14	11		
						District Bank Ltd. ..	0	18	5		
War Memorial Fund .. .. .			1208	11	0	B'burn Savings Bank .. .. .	5	9	3		
Accumulated Fund :					1207	15	6		41	2	7
Profit on 1962-63 .. .. .	87	2	11			Cash in hand .. .. .			30	6	11
Loss at 1st September, 1962 ..	63	12	5								
			23	10	6						
			£2439	17	0				£2439	17	0

HONORARY AUDITORS' REPORT : We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Old Blackburnians' Association as above set forth, together with the books and vouchers relating thereto. In our opinion they represent a true and correct picture of the transactions of the Association during the year ended July 31st, 1963.

Signed: KENNETH H. MARSDEN, F.C.A.  
WILLIAM HARE, F.C.A.





## OB completes 40 years at hospital

**MR FRANK BLEASDALE**, of Roney Street, Blackburn, completed 40 years' service at Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, in May.

He was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1916 to 1920.

Mr Bleasdale, who will shortly retire from his position as chief laboratory technician, initiated the pathology department at the hospital and ran it virtually alone until 1946.

Since then, the department has grown considerably.

Mr Bleasdale, born in Blackburn in 1903, is a member of a well-known musical family, several members of which were instrumentalists in the old Blackburn Public Brass Band, which was conducted by Mr Bleasdale's father.

Mr Bleasdale played the trombone.

At a dinner at the May House Hotel, Blackburn, on May 24, Mr Bleasdale was presented with a picnic hamper, a tea set, and a tea-maker by Dr C. K. Heffernan, consultant pathologist.

Mr Bleasdale (left) is pictured receiving congratulations from Dr Heffernan as Mrs Bleasdale looks on.

## Off on a trip to the Lake District

A PARTY of sixth-formers from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School spent two days on a geographical field expedition in the Lake District at Easter.

The boys are pictured as they wait on Blackburn station—complete with anoraks, cameras, and rucksacks—for the train which took them on the first stage of their journey north.

## Philip will play for England

The head boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Philip Almond (18), of Rockliffe Street, Blackburn, has been selected for the English under-18 chess team in the Glorney Cup competition between France, Holland, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and England.

Philip won the Northern Counties Junior Championship with a score of five-and-a-half out of six.

In October he is going up to Downing College, Cambridge.

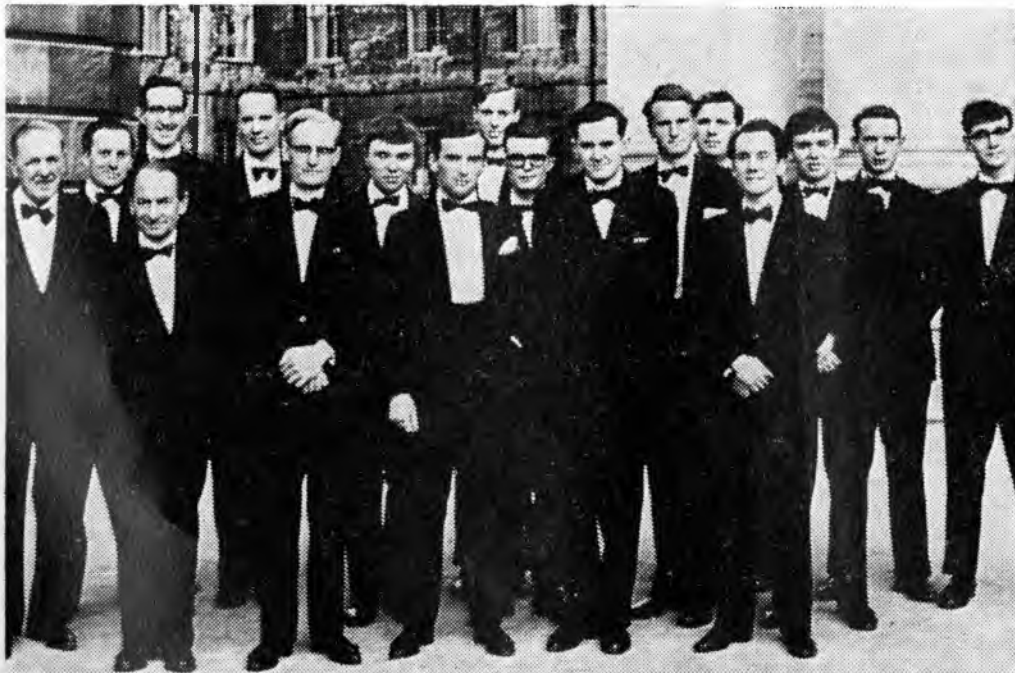


# OUR MEN AT ST MARK'S . . .

THREE old boys who belong to the amateur dramatic society of St Mark's Church, Witton, Blackburn, took part in the society's production of "Friends and Neighbours," a two-act comedy, in April. They were Fred Barnes (1928-1934), standing, left; Ian Batey (1947-1952) standing, right; and Eric Kay (1937-1942) seated, centre. Also pictured, left to right, are: Marion Oldham, Edith Blackledge, Pamela Barnes, Donald Walmsley, and Joan Batey. The Vicar of St Mark's, the Rev F. W. Stephens (not pictured), is also an Old Blackburnian (1919-1929).



## . . . AND AT THE HOUSE



Members who attended the Oxford dinner are pictured in Peckwater Quad of Christ Church. Left to right: Colonel G. N. Robinson, clerk to the governors; Mr D. C. Sutherland; Mr T. E. Sharratt (back); Mr W. Hare, chairman of the governors (front); Mr F. Bury; Mr B. H. Kemball-Cook, headmaster; Mr B. Keeley; Mr D. E. Ambrose; Mr M. Beetham; Mr J. Parkinson; Mr B. Wilson; Mr D. J. Nicholson; Dr G. Barratt; Mr R. Bamber; Mr F. Seed; Mr I. J. Duerden; and Mr T. J. Blackwell.

Seventeen members of the association attended the Oxford branch's 29th annual dinner at Christ Church, Oxford, on May 8.

Chief guest was Mr David C. Sutherland, who taught history at QEGS from 1957 to 1962 and is now head of the history department at Burt Mill Comprehensive School, Harlow, Essex.

Mr David J. Nicholson proposed the Loyal Toast, and a toast to the School, to which the headmaster, Mr B. H. Kemball-Cook, replied.

Mr Brian Wilson, branch president, proposed a toast to the staff, and Mr Fred Bury, mathematics master, replied.

Mr Sutherland responded to a toast to the guests, proposed by Mr David E. Ambrose, branch treasurer.

Later, the Rev Donald Rydings, senior curate of the university church of St Mary, and chaplain to Jesus College, called in to meet old friends.

**SCHOLARSHIP.** — Philip Julian Wilde, of Bristol Grammar School and formerly of QEGS, has been awarded an open scholarship in classics to Queen's College, Oxford.



# OBS' GOLF: HOW IT ALL BEGAN

by Ken Forbes

THE annual Old Blackburnians' golf competition was held at Wilpshire Golf Club, Blackburn, on June 3.

In the 1930s Mr Henry Whittaker was chairman of the association, and when I told him of my idea for an annual golf competition he immediately offered a cup for the best net return.

This trophy was to be called the Judge Walmysley Cup in memory of a former governor of the School.

The first competition was held in June, 1931, and among the winners in the early years were J. Turnhill, C. J. Pickering, E. S. Jepson, J. Hubberstey, and J. N. Prest.

In 1938 Mr Whittaker presented another cup for the best gross return. This was to be called the Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup, also in memory of a former governor.

The competition was held annually until June 13, 1939. Because of the war, it was not held again until June 5, 1946, but took place regularly every year after that until 1950.

There was no competition in 1951 and 1952, but it was resumed in 1953 and has been held every year since.

Mr Whittaker also presented a prize—the Lord Morley Trophy—for a golf competition among Lancashire grammar schools which I originated in 1939.

This splendid trophy is now kept at the School, waiting for someone to take over the secretaryship of the competition.

Any old boy who would like to volunteer for the job can get in touch with me at Glen Heather, 32 Montreal Road, Blackburn (tel. Blackburn 44940).

The Old Blackburnians' Golf Competition at Wilpshire was won by Bill Coupe.

He won the Judge Walmysley Cup with the remarkable score of 79-17-62.

The highlight of his round was a hole in one at the short 11th.

Mr Coupe is a member of Fishwick Hall Golf Club.

Runner-up was J. Watt, a Wilpshire member, with a score of 80-14-66.

Another Wilpshire player, T. A. Martin, won the Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup for the best gross score with 72.

## Chosen for Wales

John Smalley (18), now at Atlantic College, South Wales, was selected to play for Wales against Scotland in a schools football international on May 16.

## John is an all-rounder at sport

Fifteen-year-old John Harwood, who plays football in Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School's first XI, is an all-rounder at sport.

Although he likes football best—he was vice-captain of Blackburn boys' team last season and has played for Lancashire against Cheshire—he also enjoys cricket, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, and athletics.

His talent at football has already been recognised and three clubs—Blackburn Rovers, Burnley, and Bolton—are anxious to sign him on.

John, who lives in Blackburn Road, Rishton, shines at cricket too. After hitting 75 for the School's second XI, he was quickly promoted to the first team.



John

He also plays for Rishton second XI, and was recently selected for the North Lancashire Schools team to play against the South Lancashire team.

He plays golf at Pleasington and Rishton, and in athletics specialises in sprints and the discus.

Recently he won the 220-yard title in the Six Grammar Schools meeting at Witton Park, Blackburn.

Ambition? "Well," says John, "I would like to be a professional footballer and play cricket for Lancashire in the summer."

## QEGS SCOUTS' SPORTING TRIUMPHS

For the sixth successive year, QEGS Scout Group won the shield at the annual scout sports at Witton Park on May 9.

They scored 46 points. Second were Woodlands with 22, and St Gabriel's, with 18, came third.

There were two new records. Roderick Macdonald, of QEGS, beat by five inches the record of 5ft 2in he set up himself last year in the under-18 high jump.

In the discus, S. Duxbury, also from QEGS, threw a distance of 102ft 2in, beating by 4ft 9in the previous record, which had stood since 1959.

Fifteen-year-old Roderick leaped to the "double" in the School sports on May 6.

He won both the long jump and the high jump open events.

In the high jump he cleared 5ft 7in, only one inch outside the record, and in the long jump he covered 18ft 3½in.

## Cricket captain

Mr Peter Haydock (1944-1949), formerly a batsman for the East Lancashire Cricket Club, is this season's captain of Darwen Cricket Club.

## OH, WHAT A LEAP!

Fifteen-year-old Roderick Macdonald leaps 18ft 3½in to take the long jump for Raleigh in the School sports. He had already won the senior high jump with 5ft 7in.





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**OBs' GOLF  
JUNE 2**

**BLACKBURN  
GOLF CLUB**

## MR KEMBALL-COOK TO LEAVE BLACKBURN

**MR** Brian Hartley Kemball-Cook, M.A., headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School since 1956, has been appointed headmaster of Bedford Modern School, a direct grant grammar school, and will leave Blackburn this summer.

Mr Kemball-Cook succeeded Mr N. S. Trevor Benson as headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's at the start of the summer term, 1956.

He had previously taught at

Repton School for 20 years, with the exception of the war years.

Mr Kemball-Cook was a scholar of Shrewsbury School from 1926 to 1931. He was a prefect and won the Sidney gold medal for classics.

From Shrewsbury he went to Balliol College, Oxford, where, as a scholar, he took a First in classical honour moderations and in Greats. He gained his BA degree in 1936, and his MA in 1947, after war service.

In 1936 he was appointed sixth-form classics master at Repton.

In 1940 he enlisted in the Intelligence Corps. He was mentioned in dispatches and won the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

He was demobilised in 1946 with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and spent a year with the Ministry of Transport before returning to Repton in 1947 as senior classics master.

Mr Kemball-Cook has edited Shakespeare's "Coriolanus" for the Oxford University Press, and was an examiner in Latin for the Oxford and Cambridge Board.

He is a keen mountaineer, and was elected a member of the Alpine Club in 1947.

Mr Kemball-Cook, who is 52, is married, and has four children.



**Mr Harry Chippendale (37) has been appointed assistant chief commercial officer with the North-Western Electricity Board. Mr Chippendale, a pupil at QEGS from 1933 to 1936, now heads to board's technical sales and service department in the Lake District, where he lives.**

## President heads casino probe

Sir Benjamin Ormerod, president of the Old Blackburnians' Association and a former Lord Justice of Appeal, has been named to head a committee of three who are to investigate the affairs of the Isle of Man Casino.

The announcement was made in Tynwald, the Manx Parliament, on December 8. Sir Benjamin was at QEGS from 1903 to 1907.

## Ex-master dies after crash

**MR** Edward Munro Dishington, formerly senior English master at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, died in Blackburn Infirmary on January 16 from injuries he had received in a car crash on the previous day. He was 47.

Mr Dishington, of 20 Lancaster Place, Blackburn, leaves a widow and three children.

He was on the staff of QEGS for seven years until he left last term to become senior English master at the Derby School, Bury.

Mr Dishington was educated at the Royal High School, Edinburgh, where he became head boy.

After graduating at Edinburgh University, he taught at Dollar Academy from 1946 to 1948, and then entered the Civil Service, where he stayed until he joined the staff of QEGS.

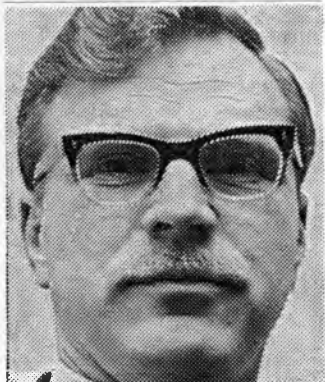
During the Second World War, he served for six years in the King's Own Scottish Border Regiment, attaining the rank of major.

Cremation took place at Pleasington on January 20 after a funeral service at Blackburn Cathedral.

## River Board

Mr J. B. Leeming (1951-1958) has been appointed to a post with the Kent River Board, Maidstone.

## NAS president



**Mr Raymond Ormerod (1940-1946), head of the physical education department at Bangor Street Secondary Modern School, Blackburn, was installed as president of the Blackburn branch of the National Association of Schoolmasters on January 15.**

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## Many thanks

MAGISTER wishes to thank the editor of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph for his kind permission to use Telegraph pictures.

The editor of MAGISTER also wishes to thank his Lancashire Evening Telegraph editorial colleagues, whose advice, enthusiasm, and encouragement helped greatly in the production of this magazine.

## OB FOLLOWS OB

**MR** John Bolton, of Wellfield Road, Blackburn, who attended QEGS from 1924 to 1930, was succeeded by another Old Blackburnian when his term of office as president of Blackburn Teachers' Association (NUT) ended in February.

The new president is Mr Gordon Longton (1942-1950), deputy head of Mill Hill County Primary School.

Mr Bolton is head of the mathematics department of Blackburn Technical and Grammar School.

Mr Longton (34), who lives at 100 Queen's Road, Blackburn, was a prefect at School and was captain of Grenville.

He was installed as president when the teachers' association held its seventh annual dinner at Samlesbury Hall on February 10.

## Obituary

### THOMAS POMFRET KILNER



Professor Thomas Pomfret Kilner, CBE, Emeritus Professor of Plastic Surgery in the University of Oxford, died at his home in Davenant Road, Oxford, on July 2, 1964. He was 73.

Thomas Pomfret Kilner was born on September 17, 1890, the son of the late Mr Thomas Kilner, who for 36 years was headmaster of Furthergate School and secretary and deacon of Furthergate Congregational Church, Blackburn.

He was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1903 to 1907 and went on to Manchester University Medical School, where he distinguished himself. He was Dauntsey Scholar and Sidney Renshaw Exhibitioner, and won medals in anatomy and physiology before graduating MB with distinction in surgery and pathology in 1912. He took the London degree the following year.

After qualification he was appointed Demonstrator of Anatomy, University of Manchester, until 1914. In the Royal Army Medical Corps, he saw service during the First World War with No. 64 CCS and at No. 4 general hospital, BEF.

He then joined Major Gillies, later Sir Harold Gillies, at Queen Mary's Hospital for Face and Jaw Injuries at Sidcup, Kent, in 1919 and played a major part in developing reconstructive and reparative surgery.

It was due to the team work of Gillies and Kilner that plastic surgery in this country has been in the forefront and set a standard followed throughout the world. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1921.

In between the wars he held many consultant appointments at London hospitals, including St Thomas's. He found time to operate at other surgical centres and established the first plastic surgery departments at Manchester Royal Infirmary and at Birmingham United Hospitals. In 1935 he was Hunterian Professor of the Royal College of Surgeons.

In 1939 he was placed in charge of the plastic surgery division of the Ministry of Pensions and in the same year became consultant plastic surgeon to St Dunstan's. He was awarded the CBE in 1946 for his services to the Ministry.

His work with the Ministry

**Professor Kilner never lost a deep affection for his old school, and was regularly to be seen at the annual dinner of the Oxford branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association. He returned to Blackburn to present prizes on Speech Day, 1952. He left his microscope to the School, and it has been placed in the new laboratories.**

of Pensions, St Thomas's, St Dunstan's, the Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital at Alton and many other hospitals occupied the war years until 1944, when Lord Nuffield founded a Chair in Plastic Surgery in the University of Oxford.

Kilner was the obvious choice to fill this post, which he did with distinction until his retirement in September, 1957.

He was made a Fellow of St John's College and took an active part in college affairs. In 1952 he was made honorary consultant in plastic surgery to the Army, and shortly after his retirement, member of the General Medical Council of Great Britain.

He travelled widely and was a fitting ambassador of this country in his special branch of surgery. In 1951, he accepted Marshal Tito's invitation to lecture and give demonstrations in Yugoslavia.

He was twice president of the British Association of Plastic Surgery, in 1948 and 1955, and was made honorary member of many learned societies in other countries. Czechoslovakia conferred its highest medical honour upon him in May, 1952, by making him an honorary member of the Czechoslovak Medical Society "for outstanding work for the development of the medical sciences."

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## Arthur Holden

MR Arthur Holden, headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1919 to 1947, died on December 24. He was 83.

Mr Holden, who was also an old boy of the School, died at the home of his younger son, Dr Roger Holden, at Much Wenlock, Shropshire, where he had lived since leaving Blackburn early in 1960.

Mr Holden first entered QEGS in 1894 as winner of a Dodgson Scholarship, and became head boy.

After a distinguished career at Queens' College, Cambridge, entrance to which he gained on an open mathematical scholarship and a Tattersall exhibition, he was mathematics master at Friars School, Bangor, and a mathematics tutor, first at St Mark's Training College, Chelsea, and then at Sheffield University.

He gained his MA degree at Cambridge, was a foundation scholar of his college, and later took the BSc degree of London University.

Mr Holden saw the School raised to the dignity of a public school, an honour that gave him tremendous pleasure, and after his retirement he became a governor. Some years ago the Old Blackburnians' Association presented Mr Holden with his portrait in oils. It now hangs in Big School.

The School's new laboratories,

opened in November, 1958, were named after him.

Throughout his life Mr Holden took an active interest in sports and athletics, his recreations including rowing, fives, tennis, and mountaineering. He was captain of QEGS cricket and football teams, and at Cambridge rowed in his college first eight and played for the football team.

While at Sheffield University he was granted a commission in the Officers' Training Corps, and in 1917 took over its command. In March, 1919, he was mentioned to the Secretary of State for War for valuable services given in connection with the war.

He was born at Guide, where members of his family had been farmers for generations, and attended St James's School, Guide, before going to QEGS.

He attended Blackburn Cathedral, where he was a sidesman, and was active in many aspects of Church life. He was a magistrate in Blackburn for 15 years until he retired at the age of 75.

Mr Holden recalled his school-days in a special article for MAGISTER in February, 1964—"The Days of Long Ago." Characteristically, he insisted on remaining anonymous.

His wife died in March, 1961. Their elder son, Mr Basil M. Holden, is Rector of Glasgow Academy.

● Tributes to Mr Holden are invited for publication in the next issue of MAGISTER.

### H. OLDMAN

Mr Harold Oldman, Chief Education Officer of York and a former member of the staff of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, died in November. He was 57.

Mr Oldman was a native of Dronfield, Derbyshire. He went to Selwyn College, Cambridge, and joined the staff of QEGS, teaching English and history, when he came down in 1928.

He stayed in Blackburn for about three years, and it was during this time that he met his future wife, Miss Norah Thompson, daughter of Mr T. R. Thompson, the then Blackburn Coroner.

He moved to Bede College, Durham, and lectured at the university. Later, he entered the administrative side of education, and was assistant director of education at Tottenham during the war years. He was appointed Chief Education Officer of York about the end of the war.

He was chief guest at the association's annual dinner in 1961. He leaves a widow and two children, a son and a daughter.

### A. F. SUDALL

Mr Albert Frederick Sudall, a former branch superintendent of the Commercial Union group of insurance companies, died at his home, 94 Yew Tree Drive, Blackburn, on November 30. He was 63.

Mr Sudall was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1914 to 1920 and entered the insurance business when he left School. He worked first in Liverpool and then for many years was Blackburn secretary of the Union Assurance Co. Ltd. and the Palatine Insurance Co. Ltd. before being appointed superintendent of the Manchester branch in 1953. He continued to work mainly in the East Lancashire area.

He was a past master of the Billinge Lodge of Freemasons, and past Provincial Grand Deacon in the Province of East Lancashire, and a founder member and first secretary of the Old Blackburnian Lodge. In Mark Masonry he was a member of the Billinge Mark Lodge and a Past Provincial Grand Master.

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# Quatercentenary: ideas, please

THE four hundredth anniversary of the granting by Queen Elizabeth I of a charter to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School will fall in 1967.

Already Mr G. F. Eastwood, of the School staff, is writing a history of the School for publication on the anniversary. But how will the Old Blackburnians' Association mark the occasion?

Ideas must be put forward now, to allow time for discussion and the formulation of plans.

It has already been suggested that the association could build a swimming pool for the School.

Here are five more ideas:

- A film of School life.
- An aerial photograph of the School and the playing-fields at Lammack.

A Commemoration Ball.

- Portrait photographs of as many headmasters and members of staff as possible.

A guide to the School as it now is.

Any more suggestions? Right! Send them to the Editor, MAGISTER, 49 Kentmere Drive, Cherry Tree, Blackburn. A selection will appear in the next issue.

## Mr D. H. Lawson is chief accountant

Mr David H. Lawson (1946-1953) has been appointed chief accountant of the Evening Telegraph Ltd., Blackburn.

Mr Lawson is married and lives at 8 Bank Lane, Intack, Blackburn.

On leaving School he joined the Inland Revenue as a tax officer. After two years' national service in the Royal Artillery he returned to the Inland Revenue for a short time before becoming an articled clerk with P. F. Pierce and Co., chartered accountants, of Accrington.

He joined the Evening Telegraph Ltd. in August, 1963, and qualified as a chartered accountant in January, 1964.

At School, Mr Lawson was football captain of Howard and was a house prefect. He played football for the School, and until a couple of years ago played for the Old Blackburnians' FC.

He is a playing member of Cherry Tree Cricket Club in the Ribblesdale Junior League.

## APPOINTED COLLEGE LECTURER

Mr Edward Graham Tyler (1945-1952), a former head boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, has been appointed lecturer in physical chemistry at Stoke-on-Trent College of Technology.

Mr Tyler was previously a post-graduate research student at Keele University, preparing for his MSc degree.

In 1963, he gained an honours BA degree in chemistry and geology, and he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geological Society.

During his national service, Mr Tyler was commissioned in the South Lancashire Regiment, and he later joined the ICI research laboratories at Northwich.



**Mr Ian Malloch (25), of London Road, Blackburn, spent an 11-day holiday in Morocco last summer. Mr Malloch, a research student at Manchester University, was at QEGS from 1952 to 1959.**



**Mr Peter Monk, assistant clerk to Rishton Urban District Council for the previous 12 months, was appointed in September to become Clerk to the Council on the retirement of Mr Geoffrey L. Brown, Clerk for the past 19 years.**

Mr Monk (29) was at QEGS from 1946 to 1951 and started work as a junior accounts clerk with Rishton Council when he left school.

## Conservative agent is honoured

Mr James L. Wooding, who was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1928 to 1934 and is now secretary and agent for the Knutsford Division Conservative Association, has been elected junior vice-chairman of the National Society of Conservative and Unionist Agents.

Mr Wooding started his political work in Blackburn in 1930 as a member of the Junior Imperial League, and he assisted in party and municipal elections in Blackburn before the Second World War.

Serving with the Royal Artillery during the war, he won the Military Medal in 1943 and reached the rank of captain. He was appointed Conservative agent for the Blackley Division of Manchester in 1946 and at the same time acted as group agent for other Manchester constituencies. He moved to Knutsford in 1956.

## Mr N. Jepson appointed managing director

MR NORMAN JEPSON, formerly chairman and managing director of the Walpamur Co. Ltd., of Darwen, has been appointed managing director of Crabtree Textile Accessories Ltd., of Colne, and of associate companies.

Mr Jepson, of Park Lee Road, Blackburn, was at QEGS from 1918 to 1922. He is a governor of the School, a Blackburn borough magistrate, and an ex-president of Blackburn Chamber of Commerce.

His many industrial appointments have included membership of the North-West Regional Council of the Federation of British Industries, the Council of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, and the Export Publicity Council of the Board of Trade.

Mr Jepson was also recently appointed vice-chairman of the governors of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

## Boys aim for a ton of tops

by R. McCarty

Boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School have collected 571,200 foil milk bottle tops—weighing 476lb—since their collection started in Michaelmas Term, 1962.

The tops are sold to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. The target is 3,320,000—one ton.

## Cadetship

Barry John Nutter (17), of Irene Place, Blackburn, has been awarded a cadetship at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

He was at QEGS from 1955 to 1964 and was middle school swimming champion and swimming captain for Frobisher.

## MAJOR KITE IN BBC QUIZ

Major Oliver Kite, of Netheravon, was in a forces team of three which took on the three finalists in the BBC's "Brain of Britain" competition in July.

Major Kite, who attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1937 to 1940, is a keen angler and has written a book on "Nymph Fishing in

Practice," which has been translated into Swedish and is sold in all parts of the world.

Major Kite, who is 43, left the School at 19 and joined the staff of a Blackburn bank. He later joined the 9th Battalion of the Home Guard.

In 1940 he joined the Royal Engineers and served with the

36th Division in Burma, being commissioned and twice mentioned in dispatches.

He became a regular soldier after the war and transferred to the East Lancashire Regiment, commanding a company in the 2nd Battalion at Delhi, which was the last Army contingent to leave India when independence was granted in 1947.

# LONDON BRANCH SECRETARY MARRIES

**MR EDWARD BACKHOUSE NORMAN**, of 3 Kemnal Park, Three Gates Lane, Haslemere, Surrey, and Miss Gwendolen Ruth Davies, of Alma House, Lees Road, Mapperley, Nottingham, were married at Hermon Welsh Presbyterian Chapel, Colwyn Bay, on September 22.

Mr Norman, a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1923 to 1928, has been secretary of the Old Blackburnians' London branch since it was formed four years ago. He is manager for Boots the Chemists at Haslemere.

The bride, whose family home is at Rhos-on-Sea, near Colwyn Bay, also works for Boots, as the company's beauty specialist.

Dr J. Roger Maltby (1948-1953), of Lammack Road, Blackburn, married Miss Margaret J. Trueman, of Bishop Auckland, at St Anne's Church, Bishop Auckland, in September. Dr Maltby was until recently senior house officer in surgery at Newcastle-upon-Tyne General Hospital, and is now to work as a general practitioner in Chesterfield. His bride was a staff midwife at Bishop Auckland General Hospital.

Mr James Leeming (1951-1958), of Moss Street, Blackburn, married Miss Barbara Horne, of Kemple View, Wiswell, at Pendleton Parish Church in August.

Mr James Calvin Sutcliffe (1951-1958), of 34 Mona Road, Blackburn, married Miss Pauline Barnes, of 81 Orwell Road, Bolton, at Hollin Bank Mission, Blackburn, on September 26.

The Rev Donald Rydings (1944-1952) was married at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, where he is curate, to Miss Judith Ann Prieto, of Oxford, on January 8. They will live at 2c, Park Town, Oxford.

Mr Paul Schofield, an Old Blackburnian who now teaches at QEGS, and Miss Stella Butterworth were married at Augley Range Congregational Church, Blackburn, on December 24.

Mr Bernard Noel Francis Eddleston (1953-1960), of Salesbury, Blackburn, and Miss Margaret Elsie Hilton, of Bolton, were married at St Peter's Church, Salesbury, on August 8.

Mr John Eric Isherwood (1938-1944), a teacher at Witton Park Secondary Modern School,

Blackburn, and Miss Mary Christine Sharratt Wilding, a teacher at Blackburn Technical and Grammar School, were married at Four Lane Ends Congregational Church, Blackburn, in August.

Mr John D. Hughes (1948-1956) was married in August to Miss A. C. Ross. They are making their home in Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

A former head boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Squadron Leader R. B. Lamb (1943-1951), was married in August at Letchworth, Herts., to Miss Patricia Beckwith, formerly a nurse at Guy's Hospital, London. Squadron Leader and Mrs Lamb now live at 6 Elm Tree Walk, RAF Abingdon, Berks.

A former player for the Old Blacks FC, Mr Keith V. Newton (1946-1952), of Mellor Brow, Mellor, was married at St Francis' Church, Fenisccliffe, to Miss Rosemary H. Martin, of Preston Old Road, Fenisccliffe, in September.



**Mr Eric Marsden, of Shear Brow, Blackburn, and Miss Margaret Elizabeth Longworth, of Snaefell Road, Longshaw, Blackburn, were married at St James's Church, Blackburn, in September.**



**Mr Colin Richard Douglas Priestland (1948-1959) and Miss Elizabeth Vines were married at St. Peter's Church, Salesbury, Blackburn, in August. The bride is a teacher and the groom an engineer.**

## ENGAGEMENTS

**MR MICHAEL JOHN THOMAS BOLTON**, a member of the Old Blackburnians' Association and a playing and committee member of the Old Blacks FC for the past 10 years, has announced his engagement to Miss Patricia Gill, women's page editor of the Blackburn Times.

Mr Bolton attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1947 to 1952 and played football for Howard.

He is at present serving at the Jersey branch of Williams Deacon's Bank, a post he took up 18 months ago. Before that, he was at several Lancashire branches of the bank.

The engagement was announced in August of Mr John Stewart Bailey, son of Dr and Mrs G. Bailey, of Park Gate, Preston New Road, Blackburn, and Miss Patricia Anne Burke, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Burke, of Manor House, Clayton-le-Dale.

Mr Bailey, who attended QEGS from 1951 to 1954, is assistant maintenance control manager at the Waterfall Mill of William Birtwistle Allied Mills Ltd.

The engagement was announced on December 24 of Mr John Harvey Bolton (1948-1956), of 16 Oak Avenue, Walton-on-the-

Hill, Stafford, and Fraulein Sibylle Zapp, of Ebertstrasse 75, Kaiserlautern, West Germany.

The engagement was announced on December 28 of Mr Graeme Stanton (25), of 51 East Park Road, Blackburn, and Miss Heather Miller (21), of the Brown Cow Inn, Whitechapel Road, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire.

Mr Gordon Parkinson (22), of Stakesby, Buncer Lane, Blackburn, who was at QEGS from 1951 to 1960, has become engaged to Miss Kathleen Bilsborough (22), of Hancock Street, Blackburn.

Mr Parkinson, who works for the North West Electricity Board, graduated in electrical engineering from Liverpool University. He is a member of Blackburn Golf Club.

Mr Christopher L. Jenkins, an old boy of QEGS, announced on January 22 his engagement to Miss Mary Zuazua, of New York City.

Mr Jenkins is well-known as a golfer in Blackburn. While at Magdalen College, Oxford, he played for his college and for the university and was awarded his blue in 1959.

He joined ICI at Billingham, and has worked for ICI in New York for the last two years.



# CROSSROADS OF TWO CONTINENTS

**H**ERE in Istanbul we live on the very tip of Continental Europe within a quarter of a mile of one of the busiest, most fascinating seaways in the world—the Bosphorus, which divides Europe from Asia and which is always crowded with ferry boats carrying passengers, cars, and rail vehicles between the two continents and also liners, tankers, and cargo shipping to and from the Black Sea.

Yes, we are in Europe—just—and can get a train to Paris without changing, and as for planes, we are one of the most important stops on Pan Am round-the-world flights 1 and 2.

The house we live in is not the Consulate General, despite the address. We live in a cottage, low built and in winter very damp, but charming inside. Its situation is bad, down an incredibly steep rough street paved with angular boulders, like a river bed, which it actually becomes when it rains. Then the resulting torrent does us one service: it sweeps away the old shoes, dead cats, fish-heads and fruit rind. When it freezes it is a glissade of solid ice.

Towering above us and above a labyrinth of small streets for half a mile around, down almost to the quay where liners come alongside, are tall and once dignified houses, built in a Genoese style, the former abodes of Genoese and later the English merchant community, but now all apartments.

Some are still fairly clean, others are teeming slums, full of families from the Asiatic villages who come to Istanbul thinking the streets are paved with gold—which they are, when orange skins are in season!—and gypsies.

The lower storeys are small shops and workshops, especially

## First Prize

Alistair Conquer (13), of Colenso Road, Blackburn, a pupil at QEGS, beat 50,000 entrants from all parts of the country to win first prize in a road safety essay competition.

## Awarded

A 16-year-old QEGS boy, Michael A. Rothwell, of 822 Whalley New Road, was awarded the Frances E. Walker Memorial Prize by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music for the year ended July, 1964, in examinations conducted in the Blackburn area.

## The Rev Wilfred Castle tells of life in Istanbul, where Europe meets the Orient. Mr Castle was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1924 to 1927.

firewood and timber stores. In summer very smart furniture is manufactured in the open street just above our front gate.

Pleasant as our neighbours are, both Greek and Turkish, why are we living just there?

Well, the cottage is next to the Crimean Memorial Church, a large and incongruous Gothic building put up by public subscription a century ago to serve what was then a large surrounding community.

People have moved out to new areas, British businesses were nationalised, and Ankara is now the capital. And we only are left in the chaplain's house, well away from our people, who find it more convenient to use Saint Helena's Chapel at the Consulate General. This latter place of worship is centrally situated in a corner of a park-like garden and there is another kind of park which is more important—a car park!

This old embassy chaplaincy represents one of the most ancient overseas posts of the Church of England, and for 360 years at least there have been chaplains in the post I now occupy. By virtue of a long tradition, I am an officer in the Foreign Service, though like other churches we are entirely "supported by voluntary contributions."

Still, it gives us the use of such facilities as the diplomatic bag and well it is so, as being envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Oecumenical Patriarch I often have a great deal of confidential work.

The wonderful huge Florentine-style Consulate General is the centre of much of our work—post office, club, garage, advice

centre, and ballroom. If you write to us, please don't put "care of" on the envelope; we are on the staff, and the full address is: British Consulate General, Istanbul, Turkey.

I enjoy my work, for although congregations are small they represent people from all over the world, and my job also involves receiving and conducting round and introducing ecclesiastical VIPs of many denominations.

For much of this work the Consulate General provides an official car.

But not all our visitors are VIPs—all sorts of friendly folk blow in to see us, in all walks of life. And it's amazing what a lot of near-beatniks driving round the world in Land Rovers or old London taxis make a point of coming to our church services.

Ankara is no longer under Istanbul; it now has its own chaplain. After all, it is further from Istanbul than Glasgow from London, and the journey by rail took 12 hours by night sleeper or day diesel over a hilly single line, in winter through desolate snow-bound Anatolia with the huge gleaming engine playing a shrill signal on its whistle to keep the wolves off the track.

Northern Turkey has a northern climate, though summers are warm and pleasant.

I still have one church in Asia to look after: the pretty little All Saints' Moda in a suburb of Istanbul beyond the Bosphorus. It involves taking church services in two continents on any one

Sunday morning. This must be unique. Indeed, the whole work is unique, though unspectacular.

Shopping and domestic life is hard for May, my wife. Much of the shopping is done in roughly paved, narrow, crowded streets. She has to struggle along in Turkish, Greek, or French. We both have a smattering of these essential tongues, nothing more.

Turkey itself? Untidy, raw, uncouth, with no grace or graciousness, but living in it is a great experience. Great efforts have been made for the country's good.

There is efficiency in unexpected things, inefficiency in expected ones. It has many wonders and delights. It deserves a better deal than it gets. We like the food in the restaurants, the ferry boats, the smart electric trains, the mosques, the palaces, the Princes Islands.

For those who are interested in cats, we have one—not counting "refugees" in the garden. Yarbey's name means "lieutenant colonel" and is derived from the Turkish Army, in which he served as regimental mascot.

Growing tired of taking the salute on a red cushion, he was posted to the British Navy as Personal Cat to the Naval Attache. Then he came to us. He is black and white—in body and soul.

We hope to be on leave in France and England from mid-June to mid-August, 1965. May it be a happy year for us all!

## MAGISTER

is issued free to members of the Old Blackburnians' Association. Membership of the association is open to all old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, and to masters past and present.

**President:** Sir Benjamin Ormerod; **chairman:** Mr G. N. Forbes; **vice-chairman:** Mr E. C. Marsden; **secretary:** Mr H. Burrows, 53 Preston New Road, Blackburn; **treasurer:** Mr F. Bury, 67 Queen's Road, Blackburn.

**Contributions and correspondence are invited and should be sent to the Editor, MAGISTER, Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, Lancs.**

## Associate of the institute

Mr Edward G. Watson (1955-1961), of Zion Road, Little Harwood, Blackburn, has passed the final examination of the Chartered Insurance Institute, and is now an associate of the institute.

## PAUL WILL STUDY PPE

Paul Francis Snowdon (18), of Revidge Road, Blackburn, a pupil at QEGS, has been awarded an open scholarship in modern studies at University College, Oxford. Paul, son of Canon George Snowdon, the Bishop of Blackburn's industrial chaplain, will study politics, philosophy, and economics.

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BLACKBURN

## Regional Reports

# London entertain new arrivals

**F**IFTEEN members of the London branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association acted as hosts to eight younger old boys who are now studying in London when the annual autumn supper was held at the Royal Academy of Music, Marylebone Road.

The branch president, Mr H. Brogden, presided and introduced the branch to those students who were attending the supper for the first time.

Mr E. B. Norman, branch secretary, introduced each student to the remainder of those present, and he also read letters of apology from those who were unable to be present.

Mr Brogden proposed the Loyal Toast and a toast to "The School and the Association." Later, members chatted and got to know the old boys who had recently arrived in London.

The London branch's annual dinner will be held at the Stag Hotel, Victoria, on Saturday, April 10. As usual, this coincides with a London visit of Blackburn Rovers.

The branch regrets to report that one of its members, Mr Joe Barlow, of Windsor, died in hospital in November. The branch sent a floral tribute.

Mr J. S. Read represented the London branch at the association's annual dinner on December 19.

### OFFICERS

President : H. Brogden ;  
chairman : F. A. Stonehouse ;  
secretary : E. B. Norman, 3 Kemnal Park, Three Gates Lane, Haslemere, Surrey ; treasurer : K. M. Knott, Oakside, Sudbury Hill, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.

### CAMBRIDGE

**Peter Murphy**, Downing College, writes :—"The 'old guard'—John Pendlebury, Jack Harwood, and Mike Hayhurst—are still exercising a firm but kindly hand on the newer members of the society.

We were all pleased to see John get a well-deserved First in the exams. And talking of Firsts, a certain P. H. Gaskill, who is said to be a promising linguist, also acquitted himself reasonably well.

We are particularly glad to have John Smalley with us, at St Catharine's, after his spell at Atlantic College. He has already made his mark on the football field, playing for his college's first team, with the promise of even greater things ahead.

Our other freshmen are Brian Neild and Peter Wilde at Downing and David Bolton at Queens'—a whole mass of brain ! And as a chess-player I am particularly encouraged at having Phil Almond to strengthen the college team, ably assisted by Brian Neild. The Downing first chess team now has three Old Blacks out of five players !

We would like to express our sorrow at hearing of Mr King's illness, and we extend to him our sincere good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Our scientific stalwarts are Tom Matthews, Trevor Blackshaw, and Carl Strack. Carl is now a prominent member of the college badminton team.

Tom, now complete with an oar gained last year in upholding the honour of the college on the river, is having a rather quieter year.

Trevor continues to support the college soccer club and to study the piano.

Robin Sowerby is enjoying life to the full at St Catharine's.

### OFFICERS

President : John Pendlebury ;  
secretary : Howard Gaskill ;  
senior treasurer : Dr F. Wild ;  
junior treasurer : Philip Almond ;  
all of Downing College.

### SCOTLAND

Following the inaugural dinner in Glasgow last April, plans are being made to hold a similar, but larger, re-union dinner in April this year. The venue will be decided later.

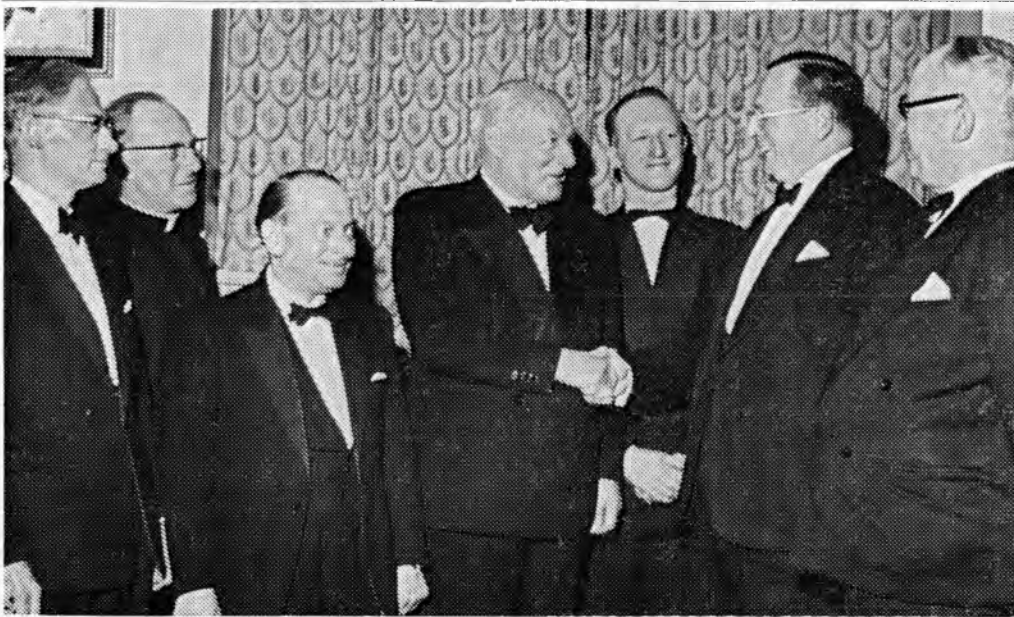
The secretary, Mr Paul N. Price, would be delighted to hear from old boys in Scotland and to forward details of branch activities.

Mr L. P. Bamford, chairman of the Scottish branch, attended the association's annual dinner in Big School on December 19.

### OFFICERS

Chairman: Leslie P. Bamford, Burns Hill, Helensburgh, Dunbarton. Secretary: Paul N. Price, 18 Faskally Avenue, Bishopbriggs, Lanarkshire. Treasurer : Ray Smith, 147 Woodhill Road, Bishopbriggs. Membership 5s.

# BLACKBURN 'COULD LEAD COUNTRY'



Sir Benjamin greets Mr Yerburch, watched by other guests at the dinner. Left to right: Mr Kembball-Cook, Father Green, Mr Hare, Sir Benjamin, Councillor Taylor, Mr Yerburch, Mr Hartley.

## Supper for school-leavers —65 join

Sixty-five of the boys who left Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School last summer joined the Old Blackburnians' Association when they attended a supper evening given by the association in Big School on September 17.

They were welcomed by the headmaster, Mr B. H. Kembball-Cook, and the association's chairman, Mr G. Norman Forbes.

Mr Forbes told the boys that he had been in the association for 40 years, and added: "If you find it as I have found it, you will have great fun being a member."

Five members, Mr Jim Whitaker, Mr Ken Forbes, Mr Albert Eastham, Mr Fred Bury, and Mr Tom Sharratt, described the activities of the association's various sections.

Mr Forbes paid tribute to Mr and Mrs Kembball-Cook for the enthusiastic interest and help they gave to all the association's activities.

### English Master

Mr A. Metcalfe (1944-1951) has been appointed second English master at Clitheroe Royal Grammar School for Boys.

## 143 OBs and guests at annual dinner

A TOTAL of 143 Old Blackburnians and their guests attended the association's annual dinner in Big School on December 19.

The chief guest was Mr John Yerburch. Other guests, announced by Mr D. G. Lund, school marshal, were the headmaster, Mr B. H. Kembball-Cook; Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors; Father D. J. Green, headmaster of St Mary's College, Blackburn; Mr John Phillip Boston, chairman of St Mary's College Old Boys' Association; Councillor Tom Taylor, chairman of Blackburn Education Committee; and Mr D. G. Hartley, Blackburn Chief Education Officer.

The President of the Old Blackburnians' Association, Sir Benjamin Ormerod, presided and proposed the Loyal Toast. After the In Memoriam, Sir Benjamin paid tribute to the memory of Professor Thomas Pomfret Kilner.

Mr Harold Burrows, secretary, said that Mr Harry King, who was recovering from an operation, had missed the first dinner since he left School. Mr Burrows was applauded when he suggested that the association should send its best wishes to Mr King.

A very special guest at the dinner was Mr Howard Kennedy, formerly senior mathematics master. Tributes to Mr Kennedy's work at the School were paid by Sir Benjamin and Mr Kembball-Cook.

The toast to "The School" was proposed by Mr Jack Thompson, a former head boy who is now senior assistant solicitor to Bury Corporation.

Mr Thompson expressed his surprise at the transformation which had taken place during the 10 years since he left School, and said that the "shabby air of gentility" which he recalled from his schooldays had completely disappeared.

Referring to the Blackburn plan for the reorganisation of secondary education and the place which Queen Elizabeth's might take in it, Mr Kembball-Cook praised Councillor Taylor.

"If we get a satisfactory agreement, it will be due to him," said Mr Kembball-Cook. "If we do not, it will certainly not be his fault."

Mr Kembball-Cook added: "I think the issues will soon be successfully resolved—and none will be happier than I."

The toast to "Our Guests" was proposed by Sir Benjamin. Responding, Mr Yerburch congratulated the School on the boys it had sent as ambassadors on Thwaites's scholarships to the USA and the Experiment in International Living.

## Head comments on Blackburn education plans

IN his report at speech night, the headmaster, Mr B. H. Kembball-Cook, again drew attention to two points concerning the Blackburn proposals for the reorganisation of secondary education which, he said, were of "vital importance."

"The age of transfer from high school to grammar school should be 13 rather than 14," he said.

"There was public criticism, and not only on our part, of the decision to debar pupils who remained in the high schools from taking school-leaving examinations. Opinion among teachers is now strongly in favour of lifting the ban."

Mr Kembball-Cook added that national teachers' bodies had jointly called for continuity in a child's education and for "a viable course of reasonable length at each stage."

"I believe myself that a transfer age of 13 will emerge throughout the country as the right age, as it is now the age of entry to the public schools."

"The Secretary of State for Education recently called on direct grant schools and local authorities to consider, possibly by a widening of the range of entry into the direct grant schools, whether a means could be found to preserve some of the special merit which exists in the direct grant system."

"Owing to the particular circumstances of Blackburn, we have a most favourable opportunity to work out a new and forward-looking role for the direct grant schools which will preserve this special merit, provided that there is reasonable give-and-take. Blackburn could really give a lead to the country."

"I do not see how this experiment can succeed, unless we can enter into it whole-heartedly, and unless our governors can be satisfied that the staff of this school is being asked to join in a new system in which they can have confidence as being one which is educationally sound and in the true interest of Blackburn boys."

Prizes were presented by Mr Roger Fulford, the historian and author. Later, a concert was given by the School choirs, conducted by Mr Roy E. Rimmer, the School's director of music.



**YOU DRIVE** for endless miles of drumming, un-surfaced concrete autobahn. That you have left West Germany is betrayed by occasional glimpses of barbed wire, the top of a watch-tower seen for a moment above the pine forests.

Only at the perimeter of the city are you made fully aware that you are 175 miles behind the Iron Curtain—a series of controls, searches, questions; rows of huge placards extending the length of the control-area proclaim the achievements of the German Democratic Republic. Then you are in Berlin.

We were both surprised at the extents of water and open parkland in the city. Trees and gardens ran down almost all of the broad streets.

The claustrophobic tensions of a town of 3,500,000 are easily avoided. The impression of spaciousness is just one of the things that make a West Berliner's daily life better than merely tolerable, removing to a large degree the tensions imaginable if, say, London were a closed city.

Capital has been pumped into West Berlin to make it in the 1960s a prosperous town—an economic liability to the West, but, in the Cold War, a political necessity.

You see some of Europe's finest post-war architecture: the giants of the Hansa quarter, the Congress-Hall, opera-houses, concert-halls. Among many fine new churches, that of Maria Regina Martyrum, dedicated to victims of Nazi persecution, is especially impressive—not to mention the famous Gedächtniskirche combining into its newly-built walls of blue glass the broken war-ruin of its old tower. This church is the focal point of the new centre of West Berlin.

Large, well-stocked stores and sparkling night-spots stretch west down the golden mile of the Kurfürstendamm, a loud shiny symbol of the more superficial of our Western values.

## US trip

Mr Albert Eastham, an Old Blackburnian (1946-1951) who now teaches at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, was one of the masters in charge of the Thwaites's Scholarship boys who spent six weeks in the USA last summer. Also in the party was John E. Dickson, of Queen Elizabeth's.

## Rose bowl

The then head boy, Philip Almond, won the silver rose bowl in the final of Blackburn Parks Bowling Club's president's day competition in June.

# BERLIN: THE DIVIDED CITY

by A. Ashton  
and P. F. Haslam

Of course, a visitor to Berlin goes to stand at the Wall. We were struck by the fact that the many stories and descriptions of it do not exaggerate or paint a misleading picture at all.

Most memorable are the numerous wreath-laden memorials on this side; the sentimentality attached to the whole business tends to obscure hard political

these people back—one of us had the scaring experience of seeing an intelligent, well-dressed young man reduced almost to shivering tears of fright before practically running away from over-curious questions—because, as the waiter afterwards explained, our neighbour in the restaurant had been a Party member, with the duty to report on what his comrade said.

The other of us was told of grim prison life by a boy still only 16 or 17 who had been captured trying to escape.

This section of Germany has not known complete freedom, in our sense of the word, since the 1930s; only 17 per cent of East Germans are members of the Party, yet they control the population through their refined system of informing, inherited almost directly from Gestapo techniques.

However, when they can feel they are unobserved, particularly the younger people want to talk seriously and frankly—though readily admitting to defects in their society, and genuinely sad about the Wall. It keeps them, also, from their relatives. But they are by no means as dissatisfied with life as Bonn's propagandists would have us believe.

East Berlin is a city of odd contradictions. Obviously Ulbricht's shop-window, it has been rebuilt around the baroque of the former city-centre at a rate comparable to that in West Berlin.

We both found ourselves struck by the monolithic Russianness of the new architecture. One of us was impressed by broad streets and cold austerity in yellowing concrete, relieved by very sober street-gardens; the other noticed rather that these buildings are poorly constructed and already crumbling.

Everywhere is quiet—little traffic, buses, and wooden Post

Office vans that seemed to belong in a museum of transport, driving unobtrusively past elegant cafes and cinemas, stores full of costly but none too dependable articles. The tourist would bring away only books and gramophone records.

At the same time, East Berlin is blessed by probably the finest theatre in Europe outside Moscow. Unfortunately, the Brecht theatre had its summer recess while we were there; one of us saw, in the Maxim-Gorki-Theater, a performance of a Kleist play that he never expects to see bettered.

Finally, one is left with a diverse collection of memories good and bad, though mostly good. Sipping the raspberry-flavoured Weisse beer in the glossy pavement-cafes of the Ku-damm, greatly enjoying Russian beer on the stately terrace of the Opera House on the Unter den Linden; cigarettes tried and found to be among the worst and costliest of Europe; suddenly coming upon double-decker buses so far from England; the lack of overt propaganda once inside East Berlin—inscriptions on the statues in the vast expanses of the memorial to the Red Army carry still the words of Stalin—unexpected American films featuring on the cinema programmes of East Berlin.

But, most of all, the sheer atmosphere of the place, tangible and alive, the charged vitality of West Berlin strangely contrasting with East Berlin's mood of calm melancholy, together making the whole city so exciting for the visitor, a unique city, a city emphatically worth the journey.

## Newsletter

An Old Blackburnians' Newsletter posted to Mr John Taylor in October, 1963, finally reached him in Basutoland three months later—having travelled via Kaduna, Nigeria; Sierra Leone; London, Cape Town, Swaziland, and Johannesburg.

Mr Taylor, who was at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1927 to 1934, can be reached c/o Lloyds Bank, Oxford.

**A. Ashton and P. F. Haslam were both at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1954 to 1961. They visited Berlin last summer—Mr Ashton while a student at Marburg University, Mr Haslam while engaged in chemical research with a pharmaceutical firm near Dortmund.**

fact just as do the propaganda-screens blocking the view on the other.

One's mind retains the incongruous sight of people making a living selling ice-cream and postcards at these spots—a typical instance of the West Berliner's adaptation to the situation, so different from the vain protestings heard from Bonn.

Crossing this border presents no difficulties, as long as you do not mislay the assorted forms and tickets to be carried through the checkpoints. One of us found the guards here eager to exchange a joke—clearly men hand-picked for their work. The citizens of East Berlin, too, seize with courtesy on an opportunity to make contact—old men fishing the canal at one end of the Marx-Engels-Platz, people merely walking along the street. One of us was often stopped and asked for cigarettes.

And yet we were generally conscious that something holds

## Scholarship

Jeffrey Aspley (17), of Brownhill Road, Blackburn, a sixth-former at QEGS, won an open scholarship in natural sciences (biology) to Downing College, Cambridge.

## Operation

Mr Tom Naisby (1921-1928), senior announcer of the BBC North Region, went into Blackburn Infirmary for an operation in July.

# MR HOWARD KENNEDY: A Special Tribute

IN July last there took place the retirement of one of our members who had graced and strengthened the teaching staff of this School for a period of 35 years.

To lose the service of such a man as Mr Kennedy is loss indeed; not alone for his teaching qualities—which were considerable—but for his benign friendship and wise and experienced guidance in many diverse fields.

After service elsewhere, Mr Kennedy was appointed senior mathematics master at QEGS in September, 1929, and in this capacity he was to serve the School for the rest of his teaching career.

Under him the mathematics of the School was firmly consolidated and its successful development at all stages fully assured. Systematically and surely organised, his courses inevitably led to the rewarding successes that so many generations of boys enjoyed.

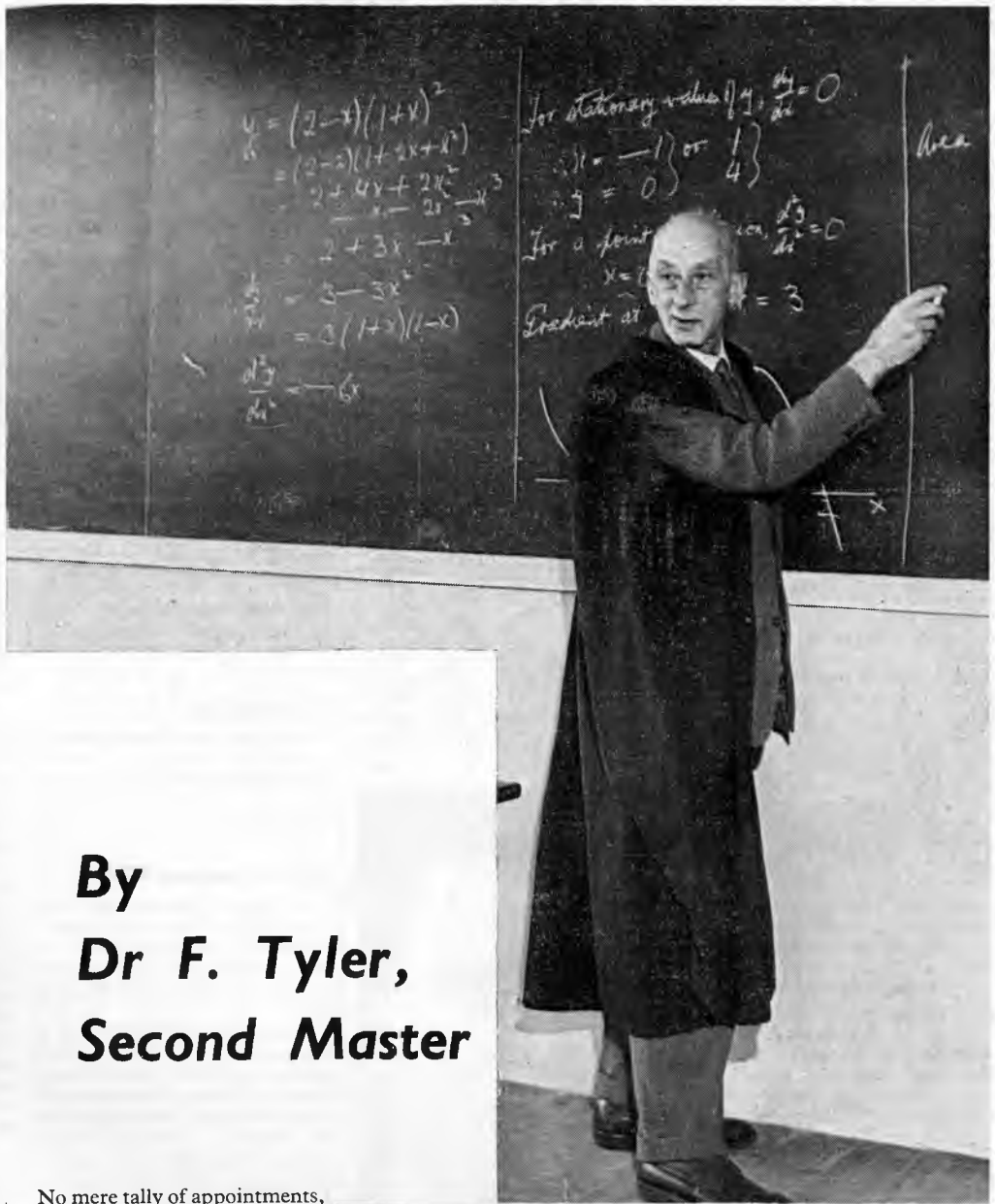
His subject was indeed one of the firm bastions of our academic strength, bringing high achievement, often in unexpected quarters, by his own meticulously exact and exquisitely refined presentation as well as from the stimulus and inspiration he gave to his mathematical colleagues.

Many hundreds of boys passed through his classes, all of whom will recall with delight and gratitude the calm, unhurried exposition, the neat precision of blackboard presentation, the intent, questioning stance, the hypnotic oscillation of chalk stick in the metacarpal ridge, and the splendid inspiration that only the good teacher can communicate.

Outside the classroom, Mr Kennedy applied the same precision and exactitude to the ordering and distribution of the School text-books, for which he was responsible for most of his time with us.

His clear, logical mind greatly eased the task of codification of the reformed (1953) Sports Committee, of which he was the first chairman, whilst he was involved as housemaster in the destinies of Hawkins House in a highly successful period spanning about 30 years.

Locally he served as member of the Joint Four Committee; as president of the Blackburn Literary and Philosophical Society, of which he was a founder member; and as chairman of the Blackburn Advisory Committee on the Teaching of Arithmetic in Primary and Secondary Schools.



By  
**Dr F. Tyler,**  
**Second Master**

No mere tally of appointments, however, can give the full measure of the man—of his quiet strength, his calm assurance, his sympathetic and friendly demeanour, of his “spiky” searching humour.

He was always approachable, unfailingly helpful, and throughout brought the highest levels of professional bearing to all his responsibilities without demur or dissension.

We thank you, Howard, for this splendid record of devoted service. The quality and stamp of your work leave their indelible imprints for our future guidance. For all these things, our gratitude; meantime, to you and Mrs Kennedy our combined best wishes for a protracted and serene retirement in the warm heart of your adopted town.

## 21 YEARS AT CLAYTON

The vicar of All Saints' Church, Clayton - le - Moors, Canon K. Hoghton, has completed 21 years in the parish.

Canon Hoghton, who attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1919 to 1926, is a member of the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance and vice-chairman of the governors of St Christopher's Church of England Secondary School, Accrington.

## Off to Bahrein

Mr Stanley J. Netrval, of Leamington Road, Blackburn, has been appointed senior experimental officer with the Meteorological Office.

Mr Netrval, who was at QEGS from 1935 to 1939, was formerly an information officer at the National Meteorological Library at Bracknell. His new appointment takes him to Bahrein, in the Persian Gulf, for forecasting duties with the RAF.

MR Arthur Sandford took up refereeing when he left Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in 1959 "as a relief from cross-country running, in which I was interested at the time."

Since then, Mr Sandford, who lives at 219 Revidge Road, Blackburn, has become more involved in refereeing than ever he could have envisaged.



MR SANDFORD

For two years he has been secretary of the 65-member-strong Blackburn Referees' Association, and at the time he took this job he became a class one official.

He referees in the Blackburn Combination and is on the linesmen's list for the Lancashire Combination. His job as secretary entails maintaining a close liaison with the local leagues and the county referees' association.

A recent development in which the Blackburn association has played a leading part is the formation of the quiz league in which East Lancashire referees' societies compete with each other on the laws of the game.

"There has been a great improvement in the instruction of referees too," says Mr Sandford. "Apart from the LFA classes, they recently sponsored four instructors on a coaching course at Crystal Palace. It all helps to improve our game."

### French Course

Mr John Haworth (20), a second-year student at Chester Training College, started a five-and-a-half month course in French at Tours University in October.

Mr Haworth, who lives at 332 Preston Old Road, Fenisccliffe, Blackburn, was at QEGS from 1952 to 1962.

His 28-year-old brother, Mr David Haworth (1947-1955) teaches Spanish and French at Lord Wandsworth College, Long Sutton, near Basingstoke.

### Lecturer

Mr R. H. Duckworth (1938-1945) has resigned his post as senior history master at Chipping Norton Grammar School, Oxfordshire, to become a lecturer in

# Miscellany

## NEWS OF OLD BLACKS NEAR AND FAR

history at Poulton Training College, near Blackpool. His new address is 34 Princes Way, Fleetwood.

### New Post

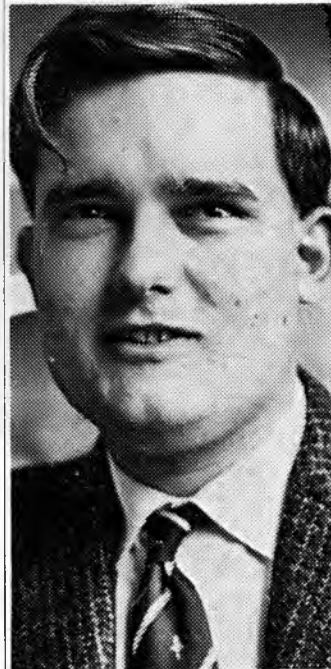
Mr T. Shepherson (1952-1958) has taken up a post at Spring Bank Secondary Modern School, Darwen.

### Mod. Langs.

Mr Harry Eccles (1946-1954) has been appointed head of the modern languages department at Balshaw's Grammar School, Leyland. Mr Eccles, who formerly taught at Wallasey Grammar School, Cheshire, is now living at 7 Lambert Road, Preston.

### Bananas

Mr David Connell, a former treasurer of the Geographical Society at QEGS, spent several months studying the banana industry in the Canary Islands last summer.



MR CONNELL

Mr Connell (20) was at the School from 1955 to 1962 and is now in his third year reading geography at Leeds University.

He went to the Canaries with a party of 12 students. The trip was organised by the university Overseas Expeditions Society and

supported by the university and the Royal Geographical Society. Mr Connell lives at The Homestead, Pleasington.

### At Kendal

Mr D. Cronshaw (1944-1951) has been appointed head of the English department at Kendal Boys' Grammar School.

### Secretary

Mr N. W. Barrett (1935-1940) has been appointed company secretary of Norbury Printers Ltd., Manchester.

### Lecturer

Mr D. E. Bland (1952-1959) has been appointed lecturer in social and economic history at Sheffield University.

### In Germany

Mr Alan Ashton spent several months in Germany last summer, studying at Marburg University. He lives at 34 Winston Road, Blackburn.

### Off to Paris

Mr Frank Shuttleworth (1947-1954) flew to Paris on January 3 to start a 10-week course in French for British primary school teachers at the Institut Britannique.

Mr Shuttleworth (28), of 35 Kentmere Drive, Cherry Tree, teaches at Park Road County Primary School, Blackburn. He is married, and has a two-year-old daughter.

### To Leeds

Mr Harold E. Rurlander, of 26 Aveling Drive, Greaves Hall, Banks, near Southport, who left School in 1962, has obtained a place at Leeds University.

### Demonstrator

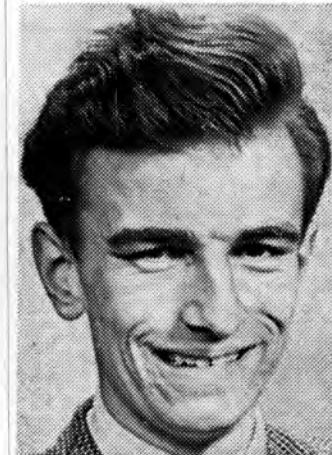
Dr T. Heyworth (1948-1956) has been appointed demonstrator in the Department of Anatomy at Queen's College, Dundee.

### Expedition

Eighteen-year-old Timothy Beavis, son of the Rev David Norman Beavis, vicar of St Barnabas's Church, Blackburn, went on a five-week, 8,000-mile expedition across Europe by

minibus to follow the steps of St Paul in Asia Minor during the summer.

He was in a party of nine which travelled through Turkey,



MR BEAVIS

Syria, the Lebanon, and Jordan to Jerusalem.

Timothy, who was at QEGS from 1957 to 1961, is now studying physics, chemistry, and mathematics at Blackburn Technical College.

### Atlantic College

Sixteen-year-old Andrew Hart, of Alexandra Road, Blackburn, was selected by Blackburn Education Committee for a two-year residential course at Atlantic College, South Wales.

He is the fourth QEGS boy to attend the college, and is studying English and classics.

### Elected

Mr Tom Sharratt (1949-1956), of 49 Kentmere Drive, Cherry Tree, Blackburn, has been elected to the executive committee of Blackburn and District Marriage Guidance Council.

### Graduate

Mr Philip Bond (1954-1961), of Lindon Avenue, Blackburn, has become a graduate of the Royal Manchester College of Music.

### Retiring

Mr Fred Bolton (1918-1921), administrative officer of Blackburn Infirmary, is to retire later this year. He has been at the Infirmary for 39 years.



# THE TELEPHONE MEN

## Old Blackburnians work on GPO communications

**S**UBSCRIBER Trunk Dialling was inaugurated in Blackburn when the Mayor, Councillor Frank Bramwell, made the first call by the new system on July 31, 1964.

Many old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School work for the GPO telephones and quite a number of them had a hand in the preparations for the £1,000,000 switch-over to STD at Blackburn, Darwen, and Accrington.

The moment of the big Blackburn switch-over found 28-year-old Mr Eric Fairhurst waiting to start post-transfer testing at the Accrington exchange.

Mr Fairhurst was a pupil at QEGS from 1947 to 1953. He swam for Raleigh and was a member of the Choral Society and the Dramatic Society. He used to play soccer for the Old Blacks' FC.

Mr Fairhurst, of 40 Brownhill Road, Blackburn, is now assistant to the exchange superintendent at Blackburn.

He was a technical officer at 23 and after taking the Civil Service limited competition examination in November, 1961, he was appointed a telecommunications traffic officer in November, 1962, when he was 25. He passed the qualifying examination for appointment as a telecommunications traffic superintendent in May last year.

Mr Charles J. Lovejoy had what was probably the most hectic time of all on the day of the switch-over—he was moving house.

Mr Lovejoy, a pupil at QEGS from 1937 to 1942, started in the GPO telephones drawing office when he left School, and from 1946 to 1948 was a line mechanic on national service with the Royal Signals in the Canal Zone and Kenya.

In 1954, after seven years' evening study, he qualified as a graduate of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, and for the past five years he has taught electrical subjects at Blackburn Technical College.

He was recently appointed a leading draughtsman in the Brighton telephone area, and now lives at 30 Chesham Close, Worthing, Sussex.

The busiest time for technician Mr Stephen L. Airey came just before the moment of transfer. He was in the team which

advised subscribers to clear the lines.

Mr Airey, who was at QEGS from 1956 to 1961, is 20 and lives at 101 Hollins Lane, Accrington.

Thirty-one-year-old technical officer Mr Harry Dixon was another member of the massive GPO team which engineered the Blackburn switch-over.

Mr Dixon spent the night before the transfer at Blackburn exchange, helping to ensure that everything was in order. He dashed home for a quick breakfast early in the morning and

**MAGISTER wishes to thank Mr G. A. Cresswell, Blackburn assistant head postmaster, and Mr A. R. Matthews, telecommunications traffic superintendent, for the generous help they have given in tracing the Old Blackburnians mentioned in this article.**

returned to the exchange, where he remained on standby in case of emergency until 5 p.m. Then he went home to bed—"And I was ready for it," he said. "We had a busy couple of days."

Mr Dixon, who lives at 39 St Peter's Close, Salesbury, with his wife and family, was at QEGS from 1945 to 1949. He joined the GPO telephones when he left School at 16 and spent two years in training before he was called up for national service as a teleprinter mechanic in the Royal Signals.

He was promoted technical officer in the GPO telephones in March, 1955, and early this year became assistant executive engineer in the Preston area.

Mr William Henry Bamford, an assistant executive engineer, designed and operated a display panel on which the routing of the Mayor's STD call was shown.

Mr Bamford is 45 and lives at 4 Moorfield Avenue, Rams-greave, Blackburn. He was at QEGS from 1930 to 1935.

He was a keen member of the Dramatic Society at School. He did the sound effects for "Journey's End" and "The Fourth Wall" when Mr "Dusty" Miller, handicrafts master, was producer, and has kept up his interest in the amateur stage, having produced plays for the Blackburn telephone area dramatic society.

After war service, he returned to the GPO in 1946 and was a leading technical officer at the Blackburn exchange until 1956, when he was appointed to his present position.

Mr Bamford is an active member of Brownhill Congregational Church. He is married, and has two sons, aged 19 and 15.

Mr Andrew Raymond Matthews (34), of 149 Rosewood Avenue, Pleckgate, Blackburn, returned to Blackburn only last summer after two years in Nigeria, where he worked on long-term planning.

On February 1 he was promoted senior telecommunications superintendent in the London telecommunications region.

Mr Matthews attended QEGS from 1942 to 1947. He joined the GPO telephones straight from School and was a youth in training for two years before being called up for National Service as a radio mechanic in the Royal Signals.

He served with a Gurkha regiment in Malaya for two years during the emergency.

He returned to Blackburn in 1951 as a technical officer on exchange maintenance. In 1954 he was promoted telecommunications traffic superintendent in the Manchester telephone area, and he moved back to Blackburn three years later.

Mr Matthews, who is married, was telecommunications traffic superintendent in Blackburn until he took up his new duties in London.

Mr David Dewhurst (30), a telecommunications traffic officer, was a pupil at QEGS from 1945 to 1950. At 16 he joined the Post Office and trained as an engineer, following a two-year course in various sections.

He joined the Royal Signals for national service, and returned to GPO engineering as a technician.

Mr Dewhurst worked on exchange maintenance in Blackburn and Accrington from 1955 to 1960, and then spent two years on internal planning at Blackburn. He moved to the traffic division and took up his present job in 1963.

Since the Blackburn change-over, Mr Dewhurst has been working on new exchanges and STD at Burnley and Rossendale.

He is married, with a two-year-old son, and lives at 4 The Crescent, Cherry Tree, Blackburn.

Mr Jim Hughes (38) went straight from QEGS to start four years in the Royal Navy.

That was in 1943; he had entered the School five years earlier.

He spent two-and-a-half years in the Mediterranean, then returned to home waters. He spent a couple of weeks in the USSR on a goodwill visit.

He joined the GPO telephones as a wireman's mate when he was demobbed in 1948. He spent several years on maintenance as a fitter, and in 1956 moved to the Blackburn exchange as a technical officer. He moved to the traffic division in March, 1961, became a telecommunications traffic officer, and was recently promoted superintendent.

During the months before the Blackburn STD switchover, he was kept busy changing the Blackburn and Blakewater telephone numbers.

He is married, with two children, and lives at 1 Ayer Road, Shadsworth, Blackburn.

One of Mr Hughes's contemporaries at QEGS was Mr Walter Riley, of 12 Old Bank Lane, Blackburn, who is now a technical officer at Blackburn.

Mr Riley was a sergeant in the Air Training Corps when Dr Tyler was in charge.

After some time as a youth in training and a skilled workman on the telephones, Mr Riley went into the Royal Signals for two years' national service. Afterwards he returned to the GPO.

Mr Riley was clerk of works at the new telephone exchange in Darwen for 18 months before the STD switch-over. Since then, he has been "tidying up" at the exchange. He is married, and has two children.

War service took Mr Charles Stuart Butcher away from the Blackburn telephone area, where he had worked since leaving QEGS when he was 16.

Serving with the Royal Signals, he fought in North Africa and was among the first Allied troops to land on the Anzio beaches in January, 1944.

Months of bitter fighting followed as the Allies drove the German Army north up the boot of Italy, and Mr Butcher was with the forces which reached the Tiber on June 7—the day after D-Day.

Mr Butcher also served in Palestine and Egypt, and was in Syria when the war ended.

He returned to the GPO in Blackburn on demob. In 1958

**OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 1964**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bank Charges .. .. .	6	11	0	Subscriptions, 1963-64 .. .. .	266	12	6
General .. .. .	26	8	0	Released from Life Membership Fund ..	47	5	0
Postages .. .. .	10	4	2	Interest on Investments :			
Magazines .. .. .	75	7	4	4% Consols .. .. .	50	0	0
Church Service .. .. .	5	18	3	Income Tax .. .. .	19	7	6
Magister .. .. .	185	12	1		30	12	6
Leavers' Supper .. .. .	10	0	0	Blackburn Savings Bank .. .. .	2	6	
School Covenant .. .. .	21	0	0				
Loss on Dinner .. .. .	10	18	6	Profit from Social Activities .. .. .			
Balance : Profit to Accumulated Fund ..	18	8	5	War Memorial Ground Rent .. .. .	5	0	0
				Income Tax .. .. .	1	18	9
					3	1	3
					£370	7	9

**BALANCE SHEET**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Life Membership Fund :				Lammack Ground at cost, less sales ..	1207	15	6
Balance at 1.9.63 .. .. .	1208	11	0	Investments : 4% Consols—			
Additions .. .. .	63	0	0	£300 at cost .. .. .	210	12	0
	1271	11	0	£950 at par .. .. .	950	0	0
Deletions .. .. .	47	5	0	(Market value £798)			
					1160	12	0
	1224	6	0	Cash at Bank :			
War Memorial Fund .. .. .	1207	15	6	Lloyds Bank Ltd. .. .. .	1	5	10
Creditors (Magazine Committee) .. .. .	63	4	0	District Bank Ltd. .. .. .	18	5	
Accumulated Fund :				Blackburn Savings Bank .. .. .	155	11	9
Profit at 1.9.63 .. .. .	23	10	6				
Profit on 1963-64 .. .. .	18	8	5		157	16	0
				Cash in hand .. .. .	11	0	11
	41	18	11				
					£2,537	4	5
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**HONORARY AUDITORS' REPORT :** We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Old Blackburnians' Association as above set forth together with the books and vouchers relating thereto. In our opinion they represent a true and correct record of the transactions of the Association during the year ended 31 July, 1964.

(Signed) **WILLIAM HARE, F.C.A.**  
**KENNETH H. MARSDEN, F.C.A.**

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## Old huts no longer used for teaching

**T**HE top floor of the Duke's Brow building came into use at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term, 1964. The new biology laboratories relieved the strain on existing laboratory accommodation; and with eight new laboratories in use, the School must be as well equipped for science teaching as any school in the country.

The opening of the new art department, which consists of two art rooms and a pottery bay, has enabled the top floor of Hartley House to be used exclusively now for sixth-form work. Lecture-type armchairs have been installed in the old art room, which will now be developed as a sixth-form common room.

The four classrooms in the new building for second forms and the playground on Duke's Brow came into use on November 16. The Old Wood Wing will in future not be used for teaching, but for the time being it will still be in use for junior assembly and examinations.

The new building is in the same style as the Holden Laboratories, and the interior is distinguished by its attractive design and excellent lighting.

### THE PLAYING FIELDS

Yet another milestone in the history of the School was reached on September 12, 1964, when the School entertained three football

teams from Manchester Grammar School in matches which were played on our new playing fields at Lammack.

Three football pitches and a cricket square have been constructed from the old "spud" areas, plus two acres to the south purchased by the governors in 1959 from a local farmer to give an area of some six acres.

In addition a piece of ground situated between the Old Blackburnians' pitch and Lammack Road has been developed for football and will be used by the School and the Old Blackburnians jointly.

On September 5 the contractors returned to Lammack to start work on Stage II of the development plan and in the following three weeks the turf and topsoil were removed in preparation for levelling operations. Work has now stopped for the winter but it is expected that the plan will be completed in the spring of 1965.

**Time for a breather . . .**  
Old Blacks and their guests take a break from dancing at the Oxford and Cambridge Old Blackburnians' Christmas dance held in Big School on December 29.

## MR KING HAS AN OPERATION

Mr Harry King (1923-1930), senior chemistry master at the School and an active member of the association's committee, entered Blackburn Infirmary on November 16 for an operation to remove a stone in the kidney.

Mr King, of 15 East Park Avenue, Blackburn, spent three weeks in hospital before returning home. He is now well on the way to full recovery.

## SENIOR MASTER

Mr Herbert Mayman, of 314 Melton Road, Sprotborough, Doncaster, has been appointed senior master of the Percy Jackson Grammar School, Woodlands, near Doncaster. He took up his new duties on September 1.

Mr Mayman was at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1932 to 1940. He had been in charge of the music department at the Percy Jackson

## DARWEN DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

**MR** Leslie A. Walne (42) was appointed Deputy Town Clerk of Darwen in January. He was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1932 to 1940.

Mr Walne, a bachelor, was born in Blackburn, and was a member of Blackburn Cathedral choir. On leaving School he went to Manchester University, where he was a Dauntsey scholar in 1941, and graduated with an honours degree in law in 1942.

He received an interpreter's diploma from London University in 1944.

From 1942 to 1946 he served with the Royal Air Force as a flying officer. He was a Russian liaison officer and interpreter and a member of the Anglo-Soviet Boundary Commission.

After the war, he was articled to Mr Gerald Hetherington, Town Clerk of Clitheroe, and became a solicitor in 1948.

He was assistant prosecutor in Liverpool in 1949 and in 1955 served as prosecutor of the British Transport Commission, Northern Region. Before taking up his position with the British Transport Commission, he was a lecturer at Huddersfield Technical College.

In 1961 he was appointed an instructor in Russian on the faculty of Marietta College, Ohio.

He has also served as assistant solicitor with Accrington and Huddersfield corporations, and is a former chairman of the junior section of Blackburn Incorporated Law Society.

### Certificate

Mr S. G. Monk (1954-1961) gained a certificate of education and has been appointed to a post at Leigh Church of England Secondary Modern School.

Grammar School — a mixed school of 900 pupils — since September, 1949.

He studied at Selwyn College, Cambridge, and the Northern School of Music, Manchester, and while at Cambridge gained a university trial cap for coxing. He coxed the Leander crew in the grand challenge cup race at Henley in 1948, and was also selected that year as reserve cox to the British Olympic eight.



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## An Old Blacks' branch in Central Africa?

**JOHN WOODMANSEY**  
—IN ZAMBIA

HAVING just received a copy of that splendid journal, *MAGISTER*, which brought many memories to me here in darkest Central Africa, I have finally decided to join the Old Blackburnians' Association.

After four years in Edinburgh and one at Cambridge, I came to Rhodesia as a member of the Colonial Civil Service. It is very interesting and satisfies my leaning towards the wide open spaces.

There is, surprisingly, another Old Blackburnian, Peter Wilson, in Fort Rosebery, also in the same job as I am. (I am actually in Samfya on Lake Bangweulu, and am moving into Fort Rosebery very soon).

We may be able to form a Central African Old Blackburnians' Association. Mr Justice Southworth is Chief Justice in

Malawi, and he may well be asked to be president of the CAOBA. However, he is about 600 miles away in Blantyre and may not be able to make the dinner. With all those toasts the Old Blacks dinners seem to have (according to *MAGISTER*) we will be pretty high by the end of the proceedings.

I believe the School is being transformed by new buildings. One of my tasks of late has been to build new schools in real burnt brick for the Unga of the Bangweulu Swamps. The old schools have been mud brick buildings—hardly the same as the magnificent new buildings the School has.

I send kind regards and good wishes.—JOHN F. H. WOODMANSEY, The Boma, P.O. Box 1, Fort Rosebery Luapula Province, Zambia.

## A LIST OF MEMBERS

Have you ever thought of publishing a list of present addresses of members? I for one would be interested to be able to contact old boys who were at the School with me.—R. EASTWOOD, Ty Ceyd, Garth, Portmadoc, Caernarvonshire, North Wales.

● *We have been thinking of this for some time, but as you will realise it's quite a big job. The last list of members was published in THE OLD BLACKBURNIAN in 1954-55, and our present records may be out of date in several instances. However, we'll see what we can do.—ED.*

## Obituary—from page two

### H. TOWNSEND

The Rev Herbert Townsend, formerly vicar of Langho, died in hospital at Davenham, near Northwich, on September 16. He was 76.

He was a pupil at QEGS from 1903 to 1905 and studied at Hatfield College, Durham, where he took his BA degree in 1910. He was ordained deacon in 1911 and priest in 1912 at Manchester.

He was curate of All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, from 1911 to 1913; of Holy Trinity, Darwen, from 1913 to 1914; of St James's, East Crompton, from 1914 to 1915; and of St Peter's, Chorley, from 1915 to 1920, when he became vicar of Wrightington.

In 1928 he became vicar of Hoddlesden, and remained there for 10 years until he was appointed vicar of Langho with Old St Leonard's, Whalley, in 1939. He remained at Langho until he retired 23 years later.

He lived at Mellor for some time after his retirement before entering a residence for retired clergymen at Northwich.

### A. C. H. STIFF

Mr Anthony Charles Hand Stiff, headmaster of Hippines Vale Church of England Junior and Infants' School, Oswaldtwistle, was killed in an accident while on holiday in Spain with his wife and son in August. He was 35.

Mr Stiff, of St James's Place, Blackburn, was a pupil at QEGS from 1941 to 1946 and started teaching as an assistant master at Rhyddings School, Oswaldtwistle, in 1951.

He went to Brockhall Hospital as deputy head in 1955, and in January, 1957, he moved to Bangor Street Secondary Modern School, Blackburn.

Later, he went to Audley Secondary Modern School, Blackburn, as senior geography master, and was appointed head at Hippines Vale School in January, 1963.

We also regret to record the deaths of Mr Matthew D. R. Wilson (1950-1960), Mr Joe Speight (1923-1928), Mr William B. Smith (1917-1922), and Mr Joe Barlow (1921-1926).

# ACADEMIC

# SUCCESSSES

**Mr Kenneth Harry Heron** (1954-1961), of Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton, gained an honours BSc degree in mathematics at Bristol University. He is taking up a post as a scientific officer at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.

**Mr Alan J. Hirst** (1947-1957) of Malvern, Preston New Road, Blackburn, passed his final examinations and qualified as a doctor at St Andrew's University, Queen's College, Dundee.

**Mr Duncan M. Wilson** (1951-1961), of Preston New Road, Blackburn, gained an honours BSc degree in mathematics at King's College, Newcastle.

**Mr Christopher G. Nash** (1954-1959), of Branksome, Wycollar Drive, Blackburn, gained a BA degree in economics and statistics at Leeds University and took up a post in the commercial department of the ICI Fibres Division, Harrogate.

**Mr Harry Howard Baylie** (1948-1955), of Grant Road, Blackburn, was awarded a Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree at Durham University (Newcastle).

**Mr David M. Child** (1951-1961), of Brantfell Road, Blackburn, gained an honours BA degree at Cambridge University after reading geography at St Catharine's College. He is now studying for a Diploma in Education at Durham University.

**Mr P. H. Gaskill** (1955-1963) gained first-class honours in French and German in Part I of the Modern Languages Tripos examinations at Cambridge University, and won a Downing College prize.

## AN APOLOGY

Mr Peter N. Mercer (1947-1958) has obtained the degree of MSc (London) and is now engaged on post-graduate research for his PhD at Battersea College of Technology, where he has been elected vice-president of the Students' Union.

Mr Chris Mercer (1957-1962) was a student at Atlantic College from 1962 to 1963 and has gained the gold award in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. He spent four months in Germany last summer and has now entered St Peter's College, Oxford, to read geography.

The editor regrets that these news items were inaccurately reported in the last issue of MAGISTER, and wishes to apologise for any embarrassment or inconvenience caused.

**Mr Jonathan Ross Howorth** (1950-1958), of St Silas's Road, Blackburn, gained a Diploma in Technology. He studied at Bradford Institute of Technology and trained with the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, Edwards High Vacuum Ltd., and Mullard Research Laboratories.

**Mr I. W. Fawcett** (1952-1958) gained a BA degree in psychology at Downing College, Cambridge.

**Mr Philip Jones** (1951-1961), **Mr Lance Irvin** (1954-1961), and **Mr Keith H. Hindle** (1954-1961) all gained BSc degrees in mechanical engineering at Leeds University. Mr Jones has been appointed to a post with T. Ryder and Sons, machine tool manufacturers, of Bolton.

**Mr Ian D. Moorhouse** (1953-1961), of Brantfell Road, Blackburn, gained a BSc degree at Bristol University and has obtained a position with W. S. Aitkins and Sons, consultant engineers, of Epsom.

**Mr Ivan M. Gillibrand** (1950-1960), of Queen's Road, Blackburn, graduated BSc in biochemistry at Leeds University, and has been appointed to a research assistantship in the Astbury Department of Biophysics at the university.

**Mr Bernard N. F. Eddleston** (1953-1960), of Salesbury, gained a degree in aeronautical engineering, with first-class honours, at Bristol University.

**Mr John Pendlebury** (1955-1961), of Buncer Lane, Blackburn, passed the Part I tripos examination at Cambridge University with first-class honours in mineralogy, chemistry, physics, and mathematics. He has been elected a scholar of Downing College and was awarded a college prize.

**Mr Francis G. Edwards** (1953-1960), of Scotland Road, Blackburn, gained a diploma in technology in chemical engineering at Loughborough College of Technology.

After being awarded the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at Glasgow University, **Mr Christopher Henry Land** (1947-1957), is to take up a post as house surgeon at Stobhill Teaching Hospital, Glasgow.

**Mr Peter L. Wilson** (1953-1961), of Helmsshore Road, Haslingden, obtained a BA degree in special studies at the School of Geography, Leeds University.

**Mr Norman Ramsbottom** (1948-1958) gained his MB and BS degrees at London University, and took up an appointment as houseman at Guy's Hospital.

**Mr David Smalley** (1953-1961), of Furthergate, Blackburn, gained a BA honours degree in music, with subsidiary Spanish, at Bristol University.

**Mr B. Parkinson** (1954-1961) graduated with honours in metallurgy at Sheffield University, and has joined the research department of Joseph Lucas Ltd.

**Mr Ralph H. Bamber** (1953-1961), of Haslingden, gained a BA honours degree at Oxford University after reading English at St Catherine's College.

**Mr Gerald B. Rimmer** (1948-1954), of Haslingden Road, Guide, was awarded an MSc degree by the University of Wales.

**Mr P. F. Haslam** (1953-1961) graduated with a BSc degree in chemistry at Edinburgh University.

**Mr P. Grills** (1954-1961) gained a certificate of education and took up a teaching post at Pear Tree Junior School, Derby.

**Mr J. M. H. Maidment** (1953-1961) was awarded a certificate of education and appointed to Holy Trinity Church of England School, Darwen.

**Mr I. A. May** (1954-1961) obtained a certificate of education and is now teaching at St Christopher's Church of England Secondary School, Accrington.

**Mr R. Paley** (1955-1961) graduated LLB at the London School of Economics.

**Mr J. S. Read** (1954-1961), gained an hours BSc degree in physics at London University and was awarded the Diploma of Associateship of the Royal College of Science. He was also awarded a DSIR studentship to read geophysics for his MSc degree.

**Mr N. R. R. Bullough** (1950-1960), gained an honours BA degree in politics at the University of Wales (Swansea).

**Mr A. S. Crehan** (1953-1960) graduated BA with first-class honours in English at Newcastle University.

**Mr R. Goldstein** (1954-1961) gained an honours BA degree in politics at the University of Wales (Swansea).

**Mr Adrian L. W. F. Eddleston**, son of the Rev W. Eddleston, vicar of St Peter's Church, Salesbury, near Blackburn, has gained his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees at Oxford University.

Mr Eddleston, who was at QEGS from 1951 to 1958, studied at St Peter's College. He received his BA degree in 1961 and his MA earlier this year.

He is a licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, and did clinical work at Guy's Hospital, London.

**Mr David William Farren** (25), eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Farren, of Brownhill Drive, Blackburn, has been awarded his PhD at Manchester University. He was at QEGS from 1950 to 1957 and has studied chemistry at Manchester for seven-and-a-half years. He took his BSc degree in 1960 and his MSc in 1962. He has now taken up a research post with a firm of distillers in Epsom.

## Appointed to computer team at Bolton

Mr Roy Blackshaw (28), of 26 Tower Road, Fenisccliffe, Blackburn, joined the computer team of Hawker Siddeley Dynamics at Lostock, Bolton, as a systems analyst in July.

Mr Blackshaw, who was at QEGS from 1945 to 1954, studied engineering at Selwyn College, Cambridge, and took his BA degree in 1957. He received his MA degree in February, 1961.

He joined Ruston and Hornsby Ltd., diesel engine manufacturers, of Lincoln, and spent 18 months on workshop training. He was engaged in work study for two years, worked on the data processing side of production control for a further two years, and spent a year as a systems analyst on computers before leaving the firm to take up his present position.

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### DURHAM

**Michael Crossley** writes: Last October saw the entry of several Old Blacks into North-Eastern colleges and universities. At the present time no branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association exists in that part of the country. With the rate of expansion which universities and colleges hope to achieve—Durham University is expanding by 50 per cent next year—it would seem highly probable that more and more old boys of QEGS will be travelling to the North-East each year.

The majority of these old boys will no doubt wish to maintain their connection with the school and at the moment no facilities exist for them to do this. I propose then that we set up a North-Eastern branch of the association with its headquarters in Durham. Would anyone wishing to act as officers or to join such an organisation please get in touch with me either at 8 St Michael's Street, Blackburn, or 22 Allergate, Durham.

Durham is an old and traditional university town, which is really the main preoccupation of the town and its business. The university is based on the collegiate system and most of the colleges are grouped around the famous castle and cathedral, which are the focal points of Durham itself.

At the moment the complement of Old Blacks is not very many but we hope to see many more arriving next October.

University life offers many interesting opportunities. This I can best illustrate by talking about one which I recently took advantage of. A fellow-student (from Hulme Grammar School for the interest of footballers) invited me down to Spain—to Callea, on the coast just north of Barcelona—to help decorate a

bar which he had hired for the summer season. He provided a free return trip and free board and lodgings.

It was a trip full of interesting experiences, some pleasant, some unpleasant, but all thoroughly enjoyable. The whole expedition took about 14 days and we arrived home on Christmas Eve. An unforgettable prelude to Christmas.

### LIVERPOOL

**Peter D. Simm**, of 205a Burnley Road, Blackburn, writes: We are hoping to hold a hot-pot supper evening, as we did last year. We hope this will be arranged about the end of February, as the new Students' Union is opening in January.

We hope to book a room there for the evening.

### MANCHESTER

**Bob Davenport** writes:—No official functions have been held recently.

Five freshers have arrived from Blackburn; they are: J. N. Edmondson (chemistry); R. G. Sowerby and G. R. Charnley (medicine); R. Lang (colour chemistry); and R. F. Ronson at Salford.

We wish them a most enjoyable university career at Manchester.

We should like to congratulate P. Bond on being made a graduate of the Royal Manchester College of Music.

The Manchester branch dinner, to which all old boys are cordially invited, will be held at a date yet to be arranged in February.

### OFFICERS

Secretary: Robert H. Davenport, 11 Ribblesdale Avenue, Wilpshire, Blackburn. Telephone Blackburn 48287.

## New post for headmaster

Mr Kenneth Entwistle (1928-1934), headmaster of St Matthew's Church of England Junior School since 1950, has been appointed headmaster of Bolton-le-Sands Church of England Junior School.

Before becoming head of St Matthew's, he had taught at Audley Secondary Modern School and Emmanuel Church of England Junior School, Blackburn.

He was a committee member and past president of Blackburn Head Teachers' Association and a former treasurer of the Blackburn branch of the National Association of Schoolmasters.

## Treasure hunt raises £19

More than 140 competitors in 34 cars took part in a treasure hunt organised by the Old Blackburnians' Association on June 25.

They followed clues on a 20-mile course set by Mr Jim Haydock through Pleasington, Feniscowles, Hoghton, Samlesbury, Clayton-le-Dale, Ribchester, and Wilpshire before returning to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School for supper.

Winner was Mr Jim Whittaker, chairman of the Old Blackburnians' Football Club. Prizes were presented by Mr G. Norman Forbes, association chairman. The treasure hunt raised £19 15s for association funds.

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he went to the Manchester area and spent three-and-a-half years on corrosion investigation. He returned to Blackburn as an assistant executive engineer, to work on external planning, and is now busy at the Bolton exchange.

He lives at 61 Revidge Road, Blackburn, and is married, with two children.

Mr George Robinson Slater (44), of 89 Revidge Road, Blackburn, is an assistant executive engineer. He worked on the planning of almost everything in the new Blackburn exchange except the automatic telephone equipment—his brief covered lighting and power planning and the lifts and ventilation services. He was at QEGS from 1932 to 1937.

Mr Slater joined the GPO as a youth in training when he was 16. He went into the Royal Signals in 1942 as a radio and teleprinter mechanic and served for three years in India, Burma, and Malaya under General Wingate's command.

August, 1946, saw him back with the GPO as a technical officer. He did installation work on a lot of small exchanges until 1957, when he was appointed assistant engineer on lighting and power in telecommunications.

His son, Mr Anthony Slater, is also an old boy of QEGS, and recently passed Part I of the Law Society's solicitors' examinations.

Mr John Marshall Bolton, planning engineer, is a life member of the Old Blackburnians' Association. He attended QEGS from 1931 to 1936.

He had been working on the telephones for three years when war was declared in 1939, and he joined the Royal Signals as an instrument mechanic. He was serving in Singapore when it was captured by the Japanese and remained a prisoner of war until August, 1945.

He returned to the GPO and became an assistant engineer on planning in 1954. From 1961 to 1963 he worked at the Bolton exchange, and for the Blackburn STD switch-over he took part in the planning of external cables in the local subscribers' network.

Mr Bolton, married, with two children, lives at 108 Lynwood Road, Blackburn.

The drawing office at Blackburn has a strong contingent of Old Blackburnians.

Leading draughtsman Mr Charles Warkman (47) attended Accrington Grammar School before he entered QEGS in 1931.

He took a keen interest in the School Scouts, and he is now Assistant District Commissioner for Sea Scouts. He also holds the Scouting Medal of Merit.

He left School in 1934 and entered the family business. Before joining the GPO telephones as a draughtsman in 1938, he spent a year as a draughtsman in Blackburn Corporation Valuation Department.

He became a leading draughtsman in 1963 and assumed control of the section responsible for preparing drawings for the transfer scheme.

Mr Warkman lives at 67 Saunders Road, Blackburn. His son is a sea-going engineer with the BP tanker fleet, and his daughter is at school.

Mr James A. C. Thompson, a 40-year-old draughtsman, helped to prepare plans for the new Blackburn exchange and for the introduction of STD.

He attended QEGS from 1935 to 1939 and was a member of the School Scouts.

When he left School, he became an apprentice draughtsman with Foster, Yates, and Thom Ltd., of Blackburn, before joining the GPO in 1941.

From 1942 to 1945 he was a signaller in the Royal Navy. He spent most of his time at Gibraltar on contraband control; later, he returned to home waters and served in minesweepers.

Mr Thompson is married and has a five-month-old son. He lives at 7 Eldon Road, Blackburn.

Mr Thomas James Leslie (35) has worked in the drawing office since he left QEGS, where he was a pupil from 1940 to 1945.

He is married and lives at 19 East Park Road, Blackburn.

Mr Peter C. Bassett (20) was at QEGS from 1955 to 1960 and is now a telephone technician in Blackburn. He lives at 32 Fenisccliffe Drive, Fenisccliffe.

In his spare time, he plays bass guitar with a Blackburn beat group, the Deltics. The four lads got together last February and have had engagements in all parts of Lancashire.

Mr Ian G. Curphy (28), of 10 St Alban's Road, Rishton, was at QEGS from 1947 to 1952 and joined the GPO when he left School. He was appointed technical officer seven years ago, and works on the transmission side of the trunk network out of Blackburn.

Mr Roy Whittaker (29), of 15 Woodside Avenue, Rishton, was a pupil at QEGS from 1947 to 1952, and now works on maintenance at the old Blackburn exchange.

Among other old boys of QEGS who work on the GPO telephones are: Mr Christopher Woods (1929-1935), of 72 Revidge Road, Blackburn; Mr Roger Clough (1952-1957), of 83, Manxman Road, Blackburn; and Mr Ian Osbaldeston (1951-1956), of 32 Cranborne Drive, Church.



# BOYS GET A CHALLENGE

**F**IND an insect-eating plant. Prove that you've visited three 500-year-old churches. Get an official form about cattle suffering from foot-and-mouth disease.

Do all this and more in a single day, and visit three different counties as well—that's what 13 sixth-formers at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School were told to do.

In an eight-hour initiative test last July, they had to visit two counties other than Lancashire, buy three articles of strongly local manufacture, visit a town of more than 50,000 population—not Blackburn—get a bus ticket from three different corporation bus services, and get postcards showing a public school, a castle, and a reservoir, as well as find the form, the plant, and the churches.

The boys were not allowed to do any hitch-hiking during the trip or to use their own or their parents' cars.

And they were given strict instructions not to trespass or inconvenience the public in any way.

The test was one of the biggest events in last year's sixth-form course at the School.

It took the boys far afield—to Westmorland, Derbyshire, Cheshire, and Yorkshire.

"But it was different from most initiative tests," said Mr Fred Bury, one of the masters who organised it.

"We gave the boys their instructions a day before the test. We wanted them to learn the value of planning—how to fit this big programme into a single day."

The 13 boys were selected from 60 volunteers to take part in a pilot scheme for a more comprehensive programme this summer.

"We did not expect anyone to get anywhere near full marks, but were delighted to find that some got pretty close," said Mr Geoffrey Tate, another of the organisers.

"We asked ourselves whether the test could be done at all, but obviously it could. No-one got into any kind of trouble—although we were waiting by the phone all day just in case!"

## Sorry !

Dr Derek Sharples (1946-1953) has been appointed annual lecturer in junior education, and not, as reported in the last issue of MAGISTER, assistant lecturer in education, at Liverpool University Institute of Education.



Mr Graeme Stanton was given a golf putter by his editorial colleagues at the Lancashire Evening Telegraph when he left to join the Daily Express last summer. Mr Stanton (above, right) is pictured as he receives the putter from Mr George Hutcheon, the then editor of the Telegraph.

## Old boys return for a careers convention

**T**HE importance of spending time in the sixth form and of cultivating wide interests outside academic studies was emphasised by speakers at a careers convention at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School on December 2.

Mr Geoffrey H. Tate, careers master, told more than 180 parents and pupils who filled Big School that employers today were seeking the "all-rounder"—not the boy who had achieved academic success alone.

He said: "This is to em-

phasise the importance of outside activities to widen experience. These activities all contribute to the development of character."

Standards required for entry into the professions has risen during the past few years, said Mr Tate. "Educationists welcome this. Go as far as you can with your formal education at school and beyond.

"But do not regard university as the inevitable or essential end of the academic process. Many boys have, after A-level GCE, gone into the professions without any sense of frustration."

Mr J. E. Sagar, a Blackburn accountant, spoke on his profession, and Mr J. E. Thompson, a former head boy of the School who is now senior assistant solicitor to Bury Corporation, described opportunities in local government. The headmaster, Mr B. H. Kemball-Cook, presided and introduced the speakers.

Later, parents and boys were able to seek the advice of representatives of various professions.

The careers convention ended on the following evening, when representatives of local industry and the armed services took part.

## Talks 'not making progress'

**N**egotiations between Blackburn Education Committee and the governors of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School on the place the School is to take in the town's reorganised scheme of secondary education are still continuing, but are not making progress.

Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors, said this when he spoke at the School's speech night and prizegiving in King George's Hall, Blackburn, on December 18.

Mr Hare said: "Twelve months ago the plan for the reorganisation of secondary education in Blackburn was published, approved, and sent to the Ministry of Education, all in a few days.

"We protested strongly because the plan seemed to have been settled in all its details without any consultation with this School.

"The plan gave notice of the termination of the long-standing partnership between this School and the town, and laid down conditions for a new form of partnership."

Mr Hare pointed out: "When a partnership is reconstituted, the conventional procedure is for the partners to consult together concerning the new terms of partnership."

He went on: "In January, we were invited to enter into consultations concerning the plan, which we assumed to mean that the local authority was prepared to consider modifications to it after hearing what the governors had to say. Consultations would be pointless otherwise.

"These consultations are not yet over, and I am not yet at liberty to enter into details concerning them.

"I can, however, say that if these consultations have lasted a long time, it is not because there has been any lack of good will on our side, or of readiness to make considerable sacrifices and to contemplate fundamental changes in our School, but I am bound to state that we are not making progress, perhaps for reasons which are not strictly educational.

"If the local authority really does want our co-operation in the scheme, agreement seems perfectly possible."

## GRAHAM HONOURED

Graham Farnhill (16), a pupil at QEGS, was commended by Reedley magistrates on September 9 for rescuing a child from an 18-ft-deep mill lodge.

Graham, of Castle Close, Colne, was presented with a certificate from the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society by the chairman of the bench, Mr Simon Towneley, who told him: "You have brought distinction upon yourself and your family."

As reported in the last issue of MAGISTER, Graham dived into the lodge and rescued five-year-old Stephen Clark, of Derby Street, Colne.

# Knighthood Waters of the Nile

by David Ryley (1950-1960).

**MR** Harold Woolley, president of the National Farmers' Union, received a knighthood in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June for his services to farming.

Mr Woolley, who is 58, is a brother of Blackburn businessmen Mr W. E. Woolley and Mr Ewart Woolley, and was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1919 to 1923.

He went to Woodhouse Grove School, Yorkshire, after leaving Queen Elizabeth's, and then to the Lancashire County Council agricultural college at Hutton, near Preston, before starting farming on his own account.

He now farms more than 500 acres on the Cheshire plain, and has a herd of 150 mainly pedigree British Friesian artested cows.

He was one of the pioneers in grade A milk and in the attestation of dairy herds.

He was first elected president of the NFU in 1960, having been deputy president in three previous years and on two occasions vice-president.

He has played a leading part in the union's work, particularly as chairman of the Parliamentary Committee and as an employers' representative on the Agricultural Wages Board.

He was chairman of the Agricultural Apprentices' Council from 1949 to 1960, and has represented Cheshire on the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society for many years.

He is also a member of the British team on the Canada-United Kingdom Committee of the British Chambers of Commerce, and has travelled extensively in that capacity.

Mr and Mrs Woolley live at Hatton Heath, near Chester. They have four sons and two daughters.

## Queen's Scout

Eighteen-year-old Christopher Morris, a member of St George's Presbyterian Church Scout Group, Blackburn, for the past seven years, has been awarded his Queen's Scout badge.

Christopher left Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School last summer and went on a three-month archaeological dig at Winchester before going up to Durham University, where he is reading for honours in history with archaeology.

**E**GYPT since the revolution—and Cairo in particular—is a land of mixtures and contradictions, the old and the new living together, side by side, and yet each one struggling to emerge dominant.

The new, the way of life after the revolution, the industrialisation, the organisation, the unwitting westernisation, all under the hand of Nasser, are all fighting for a civilisation that has been dormant since the days of the Pharaohs.

The old, the strict Islamic religion, the traditions of 2,000 years, the laziness and unwillingness to accept responsibility, the inborn desire to get something for nothing and the cunning to do so, all this has little place in the new Egypt, but it will cause the revolution much indigestion for a long time to come.

These observations come from a very interesting year spent in Egypt. It all started when four wandering types left England in July, 1963, for a holiday in Egypt.

These four were Martin Tolson, an Old Blackburnian, Nigel Ellis and Nico Athanassiates, Manchester University graduates, and myself.

It was a holiday that contained so many things that will never be forgotten. The unbelievable Luxor temples and the tombs of the Valley of Kings; the great dam at Aswan; the typically English climb up the Great Pyramid at midday in August; the underwater fights with sharks

and barracuda—all this still remembered as though it had happened only last week.

The holiday lasted three months and then Nigel and Nico returned to England for post-graduate work. Martin and I stayed in Egypt, Martin as a musician and myself as a university lecturer.

We spent nine more months in Egypt, a very happy nine months. We grew to like many of the people and to trust very few of them.

We learned to circumvent bureaucracy and that in Egypt money speaks louder than words. We got to know people who mattered and learned to keep our mouths shut to people who did not.

We found that the average Egyptian was rather like a child who has suddenly been given the responsibility of adulthood and is rather bewildered by it—and we learned to treat him that way.

We experienced wonderful hospitality everywhere and a new health given by endless sun.

But most of all, I think, we learned that the world is a lot bigger than the packaged security that we accept so easily here in England, and I hope we have profited by it.

Egyptians say that once you have tasted the waters of the Nile, you will return again some day. I shall, but only as a tourist—and a tourist who knows the ropes at that.

## Opinion

**T**HERE is a child's game called "Millionaire" which is played by moving figures around a board in accordance with instructions contained in cards drawn from a pack. The game is won when one of the players succeeds in accumulating one million imaginary pounds and thus becomes the "Millionaire." One of the cards contains the following legend: "What will the future bring? Advance 21 squares and see."

Nineteen sixty-four was a turbulent year which saw new leaders appointed or elected on both sides of the Iron Curtain and which endured its fair share of violence in the Near and Far East and the Congo. It is not insignificant that the year which commenced with such climatic gentleness should hurl out in a flurry of snow, hail, wind, and rain.

We in this country face the new year with a new Government and most people must be wondering what the future will bring. The Labour Party promised us that if they were elected to power they would give us a Socialist alternative and this they seem determined to do despite the smallness of the majority.

Already the social legislators have been at work and December 17 saw the promised Protection from Eviction Act receive the Royal Assent.

The purpose of the Act is to afford interim protection to the tenant of the unscrupulous landlord by making it a criminal offence, punishable by fine or imprisonment, to evict a tenant without a court order, and by giving to the judges a discretionary power to suspend an eviction order for a period of up to 12 months. As a piece of interim social legislation it seems fair and reasonable.

Whether one faces the future with optimism or despair depends entirely on one's political outlook. One Conservative cynic remarked on Christmas Day: "Eat up—we shall be on rations next year."

On the other hand the Socialist enthusiasts are convinced that with the present opportunities and leadership the golden age is in sight. The Liberals are, as usual, as enigmatic as only they can afford to be.

The year promises to be a turbulent one politically, with great issues to be decided. Perhaps turbulence is the right atmosphere for great decisions and progress, and it is only a myth that progress and prosperity go hand in hand with peace and calm—or should it be complacency?

## Passed

Mr Michael Entract (23), of Pleckgate Road, Blackburn, has passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

## Judo tour

Leeds University judo vice-captain Ricky Rhoda (1950-1960) of Preston New Road, Blackburn, toured Europe with the university judo team last summer. They visited Delft, Frankfurt, Munich, Venice, and both coasts of Italy.

## Associate

Mr Thomas G. Haselden, of Hasston Lee Avenue, Blackburn, a 25-year-old assistant technical examining officer to the Admiralty, has become an associate of the Textile Institute.

He was at QEGS from 1950 to 1957 and gained his BSc degree in textile technology at Manchester University four years ago. He has held his Admiralty post since December, 1961.

## 40 attend church service

The Old Blackburnians' fourth annual church service took place on Sunday, 15 November, at St James's Church, Blackburn.

About 40 members and their families attended.

The vicar, the Rev W. David Robinson (1942-1949), conducted the service and preached.

Mr N. Kingston was organist. Lessons were read by Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors, and the headmaster, Mr B. H. Kemball-Cook. The collection of £7 2s was shared between St James's parochial church council and the School's Community Service Committee.

## Script editor

Mr Wilfred Greatorex (42), an old boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, is now script editor of a television series, "Front Page Story."



**Mr Michael Hamm, Professor of Conducting at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London, conducted the BBC Scottish Orchestra at a concert in September. He was at QEGS from 1944 to 1949. The concert was recorded, and was broadcast in the Scottish Home Service on December 28.**

## A new post for chief inspector

**C**HIEF Inspector John Alexander Goldsborough took up new duties as second-in-command at Accrington County Police headquarters at the beginning of December.

Mr Goldsborough, who is 37, lives at 261 Brownhill Drive, Blackburn. He was born in Accrington, and attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1938 to 1945.

On leaving School he went to New College, Oxford, and read for an honours degree in history. He gained his BA degree in 1948 and his MA in 1952.

Mr Goldsborough joined the Lancashire County Police Force in 1950 and served as a constable at Aintree, Old Trafford, and Seaforth. He went to the county headquarters in 1956 and was promoted sergeant in 1957. He transferred to Bury in 1960 and in 1962 he moved to Accrington for a short time.

Mr Goldsborough was promoted inspector in September, 1962, and returned to the county headquarters to take charge of one of the two branches of organisation and method study, dealing mainly with establishment. He became chief inspector in 1963.

## MANAGER OF NEW MULLARD SECTION

**A**N old boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Mr Eric Beaumont, has been appointed production manager of a new transistor production section at Mullard Blackburn Works.

Mr Beaumont is 38 and lives at 78 Parsonage Road, Blackburn.

He attended the School from 1937 to 1942. He has been with Mullards since he left School and is now head of the valve-production department.

Mr Beaumont's new appointment was announced on November 13 when the company published details of its plans for the important new development.

### Malawi post for Mr Justice Southworth

Mr Justice Southworth (54) was appointed Chief Justice of Malawi (formerly Nyasaland) in July. He has been in Malawi since 1956, when he was appointed Puisne Judge in Nyasaland after holding judicial appointments in Palestine, the Bahamas, and Tanganyika.

While in Palestine, he was severely injured in the terrorist attack on the King David Hotel, Jerusalem.

Mr Justice Southworth, who was at QEGS from 1921 to 1929, achieved fame when heading the Southworth Commission, which investigated an incident outside a Blantyre hotel during Mr Macmillan's visit to Nyasaland in 1960.

He declared that he had found no evidence that enough blood had been spilled to fill a mustard spoon, and not enough skin lost to cover a postage stamp.

During the Second World War he was for a time Deputy Judge Advocate-General at Headquarters Eastern Command, India. He left the forces in 1946 with the honorary rank of colonel.

### Mr F. Maudsley is chief chemist

Mr Frank Maudsley (26), of 5 Moleside Close, Accrington, has been appointed chief chemist with J. B. Broadley Ltd., plastic-coated fabric manufacturers, of Rawtenstall.

Mr Maudsley, who was at QEGS from 1949 to 1955, joined the Cocker Chemical Co. Ltd., of Oswaldtwistle, as a research assistant when he left school. He later taught science at Rawtenstall, and more recently worked in a technical capacity for William Blythe and Co. Ltd., chemical manufacturers, of Church, near Accrington.

Mr Maudsley, who is married, studied externally and took a BSc degree of London University in 1959.



**MR BEAUMONT**

At School, Mr Beaumont was in Frobisher. Towards the end of the Second World War he joined the armed forces and served with REME, working on radar.

After studying at Blackburn Technical College, he became a chartered electrical engineer and was elected an Associate Member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers in 1956. He has been in his present post for eight years.

Mr Beaumont is married and has a 10-year-old daughter. His hobbies are colour photography, car rallying, fell walking, and listening to good music. He is a member of Blackburn Round Table.

### Power Petroleum appointment

Mr Harry Wilkinson, of 91 Bourne Way, Hayes, Bromley, Kent, has been appointed fuel oil manager of the Power Petroleum Co. Ltd.

Mr Wilkinson was at QEGS from 1936 to 1941. After an engineering career of 14 years in the Royal Navy, he worked for a firm of combustion engineers before joining the Power Petroleum Co. in 1958. He has written a number of technical papers and articles on industrial oil-burning equipment.

## OB HEADS HONG KONG COMPANIES



**MR MARGERISON**

Mr Neil D. Margerison has joined Messrs Blyth, Greene, Jourdain, and Co. Ltd., merchant bankers, of London, as chairman and managing director of the company's Hong Kong subsidiary, W. R. Loxley and Co. Ltd., and associated Hong Kong companies.

Mr Margerison was a pupil at QEGS from 1929 to 1935 and studied art at Blackburn Technical College and later at Manchester University.

He joined the Army on the outbreak of the Second World War and rose through the ranks to become a lieutenant-colonel.

Mr Margerison became a senior executive of Philips Electrical Ltd. and later group general manager and director of four subsidiary companies of Associated Television Ltd.

More recently he was managing director of the European Division of the J. Wrather Corporation (USA). He is also a director of Gallery Film Productions Ltd.

His wife, Mrs Olive M. Margerison, was awarded the MBE for her wartime services as a member of Sir Winston Churchill's staff.

### Senior assistant solicitor

Mr Jack Thompson, a former head boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, has been appointed senior assistant solicitor to the Town Clerk of Bury. He was at QEGS from 1947 to 1954.

After service with the RAF in Aden, Mr Thompson (28) went to Exeter College, Oxford, and took his degree. He was articled to the Town Clerk of Watford and early in 1963 was appointed an assistant solicitor to the Town Clerk of Bolton.

His wife is also an Oxford graduate. They have a young daughter.



# OLD BLACKS HAVE A GREAT RUN IN 2 CUP STRUGGLES

by Bill Lazenby

THIS season is proving to be the best the Old Blacks FC has had for some time, with all four teams doing very well.

The First XI has had as good a run in the FA Amateur Cup as any old boys' side ever had. They won their division and got into the last qualifying round among some of the exempted clubs.

They beat the Old Salfordians 2-1; Chadderton FC 1-0; Whalley Range 3-2; and Chorley Recs. 2-1 after an away 1-1 draw.

But Skelmersdale United gave the team an 8-0 licking. This is no disgrace, as Skelmersdale are one of the leading clubs in the First Division of the Lancashire Combination.

In the Lancashire Amateur Cup the Old Rivingtonians were easily beaten 5-1. Then the Old Blacks entertained Blackpool Rangers, who put on a very good display and handed out a 5-1 defeat.

In the league the side are a lot of games behind the leaders—



EDDIE WALTON

due, of course, to the many cup-ties—but have so far been beaten only once.

The defence is playing splendidly, with centre-half and skipper Eddie Walton and left-half Terry Barton outstanding.

Two new players, goal-keeper Colin Duerden and left-winger Dion Partington, both recent school-leavers, have strengthened the side this season.

In the annual Boxing Day game, Stuart Holding captained the visiting Universities' XI for

the first time. Despite atrocious ground conditions because of a heavy frost, the Old Blacks stormed to a 3-1 victory.

Records so far this season:—

**FIRST XI:** P 21, W 11, D 6, L 4, For 49, Against 38.

**SECOND XI:** P 15, W 9, D 3, L 3, For 36, Against 25. This team are leading their league.

**THIRD XI:** P 13, W 10, D 3, L 0, For 49, Against 22. Also league leaders.

**FOURTH XI:** P 14, W 7, D 2, L 5, For 34, Against 36. Position, sixth.

## GOT A PIANO?

The Old Blacks FC are hoping to build an extension to the pavilion at Lammack some time soon. When we do, we shall need a piano. Any offers? Write to Bill Lazenby, 80 Walter Street, Blackburn. Telephone: home, Blackburn 52067; office, Darwen 71444.



## LOBAGS GOLF COMPETITION STARTS AGAIN

As a result of an appeal by Mr Ken Forbes, Old Blacks' golf secretary, in the last issue of MAGISTER, the Lancashire Old Boys' Amateur Golfing Society's annual competition for the Lord Morley Trophy (above), which lapsed some years ago, is to be resumed in May at Preston.

Any old boys' association interested in competing can get more details from Mr A. L. Knipe, Crossways, Bowring Park Road, Liverpool 14, who has been appointed LOBAGS secretary.

## EYES UP—OLD BLACKS MEET FOR CRICKET, TENNIS



The cricket captains, Richard Grogan (School) and Peter Haydock (OBs) toss up.

The Old Blackburnians beat the School by three wickets with four minutes to spare in the annual cricket match at Alexandra Meadows on June 26.

The School made a sporting declaration at 144 for five (Grogan 51 and R. Holt 35 in his first game for the First XI).

The Old Blacks scored at two runs a minute in beating the clock, McLeod hitting 58 and N. Brown 28 not out. Barton took three of their wickets for 28 and Hart two for 42.

The Staff, the Old Blacks, and the School played in the annual three-way American tennis tournament at Crosshill on the same evening.

Roger Rozee and Ellis Metcalfe won with 27 games, and Mrs Joan Edwardson and Robert Ball were runners-up with 23 games.

Teams were—Staff: Mrs Edwardson, Albert Eastham, Ellis Metcalfe, Peter Standen; Old Blacks: Roger Rozee, Robert Ball, Michael Rae, John Sutton; School: David Walsh, David Haworth, Colin Berry, John Smith.

A draw was made for partners and each couple played every other couple the best of 7 games.



Joan Edwardson and Albert Eastham practise before the tennis match.



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SIR HAROLD

## A letter from Sir Harold Derbyshire

ON page three appear a letter and memoir from Sir Harold Derbyshire, one of the most distinguished old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

Sir Harold, who will be 79 on Christmas Day lives at Lindsey Lodge Farm, Hadleigh, near Ipswich, Suffolk.

He entered QEGS in 1900 and was head boy from 1902 to 1905, when he won an open scholarship to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

After a distinguished university career, Sir Harold taught in London until he was called to the Bar in 1911. He practised on the Northern Circuit.

As a major, he commanded artillery in France during the First World War and won the Military Cross.

He was a prominent Liberal in Lancashire during the 1920s and unsuccessfully contested the Clitheroe and Royton divisions.

He was appointed King's Counsel in 1928, Commissioner of Assize in 1932, and Manx Judge of Appeal in 1933.

Sir Harold was knighted by King George V on October 8, 1934, having been appointed Chief Justice of Bengal three months earlier.

He held this position for 12 years, and on his retirement in 1946 established an orchard at his present home.

Sir Harold was chief guest at the association's annual dinner in 1957.

## GOVERNORS NAME NEW HEAD

MR DOUGLAS J. COULSON (47), headmaster of Collyer's School, Horsham, Sussex, is to be the next headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

He will take up his new duties in September in succession to Mr Brian H. Kembell-Cook, who has been appointed headmaster of Bedford Modern School.

Mr Coulson's appointment was announced by the School Governors on March 26th.

Mr Coulson was born at Pocklington, Yorkshire, and was educated at Pocklington School and St John's College, Cambridge.

He is a keen rugby player and coach. He was captain of his school XV and represented the Yorkshire public schools at the game.

He was also school shooting captain and won his school cricket colours.

In 1936 he was elected a Dolman Exhibitioner at St John's, where he read English honours.

He played for Cambridge at rugby, won his college colours, and was an active member of the college and university music societies as a pianist and singer.

After graduating in 1939, Mr Coulson studied for a Diploma in Education at Cambridge University Training College for Schoolmasters.

### Promotions Manager

Mr Mark Pattison (1936-1942) of Alexandra Road, Blackburn, has been appointed promotions manager of the Lancashire Evening Post, Preston.

### Chairman

Mr W. E. T. Walsh (1924-1930) has been elected chairman of the recently-formed Blackburn Abbeyfield Society, which buys houses for elderly people.

### In Zambia

Mr David Ryley (1950-1960) has taken up a research post in metallurgy with the Selection Trust Copper Co. in Zambia.



MR COULSON

He joined the Royal Artillery in 1940, was commissioned in 1941, and served with anti-aircraft units in India and Burma from 1942 to 1946.

He was mentioned in despatches and rose to the rank of acting lieutenant colonel.

After the war Mr Coulson joined the staff of Merchant Taylors' School and in 1952 he became headmaster of Sir Thomas Adams' Grammar School, Wem, Shropshire.

He was appointed to his present position nine years ago and is prominent in public life in the Horsham area. He is the author of two English textbooks.

His wife, Mrs Betty Coulson, is a trained nurse, and met her husband while serving with Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps in Burma during the war.

## Our pictures

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## *Knighthood for Mr Justice Southworth*

THE Chief Justice of Malawi, Mr Frederick Southworth, who was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1921 to 1929, received a knighthood in the New Year Honours List.

Sir Frederick, who will be 55 in May, went to Malawi—then Nyasaland—as an assistant judge in 1955.

On leaving Queen Elizabeth's, Sir Frederick went to Exeter College, Oxford, and was later called to the Bar.

He became Deputy Judge Advocate General in India during the Second World War, and in 1946 was Crown Counsel for Palestine.

He was appointed Crown Counsel for Tanganyika in 1947. In August, 1951, he became Attorney General of the Bahamas and in August, 1952, was appointed Queen's Counsel in the Bahamas.

He was twice Acting Governor of the Bahamas, and was Acting Chief Justice from July to October, 1954.

Sir Frederick was appointed an Assistant Judge in the High Court of Nyasaland in January, 1955, and a year later became Puisne Judge.

He was Acting Chief Justice from January to August, 1956, and was appointed to his present position in July last year.

### Re-elected

Sir Harold Woolley (1919-1923) has been re-elected for his sixth successive year as president of the National Farmers' Union.

### At Leyland

Mr Eric Greenwood (1950-1957), of 24 Wythburn Avenue, Cherry Tree, Blackburn, is now teaching at Leyland Methodist Junior School.

### Chairman

Mr Tom Sharratt (1949-1956) has been elected chairman of the East Lancashire branch of the National Union of Journalists.

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MR HOLDEN

OLD boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School travelled from many parts of the country to attend the memorial service for Mr Arthur Holden at Blackburn Cathedral on February 20.

Mr Holden, headmaster of the School from 1919 to 1947, died on Christmas eve, aged 83.

The congregation included his two sons, Mr Basil M. Holden, Rector of Glasgow Academy, and Dr Roger Holden, of Manor House, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, together with old boys, past and present members of staff, governors, friends, and prefects.

Mr Holden's two favourite hymns, "Be Thou my guardian and my guide" and "He who would valiant be," which were often sung at morning prayers in Big School during his headmastership, were included in the service.

The headmaster, Mr. B. H. Kemball-Cook, read the lesson, and the service was conducted by the Provost of Blackburn, the Very Rev. Norman Robinson.

The address was given by an Old Blackburnian, the Rev Thomas L. Walsh, Vicar of Staveley-in-Cartmel, Ulverston.

### Rotary Chairman to visit USA

Mr George Armistead (1924-1930), headmaster of Longshaw Junior School, Blackburn, and founder president of Blackburn West Rotary Club, has been elected chairman of Rotary District 119 and in May will attend the Rotary International Assembly at Lake Placid, New York State.

### Managing director

Mr William Desmond Carr (1939-1945), of Grenville, St Mary's Hill, Sunninghill, Ascot, Berks., has been appointed managing director of AIC (Australia) Pty. Ltd., of Sydney, a member of the Inbucon Group of management consultant companies.

### New Address

Mr Christopher C. Davies has moved from Blackburn and is now living at The Grange, 48 Lightridge Road, Fixby, Huddersfield (tel. Huddersfield 20955).

## SCOUTER HONoured

Mr Harold Burrows (1913-1922), one of East Lancashire's leading Scouters and secretary of the Old Blackburnians' Association for more than 25 years, was presented with a coloured photograph of himself in January to mark his 40 years' service as



Mr G. Norman Forbes, chairman of the Old Blackburnians' Association, was presented with an inscribed silver salver at a dinner at the White Bull Hotel, Blackburn, on February 16 to mark his 25 years as a director of Blackburn Rovers. Mr Forbes, who was a pupil at QEGS from 1916 to 1922, is a former chairman of the Rovers and is on the Football Association Council and the council of the Lancashire Football Association.

## MR NORTHAM IS 90

Mr Percy C. Northam, who taught Latin at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1909 to 1935, celebrated his 90th birthday on March 23.

Mr Northam, who was form master of 3A for many years, lives at Weathercots, Sidford, Sidmouth, South Devon.

### Hull master

Mr David M. Child (1951-1961), of 14 Brantfell Road, Blackburn, has been appointed a geography and history master at Hull Grammar School, and will take up his new duties in September.

### Sub-editor

Mr Graeme Stanton (1949-1955) has been appointed a sub-editor on the Daily Mail, Manchester. Mr Stanton, who is 25, lives at 51 East Park Road, Blackburn.

Mr Burrows became a Scout in 1918, with the School troop, and in 1922 he helped to form the Parish Church troop, which later became the Woodlands troop.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Mr Allcroft and the German Emperor

I was immensely interested in MAGISTER for February, 1965, and would like to congratulate you on its form, composition, and contents.

It is good to read your chronicle of the doings and successes of old boys—and there must be hundreds of others doing fine work unobtrusively.

Reading MAGISTER's chronicle, it was borne upon me that I must be one of the very few Old Blackburnians who were at the School in the 19th century.

I was a "new boy" in January, 1900. I remember that soon afterwards—probably still in January, 1900—some boy in my form asked the headmaster, Mr Allcroft, if we were now in the 20th century.

Mr Allcroft answered shortly: "No, the 20th century begins on January 1, 1901, and you will have to wait till then for it, no matter what the German Emperor says." That settled it for us.

The German Emperor referred to was the Kaiser Wilhelm II (who began the 1914-1919 War), who had said that the 20th century began on January 1, 1900.

—HAROLD DERBYSHIRE,  
 Lindsey Lodge Farm, Hadleigh,  
 near Ipswich, Suffolk.

### CORRECTIONS

The editor of MAGISTER wishes to apologise for the following mistakes in the last issue:

Mr E. M. Dishington was formerly third in the English department at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, and not senior English master, as stated.

Mr Jeffrey Astley's surname was mis-spelled as Aspley.

### S. TUNNICLIFFE

Mr Scott Tunnicliffe, a well-known Blackburn fruiterer, died on January 28, aged 57. He was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1919 to 1922.

Mr Tunnicliffe joined the family business of A. Tunnicliffe Ltd. when he left Queen Elizabeth's. He had stalls on the old Blackburn market before moving into the new one, and also had a market-hall cafe until it was sold recently.

He leaves a widow and two daughters. Cremation was at Pleasington.

### The boy who walked six miles to school

MAGISTER of February, 1965, announced the death of the Rev Herbert Townsend, formerly vicar of Langho, at the age of 76.

My mind at once went back to the year 1904, when he and I sat at opposite ends of one of those long, massive, six-seat oak desks at the bottom end of Big School.

I was working alone at mathematics for a Cambridge scholarship. Townsend did nothing but Latin and Greek to get him into Durham University, where he wanted to read theology for the Church.

He entered the School older than most boys, and never in my time did anything but Latin and Greek with Mr Stocks.

To me the interesting thing about him was that he lived at Haslingden Grane, from which he walked through the bleak heights of Belthorn and Guide six miles to school each morning, wet or fine; and after school each afternoon back again six miles, wet or fine.

Wet or fine, there was no concession to the weather—except once, which I well remember.

Early one winter afternoon, the sky clouded over and it went very dark.

Mr Stocks came in and said: "Townsend, it looks like heavy snow; later the roads may get blocked with it. Start for home at once!"

Townsend went at once—the only concession to the weather I ever knew him make.

—HAROLD DERBYSHIRE,  
 March 1, 1965.

### F. A. HYDE

Mr F. Austin Hyde, who taught languages at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1915 to 1921, has died at the age of 74.

Mr Hyde was the first housemaster of Raleigh, and in 1919 started THE BLACKBURNIAN.

From Queen Elizabeth's, he went to Woodhouse Grove School, Apperley Bridge, as second master. He was later headmaster of Lumley's Grammar School, Pickering, for 20 years.

He was born in Driffield. He was an authority on the Yorkshire dialect, and wrote plays and poems in dialect. He made many broadcasts.



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## DEADLOCK! SO SCHOOL MAKES ITS OWN PLANS

IMPASSE! That's the key word which sums up the current situation between Queen Elizabeth's and Blackburn Education Authority over the thorny comprehensive issue.

## AND NOW A GOVERNOR RESIGNS

Mr George Gillibrand who has been a governor of the School for 12 years, representing Blackburn Education Committee has resigned because he believes the town's plan "will do untold damage to the educational life of Blackburn.

Mr Gillibrand, who is himself an Old Boy, offered his resignation in a letter to Ald R. F. Mottershead, leader of the Conservative Party on the town council.

In the letter Mr Gillibrand said he was convinced that the Committee's attitude was "governed by political considerations rather than the true interests of the children of Blackburn.

He added: "I feel quite sure that once the public of Blackburn become fully aware of the implications of the attitude of the education committee towards Queen Elizabeth's, they will demand a reckoning from the representative governors and I have no intention of being held jointly responsible for a measure to which I have offered full opposition from the outset."

● Darwen's Conservative MP, Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke has also stepped into the controversy by saying he will personally resist any Whitehall attempts to put pressure on the School.

He has promised to back this assurance by asking for a personal interview with Education Minister Mr Anthony Crosland, and, if necessary, by putting questions in the Commons.

At the time Magister goes to press the most recent development was the announcement from Whitehall that approval has been promised for Blackburn's revised scheme — leaving the School out.

The education authority received a letter to this effect from the Secretary of State for Education and Science, Mr Anthony Crosland.

It stated that the Blackburn scheme was to be approved "in principle."

Coun. Tom Taylor, chairman of the education committee—and who is also a representative governor of the school—stressed at the time that "no door is being closed against Queen Elizabeth's."

"If the governors feel at anytime that they would like to re-open discussions as to the part they can play in secondary education, we shall only be too happy to listen to them, and if possible co-operate with them."

The first announcement that negotiations between the School and the education committee had broken down came in November.

A letter from Col G. N. Robinson, clerk to the governors, was read out to the committee, stating that the governors were not prepared to accept entry of boys at 14.

The letter asked for negotiations "on their present basis" to be adjourned.

A statement was later issued, signed by Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors, Mr Norman Jepson, vice-chairman, Col G. N. Robinson, clerk, and Mr Douglas Coulson, headmaster.

In Column four Magister reprints a letter which went out to all parents at the same time.

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Mr William Hare (top picture) and Mr Douglas Coulson, who were responsible for the letter on the right, which aptly presents the School's case against the Blackburn educational plan.

## Sir Benjamin in hospital

Sir Benjamin Ormerod, past president of the Association, has been recovering from an operation he recently underwent at a London hospital.

It was reported at the annual dinner that Sir Benjamin was making good progress in his recuperation.

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## Governors' letter to parents, old boys

THIS letter went out to all parents and old boys, along with the text of the full statement by the governors. It was signed by Mr. Hare and Mr. Coulson.

"The foundation governors are unanimous in wishing that the School retains both its high academic standards and the characteristic freedoms of a direct grant grammar school.

"The foundation governors, the headmaster and I feel most strongly, however, that such standards and freedoms can only be maintained if the School retains its right to admit those boys who can profit most by the type of courses which it can offer, and at an age which will give them the greatest opportunity and the maximum time in which to develop their talents, academic and otherwise.

"We furthermore believe that the education which the School can offer should be available to all the ablest boys in Blackburn and not merely restricted to those boys who may be attending the two junior high schools at Shadsworth and Lammack.

"For these principal reasons, the foundation governors, the headmaster and I have decided that we cannot agree to the School's association with the local authority's scheme in its present form."

"The system of fees remission is such that, as long as the School remains a direct grant school, no parent of limited income need fear that the fees, after remission, would be a barrier to his boy's education at Queen Elizabeth's, and a certain number of free places to the School will still be available for boys from primary schools who are considered able to profit from the courses which the School offers."

## Many thanks

MAGISTER wishes to thank the editor of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph for his kind permission to use Telegraph pictures.

## Obituary

### WILLIAM DERRICK SNAPE

A WELL-KNOWN member of the Old Blackburnians Association, Mr. William Derrick Snape died suddenly at his home on November 14th.

Mr. Snape, aged 41, of Ramsgreave Road, was a leading actor with Blackburn Drama Club, which he helped to found in 1944.

He had appeared in scores of amateur productions, including several with Accrington Arts Club.

Mr. Snape's first Drama Club play was in 1946 when he had a part in "The Little Foxes". His last appearance was in February 1964, as the doctor in "Blithe Spirit".

He had been cast to play Sir Lancelot Spratt in "Doctor in the House", which the club are staging in February.

Mr. Snape, who was at School from 1935 to 1942, was the head of Tom Snape Ltd., wholesale electrical dealers, of Primrose Bank, Blackburn, a business founded by his father, the late Mr. Tom Snape.

He was a member of Blackburn Northern and Salesbury tennis clubs and of East Lancashire Cricket Club.

He left a widow and four young children.



MR SNAPE

### REV. F. MANNING

The Rev. Frank Manning, who was a pupil at Q.E.G.S. from 1920 to 1924, died at the home of his sister-in-law in Pleckgate Road, Blackburn, in May. He was 56.

Mr. Manning had been a Methodist minister for 33 years and had served as superintendent minister of a Glasgow circuit for the past seven years.

He left a widow, a son Trevor, a surveyor at Nottingham and a daughter who lives in Fareham, Hants.

### Atomic energy post for Mr. P. I. Harrison

Mr. Peter Isherwood Harrison has taken up a senior accountancy post with the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (weapons group) at Aldermaston, Berks.

Mr. Harrison, who attended School between 1928 and 1934, began his career as a general administrative assistant in Darwen's Borough Treasurer's department the year he left Queen Elizabeth's.

After serving in several parts of the country he came back to East Lancashire in 1951 as chief accountant's assistant with the N.W.G.B. at Blackburn, a position he held for five years.

Mr. Harrison, who is 47, has recently been works accountant at Scotland's first nuclear power station at Chapel Cross.

## Mr. Kemball Cook says goodbye

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE of the Old Blackburnians' Association attended a farewell dinner in honour of Mr. B. H. Kemball-Cook at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Sawley, on June 29.

During the evening, Mr. Kemball-Cook was presented with a pewter tankard bearing the School's "Magister" badge by chairman Mr. G. Norman Forbes, who presided at the dinner.

After proposing the loyal toast, Mr. Forbes paid tribute to Mr. Kemball-Cook for all the work he had done for the association. "No one has done more to help us in every way he can to make our association a success," he said.

Mr. Forbes recalled that a number of new branches had been formed during Mr. Kemball-Cook's headmastership, and that he had always been very willing to accompany officers to the inaugural dinners.

Mr. William Hare, chairman of the Governors, said there was no doubt that the School had made great progress during Mr. Kemball-Cook's headship.

He thanked Mr. Kemball-Cook for his loyal support and for his "terrific enthusiasm" for Old Blackburnians' meetings. "We are very, very sorry to be losing you and Mrs. Kemball-Cook," he said.

Mr. Hare offered Mr. Kemball-Cook good wishes for the future, and Mr. Forbes proposed his health.

Replying, Mr. Kemball-Cook spoke of the very happy nine years he had spent in Blackburn and in association with the Old Blacks. He had enjoyed his visits to branch dinners, which had been the highlights of the year.

He thanked the association for the practical support the School has received from it—especially for the annual covenant, which had enabled various amenities to be provided.

Everyone was appreciative, said Mr. Kemball-Cook, of the valuable work done by the old boys on the School staff. He paid special tribute to Mr. W. H. Proctor, Mr. H. King, and Mr. F. Bury for their compilation of the card index of old boys and their other work.

"The strength of a school is in the number of staff mem-

bers who are prepared to devote their lives to it," he said.

Twenty-one Old Blackburnians attended the dinner.

### FAREWELL MESSAGE TO TOWN

Mr. Kemball-Cook left Blackburn on August 22 to take up the post of headmaster of Bedford Modern School, a direct grant grammar school.

In a message to "The Blackburn Times" Mr. Kemball-Cook wrote: "My wife and I are grateful for the opportunities given to us to share in the cultural activities of the town, especially those of the Music Society, the Festival and the Arts Club, and we wish every success in the future to those who freely give so much time and energy to these activities.

"We also hope it will not be long before Blackburn has a civic theatre worthy of its citizens.

"During my nine years as headmaster I have learned to appreciate the fine and attractive qualities of Lancashire boys and the devotion and, in many cases, self-sacrifice of parents.

"We have made many friends in Lancashire and hope that we shall not lose touch with them now we are moving to Bedford."

The loss to Blackburn Arts Club caused by Mr. and Mrs. Kemball-Cook's departure was referred to in the club's circular. Drama secretary Michael Hindle wrote: "Brian and Marion Kemball-Cook have been members almost from their arrival in the town.

"Their enthusiasm for all our activities and for music in particular, has been of tremendous benefit to the club, and Marion has expended her own effervescent brand of enthusiasm on the club's behalf as actress, singer, instrumentalist and music section secretary par excellence."



### NOW MRCP

Dr. William James Cunliffe has gained membership of the Royal College of Physicians only three years after qualifying and at the age of 25.

Dr. Cunliffe (1951-58) gained his M.B., Ch.B., at Manchester University with a B.Sc. in anatomy and has since been working at Manchester Royal Infirmary.

He is married to a former nurse at the hospital and they have a young son, David Neil.

# TARGET HIT! MEMBERSHIP TOPS THE 1,000 MARK

THE 37th ANNUAL general meeting of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held in the Radcliffe Room at School on September 29th, 1965. Thirty-five members attended.

The chairman, Mr. G. Norman Forbes, who presided, welcomed members, and the secretary, Mr. Harold Burrows, read the minutes of the previous annual meeting.

The treasurer, Mr. Fred Bury, reported that the association now had more than 1,000 members. This target figure, set by the president, Sir Benjamin Ormerod, at the annual dinner in December, 1963, had been reached in June, 1965.

Postages were a very heavy item in the accounts, said Mr. Bury. He hoped members would appreciate why he might not answer their letters immediately; he tended to send replies, especially receipts, as enclosures with the next communication.

Mr. Bury wondered if the association would like to re-invest the money it had already invested. It was agreed that the committee would look into this matter.

Mr. Harry King reported that the association had held various successful social events, and Mr. Kenneth Forbes reported on the activities of the golf section. The Old Blackburnians' golf competition would next be held at Pleasington on June 9th, 1966.

Mr. Tom Sharratt, former editor of MAGISTER, urged the meeting to find a new editor as quickly as possible. MAGISTER had been well received, he said, and it would be a pity if it were discontinued now.

Mr. Burrows told the meeting that Sir Benjamin Ormerod had written to say that he wished to retire from the presidency of the association.

At Mr. G. N. Forbes' suggestion, the matter was referred to the committee for consideration. The association resolved to send its sincere thanks to Sir Benjamin for his work for the association.

Mr. E. C. Marsden was elected chairman in succession to Mr. Forbes, and Mr. Harry King was elected vice-chairman. Mr. Burrows was re-elected secretary and Mr. Bury

treasurer. Mr. Kenneth H. Marsden and Mr. William Hare were re-elected auditors.

Mr. Forbes was warmly thanked on behalf of the association by Mr. Keith Col-low for his many years' service as chairman.

Mr. R. Smethurst (1955-1962), Mr. D. S. Lee (1954-1963), and Mr. E. G. Hunt (1947-1954) were elected to the committee, Mr. Sharratt and Mr. Albert Eastham having retired.

Members re-elected to the committee were: Messrs. B. Birtwistle, G. Birtwistle, E. R. Blackshaw, K. Collow, J. D. Forbes, W. K. Forbes, T. Hindle, N. Jepson, F. J. Jones, W. Lazenby, R. I. Maughan, W. H. Proctor, J. E. Sagar, J. Sharples, J. Warner, W. E. T. Walsh, R. W. Wallis and Dr. P. L. S. Dixon.

The meeting approved subscriptions of 5/- a year for the first three years after leaving School; 7/6 a year for full members; and £5/5/0 for life members.

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**A new ruling which means that the Association will elect a chairman every year, was passed by the meeting.**

As will be seen elsewhere in this issue, Mr G. N. Forbes stood down and Mr E. C. Marsden was elected the new chairman under the ruling.

On other pages are a tribute to Mr Forbes and a report on the election of Mr Marsden.

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The next annual general meeting will be held on September 21st, 1966. Committee meetings will be held on October 27th, 1965; January 26th, 1966; and May 25th, 1966.

Other points from the meeting: Mr. D. J. Ashton — The Oxford and Cambridge Old Blackburnians' annual dance barely breaks even. Does the association wish it to continue?

Mr. A. Worswick — Could the design of the Old Blackburnians' tie be registered, so that the tie and other items bearing the design — cufflinks scarves, cravats, car badges, and so on—could be sold only by the association and only to members of the association?

Dr. Dixon — Would many members support a formal Old Blackburnians' dance?



Money raised by the community service committee at Queen Elizabeth's provided a tape recorder and record player for members of the Institute for the Blind, Mill Hill, Blackburn.

Eighteen - year - old Frank Woods, chairman of the committee (second from left) pre-

sented the gifts to Miss A. Townsend, of the Workshop for the Blind in November.

Among those present were Dr. J. Ardley, Blackburn medical officer of health (left), and Mr. D. J. Coulson (right), headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's.

## Journalist is appointed night editor

Mr. Graeme Stanton, of East Park Road, Blackburn, has been appointed night editor of "The Journal", Newcastle-on-Tyne, and started his new job at the beginning of August.

Mr. Stanton, who is 26, was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1949 to 1955. On leaving school he joined the "Northern Daily Telegraph" (now the "Lancashire Evening Telegraph") as a junior reporter.

During national service he was posted to the Far East and spent two years as a sergeant journalist with Army publications in Malaya, Singapore, and Hong Kong. He returned to the "Telegraph" in Blackburn as a sub-editor at the end of his military service.

In June, 1964, Mr. Stanton became a sub-editor on the "Daily Express", Manchester, and a few months later took up a similar position on the "Daily Mail", Manchester.



Mr. George F. Eastwood, senior history master at Q.E.G.S., has had a 44-page guide to Samlesbury Hall published by the trustees. Mr. Eastwood is now working on a history of the School which will be published as part of the School's quatercentenary in 1967. He has already been working on the book about two years.



# GERMAN BRIDE FOR FORMER SCHOOL PREFECT

MR. J. HARVEY BOLTON (1948-56) married Fraulein Sibille Zapp, of Kaisers Lautern, in Germany, in August.

Mr. Bolton, who now lives at Walton-on-the-Hill, Staffordshire, works in the Midlands for the sales division of a shoe firm.

He met his bride when he spent a year teaching in Germany. Fraulein Zapp, a student at Saarbrücken University at the time of the wedding, has spent several holidays in Blackburn and taught French at Witton Park Secondary School for several weeks last spring.

Mr. Bolton, who was a School Prefect, is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bolton, of Preston New Road.

Mr. David William Farren, of Brownhill Drive, Blackburn, married Miss Margaret Embley, of Read, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Gt. Harwood, in August. Mr. Farren, a research chemist, gained his B.Sc. and Ph.D. at Manchester University.

Mr. Norman Eccleston, of Markham Road, Blackburn, secretary of Blackburn Schools' Athletic Association, married Miss Margaret Catherine Aspin, of Byron Terrace, Blackburn, at St. Mark's Church, in August.

Mr. Eccleston, who was at School from 1950 to 1957, is a teacher at St. John's Junior School. He has been a member of Blackburn Cathedral choir since he was at school.

Mr. John Robert Clayton (1951-58), of Pasture Gate, Burnley, married Miss Norma Mary Jones, of Cardiff, at All Saints' Church, Llandaff, Cardiff, in April.

Fl.-Lt. Peter Fallon (1948-53), of the Bowling Green Hotel, Darwen, married Miss Ann Faulkner Green at Sutton Coldfield in April.

They had an all expenses paid honeymoon in Rome — thanks to a chance meeting on a Rome beach. Fl.-Lt. Fallon is stationed at R.A.F. Upwood, near Ipswich.

Mr. Christopher L. Jenkins (1943-53) was married in New York in May to Miss Mary Zuazua, a historian with a New York publishing firm.

Mr. Jeffrey Lear (1953-60), of Maple Street, Blackburn, was married at St. Stephen's Church in August to Miss Doreen Waters, of Providence Street.

Mr. Brian Joseph Kay (1949-60), of Beech Grove, Darwen, was married at Belgrave Independent Meeting House in July to Miss Fay Abbott, also of Darwen.

Mr. Kay is an assistant lecturer in pharmacy at Manchester University. Best man was another old boy, Mr. Keith Klemm.

Mr. Neil Roderic Bullough (1950-60), of Hightown Terrace, Witton, Blackburn, was married at Swansea in July to Miss Jennifer Mary Crosbie, of Swansea.

Mr. Bullough later took up a post as an assistant lecturer at Alberta University in Canada.

Mr. David Michael Cunliffe (1950-59), of Walden Road, Blackburn, was married at St. Gabriel's Church, Blackburn, in August to Miss Joan Mary Wilding, of Aldwych Place. Mr. Cunliffe is an insurance surveyor in Manchester and a member of St. Gabriel's choir. His bride was formerly cubmaster at the church.

Mr. H. Craig (1950-55), biology teacher at Nelson Grammar School, married Miss S. Barrow at St. John's Church, Stonefold, near Rochdale, in August.

Dr. David Ward Holden (1945-54), of Southgate, Fulwood, married Miss Brenda Jane Duxbury, of Mellor, at St. Leonard's Church, Balderstone, in September. Dr. Holden is a general practitioner in Preston.

Mr. Roy Trick (1953-57), formerly of Lambeth Street, Blackburn, married Miss Veronica Walker, at St. Mary's Church, Islington, Blackburn, on October 8 — and almost immediately the couple set sail for British Honduras.

Mr. Trick, 26, has taken a post as an accountant in Belize, the capital of British Honduras.



## OLD BLACKS PLAYER POPS THE QUESTION

Mr. Peter W. Hobkirk, of Ryburn Avenue, Blackburn, a playing member of Old Blackburnians Football Club, has become engaged to Miss Anne Tunnicliffe, of Broadway, Blackburn. They are pictured above.

Mr. Hobkirk, who is 25, attended School from 1951 until 1958. He is the only son of Mr. Edgar S. Hobkirk, president of Blackburn Chamber of Trade.

He is a director of the family business of W. M. Hobkirk and Son, sewing machine factors, and is also studying at a teacher training college. He is a member of Blackburn Golf Club.

His fiancée, a telephone traffic superintendent, is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Edith Tunnicliffe, a director of Alfred Tunnicliffe Ltd., fruiterers, and the late Mr. Scott Tunnicliffe.

### Conductor

Mr. Roy Rimmer, music master at Q.E.G.S., conducted the first public performance of the town's new orchestra, the Blackburn Sinfonia, in May. The orchestra gave their second concert at Blackburn Cathedral on December 19.

### Engagement

Mr. Alan Blackshaw (1946-51), of Yew Tree Drive, Blackburn, has become engaged to Miss Julia Heather Forbes, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Forbes, of Montreal Road, Blackburn.

Mr. Forbes is secretary of the Old Blackburnians' golf section and a member of the association's committee.

### Teaching

Mr. R. D. S. Wilson (1945-53) has been appointed to the staffs of St. Hilda's and St. Peter's C.E. Secondary Schools, Blackburn. He is teaching modern history at both schools.

### On wings

Flying Officer Michael Catlow (1952-59), of Accrington Road, has received his wings at R.A.F. Leeming, Yorks. Michael, 24, joined the R.A.F. in 1964 after leaving Leeds University. He has now been posted to the helicopter flying school at Tern Hill, Shropshire.

# Don't force boys through mould

## PRESIDENT HITS OUT AT 'THAT SYSTEM'

SCHOOLBOYS were not intended to be forced into a mould to be produced on the basis of uniformity.

Professor Gordon Manley, the new president, made this comment at the Association's annual dinner in Big School on December 18.

Professor Manley, proposing the toast to the School, said: "Let us hang on to the good examples set by our forefathers with their pride, independence of mind and tolerance of opinion."

"They respected a man's right to choose what he thought was best in regard to education. Boys are not to be forced into one mould to be produced on the basis of uniform citizenry. I cannot feel that Lancashire could stand that."

Commenting on what he described as "that system," Prof Manley went on: "America is already breaking away from this idea of putting people through a mould."

"Russia still maintains a tradition involving a formidable examination system. If we are to live in this world we must resist it."

Earlier Prof Manley questioned the right to stop "a youngster who has brains from matching them against his fellows."

He added: "Are we also going to fail to give our children the opportunity to live up to the advantages they have been given? These grammar schools of ours are among the greatest assets we possess."

Replying, the headmaster, Mr Douglas Coulson said that everyone knew of the stand the School was taking against the education authority. Pressures were being applied to make the school fully comprehensive by 1970.

"If this happens the School will become a place where equality is everything; where pupils are perfect. No one would fail their ordinary or advanced levels and 2,000 would be in the first eleven simultaneously."

After loud applause Mr Coulson went on: "This is not, however, a place where we should discuss our problems, nor is it a meeting of the axe-grinders union."

"We are meeting together to renew friendships and to make new ones."

Chief guest Mrs Barbara Castle, MP for Blackburn, said



Guests and officials meet at the dinner. Left to right, Mr Marsden, Professor Manley, Mrs Castle, the Mayor of Blackburn (Ald Lawrence Edwards) and Mr Coulson.

she had received some "verbal side-shafts." Yet despite this she had enjoyed herself immensely.

"Indeed I cannot tell you how refreshing it is to escape from the rather hot-house atmosphere of the House of Commons."

"I also detect, having a politician's mind, that you wanted to talk at me, and I cannot say that I have been disappointed."

Mrs Castle, commenting on the educational system said: "The measure of its success will be in the extent to which it creates in our young people an understanding of this new world of ours."

"It really is not enough to educate our youngsters to be good national citizens, but to be world citizens as well."

"What delights me is that every type of school in the country is taking this challenge more and more seriously."

She added: "Britain now lives in a new type of world and her young people must look outward and be equipped to meet any challenge that is offered."

"In this stand, some of our older, traditional schools will have to look to their laurels, for already many secondary and comprehensive schools are rolling up their sleeves and taking part in world development."

Mrs Castle concluded: "I think the priority of education in this country is to inject into our whole educational system a closer contact with the wider world."

"There may be many things that divide us. This is not unusual in a democracy. But let us unite on this: we must all co-operate to build a new tradition in this country of ours—to serve in a world whose challenges and problems grow greater every day."

The toast to "Our Guests" was proposed by the chairman Mr E. C. Marsden.

## New president takes office

PROFESSOR Gordon Manley has accepted the invitation to be the Association's new president in succession to Sir Benjamin Ormerod.

Sir Benjamin expressed his wish to retire just before the annual meeting in September.

Professor Manley, who holds the chair of Environmental Studies at Lancaster University, made his first appearance as president at the Association's annual dinner on December 18.

He attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1910 to 1918 and went on to Manchester University. Later he went to Cambridge where he obtained his MA degree.

Professor Manley took part in an expedition to Greenland in 1926. Two years later he became head of the geography school at Durham University and from 1939 to 1948 was university demonstrator and lecturer in geography at Cambridge.

He then became professor of geography at Bedford College in the University of London, a post he held until his Lancaster appointment in 1963.

Professor Manley was president of the Royal Meteorological Society from 1945 to 1948, and from 1955 to 1960 served on the British National Committee for the International Geophysical Year.

He is regarded as one of the foremost weather experts in the world, much of his research having been carried out in Lancashire, Westmorland and Cumberland.

He has been a frequent contributor to *The Guardian* on climate and weather topics.

## TOWN CLERK OF STOKE

Mr. L. K. Robinson, LL.B., who attended the School from 1931 to 1938, has been appointed Town Clerk of Stoke-on-Trent.

Mr. Robinson, who is 45, has been deputy Town Clerk of Birkenhead.

## MAGISTER

is issued free to members of the Old Blackburnians' Association. Membership of the association is open to all old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, and to masters past and present.

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## REGIONAL REPORTS

# Goodbye to London branch secretary

MEMBERS OF THE LONDON BRANCH of the Old Blackburnians' Association said goodbye at their annual dinner in April to their secretary, Mr. Edward B. Norman, who was moving from the London Area to the Midlands.

Mr. Norman, who lived at Haslemere, Surrey, had been secretary of the branch since it was formed five years ago.

The branch president, Mr. H. Brogden, presented him with two books as a token of thanks for his work for the branch.

Mr. Norman is succeeded as secretary by Mr. D. H. R. Brearley, whose father was music master at the school for many years.

Among the 36 old boys of the School who attended the dinner were several from Blackburn, including the chairman of the Governors, Mr. W. Hare, vice-chairman, Mr. N. Jepson, the headmaster, Mr. B. H. Kembell-Cook, chairman of the association, Mr. G. N. Forbes, Mr. H. King and Mr. G. Armistead.

Mr. Tom Gibson, proposing a toast to the visitors, paid tribute to the work Mr. Kembell-Cook had done for the School, and Mr. Armistead replied.

Mr. Brearley proposed "The School", and Mr. Kembell-Cook responded.

At the start of the branch's annual meeting, which followed the dinner, members stood in silent tribute to Mr. Arthur Holden, headmaster from 1919 to 1947.

Three members were elected to the committee — Mr. R. Isherwood, Mr. G. Hayhurst, and Mr. G. Price. Mr. C. R. D. Priestland retired from the committee.

Re-elected were: president, Mr. Brogden; chairman, Mr. F. A. Stonehouse; treasurer, Mr. K. M. Knott; liaison officer, Mr. King; auditor, Mr. F. Coggins.

Committee: Mr. D. J. Astley, Mr. J. D. Foster, Mr. J. Haworth, Mr. C. Houghton, Mr. J. Lee, Squadron Leader R. B. Lamb, Mr. P. N. Mercer, Mr. J. S. Read, and Dr. J. E. Vary.

## YORKSHIRE

A Yorkshire branch of the association has been formed by a group of old boys studying at St. John's College, York. The branch got off to an official start with a dinner held at York in June.

Messrs. David Allsup, David

Holden, David Rogerson and Howard Seymour are the four old boys responsible for the early organising work.

At the dinner, Mr. G. N. Forbes took the chair, and after he had proposed the loyal toast, Mr. David Allsup proposed the health of the guests.

The Yorkshire branch was then formed, with the following officers: Mr. C. W. Harvey, chairman; Mr. G. M. Shuttleworth, secretary; Mr. C. Riley, treasurer, and Messrs. D. Holden, E. West, and J. S. Mortimer, committee members.

Those present at the dinner included Mr. W. Hare, chairman of the Governors, and Mr. Harry King.

It is known that there are many old boys living in the Yorkshire area, and anybody wishing to join the branch is asked to get in touch with the secretary at 60 Westminster Road, York (Tel. 56228).

The annual subscription is 4s. payable on January 1. The Committee are proposing to hold a hot-pot supper for members, wives and guests, in York next May. They also foresee that, given sufficient support, the annual function might be held in York and Leeds in alternate years.

## LEEDS

Leeds branch held its first dinner for four years at the Metropole Hotel on March 5. More than 20 members and guests were present.

Mr. J. L. Riley presided and an excellent meal was enjoyed in congenial surroundings.

The Loyal Toast was proposed by Mr. Riley, and Mr. D. Connell proposed the toast to the School, to which Mr. B. H. Kembell-Cook replied.

Mr. D. Woods and Mr. J. Riley were elected president and secretary for the 1965-66 session. Members expressed their best wishes to Mr. Kembell-Cook in his new post.

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The following amendment to the Association Membership are corrections sent to the Treasurer since the publication of the full List in April, 1965, together with details of new members who have joined in this period. Those who left school last year are listed together at the end.

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Leicester.

TATLOW, I. M. (57-64),  
65 Buncer Lane,  
Blackburn.

TAYLOR, L. (41-47),  
"Lyntone," Preston Old Road,  
Cherry Tree, Blackburn.

TETLOW, H. (15-18),  
"Two Trees," 378 London Road,  
Reading, Berks.

THOMPSON, A. (36-44),  
"Wenlock," 13 The Gateway,  
Woodham, Woking, Surrey.

THOMAS, M. H. (60-63),  
c/o Ingram's Hall, The Schools,  
Shrewsbury.

THOMPSON, E. T. (21-29),  
25 Westleigh Road,  
Blackburn.

THOMPSON, J. E. (47-54),  
53 High Meadows,  
Bromley Cross, Bolton.

THOMPSON, W. G. (58-63),  
47 Artillery Street,  
Blackburn.

THORNBER, H. H. (32-38),  
20 Tower Road, Fenisccliffe,  
Blackburn.

THORP, K. H. (49-55),  
154 Blackburn Road,  
Clayton-le-Moors, Accrington.

THRELFALL, J. M. (52-55),  
29 Westleigh Road,  
Blackburn.

TORRY, J. M. (56-64),  
"Three Gables," Knowsley Road,  
Wilpshire, Blackburn.

TOWERS, F. (45-62),  
26 Clochbar Avenue, Milngavie,  
Dumbartonshire, Scotland.

WADE, M. (54-61),  
32 Neville Crescent,  
Bromham, nr. Bedford, Beds.

WALNE, L. A. (32-39),  
71 Langham Road,  
Blackburn.

WALSH, J. ( - ),  
"Ravenswing," Church Lane,  
Mellor, nr. Blackburn.

WEALL, J. R. (50-55),  
77 Kingsway, Rosemary Lane,  
Blackwater, Camberley, Surrey.

WEALL, R. B. (52-63),  
42 Billinge Avenue,  
Blackburn.

WEST, J. R. (55-62),  
5 Ayr Road, Shadsworth,  
Blackburn.

WHITEHEAD, R. (40-44),  
23 Westleigh Road,  
Blackburn.

WIGHTMAN, K. (49-54),  
44 Revidge Road,  
Blackburn.

WILLIAMS, H. M. (52-56),  
223 Aylesbrook,  
Roman Road, Hereford.

WILKINSON, A. (21-26),  
Sandon House School, Great Baddow,  
Chelmsford, Essex.

WILKINSON, E. (47-51),  
58 Hillcrest Road,  
Langho, nr. Blackburn.

WILKINSON, J. M. (39-47),  
"Fraser's," Britwell Road,  
Burnham, Bucks.

WOODING, J. L. (28-34),  
"Roydon," 59 Northwich Road,  
Knutsford, Cheshire.

YATES, R. (53-58),  
36 Grindleton Road,  
Blackburn.

#### SCHOOL LEAVERS, 1965.

ALLISTE, A. (55-64),  
28 Alexandra Road,  
Walton-le-Dale, Preston.

ALLSUP, J. C. (56-65),  
"Norwood," 9 Infirmary Road,  
Blackburn.

ASPIN, K. (58-65),  
109 Shear Brow,  
Blackburn.

ASTLEY, J. (58-64),  
26 Brownhill Road,  
Blackburn.

BARNES, E. (58-65),  
76 Pritchard Street,  
Blackburn.

BARKER, W. (58-65),  
449 Whalley Old Road,  
Blackburn.

BARKER, J. (58-64),  
68 Infirmary Street,  
Blackburn.

BARNES, T. (58-65),  
21 Marsh Street,  
Blackburn.

BARTON, N. (58-65),  
179 Wingerley Street,  
Blackburn.

BENSON, T. J. (59-65),  
32 York Crescent,  
Blackburn.

BOLTON, B. (58-65),  
135 Rockcliffe Street,  
Blackburn.

BOND, G. (59-65),  
67 Worcester Road,  
Blackburn.

BOWSKILL, K. (59-65),  
37 Whinney Lane,  
Blackburn.

BOYES, G. (60-65),  
48 Crompton Place,  
Blackburn.

BRINDLE, R. E. (56-65),  
71 Ramsgrave Drive,  
Blackburn.

BROWNE, P. J. (56-65),  
187 Preston New Road,  
Blackburn.

CAVE, T. G. (59-65),  
20 Nares Road,  
Witton, Blackburn.

CLEGG, J. R. (58-65),  
10 Waverley Road,  
Intack, Blackburn.

DAVIS, W. S. (57-65),  
46 Winston Road,  
Blackburn.

DEWAR, J. M. (63-64),  
The Flat, Yorkshire Egg Products Ltd.,  
Goodison Boulevard, Cantley,  
Doncaster, Yorks.

DORAN, E. C. (58-65),  
38 Arnside Crescent,  
Morecambe.

DOUGHTY, R. (58-65),  
52 Coniston Road,  
Blackburn.

DUNN, D. (58-65),  
18 Mill Lane,  
Blackburn.

DUXBURY, S. R. (56-64),  
"Byland", Livingstone Road,  
Blackburn.

EARNSHAW, R. N. (57-65),  
14 Vardon Road,  
Witton, Blackburn.

EDMUNDSON, J. R. (58-65),  
63 Higher Croft Road,  
Lower Darwen, nr. Blackburn.

ELLIOTT, M. (58-65),  
762 Whalley New Road,  
Blackburn.

FARNHILL, J. G. (59-65),  
10 Castle Close,  
Colne.

FELL, J. A. (62-65),  
School House, Mosley Street,  
Blackburn.

FLETCHER, P. A. (60-65),  
20 Cherry Street,  
Blackburn.

FOSTER, J. A. (57-65),  
427 Revidge Road,  
Blackburn.

GLASSON, J. (57-65),  
413 Whalley Old Road,  
Sunny Bower, Blackburn.

HARDACRE, M. O. (57-65),  
64 Horden View,  
Feniscowles, nr. Blackburn.

HARRISON, R. (58-65),  
38 Leicester Road,  
Blackburn.

HARWOOD, J. R. (58-65),  
"Ravensgarch," 85 Blackburn Road,  
Rishton.

HATCH, M. S. (58-65),  
3 Filey Crescent,  
Blackburn.

HAWORTH, D. (55-65),  
297 Preston New Road,  
Blackburn.

HEAP, R. M. J. (58-65),  
"The Gables," 18 East Park Road,  
Blackburn.

HIGSON, W. S. (57-65),  
11A Gib Lane,  
Blackburn.

HODGSON, E. (60-65),  
42 Progress Street,  
Little Harwood, Blackburn.

HOLMES, J. R. (58-65),  
43 Warrington Street,  
Blackburn.

HORNSBY, R. M. (56-65),  
14 Lancaster Place,  
Blackburn.

IDE, P. L. (58-65),  
27 East Park Avenue,  
Blackburn.

JONES, R. J. (58-64),  
4 Robinson Street,  
Blackburn.

JOWETT, D. W. (58-65),  
1 Green Fern,  
West Bradford Road,  
Waddington, nr. Clitheroe.

KIMM, R. (59-64),  
81 Shadsworth Road,  
Intack, Blackburn.

LAMONBY, H. S. (60-65),  
16 Cedar Street,  
Blackburn.

LAMSTER, P. W. (58-65),  
2 Lower Wood Bank,  
Darwen.

LAW, I. F. (58-65),  
47 Deganwy Avenue,  
Blackburn.

LEECH, K. A. (54-65),  
4a Pleckgate Road,  
Blackburn.

LOMAX, S. (58-65),  
41A Scotland Road,  
Blackburn.

LUCAS, L. J. (58-65),  
7 Ewood,  
Blackburn.

MCCARTY, R. (58-65),  
47 Woodlea Road,  
Blackburn.

MCGOWAN, W. P. G. (59-65),  
Immanuel Vicarage,  
Feniscowles, nr. Blackburn.

MARSHALL, D. R. C. (54-65),  
"Meadowcroft,"  
Hoghton, nr. Preston.

MARTIN, D. M. (58-65),  
99 Audley Range,  
Blackburn.

MOORCROFT, G. S. (59-64),  
76 Whitebirk Road,  
Blackburn.

MARTIN, D. M. (58-65),  
99 Audley Range,  
Blackburn.

MOORCROFT, G. S. (59-64),  
76 Whitebirk Road,  
Blackburn.

MORRIS, A. J. (56-65),  
12 Woodlands Drive,  
Whalley.

NIXON, G. G. (58-65),  
65 Langdale Road,  
Feniscowles, nr. Blackburn.

PARKINSON, A. P. (57-65),  
33 Princess Avenue,  
Carshalton, Beches,  
Surrey.

PARKINSON, S. G. (58-65),  
567 Brunshaw Road,  
Burnley.

PEMBERTON, A. (58-65),  
25 Willow Trees Drive,  
Blackburn.

PERRY, S. R. (61-64),  
4 Gurth Avenue, Edenthorpe,  
Doncaster, Yorks.

PICKUP, C. (58-64),  
5 Cumberland Street,  
Blackburn.

SCHOFIELD, M. W. (60-65),  
12 Edmund Street, Ewood,  
Blackburn.

SELLERS, J. B. (58-65),  
7 Abingdon Drive,  
Ashton, Preston.

SHARPLES, I. (58-65),  
"Butler's Arms,"  
Pleasington, nr. Blackburn.

SMALLEY, D. I. R. (58-65),  
15 Lower Lane,  
Longridge, nr. Preston.

SMITH, J. H. (58-65),  
17 Scott Avenue,  
Simonstone, Padiham, nr. Burnley.

SNOWDON, P. F. (63-65),  
"Rodier," Revidge Road,  
Blackburn.

STEVENS, P. E. (60-65),  
9 Whitby Drive, Highercroft,  
Blackburn.

TAYLOR, G. R. (59-65),  
17 Skye Crescent,  
Blackburn.

WILKINSON, D. T. (58-65),  
55 Stanhill Village,  
Oswaldtwistle, nr. Accrington.

WILLIAMS, T. (59-65),  
96 Haslingden Road,  
Blackburn.

**MAGISTER** is distributed to all members of the Old Blackburnians' Association and to a random selection of old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School who are not members. If you are not a member and have received this issue, please do not feel under any obligation, although we should be very pleased if it prompted you to join the association and make sure of receiving future issues. If you are a member and also receive an extra copy under our random selection scheme—it happens occasionally—please accept our apologies. A special plea to members and non-members alike: one of our greatest difficulties is maintaining a correct list of addresses, so if yours has changed or is about to change or, incidentally, if you know of someone else who might be interested in joining the association, please send details to the Secretary or the Treasurer.

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**OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 1965**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

	£	s.	d.
Bank Charges .. .. .	2	7	0
General .. .. .	8	12	0
Postages .. .. .	16	5	4
Magazines .. .. .	50	8	0
Church Service .. .. .	6	2	0
Magister .. .. .	189	7	6
Leavers' Supper .. .. .	9	10	0
School Covenant .. .. .	21	0	0
Loss on Dinner .. .. .	15	8	6
Balance : Profit to Accumulated Fund ..	38	3	11
	<u>£357</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions, 1964/65 .. .. .	271	2	6
Released from Life Membership Fund ..	31	10	0
Interest on Investments :—			
4% Consols .. .. .	50	0	0
Income Tax .. .. .	19	7	6
	<u>30</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>
Blackburn Savings Bank .. .. .	3	5	0
		33	17 6
Profit from Social Activities .. .. .		17	13 0
War Memorial Ground Rent .. .. .	5	0	0
Income Tax .. .. .	1	18	9
		<u>3</u>	<u>1 3</u>
	<u>£357</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

**BALANCE SHEET**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Life Membership Fund :						
Balance at 1.9.64 ..	1224	6	0			
Additions .. .. .	31	10	0			
	<u>1255</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>			
Deletions .. .. .	31	10	0			
				1224	6	0
War Memorial Fund .. .. .				1207	15	6
Creditors (Magazine Committee) ..				37	16	0
Accumulated Fund :						
Profit at 1.9.64 ..	41	18	11			
Profit on 64/65 ..	38	3	11			
				<u>80</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>£2,550</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>			

	£	s.	d.
Lammack Ground at cost, less sales ..	1207	15	6
Investments : 4% Consols—			
£300 at cost .. .. .	210	12	0
£950 at par .. .. .	950	0	0
(Market Value £679)			
	<u>1160</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>
Cash at Bank :			
Lloyds Bank Ltd. .. .. .	6	1	4
District Bank Ltd. .. .. .	18	5	
Blackburn Savings Bank .. .. .	158	16	9
		165	16 6
Cash in hand .. .. .		15	16 4
		<u>£2,550</u>	<u>0 4</u>

HONORARY AUDITORS' REPORT : We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Old Blackburnians' Association as above set forth together with the books and vouchers relating thereto. In our opinion they represent a true and correct record of the transactions of the Association during the year ended 31 July, 1965.

(Signed) WILLIAM HARE, F.C.A.  
KENNETH H. MARSDEN, F.C.A.

6 September, 1965.

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# ACADEMIC SUCCESSES

**Mr. Brian W. Nield** (1957-64), of Brantfell Road, has gained first class honours in French and Spanish at Downing College, Cambridge. He spent the summer teaching English at a Madrid school.

**Mr. D. R. Bolton** (1957-64), who is studying at Queen's College, has been placed in Class II, Division I in French and Spanish in the Cambridge University Tripos.

In part one of the Law Tripos, **Mr. P. W. Murphy** (1959-63) was placed in Class II, Division II. He is at Downing College, Cambridge.

**Mr. Roger Ian Davies** (1958-61), of Whinfield Place, has gained an upper second class honours degree in economics and geography at St. Andrew's University. He has since taken a post with Unilever.

**Mr. Alan Ashton** (1954-61), of Winston Road, was awarded an M.A. with second class honours in German language and literature at St. Andrew's University.

**Mr. C. W. Strack** (1956-63) was placed in Class I of the Cambridge natural science Tripos (part one). He has also been elected to a scholarship in natural science.

**Mr. T. H. Matthews** (1958-62) appeared in Class III of the Cambridge natural science Tripos. He is studying at Downing College.

**Mr. R. E. Sowerby** (1958-64), studying at St. Catherine's College, was placed in Class II, Division I of the classical Tripos (part one).

**Mr. Richard Norman Totty** (1952-61), of Revidge Road, has gained his B.Sc. with second class honours in chemistry at Edinburgh University.

**Mr. John R. West** (1955-62), aged 20, of Ayr Road, has gained a B.Sc. with upper second class honours in metallurgy at Birmingham University. He is carrying on with his studies at university before leaving to enter industry.

**Mr. David M. Cunliffe** (1950-59) has qualified to become an Associate member of the Chartered Insurance Institute (Manchester centre). He is a playing member of Old Blackburnians F.C.

**Mr. Harold Livesey** (1945-53), son of Dr. Frank Livesey, of Preston New Road, has passed the final examination for the Fellowship of the Chartered Insurance Institute. He is an underwriter at Lloyds.

**Mr. Graham S. Pinson** (1952-62) has won a B.Sc. honours degree in mechanical engineering (Class II) at King's College, London. He has been appointed to a graduate apprenticeship with I.C.I. Fibres (British Nylon Spinners) at Pontypool. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Pinson, of Hazel Grove, Stockport.

**Mr. David Smalley** (1953-61), of Burnley Road, has been awarded a certificate of education at Exeter University. In September he took up a post as music master at Cockermouth Grammar School, Cumberland.

Two former class friends, **Mr. Martin Robert Johnson**, of Victoria Street, and **Mr. Neville Fairclough** (1955-62), of Beardwood Brow, have gained degrees in mechanical engineering at the same university and have landed jobs with the same firm.

Both 21, they studied at Leeds and are now working for an engineering firm in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

**Mr. J. J. Gibson** (1955-62), 21, of St. James Road, has gained a degree in chemical engineering with second class honours at Leeds University.

**Mr. J. Harwood** (1955-62), was placed in Class III of the mechanical sciences Tripos (part one) at Cambridge University.

**Mr. David E. Ambrose** (1951-62), a former head boy, has gained an honours degree in law at Oxford. He studied at Merton College and lives at Thorpe Green, Brindle, near Chorley.

**Mr. James Houghton** (1955-62), son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Houghton, of Rothesay Road, has obtained a B.Sc. degree in zoology at Liverpool University. He is staying on to take an honours degree in genetics.

**Mr. David J. Nicholson** (1955-62), son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nicholson, of Lancaster Place, has obtained a first class honours degree in history at Christ Church College, Oxford. He has also passed examinations set by the Civil Service Commissioners for the administrative class of the Home Civil Service.

**Mr. Ian K. Piper** (1954-61), son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Piper, of Branch Road, Mellor Brook, has gained a B.A. degree in French and German at Liverpool University. He is now studying for the diploma of education.

**Mr. D. A. Lowe** (1954-62) and **Mr. A. Heyes** (1955-62), have been awarded B.Sc. honours degrees in biochemistry at Liverpool University. **Mr. A. Bradburne** has also won a B.Sc. degree at Liverpool.

**Mr. John Parkinson** (1955-62), aged 21, son of Mrs. M. Parkinson, of Hickory Street, has gained a B.A. degree with second class honours in history at St. Peter's College, Oxford.

**Mr. John W. L. Carter** (1951-59), son of Dr. Eric and Mrs. Carter, of Higher Grove Hall, Lower Darwen, has gained a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree with second class honours at London University. He is now working for the formulation department of a Liverpool chemical firm.

**Mr. David Holden** (1956-63), **Mr. David Allsup** (1955-63) and **Mr. David Rogerson** (1956-63) have all passed two parts of their final examinations at St. John's College, York.

**Mr. E. Boyes** (1954-61), has graduated with second class honours in history (B.A.) at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. He has been appointed to a trainee management course with the British Electrical Traction Co. Ltd., London.

**Mr. Arthur Raymond Longworth** (1951-58), son of Mrs. Laura Longworth, of Sandy Lane, Lower Darwen, and the late Mr. A. Longworth, has gained his Ph.D. at Nottingham University. Mr. Longworth, who is 25, has already been awarded a B.Sc. at Manchester University. He has taken up a lecturing post at Leicester College of Technology.

**Mr. Roger Smethurst** (1955-62) has been awarded a diploma in carpet technology with distinction at Kidderminster College. He also passed part one examinations for the Associateship of the Textile Institute and was awarded a first class full technology certificate in woollen worsted raw material.

**Mr. John Crook Marshall** (1949-59), son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Marshall, of Meadowcroft, Hoghton, has qualified as a Doctor of medicine, gaining his M.B., Ch.B. at Manchester University. He graduated as a B.Sc. in anatomy in 1962, and has now been appointed house officer at Manchester Royal Infirmary.

## Law prize winner

**Mr. Arthur Sandford** (1952-59), an articled clerk in Preston Town Clerk's office, has won the Atkinson Prize awarded by the Law Society as the best honours man in conveyancing.

The prize is awarded in the Preston and Liverpool areas and to qualify students must be under 27 and have obtained at least two-thirds of the possible marks.

**Mr. Sandford**, of Revidge Road, Blackburn, studied law at University College, London, and was articled to the Preston Town Clerk, Mr. W. E. E. Lockley, in January, 1963.

He intends to remain in local government.



Mr G. N. Forbes . . .

# A DEVOTED AND LOYAL SERVANT

By Mr Harry King

AS WILL BE SEEN elsewhere in this issue, it was agreed at the annual general meeting held on September 29, 1965, that in future the chairman of the association should hold office for one year only.

When this suggestion was first discussed in committee earlier in the year Mr G. Norman Forbes fully supported the idea and intimated his readiness to stand down and not to offer himself for re-election.

Mr Forbes, who was at school from 1916-22, has been a committee member for many years and was secretary of the social committee in the early 1930's.

He succeeded Mr Henry Whittaker as chairman in 1950, when the latter became chairman of the governors. Since the reconstitution of the association in 1925 there have been only four chairmen—Mr J. Kenyon Hoyle 1925-33, Mr W. Hare (father of the present chairman of governors) 1933-34, Mr H. Whittaker 1934-50 and Mr Forbes 1950-65.

Throughout this period Mr Forbes has given loyal and devoted service to the association, rarely missing a meeting and readily responding to the many invitations to represent the association at a multitude of functions.

The university groups in particular will recall his regular attendances at their dinners and supper evenings. He has attended all the London branch dinners since their inception in 1960 and has done much to foster and encourage the formation of regional branches of the association. He was also instrumental in the inauguration of the annual Old Boys church services.

Mr Forbes is well-known in football circles; he has been a director of Blackburn Rovers Football Club since 1940 and he is a member of the council of the Football Association. He is also a member of the Central League Committee and of the Lancashire F.A. council. He was appointed a governor of the school in 1962.

The Association places on record its sincere appreciation of the services Mr Forbes has rendered in the past and members will be pleased to know that he continues to serve the Association as a committee member.

## Association holds service

More than 70 old boys and their guests attended the fifth annual church service of the Old Blackburnians' Association at Leamington Road Baptist Church, Blackburn, on Sunday, September 26. The service was conducted by the minister, the Rev. A. T. Hubbard, who also preached.

The first lesson was read by Mr. E. C. Marsden (1921-1931), a governor of the School and the new chairman of the association, and the second lesson by the headmaster, Mr. Douglas J. Coulson.

Members of the School choir sang the anthem, "Save us O Lord" (Bairstow), under the direction of Mr. Roy E. Rimmer, the School's director of music.

The collection, taken by old boys who are connected with the Leamington Road Church, came to £9 7s., and this was shared between the church and the School's Community Service Committee.

The organist for the service was Mr. H. A. Holme, and Mr. F. Dewhurst played the organ for the anthem.

## NOW DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Mr. Geoffrey M. Townsend, M.A., has been appointed deputy headmaster of Ellesmere Port Grammar School for Boys.

Mr. Townsend was at Queen Elizabeth's from 1939 until 1945 and graduated at Downing College, Cambridge, with honours in the natural science and geography triposes.

## Mr E. C. Marsden is our chairman



Mr E. C. Marsden was elected as chairman of the Old Blackburnians Association at the annual meeting in September.

He succeeds Mr G. N. Forbes as the fifth chairman since 1925. Under a new ruling the chairman will now hold office for one year only.

Mr Marsden, of Gorse Road, Blackburn, attended school from 1921 to 1931. He is a governor of the School and has also been an active member of the Old Blackburnians for many years. He read mathematics at Trinity College, Cambridge, and gained an MA degree there.

He is senior partner of Messrs Marsden and Marsden, Solicitors of Ainsworth Street, a position formerly held by his late father Mr J. W. Marsden.

## APPOINTED DEPUTY MANAGER

Mr. Colin Astley Shuttleworth, 34, of 17 Lancaster Place, Blackburn, was appointed deputy manager of the Newcastle city office branch of Martins Bank Ltd. on September 1. He was a pupil at the School from 1940 to 1949.

On leaving School, Mr. Shuttleworth joined the Royal Air Force for his national service. In 1950 he went up to King's College, Cambridge, where he read mathematics and English, and took his B.A. degree in 1953.

Mr. Shuttleworth joined Martins Bank when he left Cambridge, starting as a graduate trainee at the Accrington branch, and later working at various branches in the Manchester area.

He has been one of the leading members of Blackburn Arts Club, which he joined in 1954, as an actor, and has produced many plays, revues, and musical shows. He was committee secretary for four years.

He was presented with an electric toaster by the president, Mr. George Gillibrand, who is also a member of the Old Blackburnians' Association, on behalf of club members on July 5.

## Regional reports from page 6.

### MANCHESTER

Eighteen members of the Old Blacks' Association travelled by coach to attend the annual dinner of the Manchester branch at the Palm Court, Belle Vue.

Several members of the School staff were in the party, including the former head, Mr. Kemball-Cook, Dr. F. Tyler, second master, together with Mr. W. Hare, chairman of the Governors, Mr. G. N. Forbes and Mr. D. G. Hartley, Chief Education Officer.

Mr. Robert Ball, branch treasurer, presided in the absence of Mr. Ian Malloch, and proposed the Loyal Toast.

Mr. Robert Davenport, branch secretary, proposed a toast to the School and Mr. Kemball-Cook replied. Mr. Ball proposed "Our Guests", and Mr. H. Kennedy, former senior maths master who was chief guest, responded.

A total of 26 members attended the dinner.

### LIVERPOOL

Liverpool branch held a successful supper evening on May 13, which was attended by several members from Blackburn.

Chairman Dr. Roberts proposed the Loyal Toast, and a toast to the School was proposed by Mr. Paul Bland. Mr. B. H. Kemball-Cook replied.

A toast to the guests was proposed by Mr. Anthony Bradburn, to which Mr. Denis W. Shaw replied.

Attending from Blackburn were Dr. F. Tyler, Mr. H. King, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Eastham, Mr. Walmsley and Mr. D. G. Hartley, Chief Education Officer.

Liverpool members present included Messrs. I. K. Piper, A. Heyes, D. Lowe, D. J. Abbott, P. D. Simm and D. Entwistle.

# Miscellany

## NEWS OF OLD BLACKS NEAR AND FAR



**MR BAMBER**

Mr. Ralph Henry Bamber, son of the Rev. F. Bamber, vicar of St. James', Haslingden, has taken a post as a teacher in Laos under the Voluntary Services Overseas scheme.

Ralph, who is 23, is teaching English to students at Dong Dok College—about five miles from Vientiane.

The area is apparently no longer troubled by the recent strifes, although more northern parts of the country are still held by the Communists.

Ralph, who was at School from 1953 to 1961, read English at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, and completed his teacher training at Bristol University just before leaving for South East Asia.

Ralph will be staying in Laos for a year, though his contract holds an option for a further 12 months' service.

Along with more traditional tropical gear he took with him a coffee grinder. "I believe they grow good coffee beans in the area," he said with a grin.

### Soloist

Mr. David R. Backhouse (1943-51) sang baritone solo in Verdi's "Aida" presented by Blackburn Music Society in March. David, who is a language master at Stand Grammar School, Whitefield, Lancs, is son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Backhouse, who are committee members of the society.

### Unharmmed

Mr. Frank Ward (1941-46) is reported to be now living in Toledo, U.S.A., where in April 48 people were killed in a tornado which ravaged the American mid-west. Mr. Ward, who is 35, is a former deputy librarian at Accrington and was chief cataloguer at Blackburn library. He

emigrated to Canada nine years ago and has since married an American girl. Mr. Ward was unharmmed in the tornado.

### Medal

Mr. Bernard Davis, a member of the School staff, is to receive the Scouts' Medal of Merit award for his work for the School's Scout Group.

### Professor now

Dr. Trevor Angus Villiers (1942-47) has been appointed professor of biology at the University of Natal, South Africa.

Professor Villiers, who is 34, attended Manchester University and received an honours degree in 1955. After holding a short appointment in Britain he went to S. Africa as a lecturer in 1956. He was awarded a doctor's degree in 1959 by London University and held an I.C.I. senior research fellowship at the University of Wales.

### In Atoms

Mr. Tom Williams (1957-62), formerly a lab. steward at the School, has been appointed a scientific assistant with the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority at Aldermaston.



**MR SLATER**

### Manager

Mr. Harold Slater (1921-26), of Enfield Road, Altham, has been appointed manager of the Haslingden branch of Martins Bank.

Mr. Slater joined the bank in 1926 and has worked in several branches in the Blackburn area and also for a spell in London. He is a member of Accrington Arts Club and Blackburn Diocesan Choral Society. He took over his new duties in September.

### £3,000 grant

Mr. C. H. Panter (1944-52), assistant lecturer in physics at Blackburn College of Technology, has been awarded a £3,000 grant by the Science Research Council to purchase equipment for research into thermal expansion of sodium chloride and diamond-type structures. The research is being undertaken at the college by staff and students during the present academic year.

### President

Mr. J. Owen Sharples (1941-47) is this year's president of Blackburn and District Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### Via Panama

Mr. David Rogers (1956-63), of Buccleugh Avenue, Clitheroe, spent his summer holiday in Canada visiting his sister Pauline, who has been teaching there for six years. David, who is 18, sailed by cargo boat via Panama and San Francisco. He is now studying at Exeter University.

### By Land Rover

Mr. Paul Schofield (1952-60), maths and physical education master at Q.E.G.S., left Blackburn in July for Kenya where he and his wife are now teaching. Mr. and Mrs. Schofield travelled to their destination just outside Mombassa by Land Rover, covering 7,000 miles across Europe and the Holy Land to Africa.

### To California

Dr. Guy Marlor (1950-57), son of Mrs. Roy Marlor, of Buncer Lane, and the late Mr. Marlor, has sailed with his wife and two children to California to take up an associate professorship at Stanford University. Dr. Marlor gained his Ph.D. at Durham University.

### New deputy

Mr. Kenneth Ormerod Walmsley, of St. Mary's Drive, Langho, has been appointed deputy manager at the Blackburn branch of Martins Bank. Mr. Walmsley, who is 41, was formerly accountant at the Preston branch. He has been in banking for 25 years. He is a member of Wiltshire Golf Club.



**MR FIELDING**

### In Sydney

Mr. Lister A. Fielding (1952-59), of Preston Old Road, Cherry Tree, spent his summer holiday working in a Sydney, Australia, bank under a scheme provided by the English Speaking Union.

Mr. Fielding, who is 21, is a student at Manchester University and was one of a party of students who went to Australia under the scheme.

### Research

Mr. Peter C. Chadwick (1943-51), of Braeside, Cherry Tree, has joined a university research team investigating religious education in Britain. Mr. Chadwick is senior scripture master at St. Peter's Secondary School and will be away from the school for nine months. The project is being undertaken by London University.

Mr. Chadwick is secretary of Blackburn Church Teachers' Association, secretary of Blackburn and Darwen Readers' Board and a member of the Diocesan Readers' Board. He is lay reader at St. Francis's Church, Fencliffe.

### Deputy

Mr. F. Staziker has been appointed a deputy to Burnley's Borough Surveyor. Mr. Staziker was with Nelson Corporation before moving to Burnley in 1946 as senior assistant in the architectural department. He later became chief assistant and has worked on many of the town's major development schemes.

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## JUNGLE JUICE!

When Captain Trevor Haworth, now an Army dentist in the steaming jungles of North Borneo, was asked what he missed most from his home town, he quickly replied: "A pint of Thwaites's beer".

And that really started something at the Blackburn brewery's headquarters.

For they decided right away that there was only one thing to do—fly out a 36-pint barrel of best bitter for Trevor, an Old Boy who is now serving with the 51st Gurkha Brigade in Brunei.

With no more ado the barrel was taken post haste to Manchester and, with "military honours", was carried aboard a jet liner bound for an 11,000 mile trip to Borneo.

The long, cool pint which Capt. Haworth, 27, had only dreamed about was suddenly more than just a far-away vision.

Trevor, who was as School from 1947 to 1956, studied dentistry at Manchester University and qualified in 1960. He spent a time as a house surgeon at Manchester Dental Hospital and then was in private practice at Ewood

for two years. He joined the Army in 1964.

His job now is to look after the dental needs of British and Commonwealth troops who are on patrol against Indonesian "Commando" attacks in the jungle.

And that's exactly what Trevor is doing in the picture above.

## Ex-Magister editor joins a 'daily'

Mr. Thomas Edward Sharratt, 27, of Kentmere Drive, Cherry Tree, Blackburn, joined the "Daily Telegraph", Manchester, in May as a sub-editor.

Mr. Sharratt was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1949 to 1956. He gained a B.A. degree at Christ Church, Oxford, in modern languages. He received his M.A. in June.

On leaving Oxford, Mr. Sharratt became a reporter on the "Lancashire Evening Telegraph", Blackburn. He edited MAGISTER from January, 1963, to May, 1965.

# ORMEROD HOUSE OPENED

## Proud day for Sir Benjamin

BY DAVID BIRTILL

ANOTHER chapter in the post-war improvements at the School was written in July when Sir Benjamin Ormerod opened the new wing which bears his name—Ormerod House.

The building is designed to harmonise with the Holden Laboratories, which were completed seven years ago. There are additional science labs. and extra classrooms for the art and biology departments.

Sir Benjamin, formerly a Lord Justice of Appeal, came to School to perform the opening ceremony. He recalled the days when he first entered the school as a boy of 13 in 1903.

"The last thing I thought of then was that I was going to open a new building for the school and to name it after myself!

"This is a proud day in my life and, although it is something I never anticipated, it is a day I shall look back on with the greatest of pleasure."



The official opening ceremony performed by Sir Benjamin Ormerod (extreme left).

Sir Benjamin said the school had, over the years, played an important role in the development of Blackburn's professional, business and civic life.

"Traditions have grown with

the school and town, established themselves firmly, and will continue to strengthen over the years.

"The town is indebted to those who have played an important part in its development and I am sure they will continue to carry on their roles."

Sir Benjamin was presented with an inscribed silver salver, bearing the school crest, by Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors.

Sir Benjamin walked round the building with the school governors, teaching staff and guests, including the Mayor of Blackburn, Councillor Lawrence Edwards (now Alderman).

The new wing was dedicated by the Very Rev Norman Robinson, provost of Blackburn. Sir Benjamin was given the key to open the building by Mr A. T. Ratcliffe, of Walter Stirrup and Sons, Blackburn, the architects.

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## 'Flying doctor' on visit from Zambia

BACK in Lancashire during August on a "flying" visit to his parents in Blackpool was Old Boy Dr. Alan Haworth, who is now a medical missionary in Zambia.

Dr. Haworth, who formerly lived in Accrington Road, qualified as a doctor at Cambridge. He attended school between 1939 and 1946.

He held appointments at Bury, Stockport and Accrington Victoria Hospital before going to Zambia for the London Missionary Society in 1957.

Dr. Haworth, a psychiatrist, flies thousands of miles a week in his job, which brings him into close touch with witchcraft, sorcery and even magic spells.

He was formerly associated with Furthergate Congregational Church.

## MICHAEL GETS GOLD MEDAL FROM DUKE

Michael Knight, of Pringle Street, Blackburn, a pupil of the School, received the Duke of Edinburgh gold medal award from the Duke at Buckingham Palace in July.

Michael, who is 17, is the first boy from the School to win the gold award.

## How to be a better driver

Senior students at the School have been getting expert instruction on how to become better car drivers.

In charge of the "lessons" have been members of the Lancashire County Police force and the East Lancs. group of the Institute of Advanced Drivers.



**All the Sporting News****MIXED LUCK FOR SOCCER TEAMS**

THE four Old Blackburnians soccer teams are having mixed fortune in the Lancashire Amateur League. The first team currently stands fourth in the top flight with more than half their games won.

Skipper and left half Terry Barton recently captained a League XI and in the same side was left back Roger Horrex.

The second team are joint league leaders in Division Two with only two defeats to date.

The third and fourth teams are third and eighth respectively in Division Four.

Playing record to date :

**FIRST XI :**

P15, W8, D2, L5, F31, A21, P18

**SECOND XI :**

P16, W10, D4, L2, F56, A20 P24

**THIRD XI :**

P14, W9, D3, L2, F54, A16, P21

**FOURTH XI :**

P14, W5, D2, L7, F39, A58, P12

Dates for your diary : The Old Blacks buffet dance will be held at Samlesbury Hall on March 4. The end-of-season dance will be at the Locarno Ballroom on April 22.

**Our golfers are fourth in contest**

The Lancashire Old Boys Amateur Golfing Society held its 1965 competition for the John Morley Trophy at Preston in May.

Thirteen Old Boys' associations took part and the winners were Old Lerpooians with a return of 314.

They were followed by Preston GSOB with 319, Stonehurst Wanderers 320, and Old Blacks 321.

The best net prize was won by M. J. Harding, of the Old Blacks, with a score of 88-16-72.

**Mr. Forbes is first local president**

Mr Kenneth Forbes, of Montreuil road, Blackburn, is this year's president of the Lancashire Amateur Football League.

Mr Forbes was elected at the annual meeting held at the Pack Horse Hotel, Bolton, on June 15.

This is the first time a Blackburn man has held the presidency since the league was established in 1899.

Mr Forbes is a member of the committee of the Old Blackburnians Association.

**MR H. KING GIVES UP THE CHAIR**

Mr Harry King has resigned from the chairmanship of Blackburn Schools Athletic Association Football Section after holding the position for six years.

Mr King, vice-chairman of the Old Blackburnians Association, said : "I have given up mainly to make room for a younger man. But I have been deeply moved by the many kind things people have said."

**COL. SMITH GETS O.B.E.**

Col. Harold Smith, who is Lancashire County Army Cadet Commandant, has been awarded an O.B.E.

Col. Smith, who is 45, attended the School from 1931 to 1936. He lives at Pear Tree Road, Clayton-le-Woods, and is manager of the Chorley branch of the Midland Bank.

He has played cricket for East Lancashire and football for the Old Blackburnians.

Col. Smith served in the Army throughout the war and has been in the Territorials since 1952.

**Hereford area representative**

Mr. Hugh M. Williams, 27, who attended the School from 1952 to 1956, is now area representative for the Walpamur Company at Hereford. He and his wife, Sheila, 27, have moved into a new house at 223 Aylesbrook, Roman Road, Hereford.

**YORK BRANCH IS ARRANGING A SOCIAL**

An informal evening has been arranged by York Old Blackburnians for May 20, at the Half Moon Hotel, Blake Street, York. Ladies will be very welcome.

A main course, plus cheese and biscuits or sweet (or something similar) is being organised, but there will be no formal seating.

The idea is to allow people to circulate as freely as possible, the approximate cost will be 12s, excluding drinks.

It is hoped that Old Boys living in the Yorkshire area will join this Branch, present subscription 4s. and support this function with their ladies.

The Treasurer is Mr C. Riley, 36 Westlands Grove, York. The Secretary is Mr G. M. Shuttleworth, 60 Westminster Road, York (56228).

**Sales manager**

Mr. E. Walton (1943-50), who is captain of the Old Blackburnians, has been appointed United Kingdom sales manager for Autolifts and Engineering Company, Blackburn.

**Our thanks to Tom Sharratt**

This issue of MAGISTER is late ; copy for it has been accumulating since last April, when we lost our editor Mr Tom Sharratt, consequently some items are dated and others have had to be held over.

We who worked closely with Tom Sharratt cannot praise too highly his enthusiasm, dedication to high standards, and determination to make MAGISTER inject new life and growth into the Association. Out thanks to him, recorded here, will surely be on behalf of all who read any of issues 1 to 5.

Finding a new editor has not been easy, for journalistic experience seemed essential. Months slipped by until, fortunately, Mr Alex Stuttard, returning to a post with the Lancashire Evening Telegraph, offered to take over. Once again we feel that we speak for the entire Association in expressing our gratitude to Alex for accepting this onerous task.  
H.K. W.H.P. F.B.

Mr. C. L. Mercer (1957-62) has been appointed social secretary of St. Peter's Hall, Oxford.

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## WE ARE TURNING FEES AWAY - HEADMASTER

**HEADMASTER** Mr. Douglas Coulson has revealed that some potential fee-payers have been turned down for the start of the new School year in September.

Mr. Coulson was outlining the current situation in the negotiations with Blackburn Education Committee over their comprehensive plan in an exclusive interview with **MAGISTER**.

The head declared: "In fact we have found that we were over-subscribed with potential fee-payers. We have had to say: 'We are sorry but there are not enough places to go round,'

"Under the circumstances this was a very pleasant position to be in, for the decision of the Blackburn education authority not to take free places for boys was delayed until March and this did not give enough real time to let the public know what the situation was".

Mr. Coulson explained that negotiations were still "in being" with the Blackburn authority, even though the authority was going ahead with its comprehensive plan in September and was not sending any boys to Queen Elizabeth's.

Lancashire County Education Committee were, however, still sending their usual quota of about 12 free-place pupils.

In addition the governors had decided to offer several free-place scholarships and these boys, 19 in all, had been selected by examination in May.

This left places for 89 fee-paying pupils, to total the usual intake of 120. Previously the ratio between fee-payers and scholarship boys was 50—50.

Mr. Coulson emphasised that the governors' free scholarships offer, which would probably continue unless agreement was reached with the Blackburn authority, meant that the school would keep its direct grant status.

The direct grant regulations lay down that 25 per cent of the yearly intake must be of free-place pupils.



**Who is this apparently sitting on top of the world? For the answer see back page.**

### Annual church service date

The annual Old Boys' church service will be held this year at St. John's Church, Blackburn, at 3 p.m. on October 16th.

The organisers are appealing to old boys, their families and friends to attend this annual occasion when former pupils can come together in worship.

### Nappy conscious!

If this issue of **Magister** is late reaching members, the editor feels he has all the excuse he needs . . . His wife, Pat Stuttard gave birth to twin sons, Daniel and Simeon on March 15, and nappies have been on his mind ever since!

### 100 GUINEA PRIZE FOR OLD BOY

AN Old Blackburnian, Mr. Harry Wilkinson, of 91, Bourne Way, Hayes, Bromley, Kent, has won the first prize of a silver medal and 100 guineas in the open competition for the Alexander Duckham Memorial Award, organised by the Institution of Plant Engineers.

The award is made for the technical paper which makes the greatest contribution to the technology of plant engineering.

The subject of Mr. Wilkinson's successful paper was "Composition and Combustion of Fuel Oil". The award was presented at the institution's annual conference at Harrogate in April.

Mr. Wilkinson, who was at School from 1936 to 1941, is now industrial sales manager for Shell-Mex and B.P. Ltd., in South London. He is also a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

His father is a director and former chairman of Blackburn Rovers, and Mr. Wilkinson himself is a Rovers' fan.

### 'Table' Secretary

Mr. Brian Armistead (1947-1955), of 4 Wythburn Avenue, Cherry Tree, Blackburn, was elected secretary of Blackburn Greys Round Table, No. 883, at the annual general meeting on March 28.

### Many thanks

**MAGISTER** wishes to thank the editor of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph for his kind permission to use Telegraph pictures.



## MR PREST IS NOW A GOVERNOR

**MR. JOSEPH N. PREST**, joint managing director of Kenyons Confectioners Ltd., and an Old Boy, has been elected on to the board of governors of Queen Elizabeth's.

Mr. Prest, who is 42, attended School from 1933 to 41 and went on to Manchester University where he took a degree in civil engineering.

He worked as an engineering assistant for Blackburn and Preston Corporation and for a firm of building contractors before joining the family business, Prests Ltd., of Limefield Bakery, Blackburn.

After Prests joined the Spillers group, Mr. Prest stayed on for eight years, but took up his present appointment about two years ago.

He is president of Blackburn Chamber of Commerce and a former captain of Blackburn Golf Club.

Mr. Prest, who is married with a son and daughter, lives at Woodhenge, Billinge End Road, Blackburn.

● Ald. R. F. Mottershead, leader of the Conservative group on Blackburn Town Council, has been appointed a representative governor of the School in succession to Mr. G. Gillibrand who resigned. As the title implies, Ald Mottershead will represent Blackburn Education Committee on the board of governors.

## Obituary

# DEATH OF MR R. G. PYE

MR. RICHARD GREENWOOD PYE, a former Borough Treasurer of Blackburn, died in Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, on February 20, 1966. He was 80.

Mr. Pye, an old boy of Queen Elizabeth's lived in Revidge Road, Blackburn. He retired 20 years ago after being Borough Treasurer for 22 years.

He was born in Blackburn and attended the old Church of England Higher Grade School before going to Queen Elizabeth's. He worked in the office of Nuttall and Co. for a year before taking a junior clerkship in the corporation gas office in 1903, and transferred to the Borough Treasurer's department later in the year.

He served his articles with the late Mr. J. H. Bailey, then Borough Treasurer, and passed the final examination as an incorporated accountant in 1908, gaining third place and a prize.

Six years later he passed the final examination of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants, gaining second place and a prize.

He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society in 1921, an honour rarely conferred on anyone other than a chief official. Mr. Pye was at this time Deputy Borough Treasurer, an appointment he had then held for three years.

At the request of the Ministry of Munitions, Blackburn Corporation released Mr. Pye during the First World War for important accountancy work in London.

As Borough Treasurer he kept a close eye on expenditure, and an outstanding achievement of his career was when, in January, 1935, the corporation issued £1 million 2½ per cent stock, the lowest rate at which to offer new stock.

Mr. Pye sold it to the underwriters at £98 15s. per £100, an extremely high figure and a piece of good business for the corporation.

The price was so high that only £30,000 of stock was bought by the public. Had Mr. Pye sold at a lower figure to the underwriters more stock would have been bought by the public but the corporation would have received less money.

Mr. Pye was a co-opted member of Blackburn public library, museum, and art



gallery committee. Among the many offices he had held were those of president of the North-Western Students' Society of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants, and honorary secretary of the institute for 10 years.

He received the King George V Silver Jubilee Medal and King George VI Coronation Medal, and during the early part of the Second World War acted in an honorary capacity as fuel overseer for the borough.

He leaves a widow, who before her marriage in 1918 was Miss Mabel Townley, of Blackburn. There are no children.

## Brian moves to Salford

Mr. Brian Birtwistle (1948-57) has been appointed an assistant solicitor with Salford Corporation. He held a similar post in Blackburn Town Clerk's department until recently.

A deacon of Chapel Street Congregational Church, he is the son of Blackburn's chief fire officer, Mr. Tom Birtwistle.

## Coventry teacher

Mr. Jeffrey B. Vent, who was a pupil at Q.E.G.S. from 1936 to 1944 is teaching at King Henry VIII School, Coventry, and is vice-chairman of the committee of the Old Coventrians' Association.

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# NEW FENISCOWLES SCHOOL HEAD

MR. DEREK PAINTER, headmaster of Edgworth Primary School, Turton, has been appointed headmaster of Feniscowles County Primary School, near Blackburn, and will take up his new post in September.

Mr. Painter, 41, is married, with two young sons, and lives at 40 Earnsdale Avenue, Darwen. He attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1936 to 1943.

He was football captain of Grenville and was awarded full School colours for football and cricket. For two years in succession, in 1941 and 1942, he was the winner of the tennis cup.

In February, 1943, Mr. Painter joined the Royal Horse Artillery. He served in England until 1944, when he was posted to the Far East.

He transferred to a Royal Artillery Field Regiment and served in India, Burma, Siam, Malaya, Java and Hong Kong. He returned to England and was demobilised in October, 1947.

After two years as a student at St. Mark and St. John Training College, Chelsea, Mr. Painter taught for four years at St. John's Church of England Primary School, Darwen.

He studied for a year at Leeds University Institute of Education and gained a diploma in primary education in 1956. He was deputy headmaster of Duckworth Street County Primary School, Darwen, for two years before being appointed headmaster of the Edgworth school in 1961.

Mr. Painter, a life member of the Old Blackburnians' Association, is on the council of Darwen Golf Club and has represented Darwen at tennis and badminton. He is connected with St. John's Church and St. Cuthbert's Church, Darwen.

● Feniscowles County Primary School already has one old boy of Queen Elizabeth's on its staff, Mr. Ben Glover, 28, of 4 Rock Gardens, Hoghton. Mr. Glover (1949-1956) has been teaching at Feniscowles since September, 1965.

## Exam success

Mr. David Barker (1955-60), of Sandon Street, Blackburn, has passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Mr. Barker, 21, son of Mrs. A. Barker, and the late Mr. H. Barker, has been articled to Mr. W. Cavanagh, of Waterworth, Rudd and Hare of Blackburn.

## CHAPLAIN TO THE HIGH SHERIFF

THE REV. T. L. WALSH, who attended School from 1923 to 1931, has been appointed chaplain to the new High Sheriff of Lancashire, Col. F. W. Jones, of Lytham.

Mr. Walsh was vicar of Wrea Green for 15 years before going to his present benefice, Staveley-in-Cartmell, Ulverston, in 1959.

He has been a regular attendee of the Old Blackburnians' annual dinner, and for several years he captained the Old Boys in their annual cricket match with the School.

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Mr. Walsh is also remembered for the beautiful and impressive address he gave at the memorial service in the Cathedral to that great and beloved late headmaster, Mr. Arthur Holden.

As High Sheriff's chaplain Mr. Walsh sits with him alongside the judge at the assizes in the county, and also takes part in the assize services.

Before the abolition of capital punishment it was the duty of the chaplain to say, "Amen", when the judge passed sentence of death.

## NOW QUANTITY SURVEYOR

Mr. Frank E. Hart, who attended School from 1952 to 1957, is now a member of the quantity surveying division of the Lancashire County Council's architects' department at Preston.

Mr. Hart, of 14, Thorngate Close, Penwortham, was successful in passing the final examination of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in 1964 and was elected an associate member.

In 1965 he was elected an associate of the Institute of Quantity Surveyors.



## HE'S A TOP BANKER

MR. John Edwin Ainsworth (1919-22), of 44 Blenheim Terrace, St. John's Wood, has been appointed assistant general manager of the National Provincial Bank's head office in London.

Mr. Ainsworth, elder son of the late Mrs. L. E. Ainsworth, of Blackburn, continues as head of the bank's advance department in London.

He started his career with the National Provincial in Blackburn in 1927, where he stayed for nine years. For most of the time since then he has been in the London area.

## Master leaving for Doncaster

Mr. Peter Beaumont, of 149, Lammack Road, a chemistry master at the School, has been appointed senior chemistry master at Thorne Grammar School, near Doncaster. He will take up his new post in September.

Mr. Beaumont, who was a pupil at School from 1947 to 1954, studied at Manchester University where he gained a B.Sc. degree in chemistry. He joined the staff of Queen Elizabeth's straight from university.

He is married and has a son and a daughter.

## Now qualified as solicitor

Mr. Edward Michael Hitchen Ranson (1950-53) has been appointed Deputy Registrar of the Blackburn Diocese.

His father, Mr. Leslie Ranson, is the Registrar.

Edward, 24, of Hillcrest, Newton Drive, Accrington, has passed his final law examinations and is now a solicitor employed in the family business at Accrington.

After leaving Queen Elizabeth's he attended St. Peter's School, York.

## Personnel post for Old Boy

MR. BRIAN EDWARDS, 31, of 22 Arnsdale Crescent, Feniscowles, Blackburn, has been appointed personnel officer of British Belting and Asbestos Co. Ltd., of Cleckheaton, Yorks., and took up his new post on April 4.

On leaving School Mr. Edwards was articled to Mr. F. A. Astley, accountant, of Blackburn. Five years later he was called up for national service in the Royal Air Force.

Shortly after leaving the R.A.F. he joined Star Paper Mills Ltd., of Feniscowles, as assistant to the company secretary, and in 1962 he was appointed assistant personnel manager, a post he held until taking up his new appointment at Cleckheaton.

Mr. Edwards is a graduate member of the Institute of Personnel Management and an associate member of the British Institution of Training Officers. He is married and has two young sons. His new address is 10 Ashbourne Gardens, off Hightown Road, Cleckheaton.

## Daughter No. 2

Mrs. Margaret Shuttleworth, wife of Mr. Frank Shuttleworth (1947-1954), of 35 Kentmere Drive, Cherry Tree, Blackburn, gave birth to a 6 lb. 12 oz. girl, Gillian Kay, at Our Lady of Compassion Nursing Home on 17th May. Mr. and Mrs. Shuttleworth already have a four-year-old daughter, Kathryn Ann.

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## Wedding bells

# HOSPITAL SISTER IS BRIDE FOR DR. C. H. LAND

DR. CHRISTOPHER HENRY LAND, who attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1947 to 1957, married Miss Roberta Mary Williamson, of Dundee, at St. John's Church, Dundee, on February 8th.

Dr. Land, who is now a gynaecologist at Westmorland County Hospital, Kendal, is the son of Mrs. B. Land, of Wayside Cottage, Chapel Lane, Hoghton, and the late Mr. T. H. Land.

The bride was a nursing sister with Dundee and District Occupational Health Service.

Dr. Land spent six years at Glasgow University, where he gained his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees.

He then spent six months at Stobhill Teaching Hospital, Glasgow, before taking a post as a house physician at Lancaster Infirmary for a short spell. He took up his present post quite recently.

The couple, who spent their honeymoon in Scotland, became engaged last November.

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Mr. J. R. Walsh (1954-59), formerly of Burnley Road East, Lumb-in-Rossendale, married Miss Marjorie Seal, also of Lumb-in-Rossendale, on March 26th. Their new home is at Ardross, Lumb-in-Rossendale.



Mr. John Haden Duckett (1949-54), of Revidge Road, Blackburn, and Miss Sheila Anne Dimbleby, of Yew Tree Drive, after their wedding at Four Lane Ends Congregational Church on March 19th.

Mr. Peter Hobkirk, a playing member of Old Blackburnians' Football Club, married Miss Anne Tunnicliffe at St. Gabriel's Church, in March.

Mr. Hobkirk, who attended school from 1951 to 1958, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hobkirk, of Ryburn Avenue, Blackburn.

The groom's father is a former president of Blackburn Chamber of Trade and is head of the firm of W. M. Hobkirk and Son, sewing machine factors. The groom is a director of the family business.

The best man was another old boy, Mr. John Moorey, who was at Queen Elizabeth's at the same time as Mr. Hobkirk.

The couple's new home is at 3, Beaver Close, Wilpshire.

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Mr. John David Davies, who attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1949 to 1956, was married at St. John's Church, Banbury, on March 1st, to Miss Mary Douglas, of Banbury. The bride is a sister at Banbury Day Hospital.

Mr. Davies, of Flat 11, 20 Calthorpe Road, Banbury, is general manager of Clows (Banbury) Ltd., Garden Centres. For seven years after leaving School he worked for Peter Heyes Ltd. (Seedsmen), of Preston. He moved to Banbury in 1963.

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Mr. Frederick Russell Bolton (1948-57) was married at St. Leonard's Church, Langho, in February, to Miss Patricia Forrest.

Mr. Bolton is a pathological laboratory technician at Blackburn Infirmary — his bride holds a similar post at Queen's Park Hospital.

He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. A. Bolton, of Claremont, Whalley New Road, Langho.



Mr. George Roger Pilkington, formerly of Preston New Road, Blackburn, was married in Calgary, Alberta, on Boxing Day, to Miss Carol Lorretta Cooper, an art teacher in Calgary.

Mr. Pilkington, the only son of Mr. F. M. Pilkington and the late Mrs. Pilkington, is studying for a Ph.D. degree at the University of Alberta. He is a graduate of Imperial College, London.

Mr. Francis G. Edwards (1953-60), of 132, Scotland Road, Blackburn, was married at Audley Range Congregation Church, in March, to Miss Marie Hebden, of Under Billinge Lane, Blackburn.

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Mr. Alan Heyes (1955-62), of Bolton Road, Blackburn, married Miss Barbara Elizabeth Sheila Lang at St. Bartholomew's Church last November.

The groom, a graduate of Liverpool University, now works with Unilever Research Ltd.

## NEW RESEARCH LAB CHIEF

Mr. Kenneth Durham has been appointed head of the Unilever Research Laboratory at Colworth, Beds. For the past three years he has been in charge of the laboratory at Port Sunlight.

Mr. Durham, who is 40, obtained an honours degree in physics at Manchester University and joined Unilever in 1950. Before he left Blackburn 15 years ago he played for the Old Blackburnians.

## Export man to marry

AN old boy of the School, Mr. Johan Marc Snijders has become engaged to Miss Jennifer Marjorie Baron, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Baron of Moonraker's Anne Port, Jersey, and formerly of Darwin.

Mr. Snijders is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Snijders, of Holland, and formerly of Billinge End, Blackburn. His father retired as plant director of Mullard Simonstone Works in July 1964.

From Queen Elizabeth's Mr. Snijders went to Keele University, obtaining a B.A. honours degree. He is now an export sales representative for Jersey Overseas Trading Company.

Miss Baron was a model in Manchester before she and her parents left Darwin last July. Her father was a director of Paragon Wallpapers Ltd., of Darwin, until its takeover in 1963 by Leyland Paints Ltd.

The couple met before leaving East Lancashire, where they have many friends.

## Regional news

# YORK SOCIAL A BIG SUCCESS

THE BRANCH of the Old Blackburnians' Association established at York last year, held an informal supper evening on May 20th at the Half Moon Hotel, in the city.

The innovation of inviting the ladies proved an outstanding success and the event provided an opportunity of renewing old friendships in a convivial atmosphere.

Those attending from Blackburn were the head, Mr. D. J. Coulson, and Mrs. Coulson, Old Blackburnians' chairman, Mr. E. C. Marsden, treasurer, Mr. F. Bury, vice-chairman, Mr. H. King, and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Eastwood and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Shaw.

Mr. C. W. Harvey, chairman of the branch, welcomed the guests and the headmaster replied.

Arrangements were made by Mr. Guy Shuttleworth, senior mathematics master at St. Peter's School, York, and a former head boy of Queen Elizabeth's.

Thirty-six attended and included the following Old Boys and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. McHugh, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ronson, Mr. and Mrs. Eric West, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mortimer, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Threlfall, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shuttleworth, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bentley, Mr. Alan Kilshaw, Mr. David Holden, Mr. David Allsup, Mr. John Allsup, Mr. J. T. D. Riding, Mr. A. McCarroll.

## CAMBRIDGE

The Cambridge branch held its 33rd annual dinner at the University Arms on February 18.

Twenty-five members and guests attended including from Blackburn, the vice-chairman of the governors Mr. N. Jepson, the headmaster Mr. D. J. Coulson, Mr. H. King, and Mr. D. W. Shaw.

The president Mr. P. H. Gaskill, proposed the Loyal toast. A toast to the School was proposed by Mr. P. Murphy, and Mr. Coulson replied.

Mr. J. A. Astley proposed Our Guests, and Mr. B. H. Kembell-Cook, our former headmaster and chief guest of the evening, replied.

## MANCHESTER

The annual dinner of the Old Blackburnians' Manchester branch was held at Belle Vue, Manchester on Wednesday April 27.

The president, Mr. R. Ball, in proposing the toast to the School welcomed Mr. D. J. Coulson to this his first Manchester dinner. The headmaster replied to this toast.

The chairman, Mr. J. B. Kay, proposed the toast to the guests, to which Mr. H. King as chief guest replied.

The association extended best wishes for a long and happy retirement to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hartley. Mr. Hartley had been a regular attendee at the dinner, but was unfortunately unable to attend this year.

The School governors, parent association and staff were represented by Mr. W. Hare, Mr. E. C. Marsden, Mr. D. J. Coulson, Dr. F. Tyler and Messrs. H. King, E. J. Kay and D. W. Shaw.

In addition to the Blackburn party the following Manchester members attended:

Messrs. G. C. Almond, M. Bannister, H. Brown, R. Davenport, A. Gill, G. R. Gilmore, D. Sharples, R. Ball (president), J. B. Kay (chairman) along with Doctors T. S. Hindle and R. Ormerod.

## LEEDS

The Leeds branch held its annual dinner at the Great Northern Hotel on March 4. Among the 20 old boys and guests present were the chairman of the association, Mr. E. C. Marsden, vice-chairman Mr. H. King, treasurer Mr. F. Bury, the headmaster Mr. D. J. Coulson, Mr. H. Kennedy, Dr. F. Tyler, Mr. D. W. Shaw and Mr. G. F. Eastwood.

The president of the branch, Mr. D. Woods took the chair and after a most excellent meal proposed the Loyal toast. At the request of the president, Mr. D. Holden from St. John's College, York, announced the other speakers.

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# OLD BLACKS AROUND THE WORLD

NEWS of Old Boys comes to us from around the globe—and we have just heard of two ex-pupils who met again in the physics laboratory of a university in California!

Dr. Guy Marlor (1950-57) recently took up an associate professorship at Stanford University on the West Coast of the United States. He sailed around the world with his wife and two children to start work in the university laboratories.

He had hardly settled in when he found that another old Queen Elizabeth's pupil was a student in the lab.—Mr. Christopher D. W. Wilkinson (1949-59).

Mr. Wilkinson, son of Mrs. Wilkinson and the late Mr. Charles N. Wilkinson, of East Park Avenue, Blackburn, is at the university studying for a Ph.D. degree in solid state physics.

Dr. Marlor gained his Ph.D. at Durham University. He is the son of Mrs. Roy Marlor, of Buncer Lane, Blackburn, and the late Mr. Marlor. His two brothers, Mr. B. R. Marlor and Mr. Colin R. Marlor, are two well-known members of the Old Blackburnians' Association.

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**MR. MOORHOUSE**

## Sun-seeker

Civil engineer Mr. Ian Moorhouse (1953-61), of Brantfell Road, Blackburn, is currently working in Ghana.

He is on a 14-month tour of duty in West Africa for his firm, Gammon Engineers, of London, who have a branch in Ghana.

He is working on harbour and irrigation projects based at Komenda on the coast.

Ian, 22, was formerly working in London, but decided to give up his job in the city to get away from . . . the English weather.

## Two met among the test tubes

### Rhodesia curate

The Rev. Peter Hall, a former head boy, is back in East Lancashire for a few months from Salisbury, Rhodesia, where he is rector.

Mr. Hall is staying at Huntsman's Cottage, Woodfold Park Mellor, with his wife and seven-year-old twins. He has taken some of the services at the village Parish Church while living there. He returns to Rhodesia later this summer.

On leaving school Mr. Hall did his military service and then took his M.A. degree at St. John's College, Cambridge. On ordination in 1955 he became curate of a Birmingham parish, where he remained five years.

He then went to Rhodesia as a curate of Avondale, Salisbury, and was made rector in 1963.

Mr. Hall says that the congregation of about 700 at Sunday services is mixed in colour and very harmonious. One of the services was in English and the other in Ashona.

He left with his family in January, travelling through Zambia and Kenya, and going on to Madrid. There they stayed with another Old Blackburnian, Mr. Kenneth Law, who is head of the Lucas selling organisation, and son of Mr. James Law and the late Mrs. Law, formerly of Shear Brow.

Mr. Hall has visited Brasenose College, Oxford, and his old Birmingham parish while in England. He has also enjoyed meeting many old friends while in East Lancashire.

### Member of the House of Laity

Mr. James Pomfret (1933-40), now headmaster Cannock Grammar School, has been re-elected to the House of Laity of the Church Assembly as a representative of the diocese of Lichfield.

Mr. Pomfret, who is 43, has been at Cannock for ten years. As a member of the Assembly one of his principal interests is the ecumenical movement.

### In Bolivia

Mr. Stephen Cox (1955-63), only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cox, of Whalley Road, Gt. Harwood, is now teaching in Bolivia.

He was accepted for the Voluntary Service Overseas' Scheme to teach English in Bolivia and at the end of 12 months will return to Birmingham University to read geography.

Stephen, 18, flew to La Paz in November last, and then travelled on to the town of Oruro, where he is now a member of the staff of the Colegio Anglo-Americano.

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### Like home?

Mr. Roy Trick (1953-57) is now working as a chartered accountant for a British firm in Belize City, British Honduras. He took up his appointment recently after his marriage to a Blackburn girl, formerly Miss Veronica Walker.

Roy recently wrote a letter about their trip out to Latin America, which was part of their honeymoon.

He stated: "We are having a marvellous time. Sunshine all day and every day, beautiful sunsets, a view of the sea from our home, with colourful, triangular sailed fishing boats . . ." Just like summer in East Lancashire. . .

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### 18,000 miles

Back in England after several years in Singapore is Major Harold Stancliffe, who was a pupil from 1937 to 1944.

He spent about four years with the education branch at G.H.Q., Farelf, Singapore, and has returned to take a post-graduate M.A. course at London University—some 19 years after leaving King's, Cambridge.

Major Stancliffe, whose present address is 3, Wilton Park, Beaconsfield, Bucks, reports that the last issue of Magister he received had quite a long trip to reach him . . . about 18,000 miles!



**MR. DUERDEN**

### Researcher

Mr. Ian Duerden (1951-58) has left England to take up a research fellowship at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario.

Mr. Duerden (24), formerly of Byrom Street, Blackburn, studied at Leeds University after leaving Queen Elizabeth's. He obtained a B.Sc. in metallurgy, and then went on to St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, to become a Doctor of Philosophy.

He won a Queen's Scout badge as a member of the School troop.

### New address

Mr. Eric Crook (1949-1954) recently changed his address and is now living at 13 St. Francis' Road, Feniscliffe, Blackburn. Mr. Crook, 27, is an incorporated member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, and works for T.R.S. Ltd., of Blackburn.

He has been treasurer of Blackburn Arts Club for several years. In August, 1964, Mr. Crook married Miss Norrie Heaviside, of Withnell.

### Now assistant Sports editor

Mr. Harold Stanley Liveridge, a pupil at Q.E.G.S. from 1939 to 1943, is now assistant northern sports editor of "The People", Manchester. Mr. Liveridge, who is 38, lives at 23 Westmorland Road, Sale, Cheshire, with his wife and their 12-year-old son.



## John gets his 'wings'



PILOT Officer John Dixon, of 101 Blackburn Road, Clayton-le-Moors, was among several R.A.F. men who received their wings at Church Fenton camp near Tadcaster, Yorks., in January.

The presentation was made by Air Chief Marshall Sir Kenneth Cross.

John was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1957 to 1964, and started his flying training just over a year ago. He flew solo in the third week of his course after 11 hours dual instruction in a Provost Mk III jet.

While at school he won a Thwaites scholarship which

took him on a nine-week trip to America to help strengthen British-American relations.

John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Dixon and formerly lived in the Croft, East Park Road, Blackburn.

He recently wrote to Magister and said in his letter: "Although in the future I will most probably be travelling far abroad, I intend to keep in touch with Q.E.G.S. through the Old Blackburnian's Association.

"I always look forward to reading MAGISTER, along with the School magazine, to see how other old boys and the School itself are doing."

## DR BELL IS NOW A YALE FELLOW

A FORMER head boy, Dr. Colin James Bell (1948-56), has been appointed a post-doctoral research fellow in the department of linguistics at Yale University.

Dr. Bell, 28, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bell, of Somerset Avenue, Wiltshire, won a State scholarship to Cambridge, where he studied mathematics.

He took a doctor of philosophy degree at Leeds University, then last year left for the United States.

He now works as a research mathematician for IBM Computers and for two days a week he will attend Yale to carry out research into linguistics and to lecture.

Dr. Bell, whose father is managing director of Motor Bodies Ltd., Blackburn, attended Roe Lee Junior School before going to Queen Elizabeth's. His hobbies include climbing, ski-ing and motor-ing.

His wife, formerly Miss Kathleen Whalley, of Whinney Lane, Langho, was head girl at Blackburn High School at the same time Dr. Bell was head boy of Queen Elizabeth's.

She studied languages at



Durham University and taught French in Leeds for three years.

The couple, who have one child, intend to return to Britain in a few years.

Their postal address is R.R. No. 1, P.O. Box 277A, Pound Ridge, New York, U.S.A.

### Metallurgy chief

Mr. J. M. Instone (1950-59), of 1, Wyre Avenue, Carr Hill, Kirkham, is now chief metallurgist with Howard and Bullough Ltd., Accrington.

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# Ladies, this is your big night

## NEW SOCIAL VENTURE ON OCTOBER 7

THE Old Blackburnians' Social Committee is attempting to widen the scope of its activities by arranging a ladies' night to be held at the Dunkenhalgh Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, on Friday, October 7.

The intention is to provide members with an additional occasion on which to meet, and also to give them an opportunity to entertain their wives and friends.

Mr. Tom Hindle, a member of the committee, says: "This is not a fund-raising exercise. The money realised from the sale of tickets will be used to provide those contributing with a really pleasant evening's entertainment".

There will be dancing to a full band from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. and a substantial buffet supper will be served at 10 p.m. — all this for one guinea a head. In addition there will be a fully staffed and well stocked bar (from which draught beer will be served).

Professor Gordon Manley, president of the association, and Mrs. Manley, have kindly consented to receive members and their guests from 8 to 8.30 p.m. It is hoped that most people will arrive in time for the formal reception but, if this is not convenient, they will be just as welcome if they turn up later.

Tickets are already on sale and can be obtained from Dr. Peter Dixon, 18 Gorse Road, Blackburn, or from Mr. Tom Hindle at the School. Please enclose with your request for tickets a crossed cheque payable to "Old Blackburnians' Association, Ladies' Night Account".

Tickets can only be sold to members of the association, who may, of course, bring along non-members as their guests.

To ensure that the enjoyment of the evening is not spoiled by over-crowding, it has been necessary strictly to limit the number of tickets available, and this number will not be exceeded. It must be a case of "first come, first served", so please apply early to avoid disappointment.

Mr. Hindle points out that this is a completely new venture and the committee are hoping that members will give their support.

## Top finance post for Old Boy

Mr. Norman Wilson Barrett (1935-40), of Branch Road, Mellor Brook, has been appointed financial director of Norbury Printers Ltd., colour printers and folding box makers, of Old Trafford, Manchester.

Mr. Barrett has been with the company for two years. Before that he was chief accountant for Star Paper Mills Ltd., Feniscowles.

After attending School, he gained a B.Comm. degree at London University.

He is treasurer of Blackburn Conservative Association and has twice unsuccessfully contested St. Francis ward, Blackburn, for the party. He is married and has one daughter.

## He's designing bridges for motorway

Working on the design of bridges for the new Wirral to Manchester motorway (M56) is Mr. John R. Clayton (1951-58).

Mr. Clayton, who now lives at 25, Gatesheath Drive, Upton-by-Chester, is senior engineering assistant to the Cheshire County Surveyor and Bridgemaister.

After graduating at Manchester University he worked for Glamorgan County Council's surveyor's department until 1954 when he took up his present post.

In 1963 he was elected an A.M.I.Mun.E. and last year became an A.M.I.C.E., which concluded his basic training as a civil engineer.

A year ago he married Miss Norma M. Jones, of Landaff, Cardiff, who is now a catering lecturer at Carlett Park College of Further Education, Wirral.

## With the R.A.F.

Mr. D.C. Robinson (1952-59) informs us that he is no longer resident at 2, Observatory Road, Blackburn, and is in fact with the Royal Air Force at Marham, near King's Lynn—full address, 212, Fen Road, RAF Marham, Kings Lynn, Norfolk. He is married and has a young son, Sean.

## THE B.Sc. IN THE TV 'SPY' GAME

FIRST it was Wilfred Greatorex . . . an old boy who edited the stories for those highly successful series, The Plane-makers, Front Page Story, and The Power Game.

Now we can claim we have another old boy behind the "telly" scenes . . . Mr. James Ormerod, who directed the equally successful spy episodes that flickered into our homes under the title, The Rat Catchers.

Mr. Ormerod, 41, worked on The Rat Catchers for several months. It cost Rediffusion £100,000 to make and starred Gerald Flood, Philip Stone and Glyn Owen. Many of its scenes were made on location in Madrid.

It was a fast-moving series which featured punchy dialogue and Mr. Ormerod said of it: "It was a cut above the average spy programme. Some people may have thought it a little complicated, but I thought it was interesting and at times amusing."



A free-lance producer and director, Mr. Ormerod has also been responsible for the camera work of several episodes of No Hiding Place on the commercial channel.

Mr. Ormerod attended the School until his parents moved to Preston. He gained a B.Sc. degree at Leeds and worked in Manchester for both I.T.V. and B.B.C. before moving to London, where he is currently based.

## U.S. fellowship for Mr. D. V. Maudsley

Mr. David V. Maudsley, of The Hawthorns, 41, Dukes Brow, Blackburn, has been awarded his Ph.D. in pharmacology at London University School of Pharmacy.

Mr. Maudsley, who attended school from 1950 to 1959, obtained his Bachelor of Pharmacy degree in 1962 and then became an assistant lecturer in the department of pharmacology at London University.

He was recently appointed to a research fellowship at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology at Boston, Massachusetts, working under the famous Dr. Kobayashi.

## Engineering post for graduate

Mr. Martin R. Johnson, who was a pupil from 1955 to 1962, is now a graduate apprentice with C. A. Parsons and Co. (Turbine Manufacturers), of Newcastle.

Mr. Johnson, formerly of Victoria Street, Blackburn, graduated from Leeds University with a B.Sc. in mechanical engineering.

## Company director

Mr. Laurence Taylor (1941-47), of Lyntone, 390, Preston Old Road, Cherry Tree, Blackburn, has been appointed an executive director, sales, of Hardura Limited, of Blackburn, Great Harwood and Darwen.

**All the sporting news**

# SOCCER TEAMS KEEP AT TOP

THE soccer section has completed another successful season, winning the 2nd Division championship for the second season running, and finishing in the top five in the 1st and 3rd Divisions.

Add that the fourth team had several good wins against third teams and it can be seen that the high standards of the past have been maintained.

Terry Barton, who succeeded Eddie Walton as club captain, set a fine example of industry and fitness, and deservedly was chosen as left-half for the League team, while Roger Horrocks, Derek Balmer and Philip Dobson were selected for the section side.

by Harold Fish

Not the least noteworthy feature of the season has been the promise shown by some who have left school quite recently; Alan Pemberton has already made his mark in the first team, while John Morris and Alan Upton have not been far behind.

Last season's cup runs were not repeated, but league honours were always a possibility until a disappointing fade-out towards the end.

The 2nd XI had a tremendous team-spirit, a vigorous captain in Barry Ward and never really looked in danger of not retaining their trophy. A now slower Colin Marlor showed that he still knows the way to goal with a phenomenal glut of goals in mid-season, while Mick Sumner, too, found the net regularly.

We congratulate Ken Forbes on his election as president of the L.A.L., an honour richly deserved. Bill Lazenby, Gordon Hodgson, Peter Ibbotson, Keith Sharples and all the committee continue to do good work behind the scenes, helped and encouraged by the unsung Ladies' Committee.

Jim Whittaker found that the export drive had more national significance (sic) than the chairmanship and reluctantly handed over the reins to ex-member of staff Harold Fish.

The annual dinner was held on Friday, June 17, at the White Bull Hotel. Guests in-

cluded the headmaster, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. King and Mr. Raby.

It is hoped that during next season the long-talked about extension will be ready. Club nights are Monday and Wednesday. We would be pleased to see any Old Boys enjoying the much-improved facilities, whether they be members of the soccer section or not.



## Terry Barton is club's new captain

TERRY Barton is the new captain of the Old Blackburnians' first eleven in succession to Eddie Walton who has had to relinquish the job.

Terry, of Trevene, 68 Mitton Road, Whalley, was in the first team when he was at School, and also distinguished himself as an athlete.

He played as an amateur for Blackburn Rovers youth and "A" teams and later for Accrington Stanley's Reserve and "A" sides. More recently he was a regular member of Clitheroe's side in the Lancashire Combination.

He rejoined the Old Blacks three seasons ago and became one of the link-men in a 4-2-4 plan. He later reverted to left-half when more orthodox methods were used.

Terry has been one of the most consistent performers and was the obvious choice when Eddie Walton retired.

He has been a regular member of the Northern section team for two seasons and this season was chosen for the full League team.



## CONQUEROR OF THE 99 PEAKS

MR. Albert Eastham, an Old Blackburnian, and formerly English master at Queen Elizabeth's, completed a fell-walking feat over the Whiteside holiday.

He climbed three Lakeland peaks to achieve the outstanding record of having climbed all 99 mountains listed in the standard books on Lakeland.

Mr. Eastham, who attended school from 1946 to 1957, was a teacher at Queen Elizabeth's until quite recently. He is now assistant education officer to Warwick County Council.

Mr. Eastham was accompanied on his fells walk by his fiancée, Miss Judith Cresswell, who is also a keen mountain walker and who has herself climbed 50 of the peaks.

The three mountains were Yewbarrow (2,058 ft.), Seatallan (2,266 ft.) and Caw Fell (2,288 ft.) which were climbed in a period of 48 hours.

And that was Mr Eastham pictured on page one on the summit of Yr Aryg, a peak in Snowdonia.

## Roger Sharp wins golf cup

The Old Blackburnians' Association's annual golf competition was held at Pleasington on June 9.

The Judge Walmysley cup for the best nett score was won by R. G. Sharp (Pleasington) with a return of 79-12-67. Runner-up was E. Ibbotson (Pleasington) with 76-5-71.

The Sir Gilbert Gerrard cup for the best gross score was won by N. Richards (Blackburn and Pleasington) with a return of 74.

The 1967 competition will be held at Wilpshire on Thursday, June 9, 1967.

In the L.O.B.A.G.S. (Lancs. Old Boys' Grammar Schools) competition at Hillside, the Old Blackburnians' team was 8th with a return of 325. Fifteen association competed. Winners were Old Lidunians with 302.

**Regional News cont.****LONDON**

The School was at a critical turning point in its history, Mr. D. J. Coulson told more than 40 members of the Old Blackburnians' Assoc. London branch at their annual dinner in London on March 12.

Mr. Coulson was outlining the latest moves in what he called "the complex and difficult question of reorganisation in Blackburn's educational system".

Mr. W. Hare, chairman of the governors, said that even if the school did not reach agreement with the town authority in the near future, this did not rule out the possibility of co-operation in the long run.

Other visitors from Blackburn were Mr. N. Jepson, vice-chairman of the governors, Mr. E. C. Marsden, chairman of the Association, and Mr. H. King, vice-chairman and the London branch's liaison officer.

They were welcomed by Mr. F. Coggins. Mr. King and Mr. Marsden replied.

The toast to the School was proposed by Mr. J. Haworth, a former master.

At the branch's annual meeting two committee members retired—Mr. D. J. Astley who is moving north, and Mr. J. S. Read, who is going to Ontario, Canada, to work as a geophysicist for a consultant company.

They were replaced by Mr. R. M. Ibbotson and Mr. R. Vipond.

The rest of the officers were re-elected en bloc: president, Mr. H. Brogden; chairman, Mr. F. A. Stonehouse; liaison officer, Mr. King; treasurer, Mr. K. Knott; secretary, Mr. D. H. R. Brearley; and auditor, Mr. F. Coggins.

The committee will comprise Messrs. Coggins, J. D. Foster, J. Haworth, C. Houghton, J. Lee, R. B. Lamb, P. N. Mercer, G. Hayhurst, R. Isherwood, and P. Price and Dr. J. E. Varey. Mr. H. Brogden was in the chair for the meeting.

## Torquay post

Mr. Charles Michael Sloan (1949-54) has been appointed as assistant engineer with Torquay Corporation and took over his new duties in the resort on May 2.

A keen sportsman he has played football and cricket for the Old Blackburnians. He was captain of Great Harwood Cricket Club last summer and had also played with East Lancs and Nelson.



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## 400th YEAR PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED

PREPARATIONS for the school's four-day quatercentenary celebrations from May 24 to May 27 have already reached an advanced stage.

And the big day for Old Blackburnians will be the final day, Saturday, when a mammoth reunion is planned. Already it is anticipated that as many as 1,000 ex-pupils will be attending.

Mr Harry King, chairman of the organising committee, revealed these figures to MAGISTER and added that he expected every year from 1900 to the present day to be represented by a former pupil.



**TIMOTHY** Richard Seaton Beavis (1957-61), elder son of the Rev and Mrs D. N. Beavis, of St Barnabas vicarage, Blackburn, has announced his engagement to Miss Beryl Margaret Apperly, a teacher at a Birmingham secondary school.

The couple first met in Birmingham about five years ago and hope to marry in about 18 months.

Timothy works in the housing department of Birmingham City Corporation.

### Many thanks

MAGISTER wishes to thank the editor of the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph* for his kind permission to use Telegraph pictures, and Mr Tom Sharratt for his invaluable assistance in the preparation of this issue.

As already announced other projects to mark the occasion include the publishing of a 200 page history of the school, written by Mr George F. Eastwood, senior history master, and a "Who's Who" of old boys which will contain more than 1,000 names.

By the time this issue of MAGISTER reaches you the deadline for inclusion in "Who's Who" will probably have been passed. But Mr King emphasised that because an old boy was not in the publication it did not preclude him from joining his contemporaries at the reunion.

The celebrations proper will begin on Wednesday, May 24, with a service of dedication and thanksgiving in Blackburn Cathedral, where the school was founded.

The preacher will be the Venerable C. H. Lambert, Archdeacon Emeritus of Lancaster. The service will be attended by governors, staff, pupils, old boys, friends of the school and civic representatives.

In the afternoon the re-developed school playing fields at Lammack will be officially reopened—and the occasion marked by a tree-planting ceremony, followed by the school athletic finals.

The next day the old boys play the school at cricket. There will also be a mammoth physical education display, with 400 boys



## Peerage for Sir Harold

SIR Harold Woolley, former president of the National Farmers' Union, was created a life peer in the New Year's Honours list.

Lord Woolley, who is 60, attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1919 to 1923 and is a brother of Blackburn businessmen Mr W. E. Woolley and Mr Ewart Woolley.

He later attended Lancashire County Council Agricultural College at Hutton and began his farming career at the age of 20.

He now farms more than 500 acres on the Cheshire plain and has a herd of 150 mainly pedigree British Friesian cows.

He was first elected president of the NFU in 1960, having been deputy president in three previous years and on two occasions vice-president.

He was created a CBE in 1958 and was knighted for his services to agriculture in 1964.

Lord and Lady Woolley live at Hutton Heath, near Chester. They have four sons and two daughters.

## Victim of a 1965 crash

Mr MICHAEL J. Sharples, an old boy and modern languages master at the school, is still in hospital—14 months after being injured in a crash on the fog-bound M6.

But, according to colleagues who have visited him recently at Warrington Royal Hospital, Mr Sharples is in extremely good spirits.

He spent the Christmas period in the orthopaedic ward of the Southern Hospital, Bootle, where he underwent an operation for bone grafts on his leg.

He has now returned to Warrington and surgeons are now confident of an early recovery.

Mr Sharples, whose home is in Tower Road, Feniscleffe, received his injuries in a dreadful pile-up on the M6 near Warrington on Bonfire Night, 1965.

He is well known as an amateur actor and his presence as a leading member of Blackburn Arts Club has been sadly missed.

Any old friends who wish to write to Mr Sharples should send them to Mr M. J. Sharples Walker Ward, Warrington Royal Hospital.

### Next issue will be in Autumn

The next issue of MAGISTER will probably be published late Summer—early Autumn. The reason for this gap is the intervention of the quatercentenary, which is taking up a lot of members' time.

Old Blackburnians who have contributed will, however, be receiving a copy of the "Who's Who" in the meantime.

## IT'S HOUSEWIVES' CHOICE

MAGISTER has heard a remarkable story which illustrates just how popular the magazine has become. The wife of an Old Black recognised Magister through the envelope when it arrived. She was so eager to read it that although it was addressed to her husband she opened it, sat down on the lounge floor in the midst of her housework and read it three times through from front to back before hubby came home. Enough said!

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## Obituary

### MR STANLEY NOEL TATTERSALL

Mr Stanley Noel Tattersall, a former secretary of the Old Blackburnians' Football Club and of the northern section of the Lancashire Amateur Football League, died on July 25, 1966, seventeen days after his fifty-ninth birthday.

Mr Tattersall was born in Blackburn. After his family had moved to Ansdell he attended a private school there and went on in 1916 to Hutton Grammar School. His family returned to Blackburn in 1919 and he entered Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, where he remained until 1924.

In his youth he was an outstanding athlete and sportsman. He played in the School Under-14 XI and at that early age made appearances for the Second XI. He became a regular member of the Second XI and was soon promoted to the first team. He was known in those days and remembered for many years afterwards as the best left-footer in any school football team.

He was prominent in the school sports and was both junior and senior Victor Ludorum. He was trained by Mr Percy Fish and was later a member of Salford Harriers.

He joined the Old Blackburnians' Football Club as a playing member a few years after leaving School. He was team secretary in 1928 and played regularly at left-back in the First XI. He was also a regular member of the Easter tour party which visited the Isle of Man each year.

When the northern section of the Lancashire Amateur Football League was formed Mr W. K. Forbes invited Mr Tattersall to be secretary, and he was elected to that position on July 5, 1929. He resigned on January 30, 1930.

He was chosen for the Northern Section XI many times during the 1930s, and continued as a playing member of the Old Blacks until the outbreak of war in 1939. He played golf as a member of Pleasington Golf Club from 1938 to 1950, and enjoyed a hand of bridge with friends. During the second world war he was a special constable in Blackburn.

Mr Tattersall was Blackburn's first trained marriage guidance counsellor. He offered himself for training in November, 1953, and counselled for Blackburn and District Marriage Guidance Council until February, 1960, when he resigned because of pressure of business.

He was an active churchman. With his family he attended St Jude's Church, Blackburn, where he was a sidesman, a member of the parochial church council, and chairman of the parish development committee. He had been a trustee of Daleside diocesan youth hostel, Longsleddale, near Kendal, since it was established, and he was also a trained organiser in Christian Stewardship.

Mr Tattersall, who lived at 4 St Francis Road, Fenisccliffe, Blackburn, was secretary and a director of the family business of A. A. Tattersall and Co. Ltd., of Mill Hill Abrasive Works, Blackburn. He married in 1934, and leaves a widow, three sons, the eldest of whom is married, and a married daughter.

### MR ALBERT WALSH

MR ALBERT WALSH, deputy chairman of the South-Western division of the National Coal Board, was drowned while swimming in St Brelade's Bay, Jersey, on September 13, 1966. He was 59.

Mr Walsh, who lived at Shadycombe, 20 Westminster Crescent, Cyncoed, Cardiff, leaves a widow, a son, and a daughter. He was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1917 to 1921.

He became an inspector of weights and measures in Blackburn. He later transferred to Bath and then to the Staffordshire weights and measures department. There he became assistant county controller for Civil Defence, and he received the MBE in the New Year honours of 1942.

He took an honours degree in law at London University and was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn in 1946, a year after he had entered the coal industry as commercial manager of Parkhouse Collieries Ltd., of Stoke-on-Trent.

From 1947 to 1952 he was assistant secretary of the West Midlands division of the National Coal Board, and he was secretary of the North-Western division from 1952 until his appointment as director-general of industrial relations at the NCB's headquarters in London in September, 1954. He became deputy chairman of the South-Western division in November, 1957, and was controller in charge of the re-organisation of the Welsh coalfields.



Mr Walsh was a keen Methodist all his life. He became a local preacher while still a young man in Blackburn and later took a leading part in the development of new churches at Wolverhampton and elsewhere. He preached regularly in the Cardiff area and was general superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school at Cyncoed.

His zeal, enterprise, and energy con-

tributed greatly towards the building at Cyncoed of a new church, opened 11 days after his death, where a memorial service was held on October 1.

Many tributes have been paid to Mr Walsh. Mr A. H. Kellett, chairman of the South-Western division, said: "His death is a great loss to the board. He was a man with a wide range of experience who never lost the human touch."

Mr Glyn Williams, the South Wales miners' leader, said: "His death means a great loss to the industry. As union officials we had great regard for his ability. We always found him a very fair man to deal with."

The Rev Brian Duckworth, minister of Cyncoed Methodist Church, said: "Mr Walsh's kindness and self-discipline were proverbial. He set high standards for others and himself. He was a friend to many ministers and his counsel will be sadly missed."

### MR JACK MASON

MR JACK MASON, head of the English department at Newport Grammar School, Essex, died suddenly on December 26, 1965. He was 50.

Mr Mason entered the upper fifth at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School when his parents moved to Blackburn in 1932. He was in Howard.

During his last year at School he was a prefect and was captain of a most successful First XI at football. He is remembered as a boy of cheerful disposition and a very keen, tough half-back. He was interested in the Elizabethan Debating Society.

In 1936 he went up to Merton College, Oxford, where he read English and was a pupil of Edmund Blunden. He graduated BA in 1939, but did not receive his MA degree until 1946, after the second world war.

He served throughout the war as an officer in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry during the Dunkirk evacuation in 1940. After the war he taught for a short time in New Zealand and then in a primary school at Bishop's Stortford. He joined the staff of Newport Grammar School in May, 1949, and became head of the English department in 1961. He was also careers master.

He was a strong supporter of school games and for many years produced the school play. He was assistant secretary of the Old Newportonians. His death is regarded as a great loss to Newport Grammar School, and he is very much missed there.

Mr Mason, who lived at 10 Thorley Hill, Bishop's Stortford, was also chairman of Bishop's Stortford Royal Naval Association and had been chairman of the local branch of the National Union of Teachers. He leaves a widow and three daughters, one of whom is in her final year at university, the other two being still at school.

### MR A. S. H. BRADSHAW

Mr Alexander Samuel Hamilton Bradshaw, a former headmaster of Bangor Street Secondary Modern School, Blackburn, died on September 2, 1966. He was 74.

Mr Bradshaw, who lived at 18 West Leigh Road, Blackburn, attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1906 to 1910.

He was born near Bangor Street and as a boy went to Whalley Range School, the forerunner of Bangor Street School. Later he went to the Public Higher Grade School and then to Queen Elizabeth's with a teacher's bursary.

He joined the staff at Bangor Street School in 1912, after two years' study at Bangor College, North Wales. He specialised in science at first and later taught mathematics; he also taught at Blackburn Technical College in the evenings. He was appointed headmaster in 1931, and he retired in 1952, having completed 40 years as a teacher, all at the same school.

Mr Bradshaw was a talented pianist and had a great love of music. In 1920 he formed a school orchestra. He helped the BBC with its "Adventures in Music" series by reporting children's reactions and suggesting improvements.

He was a Past Master of the Ribblesdale Lodge of Freemasons and a Past Provincial Grand Treasurer of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire. He leaves a widow and a married son.

### LT COL J. A. BROTHERS

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL John Arnold Brothers, a veteran of both world wars, died at his home, Kelsall, Beardwood Brow, Blackburn, on August 18, 1966. He was 68.

Colonel Brothers was the son of Mr M. Brothers, who for 25 years was magistrates' clerk at Blackburn. He attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1907 to 1911 and went on to Sedburgh School, which he left in July, 1914.

In the first world war he served in the same battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment as his eldest brother, Captain Max Brothers, who was killed in action in France in 1917.

In the summer of 1939 he joined the Territorial Army and was a captain when the second world war began. He was the second Territorial officer to land in France after the outbreak of war, arriving with an advance party on September 20, 1939.

He was a yarn buyer for William Birtwistle Allied Mills Ltd. until his retirement eight years ago. For many years he was president of the Blackburn branch of the Royal Artillery Association. He leaves a widow and a daughter.

# TOWN TO TAKE PLACES IN THE SIXTH FORM?

THE governors of Queen Elizabeth's are to discuss with Blackburn Education Committee the possibility that the authority will take up a number of places in the school at sixth-form level.

Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors, said at the school's speech night in King George's Hall, on December 16 that if agreement was reached on those lines both sides concerned with the negotiations could be entirely satisfied.

"This may or may not come to pass," he said, "but the important fact is that we are still trying to find a scheme acceptable to both sides."

Blackburn Education Committee have stopped filling any places in the first year at the school.

Mr Hare appealed to parents to give copies of the school prospectus to their friends.

"I feel sure it is time that people asked themselves whether goods or services received entirely free have the intrinsic worth with which they are credited at first sight," he said.

"There is a strong case for thinking that a genuine appreciation of the end product comes out of the discipline imposed by sacrifice."

He outlined the fees remission scheme for direct grant schools which helps parents who have lower incomes.

"I think that if parents have to pay some fee," he said, "then not only the parents, but also the children will appreciate all the more the advantages gained by an education at Queen Elizabeth's."

Mr. Douglas Coulson, headmaster, revealed that in the main school this year they had more applicants than places.

In the junior school the number of applicants for places was such that they had admitted an extra form to Horncliffe in September.

## Foreign news

Mr Tom Sharratt (1949-1956) has been appointed a foreign news sub-editor on *The Guardian* in Manchester. He was previously a sub-editor on the *Daily Telegraph*.



MR HARE



MR COULSON

HEADMASTER ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN :

## There must be selection

MR DOUGLAS J. Coulson, headmaster, spoke of the drawbacks of comprehensive education at the School's speechnight.

"A comprehensive system of education, however devised in practical terms, cannot avoid selection of some kind," he said.

He pointed out that the only way of removing selection altogether would be to build one enormous secondary school for each town and send all children of secondary age to it.

In a comprehensive system, the schools children went to depended on where they lived.

"Selection by accident of residence is not manifestly better than selection by the attempt to assess academic potential—especially now that we know how close, generally speaking, the relationship is between social background and academic achievement."

This geographical selection meant that comprehensive schools in different social areas were

going to be quite different in terms of atmosphere, standards, and opportunity.

The alternative to geographical selection would be some kind of selection on social grounds to get a genuinely comprehensive social spread in the schools, but this would be completely impractical.

Mr Coulson pointed out that during a child's school career many decisions about courses were made. Unless everybody took identical courses, selection must take place at some point.

"The comprehensive school does not remove the necessity for academic selection; it may postpone it, it may transfer it from outside to inside the school, but it cannot do away with it."

Mr Coulson suggested that there were many ways of introducing greater flexibility into a system still retaining an element of selection.

"Selection without an examination has been commonplace

for some time, but there are also many possibilities to be explored of transfer at different ages—on record, achievement and choice by parents.

"And at sixth form level, especially, I am convinced that if the academically able minority are to be given a fair chance to bring their talents and abilities to full fruition—and this is surely essential both on grounds of the national interest and of true equality of opportunity—a selective sector must be preserved in the country's educational provision."

He appealed to Blackburn Education Committee to "re-examine, with a critical eye, the practical implications of comprehensive education against the background of the hard facts I have sketched," so that a formula could be worked out for the school to continue to play a leading role in future, in partnership with the local authority.

## BUILDING SOCIETY CHIEF

Mr Norman Cowburn (1931-1936) has been appointed joint general manager of the Leek and Moorlands Building Society.

On leaving school Mr Cowburn joined the Burnley Building Society and served in the Navy during the war.

Back in civilian life he returned to the Burnley in Manchester and joined the Leek 10 years ago.

Mr Cowburn, 45, is married and has three children. Their home is at 4 Stockwell Villas, Stockwell Street, Leek, Staffs.

## Deputy Head

Mr Norman Eccleston (1950-57) has been appointed deputy headmaster of St Thomas's CE School, Blackburn.



Mr C. Parmley (1928-34) has been appointed North-West regional manager for the Midland Bank. He took up the post in July. He is based on Preston and his area covers Cumberland, Westmorland and Lancashire, excluding Manchester and Liverpool.

Mr Parmley, an Accrington man, was previously general manager's assistant at the bank's London headquarters.

## Dinner and dance set for April

The Old Blackburnians' Association Social Committee have announced that they are to hold a dinner-dance to mark the quater-centenary celebrations.

The event will be held at the Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe, on Friday, April 21—just a month before the 400th year celebrations proper.

Dr P. L. S. Dixon, announcing the news, said that numbers were strictly limited because of the size of the accommodation, and it had therefore been decided that tickets would be available only for association members and their wives.

Tickets are 35s. each and early application should be made to Dr Dixon at 18, Gorse Road, Blackburn.

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# Canon Houghton marries widow

CANON Kenneth Houghton, vicar of All Saints' Church, Clayton-le-Moors, and Mrs Eva Chadwick, of Bowden, Cheshire, were married at All Saints' Church on August 16. Canon Houghton, who attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1919 to 1926, has been vicar of All Saints' for 23 years. Mrs Chadwick, a widow with two daughters, is a former teacher.

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Mr Christopher Chapman Davies (1952-1959) married Miss Claudette Burnett Jamieson at St Andrew's Church, Crieft, Perthshire, on August 27. They are living at Harrogate, where Mr Davies is a physicist with the ICI Fibres Division.

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Mr Lance Irvin (1954-1963) married Miss Dorothy Joan Thompson at St Silas's Church, Blackburn on August 18. They are living at 72 Kenmore Road, Sale, Cheshire. Mr Irvin is an engineer with Shell Chemicals UK Ltd. at Carrington, Cheshire.

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A prominent QEGS actor, Mr Ian Keith Piper (1954-1961) married Miss Marlene Smith at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Darwen, on August 20. Mr Piper is teaching at Highfield Comprehensive School, Liverpool.

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Mr John William Lister Carter (1951-1959) married Miss Elizabeth Mary Sumner at St Leonards Church, Balderstone.

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Mr Timothy Swan (1953-1960) married Miss Angela Joan Dennis at St Andrew's Church, Liverpool, on September 24. He will shortly take up a post with the Central Electricity Generating Board at Berkeley, Gloucestershire.

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Two graduates of Liverpool University, Mr James Anthony Houghton (1955-1962) and Miss Susan Elizabeth Bagley, were married at St Mark's Church, Woodthorpe, Nottinghamshire, on August 20.

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Mr David Henry Fox (1953-1959) and Miss Angela Mary Briggs were married at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Langho, on August 6.

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Mr David Birtill (1953-1958), a Lancashire Evening Telegraph sub-editor, married Miss Margaret Roscoe at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Chorley, in August.

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Mr Jack Harwood (1955-1962), an engineer working in Kitwe, Zambia, married Miss Susan Dorothy Hecken, a teacher, at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, on July 16.

Mr Keigh Geoffrey Oxtoby (1953-1958) married Miss Dorothy Hylda Smiley at St Stephen's Church, Blackburn.

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Mr John Brook Phillips (1952-1961) and Miss Ann Heather Wilkinson were married at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Blackburn, in July.

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Mr Michael Charles Parsons (1955-1960), works manager and a director of Karrimoor Products Ltd., of Haslingden, married Miss Kathleen Mary Hamilton at St Stephen's Church, Haslingden.

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Mr Lister A. Fielding (1951-1954) and Miss Elizabeth Bartlett were married at Pleasington Priory on July 16. Mr Fielding has been appointed to a post in Bolton Borough Treasurer's department.

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Mr Andrew John Pendlebury (1952-1961) married Miss Juliet Anne Whitaker at St Peter's Church, Salesbury, on June 11.

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Mr Ian Young (1955-1960) married Miss Susan Walker at St Giles' Church, West Bridgford, Nottingham, on October 1st.

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Mr Eric Gill (1949-1956) married Miss Patricia Woods at Audley Range Congregational Church, Blackburn, on October 1. They are living at 50 Somerset Road, Rishton.

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Mr Graeme Clifford Stanton (1949-1955), night editor of *The Journal*, Newcastle upon Tyne, married Miss Sandra Heather Miller at Whitechapel Parish Church, Cleckheaton, on October 5.

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Mr Peter Clifford Bassett (1955-1960) married Miss Joan Brassington at St Francis' Church, Fencliffe, Blackburn, on October 22.

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Mr David Nicholas Elliott Squires (1953-1958) and Miss Rosemary Ann Hayes were married in London.

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Mr Peter Brooke Clayton, an old boy, of Selous Road, Blackburn, was married at St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, London, to Miss Diane Veronica Maxwell. Both bride and groom are teachers and are now living in Leeds.

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Mr Arnold Chadwick Eatough, a director of William Eatough Ltd., wholesale fruit merchants, married Miss Wendy Baybutt, of Tarleton, at Holy Trinity Church, Tarleton, in October.

# A PAGE OF WEDDING PICTURES



Miss Julia Heather Forbes, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Forbes, of Montreal Road, Blackburn, was married at Four Lane Ends Congregational Church in June to Mr Alan Blackshaw (1946-1951). The bride's father is president of the Old Blackburnians Football Club and of the Lancashire Amateur Football League. The groom, a clerk with Martin's Bank Ltd. is a member of the East Lancs. Club and Blackburn Golf Club. He is the eldest son of Mrs M. Blackshaw, of Glendale Drive, Mellor, and the late Mr G. Blackshaw.



Dr Duncan McGhie, only son of Mr and Mrs D. McGhie, of Newington Avenue, Blackburn, was married at Craigh-buckler Church, Aberdeen in August to Miss Joan M. H. Raeburn, SRN, of Woodburn Avenue, Aberdeen. Dr McGhie qualified at Aberdeen University last summer and took up an appointment at Burnley General Hospital in September.



Mr Barry Russell Brown (1950-1956), head of the technical department at Queen Elizabeth's, married Miss Lily Pearson, a policewoman, at Padiham Unitarian Church on July 23.



Mr. Gordon Stanley Parkinson (1951-1960), a director of Parkinson and Worden Ltd., of Blackburn, married Miss Kathleen Joan Bilsborough, at St Philip's Church, Blackburn, on September 10. They are living at 117 Buncer Lane, Blackburn.



# ACADEMIC AWARDS

RECENT academic awards and qualifications gained by old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School include :

D. Abott (56-63), B.Sc, chemistry, Liverpool University.

J. Astley (58-64), first class in Part I, natural sciences tripos, Downing College Cambridge, and awarded a college prize.

M. Bannister (56-63), BSc hons., textile chemistry, Manchester University.

D. Barker (55-60), passed final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

A. W. Billington (47-54), external degree in Russian, Leeds University. Mr Billington already holds an Oxford degree in politics, philosophy, and economics.

T. Blackshaw (52-62), BA hons., Class I, mechanical sciences, Downing College, Cambridge; elected exhibitor, awarded college prize; now with Howard and Bullough Ltd., Accrington.

F. R. Bolton (48-57), passed bacteriology final examination of the Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology.

A. F. Bradburne (55-62), BSc hons., bacteriology, Liverpool University.

T. H. N. Brogden (51-58), BSc, medical engineering, Manchester University.

J. F. Brown (57-63), L.B hons, Manchester University.

D. Caunce (56-63), BSc hons. mechanical engineering, Bristol University.

N. A. N. Jenkins (56-63), BA hons, medieval and modern history, Nottingham University.

## TEACHING

P. E. Jenkinson (52-65), BA, general arts, French, German, and history, Sheffield University; now teaching at Blakey Moor High School, Blackburn.

R. J. Jones (55-65), first class in Part I, natural sciences tripos, Downing College, Cambridge.

K. A. Leech (54-65), Part I, natural sciences tripos, Downing College, Cambridge.

J. Leigh (56-62), external L.B, London University.

J. B. Livesey (53-62), BSc hons. Class I, fuel sciences, Leeds University.

A. Malone (54-61), MSc, engineering geology, Imperial College, London.

T. H. Matthews (58-63), BA hons, natural sciences, Downing College, Cambridge.

D. McGhie (47-57), MB, ChB, Aberdeen University.

W. G. P. McGowan (55-56), diploma of associateship in music of Trinity College of Music.

G. Morris (55-63), BA, general arts, Sheffield University.

P. W. Murphy (59-63), passed part I, law examination, Downing College, Cambridge.

B. W. Neild (57-64), re-elected to modern languages scholarship, awarded college prize, Downing College, Cambridge.

## PHYSICS

J. Coombs (49-57), PhD, Leeds University.

R. Davenport (55-61), MB, ChB, Manchester University.

J. S. Dolby (54-63), BSc hons, Class I, physics, Imperial College of Science, London.

C. Entract (52-62), B.Tech, industrial chemistry, Loughborough.

G. D. Entwistle (53-61), MB, ChB, Liverpool University; now at Broad Green Hospital, Liverpool.

P. H. Gaskell (55-63), BA hons, modern and medieval languages tripos, Downing College, Cambridge: awarded Tiarks scholarship.

A. Gill (56-63), BSc hons, civil engineering, Manchester University.

C. Gill, MSc, microwave engineering London University; now with SFD Laboratories Network, New Jersey.

M. Harding (51-60), passed final examinations of the Law Society.

R. Harwood (55-62), BSc hons., chemistry, Leeds University.

A. K. Hayhurst (56-63), BSc hons, mathematics, Bristol University.

J. A. Houghton (55-62), BSc hons, zoology and genetics, Liverpool University.

P. E. M. Jarrett (51-60), MB, B.Chem. with distinction in therapeutics, St Thomas's Hospital, London, and Cambridge University; now house physician at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey.

## POLITICS

A. J. Parker (58-63), BA hons, geography and international politics, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

J. C. Pearson (56-63), B.Eng. hons, mechanical engineering, Bristol University.

G. Pendlebury (53-63), B.Pharm. hons, London University and Bradford Institute of Technology.

J. Pickup (55-63), BSc hons, physics, Newcastle University.

A. Sandford (52-59), Atkinson prize of the Law Society for the best honours man in conveyancing.

S. J. Smith (56-63), BSc hons, physics, Bristol University; now with English Electric, Stafford.

R. E. Sowerby (56-63), BA hons, classical tripos, St Catharine's College, Cambridge.

C. W. Strack (56-63), BA hons, physics, natural sciences tripos, Downing College, Cambridge.

R. Thompson (56-63), BSc hons, mathematics, Newcastle University.

N. Whalley (52-62), BA hons, modern and medieval languages tripos, St John's College, Cambridge.

T. Wilde (57-64), first class in part I, natural sciences tripos, Downing College, Cambridge; elected to an exhibition, awarded college prize.

D. Woods (55-62), BSc hons, fuel science, Leeds University.

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## Mr Keith Harling now a chartered engineer

Mr Keith Harling (1946-51), of Bent Lanes, Davyhulme, Manchester, has been elected to associate membership of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and registered as a chartered engineer.

Mr Harling was an engineering apprentice with Leyland Motors Ltd. before serving in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers for two years.

He then joined John Fenton (Engineers) Ltd., Preston, as a design engineer working on chemical plant design for the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority. In 1963 he was appointed senior design engineer with Geigy (UK) Ltd., Trafford Park, Manchester.

In his present capacity as mechanical engineer he has been responsible for a number of projects connected with a multi-million pound expansion programme due for completion next year.

Early in the new year he took up a new appointment as mechanical engineer on the graduate engineering staff of Shell Chemicals (UK) Ltd., Carrington, near Manchester.

## House physician

J. L. Marshall, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B (Manchester) has been appointed a house physician at Brompton Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, London.



## Now deputy

Mr Keith A. Hitchen (1949-57) has been appointed deputy headmaster of St John's CE Junior school, Blackburn.

## New arrival

Mrs June Valerie Sharratt, wife of Mr Tom Sharratt (1949-1956), gave birth at Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, on August 17, to a 7-lb. 4-oz. son, Antony Martin James. It is their first child. Mr and Mrs Sharratt live at 49 Kentmere Drive, Cherry Tree, Blackburn.

## Branches amalgamate

The York and Leeds University Old Blackburnians branches have decided to amalgamate and will be renamed the Yorkshire branch.

The decision was taken at a committee meeting held in York

## Headship for Mr. Barton

Mr Ian Hugh Barton, of Albany Drive, Salesbury, has been appointed head of St Peter's CE Primary School, Accrington.

Mr Barton, who is 29, took up his new post this month. He was previously deputy head of St Stephen's CE School, Blackburn.

## MBE award

Mr James McHugh (1919-23) was awarded an MBE in the Queen's New Year honours list. He is now head of the commerce department at York Central College of Further Education.

## For your diary

London branch dinner is set for April 29....Cambridge... dinner for February 17....Old Blacks golf, Wiltshire, June 8....LOBAGS competition, Hillside, May 24.

About 160 members and guests of the Old Blackburnians' Association attended a ladies night at the Dunkenhalgh Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, on October 7.

It was an enormous success and financially "broke even." Guests were welcomed by the president, Professor Gordon Manley.

Among special guests were Mr H. King, chairman of the association, and headmaster Mr D. J. Coulson.

It is almost certain that a similar event will be held this year—although it is likely the price may have to rise.

## Supper event a success

London branch held its annual supper evening at the Royal Academy of Music on October 20.

Secretary Mr D. H. R. Brearley writes: "We had a very good evening, though the attendance was rather small. Everyone certainly seemed to enjoy it."

## New address

Mr John Harvey Bolton is now working for the overseas division of Clark's Shoes, and his new address is 19 Ferryman's Road, Glastonbury, Somerset.

in October. Two functions will be held each year—a dinner in Leeds and a ladies evening in York.

The dinner has been fixed for November 3 this year and the ladies evening for May 5.

# Golden jubilee for the Ormerods

SIR BENJAMIN ORMEROD, past president of the Old Blackburnians Association, and Lady Ormerod, celebrated their golden wedding in November with "a quiet dinner party for the family." A congratulatory telegram was sent from the Old Blackburnians Association.

They were married 50 years ago in a Wesleyan church in Clitheroe.

Sir Benjamin, now 76, attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1902 to 1907 and went on to Manchester University. He was admitted a solicitor in 1913 and was called to the Bar in 1934 after serving with the East Lancashire Regiment during the first world war.

He became a judge of the county courts in the Yorkshire Circuit in 1944 and was knighted in 1948 on becoming a High Court Judge.

In 1957 he became a Privy Councillor and a Lord Justice of Appeal, retiring in 1963.

The Ormerods have a son John, who is an advertising agent, and two married daughters.



SIR BENJAMIN

## MR GASKELL IS NOW A HEADMASTER

Mr Joseph Ronald Gaskell (1945-51), has been appointed head of St John's Church of England Primary School, Great Harwood.

Mr Gaskell has been deputy head of St Thomas's Primary School, Blackburn, for the past two years, and before that was deputy head of Benjamin Hargreaves Church of England School, Accrington.

Mr Gaskell, who is 33, trained to be a teacher at Chester College and taught in Cheshire before taking the Accrington post.

## In geology

MR A. W. Malone (1954-61) B.Sc. has been awarded an M.Sc degree in engineering and geology B.Sc. has been awarded an M.Sc degree in engineering and geology from Imperial College, London.

## Nuclear job

M. T. Swan B.Sc. (1953-60) has now been awarded his Ph.D. He has been appointed to a research post with the Central Electricity Generating Board at Berkeley Nuclear Power Research Laboratory, Gloucester. He is the son of Canon L. E. H. Swan, Rural Dean of Blackburn.

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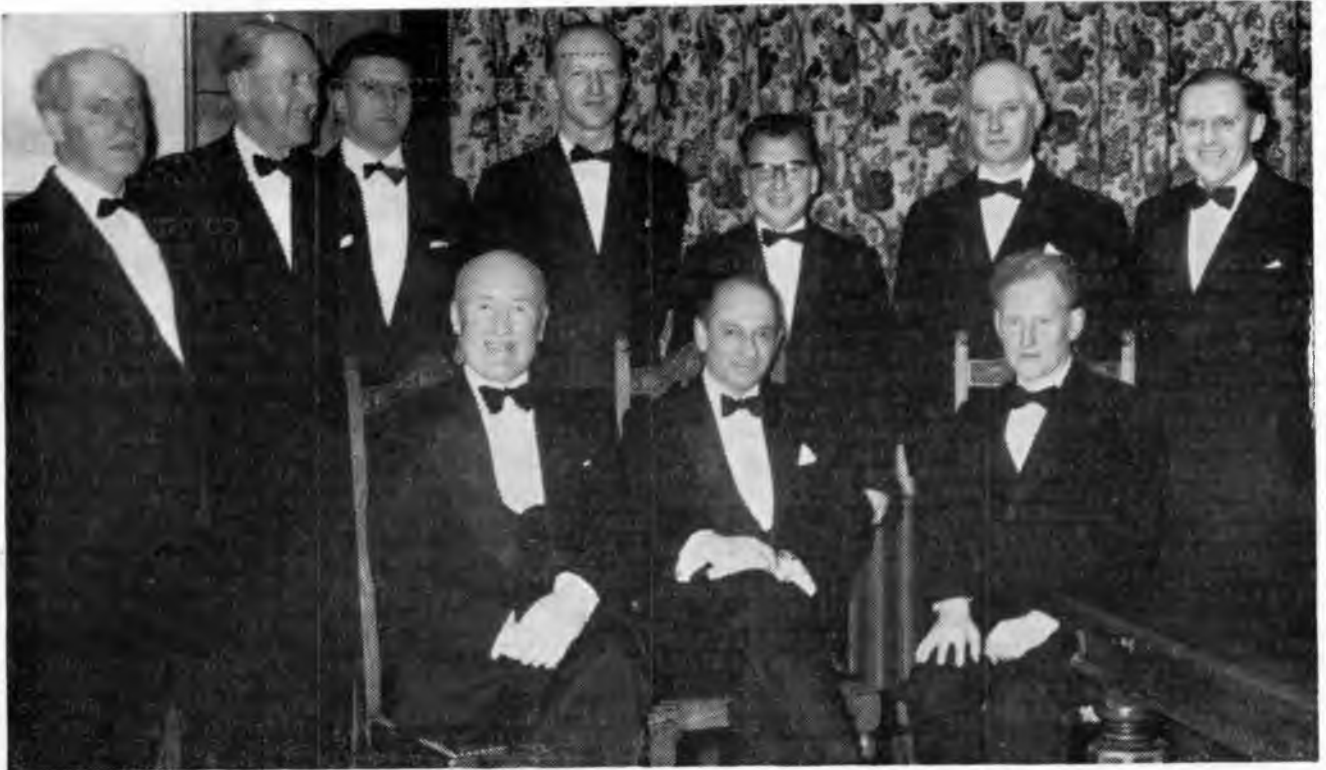
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Graham Bond (1959-65), of 67 Worcester Road, Blackburn, who is a student at the Royal College of Music, played trombone in a brass ensemble which performed before the Queen and Prince Philip at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, last May.

## Recovering now

Mr Tom Naisby (1921-1928), senior announcer of the BBC's North Region, had a heart attack as he was on his way to work on August 2, 1966. He was taken to Manchester Royal Infirmary. After four weeks in hospital Mr Naisby returned to his home, 405 Audley Range, Blackburn, and is now making a good recovery.



At the dinner, back row (from the left) : Mr H. Burrows, Mr H. King, Mr J. Dawkins, Coun Tom Taylor, Mr J. Armstrong, Mr N. Jepson (Vice-chairman of the Governors) and Mr D. J. Coulson. Front : Professor Gordon Manley, Mr W. Hare, and Dr F. Wild.

Picture : The Blackburn Times.

## New assembly hall plan - plea for funds soon

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S will probably soon launch an appeal for funds for a new assembly hall.

This was disclosed by the chairman of the governors, Mr William Hare at the annual dinner of the Old Blackburnians' Association in Big School on Saturday, December 17. More than 220 members and guests attended—a record for this event.

Mr Hare, proposing the toast to the school, said : "Before very long we must have a new assembly hall." He appealed to old boys to support the fund when it was launched.

No firm plans had been made so far, but it was hoped to build a hall large enough to accommodate all the boys.

The site would probably be on the lower playground on Duke's Brow.

Mr Hare expressed confidence in the school's future and said : "I can see no storms on the horizon that would prevent it from reaching its 500th anniversary."

Mr Douglas Coulson, the headmaster, replying to the toast, said the school could look forward to the future with confidence.

Mr Coulson said that in regard to the future there were two yardsticks upon which members of the Association could form their own opinions.

First there was the academic yardstick. "On these grounds alone it is palpably obvious that the school's achievements both by boys at the school now and by many old boys at University and elsewhere are second to none to any school for miles around !

This was not conceit or complacency. The facts spoke for themselves, he said.

Secondly, said Mr Coulson, there was the yardstick of general education. Education of the whole man for the taking over of a responsible position in the world.

"A glance at the notes of the successes of the old boys set out in the speech day programme

would show how well the school has done and is doing for those boys in many walks of life."

Mr Coulson said that with the playing fields now in first class condition the Governors were considering a further major building programme and he urged the Association members to subscribe generously when the time came.

The toast to the Queen proposed by Professor Gordon Manley, president.

The guests were toasted by Mr Fred Bury, the association's treasurer, and Dr Frank Wild the chief guest replied. Dr Wild is an Old Boy, fellow of Downing College, and deputy registrar, Cambridge University.

Other speakers included Mr Harold Burrows, the association's secretary, and Mr Harry King, chairman.

Other guests included Coun. Tom Taylor, chairman of Blackburn Education Committee, Mr John Dawkins, Chief Education Officer, Mr J. Armstrong, chairman of St Mary's College Old Boys' Association.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr Roger Sharp, the East Lancashire Cricket Club player, has become engaged to Miss Ann Valerie Swires, of Durham Road, Darwen.

Mr Sharp, of Huntley Lawn, Samlesbury, is managing director of J. E. Lambert and Co., chartered auctioneers and valuers, of Ainsworth Street, Blackburn.

He attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1946 to 1949 and has played for the Old Blackburnians' Football Club. He is a member of Pleasington Golf Club and St Mark's Conservative Club, Blackburn.

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Miss Ann Brierley, an actress whose home is in Clitheroe, has announced her engagement to Mr Alastair McKinlay, of The Sands, Whalley. Mr McKinlay was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1952 to 1958.

The couple met in Birmingham while Miss Brierley was touring with "My Fair Lady" and Mr McKinlay was working as a contracts manager for James Templeton and Co. Ltd. Miss Brierley is a former member of the amateur operatic societies in Clitheroe and Blackburn. She has appeared in the West End and on television.



# BOYS HELP TO KEEP DOWN COSTS OF MAGAZINE

BOYS of the school were helping to keep down the cost of distributing MAGISTER, the annual meeting of the Old Blackburnians' Association in the Hartley House on September 21.

But their work in addressing about 1,100 envelopes was not exactly a labour of love, he added with a grin—more a kind of punishment.

Mr Bury said that at any rate it was helping to make the boys more aware of the existence of the magazine as they passed through the school. He apologised for any lapses in the quality of the addressing.

The cost of the magazine was also being subsidised by an increase in the support of advertisers. The cost of postage was, however, going up all the time.

Turning to subscriptions Mr Bury reported that these were slightly down on the previous year due to the full effect of the three-year subscription scheme, but he expected it would stay at its present level.

The wealth of the association had increased by about £65 on the year.

Secretary Mr Harold Burrows reported that attendances at committee meetings were very heartening. On most occasions

members had apologised for non-attendance.

Mr Wilkinson, of the football section, said that the chairman of the club wished it to be known that an extension of the social facilities at Lammack were planned.

He wanted all members to feel that this was their club. Monday nights would be thrown open for all Old Blacks.

Officials elected were: Professor Gordon Manley, president; Mr Harry King, chairman; Mr J. E. Sagar, vice-chairman; Mr H. Burrows, secretary; Mr F. Bury, treasurer.

The following were elected to the committee: Messrs. B. Birtwistle, G. Birtwistle, E. R. Blackshaw, B. Brown, K. Collow, J. Donald Forbes, W. K. Forbes, T. Hindle, E. G. Hunt, N. Jepson, F. J. Jones, D. S. Lee, R. I. Maughan, W. H. Proctor, J. Sharples, R. Smethurst, J. Warner, R. W. Wallis, E. Wilkinson and Doctors P. L. S. Dixon and T. Riley.

Later the following were co-opted: Messrs. E. C. Marsden, W. E. T. Walsh and G. N. Forbes.

## Quality chief for Newport company

Mr Colin E. Salmon (1944-50) has been appointed chief quality inspector of Richard Thomas and Baldwin Ltd., of Newport.

Mr Salmon, 33, is the son of Mr and Mrs L. Salmon, of Carham Road, Blackburn.

After leaving Queen Elizabeth's he attended Corby College of Technology. He was later elected a licentiate of the Institution of Metallurgists.



Mr G. R. Hacking has been appointed general manager of Kendal branch of the Yorkshire Bank. He was previously manager of the Whitby branch.

A former pupil of St Thomas's C.E. School, he entered the service of the Yorkshire Bank in 1941 at the Blackburn branch. He served in the Navy during the second world war, returning to his old post afterwards.

In 1957 he moved to Nottingham and in 1960 received his first managership at Elland. He moved to Whitby three years ago.

Mr. Hacking is a keen sportsman and a Class 1 football referee. He was chairman of Whitby and District Referees' Association and is chairman of Whitby and District Junior Football League.

## Steel Curtain?

Mr David Haworth (1957-64), of Brindle Street, Mill Hill, Blackburn, spent eight weeks during the summer—labouring in a Czechoslovakian steelworks.

David, 20, who is studying metallurgy at Imperial College, London, was taking part in an "international exchange of students for technical experience" scheme.

He says he worked from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and was paid £30 a month.

"They offered me a job if I wanted to go back. Everyone was very friendly," he said.

## 100 year link is recalled

A CONNECTION more than 100 years old between Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and St John's Church, Blackburn, was recalled when the sixth annual Old Blackburnians' service was held at the church on October 16, 1966.

The service was conducted by the vicar, Canon L. E. H. Swan, who also preached. In his address, Canon Swan said that he had recently been reminded by Mr Thomas L. Duerden that there was a considerable period early in the nineteenth century when strong links were forged between the School and the church.

The School's principal association was with the Parish Church of Blackburn, but at that period the Parish Church was being rebuilt. Queen Elizabeth's then used St John's as they would have used the Parish Church.

More than 140 people—old boys and their families and friends, members of staff, and boys of the School—attended the service. The lessons were read by Mr William Hare (1920-1929), chairman of the governors, and the headmaster, Mr Douglas J. Coulson.

Conducted by Mr Roy E. Rimmer, the School's director of music, the School choir sang the anthem "O Sing Joyfully" (*Adrian Batten*), and the organ was played by Mr Geoffrey F. Taylor (1943-1948). The collection of £11 13s. 6d. goes to the School's Community Service Committee.

## Teaching

James Cotton, 18, of May Street, Blackburn, is currently teaching English in the Cameroons Republic, which used to be part of French Equatorial Africa.

James is going to Cambridge next October to read geography and, having a year free, applied to the Voluntary Service Overseas movement.

## MAGISTER

is issued free to members of the Old Blackburnians' Association. Membership of the association is open to all old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, and to masters past and present.

**President:** Professor Gordon Manley; **chairman:** Mr H. King; **vice-chairman:** Mr J. E. Sagar; **secretary:** Mr H. Burrows, 53 Preston New Road, Blackburn; **treasurer:** Mr F. Bury, 67 Queen's Road, Blackburn.

Contributions and correspondence are invited and should be sent to the Editor, MAGISTER, Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, Lancs.

## WHEN OYEZ BECAME A WHISPER

Ian Calder (1952-59) took on an unusual—and noisy—role during the summer. He acted as town crier for Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, during an historical pageant held in the town.

Ian, 25, of London Road, Blackburn, is taking a teaching course at North Buckinghamshire College of Education, and was all set to play a viking in the pageant.

But for the fun of it he decided to enter for the selection of a town crier—and was given the job.

For two days he walked up and down the town in a special gown, ringing a large bell which belonged to the last official town crier.

By weekend Ian was suffering from an overdose of Lost Voice!

# Mr. Hindle new Scapa chief

SCAPA GROUP LTD., Blackburn, have announced the appointment of Mr John Robert Hindle as managing director of the group, and as general managing director of Scapa Dryers, Ltd.



MR HINDLE

Mr Hindle, 44, was educated at Queen Elizabeth's and at Oundle.

He trained with Scapa for nine months on leaving school before joining the Forces. He was commissioned into the Royal Tank Regiment and served in Italy as a captain.

Mr Hindle returned to Scapa on demobilisation in 1946, and in 1955, was appointed production director.

He has been actively concerned in the formation and operation of the group's subsidiaries in America and Canada, and has held a number of appointments at director level.

Mr Hindle is a Blackburn magistrate and has a number of varied local interest, including Blackburn Industrial Safety Group and Blackburn Trustee Savings Bank.

He is married with three children and lives at The Hey, Grindleton.

## In] Abergavenny

Mr George Colin Clarke (1937-1943), of 45 Cross Street, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, has been elected founder chairman of Abergavenny Round Table. Mr Clarke is married and has five young children, four girls and a boy.

Mr W. G. P. McGowan (1959-65), gained a diploma in the theory and composition of music of Trinity College, London (A. Mus. T. C. L.). He is present deputy organist of Morecambe Parish Church.

Boys who left school in July were entertained to supper by the Old Blackburnians Association on September 15 in Big School. It was the third of its kind to be held and once again was highly successful.

Mr E. J. Pickup (1956-63), of 20 High Street, Rishton, has taken up a teaching post at St Thomas's CE Primary School, Blackburn.

J. D. McLean (1948-57) who is now a Lecturer in Law at Sheffield University was married to Miss Pamela Locker on December 10th, 1966.

## New Town Clerk of Stafford

An Old Boy, Mr Derek Edward Almond, has been appointed Chief Officer and Town Clerk of Stafford and took over his new duties on March 31.

Mr Almond, aged 40, is the son of the late Mr E. G. Almond, former manager of the Blackburn branch of the Refuge Assurance Company, who later became general manager and a director.

His mother is Mrs Ada J. Almond, of Whitecroft Lane, Mellor.

Mr Almond served his articles with Mr C. S. Robinson, who was then Town Clerk, of Blackburn, and took his L.I.B at Manchester University.

He was assistant solicitor at Stoke and senior solicitor at Lincoln before being appointed deputy Town Clerk at Stafford in 1958.

He is married and has two children, a boy and a girl.

Mr Keith V. Newton (1946-52), of 2 Toronto Road, Blackburn, has taken up an appointment as works manager with Precision Engineers (Blackburn) Ltd.

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# 1900 . . . when there were 57 pupils

I ENTERED the School in January, 1900, along with two other boys, which brought the numbers up to 57. The School buildings adjoined and were behind the headmaster's house, which fronted on to West Park Road. The headmaster and two assistant masters lived in the house, through which there were two passages into the School: one passage downstairs led to a corridor between two classrooms (one the sixth-form room and the other the second-form room) into Big School.

The other passage upstairs led past the assistant masters' study and bedrooms into the physics room. There was and I suppose still is a stone staircase connecting the downstairs passage with the upstairs passage at a point just outside the physics room door.

The physics room at some period years earlier had been a dormitory for the boys who were boarders. So the dormitory had been convenient of supervision by the headmaster and the assistant masters.

At some time long before 1900 the School had ceased to have boarders, and Mr. Allcroft, the then headmaster, who had succeeded Mr. Ainsworth in 1894, turned the dormitory into combined physics laboratory and classroom.

## Woe betide

Mr. Allcroft, a Cambridge mathematician, had made a great deal of the physics apparatus with his own hands and a very fine effort it was. Among other pieces of apparatus he made was an "Atwood's machine" attached to a wall with which experiments in mechanics could be made.

Mr. Allcroft was a "master of method" and woe betide anyone who put away the apparatus in the wrong place or damp or dirty after using it.

But to get back to the rest of the School buildings: at the west end of Big School was a doorway leading to the chemistry department—first a lecture theatre with benches rising in tiers one behind the other, then a store room, and finally a laboratory in which 20 or so boys could do experiments at one time.

There was no Radcliffe Room—that was still to come. There was the gymnasium—a fine building, and between the gym and the headmaster's house there were cloak rooms with cast-iron wash basins (cold water only) and those necessary sanitary conveniences politely referred to as "offices".

Between the gym and the Alexandra Meadows was the "top playground". Between Big School and Dukes Brow was an earthy area down a bank known as the "bottom playground".

Between the School and the space where the Holden laboratories now stand was a paved road leading from West Park Road to Dukes Brow known as "the Grammar Back". The main entrance to the School proper was from the Grammar Back, through

into the park and set up our wickets on the grass where the bandstand now is, and began to play. The park keeper came on the scene, said we were spoiling the grass, and ordered us off.

We argued with him: we were not spoiling the grass, it was a public park, and boys—other boys—played there; why not us? "Go and play on your own ground" was his reply. He got very irate and threatened us with the by-laws and penalties, etc. Reluctantly, bowing to authority, we retreated, still arguing. One of us mockingly asked: "Please may we play marbles?" That was about the year 1901 or 1902.

Then of course there was West Park Road between the School and the park. About the year 1899 this road was the scene of a practical joke

smoke stack from the open end. Then he covered it with coal from the tender and left it. None of the ball or the coal showed above the top of the smoke stack. Then the boy, too, went home.

Next morning the workmen arrived and tried to light the fire of the steam roller. They failed. Though they tried time after time the fire went out.

Sturgis, the School factotum, passing on his way to work before breakfast, was told by the men of their difficulty, and jeered at them because they could not light a fire. When Sturgis went later to get his breakfast, they were still trying without success.

After breakfast a few schoolboys watched the proceedings. The workmen got hot and bothered. Sturgis came back after his breakfast and found the workmen hotter and more bothered than ever. About 10-30 a.m. Sturgis went and watched. After a few sarcastic remarks he suggested that the chimney might be blocked.

The men looked into the top of the smoke stack and found it apparently full of coal. As they threw pieces of coal down the boys watching cheered. Eventually the men got the coal out and found something soft and swollen—it was the football. They carefully got it out and said: "It's them Grammar School lads—we're keeping this ball".

## Good terms

They tied the ball to the back of the tender, got the fire lighted, and eventually got up steam and began work some hours late. Sturgis darted to the back of the tender and cut the ball loose and restored it to the boys. Sturgis used to tell the story with glee.

The boy who thrust the football down the smoke stack was Allen Neville, who many years later became professor of chemistry at Reading University. Allen Neville once told me that the Grammar Back was at its best when the snow lay on it thick and hard; you could toboggan down it. A metal tea tray made a good toboggan, but failing such he recommended a large Latin dictionary as very suitable. I never tried either.

## SIR HAROLD DERBYSHIRE RECALLS HIS SCHOOLDAYS

Sir Harold Derbyshire is one of our most distinguished old boys and celebrated his 80th birthday on Christmas Day at his home, Lindsey Lodge Farm, Hadleigh, near Ipswich.

He entered QEGS in 1900 and was head boy from 1902 to 1905 when he won an open scholarship to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

After a distinguished university career he taught in

London until he was called to the Bar in 1911. He then practised on the Northern circuit.

He was appointed King's Counsel in 1928, Commissioner of Assize in 1932 and Manx Judge of Appeal in 1933.

Sir Harold was knighted by King George V in 1934 shortly after being appointed Chief Justice of Bengal. He held this appointment for 12 years until his retirement in 1946.

an iron gate and up steps to the entrance hall.

Such was the School and its precincts when I was there from 1900, when the numbers were 57, to when I left in 1905, when the numbers were about 90.

Now for our neighbours. Across West Park Road was, of course, the park. In 1905 when I left School the bandstand had not been built. One year when Oxford local examinations were being held in Big School a few of us, not being just then examinees, were playing cricket in the top playground.

We were ordered off by the headmaster lest we should disturb the examinees at their tasks. We thereupon moved

which I understand has become a School legend. I heard the story as soon as I entered the School in 1900, so probably I heard the full and authentic account of it.

During one of the holidays a few boys went to the School, and started playing football in the top playground. It was late in the day. The ball was kicked into West Park Road and a boy went to get it. He got it, but decided he was not prepared to go back to the School with it and had a bright idea.

A corporation steam roller was standing in the road unattended; it was after 5-30 p.m. and the workmen had gone home. The boy climbed on to the steam roller and thrust the football down the

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# SIR HAROLD

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Over the wall from the top playground was, and still is, the Alexandra Meadows. We were on fairly good terms with the East Lancashire Cricket Club, and the governors paid so that we were made junior members of the club and could watch its matches without further payment.

Also we were allowed net practice (two nets) on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 5-30 p.m. We played six matches on the ground—five against other schools and one against the old boys in the summer term.

On the south side of the top playground were Horncliffe and the other two houses. At the beginning of this century Horncliffe was the residence of Mr. Shutt, an elderly gentleman who had retired from business and laid out his grounds as a walled garden with flowers and soft fruit growing in it.



Sir Harold pictured when he was Chief Justice of Bengal

Unfortunately for Mr. Shutt and his garden, footballs and cricket balls from the top playground came regularly over into his garden and damaged his flowers and fruit bushes. Of course he complained, and the governors put up along the south side of the top playground a wire-netting structure about 15 ft. high. Still the balls went over and of course boys went to retrieve them. Then Mr. Shutt put up a notice board: "Trespassers will be prosecuted". Still balls went over and boys went to retrieve them. Nobody was ever prosecuted.

Looking back, we must feel sorry for Mr. Shutt. Mr. Shutt and Blackburn Corporation must have regarded the

boys as nuisances, and we probably were nuisances. I hope we have been forgiven.

Now as regards proceedings inside the School. We assembled in Big School at 9 a.m. The headmaster read a Lesson and we said the Lord's Prayer. Then the head boy read the roll and we answered to our names: "Adsum". Roll call over, the headmaster gave out any notices or lectured us for any misbehaviour, if there had been any. Any books or stationery to be given out were given out and we dispersed to our lessons.

There were only four masters, and that number included the headmaster. As regards the teaching, the mathematics and physics and chemistry were good as far as they went; the languages were not so good. In 1902 the Education Act of that year was passed and when it came into operation Blackburn Town Council was able to make and did make a yearly grant of £500 to the School. Two more masters, the teaching improved, and the numbers in the School began to increase.

It should be remembered that at the beginning of this century education was not regarded as the important thing it is today. Most boys left the School at the age of 16. If you intended to go to university, you stayed on to 17 or 18.

There were no playing fields until Mr. Henry Harrison gave them to the School some years later. We hired a football field each September until the following March. After each football match the boys just scraped the mud off their knees then dressed and went home to a bath.

Up to the year 1902 or 1903 the annual prize day and concert was held in Big School. After the proceedings had finished the boys went upstairs to the physics room and ate meat pies and drank ginger beer. And how good they tasted!

I think most boys were happy at the School: I certainly was. When King Edward VII was crowned in August, 1902, the chairman of the governors, Mr. Robert Carr Radcliffe (later the donor of the Radcliffe Wing and Room) entertained the boys to dinner in Big School — "roast beef and plum pudding and ginger beer, like I had it as a boy", he said.

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# OLD BLACKS AROUND THE WORLD

THE SUGGESTION that a branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association should be formed in Central Africa is gaining support. The idea was first put forward by Mr. John Woodmansey, an old boy (1949-1957) now working as a local government officer at Fort Rosebery, Zambia.

Writing in the February, 1965, issue of MAGISTER, Mr Woodmansey pointed out that, surprisingly, there was another old boy in Fort Rosebery, Mr Peter Wilson (1948-1957). He went on: "We may be able to form a Central African Old Blackburnians' Association."

Enthusiastic support for Mr Woodmansey's proposal comes from Mr Donald P. Bailey (1951-1961), who is also in Zambia. From Ndola, he writes: "I was pleased to read that a move is being made to open a branch of the association in Central Africa. Working as I do for Barclays Bank DCO at Ndola, I bumped into John Woodmansey at our weekly agency at Forst Rosebery (200 miles away by plane).

"I don't know who was more surprised, and we had a lengthy chat about old times at School. I have not yet met Peter Wilson out here, but will certainly look him up next time I go to Fort Rosebery, as I was under the impression that he was in Salisbury.

"However, any move to form a branch in Central Africa would certainly have my full support, and despite the distances involved I consider that it could be made quite a success provided that meetings were held at regular intervals."

Mr Bailey, whose address is P.O. Box 120, Ndola, ends by saying: "I shall be pleased to hear the comments of anyone who might be interested in participating."

Certainly there is no lack of potential members for a Central African branch. A quick check shows that of all the countries in



LT ALAN HIRST - see ship's surgeon.

Africa, Zambia has the most Old Blackburnians.

Besides the old boys already mentioned, there are Mr David Ryley (1950-1960), senior metallurgist with RST research and development laboratories at Kalulushi; Mr Jack Harwood (1955-1962), a mechanical engineer at Kitwe; and Dr A. Haworth (1939-1946), of Chainama Hills Hospital, Lusaka.

Over the border in Rhodesia are the Rev Peter Hall (1940-1949), rector of Avondale, near Salisbury; Mr P. L. Nicholl (1918-1923), of Hartley; and Mr W. Tennant (1918-1927), of Salisbury. Sir Frederick South-

worth (1921-1929) is Chief Justice of Malawi.

Further east, in Kenya, Mr R. J. Sharples (1925-1931) lives at Karen, Nairobi, and Mr Paul Schofield (1952-1960) is teaching at a school at Ribe, near Mombasa. And in Ghana, Mr Ian Moorhouse (1953-1961) is working as an engineer at Komenda—but perhaps that's a bit far to travel, even for a meeting of Old Blackburnians!

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## Ship's surgeon

Surgeon Lieutenant Alan J. Hirst (1947-57) spent a few weeks' leave at home in Yew Tree Brow, Blackburn, in October, before flying out to Singapore to complete his three-year commission in the Royal Navy.

Previously Lieutenant Hirst spent nine months in the West Indies on what is known as the "Bahamas Patrol." His ship acted as escort to the Queen and Prince Philip when they sailed in the Royal yacht, *Britannia*, from Barbados to British Guiana last year.

Then in June the frigate made a hasty departure from Key West, Florida, to escape the hurricane Alma, which killed

some 60 people before blowing itself out in the Atlantic.

Lieutenant Hirst's duties, in addition to acting as ship's medical officer, included a special visit to the island of Barbuda, where he took charge of the medical clinics provided for the 13,000 inhabitants.

During a period of shore leave he was also loaned to the Bahamian Government, visiting numerous outlying islands.

Lieutenant Hirst qualified as a doctor at St Andrew's University, Dundee, in June, 1964.

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## Ball game

Teaching the children of wealthy Americans to play soccer—that was the task during last summer of John Smalley (1957-62), of 28 Palmer Street, Blackburn.

John, now reading English at Cambridge, applied for a post of soccer coach at a summer camp in Connecticut.

After the camp he spent about five weeks touring and went as far as California and Texas before returning home.

John, who has been captain of his college team at Cambridge, may go back to California at the end of his university course.

While at Queen Elizabeth's he was victor ludorum in the junior, middle and senior schools.

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## Too British

When he wrote to us in September, John S. Read (1954-61), of 34 Newington Avenue, Blackburn, was working as a field geophysicist, in Newfoundland, Canada.

He told us: "I am spending half my time carrying reels of wire, stakes, etc. down badly cut lines (or no lines at all) in the thick bush and half the time pouring over two green bones with meters in a tent."

"I have found the Canadians very friendly and hospitable and am enjoying getting used to their language—the idioms are very different from ours."

Before going to Newfoundland John spent a few weeks at Havre St Pierre, Quebec. He is working for Seigel Associates Ltd., of Downsview, Ontario.

But he says he will probably move back to England as soon as he finds a suitable opening. "I think I am far too British to stay away from home for long."



MR & MRS SCHOFIELD - see lead story.

# FROM SWEDEN TO HONG KONG

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In 1965 John was awarded the diploma of membership of Imperial College in applied geophysics. A year later he gained his M.Sc in geophysics from London University, and was elected a graduate of the Institute of Physics by the Council of the Institute of Physics and the Physical Society.

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## To Red China

Visiting his home town of Blackburn during the summer was Mr Neil D. Margerison (1929-35), of Hong Kong, and whose parents live in Adelaide Terrace.

Mr Margerison, who began his career on leaving school as a bank clerk in Preston, is now chairman and managing director of the Loxley group of companies.

After the war—during which he obtained the rank of lieutenant-colonel—he joined Phillips Electrical Co.

As head of the North-West region he had a hand in the

lighting of the Mersey Tunnel and the floodlights of Manchester City football ground.

He was then promoted to the records division and was instrumental in helping on the way to stardom such artistes as Marty Wilde, Shirley Bassey, Frankie Vaughan and Harry Secombe.

Mr Margerison then became general manager of ATV in London, working with Val Parnell.

Later he went to Australia and while there came into contact with banking houses which led to an offer to become chairman of a Hong-Kong company.

He accepted and today is chairman of seven companies dealing in banking, shipping, insurance, footwear, textiles and other activities.

Mr Margerison's work brings him in close contact with Red China and he has made several trips there.

Mrs Margerison, who came with her husband to Blackburn, was personal assistant to General Sir Leslie Hollis during the last war.



MR & MRS MARGERISON see To Red China

## Lots of graft

Andrew Child (1956-64), of Brantfell Road, Blackburn, spent part of his summer holiday "grafting" in a Swedish rose nursery.

He was one of four students from the Lancashire County Institute of Agriculture at Hutton who made the 6,000 mile round trip to Sweden in a mini-van.

They drove through France, Belgium, West Germany and Denmark, went over the sound from Helsingor to Helsingborg in Sweden, then to the rose nursery a few miles away.

At the nursery they worked from 7 am to 5 pm "budding" hybrid and floribunda roses—there were about 700,000 of them.

Andrew is now continuing his studies at West Riding Institute of Agriculture in Askam Bryan, York.

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## Back home

Dr Arthur J. Rowe (1942-52) has recently been appointed lecturer in biochemistry in the University of Leicester, where he is to take charge of the Electron microscope laboratory in the new Adrian Department of Biology.

Dr Rowe has recently returned to this country after holding posts at the Institute for the Application of Nuclear Energy,

Zemun, Jugoslavia as U.N. technical aid expert and at Harvard University as research fellow in biology.

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## In Africa

Mr Paul Haslam (1953-61) is at present taking a diploma of education course at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.

He intends to teach in the country for a couple of years after completing his course.

Paul obtained the combined degrees of BSc and MA at Edinburgh University before leaving for Africa.

His present address is Northcote Hall, PO Box 16007, Kampala, Uganda.



ANDREW CHILD see Lots of graft



PAUL HASLAM

## SPORT

# NEW PAVILION LOUNGE PLAN GIVEN GO-AHEAD

THE most interesting news from the soccer section is that after a decade or so of ideas and schemes the building of an extension to the pavilion is due to start in the spring.

The architect's plans have been approved by the committee and trustees, and the main contractors will start demolition of the old part of the building as soon as the season ends.

The extension will consist of

*By Harold Fish*

a bar-lounge, with facilities for dancing. Improvements will also be made to the kitchen and toilets.

Members and visitors will be warm and comfortable in the centrally-heated lounge, which will overlook the playing fields.

This is an ambitious scheme and obviously we must look

forward to the combined support of our members and vice-presidents.

The club will be open normally on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons, while supper dances will be held at intervals.

We hope that the facilities will be enjoyed by all Old Blackburnians, whether members of the soccer section or not. The date of the official opening will be announced later.

## Soccer teams hoping for 'great things'

THE soccer season is now at the half-way stage and the promising start has been maintained by the Old Blackburnians teams.

The first, second and third XIs are all well placed to win their respective championships and the fourth team lies ninth in the Third Division.

It is early to speak too confidently, but we are hoping for great things when the trophies are presented at the end of the season.

Following the current trend the teams are playing in a 4-3-3 formations. Despite an occasional lack of imagination and flexibility results prove the worth of modern thinking—even in the Lancs Amateur League.

Terry Barton and Roger Horrocks have again been selected for the Northern section team. John Morris, Alan Upton and Dave Kendall—three of the younger players—have all merited promotion to the first XI, while Bill Snape and Phil Dobson are proving a handful for most defences.

The second team, all of whom have first team experience, have only dropped two points to date.

Keith Sharples and John Duckett have taken over from Bill Lazenby and Gordon Hodgson respectively as secretary and match secretary, and Peter Ibbotson is the new treasurer.

Bill and Gordon have put in many hours of work for the club and we are grateful to them.

New players are always welcome, and anyone interested should contact John Duckett (Great Harwood 3506).

## Honour for Mr Hare

Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors of the School, has been elected to the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Headmaster Mr Douglas Coulson writes: "This is a particularly high honour in which the School is very glad to be able to share."

Mr Hare served his articles in Blackburn and became a member of the Institute in 1937. He was made a partner in his present firm two years later.

He was chairman of the North Lancashire branch of the Manchester Society of Chartered Accountants in 1957-58 and president in 1961-62.

Mr Frank Whittaker (1937-43) formerly of Somerset Avenue, Wilpshire, has informed us that his new address is Higher Warble Hey, Whinney Lane, Mellor, near Blackburn.

## Publicity Chief off to the South

Mr Robert Battersby, formerly director of publicity at Blackburn and for the last seven years Morecambe's publicity and entertainments chief, has moved to a similar post at Worthing.

Mr Battersby, who was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1934 to 1939, started work with Blackburn Corporation as a junior clerk with the gas department.

During the war he served in the Royal Air Force for five years, four of them overseas. His last 18 months in the forces were devoted to entertainment duties.

Mr Battersby returned to the gas department, but was later transferred to the staff of the information bureau. He became director of publicity in 1956 on the departure of Mr J. L. Crook.

While in Blackburn, Mr Battersby was secretary of the Parochial Church Council at St Matthew's Church.

Mr Battersby has been a keen supporter of Blackburn Rovers. Aged 44, he is married and has a son and daughter.

## Now headmaster

Mr David Roy Matthews, of Hillcrest Road, Langho, has been appointed head of St James's C. E. School, Lower Darwen. He was previously deputy head of Intack Junior School.

## Quater- Centenary

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—one for each year of the school's history.

In the evening a concert will be held in Blackburn Cathedral.

On Friday, May 26, the school will hold an Elizabethan fair with displays of drama, fencing and madrigals against a background of sideshows—pig roasting, a skittle alley, coconut shies and similar stalls.

At the same time there will be a film show of school activities—a display of historical documents—including the original Charter—photographs and competitions ranging from flower arranging for Old boys' wives and ladies, to an art competition for boys.

Finally, on Saturday, the school will be open in the afternoon to old boys and it is hoped that many will take this opportunity to revisit it.



MR KING

Arrangements will be made for conducted tours for those unfamiliar with recent building developments and parties will be taken to Lammack playing fields.

Some static displays will be on view and it may be possible to show a film of school activities. For people coming from a distance it is hoped to provide facilities to rest and relax at the school between afternoon and evening programmes.

The main get-together will be in the evening—and response has been so great that the Windsor and Regency Halls, Blackburn have been booked for the occasion. Refreshments will be served, a bar will be available, and full opportunity given for meeting and talking with old friends.



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## THE DAY A DUCHESS CALLED

Wednesday,  
March 13th

**11.55 a.m. :** THE Duchess of Kent had arrived 11 minutes earlier (1 minute ahead of schedule) and now the School, assembled in the lower quad, was silent, listening to the addresses of welcome. Sitting in my appointed place, with the handbag I was to present carefully balanced on my lap, my mind wandered back over the events that had led to this moment.

It was one bitter January morning, as I was warming my feet on a school radiator that the unofficial announcement of "a Royal visit sometime in March" reached me. Later came the official confirmation by the Headmaster, and over the weeks the story unfolded.

The Duchess of Kent was to visit the School, to lay the foundation stone for a new £100,000 building, and during her visit was to tour the biology and chemistry laboratories, where selected sixth formers would be working on carefully chosen

experiments, before taking lunch in Big School.

I was to make an official presentation of what was originally to be a porcelain plant pot holder, but was changed later to a handbag.

Much organisation had inevitably taken place, of which prefect deployment, under my control, formed only a very small part. All arrangements however, seemed tactfully to ignore the possibility of inclement weather, and it was with great relief, on my part, that the day dawned dry, if not bright and clear.

In fact, as I sat listening to the speeches I could not be sure if my knees were knocking through nervousness or because of the cold biting wind which tore at the gaily coloured awnings of the enclosures specially erected on the area overlooking the lower quad.

**12.05 p.m. :** The addresses were over now, and as the Duchess saw the stone placed in position, I was jolted back to the present and hurriedly began repeating my prepared line for the presentation. In the chair

on my left sat Ian McIntosh, an eight year-old Horncliffe boy, chosen to present a posy of flowers to the Duchess, and a worried smile passed between us.

What misgivings we both had were quite unfounded, for the Duchess, radiant in her tangerine coloured outfit, was charming and genuinely interested in the replies we gave to her questions. When the time came for me to lead three cheers from the School I felt quite relaxed.

Her planned visit followed "according to schedule," except that she spent longer than expected chatting amiably with the experimenters and stopped several times to talk with members of the sixth form comprising a guard of honour.

After a simple—but delicious—meal, the Duchess departed amid the applause of guests and spectators and in heavy rain, and as the prefects cleared away wet chairs, we all agreed that the Duchess was delightful—and wasn't it a good thing the rain hadn't started three hours earlier!

ROBIN BOLTON, Head Boy, describes for Magister in his own words, the visit of the Duchess of Kent earlier this month. Robin is the son of Mr F. Bolton, of Azalea Road, who was at school from 1918-21. Robin's brother, David, (1956-64) is now at Cambridge.



## Obituary

### GEORGE AINSWORTH

MR GEORGE AINSWORTH, managing director of Coca-Cola Eastern Bottlers Ltd., of Norwich, died at his home in Norwich on June 4, 1967, aged 51. He had been ill for some time.

Mr Ainsworth was born in Blackburn and was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1925 to 1932. As a boy he sang in the choir at St John's Church.

For 19 years he was a sales representative with Cephos Ltd., and in 1952 he was awarded the Pickup Gold Medal of the Incorporated Sales Managers' Association, having gained the highest aggregate marks in the country in the association's examination.

In 1953 he moved to Norwich as sales manager of Caley and Morgans, a mineral water company associated with Morgans Brewery. From 1957 to 1959 he was sales manager for Morgans Brewery Free Trade. In 1959 the company became Coca-Cola Eastern Bottlers Ltd. and Mr Ainsworth was appointed general manager. Later he became managing director. The company came under the control of Watney Mann Ltd. in 1961.

As a Freemason Mr Ainsworth had been a member of Temperance Lodge of Felicity, No. 3632, in Liverpool. He joined Francis of Lorraine Lodge, No. 6906, in Norwich in March, 1955, and was Master of the Lodge in 1964-65. He was also a member of Norwich Masonic Club.

He was a former treasurer of the Norfolk and Norwich Association of Youth Clubs. He was a member of Eaton Golf Club, Norwich and president of Norwich and District Five-a-Side Indoor Football League.

Mr Ainsworth, who lived at 12 Le Strange Close, Norwich, leaves a widow, formerly Miss Edna Tomlinson, of Blackburn, and a son and daughter. He is also survived by his mother and a brother and three sisters.

### GRAHAM M. BOARDWELL

MR GRAHAM Milton Boardwell, a clerical assistant in Blackburn electoral registration department, was killed in a road accident in Burnley Road East, Waterfoot, Rossendale, on June 10, 1967. He was 20.

He was official scorer for Accrington Cricket Club and was travelling as a passenger in a car returning from a game at Bacup with members of the team when the vehicle left the road and crashed through some railings. His wife, Denise, survived the crash, though with serious injuries. The driver and the other passengers were only slightly hurt.

Mr Boardwell lived at 69 St James's Road, Blackburn. He attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1955 to 1963 and was in Frobisher. He joined the staff of Blackburn Corporation as soon as he left School and worked at first in the public relations department. Later he spent some time in the entertainments department before moving to the electoral registration office. He leaves a baby son.

### STEPHEN B. CHALLEN

DR STEPHEN Benjamin Challen, head of the School of Pharmacy at Portsmouth College of Technology, died suddenly at his home in Havant, Hampshire, on May 21, 1967, at the age of 42.

Dr Challen came to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in 1935 and left in 1940 to enter an apprenticeship with Timothy Whites and Taylors Ltd. in Blackburn. During his apprenticeship he won the herbarium bronze medal of the Pharmaceutical Society.

He graduated B.Pharm. from the School of Pharmacy at London University in 1947 and went into the Royal Air Force in 1948 for his national service. He qualified as a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society in 1949 and in the following year, on completion of his military service, he returned to the School of Pharmacy in London as a lecturer in the Department of Pharmacognosy.

Dr Challen stayed in London for 14 years. In 1953 he gained his BSc in botany at Birkbeck College, London, and became a Fellow of the Linnean Society. He was appointed a university examiner in 1957, gained his PhD in 1958, and became a recognised teacher of pharmacognosy at the university in 1962.

Having been awarded the Pharmaceutical Society's charter travelling scholarship in 1962 he went to North America on a programme of teaching and research and spent the academic

year 1962-63 as a visiting assistant professor in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan.

In 1964 he was appointed head of the Department of Pharmacy and Physiology (later the School of Pharmacy) at Portsmouth. He returned to Canada in 1965 to lecture, and in the following year was instrumental in organising at Portsmouth the first agricultural and veterinary summer school.

He was a former president, secretary, and organising secretary of the British Pharmaceutical Students' Association, and was associated with the formation of the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation.

Dr Challen, who lived at 5 Willow Close, Wade Court, Havant, leaves a widow, formerly Miss Jean Anderson, of Blackburn, and two children.



### PETER CROSS

MR PETER CROSS, assistant prosecuting solicitor to the Hampshire Constabulary, died in hospital at Oxford on February 27, 1967, after a road accident. He was 28.

The accident happened early in the morning as he was driving back to his home in Hampshire after a weekend with his parents at their home in Preston. His car was in collision with an articulated lorry on the Oxford by-pass and caught fire. He was taken unconscious to hospital and died 17 hours later.

Mr Cross was the second son of the Rev Richard Cross, formerly vicar of St Stephen's Church, Little Harwood, and Mrs Cross. He entered Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in 1950 and left in 1953 when his father relinquished his benefice in Blackburn and took a country living. He finished his schooling at Baines' Grammar School, Poulton-le-Fylde.

He served articles with Sander and Royle, of Lancaster, and took his finals in 1961. After short periods as assistant solicitor at Burnley and Chester, he took partnerships first at Kendal and then at Ambleside. But general

practice failed to satisfy him, and it was only six months before his death that he found his true vocation, in litigation, when he took up his post in Hampshire.

He made his mark at once and quickly earned the admiration and respect of the courts in which he worked at Aldershot, Basingstoke, and Winchester. Within a few weeks of taking up this work he started making arrangements to pursue his studies to become a barrister.

Mr Cross, who lived at Lyde Cottage, Rotherwick, near Basingstoke, leaves a widow and two young children, a boy of five and a girl of three.

### KENNETH HOGHTON

CANON Kenneth Hoghton, vicar of All Saints' Church, Clayton-le-Moors, died suddenly at his home on June 30, 1967. He was 56.

Canon Hoghton attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1919 to 1926 and was a chorister at Blackburn Parish Church. He went up to St Chad's College, Durham, in 1929, gaining a BA degree in 1932, a diploma in theology in 1933, and an MA degree in 1935.

He was ordained by Dr P. M. Herbert, the then Bishop of Blackburn, in Blackburn Cathedral, on December 17, 1933, and was appointed curate of St Stephen's Church, Burnley, where he stayed for three years. From 1936 to 1940 he was curate of Colne Parish Church and from 1940 to 1943 curate-in-charge of Ribbleson.

In 1943 he became vicar of Clayton-le-Moors and he stayed there for the rest of his life. In 1952 the benefice was united with that of Altham. He was Rural Dean of Accrington from 1956 to 1961 and was appointed an honorary canon of Blackburn Cathedral in 1961.

In a tribute at the funeral service the Bishop of Burnley, the Right Rev G. E. Holderness, said that the diocese, the rural deanery and parish, and countless individuals were all conscious of a very real sense of loss.

In Canon Hoghton's passing many of them had lost a true friend, a faithful parish priest, and a lovable character. Canon Hoghton had been a modest, self-effacing, and kindly man with a delightful sense of humour. He had been an indefatigable worker for church schools and the new church school in the parish was a living monument to his energy, leadership, and zeal.

Canon Hoghton leaves a widow, formerly Mrs Eva Chadwick, of Bowdon, Cheshire, whom he married in August, 1966. He is also survived by his father and a sister.

## ROBERT R. SANDFORD

MR ROBERT Richard Sandford, senior tutor of the Science Sixth at King Edward VI School, Southampton, died in hospital at Southampton on November 9, 1967, aged 58. He had been ill for several months.

Mr Sandford was born at his parents' home in Cleaver Street, Blackburn, on October 18, 1909, and attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1920 to 1928. His schoolmates called him 'Sandy' and the name stayed with him all his life. His home was so conveniently central that it became a general clearing house, left luggage office, and meeting point for all his friends from School.

He was a chorister at the Parish Church throughout his boyhood and his voice held out long enough for him still to be a boy chorister when the church became Blackburn Cathedral.

His major outdoor interest was in cricket, and he played football for Howard. He was exceptionally gifted at indoor sports, especially bridge and billiards, and later, at Cambridge, where he read mathematics at Downing, he came very close to a half-blue at billiards.

He took his degree in 1931 and in the following January joined the staff of the Banister School, Southampton, where he stayed for eight-and-a-half years. In September, 1940, he joined the staff of King Edward VII School, Sheffield, and, as the school magazine records, gave "most valuable service in the organisation of school and house football and the teaching of mathematics."

At the beginning of 1945 he moved to Bournemouth School, where his former colleagues on the staff remember him yet for his skill on the cricket field—particularly his ability to bowl a googly.

In 1950 Mr Sandford joined the staff of King Edward VI School, Southampton, and it was to this school that he devoted the rest of his life. He quickly became a very valued mathematics master, and played an important part in school cricket and athletics. He was also a housemaster.

He last visited Blackburn in August, 1967, and attended the opening of the Old Blackburnians' AFC new clubroom at Lammack, but he had not been well enough to travel north for the School's quatercentenary celebrations in May.

He was a very quiet man, active in support of things but never one to push to the front or to claim credit. His interests were wide and he saw to it that everything he touched was done with care and thoroughness.

He was a regular member of the congregation at St Mary's Church, Southampton, where a memorial service was held on November 17. In a tribute Dr L. John Stroud, head master of King Edward VI School, said: "Old Edwardians who have long since left King Edward's constantly speak with gratitude of the careful teaching and wise guidance they received from him when they were boys at the School. His teaching was thorough; his standards were very high. Mr Sandford was as skilful and patient with the younger and less able boys as he was in teaching work at advanced level or for open scholarships at the universities. In everything that was concerned with the welfare of his boys, [he] devoted all his talents and skills. All of us can count ourselves fortunate to have known and enjoyed the friendship of this man."

Mr Sandford, who lived at Chilworth, Court Road, Southampton, leaves a widow, Mrs Mary Sandford.

## HERBERT WHEWELL

CANON Herbert Whewell, Canon Emeritus of Manchester, died at Leicester on July 9, 1967, aged 79.

Canon Whewell belonged to that outstanding generation of Old Blackburnians who attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School about the turn of the century; a considerable proportion of those boys achieved distinction in public life and several rose to positions of high eminence. He was a pupil at the School from 1900 to 1906 and went on as an exhibitor to St John's College, Cambridge, where he gained his B.A. degree (junior optime) in 1909 and his M.A. four years later.

He was ordained at Manchester, as deacon in 1910 and priest in 1912, and he spent all his long ministry—it lasted for forty years—in or near that city. His first curacy was at St John's, Higher Broughton, where he remained for three years until his appointment as curate-in-charge of Victoria Avenue Mission Church, Blackley. He stayed at the mission for two years and was briefly at Holy Trinity, Prestolee.

It was in 1916 that he was appointed to his first benefice as rector of St Philips, Bradford Road. In 1920 he became vicar of Birch-in-Hopwood and in 1925 vicar of Castleton Moor, where he spent 10 years.

In 1935 he accepted the benefice of Ashton, and he remained rector there until he retired in 1950. In 1937 he became surrogate and rural dean of Ashton, and in 1939 he was appointed an honorary canon of Manchester.

He held all these posts until his retirement.

In recent years he and his wife, Mrs Ann Whewell, who survives him, lived with their son-in-law, Canon D. R. Michall, at Evington Vicarage, Leicester.

**THE following is a memorial notice of Canon Herbert Whewell sent to Magister by Sir Harold Derbyshire.**

HERBERT Whewell died on July 9th, 1967, aged 79. He entered the School in September, 1900, as a Dodgson Scholar and in 1905 won an open exhibition in mathematics to St John's College, Cambridge, where from 1906 to 1909 he read mathematics and theology, graduating in 1909 with an honours degree in mathematics.

After teaching for two years he was ordained by the Bishop of Manchester in 1911. His first curacy was at St John's, Broughton, Manchester, in 1911. Thereafter he held other curacies, and later livings, in the Manchester Diocese; finally in 1935 he became rector of St Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, where he remained until he retired in 1950.

He was appointed a Canon of Manchester Cathedral in 1939, and in 1950 became Canon Emeritus. He is survived by his widow whom older readers may remember as Ann Munroe, a senior girl at the Blackburn Girls' High School, and by two married daughters.

No notice of Herbert Whewell could be complete without some account of his prowess on the football field. He was captain of the School and captain of football for two years. At Cambridge he played for his college, was awarded his (University) 'Seniors' and several times played for the University. He was unfortunate not to be awarded his 'Blue'. About the time he left Cambridge both Blackburn Rovers F.C. and Bury F.C. wished to sign him as an amateur, but their wishes were never fulfilled.

He had a good voice and on School Prize Days in the old Town Hall Assembly Room his recitations were quite a feature.

H.D.

## JOHN PETER HARRISON

MR JOHN Peter Harrison, field sales manager of the retail sales force of the Wall Paper Manufacturers Group, was killed when his car was in collision with a cement tanker at Feckenham, Worcestershire, on May 9, 1967. He was 33.

Mr Harrison, the son of a former Blackburn police inspector, attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1943 to 1949. He was a keen sportsman,

and is remembered as a friendly and popular boy. He was a member of the Scout group at St Silas' Church. Later he played for the Old Blackburnians' AFC and was a member of the East Lancashire Cricket Club's first team.

On leaving school he joined the Walpamur Co. Ltd. He was appointed Midlands representative in September, 1955, and Bristol representative in September, 1962. In January, 1966, he transferred to the decorative sales force as a district sales manager, and was promoted field sales manager of the retail sales force in February, 1967.

Mr Harrison, who lived at The White House, Alexander Avenue, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire, leaves a widow and two young daughters, who are now living at 22 Mill Street, Warwick.

## JOHN P. FIELD

MR JOHN Pearson Field, an accounts clerk with British Northrop Ltd., died in Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, on February 15, 1967, aged 57.

Mr Field entered Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in 1920 and was in Grenville. He went on in 1926 to Liverpool University, where he read geography, and after further studies in social science he entered the family outfitters' business, Fields' the Drapers, in Blackburn. Although now non-existent, it was an old-established firm and at that time operated five branch shops in various parts of the town.

During the Second World War he served as a flight lieutenant in the Royal Air Force, mainly as station adjutant at several establishments, and at the close of hostilities he joined the clerical staff of British Northrop Ltd.

Jack Field was a lively-minded, good-humoured boy and man, with acute powers of observation. He had a facility for mimicry, and took a special interest in his working-class customers, from whom he built a fund of excellent stories.

He was a keen musician: he came of a musical family and had ability as a pianist and flautist. His interests were literary and he was quite a specialist in American affairs. As a boy he was a keen and loyal member of the School; as a man he was very well known and respected in Blackburn.

Mr Field, who lived at 9 Bathurst Street, Blackburn, was a widower. He leaves a married daughter.

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## WEDDING ALBUM



Mr Peter A. Scholes (1951-58) with his bride, Miss Elizabeth Ann Pye, after their wedding at Clitheroe Parish Church in August. Mr Scholes is in partnership with a Blackburn firm of solicitors.

Johan Marc Snijders (1955-1959) and Jennifer Marjorie Baron, Trinity Parish Church, Jersey, in May.

Neville D. Fairclough (1959-1962) and Valerie Waters, St Peter's Church, Harrogate, in July.

Robert Harris Davenport (1955-1961) and Rosemary Trewella, Bowdon Parish Church, Cheshire, July 8.

Michael Small (1956-1962) and Susan Mary Wood, Blackburn Register Office and Belthorn Congregational Chapel, Oswaldtwistle, July 8.

Maurice Gavan (1953-1956) and Maureen Elizabeth Magill, Trinity Methodist Church, Sale, Cheshire, July 15.

Edgar Stuart Broughton (1947-1957) and Christine Marjory Anne Grier, Auld Kirk of Ayr, Ayrshire, in August.

Robert John Rowntree (1950-1957) and Judith Ann Wilson, St George's Presbyterian Church, Blackburn, August 3.

Alastair Ronald McKinley (1952-1958) and Ann Elizabeth Brierley, Clitheroe Congregational Church, March 18.

Ian J. Hirst (1947-1957) and Julia McInerney, Royal Naval Dockyard Church, Singapore, March 25.

Brian Aspden (1951-1956) and Ann Melling, Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, March 27.

Peter Alan Cunliffe (1949-1958) and Margaret H. S. Barnett, Preston Parish Church, August 5.

Peter Wilde (1957-1965) and Rosemary Alison Brown, Four Lane Ends Congregational Church, Blackburn, August 26.

Edward Roy Blackshaw (1945-1954) and Eileen Jean Sharp, St Paul's Church, Longridge, in September.

Allan Keith Hayhurst (1956-1963) and Gillian Margaret Doney, St Giles' Church, Ashted, Surrey, in September.

David Counce (1956-1963) and Geraldine Hindle, St James's Church, Blackburn, September 2.

John Frederick Harold Woodmansey (1949-1957) and Patricia Fergus Wedgwood, Lusaka Cathedral, Zambia, December 20.

Howard Christopher Seymour (1956-1962) and Margaret Christine Hargreaves, at Immanuel Church, Feniscowles, on December 28.

Keith Anthony Hitchen (1950-1957) and Susan Ann Glover, St Mary's Church, Goosnargh, March 25.

Roger Granville Sharp (1946-1949) and Ann Valerie Swires, St Cuthbert's Church, Darwen March 25.

Kenneth Harry Heron (1954-1961) and Patricia Ann Milnes, Flowery Field Church, Hyde, Cheshire, April 1.

## Obituary from page 3

### JOHN H. BOLTON

MR JOHN HAWORTH Bolton, a representative with Joseph Rank Ltd., of Daisyfield Corn Mill, Blackburn, and a vice-president of the Old Blackburnians' Association Football Club, died in hospital at Blackburn on December 19, 1967, after a long illness which he had borne with courage and patience. He was 61.

Mr Bolton, who was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1918 to 1921, worked for Joseph Rank Ltd. for 46 years. In his younger days he sang tenor with Blackburn Amateur Dramatic and Musical Society and took leading parts in a number of the society's shows. He was also a member of the choir at the Church of the Saviour, Blackburn, for several years.

During the Second World War he served for five years in the Royal Air Force. He was formerly a member of the United

Brethren lodge of Freemasons.

Mr Bolton, who lived at 422 Audley Range, Blackburn, leaves a widow, Mrs Helena Bolton, and a son, Mr Michael T. J. Bolton, who is also an Old Blackburnian (1947-1952) and a member of the Old Blackburnians' AFC.

### ALFRED SCALES

MR ALFRED Scales, a former head boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, died in hospital at Brighton on March 2, 1967, aged 61. Mr Scales was born in Blackburn and attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1917 to 1924. He was head boy in his last year at School. He played football at inside-left for the First XI and was vice-captain in 1923-24.

He went on to Exeter College, Oxford, with an exhibition in history, and later took up a post as a teacher at Chichester High School for Boys. He retired from the school in 1966.

## Geoffrey Tate moves South

MR GEOFFREY H. Tate, a member of the School staff for 15 years, left Blackburn in the Summer to take up a post at a new comprehensive school at Crawley, Sussex.

Mr Tate was senior geography master and careers master, and in the latter capacity helped many Old Boys find their place in life.

He was also a dedicated worker in the Scouting movement, being Scoutmaster of the School group for some years and latterly assistant district commissioner in Blackburn. He was holder of the Scouting Medal of Merit.

During his last few months at the School he put in a tremendous amount of work in the quatercentenary arrangements and was a member of the Old Blackburnians' Sub-committee, formed specially for the celebrations.



GEOFFREY TATE

Mr Tate was also a licensed lay reader and he was presented with a slide projector by parishioners of St Silas's Church as a mark of gratitude in July.

Though not an old boy himself Mr Tate was an enthusiastic supporter of all Old Blackburnian activities and he will be greatly missed by many members.

## ACADEMIC SUCCESSES DURING 1967-68

- P. Almond (1957-1964) graduated BA honours history and philosophy of science, Downing College, Cambridge; awarded a university half-blue for chess; appointed to a post with National Cash Registers, Oxford, Middlesex.
- R. D. Allsup (1955-1962) graduated BSc honours civil engineering, Leeds.
- D. M. Anderson (1957-1964) awarded honours diploma in French at the Sorbonne.
- D. J. Ashton (1957-1964) graduated BA natural sciences (physics), Christ Church, Oxford.
- J. Astley (1958-1965) awarded first class in Part IB of the natural sciences tripos, Downing College, Cambridge; awarded a college prize and the Hugh Hamshaw Thomas college prize and the Frank Smart university prize in botany.
- G. K. Bolton (1957-1964) graduated BSc (Eng.) honours mechanical engineering, Bristol; appointed to graduate apprenticeship with Rolls-Royce Ltd., Shrewsbury.
- G. Bond (1959-1965) awarded a three-year exhibition for conducting by the Royal College of Music.
- P. Brandwood (1953-1959) passed the final (Part V) examination of the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants.
- J. F. Brown (1957-1963) passed the Law Society's qualifying examination with distinction in conveyancing.
- P. C. Chadwick (1943-1951) awarded the diploma of religious education of London University; appointed head of the religious education and French departments at Upholland Secondary School.
- D. Coupe (1956-1963) graduated BA, Department of Arts, North-Western Polytechnic, London.
- F. Crawford-Grundy (1957-1964) graduated BSc. mechanical engineering, Edinburgh; appointed to a graduate apprenticeship with the Ford Motor Co. Ltd.
- M. Crossley (1956-1964) graduated BA general arts, Durham.
- D. C. Cumberland (1952-1962) graduated MB, ChB, Edinburgh.
- J. A. Dawson (1955-1966) awarded a university scholarship by Leyland Motors Ltd., mechanical engineering, Leeds.
- D. Fielding (1956-1962) graduated BSc honours agriculture, Newcastle.
- C. Gill (1937-1943) awarded MA in microwaves, London.
- G. R. Gilmore (1953-1960) awarded PhD for research in chemistry, Manchester.
- P. G. Goldsmith (1946-1956) graduated BA honours architecture, Manchester.
- Dr H. F. Grundy (1931-1937) awarded MD, Cambridge.
- A. D. Hargreaves (1957-1964) graduated BSc honours electronic and electrical engineering, Sheffield.
- M. N. Hayes (1960-1964) graduated BSc first-class honours chemical engineering, Leeds.
- D. G. Higginson (1961-1964) graduated BA honours history, Hull.
- R. Lang (1957-1964) graduated BSc honours chemistry, Manchester.
- P. J. Lord (1958-1963) passed the Law Society's final examination.
- J. C. Marshall (1949-1959) awarded MRCP.
- P. H. McLeod (1957-1964) graduated BSc botany and zoology, Manchester.
- C. L. Mercer (1957-62) graduated BA Honours, School of Geography, St Peter's College, Oxford.
- P. W. Murphy (1959-1963) graduated LLB Downing College, Cambridge; appointed assistant lecturer in law, Letchworth College of Technology.
- B. W. Neild (1957-1964) graduated BA first-class honours modern languages, Downing College, Cambridge; elected to a Jebb studentship, Cambridge.
- B. Park (1949-1953) awarded MA by examination in Spanish language and literature, Leeds.
- J. T. Parsons (1957-1964) graduated BSc engineering, Bristol; appointed to a graduate apprenticeship with British Rail.
- D. Pickup (1957-1964) graduated BA honours English, Leeds.
- I. Pickup (1956-1963) graduated BA first-class honours French, Leeds.
- R. F. Ranson (1957-1964) graduated BSc honours physiology and biochemistry, Salford.
- G. H. Redman (1957-1964) graduated BA first-class honours natural sciences (physics), Magdalen College, Oxford.
- J. L. Riley (1957-1964) graduated BSc honours electronic and electrical engineering, Leeds; awarded the George Caton prize for the best project done by an honours student.
- M. Small (1956-1962) graduated B.Tech. first-class honours production technology, Brunel University; appointed to a graduate traineeship with ICT.
- J. R. Smalley (1956-1962) graduated BA honours English, St Catharine's College, Cambridge.
- G. Smith (1953-1960) graduated BA honours, Manchester.
- M. Stirrup (1960-1966) awarded the gold medal for acting of the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.
- T. Swan (1953-1960) awarded PhD for research in physical chemistry, Leeds; appointed to a post with the Central Electricity Generating Board, Berkeley nuclear laboratories.
- P. Wilde (1957-1964) graduated BA natural sciences (chemistry), Downing College, Cambridge.
- Dr. R. P. Wilding (1953-1952) awarded the diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons.



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## REGIONAL NEWS

### CAMBRIDGE

The Cambridge branch held their 34th annual dinner at the Royal Cambridge Hotel on 17th February, 1967.

The President, Mr P. Wilde, proposed the Loyal Toast. Mr P. Murphy proposed the toast to 'The School' and the Headmaster responded. 'Our Guests' was proposed by Mr H. R. Holt and Mr H. Kennedy, formerly Senior Mathematics Master at the School, replied.

We were pleased to have with us a large number of guests. A large party from Blackburn included the Chairman of the School Governors, Mr Hare; the Headmaster; Mr N. Jepson, Mr E. C. Marsden and Alderman Horne; Mr H. King and Mr F. Bury from the Staff; and Mr Kennedy. Senior members of the university included Dr Wild, Dr Grundy, Dr Johnson and Dr Barron. Also present were Professor W. Fishwick, Mr M. W. Taylor and Mr D. C. Sutherland.

We are grateful to all these people for sharing the occasion with us.

P.W.

### OXFORD

The most successful and enjoyable Oxford branch annual dinner to be held in recent years was attended by twenty members and guests on Saturday, 18th February, at the Eastgate Hotel.

The president, Mr G. H. Redman, proposed the Loyal Toast and the toast to the School, to which the headmaster Mr D. J. Coulson replied. The guests were toasted by Mr D. M. Martin and the chief guest, Mr A. Eastham, responded. An Old Blackburnian and formerly an English master at Queen Elizabeth's, Mr Eastham is now lecturing at the Oxford College of Technology.

The party from Blackburn consisted of Mr W. Hare, chairman of the governors, Mr N. Jepson, vice-chairman, Mr E. C. Marsden and Alderman R. H. G. Horne, governors, Mr D. J. Coulson, headmaster, Mr H. King, Mr F. Bury, and Mr H. Kennedy.

The following members and guests also attended: Messrs D. J. Ashton, M. J. Beetham, E. Byrom, R. J. Gillam, D. M. Martin, D. J. Nicholson, G. H. Redman, P. F. Snowdon, C. P. Waring, Dr F. Ridehalgh and Dr A. J. Mudd.

The branch looks forward to the arrival in October of seven entrants to Oxford colleges from Queen Elizabeth's, and hopes they will give it their fullest support.

G.R.

### YORKSHIRE

TWENTY-SIX old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and their guests attended the annual dinner of the Yorkshire branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association at Leeds University union on November 3, 1967.

In the party from Blackburn were Mr Harry King, chairman of the Old Blackburnians' Association; Mr Eric Sagar, vice-chairman; Mr Harold Burrows, secretary; Mr Fred Bury, treasurer; Mr Douglas J. Coulson, headmaster; Mr Joseph N. Prest, a governor; Mr Ronald Hunter, School bursar; Mr Dennis W. Shaw, a member of the staff; and Mr Tom Sharratt.

The party from York included Mr James S. Mortimer, chairman of the Yorkshire branch; Mr Guy Shuttleworth, secretary; Mr Charles Harvey, Mr Peter Ronson, Mr Robert Mayor, Mr John Allsup, Mr Colin Riley, and Mr Alan Kilshaw.

Mr Mortimer, who presided, proposed the loyal toast and the toast to 'The School', to which Mr Coulson replied.

The dinner was organised by Mr Stewart R. Duxbury, an old boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, who is now an undergraduate at Leeds University.

### MANCHESTER

The annual dinner of the Manchester branch of the Old Blackburnians Association was held in the Bavaria Suite of Belle Vue, Manchester, on Wednesday, March 1st.

It was a most successful evening, 25 persons being present under the somewhat nervous chairmanship of the secretary, Mr Andrew D. Lund (2nd year Medicine). The guests from Blackburn included the Headmaster, Mr H. King, Mr N. Jepson, Mr G. N. Forbes, Mr E. C. Marsden, Mr J. E. Sagar, Ald. Horne, Mr J. Dawkins and several members of staff.

After a delicious meal, the treasurer, Mr Derek Sharples (final year Pharmacy) proposed an admirable toast to the School to which the Headmaster replied. The toast to the Guests was proposed by the Chairman and the Chief Guest. Mr E. J. Kay, on the staff of the Physics department of the school, replied.

A.D.L.



A happy group of guests who attended the Old Blackburnians' Association ladies evening at the Dunkenhall Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, in October. A delightful buffet supper contributed much to the success of the evening.

## Farewell to Leo Collier after 33 years

MR LEO D. Collier, senior modern languages master at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School for the past 20 years, retired at the end of the Michaelmas term on December 15. He has been a teacher for 36 years and has been on the staff of Queen Elizabeth's since 1935.

Mr Collier is well known in the Blackburn area for his work on the amateur stage. He has been actively concerned with the School dramatic society for over 30 years, and from 1946 to 1959—with the exception of one year—was sole producer of the school plays.

Asked which of the many plays he has produced for the School he thinks was best, he chooses three—"Romeo and Juliet" (1956), "Hamlet" (1957), or "St Joan" (1959). He and Mrs Collier are members of Blackburn Arts Club and have worked for the club as actors, producers, and designers. One of the hallmarks of any Collier production, whether for the School or otherwise, has always been the magnificence of the costumes and sets.

Mrs Collier, who is a Blackburn borough magistrate, has also taught at Queen Elizabeth's: she joined the staff in 1941 and taught at the School for 10 years.

Mr Collier was born near Birmingham, the son of an architect. He attended King Edward's School, Birmingham

and went on in 1927 to St John's College, Oxford, where he won a travelling scholarship which took him for a year to the University of Madrid. He received his BA degree at Oxford in 1931 and his MA in 1934.

For four years he taught at Westcliff High School for Boys, Essex, before being appointed to the staff of Queen Elizabeth's by the then headmaster, Mr Arthur Holden, in December, 1934. He took up his new post the following May and at the same time became housemaster of Howard, a position which he held until 1961.

It was in Westcliff that Mr Collier met his wife: Mrs Collier was at that time teaching at Westcliff High School for Girls. They were married in Blackburn in the summer of 1935.

In 1941 Mr Collier was commissioned in Royal Air Force intelligence and posted to the Far East. Shortly after his arrival in Java he was captured by the Japanese. He made immediate plans for escape and within a few weeks did so with a fellow officer, but the two men found it impossible to leave the island and had to return to captivity. Mr Collier spent the next three-and-a-half years as a prisoner-of-war.

He returned to Britain in October, 1945, and resumed teaching at Queen Elizabeth's three months later. He became



senior modern languages master in 1948 and in the same year was appointed chief examiner in Spanish and Portuguese for the Oxford Local Examination Board—a post which he still holds.

He was joint organiser of the summer sixth-form course at Queen Elizabeth's from the start of the scheme in 1956 until three years ago. In 1966 he was appointed director of studies in the arts sixth.

He was responsible for the introduction of the School Christmas card 21 years ago, and in 1957 he created the School's annual newsletter for old boys, which he edited for eight years. He has also organised School dances and has taken many parties of boys to the Continent.

Mr Collier is the author of two books: in 1957 he published "Everyday Spanish" in the "Teach Yourself" series, and in 1962 his "Historietas," a book of Spanish tales, appeared from the University of London Press.

He has succeeded as senior modern languages master by Mr Alan Jackson, who was formerly at Isleworth Grammar School, Middlesex.

## Prof Manley resigns his 'chair'

PROFESSOR Gordon Manley, an old boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, has resigned from the Chair of Environmental Studies at Lancaster University, through pressure of other research work.

Professor Manley, who is president of the Old Blackburnians' Association, has held the chair at the University for more than four years during which his main interest has been "the evolution of external environment and its affects in north-west England."

The professor is one of the supporters of the plan to build a barrage over Morecambe Bay.

He admits that it will present formidable engineering problems but believes that against these are considerable gains—water supplies without having to tap the Lake District or flood good agricultural land, improved road communications, and a boost to the industrial areas of Barrow and West Cumberland.

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# Col. Robinson severs link

THE RETIREMENT of Col. G. N. Robinson from the position of clerk to the school governors last April severed a link between the family and Queen Elizabeth's which spanned more than 100 years.

Col. Robinson, who served under four headmasters, took a major part in all discussions between the governors and the local education authority on the education of Blackburn boys.

During his clerkship many major schemes have been put into operation including the initiation of the appeal fund, which enabled the Holden block to be built, the reconstruction of the playing fields and the completion of Ormerod House.

In a tribute the governors wrote :

"Col. Robinson has given kind and willing service at all times with a stamp of courtesy which one rarely finds these days existing in public affairs.

"His wide experience of administrative matters relating to the school has been a very valuable help to the board of governors.

"The Robinson family have been with us since January 25th, 1819, when a Mr Dixon Robinson was elected a governor of this school. He resigned on December 20th, 1854, and in 1870 Mr H. J. Robinson was elected a governor, which office he held until he died in 1913."

"On December 22nd, 1862, a Mr A. I. Robinson was elected a governor and in January, 1870, he was also appointed secretary and treasurer of the school. He held office until 1903. Col. Robinson's uncle Col T. C. Robinson was appointed clerk to the governors and treasurer of the school and on his resignation on December 21st, 1946, Col G. N. Robinson was appointed clerk and treasurer."

Col Robinson, who is 72, agreed to continue to advise the governors on legal matters relating to the school.

On April 15th last year, the colonel was chief guest at a lunch in his honour in Big School.

Tribute was paid to him by Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors, who presented him with a television set. About 40 governors, wives and friends attended.

Mr Martin Starks (1946-55) of Revidge Road, Blackburn, was elected general secretary of Blackburn Festival of Ballet, Music and Drama last August.



**Lieut-Commander Roy C. Edmondson, of Wideopen, Newcastle upon Tyne, has been promoted to the rank of commander in the Royal Naval Reserve.**

Mr Edmondson, 39, is the only son of Mr and Mrs J. Edmondson, of Edgeware Road, Blackburn.

He joined the Royal Naval Reserve in 1951 after three years in the Royal Navy and has been the head of the Supply and Secretariat since June, 1966. He is married and has four children.

## He's an author as well

Mr James Rothwell (1932-38), headmaster of St Thomas's Primary School, Blackburn, has written a book on the controversial question of whether religious instruction should be given in schools.

Mr Rothwell has been writing as a hobby for some years and has had articles published in national magazines and periodicals.

One of his articles, about mathematics, was printed in a national magazine four years ago, and in June he was asked by the Central Office of Information if it could be re-printed for a magazine in Russian.

## Bank post

Mr Brian Batey (1939-44) was appointed accountant of the Midland Bank, Southport, in April last year.

# MOMENTOUS YEAR FOR SCHOOL

IN HIS address at Speech Night, Mr William Hare, chairman of the Governors of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, said :

"We are approaching the end of a momentous year. When I received the issue of the 'Who's Who' in May, 1967, I realised that it was a catalogue of achievement by the old boys of this school and it indicated that the ordinary pupils of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School not only were capable of attaining positions of responsibility and financial security but by their training to be of service are also engaged in various activities of inestimable value to society.

"Can there be any doubt, therefore, that the best training for any vocation must start with an academic emphasis and that it is nonsense to suggest that any pupil, whatever his ultimate vocation, whether it be professional or trade, is not more capable of being trained for a particular task if he has had a good grounding in academic subjects as a first essential?

"Many non-professional educationists, dazzled by the modern pattern, may dispute this statement, but the complexities of modern society demand that the leaders of this nation should be equipped with the highest training of the mind to enable them to cope with present-day problems, and the school which only concentrates on producing skilled tradesmen cannot supply the demands of this age of computers and technical experts. So we move on, undismayed by our critics, into the next decade with a programme of expansion to achieve.

"Plans are well in hand for the proposed new assembly block and dining hall extension. I have been hoping that I might be able to announce that the half-way mark had been reached towards the Quatercentenary appeal target of £100,000; in fact, it has been reached and passed by another £10,000, it now stands at £60,000. The response from industry and parents has exceeded our expectations, for which we are truly thankful. The situation now is that I am hoping that the old boys will match this effort, and we shall be contacting them during the next few weeks with this end in view.

"We are not fortunate to have public funds at our disposal. The money is coming from people who believe in our system and from people who know that the money will not be wasted. We are not purchasing equipment for purchasing's sake; we are buying the equipment be-

## 'We believe in this system' —chairman of governors

cause we know that every boy who enters our school will be capable of using it to his full advantage.

"This is the system we believe in. This school is a power-house to bring to fulfilment those citizens capable of taking the fullest advantage of the education provided, and this method is the cheapest way for the nation of training this type of material.

"Many parents will have paid a visit to the school during the Quatercentenary celebrations or to the Cathedral for the service and concert or to the playing fields, and I am sure that they will have experienced the bond which keeps together the staff

and pupils of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, which is one of the secrets of our ultimate destiny.

"In referring to the Quatercentenary celebrations I would like to thank the Headmaster and all the members of his staff and also all the domestic staff, who worked so hard to make this event such a success, even though we did not get the type of weather we had hoped for.

"I ask that everybody connected with the School—Governors (co-optative and representative), Headmaster, staff, parents, and boys—will share my enthusiasm and realise that I expect them to be greatly in favour of

maintaining our proud position as one of the leading schools in the country.

"This does not mean, of course, that we do not wish to see the progress of the maintained schools in this town advance, but as they advance in stature so we expect this school to hold its leading position in the town, and as far as I am concerned there should be no conflict of interest, for the duty of all persons engaged in the running of this school should be to ensure that this is so.

"We may have a tough battle ahead to ensure that enough money is always available to enable us to provide the service to the public which is expected of us, but the indications are that people will be prepared to make sacrifices to enable this school to keep its independence."

## Equal rights for all boys

THE HEADMASTER, Mr D. J. Coulson, said in his annual report that it was customary for headmasters to direct the spotlight on the sixth form's successes during the previous year.

"There exists, however, the very real danger that a school may seem to be setting up, as its sole criterion of merit, its academic performance at sixth form level alone. But what of the other boys in the School? What is the picture like in the O-level forms and in the forms below—particularly, the boys in the C and D forms? How do they fare? Do they not, perhaps, tend to be overlooked?

"And my answer, as far as Queen Elizabeth's is concerned, is an emphatic "No." It is, popular, in these days, to decry schools like ours on the grounds that they cater only for the able boys. Let me tell you, as plainly as I can, that it is my policy as headmaster to see that all our boys are regarded as individuals, each with his own differing talents and abilities, each with his own special contribution to make to the corporate life of the School, and each capable of moving forward in his studies at this pace of that.

"To me, and to the staff, the C or D stream boy is just as important as any other boy in the School. He is a citizen with equal rights in our School community, and is in no way regarded as "second class" or inferior merely because his pace and abilities are different from those of a boy in some other form.

"I talk to parents from time to time who express disappoint-

ment that their son is in a D stream group, as though this were some kind of stigma. May I remind parents of two things. First that many of our C and D stream boys reach the sixth form and leave us, for colleges and universities, and professional and business careers, as mature young men, after a fine record at School. And secondly, that the end of education is a man, not a certificate, and that we, at Queen Elizabeth's are concerned, and concerned deeply, with the education of the whole man.

"And this is where the home, and you and I as parents have a most vital part to play as well. For one of the major difficulties in education today, is, of course, the permissive background against which we all work. Society in general tends more and more to shuffle off its responsibilities on to the schools, and confidently expects its schools to teach and maintain more exacting moral standards than the adult world at large is willing to impose upon itself.

"These expectations are increasing as it becomes more apparent that many homes in our country today cannot provide wise and acceptable guidance for adolescents in their moral and emotional difficulties. It may be that many a home has lost the moral force it should have because the most obvious springs of action within it rise from sources no deeper than what Wordsworth called "getting and spending"; or perhaps because some parents, from tiredness or lethargy or simple lack of conviction, aban-

don all their responsibilities for the discipline of their children as soon as it has ceased to be an automatic right of command, and give up the struggle with the familiar words—"Oh, do as you like, then." The good parents—and how very fortunate we are in our parents at Queen Elizabeth's—have to reckon, as we schoolmasters have, with powerful influences in society which fight against them.

"The most powerful of these is that witchcraft which has transformed the pre-war adolescent into the post-war teenager. The very word itself identifies and confers a sort of status which has been remorselessly thrust at us through all the media of mass advertisement, for whom the teenager now represents the consumer group with the highest proportion of loose money to spend.

"And what can we all do to help them? The answer is long and complex, but much of it is implied in what I have already said, and as much of that answer is to be found in the home as it is in the School. You as Parents and we as Schoolmasters must continually look more and more closely at our own standards, and strive together to provide an atmosphere and background, at home and at School, in which our children through all their formative years will feel the positive presence of those enduring values, moral and spiritual, Christian and cultural, which alone can ensure for them the better, fuller life which is our common aim and objective.



# HAROLD BURROWS RESIGNS AT AGM

MR HAROLD BURROWS retired after 32 years as secretary of the Old Blackburnians' Association at the association's annual general meeting, which was held at the Old Blackburnians' AFC's new clubroom at Lammack on November 30, 1967.

Mr Harry King, the retiring chairman recalled that Mr Burrows joined the committee in October, 1934, and became secretary on September 15, 1935. "How grateful we are to you for all you have done for this association during the last 32 years," he said.

Mr W. E. T. Walsh also paid tribute to Mr Burrows. "For 32 years he has really lived for this association," he said, "and we are grateful."

Mr Burrows is succeeded as secretary by Mr David Forbes. Mr King told the meeting that although Mr Forbes was willing to do the job he could not, because of personal commitments assume office for a year. It was agreed that in the meantime Mr King should act as secretary with other members of the committee ready to help when needed.

Mr Fred Bury, treasurer, reported a distinct increase in interest in the association. This could be attributed, he thought, to the School's Quatercentenary and the celebrations held to mark the occasion. Membership now stood at 1,200. "We have, in effect, doubled our membership in six years," he said.

But affluence brought its problems: Mr Bury regretfully informed members that the association was now subject to corporation tax. The matter was swiftly referred to the association's financial wizards.

Mr King, reporting on behalf of Dr Peter Dixon, chairman of the social committee, said that there had been three social events and all had made a profit, although the last had been poorly attended.

Mr Alex Stuttard, editor of MAGISTER, asked for more news from the Old Blackburnians' AFC. This was agreed. Mr King thanked Mr Stuttard for the hard work he was putting into the production of Magister.

Mr George Wade, for the football club, welcomed the association to the clubhouse and hoped that it would be the first of many joint meetings. He reported on the progress of the football teams (see sports pages).

Mr Wade said that it was hoped to revive the Old Blackburnians' cricket team with midweek matches and possibly Sunday games. Interested members, he said, should contact the football club.

Mr King reported that a record number of new members had joined the association at the school-leavers' supper, which had been a very successful occasion. The annual church service was only a qualified success.

Mr King said that detailed information had been received from the Public Schools Club, of 100 Piccadilly, London, W.1., membership of which was open to members of the association. The matter was referred to the committee, which, meeting on January 31, decided that the information should be available to any member who was interested.

Mr Tom Sharratt suggested that the association might very properly present the School with a flag of suitable design. The flag could be flown on occasions of special importance or significance to the School, he said, such as Open Day, Speech Day, the anniversary of the birth of Queen Elizabeth I (September 7) of her accession (November 17), and so on. The proposal was referred to the committee.

## OFFICERS, 1967-68.

President: Professor G. Manley; Vice-Presidents: Mr P. Northam, Mr E. Towle; Chairman: Mr J. E. Sagar; Vice-chairman: Mr W. E. T. Walsh; Hon. Secretary: Mr D. I. Forbes; Hon. Acting Secretary: Mr H. King; Hon. Treasurer: Mr F. Bury; Hon. Auditors: Mr W. Hare, Mr K. H. Marsden.



Committee: Mr G. Birtwis le, Mr B. Brown, Mr H. Burrows, Mr D. J. Coulson, Dr P. L. S. Dixon, Mr G. N. Forbes, Mr J. D. Forbes, Mr W. K. Forbes, Mr T. Hindle, Mr E. G. Hunt, Mr N. Jepson, Mr F. J. Jones, Mr E. C. Marsden, Mr R. I. Maughan, Mr K. V. Newton, Mr W. H. Proctor, Dr T. Riley, Mr T. E. Sharratt, Mr R. Smethurst, Mr J. A. Stuttard, Mr J. Warner, Mr R. W. Wallis.

Mr Hedley Sharples (1942-1950), a lecturer in education at Sheffield University, recently compiled "A bibliography of Spanish Teaching Materials," which was published in January as No. 34 in a series of Reports and Occasional Papers by the Nuffield Foreign Languages Teaching Materials Project, 5 Lyddon Terrace, The University Leeds, 2. Mr Sharples has worked at several British universities and in Spain and the United States.

## Ladies support York supper evening

The Yorkshire branch of the Old Blackburnians Association held an informal supper evening on May 5th, at the Half Moon Hotel, York.

Once again the ladies gave full support to the function, and one lady in particular bravely represented her husband who had been taken ill. Illness and business commitments at the last moment prevented no less than six old boys from attending, but in spite of this a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

A strong contingent made the long journey from Blackburn, and included the Headmaster, Mr. D. J. Coulson, and Mrs. Coulson, Mr. R. H. G. Horne, Old Blackburnian's Chairman, Mr. H. King, and Mrs. King, Vice-chairman, Mr. J. E. Sagar, and Mrs. Sagar, Treasurer, Mr. F. Bury, and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Eastwood.

Mr C. W. Harvey, chairman of the branch, welcomed the guests and wished the School every success in its Quatercentenary Celebrations. The Head-master replied.

In addition to the Blackburn party the following were present: Mr & Mrs C. W. Harvey, Mr & Mrs Jim Mortimer, Mr & Mrs Alan Moore, Mr & Mrs Peter Robinson, Mrs Mayo, Mr John Allsup and friend, Mr & Mrs Guy Shuttleworth, Mr Peter Ronson.

Mr A. W. Cunliffe (1934-39), a former member of Brockhall Hospital staff, has joined the capital works department of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

## HEAD OF NEW LAMMACK SCHOOL

Mr Peter Brian Jolley (1941-48) became the first headmaster of Lammack High School, Blackburn, in January—but the school itself will not open until the start of the summer term.

Mr Jolley, who also taught for a spell at Queen Elizabeth's, is spending the next few months looking into staffing and administrative matters.

After obtaining a B.Sc. degree at Manchester University, Mr Jolley took a teaching diploma

at Birmingham.

Following the four years back at his old school he moved to the Duke of York Military School, Dover, as housemaster, where he remained for five years.

From 1962 until his new appointment he was director of Studies at Atlantic College, Glamorgan.

Mr Jolley is married and has three daughters. His hobbies include mountaineering and music.



# Ex-police chief receives OBE

MR ROBERT McCARTNEY (1924-28) former Chief Constable of Herefordshire, received an O.B.E. in the Queen's New Year Honours list.

Mr McCartney retired from the police service in December.

He began his career with Lancashire Constabulary, serving in every rank from cadet to superintendent. He was stationed at Blackburn, Darwen, Preston, Fleetwood, Swinton, Denton and Bolton.

He figured in the investigation of a number of large scale fraud cases and several murder investigations, including the Queen's Park Hospital case in 1948.

In 1956 he was appointed Assistant Chief Constable of Monmouthshire, and Chief Constable of Herefordshire in 1958.

He has served on a number of Home Office working parties and committees, particularly those related to crime and police training.

He was awarded the Queen's Police Medal for distinguished service in 1962. He now lives in Hampshire.

## Dr F. Tyler steps down

DR FRANK TYLER, second master of the School for 21 years, announced that he was "stepping down" in November.

He is succeeded by Mr Fred Bury, senior mathematics master, an old boy of the School and treasurer of the Old Blackburnians' Association.

Dr Tyler, a leading writer of physics text books, continues as the senior Science master.

In a tribute to the head, Mr D. J. Coulson, said that Dr Tyler held the post with distinction and success.

His term of office covered some of the most critical years of the School's development. His wide and energetic guidance was invaluable at all times.

## Sales director

Mr E. Allen (1939-45) of Vancouver Crescent, Blackburn, has been appointed group sales director of Woodrow-Universal Ltd.

## MAGISTER

is issued free to members of the Old Blackburnians' Association. Membership of the association is open to all old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, and to masters past and present.

**President:** Professor Gordon Manley; **chairman:** Mr J. E. Sagar, **vice-chairman:** Mr W. E. T. Walsh, **secretary:** Mr D. I. Forbes, **acting secretary:** Mr H. King, 'Garth,' 5 East Park Ave., Blackburn, **treasurer:** Mr F. Bury, 67 Queen's Road, Blackburn.

Contributions and correspondence are invited and should be sent to the Editor, MAGISTER, Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, Lancs.

## Pro to cathedral

MR PETER G. Heald (1948-53) was appointed to the newly-created post of public relations officer to Blackburn Cathedral in May.

The only other cathedral in the country to have a Pro is Coventry.

Mr Heald, 30, has spent most of his business life in advertising and publicity, chiefly with the paint division of Wall Paper Manufacturers Ltd. at Darwen.

He spent four years with the Walpamur Co. Ltd. in Manchester, during which time he was elected an associate of the Institute of Marketing.

Mr Heald has been a member of the Cathedral choir since he was a boy soprano, is an official of the Blackburn Cathedral Old Choristers' Association and a member of the Diocesan Choral Association.

## Chartered engineer

KEITH V. Newton (1946-52) has been elected a member of the Institution of Production Engineers (M.I.Prod.E.) and has subsequently been registered with the Council of Engineering Institutions as a Chartered Engineer (C.Eng.).

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As a university student at Leeds, studying applied mineral science for an honours degree, it was necessary for me to go abroad and gain practical experience in my field of study during the summer vacation.

For two months I worked in the smelter department of a Canadian nickel mine. I slept in a bunk house on the factory settlement in a dusty, desolate plain where there was literally nothing to do except work, eat and sleep.

Then, suddenly life changed for me. My job over and with most of the £35 a week I had been earning still in my pocket, I went on tour seeing firstly some of Canada's famous cities—and Expo '67'. Then I went on to New York and America's eastern seaboard.

And that wasn't all. For my three months' vacation ended with a two week holiday basking in sunshine with swimming and fishing in hot tropical seas at America's luxurious Miami Beach, Florida.

It really was fabulous. My extensive travels cost me virtually nothing on top of my earnings at the nickel mine.

The opportunity came to me through my department at Leeds University who assisted me to find a job at Falconbridge Nickel Mines, Ontario. I left on July 5, going by chartered aircraft with other students spending working vacations in North America.

I arrived to find that the work I was to do at the mines was not exactly what I was hoping for. In the smelter department I was doing general labouring jobs and assisting in the process of smelting the high grade nickel concentrate the mines produced, and converting it into economic sulphate matter.

Blast furnaces, settling furn-

**COLIN BERRY**, of Croston Road, Farington Moss, Leyland, author of this article, attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1956-64, when he gained entrance to Leeds University. He hopes to take up a career in mineral science. The following is a description of a working holiday last summer which took him from a Canadian nickel mine to a beach at Miami, Florida.

## Holiday that cost me hardly a nickel!

aces and Bessemer Converters were used for this purpose.

The work was extremely arduous and it was work which I wasn't used to. I had to work in shifts—from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. the first week, from midnight to 8 a.m. the next week and from 4 p.m. to midnight the third week, and I alternated on these shifts.

I found the actual town very bare and ordinary and all the countryside around barren and flat. There was absolutely no social life.

I had a small room in a bunk house. It was a case of getting up, working, going back to sleep, eating and starting again. There were a lot of Indians and French Canadians, and immigrants who seemed to have come from all over Europe. The wages were about £35 a week on average.

It wasn't even worth going out for a walk on the settlement, where there was only a general store and post office. The nearest town was Sudbury about 12 miles away. Buses however were infrequent and the fare was about 78 return.

Although the experience at the mines was not a particularly pleasant one, it enabled me to learn a lot about the organisation and management at this level in large industry.

After leaving Falconbridge, I boarded a Greyhound bus—part of N. America's inter-city transport—and set off on a tour which took me to North Bay, Ottawa, and Montreal. Only a short time was spent at North Bay—a small city on the northern tip of a lake. I had more time to see Ottawa and found it more like London, with traditional English ceremonies such as the changing of the guard.

Then came Montreal, the big swinging city. I stayed there with my half-cousins who formerly lived in Leyland.

I had plenty of opportunity to talk among residents who were predominantly French speaking, but because of Expo Montreal had become an international city and no language was out of place there.

My visits to Expo were particularly memorable and I was greatly impressed with the British pavilion which attracted queues two to three miles long and was one of the top favourites. The whole of Expo was constructed on man-made islands in the St. Lawrence covering 1,000 acres. It had to be seen to be believed.

After visiting Expo I made a 10-hour journey to New York accompanied by a student friend, John Mallon, with whom the remainder of my stay was spent.

I thought very little of New York. We arrived on Labour Day about five o'clock in the morning and found it very desolate, dirty and smelly. Only when one is away from England can one appreciate the welfare state here. In New York there were a lot of hoboes, junkies and tramps hanging around.

About the only place open at that time is the bus depot, so all the down-and-outs linger there in the waiting rooms, telephone kiosks and toilets. About every hour the police come round and

move everybody on—I found the police very arrogant.

I spent about 2½ days in the city, staying at the Y.M.C.A. I went up the Empire State building, took a trip round Manhattan Island and visited Central Park and Greenwich Village.

I saw the 'flower' people and hippies, but found them to be much the same as in England. They were just sort of mod and a little eccentric.

After New York, John and I headed straight down the East coast to Florida, passing through negro areas which were pretty frightening.

At Miami, however the picture changed. Summer there is the off-season and we found prices at their lowest.

A week's accommodation at a luxury hotel with private stretch of beach, private swimming pool, and a T.V. and private bathroom in our double room cost us only £10 or £11 each. As our money was getting low we spent the second week at Miami in a motel where, for £1 a day we catered for ourselves, but otherwise enjoyed the same luxuries.

At Miami I relaxed after the strenuous 11 weeks since I had left England. The weather was marvellous, the sea absolutely boiling and deep blue.

Palm trees were everywhere. One afternoon was spent fishing in the gulf stream where we caught a 15lb. barracuda, a long, slender fish with vicious looking teeth.

The temperature was always in the 90's during the day, and even at midnight the sea water was 89 degrees.

A memorable vacation over, I took a 48-hour non-stop bus journey back to Montreal and after spending a final week-end with my relatives got the plane back to England.

## NEW BANK CHIEF

**MR E. NORMAN SNAPE** (1939-44) has been appointed manager of the National Provincial Bank's Southport branch.

Mr Snape joined the bank as a junior clerk in 1944 after his careers master had persuaded him that it was a "worthwhile career."

But Mr Snape's ambition was to be an architect and he still feels himself to be "a frustrated architect turned banker," though he has never regretted his choice.

Promotion took him to Bolton, Leicester, Sheffield and Newcastle (Staffs) in addition to two spells in the head office department dealing with advances.



**MR SNAPE**

Mr Snape was a controller in the advance department before his present appointment.

His wife, Doreen, is an amateur actress and he is interested in golf. They have two sons.

# Russell Harty joins BBC

MR RUSSELL HARTY (1946-54) joined the BBC as a producer last October and had his first programme broadcast on Radio Four a month later.

The programme, entitled "The World of Books," can still be heard on Radio Four at 8.30 p.m. every Tuesday, and reviews recent publications.

Mr Harty is the son of Mr and Mrs Fred Harty, of Ribblesdale Place, Blackburn, the well known fruit and vegetable merchants.

After studying at Oxford he became English master and housemaster at Giggleswick School.

Then followed a period at City University of New York as a lecturer in English.

In 1966 he returned to England as a lecturer at Bishop Lonsdale College of Education, Derby.

## Appreciative words

THE last issue of Magister (sadly it is now a year since its publication) drew this comment from a writer in The Blackburn Times:

"One of the most readable magazines to reach my desk in the course of the year is Magister, the journal of the Old Blackburnians' Association.

"Always a mine of information about activities at QEGS and of former pupils, Magister, in its current issue, contains full details of the celebrations which will mark the school's quatercentenary."

It's nice to know we're appreciated!



Mr Appleton

## Council Seat Victors

Two Old Boys gained seats on Blackburn Town Council at the municipal elections in May last year.

They were Mr D. Appleton (1936-44), of Whalley Road, Wilpshire, head of a Blackburn food manufacturing firm, and Mr Peter Isherwood, of Burnley Road, chairman of Blackburn Young Conservatives. Both wrested seats from Labour.

## Supper evening

More than 80 School leavers attended the supper evening organised by the Old Blackburnian's Association in School, on September 14.

Among the guests were the headmaster (Mr Douglas Coulson), Mr W. E. Woolley (governor), Mr W. K. Forbes, Mr K. Newton, Mr K. Bowskill and Mr B. Haydock, of the football club, Mr Fred Bury, and several members of staff.

We understand Mr Bury, treasurer of the Association, did some good business in recruiting new members.

## RECENT ARRIVALS

Mrs Margaret Sutcliffe, wife of Mr John Sutcliffe (1949-1956), gave birth at Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, on December 4, 1967, to a 9lb. 4oz. boy, Mark Andrew. Mr and Mrs Sutcliffe, who live at 10 The Crescent, Cherry Tree, Blackburn, already have a 2½-year-old son, Jonathan.

Mrs Joan Batey, wife of Mr Ian Batey (1947-1952), gave birth at Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, on December 9, 1967, to a 7lb. boy, Peter Stuart. Mr

and Mrs Batey, who live at 1 The Crescent, Cherry Tree, Blackburn, already have a 2-year-old son, Stephen James.

Mrs Frances Slater, wife of Mr Geoffrey Slater (1948-1953), gave birth at Havercroft maternity home, Bolton, on December 27, 1967, to an 8½lb. boy, Paul Antony. Mr and Mrs Slater, who live at 5 Dewhurst Clough Road, Egerton, near Bolton, already have a 2½-year-old daughter, Sarah Frances.

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HOME for three weeks at the end of last year after seeing at first hand much of the flood devastation in Portugal was Mr George Hargreaves, elder son of Dr and Mrs A. Hargreaves, of Ramsgrave Drive, Blackburn.

Mr Hargreaves, an old boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and a State scholar who obtained his Master of Science degree (Agronomy), has represented the Heinz company for nearly twelve months near Lisbon, where he has been advising on the growing of tomatoes and other vegetables.

Mr Hargreaves was staying at Vila Franca-de-Kira, about 15 miles from the mouth of the River Tegos.

He said: "Heavy rain had fallen all day and it was still raining when I went to bed. About two o'clock in the morning I was awakened by the noise of fire alarms and people shouting in the street outside."

"There was a knock at my bedroom door and they asked whether I was all right. Apparently mine was the only dry bedroom in the hotel; all the others were letting in water. I didn't realise just how big the disaster was. I just turned over and went to sleep again."

"Next day I found that all the streets in the town were flooded, shops and houses were partly under water and cars had been carried along by the flood water. Within an area of about two miles about 200 people had lost their lives."

Mr Hargreaves said that although his firm's nurseries were more or less empty at the time they were swamped by the water, covered in mud and valuable machinery damaged.

He said it was doubtful whether these particular nurseries could be used for a long time, though they had other places which escaped the flood.

"They were the worst floods I have ever seen and I hope I don't experience anything like is again," he said.

## FILM BUG

**BROTHERS** Roger and Frank Moorey, both Old Boys, are currently making names for themselves in the world of films and theatre.

Roger is at present working in the cutting room of a documentary film company in London making high quality films for sponsors such as the Arts Council.

But he has only recently returned from America where he gained wide experience in the art of film making, travelling throughout the continent on projects for the US government.

## A page that informs you what's happening to Old Blackburnians throughout the world, from Portugal to East Grinstead

He spent some time in South America and Costa Rica in particular.

Roger, a bachelor, first trained to enter hotel management, but caught the film bug while doing National Service.

He studied for a year at the London School of Film Technique.

Frank, an actor since he left school, recently won himself a small part with the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford.

His interest in the stage goes back to the time he took parts with the School society.

He went on to study French and Philosophy at Keele, and acted in the University productions.

But his first 'solid' experience was in rep. at Barrow-in-Furness.

Since then he has worked in theatres in Dundee, Blackpool (with Jimmy Clitheroe) and Birmingham.

He has been married four years—to an actress!

## LECTURES

Back in Britain last September was Dr Colin James Bell, a former head boy of the School.

Dr Bell, 30, now works for the I.B.M. Corporation's research centre in the United States and came back to Britain on a business tour.

During the month-long trip he gave several lectures on computerisation in Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Leeds, London, Bristol and Southampton.

Despite the rigorous timetable he did find time to visit Blackburn, and was able to bring his wife, formerly Miss Kathleen Whalley, and two children with him.

The Bells live at Mahopac, a village about 60 miles from New York. They returned there at the beginning of October.

## IN CONGO

■ Dr Alan Haworth (1939-46) was reported to have been involved in fighting in the Congo last November.

## HOME AND ABROAD

Dr Haworth, a medical missionary in Zambia, was said to have been the only British doctor at Kigali, the Rwandan capital, where wounded Katangese were taken after fighting in the Congo.

He formerly lived in Accrington Road, and worshipped at the Furthergate Congregational Church.



## MUSICAL

Mr Gerard N. Gillett above has been appointed lecturer in music at Bordesley College of Education, Birmingham.

He was previously music master at Saltley Grammar School, Birmingham and Ragstone Secondary School, Slough.

Mr Gillett was at one time organist and choirmaster at three Blackburn churches, St Michael's, St Barnabas's and Oxford Street Methodists.

He is the son of Mr and Mrs G. H. W. Gillett, of Azalea Road, Blackburn.

## STRANDED

Michael Hardacre (1957-65) of Horden View, Feniscowles, spending a holiday in Italy last summer, found himself virtually stranded in Naples when his scooter was stolen.

It's a long walk, you might say, from Naples to Feniscowles, but Mike, a student at St John's College, York, made it—with a few thumbled lifts to help him on his way.

The only snag was that Mike was rather overloaded with equipment for such a hike. He had to balance one hundred-

weight of camping gear on his head and carry a bedroll under his arm.

Not the perfect way to return from a Continental holiday—but then these were peculiar circumstances!

## ON THE MOVE

DR JOHN MCLEOD (1936-42), a much-travelled old boy, has been on the move again—this time from Queensland, Australia, to Saskatchewan, Canada.

Dr McLeod was until recently deputy director of a remedial education centre at Queensland University.

His new post is as head of the department of special education and director of the Institute of Child Guidance and Development at Saskatchewan University.

While in Australia—he moved there in 1959—he specialised in the field of children with learning disabilities, a subject which he has presented and published papers in France, Germany, Russia, Canada, the U.S. and Australia.

He is married with five children, and was Continental chairman for Australasia International Reading Association.

## THEATRE POST

Mr David Ambrose, a former head boy of the School, is currently artistic director of a £100,000 new theatre at East Grinstead.

At 23, Mr Ambrose is probably the youngest person in the country to hold such an appointment.

The theatre has been named the Adeline Genée Theatre after Dame Adeline Genée, founder president of the Royal Academy of Dancing, and a famous ballerina.

Mr Ambrose who was at School from 1951 to 1962, took an honours degree in law at Oxford.

## Millers' president

Mr Thomas Redman (1922-25) was elected president of the Liverpool and District Millers' Association at the annual meeting in Knutsford last June. Mr Redman is commercial manager for Joseph Rank Ltd. on Merseyside.

# ANNUAL DINNER HONOURS TWO RETIRING OFFICERS

A TOTAL of 181 Old Blackburnians and their guests attended the association's annual dinner at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School on December 16, 1967. The chief guest was Colonel G. Nicholas Robinson, who retired last year after serving the School for 21 years as clerk to the governors.

During the evening Mr Harold Burrows was presented with a set of coffee tables as a mark of appreciation of his 32 year's service as honorary secretary of the Old Blackburnians' Association.

Making the presentation, Mr J. Eric Sagar, chairman, said that he had been a member of the committee throughout that time and had known Mr Burrows even longer. The association had grown from 400 to 1,200 and a lot of work had been involved. The regular success of the annual dinner was due entirely to Mr Burrows's efforts.

Mr Sagar added that Mr Burrows had been an active member of the Scouting movement for almost 50 years. He held high office in the movement

and had been awarded its highest decoration, the Silver Wolf. He was also a Rotarian.

"In all three organisations," said Mr Sagar, "Harold has fully lived up to the School motto: 'Learn to be of service!'"

Mr Burrows thanked the association most sincerely for its gift. He recalled that he had entered the School at the age of eight and had lived in its shadow all his life. Remarking that he had worked as secretary of the association under four headmasters, he said: "The association owes much to the School for its co-operation," and added: "It doesn't seem 32 years since I took over as secretary. I have found it a rewarding job, and it has been a great joy to run these dinners."

Mr Joseph N. Prest, chairman of the School's appeal committee reported that in the three months that the Quatercentenary appeal had been open £60,000 had been raised.

"The campaign is going extremely well," he said. "We are

well over half way to our target of £100,000." Up to then parents of boys at the School had given £28,000, a total of 30 firms in industry had given £18,000, and well-wishers and selected old boys had given £14,000.

Since Mr Prest spoke, the appeal has been extended to all old boys.

The loyal toast was proposed by the president of the Old Blackburnians' Association, Professor Gordon Manley, who presided at the dinner. A toast to "The School" was proposed by Mr W. E. T. Walsh, and the headmaster, Mr Douglas J. Coulson, replied. "Our Guests" was proposed by Mr Henry L. Schollick, and Colonel Robinson responded.

The menu was: grapefruit; cream of mushroom soup; poached halibut with hollandaise sauce; roast turkey, sausage, bread sauce, baked and creamed potatoes, brussels sprouts, and carrots; bombe tutti frutti; cheese and biscuits; and coffee.

## Sport continued here

### CRICKET

This summer the club are taking on a new venture and have formed a cricket team which will play friendly matches on mid-week evenings against well known local clubs.

We are very grateful to the School who are allowing us the use of a wicket, although we will use our own pavilion and club-room. Any Old Boy keen to play for the club is invited to contact Barry Haydock at the club, or indeed any committee member.

### MEMBERSHIP

The football club has an excellent clubroom at the Memorial Ground, Lammack, and would welcome any Old Boys of the School as members. Subscriptions vary according to age but for the over 21's is one pound only. The Club is thriving and expanding its activities constantly. If anyone would like further details, the secretary (Old Blackburnians A.F.C., Memorial Ground, Lammack, Blackburn) will be pleased to answer your enquiries.

### CLUB DINNER

The club dinner was held at the White Bull Hotel in early June when the retiring chairman, Mr H. Fish, welcomed members and guests including Mr T. Naisby, Mr H. King, Mr F. Raby, Mr J. Cambell and L.A.L. representatives Mr F. Jones and Mr W. Dobson.

A most enjoyable evening was enjoyed by all and following the meal, championship badges were presented by the club president, Mr W. K. Forbes, to the successful second and third eleven teams.

## Annual golf match

The annual Old Blacks golf competition was held at Wilpshire on Thursday, June 8, when there was an entry of 36.

The Judge Walmsley Cup for the best nett score was won by J. N. Richards (Blackburn) with a return of 68 (scr. 68).-- The runner-up was J. B. Campbell (Blackburn) with 80-10-70.

The Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup for the best gross score was won by J. Walsh (Blackburn) with a return of 73.

## Annual service in Cathedral

MORE than 80 people attended the seventh annual Old Blackburnians' church service, which was held in Blackburn Cathedral on Sunday, September 24, 1967.

The congregation included the Mayor of Blackburn, Councillor Miss Florence Lewis, the Mayor-ess, Miss Gwenda Lewis, Mr Harry King, chairman of the Old Blackburnians' Association, and old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and their families and friends together with governors, members of the staff, and pupils.

The service was conducted by the Provost of Blackburn, the Very Rev. Norman Robinson, a governor, who also preached. The lessons were read by two old boys, Mr Fred Bury, second master at Queen Elizabeth's and treasurer of the association, and Mr Tom Sharratt.

The collection, which came to £12. 18s., was given to the Cathedral building fund.



Darryl David (1957-67), who was a prominent member of the School's drama section, is now a student at the Drama Centre, London.

He began a three-year course there last September.

Apart from his work with the School group, Darryl, of Strawberry Bank, Blackburn, was also a member of Blackburn Amateur Dramatic and Music Society.

## Law president

Mr J. Donald Forbes (1922-31) of Mavis Road, was elected president of Blackburn Incorporated Law Association in May.

## Minor Canon at Canterbury

THE Rev John Shorrock (1939-46), Vicar of St Wilfrid's Church, Mereside, Blackpool, was appointed a minor canon of Canterbury Cathedral and to the staff of the Cathedral Choir School last April.

Mr Shorrock gained a BA degree at Trinity College, Dublin, and his MA in philosophy. He trained for the Ministry at Bishop's College, Cheshunt, and was ordained in 1956.

He was curate at St Nicholas', Fleetwood, from 1956-59 and senior curate of Lancaster Priory from 1959 to 1961 when he moved to Blackpool.

While in Blackpool he was a governor of St George's Secondary School, director of Blackpool Samaritans, chairman of the Community Youth Service and chaplain of the Army Cadet Force.

Mr Shorrock, 37, is married with two young children.

## SPORT

SEASON 1966-67 was one of the most successful in the history of the Old Blacks soccer teams. The Club narrowly missed achieving the unprecedented feat of carrying off all three division championship titles and the Aggregate Trophy.

The 1st XI, captained by Terry Barton, were joint top in Division 1 only to fall to pieces in the play-off, losing 0-6 to Southport Amateurs. This was a most disappointing finish to a season in which no less than five players received representative honours and one, Philip Dobson was selected for the full L.A.L. side. The final league record was: 30 games played; won 21; drawn 6; lost 3; goals for 89, against 32; 48 points.

The 2nd XI continued their remarkable form of the previous two seasons and became the only second team in the Northern Section ever to win the division championship for three consecutive seasons. Captained by Derek Bramwell they completed the season without being beaten for a match record of: Played 30; won 25; drawn 5, goals for 104, against 29, Points 55.

After finishing runners-up in the two previous seasons, the 3rd team, captained by Barry Ward, deservedly won the third division championship with a record: Played 24, won 18, drawn 3, lost 3, goals for 97, goals against 33, Points 39.

The 4th XI playing in the same division as the thirds finished in the lower half of the league due mainly to continual team changes, brought about by injuries in the senior sides. Their playing record finished: Played 24, won 7, drawn 2, lost 15, goals for 52, against 99, Points 16.

## SEASON 1967-68.

The present season started with great interest due to the re-organisation of the Lancashire Amateur League structure. The former three sections have been reformed into the North and South sections and with the addition of a number of new clubs each section has two divisions with promotion and relegation being introduced for the first time.

The Old Blacks, resulting from last seasons final league position, are in Division 1 of the North Section with the seconds in Division 1 Reserve. The 3rd and 4th teams are in a combined Northern Division 3.

The Old Blacks will miss playing some of their old rivals who find themselves in Division 2, but now meet new clubs and better opposition in the new league.

# 'NEW LOOK' LEAGUE KICKS OFF IN GREAT STYLE

*By Keith Newton*

The 1st XI again entered the F.A. Amateur Cup but were beaten 1-2 in the preliminary round by Chadderton F.C. In the Lancs. Amateur Cup they are having more success and are at the time of writing in the last eight with a home tie against Moss Side Amateurs on February 17th. In each of the four rounds so far the Old Boys have scored five goals, beating Styal F.C. 5-1 in the prelim, round, West Didsbury 5-1 in round 1, one, Old Ashtonians 5-0 in the second and Odyssey 5-1 in the third. Captain Terry Barton leads the goal scorers in these matches with five goals.

In their league fixtures the Old Blacks have been unable to maintain their cup form and at present are near the foot of the table with a threat of relegation hanging over them. Having played 13 matches they have won 4, drawn 2, lost 7, scoring 23 goals with 34 against, and with 10 points are next to the bottom of the league.

By contrast, the 2nd XI, now captained by Barrie Haydock, are at present heading Division 1 Reserve with a record of played 15, won 11, drawn 2, lost 2,

goals for 46, against 23, Points 24. The seconds made a slow start to the season and were knocked out of the 2nd XI Knock-out Cup Competition by Leigh Amateur 2-5 but have regained their form and haven't been beaten since October 7, 1967.

The third and fourth teams are having a very interesting battle in the 3rd division and at present the fourths are in 6th place, two points ahead of the thirds in 9th position who have two games in hand.

The thirds started the season badly but now, under the leadership of Barry Wood, have found their true form and netted 6 goals in each of their last three games. So far they have played 16, won 7, drawn 1, lost 8, goals for 51, against 39, Points 15.

The fourths, captained by Michael Bolton, made a remarkable start to the season and are higher in the table than they have been for many seasons. After playing 18 matches, they have 17 points, winning 8, drawing 1, losing 9, goals for 54, against 69. It is worthy of note that one of the fourth's wins was a deserved 4-2 triumph over the 3rds.

## ANNUAL MEETING

At the A.G.M. of the club on 5th June, 1967, Mr Harold Fish resigned as chairman prior to his move to the Midlands and Mr Keith V. Newton was elected chairman in succession with Mr M. T. J. Bolton as vice-chairman. Other officers appointed were: N. K. Sharples, hon. secretary; P. C. Ibbotson, hon. treasurer; T. Duckett, hon. team secretary; B. Haydock, hon. press secretary; and K. Bowskill, assistant hon. secretary.

Members elected or re-elected to the committee were: B. Ward, D. Bramwell, R. D. Horrocks, H. H. Baylie, G. Wade and T. Cave. Mr W. K. Forbes was re-elected president of the club. John Duckett has recently resigned as team secretary, due to business commitments and was co-opted to the committee. J. Tattum was appointed hon. team secretary in his place.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Since the opening of the extensions to the Lammack Clubhouse, a number of successful functions have been held for members and their friends. There have been a number of dances including a fancy dress "Hippy Night" which brought out some very strange outfits. The Ladies Committee held a cocktail party in the latter part of 1967 and recently organised a sherry evening at the School.

The annual Boxing Day match against a Blackburn Combination Select XI was a great success, for once being blessed with good weather conditions that also brought a good crowd of spectators. The evening continued with a dance in the club.

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## £5,000 extension opened

A weekend of activities to suit all tastes celebrated the opening of the club's £5,000 extension in late August, 1967.

On Thursday evening, 24th August, the club welcomed the Mayor of Blackburn, Councillor Miss Florence Lewis, local dignitaries and distinguished old members of the club to the official opening ceremony.

The chairman said the club had worked for a long time to pay for the extension and it was hoped that in the near future, more money would be available for further development.

The president, Mr W. K. Forbes then officially opened the

club extensions and invited the Mayor to 'pull' the first pint, after which the guests enjoyed a buffet supper.

Friday evening was members' night which took the form of the first dance held in the club. Music was provided by 'The Summers' and the dance was attended by 160 members and friends. During the evening, the club chairman presented his predecessor, Mr Harold Fish, with an engraved tankard to commemorate his two year period in the chair.

The following afternoon saw an invasion of Lammack by 7-a-side football teams from all over the

county. To celebrate the club opening and to give member clubs of the L.A.L. a preview, the Social Sub-committee organised (with some apprehension, they will agree!) a knock-out 7-a-side competition which commenced shortly after 1.0 p.m. and carried on till after 7.0 p.m.

The eventual winners were Old Boltonian's 'A' who beat Southport Amateurs 3-2 in an excellent finale to a most enjoyable day that had the blessing of perfect weather. The enthusiastic support that the event received has decided the club to make it an annual event and look forward to another successful day this coming August.

**MAGISTER** is distributed to all members of the Old Blackburnians' Association and to a random selection of old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School who are not members. If you are not a member and have received this issue, please do not feel under any obligation, although we should be very pleased if it prompted you to join the association and make sure of receiving future issues. **(If you were once a member and consider rejoining, there is no question of you owing subscriptions for the intervening years, you simply start again this year.)** If you are a member and also receive an extra copy under our random selection scheme—it happens occasionally—please accept our apologies. A special plea to members and non-members alike : one of our greatest difficulties is maintaining a correct list of addresses, so if yours has changed or is about to change or, incidentally, if you know of someone else who might be interested in joining the association, please send details to the Secretary or the Treasurer.

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It would be greatly appreciated if members would help to simplify the collection of subscriptions either by making payment by banker's order—for which a form is provided—or by adopting the three-year subscription.

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OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION  
STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1967

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.
Bank Charges .. .. .	2	2	0
General .. .. .	105	9	1
Postages .. .. .	29	9	6
Magazines .. .. .	18	0	0
Church Service .. .. .	6	8	0
Magister .. .. .	101	9	6
Leavers' Supper .. .. .	12	18	2
School Covenant .. .. .	21	0	0
Annual Dinner .. .. .	1	18	6
Balance : Profit to Accumulated Fund ..	59	3	0
	<u>£357</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subscription, 1966/67 .. .. .	270	16	0			
Released from Life Membership Fund ..	31	10	0			
Interest on Investments—						
4% Consols .. .. .	50	0	0			
Income Tax .. .. .	20	12	6			
	<u>29</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>			
Blackburn Savings Bank .. .. .	4	1	0			
				33	8	6
War Memorial Ground Rent .. .. .				5	0	0
Profit from Social Activities .. .. .				17	3	3
				<u>£357</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>

BALANCE SHEET

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Life Membership Fund—						
Balance at 1.9.66 .. .. .	1266	6	0			
Additions .. .. .	78	15	0			
	<u>1345</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>			
Deletions .. .. .	31	10	0			
				1313	11	0
War Memorial Fund .. .. .				1207	15	6
Accumulated Fund—						
Profit at 1.9.66 .. .. .	102	18	3			
Profit in 1966/67 .. .. .	59	3	0			
				<u>162</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>£2,683</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>			

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Lammack Ground at cost, less sales ..	1207	15	6			
Investments—						
4% Consols £300 at cost .. .. .	210	12	0			
£950 at par .. .. .	950	0	0			
				<u>1160</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>
(Market value £690).						
Cash at Bank—						
Lloyds Bank Ltd. .. .. .	147	2	2			
Blackburn Savings Bank .. .. .	166	16	9			
				<u>313</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>
Cash in Hand .. .. .				1	1	4
				<u>£2,683</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>

HONORARY AUDITORS REPORT : We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Old Blackburnians' Association as above set forth together with the books and vouchers relating thereto. In our opinion they represent a true and correct record of the transactions of the Association during the year ended 31 July, 1967.

(Signed) KENNETH H. MARSDEN, F.C.A.  
WILLIAM HARE, F.C.A.

20th November, 1967.

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## Education study group to visit QEGS

Eight members of the Public Schools Commission will inspect Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and five other Blackburn schools this month.

The inspection, officially described as a "fact-finding mission," will take place on November 20, 21, and 22. The delegation will also examine Westholme School, St Mary's College, and Notre Dame Grammar School, and members will visit two local authority secondary schools as well.

The party will be led by Professor David V. Donnison, vice-chairman of the Public Schools Commission, and it will also include Councillor Tom Taylor, a leading advocate of comprehensive education in Blackburn, who was chairman of Blackburn Education Committee until he lost the position shortly after the municipal elections this year.

The Public Schools Commission recently produced a report recommending the integration of the independent boarding schools with the State system of education. It was not universally acclaimed.

## Many thanks

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Many people have worked hard and given generous and willing help in the production of this issue, and MAGISTER is grateful to all of them.

## Magnificent seven

Seven Old Blackburnians gained first-class honours degrees this year. They are: J. Astley, R. Doughty, N. L. Hanson, J. R. Holmes, D. Haworth, P. F. Snowden and R. P. Vlies. The headmaster, Mr D. J. Coulson, said: "This is a magnificent achievement."

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## DECIMAL CHANGE MAY BRING RISE IN SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions to the Old Blackburnians' Association will almost certainly rise when Britain changes to decimal currency in 1971. In spite of steadily rising costs, an increase has already been deferred for several years.

Subscriptions have remained at the present level for many years, and even now are only fractionally above the amount fixed when the association was founded.

In his reports to the annual general meetings during the past few years Mr Fred Bury, treasurer, has made it clear that the present subscriptions were no longer realistic in a time of rapidly rising costs. He has also hinted that a rise in subscriptions might be appropriate.

However, many Old Blackburnians pay their subscriptions by banker's order, and it is likely to be a major operation to make alterations. Since changes will in any case have to be made in 1971, it is not thought worth while to revise subscriptions before that date.

One of the most expensive items on the association's balance sheet is MAGISTER. In spite of all efforts, it is impossible to keep production costs down.

Another major item is postage—and with the recent abolition of the printed paper rate postage is now likely to cost the association more than ever before. For this reason an attempt is being made this month to collect as many communications as possible under one cover.

Exactly how much the revised subscriptions are likely to be is for the present a matter of speculation. The committee will discuss the question in detail and the matter will certainly come before an annual general meeting of the association. In the meantime comments will be welcomed for publication in MAGISTER.

## Church service

The Old Blackburnians' annual church service will be held at Four Lane Ends Congregational Church, Blackburn, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 22.



**Mr John R. Smalley (1956-62) has joined the staff of Sherborne School. He went from Queen Elizabeth's to Atlantic College and won a Trevelyan scholarship to St Catharine's College, Cambridge, where he took his degree in English. He spent six months at the University of Manitoba before returning to Blackburn, and from December last year to September he taught at Everton High School, Blackburn. At Queen Elizabeth's Mr Smalley was junior, middle and senior victor ludorum. He played football for Blackburn schoolboys and ran with Blackburn Harriers. He was captain of Wales schoolboys, and at Cambridge he was captain of his college football team.**

## Forty join Old Blacks at leavers' supper

About forty boys who left Queen Elizabeth's last summer joined the Old Blackburnians' Association when they attended the annual school-leavers' supper at School on Thursday, September 19.

They were welcomed by governors, members of the staff, and members of the association. Mr W. E. T. Walsh, vice-chairman of the association, presided and introduced the speakers.

Mr Keith Newton, chairman of the Old Blackburnians' Association Football Club, described the activities of the football club both sporting and social and emphasised that a warm welcome awaited all who cared to make the journey to Lammack.

Mr Ken Forbes spoke about the Old Blackburnians' annual golf competition, of which he is originator and organiser, and Mr Harry King told the meeting about the association's annual dinner, the annual church service, and the activities of the branches throughout the country. There was also a short address about MAGISTER, and Mr Fred Bury, treasurer, gave details of subscriptions.

## Annual dinner

The annual dinner of the Old Blackburnians' Association will be held at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School on Saturday, December 21. The chief guest will be Sir Percy Lord, chief education officer of Lancashire.

## KITE MEMORIAL PRIZE

A prize is to be established at Southampton University in memory of Oliver Kite, an Old Blackburnian who died in June. A fund to endow it has been launched with an initial donation by Southern Independent Television, and it is hoped that public subscriptions will be sufficient to enable the award to be made each year in perpetuity.

Major Kite, a world-famous angler and naturalist, appeared in many Southern programmes. Mr Jack Hargreaves, Southern's assistant controller of program-

mes, explained that the intention was to finance a special study each year by a student in the Department of Zoology at Southampton, with which Major Kite worked closely on his last television series.

Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to "The Oliver Kite Memorial Prize," and all donations should be sent to: The Oliver Kite Memorial Prize, Southern Independent Television, Southampton, SO9 4YQ.

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## Obituary

### OLIVER KITE

Major Oliver Kite, soldier, author, angler, and naturalist, died while fishing the Polhampton stretch of the River Test at Overton, Hampshire, on June 15, 1968. He was 47.

He was a world-famous authority on fly fishing and became widely known through his television programmes on angling and the countryside. He had fished in five continents and 41 countries. As a boy he caught his first trout on bread paste, and during war service in Burma he fished in the Irawaddy with a bamboo pole, army button thread, and a bent pin.

He once landed some spectacular catches at midnight in Lapland, and on another occasion he baffled viewers by fishing blindfold with an unbaited hook. He claimed that if an angler knew his river thoroughly fish could be caught like that—and he landed six within an hour to prove his point.

As a professional soldier he led a remarkably full life, rich in adventure, and few men could match the variety of his activities or the breadth of his experience. He will always be remembered with admiration for his skill as a fisherman and affection for his warmth, kindness, and unfailing good humour.

Oliver William Alfred Kite was born on November 27, 1920, in the little Monmouthshire village of Castleton. There he spent his childhood and youth, and he attended Bassaleg Grammar School until the summer of 1937, when his family moved to Blackburn and he entered Queen Elizabeth's, where he spent two years.

He had a marvellous gift for

languages and he hoped to go on to Manchester University and become a teacher, but the war intervened and he went into the Army. He served with the Royal Engineers in Burma, Malaya, Siam, Singapore, and India, and was twice mentioned in despatches.

In the years after the war he served in many parts of the world and extended his knowledge of languages. He eventually spoke Welsh, French, Italian, Spanish, German, Swedish, Norwegian, Flemish, Urdu, Hindustani, and a language of West Africa. He also had some acquaintance with Polish and Russian.

In 1953 he returned to England to lead the Commonwealth contingent in the Coronation procession, and in the following year he attended the Staff College at Camberley, passing out with honours. At about this time he transferred from the Royal Engineers to the East Lancashire Regiment, since it was the regiment of the area he regarded as home. In addition to his many other talents he was an entomologist, and the Army made good use of his knowledge for purposes of research.

At the beginning of 1955 he was posted to Bulford and for the first time became familiar with the rivers and countryside of Wiltshire, the county of his forefathers. In 1956 he became a member of the Officers' Fishing Association, of which he was later to be chairman.

In the summer of that same year he went to Maralinga, South Australia, as an observer at a nuclear test, and it was while he was in Australia that he suffered



a severe heart attack. He recovered during the following months, but he did not return to England until 1957 and he did so in the knowledge that his active military career was over.

He made his home on Salisbury Plain and bought a cottage by the river at Netheravon. For the next eight years he was responsible for the writing of infantry training manuals at the School of Infantry, Warminster, but his writing was not confined to the art of war; his articles on fishing and the countryside began to appear in several magazines, and in 1963 he published "Nymph Fishing in Practice."

The book led to a television interview, the first of his many television appearances. He made more than 230 appearances in Southern Independent Television programmes, including 'Day by Day', the 'Country Boy' series, which was shown nationally, 'Natural History of a Summer Holiday', and his own series, 'In Kite's Country', which ran to 115 editions.

In 1966 he won a special award at the National Festival of Nature Films for his programme, 'Summer in Kite's Country', which was filmed in the valley of the River Wylve. Earlier this year—with Ted Channell, his regular cameraman—he completed his first colour film, 'Oliver Kite's Fawley', which was about the wild life at the Esso refinery.

He lectured at Salisbury College of Further Education and gave talks and film shows to many clubs and societies. His fame spread abroad: he was a member of the Flyfishers Club and he was elected to the International Fario Club in Paris in succession to Hemingway. He retired from the Army in 1965.

Major Kite, who lived at White Owl Cottage, High Street, Netheravon, leaves a widow, Mrs Norah Kite, and a daughter, Miss Louise Kite. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs Nora Old.

The funeral took place privately at Fittleton Church on June 18, and a memorial service was held at All Saints Church, Netheravon, on July 7. It was attended by more than two thousand people.

### WILLIAM ENTWISLE

The Rev William Entwisle, chaplain of Botley's Park Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey, died in St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, on March 23, 1968, aged 62.

Mr Entwisle attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1916 to 1919. He chose accountancy as his profession and served articles in Blackburn, but he later moved to London and was working as senior audit clerk for a firm there when he felt the vocation of the ministry.

He was ordained deacon in 1936 and priest in 1937 at Blackburn. He served as curate at St Cuthbert's Church, Darwen, until 1938, when he became curate of St Paul's Church, Marton. He was vicar of St Peter's Church, South Shore, Blackpool, from 1940 to 1948 and of Ribbleson from 1948 to 1956, when he was appointed chaplain of Botley's Park Hospital.

He had been appointed rural dean of Chertsey by the Bishop of Guildford and was taken ill and admitted to hospital only two days before the day chosen for his induction. He was for many years financial secretary of the rural deanery, and was also chairman of the Joint Council of Emly and Chertsey Deaneries' Association for Social Work and editor of Botley's Park Bulletin, a monthly magazine.

He was treasurer of the Church of England Hospital Chaplains' Fellowship, on whose executive he also served, and was secretary of the Fellowship's Guildford diocesan branch.

His wife died in August, 1967. He is survived by a son, Mr Peter Entwisle, of Twyford, Berkshire, and a daughter, Mrs Marion Lack, who lives in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

### GEORGE WALMSLEY

Mr George Walmsley, headmaster of Wensley Fold Church of England Junior School, Blackburn, died suddenly at his home on December 12, 1967, aged 60.

Mr Walmsley was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1919 to 1925. After studying for three years at Bede College, Durham, he taught in Manchester and later in Burnley until April, 1931, when he returned to Blackburn as a teacher at the former Church of England Central School. He had been headmaster of Wensley Fold School for 23 years.

Mr Walmsley, who lived at 99 Lambeth Street, Blackburn, leaves a widow and two married children.

### In Kite's country

This poem was written as a tribute to Major Kite by one of his colleagues in Southern Television.

*A friendly smile, a slow hullo  
Made cares recede, they could  
not be*

*While such a welcome bade us  
go*

*And rest awhile, in Kite's  
Country.*

*To watch with him through  
sun and snow*

*What time he told what he  
could see*

*And, unassuming, tried to show  
What life is like in Kite's  
Country.*

*The butterfly on thistle top,  
The rising fish, the bumbling  
bee,*

*So many things to cry him  
stop,*

*Held him in thrall, in Kite's  
Country,*

*And all these things with us he  
shared*

*So gaily and so generously.*

*With him we stood, with him  
we shared*

*Within his realm, his Kite's  
Country.*

*Increasing, ebbing, weeping tide  
His river ran at last to sea.*

*Did he not say, at riverside,  
Where'er I am, that's Kite's  
Country?*

*So may we sometimes pause to  
dream*

*And, dreaming, know that  
somewhere he*

*Still takes delight in hedge and  
stream,*

*Eternal grown, in Kite's  
Country.*

## GEORGE GILLIBRAND

Mr George Gillibrand, a former Mayor of Blackburn and a former governor of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, died at his home in Blackburn on May 25, 1968, aged 67.

Mr Gillibrand was Mayor in 1961-62 and as a Conservative represented St Mark's ward on Blackburn Town Council from 1947 to 1964. He took a keen interest in education and was for nine years vice-chairman of Blackburn education committee. He was a governor of Queen Elizabeth's from 1954 to 1966 and was also a governor of St Mary's College. He will be particularly remembered as the founder of Blackburn Common Good Trust Fund.

George Gillibrand came of an old Blackburn family: there have been Gillibrands in Ramsgrave and Blackburn for 600 years, and he was proud to claim that the College of Heralds could trace his family back to the thirteenth century. The arms of Gillibrand hang in Samlesbury Hall and bear the date 1305. He was proud to be an Englishman, and he always liked St George's Day to be commemorated in proper fashion.

He had been in business in Blackburn for almost 50 years. He set himself up as a vulcaniser and tyre dealer when he was 20 and became the owner of 36 petrol filling stations in the North and Midlands. He lived away from Blackburn for over 10 years, but returned in 1941 to found Gillibrand's (Rubber Manufacturers) Ltd., of Crossfield Mill, Grimshaw Park. Here he developed his rubber manufacturing business and sent products to all parts of the world.

His interest in local politics took concrete form with his election to the council. When parliamentary electoral boundaries were altered in 1949 he became chairman of Blackburn West Constituency Conservative Association, but he lost the office later when more boundary changes moved three wards on the west side of Blackburn into the Darwen division.

He was a man of forthright views and was never afraid to speak his mind, but he possessed a keen sense of humour and had a very kindly side to his disposition. Besides serving as vice-chairman of the education committee, on which he is remembered as an able and considerate colleague, from 1951 to 1960, he was a member of the civic development committee and played a major part in schemes for the redevelopment of the town centre.

He was noted for his firm control of meetings at which he presided, and it was generally reckoned that with Councillor Gillibrand in the chair the



conduct of municipal business would be swift and to the point. He was not the first of his family to take part in the public life of Blackburn: his great-grandfather was present at the inauguration ceremony of the first Mayor of Blackburn in 1851, and his grandfather was an agent for Sir Harry Hornby.

He established Blackburn Common Good Trust Fund in May, 1962, towards the end of his mayoral year. During his mayoralty he had come across many cases of hardship that were not met by existing welfare sources, and the trust was set up with the object of providing a fund which could render immediate assistance to these cases. An appeal was launched to which the Corporation and many firms and individuals have subscribed over the years, and since the trust's foundation more than 300 people and families have received help.

He was one of the original members of Blackburn Arts Club and was president from 1953 until his death. Probably his most important contribution to the club's well-being was the part he played in negotiating for the purchase of its present premises in 1960-61. He had been a Fellow of the Royal Society of St George since 1949, and was also a member of the Friends of Samlesbury Hall and of Blackburn Society of Antiquaries.

He took a close interest in Blackburn Cathedral. In 1959 he presented two 6½ft-high standard lights to the Cathedral in memory of his parents and in 1961 he gave a silver chalice. These gifts joined a silver chalice presented to the parish church by one of his ancestors, Edward Gillibrand, in 1640.

Mr Gillibrand, who lived at Arley Close, Wyfordby Avenue, Blackburn, leaves a widow, Mrs Annie Constance Gillibrand, a daughter, Mrs Vera Stevenson, and three grandchildren. A funeral service at St Silas's Church on May 29 was followed by cremation at Pleasington.

## WILLIAM CRUST

Mr William Crust, senior warden and lecturer in music at Bretton Hall College of Education, Wakefield, died in hospital at Wakefield on December 27, 1967, aged 36.

He was a man who contributed much to music in Blackburn, notably at St Matthew's Church, where he was appointed organist and choirmaster at the age of 16. He started a career in industry, but his musical talents would not be denied and he resumed his formal education to become a teacher. In that profession he won the respect and affection of all who knew him.

William Crust was born in Blackburn on February 16, 1931. He received his early education at St Matthew's primary school and came to Queen Elizabeth's in 1942. He was a pupil of Mr Thomas L. Duerden and a keen member of Blackburn Music Society. He left the School in 1948 but maintained a close connection and wrote the music for the Dramatic Society's production of "The Comedy of Errors" in 1950. In 1951, when he was only 20, he conducted a memorable performance of Handel's "Messiah."

For five years he worked at British Northrop. He then went to St John's College, York, and qualified as a teacher, after which he taught successively in Padiham and Leeds and was music master at St Hilda's Church of England Girls' Secondary Modern School in Blackburn. At this time he was organist at several Blackburn churches, including St Thomas's and St John's, and when Mr Duerden retired as cathedral organist he acted as organist until Mr John Bertalot was appointed to the post.

He went to Bretton Hall in September, 1965, as lecturer in

music, and shortly after his arrival also became a warden. After one term he accepted the post of senior warden, which he combined with work in the music school. His contribution to the musical life of the college included responsibility for music in the estate chapel.

A sensitive musician, he commanded the respect and admiration of staff and students. His special interests lay in conducting, composition, the organ, and teaching, and to these he brought the enthusiasm and the quality of musicianship which characterised all that he did. His gifts as a teacher enabled him to communicate to others his own feeling for music, and the performances of the chapel choir were distinguished by the high standards which he set.

As senior warden, his influence was felt throughout the college, and in a comparatively short space of time he made a deep and lasting impression. He combined a sympathetic and understanding nature with a capacity for hard work, and devoted himself untiringly to the needs and problems of others, winning the confidence of all with whom he came into contact.

As a colleague he is missed for the warmth and friendliness of his personality, his pleasant manner, his sense of humour, his sincerity, his integrity, and for the deep love of music which was so much a part of him.

He married first, in 1957, Miss Winifred Lynas, of Loughborough, who died in 1962, and second, in August, 1967, Miss Susan Harrison, of Blackburn, who survives him. He is also survived by his parents. A funeral service at St Stephen's Church, Little Harwood, on January 2 was followed by burial at Pleasington.

## FRANK CHALK

After recovering well from a major chest operation in July last year, Mr Frank Chalk, of 59 Lansdowne Road, Bolton, caught influenza and died on December 18, 1967, aged 56. He was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1925 to 1928.

Born in Russia, Frank came to Queen Elizabeth's on transfer from Chorley Grammar School. He was a former chorister and a member of the Scout troop at Blackburn Cathedral.

After starting work with Walpamur, Darwen, as a chemist, he did wartime service as a

camouflage sergeant in the Royal Air Force before moving to Cradley Heath, where he became a Scoutmaster and also People's Warden.

Following a spell in Bristol, he returned north to Bolton, where he lived for the last 13 years. Golf was his game and he was social secretary and a member of the council at Dunscar Golf Club.

A breezy, red-haired extrovert, Frank Chalk set a fine example of cheerful good nature and kindness too rarely seen these days. He leaves a widow and three sons.

E.D.

MAGISTER wishes to thank all those who so kindly contributed information for these obituaries. Their help is greatly appreciated.



## ROBERT E. SHARPLES

Mr Robert Everard Sharples, headmaster of the Cathedral School of St Paul, Blackburn, died in hospital at Blackburn on August 24, 1968, aged 60.

Mr Sharples was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from September 1921 to July 1922 and subsequently attended Accrington Grammar School.

He studied at St Mark and St John's Training College, London, for two years and returned to Blackburn in the autumn of 1936 as a teacher at Salesbury Church of England School. He taught at various Blackburn schools during the next ten years until in September 1946 he joined the staff of Four Lane Ends School. There he remained until the end of 1955, when he was appointed headmaster at St Paul's.

Mr Sharples won many distinctions in photography, on which he was an acknowledged authority, and for 23 years he lectured in the subject at Blackburn College of Technology and Design. He founded the college photographic society, and was its president.

He was an Associate of the Institute of Incorporated Photographers, an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. He was the first Blackburn photographer to be appointed to the national judging panel of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain, and he was a past



president of the Inter-Club Photographic Alliance.

He was also a former president and life member of the Lancashire and Cheshire Photographic Union and had been one of the senior judges on the union's panel since 1953. He had also been associated with Blackburn Camera Club and was a former president of Darwen Photographic Association.

He served as chairman of Blackburn Teachers' Committee for Visual Aids in Education and was a member of the committee set up to advise on the teaching of English in Blackburn schools. He was closely associated with Blackburn Cathedral, where he was a sidesman.

As a young man he played football for the Old Accringtonians and was several times chosen in Lancashire Amateur League representative teams.

Mr Sharples, who lived at 26 Wellington Street St John's, Blackburn, leaves a widow, Mrs Mary Sharples; a daughter, Miss Anitra Sharples; and a son, Mr Peter R. Sharples, who is also an Old Blackburnian (1960-66).

## RONALD W. WHALLEY

Mr Ronald W. Whalley, probably the last man in Blackburn entitled to wear the wings of the Royal Flying Corps, died suddenly at his home on April 8, 1968, aged 71.

He was the second son of Mr and Mrs J. J. Whalley. His father was a cotton manufacturer and a well-known sportsman; his mother, daughter of a Manchester cotton merchant, was also prominent in local sporting circles. Their elder son, H. W. Whalley, attended Queen Elizabeth's and was believed to be the youngest captain in the East Lancashire Regiment when he was killed at Gallipoli.

Ronald Worthington Whalley was born on January 3, 1897, and attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1906 to 1909. He went on to Holmwood School, Southport, and also attended Sedbergh School. As a sportsman he was keen on athletics and played rugby; he was one of the first members of Blackburn Rugby Club.

Early in the First World War he joined the Royal Marines Artillery and was stationed at Portsmouth. Having transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and trained as a pilot, he was posted to No. 70 Squadron in France and flew Sopwith Camels. He was shot down in 1918, injuring both legs, and he eventually left hospital in 1919.

Since he was in the Royal Flying Corps he automatically became a founder member of the Royal Air Force when it was formed by merging the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service in 1918. He held the rank of lieutenant.

Between the wars he spent some time farming and some time in the family business of mill furnishing, but he will be best remembered for his association with the motor trade—in particular with Loxhams of

Blackburn, for whom he worked until about 1940.

The great interest of his life, apart from his family, was aviation. He was a member of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and he always used to try to see the various flying circuses that toured the country between the wars.

He was summoned to London in 1938 but failed to pass a medical examination for flying duties because of his First World War wounds, which still troubled him from time to time. When the Local Defence Volunteers were formed he joined immediately and was initially captain of 'A' Company. He soon became adjutant, and when the Home Guard was placed on a proper basis he became the full-time adjutant, relinquishing his job with Loxhams to do so.

He rejoined the Royal Air Force in 1941 and spent the rest of the war as a flight lieutenant on flying control duties, firstly in Bomber Command and later in Training Command. When he was at Scampton he was associated with some of the historic Lancaster bomber raids.

He received campaign medals in both wars. He was very proud of his Royal Flying Corps wings—similar to Royal Air Force wings, but with the letters RFC under the crown.

After the war he set up his own business as an agent, selling particularly to wholesale grocers and provision merchants throughout North Lancashire. He never really retired but just took things a little more quietly as the years went by.

Mr Whalley, who lived at 46 The Croft, Blackburn, leaves a widow, Mrs E. M. Whalley, and a son, Mr John R. Whalley, of Tring, Hertfordshire, who is also an Old Blackburnian (1941-49), and is married, with a son and a daughter.

## HARRALL C. BANISTER

Mr Harrall Crossley Banister, formerly joint managing director of Banister Bros., of Bee Mill, Ribchester, was killed when his car crashed into a ravine in the Canary Islands on January 25, 1968. He was 62.

Mr Banister, who lived at 9 West Beach, Lytham, had been on holiday with his wife in the Canary Islands since before Christmas. Mrs Banister was not with her husband when the accident happened.

He was born in Blackburn and attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1917 to 1922. During the Second World War he was a captain in the army and saw service in India.

He was a keen angler and golfer and had been a member of Clitheroe Angling Club and Wiltshire Golf Club. He leaves a widow, a son, and a daughter.

## GEORGE GRAHAM LEWNEY

Mr Graham Lewney, who taught at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School for 38 years and was housemaster of Raleigh for almost all that time, died in Blackburn Royal Infirmary on October 12, 1968. He was 74.

"Jud," as he was known to his colleagues in the staff room and to the many thousands of boys he taught, belonged to that dedicated generation of teachers who have made Queen Elizabeth's the school it is today. He did not simply teach: he advised, he exhorted, he encouraged. He was, like all good schoolmasters, a friend and companion to the boys he taught.

George Graham Lewney was born at Dalton-in-Furness on November 10, 1893. He was educated at Ulverston Grammar School and Manchester Univer-

sity, where he read mathematics, physics, and chemistry and was a pupil of Rutherford. During the First World War he worked in the shipyards at Barrow-in-Furness, and he returned to Manchester to complete his studies and take his degree. He also gained his Diploma in Education.

He came to Queen Elizabeth's immediately afterwards, in September, 1920, and was appointed housemaster of Raleigh in the following year.

He retained all his life a deep affection for the Lake District: it was his home country and he returned there often, walking or fishing. In his youth he had done some wrestling in the Cumberland and Westmorland style, and he won a silver watch at the sport when he was at school.

He is remembered as a thoroughly reliable colleague, always helpful and co-operative.

Out of school he liked reading and was a keen supporter of Blackburn Rovers. He devoted a lot of time to his allotment on Revidge. He used to speak of his "strawberry patch"; in fact, he was quite a successful gardener and grew vast quantities of other produce besides strawberries. He retired from Queen Elizabeth's in the summer of 1958, and he had an active and enjoyable retirement.

Mr Lewney, who lived at 28 Albany Road, Blackburn, leaves a widow, Mrs Hilda May Lewney, and a son, Mr Gerald Lewney, an Old Blackburnian (1933-43) who is married, with two children, and teaches at Carisbrooke Grammar School, Newport, Isle of Wight.

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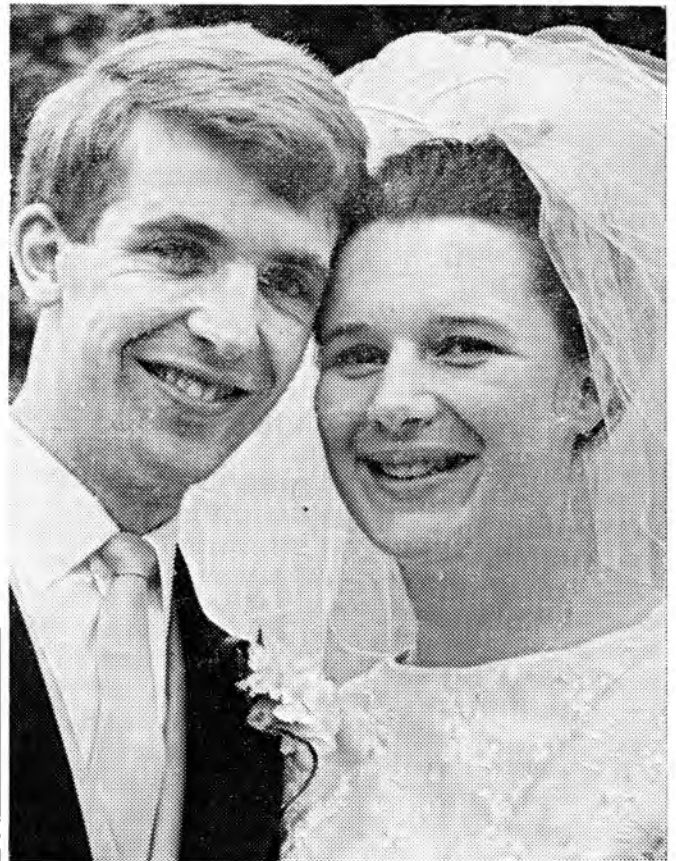
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**Mr Michael Geoffrey Sumner (1955-63) and Miss Lynn Eccles are pictured after their wedding at St Mark's Church, Witton, on August 3.**

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- Howard Christopher Seymour (1956-62) and Margaret Christine Hargreaves, Immanuel Church, Feniscowles, in December.
- John Robert Marsden (1958-63) and Judith Mary Batten, Chapel Street Congregational Church, Blackburn, in January.
- David J. Ford (1952-57) and Patricia Wright, West Bromwich Register Office.
- Stewart Richard Duxbury (1956-65) and Jean Mary Bell, St Mark's Church, Witton, in February.
- John Edward Dixon (1957-64) and June Mary Sandiford, St James's Church, Blackburn, in March.
- James Anthony Wilson (1954-61) and Eleanor Heather Weall, St Silas's Church, Blackburn, in June.
- George Calvert (1955-63) and Anne Rita Park, St Leonard's Church, Balderstone, in August.
- Philip Leonard Jones (1951-61) and Judy Freda Walmsley, St Silas's Church, Blackburn, in August.
- Geoffrey Roger Coulthard (1947-54) and Audrey Anne Hargreaves, St Silas's Church, Blackburn, in August.
- Stephen Joseph Monk (1954-61) and Susan Southworth, St Gabriel's Church, Blackburn, in August.
- Michael C. Holgate (1953-64) and Marilyn Whittaker, Chapel Street Congregational Church, Blackburn, in August.
- Michael Neild (1957-63) and Anne V. Brown, St John Vianney's Church, Blackburn, in August.
- Ian Pickup (1956-63) and Anne Hacking, St Bartholomew's Church, Blackburn, in August.
- Michael John Harding (1951-60) and Jacqueline Marjorie Stott, St James's Church, Darwen, in August.
- David Graham Winterbottom (1953-60) and Maureen Wood, All Saints' Church, Clayton-le-Moors, in August.
- Michael Crossley (1956-64) and Anne Marchant, Acton Road Church, Eshwinning, Co. Durham, in September.
- Roger Barham (1957-63) and Anne Wolstenholme, St Oswald's Church, Knuzden, Blackburn, in September.
- Malcolm Stuart Hatch (1958-65) and Ann Latham, Church of the Saviour, Blackburn, in September.
- Kenneth Neil Bradley (1950-58) and Susan Elizabeth Sewell, Royal Church of St Anne, Kew, in September.

## Poet's work in 1968 collection

A poem entitled "Virginia" by Mr Robindra Nath Sarkar (1959-67) has been published in "Top Poets of 1968," a collection published by the Golden Eagle Press, of Leicester.

Mr Sarkar, who lives in Sandy Lane, Lower Darwen, is an executive officer in the Civil Service, working at the Bolton branch of the Ministry of Social Security.

He saw an advertisement in a national newspaper asking for manuscripts and sent off "Virginia" and about five other poems. These were among the ten thousand or so which the publishers received from all parts of the country.

Mr Sarkar has had other poems published in the poetry magazine, "Parnassus."

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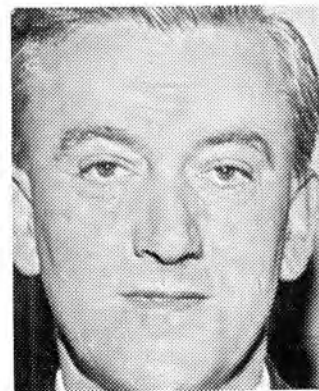
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Mr Howarth



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## Two promoted in Blackburn police

Two old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School were promoted in Blackburn borough police force in May. They were Inspector Norman Richard Howarth, aged 39, who became detective chief inspector and took charge of the Criminal Investigation Department, and Sergeant Colin Fulcher White, aged 41, who became inspector.

Mr Howarth, who lives at 11 Hillcrest Road, Fenisccliffe, attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1940 to 1945. He spent his two years' national service in the Royal Air Force police and joined Blackburn borough police force as a constable in 1950. He served on the beat until he moved to clerical duties in the CID in 1955 and later became aliens and firearms officer.

He was promoted detective sergeant on operational and special branch duties in 1959 and moved to the patrol section in 1965 when he became inspector, attending Bramhill Police College, Hampshire.

Mr Howarth is married and has a 20-year-old daughter, who is at college.

Mr White has been juvenile liaison officer and deputy press liaison officer since 1965. He attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1938 to 1943 and joined the borough treasurer's department of Blackburn Corporation when he left School. He worked there, with a break of two-and-a-half years for service in the Royal Navy, until 1951, when he joined Blackburn borough police force.

In 1961 he moved to the communications branch. Later he transferred to the traffic section and in 1963 he was promoted patrol sergeant.

Mr White, who lives at 75 Shear Brow, Blackburn, is married and has five children—three boys and two girls.

### Inspector Warner

The last issue of MAGISTER omitted to report that Sergeant James Warner (1943-48) had been promoted inspector in Blackburn borough police force. Our apologies.



Mr Woodend

## Now a chief inspector

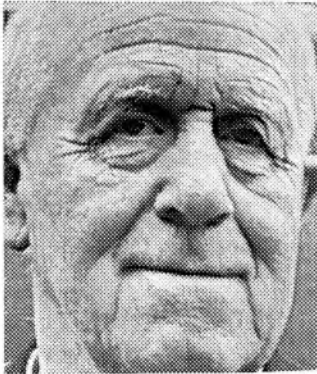
Inspector Norman Brian Woodend, officer in charge of administration at the headquarters of the Reedley division of the Lancashire Constabulary, was promoted chief inspector in May and appointed chief clerk in the Bury division.

Mr Woodend, who is 36, was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1943 to 1947, when he joined the Lancashire Constabulary as a cadet. After completing his national service with the Royal Artillery, he rejoined the Lancashire Constabulary in 1952 and served at Ashton-under-Lyne, Urmston, and Bury before moving to Reedley in 1962. He moved to Nelson two years later and after attending Bramhill Police College, Hampshire, was promoted inspector in 1966 before being transferred back to Reedley.

Mr Woodend, who is married and has three children, was a founder member of the Lancashire Constabulary motor club and was formerly its competition secretary. His new address is 36 Brookdene Road, Unsworth, Bury.

# US librarian shows his wife the old home town

Mr Frank Ward, an old boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School who has made his home in the United States, returned to Blackburn for a month's holiday last summer and brought his wife with him on her first visit to Britain.



Canon Harding

## Back to QEGS after 38 years

A welcome visitor to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School last May was Canon John Ambrose Harding, of Guernsey. He was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1904 to 1906.

Canon Harding had travelled North to preach at St John's Church, Great Harwood, as the guest of the vicar, the Rev Edwin Davey, and he took the opportunity to have a look round Blackburn and, in particular, his old School—which he had not seen for 38 years.

He is a much-travelled man. From Queen Elizabeth's he went to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Faversham, and then to Oxford. He served in India during the First World War. He was ordained at Canterbury Cathedral in 1921 and returned to India as a Government chaplain in 1926.

He was in Burma during the Japanese invasion and managed to escape. Afterwards he continued his work as a garrison chaplain, this time in the Lucknow diocese.

He has also been in Jamaica, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Australia, and was finally rector of a parish in Guernsey. He retired in 1965, and lives at Plympton Cottage, Rohais, Guernsey.

## Brighton post

Mr P. N. Mercer (1947-58) has been appointed lecturer in electronics at Brighton College of Technology.

It was Mr Ward's third trip home to Blackburn since he emigrated.

"We'd heard so much about your economic situation that we pictured everyone running around in rags!" he said. "But this isn't so at all—it's like an affluent society." Mary, his wife, added: "It was like stepping into another world after what we'd heard."

Mr Ward attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1941 to 1946 and worked as a cataloguer at Blackburn public library after leaving School. He had been deputy borough librarian at Accrington for a year when, in 1956, the "spirit of adventure" seized him and he emigrated to Canada, taking a job at a library in Ontario.

A year later he moved to Toledo, Ohio, where he now lives, and found work as a branch librarian at Toledo public library. In 1965 he started a course at the University of Toledo and graduated last June with a BA honours degree in political science. During the last university semester, from November to June, he worked as a reference librarian in the university library.

In September he entered the University of Michigan on a \$3,000 scholarship to study for his master's degree in library science. He hopes eventually to find a permanent job in a university library.

Mr and Mrs Ward stayed with Mr Ward's mother in Cherry Street and spent a month looking up old friends in Blackburn. They also visited Scotland and London before returning home to Toledo.

## Managing editor of press group

Mr Harold Stanley Liversedge (1939-1943) has been appointed managing editor of West Cheshire Newspapers, part of the weekly division of the Liverpool Daily Post and Echo.

He joined the group as production editor last spring after 12 years as assistant northern sports editor of The People, Manchester.

He was previously with the Lancashire Evening Telegraph, Blackburn; the Manchester Evening News; the News Chronicle; and the Daily Express. He lives at 23 Westmorland Road, Sale, Cheshire.



Mr and Mrs Ward pictured in Blackburn during their holiday last summer.

## Missing in the North Pacific

Mr Gordon Martin (1949-56) has been missing since a three-ton trimaran, Pathfinder, capsized in the North Pacific in May. He and three other men were sailing from Japan to Canada.

The vessel's dinghy, which was equipped with an outboard motor, has not been found, and it is hoped that Mr Martin and his companions were able to reach land. It is thought that they may have landed on some isolated coast, possibly that of China.

## Housing manager at Hull

Mr John Michael Shaw (1949-57), chief administrative officer in Blackburn Corporation housing department, has been appointed resident housing manager with Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation.

## Studying the problem of aircraft noise

Mr Kenneth Heron (1954-61) is working at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, on a plan to make air travel more congenial.

During the past few months he has been spending much of his time inside a new noise analysis chamber in an effort to find the perfect noise cushion for passenger cabins in British aircraft. In August he flew to Libya on another stage of his research.

The idea is to have just enough engine hum to prevent passengers overhearing the talk of other people but with no need to shout when the engines are running at peak power.

Mr Heron went to Bristol University after leaving Queen Elizabeth's and is now working for his PhD. His wife, Patricia, who is also a graduate, is on research work with Ferranti at Bracknell. They live at Wokingham.



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Flying Officer Catlow

## Helicopter pilot in Cyprus

Royal Air Force helicopters are playing a vital role in support of the United Nations peace-keeping force in Cyprus. One of the pilots is Flying Officer Michael W. Catlow, who attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1952 to 1959 and joined the Royal Air Force in 1964.

Flying Officer Catlow joined No. 230 Squadron in 1966 and has spent seven months in Borneo. When a detachment of No. 230 Squadron took over duties in Cyprus recently the pilots flew their four single-engined Whirlwind helicopters more than 2,300 miles from RAF Odiham, Hampshire, to RAF Nicosia in four days with eight stops in France, Italy, and Greece.

## OB is promoted Wing Commander

Squadron Leader Stanley Pomfret (1942-49) has been promoted Wing Commander. He joined the Royal Air Force as a national serviceman in 1949 and was selected for pilot training. He has served as a day and night fighter pilot and as a flying instructor.

He was a staff instructor at the Central Flying School in 1956-57 and again from 1961 to 1963 as Officer Commanding Advanced Examining Squadron. In 1964 he attended the Royal Air Force Staff College and was afterwards posted to the Ministry of Defence on the staff of the Air Member for Personnel. Since January he has been on the staff of the Director-General of Organisation (RAF).

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## Mullard post as personnel officer

Mr Ronald George Harrison (1945-53) has been appointed establishment personnel officer at the Mullard Simonstone works. He was previously personnel officer at Mullard Magnetic Components, Southport.

The change meant a big increase in responsibility. The Southport works employed about 600, but the Simonstone factory has over 2,000 employees.

Mr Harrison was School vice-captain when he was at Queen Elizabeth's. He went on to Leeds University and was commissioned during his national service.

He joined Mullard's in 1959 and has worked at the Blackburn factory. He was at one time chairman of the Blackburn Industrial Safety Group. He is married, and has a young daughter.

## Work starts on new block

Construction of the new block at Queen Elizabeth's started in the early autumn. Massive concrete supports have been sunk in the lower playground off Duke's Brow, and a vast quantity of earth has been scooped away from the grassy slope which runs down to it.

The development fund is already close to the sum required for the building programme. But any old boys who have not yet made their contributions are urged to do so immediately.



Mr George Wade (1947-1952) was the first recipient of Blackburn Junior Chamber of Commerce's Member of the Year award. Mr Wade (above left) is pictured receiving the trophy, a silver salver, from Mr Peter Houldsworth, president, as Mr Tony Bullock, president-elect, looks on.

## Westholme to be a 'QEGS for girls'

Plans to develop Westholme School, Blackburn, as an independent girls' grammar school with full sixth-form facilities were announced in March. Sixth-form studies will begin in September next year, and the school will eventually cater for more than 500 pupils.

The headmaster, Mr A. R. Rouse, said: "We are aiming at a school similar to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, but for girls."

He added: "We are the only recognised independent school for senior girls in this part of Lancashire. We are trying to satisfy a demand. It is a reaction to the Government's education policies."

The school is now owned by Westholme School Ltd., a company with charitable status, and members of the board have been nominated by parents. The members are: Mr W. I. Woolley (chairman), Canon C. W. D. Carroll, Mr T. Crompton, Mr J. B. Haworth, Mrs H. Ingham, Mr E. Norcross, Mr J. N. Prest, and Mr J. Smith.

The development will cost £92,500. At the time of the announcement £63,150 had already been raised. A £26,000 appeal may be launched next year to finance the second phase of the project.

Mr Woolley said that it was intended to offer scholarships for entry to the Upper School at the age of 11. Mr Prest said that in all probability the scholarships would be extended as time went on.

Westholme School was founded in 1923 by Miss E. H. Singleton as a preparatory school with seven pupils. Mr and Mrs Rouse took over as co-principals in January, 1950, with 166 pupils, and the school now has 323.

## Two families emigrate to Australia

Mr Stewart R. Duxbury and his wife, Jean, emigrated to Australia in August. They intended to make their home in Sydney.

Mr Duxbury (1956-65), who gained an honours degree in electrical engineering at Leeds University in June, was to take up a post in telecommunications with the Australian Post Office.

Mr Barrie Heald (1945-50) has emigrated to Australia with his wife and four sons. He is working at the Australian satellite tracking station at Carnarvon, in Western Australia.

Mr Heald, an electronic engineer, worked for Mullards at Blackburn after leaving School and spent three years as a wireless operator in the Royal Air Force. For the last 13 years he has worked for the BBC in Bristol and in Cheshire.

### New address

Mr Thomas L. Duerden, organist emeritus of Blackburn Cathedral and formerly director of music at Queen Elizabeth's, and Mrs Duerden have moved. Their new address is Long Acre, 48 Ribchester Road, Blackburn; tel. Blackburn 47101.

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# Degrees and things . . .

The following old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School have gained academic or professional qualifications:

- A. Allister (1958-64) graduated BSc honrs. metallurgy, Newcastle upon Tyne University; appointed to graduate traineeship with the Joseph Lucas Group.
- R. D. Allsup (1955-62) awarded a Science Research Council research studentship for distinguished work in civil engineering, Leeds University.
- P. J. Astley (1955-62) gained PhD electrochemistry, Newcastle upon Tyne University; joined Imperial Metals Ltd., Birmingham, as research chemist.
- J. Astley (1958-65) graduated BA first-class honrs. zoology, biology, and theology, Downing College, Cambridge; awarded a college prize.
- K. Aspin (1958-65) awarded teacher's certificate, St Martin's College, Lancaster; accepted for Voluntary Service Overseas at Madras Christian College School, India.
- J. Barker (1958-64) graduated BSc honrs. biology, Durham University; joined Pfizer's Ltd.
- N. Barton (1958-65) graduated BA honrs. geography, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.
- D. E. Bland (1952-59) awarded PhD, Sheffield University.
- A. Bleasdale (1954-59) passed final examination of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.
- B. Bolton (1958-65) graduated BSc special honrs. entomology, Imperial College, London; awarded Associateship of the Royal College of Science; elected Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society.
- D. R. Bolton (1957-64) graduated BA honrs. modern and medieval languages, Queens' College, Cambridge.
- G. Bond (1959-65) awarded Associateship of the Royal College of Music.
- J. R. Edmundson (1957-64) graduated BSc honrs. chemistry, Durham University.
- N. T. Edwards (1956-63) graduated BA honrs. French, Manchester University; joined Whinney Murray, chartered accountants, of Manchester.
- D. I. Forbes (1954-63) passed Part 2 of the Law Society's qualifying examination.
- J. F. Forbes (1951-61) graduated BSc honrs. civil engineering, Swansea University.
- J. A. Foster (1957-65) graduated BSc honrs. colour chemistry, Leeds University; joined Viyella International as process technician.



**Mr Peter Lamster (1958-65) has graduated LLB honrs. (London) at the Manchester College of Commerce. He is now studying for the Law Society's final examination.**

- P. H. Gaskill (1955-63) elected to a by-fellowship, Downing College, Cambridge.
- G. D. Hall (1953-59) graduated BD (London external); ordained to the Methodist ministry.
- N. L. Hanson (1958-65) graduated BEng first-class honrs. civil engineering, Liverpool University; appointed assistant engineer, Basildon Development Corporation.
- M. O. Hardacre (1957-65) awarded teacher's certificate, St John's College, York; joined staff of Priory School, Dunstable.
- B. Harker (1956-62) graduated BVMS, Glasgow Veterinary Medicine and Surgery College; appointed house surgeon, Glasgow Veterinary College.
- D. Haworth (1955-65) graduated BSc first-class honrs. computer science, Manchester University; joined International Computers and Tabulators.
- W. S. Higson (1957-65) graduated BSc honrs. chemical engineering, Manchester University Institute of Science and Technology.
- M. C. Holgate (1956-64) graduated BA honrs. modern languages, Durham University.
- J. R. Holmes (1958-65) graduated BSc first-class honrs. physics, Imperial College, London.
- P. L. Ide (1958-64) graduated LLB, University College, London; to be articulated to the Town Clerk of Rochdale.
- B. James (1960-62) passed Part 2 of the Institute of Chartered Accountants final examination.
- R. J. Jones (1958-64) graduated BA honrs. theoretical physics, Downing College, Cambridge.

- C. H. Land (1948-57) awarded Diploma of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
- I. F. Law (1958-65) awarded teacher's certificate, The College, Chester; joined staff of St James's Church of England Primary School, Blackburn.
- J. B. Leeming (1951-58) awarded PhD for research in fishery biology, Liverpool University.
- P. Longman (1957-64) graduated BSc civil engineering, Glasgow University; joined staff of Hertfordshire County Council.
- D. M. Martin (1958-65) graduated BA honrs. physics, St Catherine's College, Oxford.
- R. Maltby (1948-53) passed primary examination for Fellow of Faculty of Anaesthetics of Royal College of Surgeons.
- C. L. Mercer (1947-62) graduated BA honrs. geography, St Peter's College, Oxford.
- M. Neild (1957-63) graduated BTech applied physics, Brunel University.
- G. G. Nixon (1958-65) graduated BA honrs. French and German, Nottingham University; joined accountancy staff of Legal and General Assurance Co. Ltd.
- A. P. Parkinson (1957-65) graduated BSc honrs. physics, Leeds University; joined operational research staff of Milk Marketing Board.
- S. G. Parkinson (1958-65) graduated BSc computer sciences, Manchester University; joined circuit technology department, English Electric Computers Ltd., Kidsgrove, Staffordshire.
- K. S. Pemberton (1958-65) graduated BSc honrs. chemical engineering, Leeds University; joined general chemicals division of Laporte Industries Ltd.
- I. Pickup (1956-63) awarded major state studentship for distinguished work in the French department, Leeds University.
- E. Race (1959-64) graduated BSc dyeing, Leeds University; appointed textile technologist with Stevensons (Dyers) Ltd., Derby.
- A. J. Robinson (1956-64) graduated BSc agriculture, Newcastle University.
- I. D. Sagar (1955-61) graduated BA economics, Manchester University.
- J. I. Sharp (1957-65) graduated BA honrs. psychology, Hatfield College, Durham University; joined programme operations, BBC.
- P. D. Simm (1957-63) graduated BVSc, Liverpool University; elected member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons; joined British United Turkeys, Chester.



**Mr Stuart Ormerod (1956-62) has graduated MB, ChB at Glasgow University. He is an acting surgeon lieutenant in the Royal Navy and is spending six months each at hospitals in Glasgow and Bristol before he begins five years' naval service.**

- S. W. Slater (1957-64) graduated BSc (Tech.), University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology; appointed development chemist with Scapa Dryers Ltd.
- P. F. Snowden (1963-65) graduated BA first-class honrs. philosophy, politics,



**Mr Robert M. Ibbotson (1953-62) has graduated MB, BS at Guy's Hospital, London, and has been awarded an honours diploma in biochemistry. He has been elected a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons and a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians and has been appointed a house physician at Guy's Hospital.**

- and economics, University College Oxford.
- M. Stirrup (1960-66) gained Poetry Society's highest Shakespearean award, with honours.
- R. Thompson (1956-63) awarded MSc statistics, Newcastle upon Tyne University.
- P. R. Vlies (1955-60) graduated BA first-class honrs. natural sciences, Pembroke College, Cambridge; elected Scholar of Pembroke.
- F. J. Ward (1941-46) graduated BA honrs. political science, Toledo University, Ohio.
- P. S. Watson (1957-63) graduated BArch honrs., Sheffield University.
- R. Whitehead (1940-44) elected Associate of the Textile Institute.
- I. R. Wilkinson (1954-59) passed with distinction the final examination of the Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters; awarded prize for most meritorious paper in 1967 examinations.
- K. I. Wilkinson (1953-60) awarded PhD for research in elementary particle physics, Oxford University.
- D. I. Wilkinson (1955-65) awarded teacher's certificate; joined staff of Ingram Secondary Boys' School, Croydon.
- G. D. Wood (1956-63) graduated BSc honrs. mechanical engineering, Salford University.

## Chief laboratory technician

Mr Alan J. Lord (1942-47) has been appointed chief laboratory technician for Preston and Chorley Hospital Management Committee.

Mr Lord worked in Blackburn group hospitals from the time he left School. He was latterly chief technician at Queen's Park Hospital.

## Southampton Chair

Dr D. W. Barron (1946-53) has been elected to the Chair of Computer Science at Southampton University.



**Mr David Graham Whalley (1955-63) has qualified as a doctor at St Andrews University, graduating MB, ChB. He has been appointed a houseman at Perth Royal Infirmary.**

- I. Boswell (1956-61) graduated BSc honrs. mechanical engineering, City University, London.
- E. Collins (1958-65) graduated BSc pharmacy, Sunderland Technical College.
- E. C. Doran (1958-65) graduated BA honrs. economics, Lancaster University.
- R. Doughty (1958-65) graduated BA first-class honrs. German, Downing College, Cambridge; awarded an exhibition and college prize.
- D. Dunn (1958-65) awarded Dip.Ed. (Music), Goldsmith's College, London.
- S. R. Duxbury (1956-65) graduated BSc honrs. electrical engineering, Leeds University.
- M. H. Eccles (1956-61) graduated BSc honrs. mechanical engineering, Salford University.

# Old Blacks have cocktails at the House of Lords

Lord Woolley of Hatton gave a reception and cocktail party at the House of Lords in June for the London branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association. More than 70 old boys and their wives and guests attended.

The party was held in the Cholmondeley Room of the House of Lords and those present were also able to enjoy their drinks on the Peers' Terrace overlooking the Thames.

The arrangements for the evening were made by the president of the London branch, Mr H. Brogden, who is headmaster of Brighton, Hove, and Sussex Grammar School. Mr Brogden proposed a toast to Queen Elizabeth's, and the headmaster, Mr Douglas J. Coulson, responded.

Guests were given a warm welcome by Lord and Lady Woolley and Mr and Mrs Brogden, and before they left were

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taken on a conducted tour of the House of Lords.

It was a magnificent and memorable occasion for which the organisers deserve high praise.

Mrs Barbara Castle, MP for Blackburn, and Mr Fred Blackburn, MP for Stalybridge and Hyde, were unable to be present. Apologies were also received from Professor J. Varey, chairman of the London branch; Mr K. M. Knott, treasurer; and Mr F. Coggins, Mr J. Lee, Mr T. Gibson, Mr T. Holden,



**Lord Woolley greets Mr and Mrs Coulson.**

Mr E. B. Norman, and Mr H. L. Schollick.

Present from Blackburn were Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors, and Mrs. Hare; Mr and Mrs Coulson; Mr Harry King, senior chemistry master and acting secretary of the association, and Mrs King; Mr Eric Sagar, chairman, and Mrs Sagar; and Mr and Mrs Tom Sharratt.

Blackburn High School Old Girls' Association was represented by Mrs A. C. Adcock and Mr Adcock and Mrs J. Hudson and Mr Hudson. The guests also included Mr W. H. Butler, secretary of the Lancastrian Association.

Members of the London branch who attended were: Mr and Mrs H. Abel; Mr and Mrs L. P. Bamford, Mr and Mrs

D. H. R. Brearley, Mr and Mrs J. Calderbank, Mr and Mrs B. O. Corbett, Mr and Mrs W. L. Crossley, Mr and Mrs J. D. Foster, Mr and Mrs H. Hargreaves, Mr and Mrs R. Haworth, Mr G. Haymes, Mr and Mrs N. T. Holden, Mr and Mrs C. Houghton, Mr and Mrs R. Isherwood, Mr J. C. Lancaster, Dr and Mrs A. J. Mudd, Sir Benjamin Ormerod, Mr and Mrs P. N. Price, Dr and Mrs F. Ridehalgh, Mr and Mrs G. Smith, Mr T. K. Southworth, Mr E. Standcliffe, Major and Mrs H. Standcliffe, Mr F. A. Stonehouse, Mr and Mrs C. W. Strack, Mr and Mrs M. W. Taylor, Mr and Mrs T. Taylor, Mr and Mrs T. E. Tomlinson, Mr F. Tyson, Mr and Mrs R. Vipond, Mr and Mrs F. McI. Walker, Mr and Mrs N. E. Watson, Lt-Col. and Mrs J. Whitaker, and Mr and Mrs H. Wilkinson.



**Mr and Mrs Tomlinson (centre) with Mr and Mrs Isherwood.**



**Mr Haworth (left), Dr Ridehalgh, and Mr Foster.**



**Above: Mr Brogden (left), Lord Woolley, and Mr Hare. Left: Mr and Mrs King (left) with Mr and Mrs Sagar.**



# Lecturer is chief guest at Oxford

Mr Michael J. Beetham, an old boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School who is now a lecturer in mathematics at St Andrews University, was chief guest at the thirty-third annual dinner of the Oxford branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association, which was held at St Catherine's College, Oxford, on Saturday, February 24, 1968.

Among those in the Blackburn party were Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors; Mr Norman Jepson, vice-chairman; Mr E. C. Marsden and Alderman R. H. G. Horne, governors; Mr Douglas J. Coulson, headmaster; Mr Fred Bury, second master, senior mathematics master, and treasurer of the association; Mr Eric Sagar, association chairman; Mr Harry King, senior chemistry master and immediate past chairman of the association; Mr Ronald Hunter, School bursar; and Lieutenant-Commander Martin Fletcher, director of the School's quatercentenary appeal campaign.

The guests also included Mr Brian H. Kemball-Cook, formerly headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's and now headmaster of Bedford Modern School, and Mr Albert Eastham, an old boy who formerly taught at Queen Elizabeth's and now lectures in Oxford.

The loyal toast was proposed by the chairman of the Oxford branch, Mr Ernest Byrom, who also proposed "The School," to which Mr Coulson replied. The toast to "Our Guests" was proposed by Mr Russell Gillam, and Mr Beetham responded.

Mr Hare mentioned the proposal that a reunion should be held at Oxford of all those Old

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Blackburnians who had gone on to that ancient university. He thought that such a gathering might fill a college hall—whether Magdalen or Christ Church he could not be sure—and hoped that it would not be long before such an event was arranged.

The twenty-fifth annual dinner of the Cambridge branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held at the Royal Cambridge Hotel, Cambridge, on the previous evening, Friday, February 23. In addition to the Blackburn party the guests included Professor Gordon Manley, president of the Old Blackburnians' Association, and Mr Geoffrey H. Tate, formerly senior geography master at Queen Elizabeth's and now deputy headmaster of the new Church of England comprehensive school at Crawley, Sussex.

The loyal toast was proposed by the president of the Cambridge branch, Mr Jeffrey Astley. Mr Roger Holt proposed "The School," and Mr Coulson replied. The toast to "Our Guests" was proposed by Mr Roger Hargreaves, and a response was made by the chief guest, Mr Tom Sharratt.

Foster responded.

At the annual general meeting which followed tribute was paid to the retiring secretary, Mr Denis H. R. Brearley, who is succeeded by Mr Paul Price. Mr Frank Stonehouse retired from office as chairman owing to pressure of business, and Professor John Varey was elected to succeed him.

Other appointments were: president: Mr Harry Brogden; treasurer: Mr Keith Knott; auditor: Mr F. Coggins; liaison officer: Mr King; committee: Mr J. Haworth, Mr C. Houghton, Mr R. Isherwood, Mr R. Vipond, Mr Brearley, Mr H. Wilkinson, and Mr D. Bateman.

## Yorkshire branch supper evening

The Yorkshire branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association held an informal supper evening at the Ainsty Hotel, York, on Friday, May 10. More than 30 members and their wives and guests attended.

Mr Jim Mortimer, branch chairman, welcomed the guests, and the headmaster, Mr Douglas J. Coulson, replied. It was the third event of its kind and was voted a great success. The arrangements were made by Mr Guy Shuttleworth.



Mr Collow

## KEITH COLLOW GOES INTO INDUSTRY

Mr Charles Keith Collow, chief youth employment officer in Blackburn for the past eleven years, has resigned to take up an appointment on the retail services side of Shellmex-BP in Manchester.

Mr Collow, who is 41, attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1939 to 1944. He joined Blackburn youth employment bureau in 1948 as a trainee officer and left in 1955 for a job as district youth employment officer at Thornaby-on-Tees, in the North Riding of Yorkshire. He returned to Blackburn as head of the youth employment bureau in 1957.

Mr Collow, who is married and has an 11-year-old daughter, is still living in Blackburn. He formerly served on the committee of the Old Blackburnians' Association.

## Music producer for Radio Leeds

Mr Ralph Robinson (1944-51) has been appointed music producer for Radio Leeds, one of the new BBC local radio stations.

Mr Robinson, who is 35, had his first experience of broadcasting at a local radio station in the United States when as a Rotary scholar nominated by Blackburn Rotary Club he studied journalism at the University of Georgia in the 1950s. He took his degree in modern languages at Manchester University.

He spent two years working on a newspaper in Cumberland and later joined Reuters in London. He joined the BBC as a sub-editor in the overseas newsroom four years ago.

## Mr Lund gives staff lessons in first aid

A 14-year-old boy became a real-life patient for 19 of the masters at Queen Elizabeth's. They were attending the final session of a first-aid course run by Mr Derek Lund, the School marshal, when the boy fell on steps outside the School and broke his leg in two places.

Mr Lund took two of the masters to give first aid to the boy while the others watched from windows. Later, he said:

"I demonstrated how to immobilise a fractured leg in such awkward circumstances. All the masters naturally appreciated how important it was to keep up a young patient's spirits by reassuring him that he was in good hands and not in any great danger. Our job was done by the time the ambulance arrived. It was a coincidence that just before the boy fell the masters were learning how to give first aid for a broken leg."

All the masters passed the course, and are now qualified to teach first aid to boys between 11 and 15.

Mr Lund is honorary secretary of the Blackburn centre of the St John Ambulance Association.

## Senior post in the Oddfellows

Mr Frank Shorrock (1906-09) has been elected vice-president of the Lancashire and Adjacent Districts Group Conference of the Manchester Unity of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.

Mr Shorrock, who lives in Granville Road, Blackburn, is the senior trustee of the Blackburn District of Oddfellows and an active member of the Loyal Commission Lodge.

He is a former provincial grand master and a member of the order's investigation committee. He is also a member of the East Lancashire Cricket Club and Blackburn Golf Club.

## Engineering post

Mr Charles Michael Sloan (1949-1954), assistant engineer in the borough engineer's department at Torquay, has been appointed chief engineering assistant in the borough engineer's department at Thetford, Norfolk.

## Council surveyor

Mr Richard Readfern (1942-45), deputy surveyor with Hadleigh Urban District Council, Suffolk, has been appointed surveyor and public health inspector to Withnell Urban District Council.



Mr Ainsworth



Mr McLeod

## Old Blacks take top posts in banking

Mr John Edwin Ainsworth (1919-22) has been appointed joint general manager of the National Provincial Bank. He was previously assistant general manager.

Mr Ainsworth joined the bank at Blackburn in 1927. He moved to Nottingham in 1939 and later to the London head office advance department.

He became a bank inspector in 1951 and chief controller of the advance department in 1956. In 1965 he was promoted head of the department and later that year became assistant general manager of the bank.

Mr Tom McLeod (1928-38), manager since 1960 of the West Bromwich branch of Martins Bank, has been appointed manager of the Blackburn branch.

Mr Jeffrey Rigby (1938-43) has been appointed manager of the Rawtenstall branch of the District Bank. He joined the bank as a junior clerk at Haslingden when he left School.

Mr Douglas Shorrocks (1935-40) has been appointed manager of the Burnley branch of the Westminster Bank. He joined the bank in Blackburn when he left School and served in the Royal Navy from 1942 to 1946. He worked in Blackburn, Manchester, and Bolton before being appointed sub-manager of the Ormskirk branch in 1963. Two years later he returned to Bolton in a similar position.

Mr Ronald M. Fairbairn (1930-32) has been appointed manager of the Knutsford branch of Barclays Bank. He was previously manager of the Lymm branch.

Mr Eric Minton Gabbott (1938-43), assistant to the manager of the Piccadilly branch of Barclays Bank in Manchester, has been appointed manager of the Daubhill branch at Bolton.

Mr Stanley Atkin Johnston (1937-41) has been appointed manager of the Ramsbottom branch of Williams Deacon's Bank. He was previously accountant at the Bolton branch.

Mr John L. Waddington (1941-45) has been appointed manager of the Nelson branch of the Yorkshire Bank. He joined the bank in Blackburn when he left School and worked

at branches in East Lancashire before moving to Leicester in 1960. In 1965 he was appointed manager of the bank's branch in Printing Office Street, Doncaster.

Mr Eric West (1933-39), who began a banking career in Blackburn when he left School, became manager of Lloyds Bank, Sunderland, in May last year.

Mr Peter M. Houldsworth (1945-49) has been appointed assistant manager of the Dewsbury branch of Martins Bank. He was previously for five years accountant at the Blackburn branch.

Mr J. J. Haworth (1946-50) has been appointed an assistant manager of Lloyds Bank at Huddersfield. He was formerly a member of the bank's inspection staff based in Birmingham.

Mr Alan Blackshaw (1946-51), aged 32, of Heather Brae, St Lawrence Avenue, Blackburn, has been appointed clerk-in-charge at The Rock branch of Martins Bank in Bury.

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#### Assistant professor in Canada

Mr Ian Duerden (1952-58) is an assistant professor in the Engineering School of the University of Western Ontario—the second largest in the province, with 8,000 students—and teaches metallurgy in a new and growing department.

According to latest news he was to marry Miss Pamela Yeo at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, on June 15. He lives at Apt. 701, 1178 Adelaide Street, London, Ontario.

#### Group secretary

Mr Alan W. Cunliffe (1934-39) has been appointed group secretary to the Prestwich Hospital Management Committee.

#### Tory candidate

Mr Ian MacGregor (1942-47) has been chosen as prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate for Heywood and Royton.

#### Not standing

Mr Fred Blackburn (1916-20), MP for Stalybridge and Hyde since 1950, has announced that he will not be contesting the constituency at the next general election.

#### Two elected

Mr Brian Armistead (1947-55) has been elected vice-chairman of Blackburn Greys Round Table and Mr Eric Greenwood (1950-57) secretary.

#### Solicitor promoted

Mr Brian Birtwistle (1948-57) has been appointed senior assistant solicitor to Salford Corporation.

## Two appointed to senior English posts

Mr Rodney M. Dean (1948-55) has been appointed head of the English department at Tiffin Boys' School, Kingston-upon-Thames. He took up his new post in September.

Mr Dean, who is married, with one child, read English at New College, Oxford, and went on to the Department of Education at Cambridge. He taught English at Tiffin Boys' School for seven years before he was appointed a lecturer in English at Whitelands Training College, London, in 1967.

Mr D. L. Lloyd (1948-54) has been appointed head of the English department at Kington High School and is now living at 4 Westfield Crescent, Wellesbourne, Warwickshire.

After leaving School, Mr Lloyd spent his two years' national service with the Glider Pilot Regiment. He then took his BA degree at St John's College, Durham, and gained his education certificate at Liverpool. Until he took up his new post he taught English at Wirral County Grammar School, Bebington.

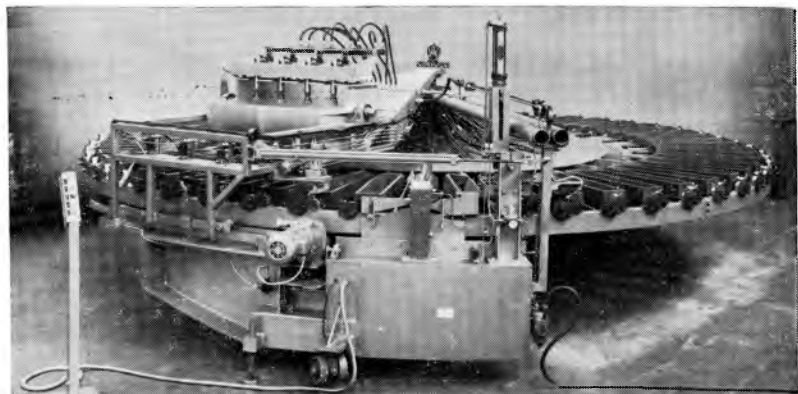
#### Deputy head

Mr Eric Turner (1947-53), until recently head of the modern languages department at St Wilfrid's CE Grammar School, Blackburn, has taken up a new appointment as deputy head of Moorisdale County Secondary School, Swinton.

#### PE post

Mr Richard Grogan (1957-64), of St James's Road, Blackburn, has taken up a physical education teaching post in Birmingham.

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Mr McCartney pictured at the Tower

## Looking after the Tower of London

Mr Robert McCartney's new job as a Deputy Governor of the Tower of London takes one of his childhood interests a big step further. For as a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Mr McCartney was in Raleigh and the romance surrounding Sir Walter has fascinated him all his life.

Right through his 37 years' service with the police force, much of it in Lancashire, he delved into the life of the gallant Elizabethan. And his new appointment brings with it residence in St. Thomas's Tower, where, it is said, Sir Walter married Elizabeth Throgmorton, one of the ladies of the court of Elizabeth I.

St Thomas's Tower became Mr McCartney's official residence on his appointment as one of two new Deputy Governors. He took up the post earlier this year, with responsibilities for the day-to-day organisation of staff, for the control of visitors—two million last year—and for the safety of the Tower.

This new post came on his retirement as Chief Constable of Herefordshire. He left the police with long-service and good conduct medals and the Queen's Police Medal. He received the OBE in the New Year Honours this year.

Mr McCartney was born in Blackburn in 1912. He attended Bangor Street Junior School and went on in 1924 to Queen Elizabeth's, where he won house colours for football. When he

left School in 1928 he joined Blackburn Corporation as a junior local government officer.

In 1930, however, he joined the Lancashire Constabulary as a police cadet at the King Street headquarters. He became a constable two years later and served successively in Darwen, Eccles, Boothstown, near Leigh, and Old Trafford. As a detective constable he moved to Morecambe and then served at the county police headquarters at Hutton and at Fleetwood. He was promoted sergeant and served in Preston, Trafford Park, and Swinton.

Promotion came quickly as he moved: sub-divisional inspector in Denton, chief inspector in headquarters traffic, detective chief inspector in headquarters CID, and then divisional superintendent at Bolton.

In January, 1956, he was appointed Assistant and Deputy Chief Constable of Monmouthshire, and he became Chief Constable of Herefordshire in July, 1958. He was director of senior staff course at Bramhill Police College, Hampshire, in 1964-65.

## Bride's father writes hymn for wedding



Mr Sharples

A hymn sung at the wedding of Miss Joan Sharples and Mr Roger Bradshaw at Blackburn Cathedral on September 6 was a very special hymn indeed. For it had been written for the occasion by the bride's father, Mr John Sharples, and the first letters of

the lines spelt out the surnames of the bride and bridegroom.

Mr Sharples, a Blackburn solicitor, attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1915 to 1919. It took him two days to write the hymn, and the music was composed by the Cathedral organist, Mr John Bortalot. These are the words:

*Show now Thyself and to us bring  
Here in this hallowed place  
An outflow of Thy love and light  
Reflected in Thy grace.  
Present we stand before Thy cross,  
Lifted on high above,  
Emblem of Thine own sacrifice,  
Symbolic of Thy love.  
Before Thee now our vows we make  
Remembering our frail wills;  
Anxious to gain Thy heavenly gifts  
Despite our earthly ills.  
So may we pledge heart, mind, and soul,  
Hallow ourselves in Thee;  
Assured of all Thy love and power,  
We shall Thy kingdom see.*

## A post as a management consultant

Mr John Harvey Bolton (1948-56) has been appointed a resident management consultant and partner with Urwick, Orr, and Partners Ltd., of London. At present he is on a six-month assignment in Zürich and on his return will live in London.

He was formerly a liaison manager with Clark's Overseas Shoes Ltd., of Street, Somerset, which he joined after taking his degree in modern languages at University College, Oxford.

His wife, Sybille, who formerly studied at Saarbrücken University, has gained an external upper second-class honours degree in French and German at London University. She has given up an appointment at the German Embassy to accompany her husband to Switzerland.

## Hooligans smash Charter Window

The magnificent stained glass of the Charter Window in Big School was damaged by hooligans on the evening of Sunday, April 14. Stones were thrown at the window and four of the five panels were damaged.

The broken sections were removed and taken away for repair by skilled craftsmen. They have now been replaced, and the new glass is indistinguishable from the old.

## French teacher leaves Billinge GS

Mr Miles Emmett Birtwell (1921-28), of Limefield Avenue, Whalley, ended a 22-year teaching period in Blackburn last December when he resigned as head of the French department at Billinge Grammar School.

Mr Birtwell was head of Grenville while a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's and was also a member of the school first eleven.

After graduating at Manchester University he began his teaching career in that city before moving to Accrington in 1935.

He saw active service during the war and was commissioned in the special duties branch of the RAF. He served in Canada and America and was also involved in the Sicily landings.

When he returned to Blackburn he took up an appointment at Blackburn Technical High School.

## New headship for Mr Crehan

Mr Thomas Crehan, headmaster of Belle Vue Boys' Grammar School, Bradford, and formerly senior English master at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, has been appointed headmaster of Huddersfield New College. Mr Crehan taught at Queen Elizabeth's from 1952 to 1959.

## Old Black played 'Nana's' TV prince

Discerning Blackburn viewers who watched the recent BBC-2 television serial production of Zola's "Nana" may have recognised a familiar face behind one bushy set of whiskers: the Prince was played by Frank Moorey (1948-56).

Mr Moorey, eldest of the three talented sons of Mr and Mrs A. Moorey, of Mellor, is making a name for himself in television and on the stage. He always wanted to be an actor, and took leading parts with the Dramatic Society when he was at Queen Elizabeth's. He also acted with the university dramatic society when he was at Keele University, where he read French and philosophy. Later, he appeared on the stage in Paris.

"I gained my first solid experience at Barrow in 'The Seven-Year Itch'," he said in an interview with the Blackburn Times. "I played opposite Gabrielle Laye, who was to become my wife."

Since then his experience has ranged from classics such as Hamlet at Barrow and Falkland in "The Rivals" at Dundee to farce with Jimmy Clitheroe at Blackpool and comedy with Naughton Wayne. He has also appeared as linkman in educational television programmes and in radio plays from Birmingham. Earlier this year he returned to Dundee after a varied season with Birmingham rep., and he had a successful audition with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

One interesting encounter took place on Frank's first appearance in Brendan Behan's "The Quare Fellow." He was directed in this by Ronald Eyre, with whom he had worked in "The Tempest" at Queen Elizabeth's when Mr Eyre was teaching English at the School.

### £100 award from Arts Council

Mr Ronald Eyre, a member of the Staff of Queen Elizabeth's in the 1950's, was awarded a £100 royalty by the Arts Council of Great Britain last November for his play "A Crack in the Ice," presented by Birmingham Repertory Theatre.

### Producer and star

Mr Michael Sharples (1947-55) produced and took a leading role in Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night" at Blackburn Arts Club's theatre in April.



Mr Gordon D. Henry (1947-1953) was installed on July 8 as president of Great Harwood and Rishton Rotary Club. Mr Henry (above left) is congratulated after his installation by a founder member of the club, Mr G. Cutbush. Looking on is Mr Patrick Keogh, treasurer.

## Alex Stuttard joins the Daily Express

Mr Alex Stuttard (1951-1956) was appointed a sub-editor on the features desk of the 'Daily Express' in Manchester in April. He has relinquished the editorship of MAGISTER, which he has held for two years.

Mr Stuttard, who is 28, was until he took up his new appointment a sub-editor with the Lancashire Evening Telegraph in Blackburn. On leaving School he trained as a journalist at the Blackburn Times and was awarded the proficiency certificate of the National Council for the Training of Journalists.

In 1962, after a short period as a reporter with the Lancashire Evening Telegraph, he joined ABC Television in Manchester as assistant press officer. He returned to the Lancashire Evening Telegraph in 1965 as a sub-editor.

Mr Stuttard, who is married and has three young children, is a former chairman of the East Lancashire branch of the National Union of Journalists. He is now living at 30 The Hall Coppice, Egerton, near Bolton.

### SINCERE THANKS

We extend our sincere thanks to Alex Stuttard for his splendid work in producing four excellent issues of MAGISTER. He brought to the task immense enthusiasm

allied to the highest professional skills and produced a fresh, lively, and highly readable magazine which has won acclaim from all who have seen it.

Not the least of his valuable contributions to the Old Blackburnians' Association was his professional guidance in the production of the Quatercentenary "Who's Who." The massive work of collating all the information received was greatly eased by his effective supervision and control.

We congratulate him on his new appointment and wish him every success in the years ahead, together with health and happiness for himself and his family.

H.K., F.B., W.H.P.

## Canon Whitsey now at Downham

Canon Hubert Victor Whitsey has been appointed vicar of Downham and was instituted on September 25. He was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1928 to 1933.

Canon Whitsey joined the staff of the Midland Bank when he left School. He was called up with the Territorials at the beginning of the Second World War, and served in the Royal Artillery, attaining the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

He studied at St Edmund Hall, Oxford, taking his MA degree

## Mr and Mrs Northam escape flooding

By KEN FORBES

When I was on holiday at Sidmouth in July, I visited Mr and Mrs P. C. Northam, now aged respectively 94 and 87, and found them both very well. Mr Northam taught at Queen Elizabeth's from 1909 to 1935.

He and his wife now live in a private hotel. During the evening and night of the day I called on them the area was hit by heavy flooding and their hotel was surrounded by 10ft of water. It poured in through the doors and windows of the hotel and everything on the ground floor was damaged.

The next morning I called again. I am glad to report that Mr and Mrs Northam had both been upstairs during the flooding and had not suffered.

Recently I received a letter from Mr E. Towle, who was a master at Queen Elizabeth's from 1907 to 1946. He says that Mr T. K. (Tommy) Stones called on him when in the district and is the same hearty good fellow that he always was.

He goes on: "A month ago Father Raphael Stones (who used to be known as Jimmy at School) came and I was delighted to see him."

"You may know that he came over in the First World War from Canada with the Canadian Light Infantry and lost an eye; then after the war he joined the Buckfast Monastery, where he is now, but he comes out to see us occasionally."

Mr Towle adds that his daughter and he are both well, and he wishes to be remembered to all Old Blackburnians of his time.

### On executive

Mr Barry Greenwood (1945-52), is a member of Blackburn Liberal Association executive.

In 1948, and took his theological course at Westcott Hall, Cambridge. He was ordained at Blackburn Cathedral in 1949.

His first post was as curate at Chorley Parish Church. He later became vicar of St Paul's, Farington, and subsequently of St Thomas's, Halliwell, Bolton.

From there he moved, in 1960, to St Aidan's, Langley, Middleton, as curate-in-charge, having the task of building up a new parish on a large overspill estate. In 1963 he was made a canon of Manchester Cathedral.



# Memorable effort in Lancs Amateur Cup

by BARRY HAYDOCK

The Old Blackburnians' Association Football Club will remember the 1967-68 season for their good displays in the Lancashire Amateur Cup, when they reached the semi-final and were unluckily beaten in a replay.

The Old Blacks had the remarkable record of scoring five goals in four of the five games before the semi-final. In the preliminary round they beat Styal 5-1 at home, West Didsbury 5-1 at home, Old Ashtonians 5-0 away, and Odyssey 5-1 at home in the first three rounds.

The fourth round match against Moss Side proved to be the Old Blacks' toughest game and they looked like being beaten when they were losing 3-1 late in the second half, but in a tremendous all-out effort the Old Blacks equalised in the last minute and in extra time they went on to win 4-3.

The semi-final was postponed three times before the teams eventually met at the Walker Institute ground at Bolton, and again the Old Blacks had to fight hard to stay in the cup after Hathershaw old boys had taken the lead with a first-half penalty. The Old Blacks got the equaliser they deserved in the second half and put tremendous pressure on to get the winner, but the Hathershaw defence made some remarkable and lucky saves in the extra time which had to be played.

The match was replayed at Horwich on a dry ground and the wind made conditions very difficult, but the Old Blacks looked the better side until Hathershaw scored from a lucky rebound following a corner and this gave them new heart and they played better, but the Old Blacks again fought to come back in the second half and the Hathershaw keeper had to make some fine saves to keep his side in front.

The Old Blacks, under the leadership of Terry Barton, played well throughout these cup matches, and it was pleasing to see the club—who have had a lean spell in the cup for many years—getting into the semi-final.

The Old Blacks never really showed their best form in the league matches and the new-look league which was formed by joining the top half of the Northern Section with the top half of the Central Section provided some different teams and generally tougher opposition.

The first team finished ninth in the table with a record of:

P24 W7 D5 L12 F44 A55 Pts19

The second team had a better

record in the league and at one time they were the leaders but several matches had to be postponed during February and the team lost its lead and at the end of the season, with a big backlog of fixtures, the Old Blacks slipped down the table and finished in fifth position with a record of:

P24 W13 D5 L6 F62 A43 Pts31.

In the third division, with both the third and fourth teams in the middle of the table without any chance of being champions, a keen struggle took place to see which team could finish in the highest position. The fourth team finally beat the third team by two positions and they showed some great team spirit and did well in spite of numerous changes each week. Their final record was:

P28 W10 D5 L13 F76 A100 Pts25

The third team finished in tenth position and they never reached the form which they were capable of. Their final record was:

P28 W10 D3 L15 F82 A75 Pts23

During the close season the Old Blacks played seven cricket matches on the School ground and although they only won two of the games they proved to be very enjoyable for all the players and they are keen to play better next season.

On the social side the Old Blacks have had several functions on Saturdays with record dances and dances to beat groups which are well attended. On Fridays fancy-dress dances have been held and on one evening the Drovers, a folk group, provided good entertainment. The club is open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights every week.

The Old Blacks made a good start to the new football season by winning the Old Blacks sevens competition, which was being held for the second time. It is hoped that this will be an annual event. The Old Blacks played well throughout this competition, which was held at Lammack on August 31. Sixteen teams from the Lancashire Amateur League competed.

The pre-season training at Lammack has been very well attended during the summer and all the players are keen to start the new season. From some of the fine displays in practice matches the Old Blacks look like they are going to have a good season.

Terry Barton, last season's club captain, has now retired, and Brian Hardcastle, who has organised all the training, has been appointed club captain for this season. He will be leading the first team.



**Mr C. R. Davies, a governor of Queen Elizabeth's, has been elected chairman of Blackburn Rovers. He has been vice-chairman for four years, and has been a director of the club since January, 1953. Mr Davies is president and a former chairman of the Lancashire Cricket League and honorary treasurer of the Lancashire County CC. He played amateur football and was captain of the East Lancashire CC during its successful period after the last war. He played for the Lancashire second team and still holds the East Lancashire amateur batting record, with 938 runs in the 1937 season.**

## On FA Council

Mr G. Norman Forbes, an old boy (1918-23) and governor of Queen Elizabeth's, has been re-elected to the Council of the Football Association, of which he has been a member since June, 1962. Mr Forbes is a director and former chairman of Blackburn Rovers.

## 40 entries in Old Blacks' golf contest

By KEN FORBES

The annual Old Blackburnians' golf competition was held at Blackburn Golf Club on Thursday, June 13, 1968. There was an entry of 40.

The captain of the club, Mr J. B. Campbell, who is an old boy (1936-1944), was one of the competitors and also kindly consented to present the prizes—gold cuff links and the trophies.

The Judge Walmysley Cup for the best nett score was won by E. R. Holden (Wilpshire) with a return of 81-11-70. Mr Holden won the same trophy in 1961. The runner-up was A. Gorse (Wilpshire) with 84-13-71.

The Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup for the best gross score was won by J. Walsh (Blackburn) with 77. Mr Walsh has won this trophy previously.

The Old Blackburnians' team was fifth in the 1968 LOBAGS competition, played at Hillside, with a return of 311. The winners were King George V, Southport, with 296. Sixteen old boys' associations competed.

## In the spring

The next issue of MAGISTER, if we can afford it, will appear in the spring. Write and let us know what you are doing.

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## Old Blacks in London dine at the Tower

The London Old Blackburnians' annual dinner this year was one of the most memorable occasions in the association's history. It was held at the Tower of London.

The dinner—on March 1—was attended by 83 people, and it was held at the Tower by courtesy of Mr Robert McCartney (1924-28), Deputy Governor.



**Mr J. K. Grant (1952-58)**, a development engineer with the Plessey Co. Ltd. at Swindon, has been appointed a technical lecturer to the Royal Saudi-Arabian Air Force at Dhanan. He will be away for two years. Mr Grant served as a radar fitter with the Royal Air Force in Germany and then lived in Holland for some time after his marriage in 1960 until he joined the Plessey Co. Ltd. as an electronics engineer. He has two small children.

## Many thanks

MAGISTER wishes to thank the Editor of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph for his kind permission to use Telegraph pictures in this issue.

Many people have given willing and generous help with this issue, and MAGISTER is grateful to all of them.

To make it an even more memorable evening, members and guests were able to witness the historic Ceremony of the Keys.

The London branch earned the admiration of all Old Blackburnians when it held a cocktail party at the House of Lords last summer. Now, with a dinner at the Tower, the glittering magnificence of London's social events is fast becoming legend.

Mr Harry Brogden, president of the London branch, presided at the dinner and proposed the loyal toast. He thanked Mr McCartney warmly for his kindness and hospitality.

A toast to "The School" was proposed by Sir Benjamin Ormerod, and the headmaster, Mr Douglas J. Coulson, replied.

A toast to the London branch was proposed by Mr George F. Eastwood, senior history master at the School, and a response was

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**Mr W. E. T. Walsh** was elected chairman of the Old Blackburnians' Association at the annual general meeting on November 27. Mr Walsh attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1924 to 1930. He is a solicitor, and is chairman of Blackburn Abbeyfield Society.

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## A NEW LIST OF MEMBERS

The Old Blackburnians' Association will publish a new membership list next year. It will appear as a supplement to MAGISTER in April, 1970.

The last membership list, the first for more than 10 years, was published in April, 1965. It was an immediate success.

To make sure that your name appears in the new list you must join the Old Blackburnians' Association now. Application forms and full details of subscriptions appear on page 9.

## Mr Mercer is retiring this summer

Mr G. M. Mercer, senior classics master at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, is retiring at the end of the summer term. He has been teaching for 38 years and has been at Queen Elizabeth's since 1935.

Mr Mercer has made a notable contribution to Scouting at Queen Elizabeth's; he has had a life-long interest in Scouting and has held almost every possible rank. He is now Assistant County Commissioner for International Scouting in North-east Lancashire.

He is a Manchester man and an old boy of Manchester Grammar School. He went on to St Edmund Hall, Oxford, where he read Classical Greats and graduated BA in 1930. He then spent a year studying for his Diploma in Education at Oxford Department of Education.

For four years he taught at Lord Williams's School, Thame, and he came to Queen Elizabeth's in April, 1935. He was appointed senior classics master in 1957.

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## Ladies' evening

The Yorkshire branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association will hold a ladies' evening at York on Friday, May 2.

## May dance at Samlesbury Hall

The Old Blackburnians' Association will hold a dance next month at Samlesbury Hall. It will be the first old boys' dance for over a year, and members of the social sub-committee are hoping that its success will be a pointer to more ambitious social events in future.

The dance will be held on May 16—a Friday—from 8.0 p.m. to midnight. There will be

a buffet supper and bar and music will be provided by a leading local jazz band, the Derek Morris Four. Dress will be informal, and tickets are priced at a moderate 20s. each.

Mr P. T. Pearson, chairman of the social sub-committee, said: "We want everyone to have a really good time. It will be an entirely informal evening, but we are thinking of arranging some-

thing more elaborate in the autumn—September or October. That's only an idea at the moment, and it really depends on whether or not the dance next month is a success."

Tickets for the dance can be obtained from Mr Pearson, who lives at 46 Fenisccliffe Drive, Blackburn, tel. Blackburn 21614, or any member of the social sub-committee.

## Obituary

### BASIL CATTERNS

Mr Basil G. Catterns, formerly Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, died at his home at Marlborough, Wiltshire, on February 5, 1969, after a very short illness. He was 82.

He was Deputy Governor of the Bank from 1936 to 1945, and during the war years he was much praised for his skill in handling the Bank's problems of foreign exchange control. He had earlier spent five years as Chief Cashier of the Bank, and during that time his bold signature became familiar throughout the country on the notes issued by the Bank.

He also served as a director of the Bank. He was only the second man to be made a director from among the Bank's own staff, and after he had been appointed Chief Cashier his promotion to a subsequent directorship was unprecedented in the annals of the Bank for speed.

Basil Gage Catterns was born on June 20, 1886, at Oswaldtwistle, where his father was rector. He attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in

1895-96 and completed his education at Trent College.

He began his career at Blackburn with the Manchester and Liverpool Banking Company (now the District Bank). Two years later, in 1908, he joined the staff of the Bank of England.

He became Chief Cashier in 1929, and in 1934 he retired from the staff of the Bank and was elected to the Court of Directors. After nine years as Deputy Governor, he served a further two years (1946-48) as a director.

After becoming Chief Cashier he was chief guest at the annual dinner of the Old Blackburnians' Association in December, 1936, and he several times returned to Blackburn to attend School speech days.

He served in the First World War with the RFA. He was one of HM Lieutenants for the City of London from 1934 and was High Sheriff for the County of London in 1940.

Mr Catterns, who lived at Clements Meadow, Marlborough, leaves a widow and a daughter.

### STANLEY HOPE

Mr Stanley Hope, a senior GPO radio communications engineer in Manchester, died suddenly at his home in Stockport on January 17, 1969. He was 54.

He was born in Blackburn on April 11, 1914, and attended St Barnabas' Church of England primary school before he entered Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, following his brother, in 1925.

He was in Howard and was a good swimmer; he was not an outstanding pupil in the academic sense, but he showed an early aptitude for things mechanical and electrical, and he was very keen on wireless.

It was natural, therefore, that when he left Queen Elizabeth's in 1928 he went straight to the Northern Counties Radio School—and he gained the Postmaster-General's certificate in radio-telegraphy and telephony when he was still only 16.

He joined Ferranti's and worked at Bush House on Lancastrian radio; then he went to Standard Telephones and Cables at Woolwich as a maintenance engineer. He joined the GPO in the mid-1930s as a radio engineer and was greatly interested in the development of radar, which was then in its early stages.

In 1939, two weeks before the outbreak of war, he was called to London and commissioned in the

Intelligence Corps. He served as a captain attached to MI5's radar section.

The nature of his work during the war was such that he never afterwards spoke of it. But on one occasion, during an air raid, an incendiary bomb fell close by. At great personal risk he and a fellow officer extinguished the bomb, and for this courageous action Mr Hope received a letter of commendation from the then Home Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison.

After the war Mr Hope rejoined the GPO and worked on transatlantic cables at Brent, Middlesex. In 1950 he was transferred to Manchester as engineer in charge of radio interference investigation and in 1968 he was transferred to Manchester North telephone area in charge of high-frequency cable and radio communication systems.

He was a keen supporter of Blackburn Rovers and travelled over to Ewood Park regularly to watch the games. In his youth he did a lot of walking, especially in the Lake District. He attended St Paul's Church, Stockport.

Mr Hope lived at 5 Langdale Road, Heaton Chapel, Stockport. He leaves a widow and two daughters, and is also survived by a sister and his brother, the Rev William Hope (1920-27), vicar of Euxton, near Chorley.

### COLIN SHUTTLEWORTH



Mr Colin Astley Shuttleworth, deputy manager of the Newcastle city office of Martins Bank and formerly a prominent member of Blackburn Arts Club, died at his parents' home in Blackburn on January 23, 1969. He was 38.

Mr Shuttleworth attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1940 to 1949. He was in Howard and took part in many school plays.

On leaving School he joined the Royal Air Force for his national service and in 1950 he went up to King's College, Cambridge, where he read mathematics and English. He took his BA degree in 1953 and his MA in 1957.

He joined Martins Bank straight from Cambridge, starting as a graduate trainee at the Accrington branch, and he later worked at various branches in the Manchester area. He became pro-manager of the Oldham Street branch, Manchester, in 1960 and assistant manager of the Cheetham branch, Manchester, in 1963. He moved to Newcastle upon Tyne in 1965.

He joined Blackburn Arts Club in 1954 and took a leading part in its activities as an actor and producer in many plays, revues, and musical shows. He was secretary of the committee for four years. In Newcastle he was a member of the Forty-three Club, appearing in plays and producing a revue. He was a member of the East Lancashire Club for 25 years and had also

been a member of Manchester Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Shuttleworth, who was unmarried, is survived by his parents, Mr and Mrs Walter Shuttleworth, of Lancaster Place, Blackburn, and his brother, Mr Guy Shuttleworth, of York, who is also an Old Blackburnian (1937-45). Cremation took place at Pleasington on January 27.

*Friends write:* Possibly the quality which made Colin such a success in Blackburn Arts Club was his ability to fill people with enthusiasm and get them working for him.

The roles he played—apart from the job of general committee secretary which he held for four years—included Polixenes in "The Winter's Tale"; Henry in "Henry IV"; Bottom in "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; Von Helsing in "Dracula"; Stephano in "The Tempest"; and Lear in "King Lear"—a festival entry. He also played in "The Boy Friend", "A Likely Tale", and "Gaslight".

Among his productions were: "Private Lives", "The Jubilee", and the club revues "7.30 Sharp", "Even Sharper", both at the Community Theatre, and "Will You What?" at Gibraltar Street. He appeared in—but did not produce—the revue which was the first production at the Gibraltar Street theatre—"Now Then, Mrs Holroyd!"

Although his transfer to Newcastle had already robbed the club of his talent as a producer and actor (except for one brief but delightful cameo in the never-to-be-forgotten "The Way of the World") he had retained his affection for and interest in all the club's activities. Each season since he left he found the time to see at least one of our productions and to enliven more than one of our coffee mornings.

We knew Colin possessed a lively wit and a keen sense of humour. His illness has shown him to be a man of depth and of very great courage. He will be remembered with great affection by us all.

### MRS J. W. MARSDEN, 1872-1968

Mrs Marsden, whose death was announced just after Christmas, had a very long connection with the School, as a parent of two boys, as wife to the chairman of governors, and finally as parent of a governor. Her interest and affection for it has been shown in her regular attendance at Speech Day, both to the service and prize-giving, at the School play, most regularly, and lately at Open Day. For many years her appar-

ent frailty and her poor sight have given an unworthy impression of a woman of great intellect, ability, and kindness.

When Mr Marsden was chairman of governors it was their custom to invite members of staff and their wives to their home. Mrs Marsden made a practice of calling upon the wives of new members of staff and thus in

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Mr and Mrs Forbes

## SECRETARY MARRIES

Mr David Ian Forbes (1954-63), secretary of the Old Blackburnians' Association, married Miss Vivien Leigh at Leamington Road Baptist Church, Blackburn, on December 7.

Mr Forbes, a solicitor, is the second son of Mr. J. Donald Forbes (1922-31), vice-chairman of the Old Blackburnians' Association. His brother, Mr John F. Forbes (1951-61), was best man.

Other recent weddings :

Peter Longman (1957-64) and Elizabeth Frances Weir, St Brendan's Church, Rothesay, in October.

Peter Dawson Simm (1957-63) and Barbara Tattersall, St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, in October.

David Barry Ryley (1950-60) and Penelope Calder Howes, United Church, Luanshya, Zambia, in December.

David Woods (1955-62) and Anita West, St Michael and All Angels' Church, Blackburn.

## Mr Howarth now superintendent

Mr Norman R. Howarth (1940-46), who was promoted detective chief inspector when he took command of Blackburn police CID last May, has been promoted again.

When the new Lancashire Police Force came into being on April 1 he became a superintendent (grade 1) and is in charge of the Blackburn subdivision.

## Golf contest

The 1969 Old Blackburnians' Golf Competition will take place at Blackburn Golf Club on the evening of Thursday, June 5. Further information from Mr W. K. Forbes, 32 Montreal Road, Blackburn; tel. Blackburn 56793.

# Mr W. L. Crossley becomes head of Westminster Bank

Mr Walter Livesey Crossley (1919-24) was appointed chief general manager of the Westminster Bank in November. He joined the bank in Blackburn when he left School and later served at Rhyl and Preston, in the general manager's department, and on the inspection staff.

After the Second World War he helped to reconstruct the banking service in Jersey follow-



Mr Crossley

ing the German occupation. He then became manager of the Leicester chief office.

He was appointed assistant general manager of the bank in 1960, a joint general manager in 1963, and deputy chief general manager in 1966.

For many years he was secretary of the Old Blackburnians' AFC and was its first treasurer when it was revived in 1924.

He is a Fellow of the Institute of Bankers and a member of the institute's Council. He lives at Dorking.

## Headmaster of Leominster GS

Mr N. Smith (1924-32) was appointed headmaster of Leominster Grammar School in July, 1967.

He was formerly deputy director of education for Herefordshire.

Mr Smith began his teaching career at Ormskirk Grammar School, followed by war service during which he rose to the rank of major in the Territorial Army.

After the war he was housemaster at Wycliffe College, Gloucester, and then held several administrative posts in Somerset and West Sussex before moving to Hereford.

## Head at Hull

Mr G. H. Haworth (1938-44) has been appointed headmaster of Hull Grammar School.



Mr Crewdson

## POWER MAN RETIRES

Mr James Crewdson (1921-25) administrative officer at the Central Electricity Generating Board's Padiham power station, retired in February after 43 years in the electricity supply industry.

After leaving Queen Elizabeth's Mr Crewdson studied at Blackburn Technical College and joined the electricity supply industry in 1926. After war service in the Royal Air Force he was appointed chief clerk in Blackburn Corporation electricity department.

When the electricity industry was nationalised he became a principal assistant at Preston. In 1959 he was appointed administrative officer at Agecroft power station, and he moved to Padiham the following year. He lives in Whinney Lane, Langho.

## NEW MAN IN CHARGE OF ADVERTISING

Mr W. H. Proctor has retired as advertising manager of MAGISTER and is succeeded by Mr John Haworth.

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## Headmaster appointed school inspector

Mr James Rothwell (1932-38), headmaster of St Thomas's Church of England Primary School, Blackburn, has been appointed a district inspector of schools with Manchester Education Committee.

After leaving School he worked in Blackburn public library. From 1940 to 1946 he was a navigator in the Royal Air Force and after the war joined the staff of Blackburn borough treasurer's department.

Later he went to Bamber Bridge Teacher Training College and in 1949 became an assistant teacher at St James's Church of England Primary School, Blackburn. Four years later he was appointed headmaster of Guide



**Mr Rothwell**

Church of England Junior School and he moved to St Thomas's in 1957.

He is secretary of Blackburn Church Schools' Association and is its representative on Blackburn education committee. He is a member of Blackburn Diocesan Council for Education, chairman of the Blackburn branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and a former president of Blackburn Head Teachers' Association.

He is the author of "Nine O'clock on a Wet Monday Morning," a book about worship in schools, and has broadcast on educational topics. His son, Mr A. Rothwell, is also an Old Blackburnian (1959-66).

## Mr Mortimer now in Isle of Wight

Mr James S. Mortimer (1933-35) has taken charge of the Ryde office of Sir Francis Pitts and Son, the largest firm of auctioneers and estate agents in the Isle of Wight. For the last seven years he has been with a leading Leeds firm, J. W. Watson and Son.



**Mr Cragg**

## VICAR OF PADIHAM

The Rev. Leonard Cragg, chaplain of Whittingham Hospital, near Preston, has been appointed vicar of Padiham. He attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1939 to 1946 and has been at the hospital for five years.

After studying at Trinity College, Dublin, Mr Cragg trained for the ministry at Cuddesdon Theological College and was ordained at Blackburn in 1955. He held curacies at Morecambe and Skerton and in 1960 became vicar of Brierfield, where he spent three years before moving to Whittingham Hospital. He is married, and has three children.

## Appointed vicar at Knuzden

The Rev William Fielding (1946-54) became Vicar of St Oswald's Church, Knuzden, in July, 1967.

Mr Fielding, 33, was previously curate at St John the Baptist, Broughton, and has a special interest in youth work.

He gained a BA in social studies at Durham University and trained for the ministry at Ridley Hall Theological College, Cambridge.

## Blackpool curacy

The Rev Michael P. Maudsley (1950-56) was ordained in June, 1967, and appointed to the curacy of St Mark's, Layton, Blackpool.

Mr Maudsley spent four years teaching at Chorlton Grammar School, Manchester, before deciding to enter the ministry.

## BLACKBURN AGREES TO HAVE FEWER GOVERNORS

Blackburn town council has accepted a request by Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School to reduce its representation on the governing body from just over half to one-third of the total number. The proposal is now being considered by the Department of Education and Science.

Under its comprehensive education scheme the local authority no longer sends pupils to Queen Elizabeth's, but many boys who won places before the 11-plus examination was discontinued are still going through School.

The present composition of the governing body is 11 members appointed by Blackburn town council and 10 co-opted by resolution of the governors.

The suggestion that the local authority's representation should be adjusted was formally made to the town council in December by the chairman of the governors, Mr William Hare, who wrote to the chief executive officer-town clerk, Mr Brian Scholes, pointing out that representative governors of direct-grant schools normally made up one-third of the governing body.

Mr Hare suggested that it was perhaps time to regularise the position at Queen Elizabeth's and reduce the number of representative governors to the appropriate level.

Later, in an interview with the Blackburn Times, Mr Hare pointed out that there was nothing particularly remarkable about the request, and said:

"During the last few years much of the work has fallen on the shoulders of the co-opted members. We feel it is time to increase the number of co-opted governors to spread the load of work more evenly."

He went on: "The present constitution dates back to the days when Queen Elizabeth's was a rate-assisted school, but we feel it is time that we were brought into line with other direct-grant schools."

The town council does not intend to disturb sitting members in advance of normal retirement. The leaders of the two main political groups will agree on the names of the local authority representatives who will in future serve as governors.



Two Old Blackburnians on the staff of Blackburn public libraries, Mr S. M. Child (1953-64) and Mr J. T. Heyes (1958-64), have gained associate membership of the Library Association. Mr Child (left) is pictured receiving his certificate from Alderman W. A. Henshall, chairman of the public libraries committee, as Mr Heyes looks on.

## YEAR'S EIGHTH FIRST

Mr D. M. Rogers (1956-63) has gained a first-class honours degree in engineering science at Exeter University. He is the eighth Old Blackburnian to gain a first in 1968.

Mr Rogers spent two years at Atlantic College before going to Exeter. He is now serving under articles to Price Waterhouse and Co., of London, and intends to qualify as a chartered accountant.

J. C. Allsup (1956-65) awarded certificate of education, St John's College, York; joined staff of Allertonshire Boys' County Modern School, Northallerton.

C. Y. Berry (1956-64) graduated BSc hon. applied mineral science, Leeds University; joined Josiah Wedgwood and Son Ltd., Barlaston.



Mr Joseph Brian Kay (1949-60) has gained his PhD degree in pharmacy at Manchester University. He is now working for Thomas Kerfoot, of Bardsley Vale.

E. J. Downham (1957-62) graduated BA hon. history, Durham University.

D. W. Jowett (1958-65) graduated BEng (electrical), Liverpool University; commissioned electrical sub-lieutenant, Royal Navy.

A. J. Sheldon (1948-58) awarded MSc, engineering production, Birmingham University.

H. Stancliffe (1937-44) gained MA manpower studies, London University.

M. Stirrup (1960-66) awarded adult gold medal of the Poetry Society; gained Associate Diploma of the London Academy of Music and for Acting.

R. N. Totty (1952-61) awarded PhD, Edinburgh University; appointed to a post at University of British Columbia, Vancouver.



Mr Ivan Gillibrand (1950-60) has gained his PhD degree in molecular biology at Leeds University. He is now lecturing at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

## Cricketer is re-elected to club captaincy

Mr Charles Michael Sloan, a former captain of Great Harwood Cricket Club, has been re-elected captain of Thetford Town Cricket Club for the 1969 season. He first took the captaincy by invitation last spring shortly after moving to Thetford.

Mr Sloan attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1949 to 1954. On leaving School he joined Martins Bank Ltd. as a clerk and two years later went into the Army as a surveyor bombardier in the Royal Artillery. He served at Colchester, Woolwich and Warrington.

When he left the Army in 1958 he decided to enter local government and became a junior engineer in the water engineer's department at Burnley. In 1961 he joined the staff of the borough engineer's department at Nelson and in 1963 became an assistant engineer at Great Harwood. In 1966 he moved south to become an assistant engineer in the borough engineer's department at Torquay, and early last year was appointed chief engineering assistant in the borough engineer's department at Thetford.

Thetford, with a population of 13,000, is the ancient capital of East Anglia, and its charter dates from 1573. Mr. Sloan writes:

"The town is expanding very rapidly with overspill from the Greater London area, which is giving my department plenty of interesting work. It is quite a challenge blending new development in with the old historical buildings of this area, and it does have its problems. I am at present designing a housing estate, and when building commences the Ministry of Public Building and Works will have a representative on site hoping that we unearth another Norman church ruin."

Mr Sloan is married and has two children—Philip, aged 8, and Suzanne, aged 6. His new address is 29 St Martin's Way, Thetford, Norfolk.

## Lecturing in law

Mr Peter Murphy (1958-63), of The Embers, Lache Lane, Chester, has been appointed assistant lecturer in law at Letchworth College of Technology's department of business studies.

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Wild winds and wilder water carried voyaging Polynesians to these lonely beaches. For many centuries it was still a land of great silences for the first Europeans. For the pioneer there was wilderness to be won—they built roads, homesteads, and above all their churches. As Fairburn says: "These islands; the remnant peaks of a lost continent, roof of an old world.... ribbed with rock, resisting the sea's corrosion for an age and an age to come."

In the bay of Auckland, looking across to Mount Rangitoto—"flame of fire"—one can almost visualise the creation of these islands, and as the great mountain was spewed up from the sea only 800 years ago one feels their great mystery and enchantment.

I could go on and on, historically, geologically, recording the exciting happenings in this beautiful country, but let us leave all that and come to the present day. Look at your map.... those two little islands you see the size of Britain are what I would call the

# New Zealand— gift of the sea

By the Rev. W. T. HODGSON

**Mr Hodgson, a Blackburn man, was ordained in Blackburn Cathedral in 1950 and spent three years as curate of St John's Church before taking charge of a new parish at Blackpool. After serving as a chaplain in the Royal Air Force he was for several years vicar of a parish in Auckland, New Zealand. He is now rector of Christchurch, Cambridgeshire.**

jewels of the world. They offer a sub-tropical climate, Swiss mountains, lush green bush, and Italian lakes all rolled into one.

New Zealand comprises two main islands, as Captain Cook recognised in his chart of 1769-1770. On that now called the North Island he inscribed the name Acheinomouwe, for so he represented the Maori pronunciation. This island lies approximately between latitudes 34N and 42N, and though separated by the narrow Cook Strait from the other it is in most respects—topography, scenery, land use, density of population—an almost completely different country.

Within its own bounds it, too, presents striking contrasts. Northland, the peninsula north of Auckland city, comprises a variety of soils of differing geological origin, all dominated by sub-tropical climatic conditions with warm humid summers, mild winters, and a rainfall varying from 40in. to 100in. This was the country of the kauri forests, but now it is given over to dairy farming and in some places to sub-tropical fruit farming.

South of Auckland is the basin of the lower Waikato, originally clothed with fern and scrub on naturally poor pumice soils but now converted by modern technology into the premier dairy district of New Zealand.

The North Island not only has more people than the South—1,820,000 against 771,000—but its northern half has more people than its southern half and the South Island put together. In both islands urban population continues to grow fast. Some towns have had remarkable growth in recent years, partly owing to the development of new industries in or near them: Tauranga, Hamilton, and Rotorua are cases in point.

New Zealand is a young, virile country. There is no colour bar between Maori and European but like Australia they seem to adopt an "all white" immigration policy. There are a few Chinese. These came over in the great gold rush of the last century.

There are no slums, and there

is no poverty. Education is free and they have higher pensions than in Britain and a far superior social service scheme. New Zealand was the first welfare state to be planned by the great Walter Nash.

Food is cheap and clothing is about the same price as in Britain. Cars cost £100 more, but as new industries open up and they import more from Australia and Japan these will be cheaper. Even so, running a car is a cheap business. Petrol costs 3s. a gallon and insurance and tax come to £8 10s a year.

Houses are more expensive, but this is because of the law which insists that every house shall have its own garden. They are clean, airy, and modern. Even so, a young couple with children can claim a state grant—that is, they capitalise the family allowance and get cash in lieu, or they can borrow for as low as 3 per cent from the state.

The Church is not established and works apart from the state but there seems to be a closer relationship than in Britain. The Church runs all the villages for old people subsidised by state grants—children's homes, welfare homes, etc. The state sees the Church as an instrument with two thousand years' experience and claims that she is more efficient, and from what I saw this was so.

New Zealanders are good to get on with and most generous, but unfortunately over the years Britain has got a very bad name. If you live there don't keep harping on about Britain—they don't like it now. They feel their independence greatly.

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Contributions and correspondence are invited and should be sent to the Editor, MAGISTER, 49 Kentmere Drive, Cherry Tree, Blackburn.

## MAYOR AND MAYORESS AT SERVICE

More than 60 old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and their families and friends, together with governors, members of the staff, and pupils, attended the ninth annual Old Blackburnians' service at Four Lane Ends Congregational Church, Blackburn, on Sunday, December 22, 1968.

The congregation included the Mayor of Blackburn, Alderman Arthur Rigby, and the Mayoress, Mrs Kathleen Rigby, who were accompanied by the chairman of the Old Blackburnians' Association, Mr W. E. T. Walsh, and Mrs Walsh.

The service was conducted by the minister, the Rev Graham J. Cook, who also preached. The lessons were read by Mr J. Eric Sagar (1919-25) and Mr Eric J. Kay (1937-43), and Miss Gillian Spedding was organist. Singing was led by the School choir.

The collection, which was taken by Old Blackburnians connected with Four Lane Ends Church, came to £10 10s and was shared by the church and the School's community service committee.

### Deputy head

Mr Frank Shuttleworth (1947-54) has been appointed deputy headmaster of Mill Hill Junior School, Blackburn.



Brian G. Aldred

## Nine win places at Oxford

Nine boys from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School won places at Oxford in last year's entrance examinations and will go up to the university in October.

Mr Douglas J. Coulson, headmaster, said: "This is the best performance in one year for some time."

**Brian G. Aldred**, the head boy, won an exhibition in history to Jesus College.

**William Westwell** won an open scholarship in natural sciences (biology and chemistry) to Worcester College.

**John R. Brocklehurst** won an exhibition in natural sciences (mathematics and physics) to University College.

**Colin G. Edmundson** won an exhibition in music to Magdalen College.

**Alan Byrom** will read history at Magdalen.

**David Fielden** will read natural sciences (engineering science) at Magdalen.

**Brian D. Milligan** will read natural sciences (chemistry) at Magdalen.

**Neil W. Towers** will read natural sciences (physics) at Magdalen.

**Ian H. Walton** will read natural sciences (biochemistry) at Lincoln College.

### Harriers' chairman

Mr George Kirby (1934-39) has been elected chairman of Blackburn Harriers.

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The fortieth annual general meeting of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held at the Old Blackburnians' AFC's clubhouse at Lammack on Wednesday, November 27, 1968. Twenty-six members were present, and Mr. J. Eric Sagar, chairman, presided.

Mr David Forbes, secretary, presented the apologies of those members unable to attend, and read the minutes of the previous annual general meeting.

Presenting the balance sheet (see below), Mr Fred Bury, treasurer, said that the high profit was somewhat fortuitous. It had been a particularly favour-

## THE AGM

will be held at the Old Blackburnians' AFC's clubhouse at Lammack at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26.

able year—the earlier Quatercentenary celebrations had limited the publication of MAGISTER to one issue and the decision to publish the School magazine twice instead of three times a

# AGM40

year had further limited expenditure.

Mr Bury then drew attention to the declining value of the association's investments and various suggestions were considered. The matter was referred to the committee.

Mr Harry King, reporting on behalf of the social sub-committee, said that members were finding it difficult to meet. It was therefore suggested that the sub-committee should be reconstituted, as the existing members felt unable to give its affairs all the time they deserved.

Mr Keith Newton, for the football club, said that the teams were having more success during the current season, and the club was certainly scoring notable social successes with the help of the ladies' committee.

Mr Ken Forbes reported on the association's golfing activities. The 1969 competition, he said, would again be held at Blackburn Golf Club because Wiltshire

Golf Club had increased green fees by 200 per cent. The Old Blackburnians had asked the council of Wiltshire Golf Club to reconsider the matter, but a reduction in the new charges had been refused. The increase at Blackburn Golf Club was

## THE DINNER

will be held on Saturday, December 20. The chief guest will be Mr W. J. H. Palfrey, Chief Constable of Lancashire.

more favourable, so the Old Blacks' golf competition would in future be held at Blackburn each year.

Mr W. E. T. Walsh, vice-chairman, was elected chairman in succession to Mr Sagar, and Mr Donald Forbes was elected vice-chairman. Mr William Hare thanked Mr Sagar for his chair-

manship during a very busy year. Mr Gordon Birtwistle and Mr R. I. Maughan resigned from the committee.

It was resolved that subscriptions to the association should remain unchanged for the year 1969-70.

The meeting decided to make a contribution of £5 5s to the Oliver Kite Memorial Prize fund.

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### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.
Bank Charges .. .. .	2	2	0
General .. .. .	43	2	3
Postages .. .. .	19	6	6
Magazines .. .. .	16	6	8
Church Service .. .. .	28	12	9
Magister .. .. .	99	14	0
Leavers' Supper .. .. .	15	10	0
School Covenant .. .. .	21	0	0
Corporation Tax .. .. .	3	8	3
Balance : Profit to Accumulated Fund ..	92	6	10
	<u>£341</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>

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Subscriptions, 1967/68 .. .. .	265	8	6
Released from Life Membership Fund ..	15	15	0
Interest on Investments—			
4% Consols .. .. .	50	0	0
Tax .. .. .	20	12	6
	<u>29</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
Blackburn Savings Bank .. .. .	4	3	0
		<u>33</u>	<u>10</u>
War Memorial Ground Rent .. .. .		5	0
Annual Dinner .. .. .		18	4
Profit from Social Activities .. .. .		3	11
		<u>£341</u>	<u>9</u>

### BALANCE SHEET

	£	s.	d.
Life Membership Fund—			
Balance at 1.9.67 .. .. .	1313	11	0
Additions .. .. .	68	5	0
	<u>1381</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>
Deletions .. .. .	15	15	0
	<u>1366</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
War Memorial Fund .. .. .	1207	19	6
Accumulated Fund—			
Profit at 1.9.67 .. .. .	162	1	3
Profit in 1967/8 .. .. .	92	6	10
	<u>254</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>£2828</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>

	£	s.	d.
Lammack Ground at cost, less sales ..	1207	15	6
Investments—			
4% Consols £300 at cost .. .. .	210	12	0
£950 at par .. .. .	950	0	0
	<u>1160</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>
(Market Value £650)			
Cash at Bank—			
Lloyds Bank Ltd. .. .. .	114	5	4
Blackburn Savings Bank .. .. .	333	3	5
	<u>447</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
Cash in Hand .. .. .		12	8
		<u>£2828</u>	<u>4</u>

HONORARY AUDITORS' REPORT : We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Old Blackburnians' Association as above set out together with the books and vouchers relating thereto. In our opinion they represent a true and correct record of the transactions of the Association during the year ended 31 July, 1968.

(Signed) WILLIAM HARE, F.C.A.  
KENNETH H. MARSDEN, F.C.A.

20 November, 1968.

# FULL SUPPORT FOR GOVERNORS

## Old boy's pledge at dinner

An assurance that old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School extended full support to the governors in their efforts to retain the character of the School was given at the annual dinner of the Old Blackburnians' Association by Mr Harold Smith, an old boy who is now a leading Lancashire banker.

Mr Smith (1931-36), manager of the Midland Bank at Chorley, was proposing a toast to "The School." Addressing the governors, he said:

"We have admired and applauded your resolve over the last two or three years and we assure you of our support in your determination to retain the character and traditions of this School for the future."

His words were greeted with loud applause.

The dinner, which was held in Big School on Saturday, December 21, 1968, was attended by more than 150 old boys and their guests. Grace was said by the Rev W. David Robinson (1942-49), vicar of St James's Church, Blackburn.

The loyal toast was proposed by the president of the Old Blackburnians' Association, Professor Gordon Manley, emeritus professor of environmental sciences at Lancaster University, who presided.

Replying to the toast to the School, the headmaster, Mr Douglas J. Coulson, said that it had been a very busy year since the last dinner.

"The appeal had only just been launched a year ago," he said. "Now we are well on our way towards our revised target of £120,000, and as you can see the steel outlines of our new block already dominate the Duke's Brow approach to the School."

"Then in March the Duchess of Kent graced what I think will always rank as a glittering, historic, and memorable occasion in the School's calendar."

"And then a month ago we had a visit from members of the Public Schools Commission charged with inquiring into the way in which a closer liaison might be achieved between the direct-grant schools and the maintained schools."

"I think I can tell you without revealing any state secrets that our visitors were genuinely impressed by the vigour of the School's life and activities, by its academic achievements, by the high quality of its staff, and by



Pictured at the dinner are (left to right); Councillor A. Carus, chairman, Blackburn Education Committee; Canon C. W. D. Carroll, Blackburn diocesan director of religious education, who was chief guest; Mr W. Hare, chairman of the governors; Mr W. E. T. Walsh, chairman, Old Blackburnians; Mr R. Preston, president, Old Accringtonians (front); Mr S. O'Hare, chairman, St Mary's College Old Boys; and Mr D. J. Coulson, the headmaster.

the wide range of out-of-school activities and by what perhaps I can best describe as the purposeful flexibility of the varying interests and activities that take place at the School."

Mr Coulson said that academically it had been another very good year—"our GCE results matched the high-water mark that we reached last year both at O and A levels"—and presented three notable facts in support of this:

1. Of the 22 Peel Foundation awards made to boys and girls in Blackburn based solely on their competitive performance at Advanced level in July, 1968, 11 went to boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.
2. Over 40 boys again went off to university from the sixth form at Queen Elizabeth's in 1968.
3. In the 1968 GCE Ordinary-level examinations at Queen Elizabeth's there were about 560 passes from a total of some 700 subjects taken.

Mr Coulson added: "Ten years ago there were 380 passes from 850 entries. You can draw your own conclusions about the general progress of the School in this respect."

Mr Coulson had a special word of praise for old boys at university. "In these days of student unrest it really is a genuine pleasure to receive in June each year news of the successes of our young Old Blackburnians at university—this year we had some seven firsts and a long string of very good seconds."

"They are, I think, a very great credit to themselves and to their School, and I speak for the School when I say that we

are very proud of all of them."

In sport the School had done very well. "The football XI last year had its best season since the war, and the six-a-side team deservedly won the Public Schools Competition last December. We had hoped to repeat this performance last week, but as you may know the pitches were waterlogged and the whole series had to be abandoned."

"For the first time, too, for some years the School did not lose a first XI cricket match, and we included victories over Stonyhurst and King Edward VII, Lytham, among our wins."

"We are the best fencing school in the North-West and won the championship at Bury last month."

"Three of our junior gymnasts are to represent Great Britain in an international gymnastic competition at Basle in July, and in addition to all our games there are some 37 clubs and societies in the School catering to the needs and interests of boys at various levels."

Mr Coulson emphasised: "All these excellences are the result of the work of a first-class staff."

Mr Coulson paid tribute to the governors in general and to the chairman, Mr William Hare, in particular.

"I am glad to have an opportunity such as this to place on record my appreciation and gratitude to Mr Hare and Mr Jepson and others for their wisdom, their very real friendliness, and their abiding interest in the affairs of Queen Elizabeth's," he said.

A toast to "Our Guests" was proposed by Mr Peter B. Jolley (1941-48), the recently-appointed headmaster of Pleckgate School, Blackburn, who pointed out that

he had been away from Blackburn for 12 years.

He said: "One of the things that I have been very grateful for over the last 12 years is that it has made me realise how very well this School looks after its old boys."

"I have only been able to pay fleeting visits to Blackburn, and yet regularly over the years the Newsletter and that excellent magazine, MAGISTER, have arrived on my doorstep with detailed information about the progress and the achievements and the aspirations of the School and a multiplicity of information about the fortunes and the progress of all kinds of old boys from many walks of life."

"I think it is worth paying a tribute to the service that this School gives to its old boys. It is very easy to maintain a sense of belonging and to feel that you are still part of the community with this kind of service provided for you."

A response was made by the chief guest, Canon C. W. D. Carroll, Blackburn diocesan director of religious education, who said that since he moved to Blackburn just over nine years previously he had come to know a great number of old boys of Queen Elizabeth's. "I have come to realise that in this town they play a very important part," he said.

The toastmaster was Mr Derek G. Lund.

The menu was: grapefruit; cream of asparagus soup; poached halibut with hollandaise sauce; braised steak, fried French onions, baked and creamed potatoes, brussels sprouts, and carrots; bombe tutti frutti; cheese and biscuits; and coffee.

A collection for Biafran relief through Oxfam raised £24.



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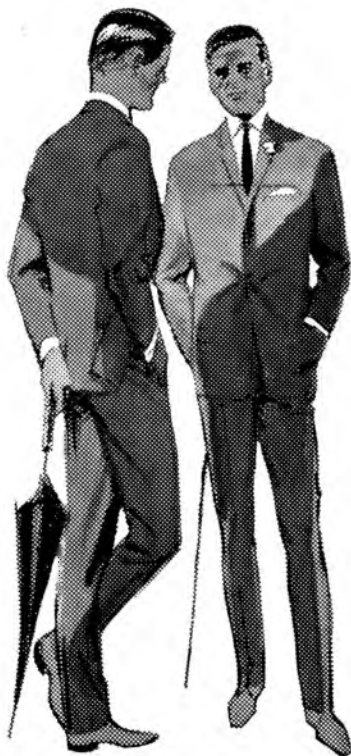
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## Former masters as chief guests

Two former members of the staff of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School were chief guests at the Old Blackburnians' dinners in Oxford and Cambridge this year. Mr Michael Scaife was chief guest at Oxford, and Mr Harold R. Fish at Cambridge.

Mr Scaife taught at Queen Elizabeth's from 1962 to 1966. He is now senior history master at Cheadle Hulme Grammar School.

Mr Fish taught at Queen Elizabeth's from 1958 to 1965 and is now a house master at Dartmouth High School, West Bromwich.

The Oxford dinner—the thirty-fourth—was held at Magdalen College on Friday, March 7.

Mr Ernest Byrom, branch chairman, presided and proposed the loyal toast. Mr Ian J. Ibbotson, branch treasurer, proposed a toast to "The School" and the headmaster, Mr Douglas J. Coulson, replied. Mr John P. Cottam, branch secretary, proposed a toast to "Our Guests" and Mr Scaife responded.

The dinner was arranged by Mr Cottam. The menu was: crème portugaise; flan Alaska; roast saddle of lamb, with cauliflower, peas, and roast and boiled potatoes; coffee ice, drenched in liquid honey; creamed chicken and walnuts on toast; coffee; Patrizierwein 1967, Château Res-pide 1959.

Those present were: Mr J. F. Buckley, Mr F. Bury, Mr E. Byrom, Mr J. P. Cottam, Mr D. J. Coulson, Mr A. Eastham, Mr D. Gartside, Mr H. Hargreaves, Mr N. T. Holden, Mr R. Hunter, Mr I. J. Ibbotson, Mr N. Jepson, Mr H. King, Mr J. Lee, Mr D. Martin, Mr P. J. Mitchell, Dr A. Mudd, Mr D. Nicholson, Mr G. Redman, Dr F. Ridehalgh, Mr M. Ridout, Mr M. Scaife, Mr R. Sharp, Mr T. E. Sharratt, Mr P. F. Snowdon, Mr W. E. T. Walsh, Mr C. P. Waring, Mr D. Wharton, Mr J. Whitehead.

The Cambridge dinner—the twenty-sixth—was held at the Royal Cambridge Hotel on Saturday, March 8.

Mr Roger H. Moore, branch chairman, presided and proposed the loyal toast. Mr Robin P. Bolton, branch treasurer, proposed "The School" and Mr Coulson responded. Mr Fish replied to "Our Guests," which was proposed by Mr John R. Cotton.

Arrangements for the dinner were made by Mr Roger Hargreaves, branch secretary. The menu was: prawn cocktail; fried fillet of lemon sole and sauce tartare; roast leg of pork, with sage dressing, apple sauce, brussels sprouts, peas, and roast potatoes; charlotte à la russe; coffee.

Those present were: Mr R. P. Bolton, Mr F. Bury, Mr J. R. Cotton, Mr D. J. Coulson, Mr G. F. Eastwood, Mr H. R. Fish, Dr H. F. Grundy, Mr R. Hargreaves, Mr H. R. Holt, Mr R. Hunter, Mr N. Jepson, Mr H. King, Mr R. H. Mare, Mr K. J. Miller, Dr F. Ridehalgh, Mr T. E. Sharratt, Mr D. W. Shaw, Mr A. H. M. Stone, Mr M. W. Taylor, Mr W. E. T. Walsh, Mr P. Wood.

## 23 Old Blacks dine at Leeds

Twenty-three members of the Old Blackburnians' Association, including nine from Blackburn, attended the annual dinner of the Yorkshire branch at Leeds University union on Friday, November 8, 1968.

Mr Guy Shuttleworth, branch secretary, presided and proposed the loyal toast. He also welcomed the guests, and the headmaster, Mr Douglas J. Coulson, replied.

The arrangements for the dinner were made by Mr James S. Mortimer, branch chairman, and Mr Stephen Colbert, of Leeds University.

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## Memorial trophy

A trophy in memory of Dr Stephen B. Challen is being awarded at Portsmouth College of Technology, where he was head of the School of Pharmacy. Dr Challen (1935-40) died in May, 1967, aged 42.

The trophy, a 200-year-old English bell-metal mortar, has been presented by his widow, Mrs Jean Challen. An annual lecture is also being given in his memory.

## CORRECTIONS

Mr C. L. Mercer attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1953 to 1962 and not from 1947 to 1962, as inadvertently stated in the last issue of MAGISTER.

The late Mr Frank Chalk lived at 33 Arnold Road, Bromley Cross, Bolton, and not at 59 Lansdowne Road, Bolton, as inadvertently stated in the last issue of MAGISTER.

The editor regrets these errors and wishes to apologise for any inconvenience or embarrassment which they may have caused.



Mr Eddie Dean (1923-28) has completed 40 year's service with the North Western Newspaper Co. Ltd., which he joined as an office boy when he left School. He has been chief cashier for more than 20 years. Mr Dean was presented with a gold watch to mark the occasion, and is pictured (right) receiving the watch from Mr George Hutcheon, managing director.

## Dining at Tower of London

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made by Mr E. B. Norman, a founder member and first secretary of the London branch.

At the annual general meeting of the branch, which followed the dinner, the office of president was discontinued at the suggestion of Mr Brogden, who thereupon relinquished office.

Professor John Varey resigned as chairman and was succeeded by Mr R. Vipond. Mr Keith Knott resigned as treasurer and Mr H. Wilkinson was elected to succeed him.

Mr Paul Price was re-elected secretary, Mr Harry King liaison officer, and Mr F. Coggins auditor.

Mr C. Houghton resigned from the committee and was succeeded by Mr Tom Southworth. The other members of the committee were all re-elected.

Earlier in the day members of the Blackburn party visited the Post Office Tower. There they were met and entertained by Mr Tom Gibson (1918-24), telephone manager of Central London, who personally took the visitors on a conducted tour of the entire building.

In addition to Mr and Mrs Coulson, Mr and Mrs King, and

Mr and Mrs Eastwood, the Blackburn party included Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors, and Mr Norman Jepson, vice-chairman.

London Old Blackburnians who attended the dinner (most accompanied by their wives) were:—

Mr H. Abel (1934-40), Mr J. Barker (1962-68), Mr D. H. R. Brearley (1917-23), Mr D. Briggs (1920-26), Mr H. Brogden (1918-27), Mr J. Calderbank (1923-29), Mr F. Coggins (1926-31), Mr R. A. Cruse (staff, 1946-57), Mr J. S. Dolby (1958-63), Mr S. M. Edwardson (1936-41), Mr H. G. Fielding (1944-49), Mr J. D. Foster (1918-27), Mr T. Gibson (1918-24), Mr J. Haworth (1921-31), Mr N. T. Holden (1925-28), Mr C. Houghton (1920-25), Mr J. K. Hunt (1935-40), Mr K. M. Knott (1943-50), Mr R. McCartney (1924-28), Mr P. N. Mercer (1947-58), Mr G. T. Netreval (1935-39), Mr H. Neville (1922-26), Mr E. B. Norman (1923-28), Sir Benjamin Ormerod (1903-08), Mr F. H. Perkins (1915-21), Mr P. N. Price (1948-54), Mr N. Radley (1932-38), Mr G. Smith (1934-39), Mr L. G. Soady (1926-36), Mr T. K. Southworth (1948-54), Mr G. Stancliffe (1937-41), Major H. Stancliffe (1937-44), Mr F. A. Stonehouse (1919-23), Mr T. Taylor (1922-30), Dr T. E. Tomlinson (1939-46), Mr F. Tyson (1924-31), Mr R. Vipond (1929-36), Mr K. Wightman (1948-52), and Mr H. Wilkinson (1936-40).

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My reason for going to the Congo dates back to June, 1965, when I advised the Zambian Government on rehabilitation of the followers of Alice Lenshina, leader of the Lumpa sect, who had rebelled against the Government the previous year. I managed to learn quite a lot about these people while I was studying them and was able to make some rather accurate predictions as to what they would do, and so when the Government once more thought they might have a rehabilitation problem they called me in.

Early in August, 1967, a group of mercenaries with about 1,000 Katangese gendarmes occupied Bukavu, a town on the shore of Lake Kivu in the eastern Congo, and after a few weeks it became evident that they were trapped.

Arrangements were being made for the mercenaries to be removed from Africa, and Zambia agreed to accept the gendarmes for resettlement. Since it seemed likely that they would need to be rehabilitated I was sent along to study them.

When I arrived with three Zambian friends—dealing with diplomatic problems, etc.—we found the siege still in progress and Bukavu still under attack by the Congolese National Army.

We were able to enter Bukavu, and during the remainder of the siege I found it best to stay there

# I saw the end of the Congo mercenaries

By ALAN HOWARTH

Bukavu, a town in the eastern Congo, leaped into the headlines of the world when a band of European mercenaries and Katangese gendarmes seized it and turned to face the pursuing forces of the Congolese National Army. An Old Blackburnian, Dr Alan Howarth (1939-46), was in the town during the siege and saw the fighting. This is his story.

for as much time as possible, not only making initial observations but also treating the wounded. These were housed in a large college building the basement of which was being used as a radio station by the mercenaries and hence was a military target and under regular rocket attack. After the evacuation I had to continue my care of the wounded in association with Red Cross workers, but I spent most of my

time on what I considered was my main task—getting to know the Congolese soldiers.

During the next few days, in fact, I had to spend quite a lot of time commuting by helicopter over the storm-capped hills and mountains of Rwanda—an experience as interesting as actually being in Bukavu, with wonderful views, when the weather cleared, of volcanoes and, for a change, a spot of crocodile hunting made easy.

The situation was tragic and bizarre and yet tremendously encouraging. The majority of the gendarmes went back to the Congo and despite dismal prognostications by the Red Cross they remain alive and well and I have been corresponding with some of them even.

I thought that some of them who had lived for too long using arms to get what they wanted might become bandits, and recently I have been contacted by some of their former companions who have taken up that "profession"—for help when they were in trouble; there is never a dull moment. And in the meantime I have been acting as the go-between for a group of Zambian students and student-friends in Bukavu whom they are trying to help, since they lost all their belongings.

Needless to say, I could go on for quite a while and still not finish this particular story, but I hope that I have been able to give you some idea of a situation in which we not only tried to rid Africa of a scourge, a group of mercenaries led by Colonel Schramme, but also tried and succeeded in saving the lives of 1,000 gendarmes.

Dr Haworth adds: I noticed another reference to Zambia in a recent edition of the Blackburn Times and I was reminded of your own references to my

activities in MAGISTER from time to time. I hope you will not mind if I put the record straight in one regard for there is one regularly recurring mistake—that I am a medical missionary.

In fact I left mission work early in 1959, ten years ago, and since then I have been in Government service, first as a general duties medical officer and then as a psychiatrist. For the last two years I have been in charge of a 500-bed hospital and I have also been responsible for developing the psychiatric service throughout the whole of Zambia, besides being an honorary lecturer in the University of Zambia.

I am expecting to be in England again about the middle of 1969, but it could be earlier. I am growing used to a life with a bit of travelling—not only in Zambia, where I fly quite a lot, but beyond our borders.

During the last three years I have visited London twice, paid a brief visit to New York and Washington, been twice to the Sudan, and paid other visits to the Congo, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria and Senegal as well as dropping in at many European capitals, including Stockholm, Vienna, and Athens. But I must admit that if I leave Africa for too long I feel anxious to get back, and perhaps from the little I have told you this will not seem surprising.

A long way from QEGS? Not really, for there are lots of Lancastrians here in Zambia, and I am never surprised to meet a fellow Old Blackburnian. I only wish there were time for us to get together, but perhaps—at least for myself—the fault is in having got too involved with so much of interest happening here.

Still, if there are other Old Blackburnians at present in Zambia who would like to get in touch with me perhaps we could arrange for a get-together in the near future. Incidentally, I wonder how many Lancashire folk here in Zambia recognise the real origin of the Radio Doctor's accent? This has been another of my sidelines, a four-and-a-half-minute talk six mornings a week for the last year.

I cannot end without paying a small tribute to Mr Collier. I can still remember his first lessons to us before he went off to the war, and I am sure he stimulated then an interest in languages which has come in very useful for me since coming to Africa. I haven't found such good use for the European history taught by Mrs Collier, but I can still remember her lessons very vividly too.

## Now lecturing

Mr K. J. Miller (1943-47) has been appointed to a lectureship in engineering materials at Cambridge University.

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# Mr and Mrs Grills are teaching in Zambian schools

Mr Peter Grills (1954-61) and his wife, Gillian, left Blackburn on December 28 to teach in Zambia. They were recruited by the Ministry of Overseas Development and will be staying in Zambia for at least three years. From Lusaka, Mr Grills writes :

We came via Lagos, where we stayed with my wife's parents, who live in Nigeria, over the New Year. We were in Nigeria for 10 days, and we flew from Lagos to Nairobi, where we had a 36-hour stopover.

We arrived in Lusaka on January 9 and we were taken to a Government hostel, where we stayed for a fortnight. Every teacher lives, for a time, in a hostel. Then we were allocated a detached bungalow about five minutes' walk from my school.

We employ both a house servant and a gardener. The house servant lives behind our bungalow in a small, one-roomed house with a shower and toilet. He washes, cooks, cleans, and does all household chores.

The pattern of life here is quite different as school starts at 7.20 a.m., which means we must be up by 6.15 a.m. My wife works in the mornings from 7.20 to noon at Lusaka infants' school, but I work in the afternoons at Lotus primary school.

The pupils are mainly Asian. It is large for a primary school, with 23 classes, about 33 to a class. Unfortunately there is only accommodation for 18 classes in the morning, so five classes must be held in the afternoon.

I take Grade 7; the children are aged between 10 and 14 years. The oldest children are still at junior school because they have failed the selection test and are repeating the course. Eventually, if they fail the test, they are not allowed to continue their educa-

tion at secondary level.

I start at 12.30 p.m. and finish at 4.30 p.m. The school has its own outdoor swimming pool, which we sometimes use at weekends. Teaching is much the same as in the U.K.—most textbooks are published in England.

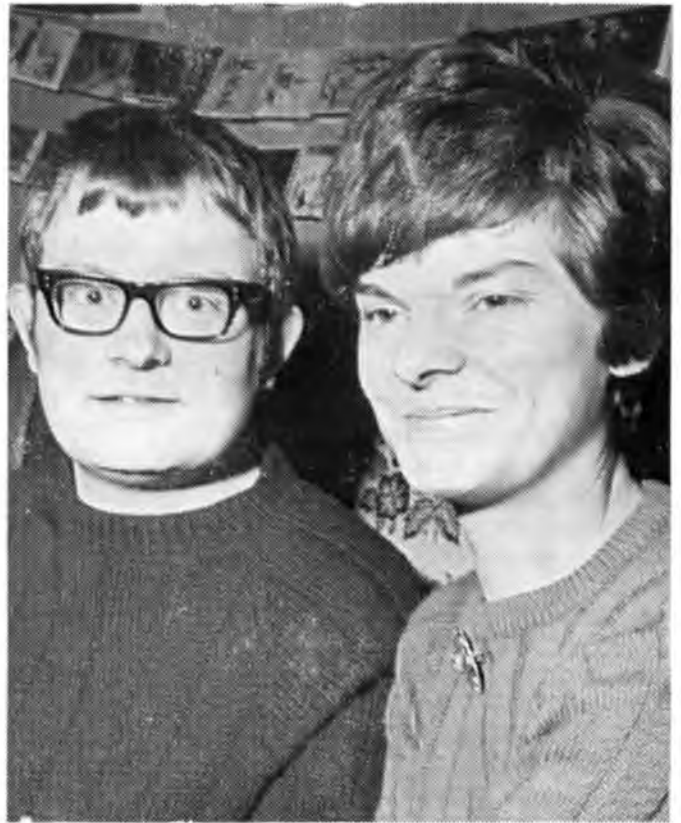
Burglaries are common out here. The third weekend we were in the bungalow we were suddenly awakened at 5 a.m. on Sunday by some character throwing a huge rock through the small bedroom window. Whoever it was made off with my wife's dressmaker's dummy and one of her dresses. Fortunately nothing else was taken.

The cost of living here is much higher than in the U.K., except for meat and for petrol, which is only about 4s. 9d. per gallon.

We are beginning to become adjusted to life out here. One must learn to have a great deal of patience and a sense of humour. We have already visited the Kariba Dam, which is only 114 miles from here, and we hope to visit Livingstone and the Victoria Falls during the Easter vacation.

It is the rainy season at the moment; we have an hour or two of rain most days, but the rains should end soon. The coldest months are June and July; the hottest month, October, is known locally as the "suicide month"! The climate in Lusaka is pleasant; the height keeps the temperature relatively cool even during the hottest time of the year.

Peter Grills, c/o Lotus primary school, P.O. Box 959, Lusaka, Zambia.



Mr and Mrs Grills pictured in Blackburn before they left for Zambia.

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## Ex-RAF man becomes licensee

The new licensee of the Brunswick Hotel in Higher Audley Street, Blackburn, is Mr William Alan Seed, who left the Royal Air Force recently with the rank of warrant officer after serving in both war and peace.

Mr Seed attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1933 to 1937. He was a navigator in a bombing squadron during the Second World War and completed 30 operations, mostly over Germ-

any, including one to Berlin. After demobilisation he worked for the North-West Electricity Board in Blackburn for a few years, then rejoined the Royal Air Force.

For the last seven years of his service he was attached to helicopters, serving abroad, including a spell in Singapore before returning to Britain and operating from Anglesey with an air-sea rescue formation.



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## Mrs Marsden

1935 became almost my first visitor. In those days married women were not allowed to take posts in schools, and she made it her business to temper our possible loneliness with introductions and suggestions of new interests. Thus it was that I came to know her, and in time to know her as a most valued friend.

During these 33 years I have been aware of particular qualities—her kindness and thoughtfulness never diminished; and sharing a date of birth with my husband she always welcomed me on his birthday while he was a prisoner of war.

Her conversation was always a delight to me. She read widely until a very few months ago. Her memory was excellent and her comments incisive. Her

reminiscences included stories of her childhood in the 1870s and 1880s, a little about her life at London University in the 1890s, and sadly uncomfortable memories of teaching in a girls' boarding school in the early years of this century.

When she was a girl her father resigned his teaching post, after a difference with his headmaster, on a matter of principle. He had a young family and took a grave risk in so doing. He shortly afterwards became the first Non-conformist to be made an HM Inspector of Schools, and so vindicated his firmness of purpose.

Mrs Marsden must have inherited his outlook, and her quiet determination has been benevolently bestowed upon Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School through many different channels.

MARY S. H. COLLIER.

## C. M. BRADLEY

Dr Clement Montague Bradley, one of the oldest practising doctors in Lancashire, died at his home at Wilpshire on November 11, 1968, aged 84. He had visited several patients on his normal rounds only the day before.

Dr Bradley had a rich sense of humour and at one time was much in demand as an after-dinner speaker; he had the rare ability to adapt his stories to any occasion, and he was never afraid of telling a story against himself.

He was a delightful conversationalist. His sentences were always beautifully constructed, and he was once heard to say that whenever he wanted to polish up his English he read Thackeray.

He attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from November, 1896, to July, 1900. He studied medicine at Edinburgh, and in 1915 he took over the practice of his father, Dr David Bradley, in King Street, Blackburn, where he lived until he

moved to Wilpshire.

During the First World War he served on the staff of Whalley Hospital and was later attached to Rugeley Camp, Staffordshire. In September, 1939, he was given command of the 126th Field Ambulance with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

He was medical officer to Blackburn Rural District Council for over 20 years, police surgeon to the county police at Blackburn, and medical officer at the Royal Ordnance Factory, Lower Darwen. In 1936 he was president of Blackburn Medical Society.

In politics he was a Conservative. From 1921 to 1927 he represented St Peter's ward on Blackburn town council, and he was a member of the Central Conservative Club. He was a Freemason and a past master of Victory Lodge No. 3932.

Dr Bradley, who lived at Grosvenor Lodge, Wilpshire, leaves a widow and five sons.

## FRANK BLEASDALE



Mr Frank Bleasdale, formerly chief laboratory technician at Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, died at his home in Blackburn on January 21, 1969, aged 65.

He was born in Blackburn and attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1916 to 1920. He worked at Queen's

Park Hospital for 40 years, and during this time he was responsible for initiating the pathology department. He ran the department virtually alone until 1946, after which it expanded considerably. He retired in 1964.

He belonged to a musical family. At one time he played the trombone and with his father and three brothers used to play in Blackburn Public Brass Band. Mr Bleasdale was secretary and his father conductor.

After his retirement he took up painting and spent a lot of time at his easel. He produced dozens of paintings, and gave many away to friends.

Mr Bleasdale, who lived at 48 Roney Street, Blackburn, leaves a widow, Mrs Annie Bleasdale. Cremation took place at Pleasington on January 24.

## T. C. STIRRUP

Captain T. C. Stirrup, who held senior positions with several companies during a career of more than 40 years in the textile industry, died on October 31, 1968, after a short illness. He was 72.

Captain Stirrup attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1904 to 1912. He then studied spinning and weaving at Blackburn Technical College, but his incipient career in textiles was interrupted by the First World War.

He joined the Inns of Court Officers' Training Corps in 1915 and in the following year was gazetted second lieutenant in the York and Lancaster Regiment. He served in France, where he

was promoted captain and became adjutant of the 13th Battalion. He won the Military Cross.

He was a director of Ashworth, Hadwin Ltd., of Manchester, before he joined Thomas Moss Ltd., of Lostock Hall, near Preston. Later he became weaving director of Amalgamated Cotton Mills Trust Ltd., and he retired in 1960.

He was a member of the Fylde district appeal committee for Lancaster University, and was secretary in the Fylde for the School's Quatercentenary appeal.

Captain Stirrup, who lived at 1 North Houses Lane, Lytham St Annes, leaves a widow and two sons.

## MRS P. C. NORTHAM

Mrs Lorna Northam, wife of Mr P. C. Northam, who taught at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1909 to 1935, died on December 19, 1968, after a short illness. She was 87.

Mr and Mrs Northam had been married for 59 years. After Mr Northam's retirement they

moved to the West Country, where they both came from. They had a house at Sidford for many years, devoting much time to the garden, and later moved to a private hotel at Sidmouth.

Mr Northam, who is 94, now lives at Canterbury House, Salcombe Road, Sidmouth, Devon.

**We also regret to record the deaths of:**

**MISS ADA MARY COE, School secretary, 1919-42, on December 21.**

**ALFRED THOMAS WHEWELL (1921-25) on January 20.**

**THOMAS LUCAS DUERDEN, School director of music, 1938-62, on March 20.**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

# Round-the-world trip for banker

Mr Roland Isherwood (1940-45), assistant comptroller at the head office of the Australia and New Zealand Bank in London, left Britain at the end of Decem-

ber to begin an extensive tour of Australia and New Zealand.

His tour also took him to ANZ Bank offices in Suva and New York as well as agent banks in Singapore, Bangkok, Honolulu and San Francisco. He returned home at the beginning of March.



**Mr Barry Greenwood** (1946-52) will stand as Liberal candidate for St Matthew's ward in the Blackburn municipal elections next month. Mr Greenwood, a newsagent, lives in Whalley Range, Blackburn, and is a member of Blackburn Liberal Party's executive committee.

## Treasurer of rural council

Mr C. F. Kemp (1941-45) was appointed treasurer to Dorking and Horley Rural District Council in June, 1967.

## Lecturer joins research team

Mr B. Park (1949-53) has joined the research team of the Schools Council Foreign Language Teaching Project, which is based at York University. He was formerly assistant lecturer in charge of Spanish studies at Bradford Technical College.

## New commissioner

Mr Roy W. Wallis (1944-48) has been appointed a commissioner on the Public Works Loan Board. He lectures in accounting and business finance in the Faculty of Economics at Manchester University and is a member of Withnell Urban District Council.

## Mr Eastham to study for MA at Kent

Mr Albert Eastham (1946-51), a lecturer in the School of Management at Oxford College of Technology, will be seconded to the University of Kent at Canterbury from October on a one-year course to study for an MA degree in local government. He will return to Oxford at the end of the course.

## Mr Collier has an operation

Mr L. D. Collier, formerly senior modern languages master at Queen Elizabeth's, had an operation in January. He returned home after several weeks in hospital, and is now well on the way to a full recovery.

## Mr J. R. Kennedy elected MIEE

Mr John R. Kennedy (1945-54) has been elected a Member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers and has been registered as a chartered engineer.

## Higher degree

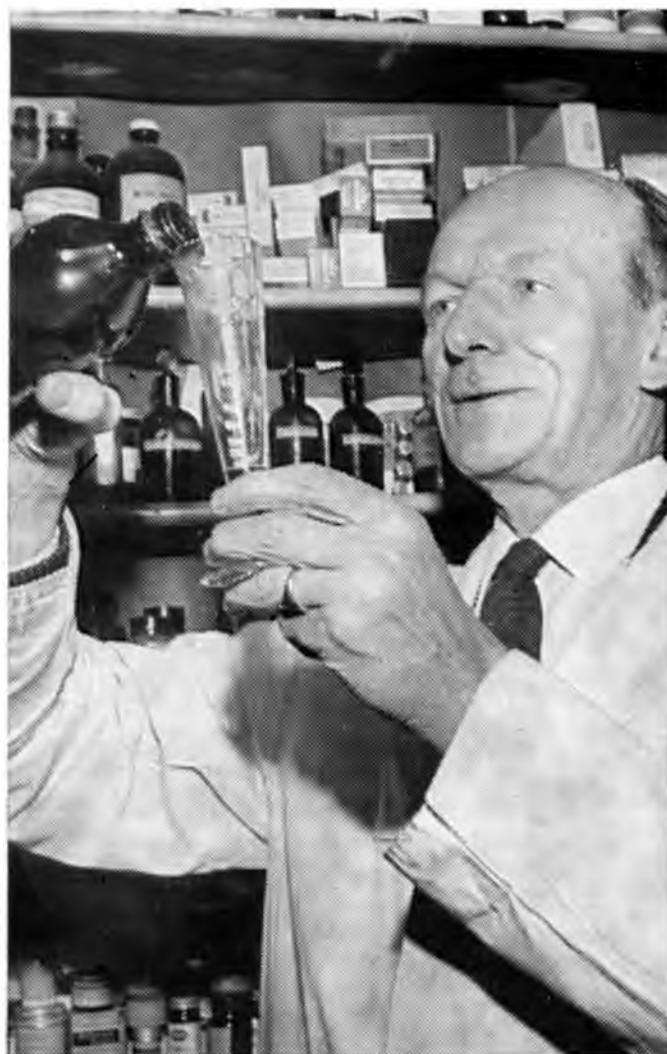
Dr J. Gordon Paterson (1953-57), who graduated MB, ChB from Edinburgh University in 1965, has obtained a higher degree in obstetrics—D.Obst. R.C.O.G.

## Council post

Mr Jeffrey Frank Brown (1957-63) has been appointed assistant solicitor with the North Riding County Council.

## Off to U.S.A.

Mr Christopher L. Jenkins (1943-53) left Britain at the end of February to live in the United States.



**Mr Albert A. Monk** (1918-22), who has been a chemist in Blackburn for 47 years, retired recently for reasons of health. He attended St Silas's primary school before he came to Queen Elizabeth's and later studied at Blackburn Technical College. He qualified as a pharmacist at Manchester University, and is also a qualified optician.

Mr Monk, who is 62, lives at Brindle.

## Mr Mercer is retiring this summer

### From page 1

Mr Mercer became a Scout at the age of 11. He was a member of the Oxford University Rover Crew and was Scoutmaster at Thame and Queen Elizabeth's.

He became Group Scoutmaster at the School in 1936, in succession to Cecil Hale, with whom he had been at Oxford, and he held that position for 20 years.

He ran Scout camps every summer—and most Whitsuntides—and hikes every Easter from 1935 to 1963, apart from the years during the Second World War when he was serving in the armed forces. He resigned from the School Group in 1963.

This outstanding record of service to Scouting was recognised by the award of the Medal of Merit in 1956 and the Silver Acorn in 1967.

In the early 1940s, Mr Mercer started harvest camps in the Fylde as part of the war effort. He was in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and entered the service with a direct commission as a pilot officer. He trained for flying control airfield duties with Coastal Command and rose to the rank of flight lieutenant.

In 1951 he started the School Travel Club—which is still going strong under Mr J. Monk—and took parties abroad every summer for 10 years.

He is also a musician and—as he modestly puts it—"helps out" in the School orchestra as a flautist.

Mr and Mrs Mercer are going to live in Kirkcudbrightshire. Their address will be Craiglure, Lauriston Road, Gatehouse-of-Fleet, and visitors will be more than welcome at all times.

## OLD BLACKS AROUND THE WORLD

Of all the many kind tributes we received after publication of the last issue of *MAGISTER* none was more appreciated than that from Mr Frank J. Jones (1918-27), chairman and managing director of Jones Textilaties Ltd.

Mr Jones told us that he joined the Old Blackburnians' Association more than 40 years ago as a life member. Recently he had felt that *MAGISTER* was giving him more than his money's worth. And in recognition of the fact he made a contribution to the association's funds. Thank you, Mr Jones!

### Popular history

From Kingston, Jamaica, Mr G. F. Stonehouse (1942-49) writes: "I was delighted to read of the School's Quatercentenary celebrations and hope they all went well. From recent photographs I can hardly recognise the place and have resolved to visit the School on my next leave.

"Please give my regards to those members of the staff of my day who are still at School. In this regard Dr Tyler springs immediately to mind—I can still recall in detail some of Doc's dramatic expositions!"

Mr Stonehouse adds: "Mr

# A very nice way of saying thank you

Eastwood's history of the School has a place on my bookshelf—I wonder if it's the only copy in the West Indies?"

As a matter of fact there is another copy in Jamaica itself. It is owned by Mr H. Cook (1921-29), who is deputy headmaster at Cornwall College, Montego Bay.

### More co-operation

Major Harold Stancliffe (1937-44), officer commanding the Army's programmed learning wing, discovered recently that his opposite number in the Royal Air Force, Squadron Leader Peter Fallon, was also an old boy of Queen Elizabeth's (1948-53). "No doubt co-operation between the Army and Air Force will increase," he comments.

Major Stancliffe's latest degree

—in manpower studies—is reported on page 5. It puts him in select company: only four such degrees have been awarded so far.

### Chasing poachers

From Winchester, Mr Arthur Sandford (1952-59) writes: "I am working for the Hampshire County Council now and undertake prosecutions for the river

aire and Rousseau. He was a colleague and adviser of Gladstone and Joseph Chamberlain, a Cabinet Minister under the four Liberal Prime Ministers, and a leading architect of Liberal policies towards Ireland and India.

This book is a study of "an intellectual in politics," of the reasons which led him to embark on a political career, and of the impact on ideas developed in mid-Victorian England of the pressures and emergencies of political practice in the later period. It is the first detailed analysis of Lord Morley's career to use his own correspondence from numerous major collections.

*John Morley—Liberal Intellectual in Politics*, by D. A. Hamer. Clarendon Press, 65s.



Mr Sandford

authority against salmon poachers—a heinous offence! Raymond Fisher (1951-56), who also works for the river authority, is one of the poacher catchers and was a witness in the last case I had." Mr Sandford lives at Kalamunda, Downs Road, South Wonston, Winchester.

### Lord Morley

One of the most distinguished old boys in the 400 years of the School's history, Lord Morley, is the subject of a new study which was published in December. The author is Dr D. A. Hamer, a New Zealander who now lectures in history at Lancaster University.

John Morley was born at his father's house in Heaton Street, Blackburn, on Christmas Eve, 1838. He attended Queen Elizabeth's—then the old grammar school by St Peter's Church—and later went up to Lincoln College, Oxford. He was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1873.

As a writer and Member of Parliament he occupied a prominent place in the intellectual and political life of late Victorian and early twentieth-century England.

He was the friend and disciple of John Stuart Mill, and the biographer of Cobden and Volt-

### Colleagues

Many Old Blacks will be interested to know that Monsieur A. Bur, who taught at Queen Elizabeth's from 1952 to 1955, is now on the staff of Carisbrooke Grammar School, Newport, Isle of Wight.

At that school he is a colleague of Mr Gerald Lewney, who was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1933 to 1943 and is the son of the late Mr G. G. Lewney, who taught at Queen Elizabeth's from 1920 to 1958.

### Expectant father

Mr Malcolm F. Davis (1943-48), a lecturer in agriculture for Salop County Council education committee, dropped us a line to say that he had moved from Walford Manor, Baschurch, to Oakfield House, Baschurch. He adds: "Married now and, happy to say, expectant father for next Easter."

### In hospital

Alderman R. H. G. Horne (1914-22), who is a governor of the School, was taken seriously ill in January and has been in hospital since then. We hope he will soon be home, and we wish him a speedy return to full health.

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# JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Eleven new Blackburn magistrates who were appointed in November included the headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Mr Douglas J. Coulson, and three old boys—Mr James Roberts, Mr John S. Singleton, and Mr Eric Beaumont.

Mr Coulson has been headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's since September, 1965. He is an old

boy of Pocklington School and took his degree at St John's College, Cambridge. Before moving to Blackburn he was headmaster of Collyer's School, Horsham, Sussex.

Mr Roberts (1927-30) had a confectioner's shop in Little Harwood for 17 years, but gave it up to become a teacher. In 1963, at the age of 47, he sat his GCE and gained five passes. He

studied at Chorley College of Education and has been teaching at St Wilfred's Church of England School, Blackburn, for about 18 months.

Mr Singleton (1931-33) is a partner in G. F. Singleton and Co., chartered auctioneers and estate agents, of Blackburn, and is chairman of the North-West Chambers of Commerce committee. He is organist and

choirmaster at Wilpshire Methodist Church and is also a member of Wilpshire Golf Club, Blackburn Forty-one Club and the District Club.

Mr Beaumont (1937-42) is manager of the transistor division of Mullard Blackburn works. He serves as a trustee of Wilpshire Methodist Church and is also a member of Blackburn Rotary Club.

## One Old Black follows another as secretary of Chamber of Trade

Mr R. Edgar Dixon (1914-21) is retiring this summer after 32 years as secretary of Blackburn Chamber of Trade. He will be succeeded by Mr William M. Snape (1956-62).



Mr Snape

Mr Dixon, who lives in Azalea Road, Blackburn, succeeded his father as secretary, and has been associated with the Chamber of Trade since 1925.

He was for many years secretary of Blackburn and District Scouts' Association, and in 1939 he was appointed secretary of the Lancashire and Cheshire Federation of Chambers of Trade. He was also secretary of Blackburn and District Retail Grocers' Association until his retirement in 1961 after 30 years' service.

He is continuing as secretary of Blackburn and District Master Bakers' Association and the East Lancashire branch of the Electrical Contractors' Association.

Mr Snape intends to establish business as an insurance broker as well as being secretary of the Chamber of Trade.

After some time with the Commercial Union Assurance Co. Ltd. he joined the Legal and General Assurance Society Ltd. in 1964 as an inspector. He has worked in Blackburn since then.

He is a member of the Old Blackburnians' AFC and plays centre-forward in the first team. He lives in Wilworth Crescent, Blackburn.



Mr Dixon

## GEOGRAPHY POST FOR TEACHER

Mr Peter John Walsh (1952-59) has been appointed head of the geography department at Everton School, Blackburn. He previously taught at Ashton-on-Ribble School, Preston.

After leaving Queen Elizabeth's, Mr Walsh studied for a general arts degree at Durham University. From 1965 to 1966 he taught at Shadsworth School, Blackburn, and then spent a year studying for his Diploma in Education at Newcastle University before joining the staff of Ashton-on-Ribble School. He lives at 42 Langdale Road, Feniscowles, Blackburn.

## Cadet force commandant retires

Colonel Harold Smith (1931-36) has retired after four years as commandant of the East Lancashire Army Cadet Force. He served in the Army for six years during the Second World War and has served for 16 years on the reserve.

He volunteered for the Army as a sapper in 1939 and spent six months in France with the British Expeditionary Force until the Dunkirk evacuation. Two years later he was commissioned in the RASC and served with the 52nd Mountain Division in North-west Europe.

During service with the Territorial Army he commanded the 42nd Divisional Column RASC for four years. In 1965 he was awarded the OBE.

He is manager of the Midland Bank at Chorley and lives at Clayton-le-Woods. At the association's annual dinner last December he proposed the toast to the School.

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## Ex-head boy has Kenya Chair

Dr Wilfrid Fishwick (1930-38), a former head boy of Queen Elizabeth's, has been appointed professor of electrical engineering at the University College, Nairobi. He was previously professor of electrical engineering at the University of Wales, Swansea.

## New post for headmaster

Mr Walter Bebbington (1940-47), became headmaster of St Mary's Primary School, Ely, in September, 1967.

He was formerly head of St John's CE Primary School, Blackburn, for six years.

Mr Bebbington, who lived in Walden Road, Blackburn, was a lay reader attached to St Gabriel's Church, chairman of Blackburn Deanery Youth Committee and a member of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education.



# Good season so far—in spite of unlucky defeats

The Old Blackburnians' Association Football Club is having a good season. The first team are at present leading the first division of the Lancashire Amateur League with a record of:

P14 W10 D3 L1 F39 A14 Pts 23

The team have been playing very well after a poor start in which they only obtained one point from their first two games. They then went on to win their next eight league matches and went to the top of the table. In the last four games they have been held to a draw twice and won the last two, but after that, because of the snow and frost, no games were played for three weeks.

Brian Hardcastle is leading the side this season and has organised the weekly training sessions in the School gym, which are well supported by the first team players. This is paying dividends, because the Old Blacks are much fitter than most of their opponents and several games have been won in the later stages. They are also producing some fine attacking football.

After last season's good cup run the Old Blacks were very disappointing in this season's competitions, being knocked out of all three cups at the first hurdle—although they were unlucky to be drawn away three times and against good opposition.

In the FA Amateur Cup the Old Blacks had to visit East Chorlton, one of the top teams in the Lancashire and Cheshire Amateur League, and were beaten 5—0. In the Lancashire Amateur Cup and in the newly-formed Lancashire Amateur League Knock-Out Competition the Old Blacks had byes in the first rounds, but in the second rounds they were drawn against Manchester YMCA in both competitions and were beaten by the odd goal on each occasion.

The first game was the Knock-Out Cup for first teams and the Old Blacks were beaten 2—1, but the Manchester side were worthy winners. In the Lancashire Amateur Cup the Old Blacks were the better side throughout the game and with some fine football twice equalised to bring the scores level at 2—2; but in their efforts to take the lead which they deserved, they allowed the Manchester side to snatch a very fortunate winner in the dying seconds of the match.

The Old Blacks have lost several first and second team players this season through injury or other commitments, and these players would have formed a very formidable side in the following line-up: K. V. Newton; W. Tuson, H. Bendix; G. J.

Hebden, P. T. Pearson, W. G. Newman; C. R. Marlor, A. Jackson, P. Dobson, D. L. Stevenson, D. Hardman. Although the loss of these players has not had any great effect on the first team, the other teams have suffered, and it is hoped that some of these players will start playing again next season.

The second team who have finished well up the league in past seasons, are at present in a rather low position, at fifth

both playing in the second team. Another ex-member of the first team, Eddie MacGarry, has also made a comeback and he is now keeping goal for the third team.

The Old Blacks have been doing well on the social side with several functions on Saturday and Friday evenings. The club is also open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening, and all afternoon and evening on Saturdays for club members.

On Boxing Day the Old Blacks entertained a select Blackburn Combination side in the annual match at Lammack but were well beaten 5—1 on a bone-hard ground which did not suit their style of play. Also on Boxing Day a second match was played between the Over 30s and Under 25s. It resulted in a victory for the Over-30s, who made their experience felt.

On New Year's Day a return match was played between the Over-30s and Under-25s and the younger players got their revenge with an easy victory after the Over-30s had tired late in the second half.

The club has just started a joint 200 Club with Blackburn



Mr Colin Marlor (1948-55), a leading member of the Old Blackburnians' AFC, broke his left leg while playing in a match against the Old Rivingtonians at Lammack on January 11. It was his first serious injury in 10 years of playing for the Old Blacks, and has put him out of football for the rest of the season at least. His leg was broken in two places just below the knee, and for several weeks, with his leg in plaster, Mr Marlor was hobbling around on crutches.

Northern Cricket Club and the weekly draw for this is being held in the clubhouse for the first 10 weeks; during the second 10 weeks it will be held at the Northern's clubhouse. This 200 Club is being run to make money for future extensions at Lammack; if anybody is interested in joining, please contact any member, who will be able to give them full details.

## FOOTBALL REPORT by BARRIE HAYDOCK

place, but they are eight points behind the leaders. Their record is P16 W8 D2 L6 F41 A34 Pts 18.

The second-team are, however, still in the league's Second XI Knock-Out competition and have reached the semi-final. The Old Blacks, after having a bye in the first round, beat Burnley GSOB 5—3 at home after extra time. At one stage in the first half the Old Blacks were trailing 3—0 but they made a tremendous fight back to draw level at full time and grab victory in the extra time. In the third round the Old Blacks had an easy 5—1 win against Bolton CGSOB, also at Lammack.

The third team are having a rather mixed season with some very big victories, but unfortunately they have never been able to produce their best form against the better teams and they are at present in third position in the league table:

P10 W7 D1 L2 F44 A22 Pts 15.

A supplementary league has been formed this season for third and fourth teams because the leagues are smaller now, and the third team are well placed, winning three of the four games played. But they have several games to catch up on at the end of the season and they will be hard pressed to win them all to win this competition.

The fourth team are at present in fourth position in their league with the record of:

P10 W5 D1 L4 F32 A25 Pts 11.

In the supplementary league the fourth team have played 6, won 3, lost 2, drawn 1.

Two ex-first team captains, Terry Barton and Eddie Walton, have started playing again this season and at present they are

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## NEW GOVERNORS TO BE NAMED SOON



Mr Southworth

### Diplomatic post in Pakistan

Mr Thomas Keith Southworth (1948-54) has been appointed entry certificate officer at the British High Commission in Lahore and left Britain for Pakistan in September. He will be there for three years.

Mr Southworth, who is the son of Mr H. Southworth (1918-24), joined the Diplomatic Service in 1955 and spent his national service with the Royal Air Force in Cyprus from 1956 to 1958. He then returned to the Diplomatic Service.

He was appointed to the United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations in New York in 1961 and served at the British Embassy in Baghdad from 1964 to 1966, after which he worked at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London, latterly as a supervisory executive.

He has been an active member of the London branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association and was elected to the committee in March.

Alterations in the composition of the governing body of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School have been approved by the Secretary of State for Education and Science. It is expected that the names of several new governors will be announced within the next few weeks.

The governing body previously consisted of 11 representatives appointed by Blackburn town council and 10 co-opted by resolution of the governors.

Last December the governors suggested that the town council should reduce its representation to one-third of the total number—the usual proportion with direct-grant schools—and the council agreed.

Under the amendment, which was approved on September 2, the governing body now consists of 21 persons, 7 being representatives appointed by Blackburn town council and 14 being co-opted by resolution.

Representative governors are each appointed for five years and co-optative governors for eight years.

### Many thanks for pictures

MAGISTER wishes to thank the Editor of the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph* for his kind permission to use *Telegraph* pictures in this issue. We also thank the Editor of the *Blackburn Times* for the use of a picture on page 2.

Many people have given willing and generous help with this issue, and MAGISTER is grateful to all of them.



Mr George F. Eastwood retires at Christmas after spending his entire teaching career, covering 41 years, at Queen Elizabeth's. All Old Blackburnians will wish him and his wife health and happiness in their retirement. A special tribute was paid to Mr Eastwood—and to Mr G. M. Mercer, who retired last summer—by the headmaster, Mr Douglas J. Coulson, at Speech Night in May.

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## Why the School needs your help now

The new block at Queen Elizabeth's will be completed early in the new year. It includes an assembly hall, music rooms, and facilities for games.

The Quatercentenary appeal, launched two years ago to meet the cost of the extensive new development, met with a generous response from staff, parents, old boys, industry, and friends of the School, and quickly exceeded its target of £100,000. The fund now stands at £113,000.

But rising costs have pushed the total needed up to £120,000. The School still needs £7,000 to pay its bill. You can help. If you have not yet sent a gift to the appeal, this is the time.

We do not beg for your money. We do not demand. We simply invite you to share in the continuing development of your School. With your help now, Queen Elizabeth's will continue to help the boys of Blackburn in the future as it has helped so many in the past.

We ask you to give. We ask you to give generously. And most of all we ask you to give NOW.

### Mr Hare ill

Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, was taken seriously ill in September and is now convalescing after an operation. We wish him a swift and complete recovery.

## Old Black wrote 'Battle of Britain'

The new United Artists film, "The Battle of Britain," has special interest for old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School: an Old Blackburnian, Wilfred Greatorex, was co-author of the script.

Mr Greatorex is well known

for his television work, but he has also written two books and in recent years has devoted much of his time to film writing.

He was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1932 to 1937. He worked for the *Blackburn Times* and the *Lancashire Evening Post*

as a junior reporter, and when the war came he volunteered for the Royal Air Force. He served for five years almost to the day, including a year on the Continent

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## Obituary

### R. H. G. HORNE

Alderman R. H. G. Horne, an old boy and governor of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, a former Mayor of Blackburn, a leading solicitor, and one of the town's most prominent citizens, died in Blackburn Infirmary on April 8, 1969, aged 64. He had been ill for several months.

Alderman Horne was a man devoted to public service. He had been a member of Blackburn town council for 38 years, with a particular interest in education, and he had served as a governor of his old school since 1937.

He was a man of charm, tact, courtesy, and invariable good humour. A keen member of the Old Blackburnians' Association, he rarely missed an opportunity to attend dinners either in Blackburn or in London or Oxford and Cambridge. He was a vice-president of St Mary's College Old Boys' Association.

Ronald Henry Gregory Horne was the son of the late Rev. W. Horne, vicar of St James's Church, Blackamoor. He attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1914 to 1922 and then entered into articles with Sir John Taylor in Blackburn.

He qualified in February, 1928, passing the solicitor's final examination with second-class honours, and was awarded the Judge Coventry prize for the best candidate in the circuit. In the same year he tied for the second speaking award of the Manchester Law Debating Society. He remained with John Taylor and Co. until 1929, when he started in practice on his own account.

Alderman Horne first stood for election to Blackburn town council in 1930, when he fought St. Silas's Ward—unsuccessfully—as a candidate of the Ratepayers' Association. He later joined the Conservative Party and in 1931 he won a seat in St Andrew's Ward from the Liberals with a large majority.

In May, 1937, he was chosen to succeed the late Alderman W. H. Grimshaw as a town council representative on the governing body of Queen Elizabeth's, and he took his seat early in the following month. He had served as a governor continuously since then, although for several years early in the 1940s he was away on war service.

He served in the Royal Air Force, which he joined in 1941. He was posted to the Far East, but his ship was torpedoed, and he subsequently served in the Western Desert, Palestine, and East Africa. He was demobilised



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in 1945 with the rank of flight lieutenant, and after returning to Blackburn became honorary solicitor to the local branch of the Royal Air Force Association.

He was Mayor of Blackburn in 1949-50, while still a councillor; his election as alderman came in 1951. In later years he served at various times as chairman of the governors of Blackburn College of Technology and Design; chairman of the governors of Blackburn High School for Girls; and vice-chairman of Blackburn Education Committee. He was also for several years a Blackburn borough magistrate.

Alderman Horne was a partner in the Blackburn firm of Horne, Graham, and Co., and was deputy coroner for East Lancashire.

In his younger days he played tennis. He was for some time a member of Blackburn and District Football Combination and chairman of Lower Darwen Football Club. He was a keen collector of Georgian silver and built up over many years a fine collection of early nineteenth-century silhouettes.

Alderman Horne, who was unmarried and lived in Duke's Brow, is survived by a sister. A funeral service at St Silas's Church on April 14 was followed by burial at St James's Church, Blackamoor.

#### J. STIRRUP

Alderman John Stirrup, a governor of Queen Elizabeth's, died at his home in East Park Road, Blackburn, on July 19, 1969, aged 77.

#### F. BERESFORD

Mr Fred Beresford, a former caretaker at Queen Elizabeth's, died in hospital at Blackburn on March 18, 1969, aged 74.

### T. L. DUERDEN

Mr Thomas L. Duerden, organist emeritus of Blackburn Cathedral and formerly for 25 years director of music at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, died in Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, on March 20, 1969, aged 71. By his death the world of English church music lost a leading figure; Queen Elizabeth's lost a loyal friend; and Blackburn lost one of its most vivid and popular personalities.

TLD, as he was universally known, was appointed director of music at Queen Elizabeth's in 1938, in succession to Dr Herman Brearley; he had previously been director of music at Hutton Grammar School.

To say that he taught music is not enough, though that he did brilliantly; his achievement was to teach even the dulllest and most unmusical of the boys gathered round his piano in Big School the sheer joy and exuberance to be found in song.

He tolerated no faint voices; with booming words and expressive arms he commanded and exhorted until every boy was singing at the full power of his lungs. In Tom Duerden's classes you didn't think about the hard bench you were sitting on, you didn't feel the icy draughts that howled across the floor of Big School in winter; you were swept up in the excitement and enthusiasm of the song—and when it was over, you were exhausted.

He retired on Speech Day, 1962, and marked the occasion by conducting the School Choral Society in a special concert at the Prizegiving in the evening. The programme included grand opera, light opera, oratorio, and the Hallelujah chorus from Handel's "Messiah."

Thomas Lucas Duerden was appointed organist and choir-master at St John's Church, Blackburn, when he was only 20. He became an acknowledged expert in the training of choir-boys, and he achieved many outstanding successes with the choir of St John's—most notably by winning the blue riband of the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales three times out of three attempts.

One of Mr Duerden's pupils was Kathleen Ferrier; he was her first vocal teacher. Her father and uncle were both members of his choir at St John's and later at the Cathedral.

He was appointed organist and master of the choristers at Blackburn Cathedral in 1939, also in succession to Dr Brearley. He made many innovations, including the foundation of a musical library and the revival of the song school, whose existence he traced back to 1451.



He made Blackburn a place of distinction in the world of church music. One of his boy choristers, Stan Roocroft, a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's, sang at the Coronation in 1953 at the special request of Sir William McKie, master of music at Westminster Abbey.

Mr Duerden retired from the Cathedral at Easter, 1964, and the title of organist emeritus was conferred on him. But his work in the field of church music continued; he travelled frequently about the country as an adjudicator at music festivals and examiner to several musical boards.

He had in 1947 been appointed one of three special commissioners to the Royal School of Church Music, and he eventually became the senior special commissioner. He was made a Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music in 1964.

Mr Duerden, who lived at Long Acre, 48 Ribchester Road, Salesbury, Blackburn, leaves a widow and two daughters. A funeral service at Blackburn Cathedral on March 25 was followed by cremation at Pleasington.

### MISS A. M. COE

Miss Ada Mary Coe, the first registrar of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, died in hospital at Tolworth, Surrey, on December 21, 1968, nineteen days before her eighty-second birthday.

Miss Coe was born on January 9, 1887, the youngest daughter of

# Two Old Blacks are named in the Birthday Honours

Two Old Blackburnians figured in the Birthday Honours List in June. Mr Henry Lightbown Schollick (1918-25) received the OBE and Mr Thomas Shorrocks Harris (1934-39) received the MBE.

## A canon of Newcastle Cathedral

The Rev. Thomas William Byrne, vicar of Humshaugh, Hexham, Northumberland, was appointed an honorary canon of Newcastle upon Tyne Cathedral in June by the Bishop of Newcastle, the Right Rev. H. E. Ashdown.

Mr Byrne attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1918 to 1924 and was in Howard.

He went on to Manchester University, where he read history and was Jones history scholar in 1924. He graduated BA with honours in 1927 and gained his Diploma in Education a year later. He received his MA degree in 1932.

He spent a year teaching at Dame Allan's School, Newcastle, before entering Wells Theological College in 1929, and he was ordained deacon in 1930 and priest in 1931 at Newcastle Cathedral.

He was curate of Jesmond from 1930 to 1933 and curate-in-charge of St Oswald's, Walker Gate, Newcastle, from 1933 to 1944, when he accepted the living of Humshaugh.

Mr Byrne has been diocesan inspector of schools since 1938 and rural dean of Bellingham since 1956. He was editor of the Newcastle Diocesan Year Book from 1952 to 1956.

## Vicar moves to Chatburn

The Rev. Norman Maddock (1923-30), vicar of St Thomas's Church, Blackpool, was appointed vicar of Chatburn in April.

Mr Maddock is a graduate of Durham University and has served in parishes at Chorley, Marple, Tintwistle, and Manchester. He had been at Blackpool since 1955.

Mr Schollick, a former head boy of Queen Elizabeth's, is a director of B. H. Blackwell Ltd., the Oxford publishers and booksellers, and was honoured for his services to export.

He read philosophy, politics, and economics at Oriel College, Oxford, where he was Neale exhibitioner, and took his BA degree in 1928. He received his MA in 1932.

Mr Schollick says: "In 1927 the Peel Foundation granted me the Henry Harrison travelling scholarship. This enabled me to acquire a knowledge of German which has been invaluable to me, and I would like to acknowledge my indebtedness."

He is a director of several other publishing and bookselling companies and has been for 25 years chairman of Book Tokens Ltd. He resigned this position recently, but remains a director.

In his spare time he is a keen gardener, and he is a member of the Oxford branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association. He is married, with a son and daughter, and lives at 96 Church Way, Iffley, Oxford.

## Civil servant

Mr Harris was honoured for his work in the Civil Service. He is an assistant director in the establishments division of Her Majesty's Stationery Office at Norwich.

He entered the Civil Service as a clerical officer in the Stationery Office at Chadderton, near Manchester, when he left Queen Elizabeth's. He served at offices in Belfast and London, and was transferred to Cardiff on promotion to higher executive officer in 1950.

He returned to London in 1955 and became senior executive officer in 1960. He took up his present position at Norwich in 1968.

Mr Harris is a keen cricketer and is an accredited umpire. He is married, with two daughters, and lives at 28 Townsend Road, Norwich.



Mr Hyland

## MANPOWER ADVISER TO INDUSTRY

Mr Graham Frank Hyland (1933-39), manager of Blackburn Employment Exchange, has been appointed a manpower adviser in the Department of Employment's Manpower and Productivity Service. He took up his new post in August, and is based at the regional office in Manchester.

Mr Hyland, who is 47, joined the staff of Blackburn Employment Exchange when he left School. He served in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War and afterwards obtained a BSc degree in economics as an external student of London University.

He served with the Ministry of Labour in the South of England and in Bolton, Preston, and Manchester before returning to Blackburn as deputy manager of the Employment Exchange in 1959. He was promoted manager in 1964.

In his new job he joins a team of advisers who are responsible for North Lancashire, including Blackburn, and he will eventually be available for discussions with local firms.

Mr Hyland is a member of Blackburn Society of Antiquaries and was, until recently, a member of Blackburn West Rotary Club. He is married, with three children, and lives at 321 Revidge Road, Blackburn.

## Advertising man takes new post in Preston

Mr Martin B. Tolson (1953-59) has been appointed to the advertising staff of the *Lancashire Evening Post* at Preston. His work involves selling planned advertising schemes to retailers and industrial concerns, to one-man businesses and multi-million-pound organisations.

After leaving Queen Elizabeth's Mr Tolson worked in the production department of a Manchester advertising agency for three-and-a-half years and attained the position of assistant production manager. He then became buyer for a large furniture manufacturing concern to gain further experience.

"Then," he says, "the opportunity of a lifetime came my way in 1963. David Ryley, another old boy of Queen Elizabeth's, was organising an underwater fishing expedition to the Red Sea and the United Arab Republic with two other students of Manchester University."

"They were one member short to make up the party of four, and I was invited to go along. We left England in mid-July, 1963."

"The expedition was very successful and finished in October of that year, and the two other members returned to Manchester to continue their studies."

"David stayed until May the following year, teaching at Cairo University, while I stayed until August of that year, playing music at the Nile Hilton and Omar Khayyam Hotels."

On his return to England in 1964 Mr Tolson joined the advertising staff of the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph*, Blackburn, where he worked for four-and-a-half years until he moved to the *Lancashire Evening Post* in March.

He is married, with a son aged three, and lives at 13 Water Street, Ribchester.

## Damages for Old Black's death

Mrs Denise Margaret Boardwell, widow of Mr Graham Milton Boardwell (1955-63), who was killed when a car in which he and his wife were passengers crashed on June 10, 1967, was awarded agreed damages of £11,684, with costs, against the car driver at Manchester Assizes in July.

Mrs Boardwell received £8,333 for her husband's death and £3,351 for her own injuries. It was stated in court that £1,000 of the award would go to Mr and Mrs Boardwell's son, who was only a few months old at the time of the accident, and would be invested for him until he reached the age of 21.



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# Marriage—and then off to Canada

Mr Ian D. Malloch (1952-59) has emigrated to Canada. From Queen Elizabeth's he went to Manchester University, where he gained a BSc degree in mathematics and an MSc after carrying out research in the fluid mechanics department.

He later worked as an aeronautical engineer in the aerodynamics department of the British Aircraft Corporation at Warton,

I am an engineer in the engineering department of De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Ltd., doing basic aerodynamics. The aircraft we are designing is the DHC-7, a four-engined turbo-prop transporter, the seventh De Havilland "short-take-off-and-land" aircraft, following the Chipmunk, Beaver, Otter, Buffalo, Caribou, and Twin Otter.

This is quite a change from the military aircraft designed at BAC. Very little research is sponsored outside universities in Canada—practical people seem to be the order of the day.

In terms of salary, a qualified

engineer can expect to get about 75 per cent of the amount he could earn in the United States. Also, the cost of living is definitely higher in Canada than in the US, mainly because so many goods (fruit in particular) are imported from other countries (mainly the US). However, many articles are the same price as, or less than, the English price (direct conversion).

Mr Malloch married Miss Anne Harrison, a State Registered Nurse, of Billington, at St Mary's Church, Langho, on May 24 and five days later he and his bride flew to Canada. From Downsview, Toronto, he writes:

Apartment rent is £10 to £15 per week and the weekly grocery bill is about £10, living at a good standard. This leaves plenty spare for saving and other outlets.

Anne works as a nurse at the Humber Memorial Hospital in Toronto, not far from Downsview. Conditions at the hospital are very good indeed, much better than in the equivalent English hospital.

People emigrating to Canada need have no fears about huge medical bills. Each firm usually has its own scheme, covering prescription and drug charges and all doctor's fees, medical expenses, and hospital charges (about £20 a day).

These schemes are usually joined after one month's service, and temporary cover is easily arranged very cheaply. All this costs me about £1 a week—De Havilland contribute the rest.

All the expenses I have mentioned cost me only my weekly contribution. I am also well covered when I am off work sick. My family is covered under my insurance for all the above expenses also. Not a bad scheme! It means that nobody is permitted to abuse the system easily, as one can under the National Health Service.

If any old boys of Queen Elizabeth's are in the Toronto area perhaps they would contact me—who knows, we may be able to form an Old Blackburnians' branch in Canada.

Ian D. Malloch, 103 Kennard Avenue, Downsview, Ontario. Tel.: 633-5364 (area code 416).



Mr Harding

## PROMOTED SENIOR ASSISTANT

Mr Michael John Harding (1951-60) was promoted senior assistant town clerk of Blackburn in May. He was previously assistant town clerk.

Mr Harding is a graduate of Bristol University. In 1964 he was articled to the then town clerk of Blackburn, Mr Frank Squires, who is now the borough solicitor, and was appointed assistant solicitor in January, 1967. He became assistant town clerk in 1968 in a reorganisation of town hall management structure.

He is a member of the East Lancashire Cricket Club and Blackburn Area Road Safety Association. He is married, and lives at 27 Queensway, Blackburn.

## President of the plasterers

Mr Jack Whalley (1919-24) was elected president of the National Federation of Plastering Contractors at their annual meeting in London in December, 1967.

Mr Whalley, of Sherbrook, Whinney Lane, Langho, is head of J. Whalley and Son, Limbrick.

Mr Whalley's father held the same office just 51 years previously.

## Chemical firm director

Mr Harry Ainsworth (1932-38) has been appointed a director of the Alliance Dye and Chemical Co. Ltd., of Bolton.

He was technical manager of the Elton Cop Dyeing Co. Ltd., of Bury, before he joined Alliance as a technical representative in 1961. He lives at Ainsworth, near Bolton.

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## Executive local director of bank

Mr Gordon W. Parkinson was appointed an executive local director of the new Preston district of Barclays Bank on July 1. With two others he shares the responsibility of administering all the branches of Barclays Bank and Martins Bank in the new district, which covers parts of north and east Lancashire, Westmorland, Cumberland and a small number of branches in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Mr Parkinson attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1940 to 1944. He joined Martins Bank when he left the Royal Air Force and worked at several branches in east Lancashire before moving to the Manchester district office inspection department in 1954.

During his service in Manchester he became secretary to the district general manager and was later appointed an advance controller before returning to branch banking in 1963 as assistant manager of the Market Place branch at Huddersfield.

Two years later he moved to the Midland district office at Birmingham, where he was appointed superintendent of branches and subsequently assistant district manager.

Mr Parkinson, who is 40, is married and has a son and two daughters. He intends to live on the Fylde coast.

## MANAGER OF BRANCH AT EANAM

Mr Kenneth Ormerod Walmesley (1933-39) was appointed manager of the Eanam branch of Martins Bank in Blackburn in May. He was previously deputy manager of the Blackburn branch.

Mr Walmesley joined Martins Bank at Bolton in 1941. He served in the Royal Navy for three years during the Second World War, and afterwards returned to the bank. He has worked at a number of branches in the Manchester area and has also held an appointment at Preston.

He is married, with one child, and lives at 63 St Mary's Drive, Langho. His chief interest outside his work is golf.

## Retiring head is succeeded by another Old Black

Mr Richard Blackburn, headmaster for 16 years of St Aidan's Church of England Primary School, Mill Hill, Blackburn, retired at the end of the summer term. His wife, who had taught at the same school for 14 years, also gave up teaching.

Mr Blackburn was born in Blackburn and attended the old Church of England Central School. He was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1925 to 1926 and went on to St Mark and St John's Teacher Training College, Chelsea.

He taught in Liverpool before becoming assistant master at St Paul's School, Blackburn, in 1931, and he remained at St Paul's until he joined the Royal Air Force during the Second World War. He served in Britain and Madagascar.

After the war he was appointed headmaster of St James's School, Guide, and he stayed there for seven years before he moved to St Aidan's in 1953.

Mr Blackburn has been a lifelong sportsman. He was secretary of the Old Blackburnians' AFC for four years in the 1930s and he spent part of his war service as a physical training instructor.

He is a life member of the Lancashire Schools Football Association, an honour he was awarded in 1959 to mark more than a quarter of a century of service to Blackburn schoolboy

football.

He is a former president of Blackburn Schools Athletic Association and a past chairman and secretary of its football section. He has also been president of Blackburn Head Teachers' Association and of the Blackburn branch of the National Association of Schoolmasters.

He is a member of the executive committee of Blackburn Church Schools Association and is treasurer of St Aidan's Church. Mr and Mrs Blackburn have one married daughter and live at 16 Carham Road, Blackburn.

Mr Blackburn is succeeded as headmaster at St Aidan's School by another Old Blackburnian, Mr Norman Eccleston (1950-57), previously deputy headmaster of St Thomas's Church of England Primary School, Blackburn.

Mr Eccleston trained at St Paul's, Cheltenham, and began his teaching career at St John's Church of England Primary School, Blackburn, in 1960. He was secretary of Blackburn Schools Sport Association from 1964 to 1967 and at present serves on the Schools Cricket Association committee.

He has been a member of Blackburn Cathedral choir since he was a boy and has been secretary of Blackburn Cathedral Old Choristers' Association since it was refounded in 1966. He is married and lives at 149 Ramsgrave Drive, Blackburn.

## Headmaster retires—44 years a teacher

Mr Frank Myerscough, headmaster of St Anne's Junior School, Blackburn, retired last summer after 44 years as a teacher.

Mr Myerscough was a pupil at St Anne's as a child. He attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1919 to 1923 and went on to Sheffield City Training College.

His first teaching post was in Halifax in 1925. Later he moved to Manchester, where he taught science at St Gregory's Central School, and in 1928 he returned to Blackburn, teaching at St Anne's.

He stayed at the school for 20 years before moving to

St Mary's Secondary Modern School—later to become St Augustine's—where he taught geography for nine years. He returned to St Anne's in 1957 as headmaster.

Mr Myerscough is a past president and former secretary of the Blackburn branch of the National Association of Schoolmasters.

He has been a keen sportsman, and holds a coaching certificate of the Lawn Tennis Association. He has also played football in the Lancashire Amateur League.

Mr Myerscough, who lives at 131 Buncer Lane, Blackburn, is married, with two daughters and a son.

## Dr Wade is named MOH for Lancashire

Dr Charles Henry Townsend Wade, deputy medical officer of health to Lancashire County Council, has been promoted medical officer of health and will take up his new post on December 8.

Dr Wade attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1919 to 1925 and went on to Manchester University, where he graduated BSc (first class) in 1928.

In 1927 he was awarded the Dauntsey medical junior scholarship and the Tom Jones exhibition, and was appointed professor in anatomy at the medical school. He won the university medals for pharmacology, operative surgery, and obstetrics and gynaecology. He gained his Diploma in Public Health in 1934 and graduated MD in 1936.

He was appointed house physician at Manchester Royal Infirmary and subsequently worked in Manchester city hospitals and became deputy medical superintendent of Baguley Sanatorium, Manchester.

He became deputy county medical officer of health in 1963 after serving as divisional medical officer of health for country areas near Bury.

He is specially interested in the development of the health education service and the welfare of the blind. He serves on the medical advisory committee of the North Regional Association for the Blind, which has its headquarters in Leeds, and on the northern branch of the National Library for the Blind, with headquarters in Manchester. He is also a member of the mental health committee of Liverpool Regional Hospital Board.

Dr Wade lives at Hunter's Moon, Greenmount, near Bury. His wife is a chartered physiotherapist. Their elder daughter is medical officer to the London Clinic, and their younger daughter has a doctorate in philosophy and is a research biochemist on the staff of University College, London.

## Greys' officers

Mr Brian Armistead (1947-55) was elected chairman of Blackburn Greys Round Table in April. Mr Eric Greenwood (1950-57) was re-elected secretary.

THE whole idea of an air race was first announced in April, 1968, in the *Daily Mail* and soon afterwards the concept of the Transatlantic Air Race was developed and publicised and sponsors sought.

At that time I was stationed at RAF Wittering flying Victor Mk II (Blue Steel) aircraft in No. 100 Squadron and by an odd coincidence was involved in some initial research and tentative planning on the race. Little did I guess then that some ten months later I would be competing in that same race.

However, in October, 1968, along with several fellow-aircrew, I was posted down the road some 25 miles to No. 543 Squadron at RAF Wyton when No. 100 Squadron was disbanded.

### Plans shaped

At Wyton planning for the air race was well under way. Preliminary routes had been drawn up for the Atlantic crossing; fuel trials and high-speed flight trials had been combined with normal squadron training flights; administration and organisation at both the Post Office Tower in London and the Empire State Building in New York were already taking shape.

The four crews for the race—two for each direction—were selected and their normal training

# We flew in the Transatlantic Air Race

By JOHN DIXON

**Flying Officer Dixon (1957-64) took part in the air race organised by the *Daily Mail* last May to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the first non-stop transatlantic flight by Alcock and Brown in 1919. Their crossing took 16½ hours in a Vickers Vimy; his 5½ in a Victor jet bomber.**



sorties to Goose Bay, Canada, were modified to simulate the Air Race conditions.

I was fortunate to be selected to fly as co-pilot with Flight Lieutenant John Marrian and his crew from New York to London. The competitor who would do the running up and down the buildings was Flight Lieutenant Derek Aldous, and he was to be transported across the Atlantic by aircrew in a Victor II S.R. aircraft of No. 543 Squadron.

Along with a second crew and reserve Victor aircraft, we were detached to Floyd Bennett Field Navy Air Station, New York, on Friday, May 2, to prepare for the race eastbound.

At altitudes of around 40,000 feet over the Atlantic the winds are predominantly westerlies with an average speed of 35 knots. Consequently for the westbound aircraft it was desirable to have a light wind, and vice-versa for the eastbound trip.

For the first part of the week the winds were very calm, and so both the Victor II S.R. aircraft flew from London to New York to make the best use of the light headwinds. Indeed, the second of the two aircraft made a very fast crossing and claimed an unofficial—as yet!—world record for the flight.

We eventually left New York on Sunday, May 11, the last day of the race, after the other Victor had departed on the Thursday before.

### Quick getaway

Our competitor, Flight Lieutenant Aldous, clocked out of the Empire State Building at 8.45 a.m. At the same time we were all sitting in our aircraft at the end of the runway, ready for a quick getaway.

Some ten minutes later Flight Lieutenant Aldous arrived by helicopter and very quickly climbed aboard. The door was closed and we roared off down the runway, strapped to some 80,000lb of thrust, at about 200mph before getting airborne.

We climbed away at maximum speed and soon found a good tailwind from a prevailing jet-stream, which helped us to gain nine minutes on our planned flight time in the first two hours.

However, this did not last long

and we soon hit calmer weather and in fact faced a headwind for a while. Consequently we lost in one hour all the good work of the first two.

At this stage we were all despondent and not over-confident of our chances of a good time. Nevertheless, we continued to look for better winds by altering track and varying our height.

Eventually these changes in altitude proved worth while, as we picked up more favourable winds in the last hour, and once again we thought that we were in with a chance.

We made a rapid descent and a direct visual approach to the British Aircraft Corporation airfield at Wisley and landed after flying for 5hr. 25min. Our competitor made a hasty exit as we came to a halt with a helicopter hovering nearby. He quickly cleared Customs and was away by the chopper en route to the Post Office Tower.

Meanwhile, we taxied into our parking dispersal area and closed down the engines, which were by now sucking hard at limited fuel reserves remaining in the tanks.

### Welcome pints

After climbing out and facing the barrage of press reporters, cameras, and BBC and ITV people, we made our way to a trayful of pints waiting nearby. It was indeed welcome refreshment!

We were then told that we had beaten the Harrier by 30 seconds, which was the signal for the commencement of the victory celebrations.

Despite this magnificent feat by all concerned, our competitor did not receive the prize for the fastest subsonic eastbound trip. It was later revealed to us that any one sponsor could claim only one prize. Since the RAF claimed the prize for the Harrier's westbound trip, the prize for the eastbound trip could not be awarded to any RAF-sponsored competitor.

This was perhaps the only disappointing aspect of the whole race for us and perhaps the reason for the lack of publicity given to the Victor element in the New York-London category.

Nevertheless, everyone was very pleased with our fastest subsonic crossing in either direction. The *Daily Mail* presented the squadron with a commemorative plaque, and the Commander-in-Chief, Strike Command, presented our crew with a silver rose bowl.

**The man at the Post Office Tower—page 17**

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# PROMOTION—AND PRESENTATION TO THE QUEEN

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**Squadron Leader  
Holding**

Squadron Leader Holding, who was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1945 to 1953, is a staff instructor at the Royal Air Force Central Flying School at Little Rissington, Gloucestershire.

After leaving School he went to Leeds University and graduated with a BSc degree in agriculture in 1956. He was commissioned in the Royal Air Force in 1958 and has been at Little Rissington since September last year. He teaches qualified pilots to act as instructors for trainee fliers.

He was presented to the Queen when Her Majesty visited Little Rissington on June 26 to present the Queen's Colour to the Central Flying School.

His appointment to lead the Skylarks was made a few weeks earlier. The Skylarks are a team of four pilots—all from No. 3 Squadron—who take to the air in Chipmunk training aircraft. Giving air displays in Britain and Europe, they fly in pairs, performing opposing but co-ordinated aerobatics.

Squadron Leader Holding, whose latest promotion came in July, is married and has two sons.

## HELICOPTERS IN HONGKONG

Flying Officer Michael Catlow (1952-59) is serving with No. 28 Squadron of the Far East Air Force. He is based in Hongkong and flies Whirlwind helicopters.

The squadron's primary task is to provide tactical support for British land forces in Hongkong, but helicopters also operate in various other rôles such as supporting the police in "law and order" duties, helping the fire service with outlying outbreaks of fire, training police and other civil aid organisations to fly, and in aero-medical evacuation.

No. 28 Squadron was reformed with Whirlwinds only last year. Flying Officer Catlow previously served with No. 230 Squadron in Cyprus.



**A quick briefing for Flying Officer Catlow before he takes off on a mission in his Whirlwind helicopter.**

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Mr Eastham (right) was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1946 to 1951 and a member of the staff from 1960 to 1965. He travelled extensively through South America last summer on a nine-week visit organised by the Experiment in International Living. His party, consisting of three men and seven women from Britain, Switzerland, Sweden, and Italy, stayed with families in Peru and Colombia. They travelled by air to New York, by bus to Miami, and by air again to the capital of Peru, Lima.

## Lands of the high sierras

By ALBERT EASTHAM

PERU is the third largest country in South America and is truly a land of amazing contrasts, with desert, mountain, and jungle.

The Incas called Lima the "City of Kings," and for two weeks we lived with middle-class families in this thriving metropolis of two million. Yes, there is an emerging middle class, although the economic structure is still a few very wealthy and millions of starving Indians in the rural areas. The literacy rate is 60 per cent, and 25 per cent of all children have no school to go to.

Unfortunately, we suffered under typical Peruvian disorganisation, and most of our families agreed to accept us—for a few days, they thought—on the morning of our arrival. It seems that time is unimportant and all social invitations start three or four hours after the time stated.

Thus: "Come at 9 a.m. for a picnic in the mountains"—and we left at 12.30.

Consequently we decided to tour southern Peru and we had a most rewarding 14-day trip during which we covered 2,000 miles, taking in such places as Arequipa, Puno, and Cuzco.

Travel is extremely cheap. We paid just over £3 each for a 640-mile taxi ride through the desert, and 200 miles by train cost us £1. Similarly, hotels cost us 10s a night and bananas and oranges were 1d each.

Our visit was during their winter, so it was fairly cold when the sun went in, especially at 14,000ft. The trains are powered by British steam engines and at high altitudes needy

passengers are given oxygen in a polythene bag.

From Huancayo to Lima we rode on the highest railway in the world—at 15,880ft, it rises 92ft higher than Mont Blanc. Indian women in brilliantly coloured costumes sell food and garments at every tiny station.

For me there were three particularly memorable things on this expedition—the Uru Indians, Cuzco, and Machu-Picchu.

The Uru Indians live on floating islands of reeds and rushes in Lake Titicaca. They eat salmon and the totora plant—and they die at 30, if they're lucky.

Cuzco, the old Inca capital, is famous for its imperial ruins, the fortress of Sacsahuamán, Spanish mansions, and old churches.

Machu-Picchu, 75 miles north of Cuzco, is reckoned to be the eighth wonder of the world. Discovered in 1911 by the American explorer, Hiram Bingham, this lost city of the Andes is a masterpiece of Inca construction, and its superb location on top of a 10,000ft mountain adds tremendously to its charm.

Peruvians eat lots of rice and tough meat and drink pisco, a brandy, which is almost pure alcohol, and Inca Kola. They are football-mad—when Peru beat Argentina 2-1, it caused more excitement in Lima than the American moon landing.

The city of Iquitos boasts the most beautiful women in the world. It is situated in the jungles of the Amazon, completely cut off from the rest of the world except by air and river. One of the students in our party spent a week living with a tribe near Iquitos and after four days living on bananas he was forced into eating boiled monkey.

Colombia, the gateway to South America, is sometimes called the "Emerald of the Caribbean" or the "Land of coffee and orchids." In many ways it is a synthesis of South American characteristics and attractions and its 20 million people appear to enjoy a far richer life than the Peruvians, although the per capita income is not all that much higher.



We stayed with upper-middle-class families and enjoyed all the luxuries of private swimming pools and servants. The climate is tropical, though temperature depends on altitude: thus it was extremely hot and humid in Cali and like an English autumn in Bogotá.

Icecex, a Government agency for higher education, organised our programme, and after the chaos of Peru we were delighted by the careful planning and extensive arrangements—bus tours to Indian markets (there are 400 Indian tribes), to Popayán with its classic Spanish architecture, visits to schools and factories, and lots of parties with gay Colombian music.

Again, the social problems are a high birth rate, fast urban growth, bad housing, malnutrition, and inadequate medical services. Although education is free and compulsory only half the population can read or write.

For over a year now Peru has had a military dictatorship; Colombia is proud of its two-party system. President Carlos Lleras Restrepo is concentrating on agrarian reform, for one worker in four is involved in coffee.

The national drink in Colombia is a fiery aguardiente made from distilled cane juice. It is extremely potent. Food is varied and balanced, with lots of milk, fruit, and vegetables.

Again, football is the main sport: people go to mass on Saturday night so that they can watch the football on Sunday.

Stealing is a problem in many parts of South America, and in Cali all our families had iron bars up at the windows and ferocious guard dogs, and my household employed a night watchman armed with a rifle. Apparently the police are not interested if you kill a man on your own premises.

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## Miss Coe

the Rev. Gordon Coe, the first vicar of St Matthew's Church, Blackburn. She became registrar in 1919 and held the post for 23 years, until 1942, when she left to join Porter, Matthews, and Marsden, the Blackburn accountants.

On her retirement Miss Coe moved to Surbiton, and it was at her home there that she suffered a seizure about six months before her death. Up to that time she had been living a full and active life—as always, spent largely in the service of others, for she was, throughout her life, a tireless voluntary worker.

During the First World War she was a VAD at Ellerslie Hospital, Blackburn, and she worked in the clerical section at the Second Western General Hospital, Manchester, from 1915 to 1919. During the Second World War she spent five years as a warden.

She was keenly interested in Blackburn YWCA: she was treasurer for four years, and she also served in the canteen section.

Miss Coe's years as registrar were not her only link with Queen Elizabeth's—her father was for many years a governor, and her brother, Mr Douglas Coe, of Hereford, is an Old Blackburnian (1894-97).

The Grammar School and its staff and boys were always near to her heart, and form lists of many years ago were found among her private papers after her death.

She kept detailed records of boys as they came to the School and progressed through it; and, though when they left she might conscientiously have struck them off her list, she continued to add details of their careers as they went on into adult life.

It would surprise many hundreds of Old Blackburnians to learn that Miss Coe had a record of their doings taken from the columns of the press. As she knew every boy in the School, so she never forgot them when they left, and there was something almost uncanny in the way she could spot old boys of Queen Elizabeth's and place them in their year.

With her unrivalled knowledge of the School and its pupils past and present she gave valuable and willing help to the officers of the Association. At social functions between the wars she was always at hand, helping in a hundred different ways. The Old Blackburnians' Association owed her a very deep debt of gratitude for all that she did for it, as well as for her work at the School.

## TRAGEDIES IN SPAIN

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr Barry R. Brown (1950-56), master in charge of technical subjects at Queen Elizabeth's, whose wife was killed in a road accident in Spain on July 28. Mr Brown himself was taken to hospital with shock.

Mr and Mrs Brown, who had been married for three years, had just begun a touring holiday when the accident happened. Their car was in collision with a lorry near San Sebastian.

Mrs Brown was a popular member of the Lancashire Constabulary at Burnley, where she worked as juvenile liaison officer.

We extend our deepest sympathy, too, to Mr Stanley Cronshaw (1921-31), of Lytham St Annes, who also lost his wife in a motoring accident while on holiday in Spain last summer. Their car hit a tree.

Mr Cronshaw was injured and spent several weeks in hospital. He hopes to return to his teaching post at King Edward VII School, Lytham, very shortly.

## ALFRED T. WHEWELL

Mr Alfred Thomas Whewell died on January 20, 1969, aged 59. He was born in Darwen on December 4, 1909, but spent his childhood and early youth in Mill Hill, Blackburn.

He attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1921 to 1925, and went to London when he left School to begin technical training in telecommunications.

In August, 1927, he joined what is now Cable and Wireless Ltd. and he spent his entire career with the company. He was sent overseas and served as a telecommunications engineer in Bermuda, Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados, St. Kitts, Greece, and Nigeria. He retired in December, 1965, having completed 38 years' service with the company.

After his retirement he lived at 4 Imber Drive, Highcliffe, Christchurch, Hampshire. He leaves a widow.

## T. C. STIRRUP

Mr Thomas Cyril Stirrup, who held senior positions with several companies during a career of more than 40 years in the textile industry, died on November 1, 1968, after a short illness. He was 72.

Mr Stirrup attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1904 to 1912. He then studied spinning and weaving at Blackburn Technical College, but his career in textiles was interrupted by the First World War.

He joined the Inns of Court Officers' Training Corps in 1915 and in the following year was gazetted second lieutenant in the York and Lancaster Regiment. He served in France, where he was promoted captain, became adjutant of the 13th Battalion,

and was awarded the Military Cross.

He was a director of Ashworth, Hadwen Ltd., of Manchester, before he joined Thomas Moss Ltd., of Lostock Hall, near Preston. Later he became weaving director of Amalgamated Cotton Mills Trust Ltd., and he retired in 1960.

He was chairman of the Fylde district appeal committee for Lancaster University, and was chairman in the Fylde for the School's Quatercentenary appeal.

Mr Stirrup, who lived at 1 North Houses Lane, Lytham St Annes, leaves a widow and two sons.

[MAGISTER regrets that this obituary contained certain inaccuracies when it appeared in the last issue].

### We also regret to record the deaths of:

Thomas Kay Stones (1901-09)  
on November 15, 1968.

James Barlow Sherwood (1936-38)  
on June 13, 1969, aged 38.

Alan Sauvain (1918-26)  
on September 24, 1969, aged 62.

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Mr Bury presents a first aid certificate to Carl Reuter. Looking on are other boys of Queen Elizabeth's who qualified in the essentials of first aid in May.

## Blackpool's new publicity director

Mr Robert Stanley Battersby (1933-39), director of entertainments and publicity at Worthing, has been appointed director of attractions and publicity at Blackpool and will take up his new post in December.

Mr Battersby was at one time director of publicity and public relations at Blackburn and was later publicity and entertainments manager for Morecambe and Heysham.

He started work with Blackburn Corporation as a junior clerk in the gas department when he left School. During the Second World War he served in the Royal Air Force for five-and-a-half years—four of them overseas in North Africa, Italy, and Austria—and his last 18 months in the forces were devoted to full-time entertainment duties.

He returned to Blackburn Corporation gas department in 1946, but was shortly afterwards transferred to the staff of the information bureau and subsequently became chief assistant in that department. He was appointed director of publicity and public relations in 1956. He moved to Morecambe and Heysham in 1959, and was appointed to his present post at Worthing in 1966.

Mr Battersby is a member of the executive committees of the Institute of Municipal Entertainment and of the Association of Resort Publicity Officers, and is the present chairman of the Sussex Resorts Publicity Association.

While in Blackburn he was secretary of the parochial church council at St Matthew's Church and a keen supporter of Blackburn Rovers. One of his chief interests was taking part in the broadcasts from Ewood Park to the local hospitals.

He is married, with a son and a daughter, and lives at 12 Withdean Avenue, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing.

### Now on council

Mr Barry Greenwood (1946-52) was elected to Blackburn town council in the municipal elections last May when he won St Matthew's ward for the Liberals. Polling 1,145 votes, he had a majority of 538 in a straight fight with a Labour candidate.

## Mr Lund gives the boys expert training in first aid

Boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School are receiving expert training in first aid. Their instructor is Mr Derick Lund, the School's domestic bursar and school marshal, who is secretary of the St John Ambulance teaching section in Blackburn.

Mr Lund, whose father joined the St John Ambulance Brigade as long ago as 1913, has been in the uniformed branch of the Brigade for 10 years and has served in the Hospital Service Reserve for a similar period. He was team leader of Blackburn Royal Infirmary nursing competitions in Lancashire and Yorkshire in 1966 and 1967.

He transferred to the teaching section of the St John Ambulance Association, now merged with the Brigade, and became honorary secretary in January, 1967, responsible for organising classes throughout Blackburn and district. During the last two-and-a-half years he has organised 100 classes, leading to the award of 1,500 first aid certificates.

At Queen Elizabeth's Mr Lund has taught Senior Scouts adult first aid at intervals since 1956. In 1963 he taught the "kiss of life" method of artificial resuscitation to about 800 boys.

In the latter part of 1967, 19 masters volunteered to give up part of their lunch break so that Mr Lund could teach them first aid. All completed the course and were presented with their certificates in the following February by the then Mayor of Blackburn, Councillor Miss Florence Lewis. One of the masters, Mr John F. Mead, won the Initial First Aid Shield for the best first aider of that year—and he had had no previous training.

Earlier this year, with the help of Mr Fred Raby, who acted as class secretary and organiser, Mr Lund taught a class of 14-year-old boys the essentials of first aid. The boys were pre-

sented with their certificates by Mr Fred Bury, second master, in May.

Mr Lund says: "The whole meaning of this work is in the School motto: 'Learn to be of service'."

Mr Lund's wife is a sister at Blackburn Royal Infirmary and an examiner in home nursing at all levels. Their elder son, Christopher, is reading medicine at St Andrews University, and their younger son, Robert, is with Martins Bank. Both are members of the Old Blackburnians' Association.

### Trutex man

Mr David Graham Winterbottom (1953-60) is now a representative for Trutex Ltd., of Clitheroe, in the Birmingham area.



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# BACK TO CAMBRIDGE AS DIRECTOR

Mr Milton Whalley Taylor was appointed director of the Eastern region of the National Agricultural Advisory Service in January. He was previously director of the West Midland region.

Mr Taylor attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1919 to 1929 and went on to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he read agriculture and gained his BA degree in 1932. He received his MA in 1936.

After leaving Cambridge he spent a year as a student on a poultry farm and was then for eight years a poultry farmer on his own account at Wilpshire. From 1940 to 1942 he was senior biology master at Clitheroe Royal Grammar School and he then became technical adviser and superintendent of the experimental farm for the Poultry Association of Great Britain.

In 1946 Mr Taylor joined the staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries as a poultry husbandry adviser with the National Agricultural Advisory Service in Essex. In 1949 he was appointed deputy agricultural attaché at the British Embassy in Washington, and he remained there until 1953, when he returned to Britain and became regional poultry husbandry adviser for the West Midlands, based in Wolverhampton.

From 1957 to 1960 he was simultaneously first secretary



Mr Taylor

(agriculture and food) at the British Embassy in Copenhagen and agricultural attaché and first secretary at the British Embassy in The Hague. He also held a watching brief for West Germany. In 1960 he rejoined the National Agricultural Advisory Service at Leeds, serving the Yorkshire and Lancashire region.

In February, 1963, he was transferred to Cambridge and two months later was promoted deputy director of the Eastern region. He was appointed director of the West Midland region in September, 1968.

Mr Taylor received the MBE in 1954. He spends his spare time fly fishing. He is married, with a married daughter, and lives at 47 Thornton Close, Gorton, Cambridge.

## SCAPA GROUP |SECRETARY

Mr Michael Thompson (1945-49) has been appointed secretary of the Scapa Group Ltd., of Blackburn. He took up his new post on October 1.

After leaving Queen Elizabeth's Mr Thompson attended Sedbergh School. He served articles with a Blackburn firm of chartered accountants and qualified in 1958. He joined Scapa Dryers Ltd. as an accountant in 1961.

## In Australia

Mr Peter B. Cooper (1950-55) emigrated to Australia in May with his wife and two children. He formerly taught mechanical engineering at Accrington College of Further Education and is now working as an engineer in Adelaide after a short time teaching at a technical college.

## 30 at York supper

More than thirty people attended a supper evening held at the Ainsty Hotel, York, by the Yorkshire branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association on Friday, May 2.

Mr J. Threlfall (1926-32), chief education officer of York, presided. The evening was organised by Mr Guy Shuttleworth (1937-45), chairman of the Yorkshire branch.

The branch has chosen November 7 as the date of this year's annual dinner in Leeds, and next year's York supper evening will, it is hoped, be held on May 8.

## Deputy coroner

Mr J. Owen Sharples (1941-47) has been appointed deputy coroner for East Lancashire.

# Degrees and things . . .

The following old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School have gained academic or professional qualifications :

I. Affick (1959-66) graduated BA general economic studies, Newcastle upon Tyne University; serving articles with Thornton, Baker, and Co., chartered accountants, of Newcastle upon Tyne.

T. J. Benson (1959-65) graduated BSc (Eng.) hon. electrical engineering, Bristol University; appointed graduate trainee, North Western Electricity Board.

I. Berry (1959-66) graduated BSc special hon. mathematics, Bristol University; joined Mullard Blackburn.

R. P. Bolton (1961-68) gained first-class hon. medical tripos part 1, Downing College, Cambridge.

E. Byrom (1959-66) graduated BA hon. physics, Magdalen College, Oxford; now doing graduate study at North-Western University, Evanston, Illinois.

W. S. Davis (1957-65) graduated BSc hon. chemistry, Salford University.

J. M. Dewar (1963-64) graduated BA first-class hon. engineering science, Magdalen College, Oxford; appointed to a graduate apprenticeship with Rolls-Royce, Derby.

P. W. Earnshaw (1953-64) graduated BEd in English, Keele University, at Cheshire College of Education, Alsager; now teaching at Shadsworth School, Blackburn.



**Mr David Rothwell (1960-67)** has been awarded the associate performer's diploma of the Trinity College of Music, London. He is reading mathematics at Durham University.

C. G. Edmundson (1962-69) awarded associate diploma of Royal College of Organists.

P. Fairhurst (1959-66) graduated BA hon. English, Leeds University; awarded university colours for football; now studying for Dip. Ed. at Avery Hill College of Education, London.

E. P. Fazackerley (1944-49) elected by examination an Associate of the Institute of Bankers.

I. J. Fearnhead (1959-66) graduated BSc textiles, Leeds University; now with Scapa Group.

R. J. Gillam (1958-65) graduated BA hon. French and German, Wadham College, Oxford; now management trainee with Courtaulds Ltd.

J. Glasson (1957-65) graduated BSc civil engineering, Bolton Institute of Technology.

D. J. Halstead (1957-65) graduated BSc hon. chemical engineering, Manchester University; now studying for MSc.

R. P. Harrison (1958-64) passed out of Mons Officer Cadet School as one of three best cadets of his intake; commissioned into Royal Artillery.



**Mr Graham Bond (1959-65)** has been elected, by examination, a graduate of the Royal School of Music, and has won three prizes at the school—the Sir Adrian Boult award of £75; the £25 opera prize; and the £3 5s prize for the most distinguished student of the year. He is now taking a post-graduate course in conducting at the London Opera Centre.

M. S. Hatch (1958-65) graduated BSc life sciences, Liverpool University.

T. Heyworth (1948-56) elected Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons; now senior registrar in ear, nose, and throat surgery, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

A. N. Holden (1958-65) graduated LLB hon., King's College, London.

P. J. G. Holme (1958-66) graduated BSc physics, Nottingham University.

N. Howarth (1956-66) graduated BSc first-class hon. physics, Sussex University; appointed research officer with Central Electricity Generating Board, Berkeley nuclear laboratory, Gloucestershire.

P. Howe (1953-65) graduated BSc hon. civil engineering, Salford University.

D. M. Jones (1958-65) graduated LLB hon., Manchester University.

P. T. Kelsall (1952-57) graduated from British College of Naturopathy and Osteopathy, London, with diploma in naturopathy, diploma in osteopathy, and membership of British Naturopathic and Osteopathic Association.

D. Kendall (1956-62) elected by examination a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives.

M. G. Knight (1959-66) graduated BA first-class hon. geography, Durham University; now with Price, Waterhouse, and Co., chartered accountants, of London.

J. Leigh (1956-62) passed part 2 examination of the Law Society and qualified as a solicitor; entered into permanent Royal Naval Reserve as acting sub-lieutenant (special branch).

R. McCarty (1958-65) graduated BSc mathematics, London University (external) at Rugby College of Engineering and Technology; now teaching at Cowes, Isle of Wight.

G. McGowan (1959-65) graduated BA hon. French, Lancaster University.

J. R. Maltby (1948-53) elected Fellow of Faculty of Anaesthetists of Royal College of Surgeons.

P. Matthewman (1958-66) graduated BSc chemistry, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology; appointed to a post at forensic science laboratory, Preston.

R. H. Moore (1962-65) graduated BA hon. geography, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge; appointed assistant to group transport controller, British Steel Corporation, Port Talbot.

P. W. Murphy (1959-63) elected to Winston Churchill Pupillage Award by Masters of Bench of Middle Temple.

S. G. Naisby (1959-66) graduated BA (Econ.) hon. economics and geography, Sheffield University; joined Lewis's Ltd. graduate management trainee scheme at Leeds.

J. L. Oak (1959-66) graduated BA hon. philosophy, geography, and economics, Sheffield University.

R. J. Owen (1957-63) graduated BSc hon. electrical engineering, Salford University; now technical staff trainee with North Western Electricity Board, Blackburn.



**Mr James Houghton (1955-62)** has gained his PhD at Liverpool University. He is a geneticist, and has been awarded a Royal Society Fellowship to work in the biochemistry department of University College, Galway.

A. J. Pendlebury (1952-62) gained PhD, control engineering, Cambridge; now with Kodak Ltd.

M. A. Rothwell (1959-66) graduated BSc hon. mathematics, Durham University; now in research and development department of BP Chemicals, Epsom.

A. Rushton (1959-65) graduated BSc hon. chemical engineering, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology; now studying for MSc.



**Mr John M. Torry (1956-64)** has graduated MB, ChB at St Andrews University. He hopes to spend 12 months as a house physician at a local hospital before specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology.

F. Southworth (1954-59) graduated BA hon. law, Manchester College of Commerce.

R. G. Sowerby (1958-64) graduated MB, ChB, Manchester University; appointed house physician, Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester.

I. J. Thompson (1958-65) graduated BA hon. Spanish, Durham University; appointed graduate trainee in marketing, Ford Motor Co. Ltd., Brentwood, Essex.

F. J. Ward (1941-46) graduated MA hon. library science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; appointed chief processing librarian and instructor in library administration, Toledo University, Ohio.

A. G. Watson (1960-66) graduated BSc hon. chemistry, Liverpool University; now doing research at Manchester University for PhD.

J. R. G. Weisters (1956-66) graduated BA hon. economics, Nottingham University.

J. R. Westwell (1959-65) graduated BEng. hon. engineering, Liverpool University.

M. H. White (1955-60) graduated BSc (general) engineering, Newcastle upon Tyne University; now with Jaguar Motors, Coventry.

M. J. Worthington (1960-66) graduated BSc hon. mathematics, Leeds University; now actuarial student with a London insurance company.

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# PERIOD OF IMPRESSIVE RESULTS

**S**PEECH Day and Open Day were held on May 20. In the morning the boys of the School walked in procession with the staff to Blackburn Cathedral for the annual commemoration service, at which the preacher was the Rev. Rex Maudsley (1928-32) vicar of St. James's Church, Darwen.

In the afternoon the School was open to parents, old boys, and friends, with many displays showing all aspects of the School's life and activities, and in the evening the Prizegiving was held at King George's Hall. The chief guest was Mr H. Brogden (1918-27), headmaster of Brighton, Hove, and Sussex Grammar School.

In his address Mr Douglas J. Coulson, the headmaster, said:

"It is 18 months since we met together and the record of the School's academic results makes, I think, impressive reading by any standards.

"Since our last Speech Night seven boys have gained open awards at Oxford and Cambridge in a wide range of subjects, including music, history, mathematics, engineering, and science,

and eleven boys have gained places at these two universities.

"In the autumn of 1968, 40 boys went on to university from the sixth form; ten more went to colleges of education and other colleges offering degree courses, and some 35 to a variety of careers in industry and the professions.

"Our overall GCE results in 1968 were again well above the national averages, and, at both Advanced and Ordinary level, well up to the high standard of the previous very good year, the rate of passes out of the total number of subjects taken being 69 per cent at Ordinary level and 78 per cent at Advanced level.

"May I also single out for special mention one of our sixth-formers, A. J. Child, who has been awarded one of the much-prized and highly-competitive English Speaking Union scholarships which entitles him to a four-year course of study at Trinity College, Hartford, in the United States.

"In addition, five other members of the sixth form have been offered firm or provisional industrial awards with Rolls-Royce,

the Ford Motor Company, the Electricity Council, the Ministry of Technology, and Automotive Products.

"I would also like to report with pleasure the fact that, of the 22 Peel Foundation scholarships awarded competitively to boys and girls in secondary schools in Blackburn last year, and based on performance in the July Advanced-level papers, eleven were gained by boys at Queen Elizabeth's.

"The two proper deductions to be drawn from these achievements are that the boys, at all levels, work hard and purposefully; and secondly, that they are well taught.

"But there is more to it than this; for the important factor that really makes for this high quality of education, year by year, is the successful relationship between teacher and taught; the continuing sense of a shared and purposeful endeavour, mental and intellectual, aesthetic and spiritual, in an environment which is friendly yet challenging, active yet relaxed, stable yet alive to change.

"Indeed, we are making

changes this year in the pattern of our sixth-form studies. From September, it will be possible for boys entering the sixth form to choose courses, fully staffed and planned to suit their special aptitudes and individual requirements, and leading to entry for the Advanced-level examination in two or even one subject instead of the more usual three.

"This extension of our sixth-form course structure is designed specially to meet the needs of those boys who may not wish to go to university, but who have in mind a career in one of the professions, or industry, or in colleges of further education.

"Much has taken place in the many other areas of the School's life during the past 18 months. Just after our last Speech Night in 1967, the School won the Public Schools Six-a-side football competition in London. As a matter of interest we still hold this cup, though it is perhaps only fair to say that atrocious weather prevented the competition being held in December, 1968.

"Our cricket, too, is steadily improving, and last season the first XI lost none of its School



Mr Coulson leads staff and boys as they walk in procession to Blackburn Cathedral.

# AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR SCHOOL

matches and counted wins against Stonyhurst and King Edward VII, Lytham, among its victories.

"The School Fencing Club has again had an outstanding year. In the North-West Schools fencing tournament at Bury in November, A. Byrom won the senior event and the gold medal; M. J. Walker was second and won the silver medal; and I. McLeod won the junior event and gold medal.

"I wish I had the time to talk to you at length about the 40 different clubs and societies that cater for an enormous range of boys' interests at all age levels in the School. Perhaps, however, I may be allowed to remind you of the Music Society's splendid Haydn and Bach performances in the Cathedral last May, and to recall the equally fine production of "A Man for All Seasons" at the time of the February blizzard last term.

"Perhaps, too, I may report that the Chess Club has produced a player of international congress standard, and that the Junior Gym Club has three younger boys representing Great Britain at an international gymnastic tournament in Switzerland in July.

"Without doubt, however, the most memorable occasion in the School's year—indeed, possibly in the School's long history—was the visit of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent to lay the foundation stone of our new buildings on March 13, an event widely publicised and greatly enjoyed by all.

"The stone will be incorporated in the foyer of the assembly hall block now being built—and it is to you parents, old boys, and friends, to local industry and many others that I offer, on the School's behalf and my own, our most grateful thanks for the generous and ready response that was made to the appeal for funds to finance this project.

"Our target, when we started, was £100,000. The total was quickly reached, and the sum raised now stands at £114,000. As a result of rising costs, however, we really need £120,000, and I should dearly like to feel that we can gather in the balance of £6,000 before the new block is officially opened early in 1970.

"To bring this part of my report to a close, I would like to refer to the visit of members of the Public Schools Commission to Queen Elizabeth's at the end of last November. For not only did the Commissioners say how impressed they were by the variety and depth and quality of the education the School offers, but praised in particular the energy, the interest, and the high excellence of the teaching staff.

"I am happy to tell you this, for you would want to join me, I know, in thanking most sincerely all the members of the staff for all that they do—and do so very well and in so many different ways—for your sons and for the School.

"Two men I would like to mention in particular tonight. The first is Mr G. M. Mercer, our senior classics master. He came to Queen Elizabeth's in 1935 and is to retire at the end of this term after 34 years of notable service to the School.

"He has been a schoolmaster of real distinction, wisely guiding the work of countless boys and fully involved in the wider corporate life of the School. He has made a notable contribution to Scouting both in the School and outside in North-East Lancashire.

"In the many tasks he has undertaken, whether it be his starting of the School Travel Club; his valuable help with the School music; or more recently his association with the organisation of the Sixth-Form Centre, one has always been aware of his modest dignity, calm thoroughness, and friendly approachability.

"To him and to Mrs Mercer, who also taught at the School, we all here tonight offer our very sincere thanks and our very best wishes for a long and happy retirement in their new home in Scotland." (Loud applause).

"The second colleague I wish to speak of is Mr G. F. Eastwood, who will be leaving us in December. I very much want, on

this occasion, to pay a public tribute to Mr Eastwood, for this will be his last Speech Night as a working member of the staff.

"He will have been at Queen Elizabeth's for 41 years, and has devoted the whole of his long and distinguished career to this School, for which I know he has so great an affection.

"It seems almost presumptuous to try to evaluate a lifetime's service, such as his, in so short a space, but I am sure that he knows in what great esteem we—and generations of old boys—hold him, not only as a gifted teacher of history, but also as housemaster of Drake, as the author of our lively Quartercentenary history of the School, and, like most Yorkshiremen, as a dry, amusing, and friendly colleague and companion.

"We shall still have him with us next term, but when he leaves at Christmas, he will take with him our very real gratitude for all that he has done and our warmest of good wishes, both for Mrs Eastwood and himself, for a long and happy retirement here in Blackburn." (Loud applause).

"There remains an equally important debt to acknowledge this evening, and that is the expression of our appreciation of the work of the governors in general and of Mr Hare, our chairman, in particular.

"I assure them and you, ladies and gentlemen, that my thanks are no mere formal Speech Night exercise. For, in these days, the task of governing a school and of guiding both its immediate and its future course

calls not only for wisdom, vision, and judgment of a high order, but also for a great measure of dedication and service.

"I can only say that we are more than fortunate to have such men on our governing body in these critical times—and that we are indeed grateful, Sir, to you and your colleagues.

"While I am speaking of the governors, I am sorry to have to record the death of two of their number since last Speech Night. Alderman Horne was an old boy of the School, and though he was better known in the wider spheres of the town's public life and affairs, he was a respected member of our governing body whose interest in the School we shall sadly miss.

"Mr Gillibrand also died during the past year. Though he had retired from the governing body in 1966, he was always a good friend and vigorous champion of Queen Elizabeth's.

"I spoke earlier in this report of the critical times in which we in School now live and work. This theme needs no elaboration from me, for you are all familiar with such nation-wide events as the great debate about the future of the public and direct-grant schools; the growing reaction in some quarters against the wholesale implementation of the comprehensive system and all that this would imply; the unrest and violence that have erupted in some of our universities in the past 18 months; the slow erosion of moral standards and principles in society at large.

"These are but four of the

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## CALL FOR CO-OPERATION

IN his address Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors, renewed his call for Blackburn education authority to co-operate with Queen Elizabeth's. He said:

"It might not at this stage be inappropriate if I asked the local education authority to stop prevaricating and come to a decision in respect of our offer to provide free-place education at sixth-form level for a defined number of the citizens of this borough.

"There does not seem to be any educational reason why this co-operation should not long be withheld, since the public could then participate in our contribution to education, which is based on a freedom of choice in the curriculum and manner of learning, and also based on the greatest stability of staff.

"Some members of the staff

stay for many years, and to a certain degree they sacrifice personal ambition to remain a member of a successful team, and this in the long run is the only way to run a successful venture, whether it be academic, business, or professional, and this is a factor which cannot be swept aside by detractors of the direct-grant school.

"You, by your experience, know the answers and appreciate that a school is only as good as the staff and the governors allow it to be.

"At this point I would like to comment on the reorganisation of the governing body.

"When the LEA decided it was no longer going to send us any free-place boys we made representations to reduce the proportion of representative governors to one-third from 50 per

cent. This one-third representative governors is the proportion which generally appertains in the majority of direct-grant schools in the country.

"The LEA readily agreed that it was equitable that this change should be made.

"I would like to thank all the representative governors, who up to the present have served the school with a desire for its future well-being. From now onwards the excess number of representative governors are not going to be asked to retire until such time as they would normally have finished their term of office."

Mr Hare emphasised the need for discipline in schools, saying:

"Mr Angus Maude, writing in the pamphlet 'Fight for Education', says: 'The most serious

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great issues that cast long and ominous shadows across all our schools, and many of you must ask yourselves and each other, from time to time, perhaps even apprehensively: Where does Queen Elizabeth's stand amid all this turmoil and uncertainty?

"I should like to end my report by explaining to you two beliefs which I hold and which I regard as fundamental if the School is to maintain in the future the standards that it now achieves and has achieved in the past.

"Firstly I place the preservation of our academic standards in general. This can only be done by the retention of our independence; by the continuation of a system of selective admission so that we admit those boys who can best benefit by the courses and type of education that we offer; and by the firm repudiation of that current, ill-considered theory that all education should be totally egalitarian and all schools comprehensive.

"It is this doctrine of educational egalitarianism—a doctrine that is political, I fear, rather than educational—that is the really dangerous threat to quality in education; because, since it is a difficult and lengthy process to nurture academic excellence and

to level all schools up to the standards of the best schools, the egalitarian, impatient for quick results and instant success, only succeeds—no matter how noble his motives may be—in levelling all schools down to a less efficient, grey mediocrity.

"And so he next has to pretend that quality in academic education does not matter; that hard endeavour and intellectual striving are bad because they breed competitiveness.

"This further leads him to advocate the abolition of all selective processes and, indeed, examinations and tests of any kind and their replacement by teaching which is devoid of the hard core of disciplined learning, and which, as a senior inspector of schools recently said of the teaching of mathematics, 'flutters about on the surface of the subject'.

"Can we afford, as a nation, to jeopardise our very existence in an age which cries out for more and better-trained specialists and leaders in all fields, by throwing overboard a system and principle of education that has been so demonstrably successful in the past? I believe not.

"Let us have experiment and change by all means. Indeed, schools such as Queen Elizabeth's have always been the first to

experiment, as we are doing today, because our independence has enabled us to do so.

"But can it be anything less than reckless folly to contemplate the complete replacement of a form of education that has proved its worth and its adaptability for so many generations by an experiment that is still largely proceeding by faith and hope, trial and error?

"The second belief that I hold is the need for discipline in the school community itself. Let me be clearly understood here. By 'discipline' I do not mean the harsh, rigid, regimental enforcement of inflexible and arbitrary rules.

"By 'discipline' I mean the firm establishment of a number of clear-cut guiding principles, or code of conduct, understood by every member of the school community, changed and modified from time to time, but not weakened, by changing circumstances, within whose protective framework every boy can strive to acquire the greatest benefit that the school can offer—namely self-discipline and self-knowledge.

"The guiding principles I refer to are honesty, truthfulness, hard work, courtesy, a spirit of service to others, and a sense of duty, fairness, and justice.

"How quaint and Victorian these qualities sound today, when

the ultimate objective offered to the young is so often the worship of the golden calf of material success, set up in a desert of brutality, violence, and indifference to right and wrong and the needs of others.

"But I am convinced that our young people, more than ever before perhaps in our history, need every help from both home and school to cultivate their powers of self-discipline.

"For it is self-discipline that keeps a young man to the task of developing his talents to their limit: it is self-discipline that will teach him tolerance and fair-mindedness, and to resist the temptation to cheat, to be dishonest, to lie his way out of difficulties, to do the petty, underhand action.

"Self-discipline will give him those virtues—let us not be frightened of the word 'virtues'; it only means 'manly qualities'—which he will need more than ever before when he goes into the world.

"And I see it as the duty and responsibility of myself and the staff to do all that we can to ensure that the boys in our care learn this most difficult but most valuable of lessons and to provide the sort of firmly disciplined community where it can be learned and practised most effectively."

# MR HARE SEEKS CO-OPERATION

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danger facing Britain is the threat to the quality of education at all levels', and I feel that a further threat is the modern tendency to discount the value of educational discipline.

"There is no divine right for a person to be educated if he is unwilling to submit to the necessary authority to enable the learning to be disseminated, and it is for this reason that your governors fully support any measures taken by the headmaster to ensure that authority prevails at the School."

He continued: "You will hear in the headmaster's report more about our progress, which we are proud of, and we are also proud of being able to support a royal occasion which initiated the building of our new hall, the money for which has been so generously donated by the people who have taken advantage, are to take advantage, and will take advantage of the system we uphold.

"I wish to thank all donors and all people who have in any way helped to run our appeal for

their magnificent efforts and response, which has enabled us to exceed the original target of £100,000."

Earlier, Mr Hare said: "It is now 18 months since we last had a Speech Day, and one of the reasons for this is that we wish to move it to summertime.

"This is an experiment, but we must not lose sight of tradition and of the fact that in the past we have had an occasion in the centre of the town which provides a public platform for us to express our motives and ideals.

"However, there is a case for ascertaining whether in future—when our new hall is completed—it will be acceptable to hold Speech Day at Queen Elizabeth's to identify the occasion with the School, combined with Open Day.

"We have not yet come to a final decision about this matter, but we shall ring the changes until we find the best formula."

Welcoming Mr Brogden, Mr Hare said that he had connections with Queen Elizabeth's which made his presence most appropriate.

"In the first place he is an old boy of the School, and in the second place he is a distinguished old boy.

"He left the Grammar School in 1927, went up to Exeter College, Oxford, and before he had been there two years he had acquired a blue for soccer, which was only the second blue the School had had in its history, and he also acquired something else, which was the ability to take a great interest in any future Blackburnian who was fortunate enough to come up to Oxford.

"I had the privilege of going up when he was in his third year, and he could well have designed just to say hello and have little

else to do with us, but that was not Brogden's way; his way was to collect all the old Blackburnians together, put them into the picture immediately, and introduce them to all his friends and get them concerned in all the university activities and usually weld them into one happy family, and what he started then continues to this day.

"When he left Oxford he taught first at Wolverhampton Grammar School and then was headmaster at Brewood School, near Wolverhampton. He finally moved over to take the headship of the Brighton and Hove school, at which he has been so successful."

## Education Committee accepts —after 18 months

At a meeting on May 28, Blackburn Education Committee decided in principle to accept the offer of sixth-form places at Queen Elizabeth's for boys from local authority schools. The offer had been made by the governors of Queen Elizabeth's almost 18

months earlier, in January, 1968.

During the past six months talks have taken place between the governors and the local authority, and agreement has been reached. The matter is now to be discussed with the Department of Education and Science

# Tom Gibson, MBE—the man at the Post Office Tower

Mr Tom Gibson, telephone manager of Central London, retired on May 8 after 42 years' service with the Post Office. He was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1918 to 1924, and later played football for the Old Blackburnians.

## A SECOND YEAR AS PRESIDENT

Mr W. Gerald Brooks (1942-49) has been re-elected president of the Burton-on-Trent Natural History and Archaeological Society. It is his second year of office.

For several years he has been joint honorary secretary of the society and will revert to that office at the end of his term as president.

Mr Brooks teaches Spanish and French at Dovecliff Grammar School, Burton-on-Trent—a mixed school of about 540 pupils. He is also careers master and is responsible for the organisation and welfare of the school prefects.

After leaving Queen Elizabeth's he gained his BA degree in modern languages and Diploma in Education at King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne, and later taught in Darwen. He is a member of the National Trust, the Tramway Museum Society, of Crich, and runs the school group of the Wildlife Youth Service, the Wildlife Rangers. He serves on the parochial church council and is a sidesman at St Chad's Church, Burton-on-Trent.

Mr Brooks is married, with one daughter, and lives at 203 Calais Road, Burton-on-Trent. His wife, formerly Miss Pat Law, is an old girl of Blackburn High School and teaches at a local infants' school.

## Moral Welfare secretary

Mr L. D. Collier, formerly senior modern languages master at Queen Elizabeth's, was elected secretary of Blackburn, Accrington, and Darwen Moral Welfare Association in April.

He succeeded Mr W. E. T. Walsh (1924-30), chairman of the Old Blackburnians' Association, who relinquished the post of secretary after more than 20 years in office.

Mr Gibson lived in Lincoln Street, Blackburn, as a boy and attended Audley Range School before entering Queen Elizabeth's. He joined the Post Office as an apprentice telephone engineer in Blackburn when he was 18. In 1935 he left Blackburn to take up an administrative post in Ireland.

During the Second World War he served in Combined Operations, attaining the rank of major, and after the war he served in the Territorial Army for a further 12 years. In 1953 he was awarded the MBE for his Territorial Army activities.

Mr Gibson was demobilised at the end of 1945 and returned to the Post Office. In May, 1946, he took up a post in Glasgow.

In April, 1954, he moved to the Post Office headquarters in London on organisation and methods work. He was a member of the small working party which designed the premium savings bond scheme in 1956, and two years later he led the team that designed the Giro system. He also worked on computer systems for National Savings.

In 1962 he was appointed deputy telephone manager for West London and was promoted telephone manager for the area two years later. He became telephone manager for Central London in August, 1966.

At a reception held at the Post Office Tower to mark his retirement Mr Gibson was presented with a scale model of the tower made in their spare time by local telephone engineers.

One of his last jobs before retiring was the organisation of communications and control facilities at the Post Office Tower for the *Daily Mail* Transatlantic Air Race. At the reception a telegram was received from the *Daily Mail* thanking him for his help.

Mr Gibson's hobbies include bowls and golf. He has represented Buckinghamshire at bowls on several occasions and qualified for the England championships in 1967.

Mr and Mrs Gibson live at 7 Glebe Avenue, Ickenham, Middlesex.



Mr Gibson shows his wife, May, and daughter, Rosemary, the model tower which he received at the reception.

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# Sir Frederick retires from the Bench

A long and distinguished legal career came to an end in June with the retirement of Sir Frederick Southworth after almost five years as Chief Justice of Malawi.

Sir Frederick, who is 59, has lived abroad for the last thirty years and has held senior appointments in various parts of the Commonwealth.

He attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1921 to 1929 and won the Lewis Prize and Headmaster's Cup in his last year at School. He went on to Exeter College, Oxford, where he took his degrees as Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Civil Laws. As a member of Gray's Inn he took a second class in the Trinity term Bar examinations in 1935 and was called to the Bar on January 27, 1936.

Shortly after the outbreak of war in 1939 he volunteered for the Army and was commissioned in the South Lancashire Regiment. He later joined the Lancashire Fusiliers.

In 1942, as a captain, he was posted to India and served in the Department of the Judge Advocate-General at Headquarters Eastern Command. He became Assistant Judge Advocate-General in January, 1945, after being promoted lieutenant-colonel, and in October of the same year he was promoted colonel and appointed Deputy Judge Advocate-General.

He was demobilised in March, 1946, and in the following month was appointed Crown Counsel for Palestine. Barely three months later, on July 22, 1946, he was seriously injured in the terrorist attack on the King David Hotel, Jerusalem. He was

entering the building when terrorist bombs exploded and was trapped in the debris.

He was in a critical condition for several days, and his recovery took several months. With his wife and daughter he left Palestine in February, 1947, and the family went to Switzerland for Sir Frederick to complete his convalescence.

Later in 1947 Sir Frederick was appointed Crown Counsel for Tanganyika, and there he remained until August, 1951, when he became Attorney-General of the Bahamas. A year later he was appointed Queen's Counsel in the Bahamas. He was twice Acting Governor of the Bahamas and was Acting Chief Justice from July to October, 1954.

He returned to Africa at the beginning of 1955 as an Assistant Judge in the High Court of Nyasaland and a year later became Puisne Judge. He was Acting Chief Justice from January to August, 1956, and was appointed Chief Justice of Malawi, as the country had then become, in July, 1964. He received a knighthood in the New Year Honours of 1965, and at various times during the last few years he has been Acting Governor-General of Malawi.

Sir Frederick was head of the Southworth Commission, which investigated an incident outside a Blantyre hotel during a visit by Mr Macmillan, then Prime Minister, in 1960. His verdict became famous: he declared that he had found no evidence that enough blood had been spilled to fill a mustard spoon, and not enough skin lost to cover a postage stamp.

## Back home to give a talk

Mr Jack Lee (1925-33), employee relations adviser to Shell International Petroleum and president of the Institute of Personnel Management, returned to Blackburn on February 5 to give a talk.

He spoke on "People and Industry—the Need for Change" at a meeting of the Church and Industry Luncheon Club at Samlesbury Hall.

## Second in chess tournament

Keith Maudsley, a 17-year-old pupil at Queen Elizabeth's, who is northern junior open chess champion, was runner-up in the main 'A' tournament at the Hastings International Chess Congress, in January.

He scored 6½ points out of a possible 9 and finished 1 pt. behind the winner. He won six games, drew one, and lost two.

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Contributions and correspondence are invited and should be sent to the Editor, MAGISTER, 49 Kentmere Drive, Cherry Tree, Blackburn.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT

Mr Alan Worswick (1932-37) was elected president of Blackburn and District Chamber of Commerce in April in succession to Mr John S. Singleton (1931-33), a Blackburn auctioneer and estate agent.

Mr Worswick is founder chairman and managing director of Alan Worswick (Engineering) Ltd., of Blackburn.

After leaving Queen Elizabeth's he served an apprenticeship in a local engineering works and became chief designer. He was then chief engineer of a Yorkshire firm and general manager of an engineering firm in South Wales before he returned to Blackburn in 1960 to form his own company, which now exports their range of automatic casting and stacking equipment throughout the world.

Mr Worswick is a chartered engineer and a member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. He is married and lives at "Wyverne," Mavis Road, Blackburn. Both his sons are now pupils at Queen Elizabeth's.

### Re-elected

Mr W. E. Woolley, an old boy (1912-15) and governor of Queen Elizabeth's, was re-elected president of Blackburn and District Council of Social Service in May.

## Gas board personnel manager retiring

Mr William Bernard Harrison, personnel manager of the North Western Gas Board, is retiring at the end of the year after a lifetime career in the gas industry following his father and grandfather.

Mr Harrison was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1918 to 1923. On leaving School he joined a firm of engineers at Elland, Yorkshire, which was mainly concerned with plant for gas production.

He entered the gas industry proper in 1929, returning to Lancashire as technical assistant and later deputy engineer and manager of Colne municipal gas works. He then held various appointments in Lancashire and Yorkshire until in May, 1949, when the gas industry was nationalised, he was engineer and manager of Middleton Corporation gas department; on nationalisation he was appointed general manager of the North Western Gas Board's Bury and Rossendale Group.

In 1954 considerable mergers of groups took place and he was appointed general manager of the Central Lancashire Group. In 1959 further integration took place and the Central Lancashire Group absorbed the former East Lancashire Group, which included the whole of the Blackburn area.

He continued as general manager of the Central Lancashire Group until January, 1966, when in a complete reorganisation he was appointed personnel manager of the North Western Gas Board, responsible for the creation of a personnel department covering the whole of the board's area and dealing with training, education, industrial relations, and selection and appointment of personnel.

Mr Harrison is married and lives at 1 Lyndhurst Gardens, Manchester Old Road, Middleton, Manchester. He has two children: his daughter, Anne, is a housewife, and his son, James, works in the textile industry.

### Consolation prize

Mr Peter Atkinson (1962-68), a trainee manager at the Co-operative petrol station in Preston New Road, Blackburn, won a consolation prize in the Shell Oil "Head over Heels" competition in July last year. He received a food mixer.

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## 'Battle of Britain' writer

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during which he travelled all the way from Arramanches to Berlin.

After the war he worked first as a reporter and then as a feature writer on provincial and national newspapers. From 1953 to 1959 he worked for *John Bull*, first as features editor and later as assistant editor, and contributed to magazines in the United States and Canada. He also wrote two books—"Diamond Fever" (1957) and, with Major-General Robert E. Urquhart, "Arnhem" (1958).

In 1959 Mr Greatorex became a full-time film and television writer. His first television play was "The Blonde Informant," about the Danish Resistance, and this was followed by two major drama documentaries for the BBC—"After the Crash" and "The Net," the second of which led to a series under the same title.

He first contributed to Independent television in the "Probation Officer" series, and then he edited "The Plane Makers," "Front Page Story," and "The Power Game," also contributing as a writer.

He wrote his first full-length feature film in 1967—"Nobody Runs For Ever." He spent last year working on "The Battle of Britain," and at present he is writing "Youth is Wasted on the Young" and an original screenplay, "The Space Colonel."

He won the Writers' Guild of

Great Britain awards for his work on "The Plane Makers" (1964) and as "best writer of a British series" (1966) for episodes of "The Power Game." He still finds politics and big business one of the most fruitful arenas for drama. His last television play, "The Curtis Affair," was set almost entirely in a committee room of the House of Commons.

Mr Greatorex works increasingly in the country near Maidenhead, but for 15 years has lived and worked in Harley Street. He travels often and sometimes extensively for background—and in earlier days for documentary—material.

In particular he longs to repeat a round-the-world trip he made in 1963. Next time he would spend a lot longer in Thailand, and would "find a reliable way of getting Blackburn Rovers' results quickly." On occasion he has been known to ask the nearest British Embassy for a result—"not always to the delight of officials whose spiritual home is Twickenham."

He says he is still oddly proud to be the product of a Northern grammar school, and he resents the reformers' attacks on the grammar schools. He feels slightly uncomfortable now to be living in the area of Eton rural district council.

Mr Greatorex is married to a Blackburn girl, formerly Beryl Thornley—whom he first met when he was a schoolboy in Blackburn.

## OLD BLACKS IN BRIEF

Mr John Lonsdale (1940-45), deputy chief buyer for Salford and Pendlebury hospitals, has been awarded the diploma of the Institute of Purchasing and Supply for a treatise on purchasing in the public sector.

Mr Lonsdale formerly worked for Blackburn, Preston, Chorley, and South Manchester hospitals. He is married, with three children, and lives in Sale.

Mr Brian Holden (1945-50) has been appointed senior science master at Pleckgate School, Blackburn.

Mr D. W. Moulding (1945-53) has been appointed head of the modern languages department at Rutland High School, Oakham.

A tablet was dedicated at All Saints' Church, Clayton-le-Moors, in April in memory of Canon Kenneth Hoghton, who was vicar there for 25 years.

Canon Hoghton (1919-26) died on June 30, 1967, aged 56.

The Rev. Frederick William Bakewell, who taught at Queen Elizabeth's from 1941 to 1951, was appointed headmaster of the George Fox Quaker School, Lancaster, in May.

Mr J. E. Hargreaves (1923-31) has been elected president of Blackburn and District Incorporated Law Association.

Mr David Robert Bolton (1957-64) is now teaching modern languages at Manor Park Grammar School, Nuneaton.

Mr Geoff Robinson (1952-59), who emigrated to South Africa in 1965, is now living at 13 Marchant Way, Taybank, Port Elizabeth.

About 140 people attended the Old Blackburnians' dance at Samlesbury Hall on May 16.

## NOW CHIEF SUB-EDITOR OF NEW PAPER

Mr George Woodhouse (1947-52) has been appointed chief sub-editor of the *Evening Mail*, a new newspaper for the Slough area which appeared in May. He was previously deputy chief sub-editor of the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph*, Blackburn, and the *Evening Star*, Burnley.

The new newspaper was originally launched by Westminster Press in competition with the Thomson Organisation's *Evening Record*, and when Thomson and Westminster merged interests the title *Evening Mail* was retained.

Mr Woodhouse was in Hawkins. When he left School he joined the *Blackburn Times* as a reporter. Later he worked for weekly newspapers at Stratford-upon-Avon and Stockport, and he then joined the *Lancashire Evening Post* at Preston. He returned to Blackburn as a sub-editor on the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph* in 1962.

He is a keen motorist. He is a member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists and Blackburn Area Road Safety Association. He is married, with three children, and lives at 56 Prince Andrew Way, Ascot, Berkshire.

### Night executive on 'Express'

Mr Alex Stuttard (1951-56) was promoted night executive of the *Daily Express* in Manchester in June and is responsible for the production of the newspaper's Irish editions.

Mr Stuttard has worked for the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph* and ABC Television, and is a former editor of *MAGISTER*. He lives at Egerton, near Bolton.

### Assistant editor

Mr Harold Stanley Liversedge (1939-43) has been appointed assistant editor (sport) of the *Liverpool Echo*. He was previously managing editor of *West Cheshire Newspapers*.

### Steel research

Mr David J. Haworth (1957-64) is now a scientific officer with the British Iron and Steel Research Association in Sheffield.

## Invitation from the London branch

By PAUL PRICE

Are you going to London? If so, be sure to contact us, the London branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association. We shall be only too pleased to help you in any way possible.

Too often, old boys, when they leave School, just forget the links with their old school, and we in London aim to keep these strong.

We don't spend lots of time talking about what School was like when we were there, but we do like to have an enjoyable evening occasionally—only about three times a year, when people of all kinds, professions, trades, and the Services, gather together for an informal evening of cheer and chat.

Now, for our annual general meetings, we are proposing to include Blackburn High School old girls and the wives of Old

Blackburnians who wish to attend.

During the last twelve months we have visited the House of Lords, dined at the Tower of London, and held a number of other interesting and exciting meetings.

Remember that in London there are many people from School and outside our School who are able to help you in your careers, and most of them are very willing to do this because of your connection with Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

The London branch is now some 240 strong and the active membership is about 120, and all the time we require new people to come and join us so that we may have an even stronger branch in London and the South-East.

*As we go to press the London branch is planning to hold a supper evening in the West End. We hope to have a report for our next issue.*—Ed.

## Sportsman leaves committee

Mr Fred Mason (1931-36), headmaster of Audley County Primary School, Blackburn, retired from the committee of Blackburn Harriers in July. He is a former chairman of the club and is also a former president of Blackburn Schools' Sports Association.

Mr Mason has been connected with athletics all his life. In the army during the Second World War he took part in sprints, hurdles, and high jump in inter-company athletics matches.

In 1950 he moved to Clitheroe and became the first secretary of the new Clitheroe Athletics Club. By 1953, when he moved back to Blackburn, the club was about 20 strong.

Blackburn Harriers, however, needed a secretary, and Mr Mason was elected to the post. Six years later, in 1960, he became chairman and remained in that office until 1966.

A qualified starter and track judge, he has missed very few Witton Park meetings since the opening of the track in 1958, and he has officiated at Lancashire Schools, Lancashire, and Northern Counties championships.

He is married, with two daughters, and lives at 22 Woodlands Avenue, Cherry Tree, Blackburn.

## TWO PLAYS BY FORMER HEAD BOY ON TV

Two plays by Mr David Ambrose (1951-62), a former head boy of Queen Elizabeth's, have been presented on television since our last issue. His first television play, "Public Face," was screened on May 19, and the second, "The Innocent Ceremony," on June 21.

Mr Ambrose formerly lived at Thorpe Green, Brindle. He now lives in London and is a freelance playwright and script-writer.

### Back to Canada

Dr J. R. Maltby (1948-53) returned to Canada, where he had previously spent two years, in June. He is at present working in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Colonel Belcher Hospital, Calgary, and will spend all next year in the Department of Anaesthetics at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal.

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# OLD BLACKS AROUND THE WORLD

A welcome visitor to Blackburn last summer was Mr Harold Cook (1921-29), deputy headmaster of Cornwall College for Boys at Montego Bay, Jamaica. He had come home for a holiday to visit his sister in Blackburn.

Mr Cook has been in Jamaica for nine years; before that he taught in Cardiff. And it may not be long before he and his wife return to Britain for good.

"We will probably be coming back to England next year," Mr Cook told the *Blackburn Times*, "but as we already have a house in Cardiff, we won't be coming back to Blackburn to live."

"My wife is getting very homesick now, and the hot weather, with temperatures rarely below the nineties, can be rather depressing after a while. I, too, want to come home because, after all, I'll have been away for ten years then, and I am anxious to finish my teaching career in this country."

## Farewell to friends

Mr Geoffrey M. Mercer, senior classics master, was presented with a record player from the School when he retired at the end of the summer term after

# Back home from Jamaica for good next year

34 years on the staff of Queen Elizabeth's.

In less tangible form Mr and Mrs Mercer also took with them into retirement the sincere good wishes of the thousands of Old Blackburnians who remember them, with affection, as friends.

## Sewage specialist

Mr Sandy Bennett, of Allington, Lincolnshire, sends us a letter which is most welcome for its kind words about MAGISTER:

"I must say I look forward to receiving my copy, because in each issue there seems to be something about one or other of the chaps I remember at School."

"After several years of roaming the country with various firms on various civil engineering projects from hydro-electric schemes to bridges, I have now settled

with my wife and two small children in a very pleasant part of Lincolnshire.

"At present my energies are expended in controlling a large sewage disposal scheme—a department of civil engineering in which I now specialise."

"Although my visits to Blackburn are a little infrequent and I don't see many of the old faces, please extend my best wishes to the association and particularly to those members of staff whom I remember with some affection."

## Student again

After working for three years with C. A. Parsons and Co., of Newcastle upon Tyne, Mr Martin R. Johnson (1956-62) finds himself a student again. He has been sponsored by the company to take a one-year postgraduate course in industrial engineering, leading to an MSc. He took his first degree in mechanical engineering at Leeds University.

## One fund . . .

A fund launched by Southern Independent Television in memory of Major Oliver Kite (1937-39), who died on June 15, 1968, aged 47, has raised nearly £900.

It is intended that the fund should be used to endow an annual prize of £50 for the most outstanding second-year honours undergraduate in the Department of Zoology at Southampton University.

## . . . and another

A fund in memory of Mr Robert Everard Sharples (1921-22), who died on August 24, 1968, aged 60, was opened during the summer by the Blackburn College of Technology and Design Photographic Society, of which he was founder and president. It is intended to provide the society with a trophy in memory of Mr Sharples.

## With the paras

Mr Roderick Macdonald (1961-64), who entered the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, in 1966, was commissioned into the 9th Independent Parachute Squadron of the Royal Engineers

on August 1 last year. He was awarded the Silver Bugle at Sandhurst as the outstanding athlete of the year.

His brother, Ian (1961-66), is also doing well. According to latest information he is doing a four-year honours course in psychology at Brunel University, Uxbridge.

## Back numbers

The editor of MAGISTER has a few spare copies of several back numbers—No. 4 (February, 1965); No. 6 (January, 1966); No. 7 (June, 1966); and No. 8 (January, 1967). Anyone who would like to have any of these should send a large stamped addressed envelope and he will have them by return of post.

## Teaching English

Mr Harold E. Rurlander (1957-62) writes from Leeds to say that he will shortly be taking up a post in an English language school at Folkestone. He has spent a year doing a postgraduate diploma in teaching English as a second language.

## Air picture

As soon as the new block is finished it will be time for an aerial photograph of Queen Elizabeth's. This is something the Old Blackburnians' Association could very well arrange—and pay for. The association had better start saving up now.

## In Samaritans

Mr Peter G. Heald (1948-53) was chairman of a steering committee which set up the Samaritans of North-east Lancashire in October.

## Dates, please

When you write to us, please mention the years when you attended Queen Elizabeth's. It helps us—and other MAGISTER readers—to identify you.

## Family effort

Mr Darryl David (1957-67), who is studying at the Drama Centre, London, produced his first play for Blackburn Drama

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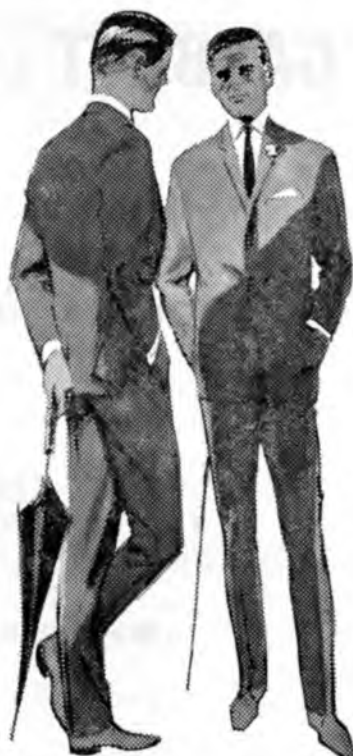
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## AN EXPERT ON UNDERSEA WARFARE

**S**UB-Lieutenant Barry J. Nutter (1955-64), formerly swimming captain of Frobisher, is now a torpedo anti-submarine specialist in the Royal Navy. Here he is pictured adjusting his diving equipment on board *HMS Verulam*.

He joined the Royal Navy as a cadet when he left School and entered the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. He served as a midshipman in *HMS Lion* and *HMS Plover* and was promoted sub-lieutenant in 1966. He is now responsible for diving, boats, and correspondence in *HMS Verulam*.

He has recently been assisting the Admiralty underwater weapons establishment scientific staff in trials by diving with experimental apparatus, and he has passed the Civil Service linguist examination in French. He hopes to take an advanced diving course.

He has many sports and hobbies, including shooting, fencing, and water sports; camping, flying, and fell walking; art, music, model-making, cooking, and wine-making. He also plays badminton.



Club in October. The play was "This was a Woman," by Joan Morgan, and the leading rôle was taken by his mother, Mrs Norma David.

### Song trophies

Mr Oswald Evans, formerly groundsman at Lammack, won four song trophies at Morecambe Festival in May.

### Moving up

Detective Sergeant Peter Jameson (1947-52), of Blackburn borough police force, was promoted a detective inspector in the Burnley crime squad when

the new Lancashire police force came into being last April.

Mr Jameson joined the Blackburn police force in October, 1952, and was in uniform until 1960, when he joined the CID. He was promoted sergeant in July, 1966.

### Weddings

John Haworth (1952-62) and Janet Heyes, Lowton Road Methodist Church, Lowton, near Warrington, on May 24.

Ian D. Malloch (1952-59) and Anne Harrison, St Mary's Church, Langho, on May 24.

John Christopher Pearson (1956-62) and Helen Nuttall, Holy Trinity Church, Hoghton, on May 28.

Brian Whittaker Nield (1957-64) and Irene Ocana Calzon, San Juan Bosco's Church, Madrid, on June 2.

Brian Birtwistle (1948-57) and Ann Duxbury, Chapel Street Congregational Church, Blackburn, on June 7.

Keith Stuart Pemberton (1958-65) and Jacqueline Hodgson, St Michael and All Angels' Church, Blackburn, on June 7.

John Wilkinson (1960-64) and Sandra Schofield, St Aidan's Church, Blackburn, on July 10.

Peter Stuart Ormerod (1956-62) and Hazel Ainsworth, Immanuel Church, Feniscowles, on July 18.

Steven John Nelson (1958-65) and Elaine Margaret Gellvear, Christ Church, Blackburn, on July 19.

David Robert Bolton (1957-64) and Pamela Rosemary Booth, Zion Chapel, Montague Street, Blackburn, on August 14.

Alan Ashton (1954-61) and Susan Ann Johnston, Pleasington Priory, on August 16.

Andrew William Malone (1954-61) and Kathleen Anne Twomey, St Alban's Church, Blackburn, on August 22.

Gordon K. Bolton (1957-64) and Iris D. Hampson, St Mark's Church, Blackburn, on August 22.

Alan Cotton (1957-64) and Sheila Evelyn Thomas, St Philip's Church, Blackburn, on August 30.

John Brian Livesey (1952-61) and Jean Margaret Kidd, St Mark's Church, Dolphinholme, in September.

Denis M. Martin (1958-65) and Janet Whittle, St Thomas's Church, Ipswich, in September.

John Crook Marshall (1949-59) and Marilyn Parry, St Lawrence's Church, Barton, on September 20.

John Barry Kershaw (1962-66) and Margaret Hope, St Leonard's Church, Balderstone, on October 4.



# RUN MAY BE ANNUAL CONTEST

By PETER MITCHELL and GORDON BLACKWELL

On Saturday, March 29, a novel event took place at Lam-mack. Several members of the present QEGS cross-country team and several former members, now old boys, met together for a friendly match.

Two sides of mixed ages ran against each other on the usual five-mile Mellor course. The result was very even, there being only one point in it, making competition quite high. From a spectator's point of view, however, it would have been a little disappointing, since there was a big spread in the first three places.

The teams were :

**OLD BLACKS :** David Wharton, Anthony Bird, Steve Salvin, Peter Mitchell.

**QUEEN ELIZABETH'S :** Stephen Holmes, Gordon Blackwell, David Hogg, Stuart Ratcliffe, Robert Blackwell.

All concerned thought it an event worth repeating, and we hope that this will be the first of many such races. All being well, there will be another next year at about the same time, when all old boys who have represented the School in the past few years will be invited.

*Mrs Hilda Fish, Sir Ernest's sister, writes:* As I am almost 12 years younger than Ernest I haven't many recollections of his life at home. Our cousin, Jim King, who is also nearing 80, played brick and stick, etc., with Ernest until he left Rishton School to go to the Grammar School at Blackburn.

His recollections are rather vague, but he said that Ernest was not a favourite with the boys at school because Mr Marshall, the headmaster, used to show Ernest's work as a shining example of what should be done.

I remember Ernest and his three brothers keeping all kinds of pets at the rear of the house, hens, pigeons, white mice, frogs, etc. Mother used to be exasperated at the disappearance of her cooking mugs.

Mother had a hardware shop (cooking utensils, nails, etc.) and Ernest helped whenever possible. Later he fixed a bell under the shop floor near the door so that Dad could hear any footstep in the shop. Dad was very proud of that. It must have been very difficult with four high-spirited boys, to clothe and feed them.

Ernest's cousin, Esther Holden, remembers him at Aunty's at Blackpool, going there in his summer holidays from school, washing up, cleaning knives, and peeling potatoes for spending money.

He also tried to mend clocks, but somehow when the clocks had been assembled again there were parts left over. Needless to say, the clocks did not work.

I wonder if Ernest remembers the time when he and his confederates painted a pub on the

Sir Ernest Marsden (1901-06), one of the most distinguished old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, celebrated his 80th birthday on February 19 this year. To mark the occasion, a volume of tributes was published in New Zealand, where he lives. This took the form of recollections by many people who had known him throughout his long career as a nuclear physicist, and we reprint here by permission the recollections of Sir Ernest's early days in Rishton, where he was born; in Blackburn, where he attended Queen Elizabeth's; and in Manchester, where he worked with Rutherford.

## The bright boy from Rishton

side of Ilkley moors. When the farmers, etc., awoke the next morning they found it painted red, white, and blue.

Ernest as a boy had a darkened cellar at 6 William Holt Street, Blackburn. It was supposed to be for photography, but it was used for experiments of all kinds. We expected an explosion any time.

*Mr Sydney Marsden, one of Sir Ernest's brothers, writes :* Ernest is eight years my senior and I think I would be 16 years old when he left for New Zealand.

Eight years' difference at this early age, together with the fact that he had been at university for about five years, narrows down my daily contact with him to my being 11 years old. I do, however, have one or two vivid

recollections of that time, to me, a misfortune, for being his brother.

I would be seven years old, attending the same school that Ernest had attended in Rishton, our home town, same headmaster, and was being taught by a former teacher of his, when, at the end of some test, this teacher came peering over my shoulders at my slate (as was then used), took hold of it, and strode off with it to the headmaster for his perusal.

A few years later whilst attending Blackburn Public Higher Grade School, where Ernest had also been a pupil, the very same experience occurred.

I then realised that my work was again being compared with that of my big brother. This realisation stunned me, with the effect that my work was never again placed for comparison and I was really glad of it.

A second incident standing out in my memory is an occasion during 1913, when Ernest had just set up his first home at Manchester. I was his guest for a weekend.

On the Sunday morning, whilst tending some experiments, he took hold of a flask containing some liquid, poured a small amount of the contents into the palm of my hand which went immediately numbed and painful. This lasted for about 30 seconds and then quickly returned to normal.

He then poured a little more of this liquid on to a piece of soft rubber, which just snapped in two parts when lightly touched with a hammer.

I can see his grin of satisfaction now at having pranked his little brother. Since then, memory has often played its little tricks with me, thinking that if my hand had been tapped with the hammer I would have been in queer street.



The thirty-fourth annual dinner of the Oxford branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held at Magdalen College, Oxford, on Friday, March 7. Pictured at the dinner are (left to right): Mr I. J. Ibbotson, Mr Michael Scaife (chief guest), Mr John Cottam, Mr Harry King, and Mr Norman Jepson.

# Old Blacks' first team triumphs in league championship

Since our last report, the name of the Old Blackburnians' AFC has once again been placed in the record books of the Northern Section of the Lancashire Amateur League.

The first XI, under the captaincy of Brian Hardcastle, although suffering early exits from their various Cup competitions, concentrated their efforts on the league competition and in an exciting finish to the season won the last match and the championship from our old rivals, Old Boltonians.

A match record of: P24, W19 D3, L2, F75, A23, Pts.41 gave us a two-point lead over "Bolts", who were 10 points clear of Nelson in third place. This was an outstanding achievement and all the players who contributed are to be congratulated on their effort.

The second XI finished halfway in the league, having a record of:

P24, W13, D2, L9, F61, A44, Pts.28. As an alternative the seconds did make headway in the league cup and reached the final only to be beaten in this match by—yes, Old Boltonians.

The third and fourth XIs, although suffering throughout the season from team changes, nevertheless managed to finish in the top half of their respective divisions and but for a huge backlog of fixtures, sometimes requiring two or more matches per week, the thirds could have been in the honours as well.

## SEASON 1969-70

The start of the season sees the firsts already with a 100 per cent league record. At the time of writing they have been elimin-

ated from the League Cup, and the FA Amateur in their second match, to a stronger North Withington team from the Lancashire and Cheshire League.

The other teams are hardly into their league programmes but we look forward to another successful season.

Any Old Blackburnian wishing to play for the club is asked to write to the secretary, at the club.

## OLD BLACKS' SEVENS

Fifteen teams competed on Saturday, August 30, in the third successive Seven-a-side competition organised by the club. After being finalists and semi-finalists in previous years, Southport Amateurs proved worthy winners of this now well established event in the Northern Section's clubs' year.

This year the winners were presented with a silver cup called the "Tommy Whewel Trophy," which has been donated to the club by Mr W. D. Crumblehulme (1922-25), an enthusiastic supporter of the club and a school footballer of some distinction, as reference to the Quatercentenary "Who's Who" will show.

Tommy Whewel was probably the most famous Old Black footballer who achieved success not only locally but nationally and internationally as captain of the

By KEITH NEWTON

England Amateur XI, and we are extremely grateful to Mr Crumblehulme for his generous gift.

Southport Amateurs' name now joins the two previous winners, Old Boltonians (1967) and Old Blackburnians (1968), on the trophy.

The competition was again organised by Roger Horrocks, ably assisted on the day by Ernie Wilkinson, in the zone system whereby each team plays the others in their zone, the resultant top two teams from each zone entering a knock-out competition to the final. This system, used for the first time this year, avoided the "sudden death" aspect of a straight KO system and created added interest for players and spectators alike.

## 200 CLUB

In association with Blackburn Northern Cricket and Tennis Club, the Old Blacks' FC are

again running a 200 club for the benefit of club funds.

Weekly subscriptions of 5s over 20 weeks contribute to the prizes of £5 for each of 18 weeks, with £150, £50, and ten of £2 prizes on the tenth and twentieth weeks.

Any old boy interested in joining is asked to contact any committee member, or write to Mr M. C. Benson, Old Blackburnians' AFC, Memorial Ground, Lammack Road, Blackburn.

## AGM, 1968-69

The annual general meeting of the club was held in the clubhouse on July 2, 1969. The chairman welcomed members and reported on the year's football successes and social events. The financial accounts, which showed a health credit, mainly from the bar function, were approved by the meeting.

During the meeting, amendments were approved in the club rules, among which was an increase in the elected committee. In the resultant election

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# OLD BLACKS v SCHOOL, 1969



**OLD BLACKS:** standing: D. Forbes, P. Roscoe, P. Hargreaves, S. Gregson, J. Isherwood, A. Jackson; seated: M. Child, G. Shepherd, P. D. Haydock, W. Cosgrove, N. Brown.



**SCHOOL:** left to right, standing: C. Vines, P. Battrick, R. Hetherington, J. Halsall, N. Chambers, J. Whitehead; seated: P. Benson, P. Gorton, A. J. Child, T. W. Edwardson, K. Holden.

the following members were elected: K. V. Newton (chairman), H. H. Baylie (vice-chairman), T. Cave (secretary), I. D. Newton (treasurer), K. Bowskill (assistant secretary), N. K. Sharples (press officer), R. Hornsby (football team secretary), J. D. Forbes (honorary solicitor), D. L. Stevenson (honorary auditor). Mr W. K. Forbes was unanimously re-elected president of the club.

The following members were elected to the committee for two years: D. I. Forbes, B. Hardcastle, A. Pemberton, P. T. Pearson, D. Cox, S. Tart. The following were elected for one year: A. Upton, G. J. Hebden, P. Watson, R. Smith, R. Ranson, D. Hindle.

Members will note several changes in the club officials and new faces on the committee. To

all the retiring members we record our thanks, and in this context mention Barrie Haydock, who relinquished his appointment as press officer. Barrie has been a committee-man for many years, latterly looking after our press reports, and we greatly appreciate his tireless work for the club.

## CRICKET

The Old Blacks' cricket team continued to develop this new summer venture with matches against local clubs. Matches were held mid-week and some successes recorded although we are suffering from a shortage of players and would welcome any newcomers.

The highlight of the season was, of course, the annual Old Blackburnians v School match at Alexandra Meadows. The

Old Blackburnians won the toss and the School batted first.

## SCHOOL

J. Halsall b Brown.....	7
A. Child c Haydock b Jackson ..	8
P. Benson c and b Jackson..	7
P. Battrick c and b Brown....	2
T. Edwardson c Brown	
b Shepherd.....	0
C. Vines b Haydock.....	20
R. Hetherington c Hargreaves	
b Isherwood ..	0
K. Holden c Gregson	
b Isherwood ..	0
N. Chambers b Roscoe.....	6
P. Gorton run out.....	9
J. Whitehead not out.....	0
Extras.....	6
Total.....	65

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

Brown .....	7.3.11.2
Jackson .....	5.0.18.2

Shepherd.....	4.3..	5.1
Isherwood .....	6.2..	9.2
Child .....	3.1..	10.0
Haydock .....	2.1..	8.1
Roscoe .....	1.0..	4.1

## OLD BOYS

D. Forbes c Edwardson	
b Battrick ....	2
W. Cosgrove run out.....	64
M. Child c Hetherington	
b Battrick ....	6
P. Roscoe not out.....	27
G. Gregson lbw Whitehead..	5
P. Haydock not out.....	9
Extras.....	2
Total.....	117

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

Battrick .....	9.1.30.2
Edwardson .....	5.1.17.0
Child .....	2.0.12.0
Gorton.....	5.0.35.0
Whitehead .....	4.0.19.1



The annual dinner of the Old Blackburnians' Association Football Club was held at the clubhouse on Wednesday, May 14. Mr F. Jones (right), president of the Lancashire Amateur League, is pictured admiring the trophy for the annual Seven-a-side competition promoted by the Old Blackburnians' AFC together with (left to right) Mr Keith Newton, club chairman; Mr Ken Forbes, president; and Mr David Forbes, social secretary.

### CLUB DINNER

The Club dinner was held on May 14 in the clubhouse, when about 45 members and guests attended.

After an excellent meal, the club chairman welcomed the guests, who included representatives from the School, the Lancashire Amateur League, and the Northern Section, and for the first time the press. The chairman also introduced Mr W. D. Crumblehulme, who has kindly donated the Seven-a-side trophy, and thanked him for his generous support of the club. On behalf of the guests Mr Fred Bury, second master of the school and treasurer of the association, replied.

Following their success of last season, Brian Hardcastle, on behalf of the first team, presented Roland Orrel, the team's trainer, with a pint tankard in recognition of his services. After the meal, entertainment was provided in the form of a comedian intermingled with liquid refreshments and later some amateur pop singers. Needless to say, most enjoyable evening.

Since the last issue of MAGISTER in April the club's social programme has continued to flourish with a variety of events including dances to both pop groups and records, the former being more suited to the younger element. However, this does not mean we would not welcome older old boys to any function we hold. All will be more than welcome, with their guests.

No events were held during June since all our efforts were being concentrated on our biggest do to date. This was a barbecue and dance on Friday, July 4, which took place in a marquee on the football pitch, and entertainment was provided, again by a pop group, ably supported by an excellent jazz band. The evening was a great social success and we hope to repeat it next year.

A fortnight later a dance was held at the newly-opened Golden Palms (formerly the Locarno). For those of you who have not been, it is well worth a visit at our next dance there on Friday, December 19.

On August 29 we held our

second anniversary dance, which as last year was well received by the members and preceded the Old Blacks' Sevens on the following day.

All jazz enthusiasts must make a note in their diaries for Friday, November 14, when another jazz evening will be held at the club. The band's identity is not yet known but you are assured of an entertaining evening.

On November 29 we are holding a fancy dress dance with a difference. The resultant *mélée* should prove very amusing. Details from the club. On December 19 we shall be at the Golden Palms.

On Sunday, December 7, the Ladies' Committee of the club will hold another of their highly successful cocktail parties. All old boys are invited to the club, where many familiar faces will no doubt be seen and an enjoyable time is assured.

Over the Christmas period we are holding two festive dances—one on Boxing night, following the annual Boxing Day football match, and the second on New Year's Eve, extending through the magic hour to 2 a.m.

## 26 entries in annual golf competition

By KEN FORBES

The annual Old Blackburnians' Association golf competition was held at Blackburn Golf Club on the evening of Thursday, June 5.

There were 26 entries, from the following clubs: Blackburn 12, Wilpshire 10, Whalley 1, Rossendale 1, Rishton 1, Pyecombe 1. There were, surprisingly, no entries from Pleasington.

The vice-captain of Blackburn Golf Club, Mr J. B. Campbell, presented the prizes, which consisted of travel alarm clocks and the trophies.

The Judge Walmsley Cup for the best nett score was won by G. H. Readett (1955-60), of Blackburn, with 77-6-71. The runner-up was H. Shorrocks (1934-37), of Blackburn, with 82-10-72.

The Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup for the best gross score was won by J. Walsh (1935-40), of Blackburn, with 79.

The 1970 Old Blackburnians' Association golf competition will be played at Blackburn Golf Club on the evening of June 4. The competition will be held there by kind permission of the council of Blackburn Golf Club, who have generously requested their members to give the Old Blackburnians' competition right of way.

The competition is confined to old boys and past and present masters of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

Players may start at the first, ninth, or fifteenth tees. Competitors are to play off their lowest handicap, with a limit of 20. The entrance fee (including green fee) is 10s per person.

In the 1969 LOBAGS competition, which was played at Hillside, Southport, the Old Blackburnians' team came fifth with a return of 321. Twenty teams from 14 associations competed, and the winners were the Old Boltonians, with 297.

In future years the competition will be held on the third Wednesday in May. Anyone who wishes to be considered for the Old Blackburnians' team should notify me at my home: Glen Heather, 32 Montreal Road, Blackburn; tel. Blackburn 56793.



# TRAINING OFFICER FOR AMERICAN COSMETICS FIRM

Mr Walter Hopgood Sharratt is training officer with Avon Cosmetics, Northampton. He spent seven years as a schoolmaster, but is now fully settled into industrial life.



Mr Sharratt

## Mr Palfrey is chief guest

The annual dinner of the Old Blackburnians' Association will be held at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School on Saturday, December 20. The chief guest will be Mr W. J. H. Palfrey, chief constable of Lancashire.

The ninth annual Old Blackburnians' service will be held in Big School at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 30.

## Leavers' supper

More than 60 people attended the annual school-leavers' supper in Big School on September 18. Mr W. E. T. Walsh, chairman of the Old Blackburnians' Association, presided.

## IBM manager

Dr Colin James Bell (1948-56), a former head boy of Queen Elizabeth's, is now manager of IBM United Kingdom Ltd's scientific centre at Greenford, Middlesex.

Mr Sharratt, who is 32, attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1948 to 1954. When he left School he joined the Royal Air Force for his national service and after training in radar work served in Cyprus during the EOKA terrorist campaign.

"Unfortunately I did become involved in several shooting incidents," he says, "but I found the island a beautiful place and would like to go back, now the troubles are over."

Mr Sharratt completed his service as an NCO, but he was subsequently commissioned in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and now holds the rank of flying officer. He says:

"My work in the RAFVR consists of youth activities with the Air Training Corps, which is moving away from military activities but still retains strong links with the RAF. We often visit a nearby RAF base where the Harrier aircraft is based—the one that won the Transatlantic Air Race recently."

When he left the RAF in 1957 he went to Loughborough College on a three-year technical teachers' training course organised by Nottingham University and was awarded a diploma in technical education, together with two teaching certificates. He then entered teaching and eventually became head of the engineering department at Moulton Secondary School, Northampton.

He joined Avon Cosmetics in 1968. The company, which is of American origin, has been in Britain for 10 years. Employing about 1,700 people, it is the largest cosmetics company in the country and has branches all over the world.

Last year Mr Sharratt gained a training officer's certificate awarded by Leicester Polytechnic and he is at present studying for a diploma in management studies.

He is a member of the Institute of Personnel Management and belongs to the London branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association.

Mr Sharratt, who is married and has two children—Richard, aged 6, and Judith, aged 4—lives at 5 Charnwood Avenue, Westone, Northampton.

# Vice-consul in New York trade office Headmaster of school at Accrington

Mr Bryan Houldsworth (1941-46) has been appointed a vice-consul in the British trade development office in New York and will take up his new post this month. He has spent the last 10 years in Africa.

Mr Houldsworth worked as a tax officer for a short period after leaving School and then, in 1947, joined the Board of Trade. He spent five years as commercial officer at the British High Commission in northern Nigeria and for the past five years has been with the diplomatic service in Kampala, Uganda.

He is married, with three children, and is the brother of Mr Peter Houldsworth (1945-49) assistant manager of Martins Bank, Dewsbury.

Mr Roy Mayhall (1940-47) became headmaster of Benjamin Hargreaves Primary School, Accrington, in April. He had previously for five years been head of Heighington Endowed Boys' School, near Lincoln.

After leaving Queen Elizabeth's Mr Mayhall attended Loughbrough Training College. He started teaching in Scunthorpe and later taught at a school in Adlington.

He first returned to Blackburn in 1956 and taught at St Luke's and St Thomas's primary schools before being appointed headmaster at Heighington in 1964. He lives at 822 Whalley New Road, Blackburn.

## Unopposed

Mr John F. Forbes (1951-61) has been elected unopposed as president for 1969-70 of the Athletic Union at Swansea University, where he is doing research in civil engineering.

## The president

Mr Gordon J. Birtwistle (1947-54) is this year's president of Blackburn Castle Toastmasters' Club.

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