Lectern Bible is Old Blacks' gift to School

The Old Blackburnians' Association is presenting a new lectern Bible to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School as a gift to mark the opening of the new buildings this month.

The new buildings, comprising assembly hall, gymnasium, and music rooms, will be opened on April 10 by the chairman of governors, Mr William Hare.

SIR HAROLD IS NEW PRESIDENT

Sir Harold Derbyshire, one of the most distinguished old boys of Queen Elizabeth's, is the new president of the Old Blackburnians' Association. He succeeds Professor Gordon Manley.

Sir Harold, who is 83, was for 12 years Chief Justice of Bengal. He entered Queen Elizabeth's in 1900 and was head boy from 1902 to 1905, when he won an open scholarship to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

Called to the Bar in 1911, he practised on the Northern Circuit, and during the First World War he commanded artillery in France and won the Military Cross.

He twice stood unsuccessfully for Parliament as a Liberal during the 1920s. He became KC in 1928 and was knighted in 1934 on his appointment as Chief Justice of Bengal. He retired in 1946, and made his home at Lindsey Lodge Farm, Harleigh, near Ipswich.

Professor Manley, formerly professor of environmental sciences at Lancaster University, has been president for four years.

Speech Day to be held on May 14

Speech Day and Open Day at Queen Elizabeth's will take place on Thursday, May 14. The Prizegiving will take place in the School’s new assembly hall during the afternoon, and the chief guest will be Dr Frank Tyler, senior science master at Queen Elizabeth’s, retired at Easter after 38 years at the School. For 21 years he was second master, and he has been a most forceful influence not only on the School but on his pupils' lives and the successful development of their careers.

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Fylde branch planned

Mr K. Charnley (1927-34) is planning to form a branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association in the Fylde and would be pleased to hear from all Old Blacks in that area. He lives at 563 Devonshire Road, Bispham, Blackpool (tel. Blackpool 51252).

SORRY, NO LIST YET

As announced a year ago, we intended to publish with this issue of MAGISTER a new membership list of the Old Blackburnians' Association. Unfortunately this has proved impossible because of the amount of work involved in the preparations for the opening of the new buildings at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School this month.

We regret the sense of disappointment which our readers must experience in the absence of the promised membership list, and we offer them our apologies for this. We hope to publish the list a year from now, in April, 1971.

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 Northern Editor of the Guardian for the use of a picture on page 5.

Many people have given willing and generous help with this issue, and we are grateful to all of them.

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May dance

The Old Blackburnians' Association will hold a buffet dance at Samlesbury Hall on Friday, May 22.
ALAN SAUVAIN

Mr Alan Sauvain, formerly for 23 years Divisional Education Officer for King's Lynn and district, died at his home at Snettisham, Norfolk, on September 24, 1969. He was 62, and had been ill for several months.

Mr Sauvain was a man of energy and efficiency. He took a confident, unruffled manner, a deep shrewdness, and a firm, direct approach to problems. To his many friends he added suaviousness and charm, so that a successful professional career and an active social life he was highly regarded and well liked by all who knew him.

He was the son of Mr Asa Sauvain, senior master at Bangor Street Senior School, Blackburn, and attended Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School from 1915 to 1919. Prominent in cricket and athletics, he was unbeaten as a cross-country runner.

Sauvain's generosity, and his constant good humour.

He was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Stones, and he attended Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School from 1923 to 1929. He then attended Guest’s College, where he read English. In 1933 he joined Newcastle-Upon-Tyne Electric Co. Ltd. at Preston.

He was a gifted cellist and an accomplished violinist. As a musician he was a devoted member of the O'Malley String Quartet, which gave a series of chamber concerts in Blackburn during the 1930s.

Mr Stones could hold his own among fine musicians and was a member of the Blackburn Rovers team that won the cup about the next 10 years he became president of Blackburn Credit Traders’ Association and Lancashire Credit Traders’ Association, and he also held office as president of Blackburn Chamber of Trade.

In 1956 he joined the English Electric Co. Ltd. at Preston. He worked in the traction department office and became chief clerk in that section. He was elected a founder member. In 1920s he played cello with Blackburn Orchestral Society, which was then conducted by Mr Romaine O’Malley, a well-known member of the Halle Orchestra, and he was a member of the O’Malley String Quartet, which gave a series of chamber concerts in Blackburn in the 1930s.

During the First World War he served in the Army Service Corps from 1915 to 1919, driving ambulances in France. At the end of the war he went into the cotton trade.

He also held an MEd degree from Manchester University, where he read English. In 1935 he joined Lancashire Electric Co. Ltd. at Preston.

Mr Stones, who lived at Core Salesbury, was a member of his family to attend Queen Elizabeth’s in 1936 and left a widow, Mrs Janet Stones, and two daughters—Mrs Janet Knowles, of Heald Green, Chester, and Mrs Judith Rowntree, of Hoghton.

His love of music and playing continued throughout his life, and he made many musical friends not simply in Blackburn but also in Hereford, to which town he moved in 1946, and in Sidmouth, where he lived for the last 12 years of his life.

He was a very keen motorist and knew every inch of the Ribble and Hodder valleys.

Mr Stones died suddenly at his home in Sidmouth, Devon, on November 15, 1968. He was 77.

He was a gifted cellist and an excellent cricketer; yet he was the most modest of men and altogether a most likeable character. He will be remembered by his many friends for his integrity, his generosity, and his constant good humour.

He was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Stones, and he attended Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School from 1923 to 1929. He was School football captain and played cricket for the East Lancashire Cricket Club while still a schoolboy.

During the First World War he served in the Army Service Corps from 1915 to 1919, driving ambulances in France. At the end of the war he went into the cotton trade.

He resumed playing cricket for East Lancs and was a member of the team that won the cup about 1920. He also played cricket for the Old Blackburnians against the School. When, eventually, he gave up cricket and football he took up golf with equal enthusiasm.

As a musician he was a devoted member of Accrington Cel Club, of which he was elected a founder member. In the 1920s he played cello with Blackburn Orchestral Society, which was then conducted by Mr Romaine O’Malley, a well-known member of the Halle Orchestra, and he was a member of the O’Malley String Quartet, which gave a series of chamber concerts in Blackburn in the 1930s.

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When the School orchestra mass in the college's evening in 1927, Mr Stones very generously helped by playing cello. It was a great loss to the musical life of Blackburn when he left the town.

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James Barlow Sherwood died in his home at St Annes on June 13, 1969, several months after being injured in a road accident. He was 41.

His death cut short a promising career. Jim Sherwood was full of life and vitality, an agreeable, cheerful character and kindly humanity. He is sadly missed.

He was born in Blackburn on February 24, 1928, the younger son of Mr and Mrs Philip B. Sherwood. He was the third member of his family to attend Queen Elizabeth’s: his father, a pupil from 1907 to 1913, and his brother, Mr Peter B. Sherwood, attended the School from 1932 to 1938.

Mr Sherwood himself entered Queen Elizabeth’s in 1936 and left two years later when his father, a senior official of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, was appointed to charge of the company’s affairs in Northern Ireland. Mr Sherwood then became a pupil at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution and attended that school for six years.

In 1944 the family returned to England, his father having been promoted to a position at the company’s head office, and Mr Sherwood returned to Queen Elizabeth’s. When he left School later that year he joined his father’s firm and worked at the West End of London.

Shortly thereafter National Service intervened and Mr Sherwood went out to Calcutta with the East Lancashire Rovers. He was among the last troops to leave India when the country gained its independence in 1947, and served for some time with the late Major Oliver Kite, who was also an Old Blackburnian (1937-39).

In the meantime his father had been appointed Commercial Union manager for the North Midlands, based at Nottingham, and when Mr Sherwood returned to Cheshire in 1951 he became resident inspector for the company at Derby. After some time he left insurance to join a firm of brokers.

The family returned to Lancashire on his father’s retirement in 1960. Mr Sherwood became north-western representative for a subsidiary company in the Courtauld group and was making good progress in his career when he met with his tragic accident.

He was married, and is survived by his parents and brother. Cremation took place at St Annes on June 17.
ROBERT BRIERLEY

Mr Samuel Edward Robert Brierley, managing director of S. E. R. Brierley, Ltd., babywear manufacturers, of Cambridge House, Brookhouse Lane, Blackburn, died at his home at Mellor on December 5, 1969. He was 52.

Bob Brierley's death saddens a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He was held in high regard as a thorough gentleman, and was a friend to all who knew him.

He attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1928 to 1933 and became head of his firm 30 years ago.

During the Second World War he served with the Royal Signals in Kenya, and in the years after the war he was a keen motor rally driver.

Mr Brierley was a member of Wilpshire Golf Club, which he joined in the summer of 1946. He became a member of the club's council in 1964 and held the office as captain in 1965-66. During the following year he served as vice-captain, and for the last three years he had been chairman of estates.

Mr Brierley was a Freemason. He joined Coronation Lodge No. 3479 23 years ago and was installed as worshipful master in 1961. In 1968 he was elevated to the Provincial Grand Lodge in the rank of provincial grand steward. He was a past first principal of United Brethren Chapter, and was a director and chairman of the Masonic Hall Co. Ltd.

WILLIAM BURGON

Mr William Burgon, who attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1937 to 1942, died at his home in Maricourt Avenue, Blackburn, on January 15, 1970, after illness extending over 18 months. He was 43.

He was the only son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Burgon and came to Queen Elizabeth's from Intack School. As a boy he was a keen footballer, but broke a leg with rather less vigour than he had shown in his early years while playing in his early years.

He attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1928 to 1933 and became head of his firm 30 years ago.

Towards the end of the Second World War he served in the Royal Navy, and on his return to civilian life he worked as a clerk in Blackburn. For some time he was employed by Ribble Motor Services Ltd., and he had latterly worked for several years for the North Western Electricity Board.

His spare-time interests included the countryside and model tramways and tramways. He was a keen model engineer and was a member of the North Western Tramway Society.

Mr Burgon was unmarried, and is survived by his parents and sister. A funeral service at St Oswald's Church, Knuzden, on January 21 was followed by cremation at Pleasington.

We also regret to record the deaths of:


William Booth (1922-28) on February 27, 1970, aged 57.

Albert Wilkinson Sharples (1939-44) on March 6, 1970, aged 43.

Building fund still needs £6,000

The Quatercentenary appeal committee announced in January that the School's development fund stood at just under £114,000.

In its report for 1969 the committee said that since the 1968 report the most noticeable development had been that on the Dukes Brow site. Work had gone steadily forward, and the School would be able to enjoy the benefits of the new accommodation from the start of the summer term.

The report continued: “Since the last progress report, the appeal has benefited by a further £6,000, and now stands at just under £114,000 in total. We are most grateful to all the parents, old boys, and friends of the School who have made these additional donations.

However, we are still in need of at least another £6,000 in order to reach our revised target of £120,000, made necessary by increasing building costs and the proper completion of our project, and we do hope that those of our friends who have not yet contributed to the appeal will be as prompt and generous in their response as those who have already given, since we should like to reach our final target by the time that the buildings are opened and in use.”

AN APOLOGY

We reported in our last issue that Mr W. E. T. Walsh had relinquished the post of secretary of Blackburn, Accrington, and Darwen Moral Welfare Association after more than 20 years in office. In fact it was Mrs Walsh who had retired from the secretaryship.

The editor of MAGISTER wishes to offer his most humble apologies to Mrs Walsh for inadvertently depriving her of the honours and tributes to which she is so rightly entitled by her many years of loyal service to the moral welfare association.

In Australia

The Rev Peter Mayhew, who taught at Queen Elizabeth's from 1932 to 1934, sailed for Australia in January to become warden of the Brotherhood of St Barnabas in the Diocese of North Queensland. He was previously vicar of St John the Divine's Church, Kennington, London.

Twelve to study at Oxford

Eleven boys at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School have been awarded places at Oxford this year-five of them winning major open scholarships. A sixth scholarship has been won by an old boy, David Kemball-Cook, now at Shrewsbury School.

The five major awards have been won by:

Peter Cookson, aged 17, the head boy, who will read engineering sciences at Balliol;

Martin Crossdale, 16, mathematics, at Balliol;

Richard Horton, 17, natural science (physics), at Merton;

John Kirk, 17, natural science (physics), at Magdalen; and

Christopher Miller, 17, mathematics, at Magdalen.

Places have been won by:

Francis Dolby, 18, modern languages (German), at Wadham;

Andrew Haworth, 19, modern languages (Spanish), at St John's;

Peter Moizer, 18, chemistry, at Merton;

John Naisby, 18, geography, at St Edmund Hall; and

Michael Walker, 17, natural science (botany), at Magdalen.

Ashley Whalley, 17, history and economics, at Worcester.

David Kemball-Cook has won a scholarship in mathematics at New College. He is the son of Mr Brian H. Kemball-Cook, headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's from 1956 to 1965 and now headmaster of Bedford Modern School.

Car club man

Mr Roger Hargreaves (1960-67) is secretary of Cambridge University Automobile Club.

We are grateful to Mr Brian H. Kemball-Cook for the information on his son David Kemball-Cook.
A rifle club for Old Blacks?

Mr Keith Wightman (1949-54), bursar of Sandon House School, Chelmsford, is a keen small-bore riflemen and has written to MAGISTER suggesting that members of the Old Blackburnians' Association could organise a team to take part in postal shooting matches. He writes:

I took up small-bore (.22) shooting when we started a rifle club at this school and I volunteered to run it. I became quite interested and took the sport up seriously about two years ago.

Since then I have been fortunate enough to win a medal in a club competition, and I also won two medals presented by the Essex County Rifle Association—one as a member of a winning team and a silver medal as the marksman with the highest aggregate.

There are a number of competitions organised by the National Small-bore Rifle Association for which a team of Old Blackburnians would be eligible.

In postal competition shooting each member of the team can shoot his card on his own club's range, and he would then post the card on to me. I would collect the cards together and send them off to the National Small-bore Rifle Association.

It would involve members in shooting at least one match card a fortnight, although it is sometimes possible to shoot two or three cards at the same time.

Most competitions of this sort are shot during the winter months, and there is time now to organise an Old Blackburnians' team ready for next winter.

Anyone who is interested should write to me, and I shall be happy to make the arrangements.

Public speaking champion

Mr Gordon Birtwistle (1947-54), president of Blackburn Castle Toastmasters' Club, was the winner of the North Pennine area speech contest organised by Toastmasters International at the Bull and Royal Hotel, Preston, in January.

OFFICERS IN THE RAF

Two Old Blackburnians were commissioned in the Royal Air Force in January. Flying Officer Edwin Brian Grimshaw (1942-47) was commissioned in the equipment branch, and Pilot Officer Andrew John Wilson (1963-69) as a pilot.

Both passed out from the Officer Cadet Training Unit at RAF Henlow, Bedfordshire—Flying Officer Grimshaw on January 2 and Pilot Officer Wilson on January 30.

Flying Officer Grimshaw joined the Royal Air Force in 1959 and has served in Aden and Cyprus. Pilot Officer Wilson entered the service straight from School last September.

Medical officer in frigate

Surgeon-Lieutenant Stuart Ormrod (1956-62) joined the 2,800-ton Leander class anti-submarine frigate, HMS Bacchante, at Portsmouth on December 15 as medical officer to the ship's complement of 17 officers and 246 ratings.

The current programme of HMS Bacchante includes trips to many European ports as a member of the NATO Squadron and visits to Canada, the United States, and the West Indies.
Mr. Tom Naisby (1921-28) retired from the BBC on December 3 — his 60th birthday. Dennis Johnson, of the Guardian, wrote:

Tom Naisby, the BBC North Region’s best known announcer, news reader, and continuity man, retired with the feeling that, on the whole, he had seen the most fruitful years of regional broadcasting in Britain. He had been going on the air, from the studio in Piccadilly, Manchester, and from public platforms throughout the North, for 23 years.

“When I started, BBC radio had a complete monopoly of entertainment,” he said after reading his last five-to-one Northern news. “There was the Home Service and the regions were attached to it. And then the regions developed — my, how they developed. Beveridge came along and said the regions must go on, and in the sixties Pilkington said the same thing.

“Now the Home Service is absorbed into Radio 4 and reorganised out of all recognition, losing all its variety. The region is being dissolved. There is Radio 1, 2, and 3, BBC 1 and BBC 2 and BBC Colour and ITV.

“The Home Service used to give them everything — music, drama, plays, Children’s Hour, talks, discussions — and announcing was involved with the whole of broadcasting activity. The announcer had prestige and standing and independence.

“During the past five or ten years we’ve seen the development of the tape recorder and the magnetic tape recorder which reporters can take out and use themselves. There’s this concern for what’s called involvement. The met man does the weather forecasts and talks about crime, and it seems better to get some chap in Addis Ababa to do 28 seconds on tape than to read news from an agency or from an correspondent. The position of the announcer, like the position of the region, has changed entirely. Therefore I go thinking of the region, has changed entirely. Therefore I go thinking the whole, he had seen the most fruitful years of regional broadcasting activity. The announcer had prestige and standing and independence.

“Like other announcers, he has had his own personal, intractable tongue-twisters, such as “Manchester Statistical Society” and “true to tradition” and “prefabricated concrete cricket pitches”.

“But he’s refused to trifile with his regionalism. “What was I to do, on the spur of the moment, with ‘Comus, a masque by Milton’? Was it really a mask or a mask? I said it was a mask.

“I didn’t know, until too late, that Torpenhow, in the Lakes, is really ‘Trepener’. Rawtenstall I always called Rottenstall because to say Rottenstall is like saying Bath for Bath, which I wouldn’t do.

“I remember once, though, on a public platform broadcast, calling Brighouse Brig’uss, as it should be, and finding the next day that the local council had passed a resolution deploring the way I had made fun of the place. Quite often, if you give a literal pronunciation, people say you don’t know any better.”

Tom Naisby lives in the terrace house at Blackburn where he was born and brought up. He went to Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School, Blackburn, St John’s College, Cambridge, and taught history at King’s School, Ely, until he went into the RAF educational service in 1941. He was attached to a Polish bomber squadron and learned to speak Polish, to which he has since added some French and Spanish and, through an intensive term’s course at Cambridge in 1964, Russian.

When he applied for the BBC job in 1946, he was chosen from 2,452 applicants and after three months in Manchester had moved up from No. 4 announcer to head of presentation in the region.

From all his 33,000 broadcasts he remembers most fondly those from public platforms, the memorial concert for Fred Mortimer, of Foden’s Motor Works Band, at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, and a United Nations concert from York Minster.

He has no yearning to work on television. “It uses up too much, too fast. You play out your persona too quickly and people get bored. As an announcer, I never know what part I am playing in television. I am reading, yet appearing not to read. The job becomes half performance, and I say if you want a performer, get Geilgud.”

We are grateful to Mr Geoffrey Taylor, Northern Editor of the Guardian, and Mr Johnson for so generously allowing Magister to reprint this article.

Mr Naisby makes his last broadcast, reading the northern news at the BBC studios in Manchester. Picture by Robert Smithies of the Guardian; used by permission.
TWO STALWARTS RETIRE

A man who guided the growth of QEGS

Dr Frank Tyler, who retired at Easter, has had unparalleled influence on the organisation and development of Queen Elizabeth's. The high standards of teaching which exist throughout the School result in no small measure from the example he has set as senior science master.

Dr Tyler has been at Queen Elizabeth's for 38 years. He joined the staff after research and teaching at Leeds University. For 21 years he was second master at the School.

He is a leading writer of physics textbooks. He has written 16, which are used as standard works throughout the country, and some have been translated. He has been an examiner for the Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board for 25 years.

He has been involved in many School activities—far too many to list here—and for more than seven years was commanding officer of the School's ATC squadron.

In a generous tribute to his colleagues, Dr Tyler said: "The strong development of the School and the maintenance of academic standards, comparable with those of the finest schools in the land, are in overwhelming measure due to devoted and inspired service of many fine teachers here."

"During my time I have had more than 200 colleagues, and there have been some 5,000 pupils through the School. In my work as head of the science department, and for 21 years as second master, I have had splendid support and encouragement from staff and boys alike."

"And if there is one thing more than any other I want to say, it is a simple 'thank you' to all my colleagues for their unstinted help and to the boys for their wonderful spirit, splendid loyalty, and ever-ready support. No schoolmaster could want more than this."

Lifetime of service to the School

Mr George F. Eastwood, senior history master at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, who retired at Christmas, has set a record with almost 42 years' continuous service to the School.

He estimates that he has taught during that time more pupils than there were in the previous 400 years of the School's history.

Mr Eastwood—"Pecker"—was educated at Bradford Grammar School and Jesus College, Cambridge, to which he won an open scholarship. He gained an honours degree in history and English and later obtained a Cambridge teacher's diploma with distinction.

He joined the staff of Queen Elizabeth's in 1928 and was appointed senior history master in 1946.

During the Second World War he was adjutant of the School's Air Training Corps, No. 657 Squadron, which was acknowledged as one of the most efficient in the country.

For 35 years he was chairman of the Elizabethan Debating Society. "This gave me great personal satisfaction," he said. "I believe an articulate person will always have the advantage over the inarticulate."

Mr Eastwood has always been associated with Drake, first as assistant housemaster and for the last 30 years as senior housemaster. Under his guidance the house has enjoyed great success, especially in football and athletics.

He is the author of two books, the Quatercentenary history of Queen Elizabeth's and a history of Samlesbury Hall, which has so far appeared only in a much shortened version.

Mr Eastwood and Mrs Eastwood have no plans to move from their home in Lynwood Road, Blackburn. Their son, Mr David G. F. Eastwood (1947-57) is senior physics master at Gordonstoun.

Mr Pomfret, a Cambridge graduate, taught at Queen Elizabeth's from 1945 to 1948. He later taught in Bedlington and Salford before being appointed headmaster of Cannock Grammar School in 1955.

New principal of Belfast college

Mr James Pomfret (1933-40), vice-principal of Sunderland College of Education, has been appointed principal of Greenfield Grammar School, Belfast, and will take up his new post in September.

Mr Pomfret, a Cambridge graduate, taught at Queen Elizabeth's from 1945 to 1948. He later taught in Bedlington and Salford before being appointed headmaster of Cannock Grammar School in 1955.
Mr Sandford

Assistant clerk to council

Mr Arthur Sandford (1952-59) assistant solicitor to Hampshire County Council, has been appointed second assistant clerk to Nottinghamshire County Council and took up his new post at the beginning of March.

Mr Sandford read law at University College, London, and served articles of clerkship with the town clerk of Preston. In 1965, while still articled, he won the Atkinson prize for conveyancing awarded by the Law Society.

He later became senior assistant solicitor to Preston Corporation, and moved to Winchester in 1968. He was formerly secretary of Blackburn and District Referees' Association, and during his time in Hampshire has been refereeing Football Combination matches.

Deputy treasurer

Mr Norman Smith (1952-57) was appointed deputy borough treasurer of Darwen in October and took up his new post the following month.

Mr Smith joined Blackburn borough treasurer's department as a junior clerk when he left school. He stayed at Blackburn until 1963 when he was appointed accountancy assistant with Chester Corporation.

After qualifying as a chartered municipal treasurer he moved back to East Lancashire in 1965, being appointed to the post of senior accountancy assistant with Burnley Corporation.

Mr Smith is married and has a young son. He lives at 1 Raygill Avenue, Burnley.

Elected associate member of BIM

Mr Raymond Whitehead (1940-44) has been elected an associate member of the British Institute of Management. He is already an associate of the Textile Institute and serves as vice-chairman of its Blackburn section.

Mr Whitehead served with the Royal Corps of Signals in East Africa after leaving Queen Elizabeth's. He entered the textile industry when he left the forces and held several appointments in Lancashire and the Midlands. In 1960 he returned to Blackburn to join Oswald and Duncan Ltd., an industrial fabric manufacturing group based in Rochdale. He was for some time assistant to the managing director and was appointed an executive director in 1969.

Mr Whitehead serves on the parochial church council at St James's Church, Blackburn, and is a member of Woodlands Scout Group. He lives at 23 West Leigh Road, Lammack.

Other old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School who have gained academic or professional qualifications are:

- W. C. Allan (1957-62) graduated BA hons. history and politics (1968), gained MA history (1969), Lancaster University.
- D. N. Bateman (1956-64) graduated BSc hons. pharmacology, London University; now studying medicine at Guy's Hospital, London.
- D. N. Hutchinson (1945-52) graduated MD, Manchester University.
- M. E. Jackson (1960-62) passed Part II of the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.
- D. A. Lowe (1954-67) gained PhD biochemistry, Liverpool University; appointed research fellow in microbiology department, Alberta University, Edmonton.
- J. Wilkinson (1960-64) gained diploma in art and design, Liverpool College of Art.

Manpower research

Mr Eric Norcross (1944-51), formerly with Mullards, has joined the Civil Service and is now administering the Manpower Research Unit of the Department of Employment and Productivity. He is living at Berkhampsted, Hertfordshire.
I generally sit down to write this Diary after a leisurely Sunday breakfast, and a steady browse through my newspaper, which nowadays consist, with little parts, so stuffed with advertisements that I have difficulty in finding any real news at all.

It is now just 7 a.m. and I am stiff and tired. I smell of fish, having spent these two hours past been cleaning my weekend catch and curling them up for my wife to stack away in the deep freeze. At noon I was collecting some of them from a Westmorland hotel, 266 miles farther north.

We grouse about our roads, but to cover that distance in 44 hours, on a summer Sunday, isn't bad going under any circumstances.

It is many years since I went north at this time: I always go about the end of March and again in late October or early November. But when at the Bradford Waltonians' Dinner in early December I suggested I should spend a few days with him on the Lune in the early spring Reg Righyni suggested in Blackburn, and my mother trout, or the Dovey for sea-trout, not one of the most fashionable northernmost corner, that Rig-hyni has his fabled water on the Lancashire regiment until they invalided me in 1965. I know so glad I did. If I have ever

for several years before his death in the summer of 1968 OLIVER KITE (1937-39) wrote a regular weekly column, "A Fisherman's pro-Diary," for The Shooting Times. The editor of the magazine, Philip Brown, has taken the best of Major Kite's articles to form an anthology. This one describes a visit to Lancashire.

and love the County Palatine, but to cover that distance in 8 hours, on a summer Sunday, 266 miles farther north. You could hear a curlew call a discoloured, was beginning to hope after torrential rain all day.

A bright, near-full moon climbed the sky. The river, not yet discoloured, was beginning to rise. It was close, and still. You could hear a curlew call a mile off.

Dams impelled the surface in one place. They wouldn't look

at my fly, for twenty minutes. Then one did. It proved to be a roach, a nice fish of near 1lb. I put him back. I couldn't go all that way, nearly three hundred and fifty miles, and be instrumental in slaying an unsuspecting roach.

The next two casts brought me a small silver leaping-seat-trout, a sprod, as they call it only in Lancashire, and a modest brown. Then the rapidly rising river put flatsam on the fly every cast, and we went home to bed.

Next day brought some of the heaviest rain I have ever experienced. I turned my back and crouched and let it slam down, the hail clawing my face and clotting my hair. The river was a sprod, as they call it only in Lancashire, and a modest brown. I ended up with seven fish: four reasonable brown trout and three sea-trout, all taken on a small and roughly dressed nymph Righyni had offered me. When a man who knows his river backwards says fish here and use that, you are a very impetuous chap if you don't heed him!

I caught my two best mort, as likely a

body, olive wool; rib, silver. Everything slim and sparse, and mighty realistic. Needless to say, I ragged Righyni about his horrible flies, which he took in good part, but used nothing else by day throughout my stay.

Oglesby joined us that evening, catching a 14lb salmon almost immediately. We went out after dinner to fish a stained river in bright moonlight. Soon I had my best sea-trout, on a yellowish fly which my host recom-mended. I had thereafter a nice basket of brown trout, all taken close in on the same lure. The moon was bright and high, and directly downstream, but I was fishing downstream, too, the north country way, as the curlew lamented unseen overhead.

A little heavy rain on the previous day, we were hoping on the Saturday for a falling river, with a decrease in acidity to make for reasonable salmon-taking conditions. There had, however, been a good deal of rain during the night as well, and when we came down to a rather late and leisurely breakfast, it was still falling steadily, and the great fells around were dissolved in dark clouds.

It was no surprise, therefore, to find a big river awaiting us. Fortunately, it was not unduly discoloured, although running rather like medium-dry sherry. Conditions were far from what we had hoped for, but they were not impossible and, given a fine day, they might well improve before evening.

In the event, it proved to be quite a nice day, with long sunny periods in the afternoon. The river reached its peak about midday, and thereafter began to drop off in a most promising way. This is how the fishing went.

A certain amount of debris coming downstream did not help us, floating weed and the like catching up on our hooks. Righyni went off downstream to fish for sea-trout, as they would be less likely to be affected by the evident acidity of the water. Salmon were showing, here and there, fish that looked as if they'd been in the river for some time. In the circumstances it was a bit too soon to expect much from them, but before you can start to try to fish low-down, you realise you have a fish on.

The salmon seemed well hooked. It played deep. I got out to the high bank, and worked the fish across so that it was lying just upstream, fighting both me and the main pull of the current. After seven minutes, and one longish run, it began to tire.

Oglesby was ready with the gaff. We couldn't let it go long to wait, but then the fish was off, quite quietly, and was gone.

The disappointment on my friend's face made me feel for him, and I laughed off my own natural regret at losing my fish. Neither of us had done anything to reproach ourselves for: it was just one of those things.

After a picnic lunch, I went off to try the tail of the Groyne. Fishing with the same sparse nymph so effectively well the previous day, I had a violent take almost immediately, and an acrobatic sea-trout of just over a pound came leaping and protesting to a couple of yards' distance away, where it fought it out to the point of exhaustion. For some reason I didn't get another strike.

I then decided to walk a long way down to one of the lower pools, which had rewarded me well the previous day. On the way I disturbed sundry oystercatchers and various wag-tails. Sand martins twittered overhead. Oddly enough, Oglesby by accidently killed one of these earlier in the day, the little bird being struck by the spinning lure and killed instantly about forty yards away at the end of a cast.

The sun blazed down, for once, and all I got for my long and useful walk was one small sea-trout, fishing was one small herling. The river was a good deal higher than it had been the day before,

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36 Old Blacks at Oxbridge dinner

Thirty-six Old Blackburnians attended the joint annual dinner of the Oxford and Cambridge branches of the association in the hall of Merton College, Oxford, on Friday, February 27, 1970.

The loyal toast was proposed by the Oxford chairman, Mr. John Cottam, who also said grace. A toast to "The School" was proposed by the Oxford treasurer, Mr. David Gartside, and the headmaster, Mr. Douglas Coulson, replied. The Oxford secretary, Mr. Stuart Ferguson, who organised the dinner, also spoke.

The menu was; consommé julienne; fillet of sole waleska; tourneados chasseur; peas in brandy; and coffee.

Those present were:

The Oxford and Cambridge branches will again hold a joint dinner next year. It will probably take place in Magdalen College or University College, Oxford.

Supper for London members 18 at Yorks dinner in Leeds

The London branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association held a buffet supper party at the Leicester Lounge, Glasshouse Street, London, W.1., on October 17. Fifty-six people attended. Among the guests were some of last summer's school-leavers and wives of members, together with members of the London branch of Blackburn High School Old Girls' Association.

Mr. Paul Price, secretary of the London Old Blacks, reports: "It was a most informal meeting and one of the most enjoyable we have had, I think, for some years. There were no speeches, just quiet drinking and some pleasant food." The committee of the London branch is anxious to extend and improve the scope and nature of branch activities, and would welcome suggestions.

Promoted to senior NWEB post

Mr. Harry Chippendale was appointed deputy chief commercial officer of the North Western Electricity Board in December. He had previously for five years been an assistant chief commercial officer with the board.

Mr. Chippendale attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1940 to 1945 and went on to Manchester University, where he read electrical engineering and took his BSc degree with first-class honours in 1948. In the same year he joined the electricity supply industry as a graduate trainee with the North Western Electricity Board at Blackburn.

He later became an installation engineer and in 1952 was appointed district consumers' engineer in the Rotherham and Mexborough District of the Yorkshire Electricity Board. After some time in that post he moved to a similar appointment in the board's Sheffield District, and he then became assistant commercial officer for the Sheffield Area.

He rejoined the North Western Electricity Board in 1962 as area commercial officer in the Lake District, and he took up his appointment as assistant chief commercial officer (technical sales and service) three years later. In that position he was responsible for creating the sales organisations selling plant and equipment to industry, commerce, and farms, and central heating in the new housing market.

Mr. Chippendale, who is 42, is a chartered engineer and a member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers. He is married, with two children, and lives at 6 Winchester Drive, Sale, Cheshire.
THE forty-first annual general meeting of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held at the Old Blackburnians' AFC's clubhouse at Lammack on Wednesday, November 26, 1969. Twenty-three members were present and Mr W. E. T. Walsh, chairman, presided.

Mr David Forbes, secretary, presented the apologies of those unable to attend and read the minutes of the previous annual general meeting.

In discussion of matters arising from those minutes, Mr Harry King said that it had been decided to withdraw the proposal for the association to present the School with a flag; instead, the association would provide a new lectern Bible for the new building. The idea was favourably received.

Mr Walsh said that no action had yet been taken on the proposed realisation of the association's fixed-interest assets. Mr Douglas J. Coulson, headmaster, said that the development fund was progressing, but could still do with a few more covenants.

There was some discussion about whether the association's annual church service should continue. It was reported that the 1968 dinner had made a profit, and the school-leavers' hotpot supper had been a success. Mr King described the branch activities, which were much enjoyed.

Presenting the balance sheet (see below), Mr Fred Bury, treasurer, said that 27 life members had been recruited. Was this, he wondered, a record? Subscriptions were very high due, he thought, to MAGISTER. The accounts were accepted unanimously.

Mr P. T. Pearson, chairman of the social sub-committee, said that the May dance at Samlesbury Hall had been a success, and another would be held in 1970. Mr Keith Newton, for the football club, reported on the teams' progress and the club's extensive social activities, and Mr Ken Forbes reported on golf.

There was lengthy discussion of MAGISTER. Mr Tom Sharratt, editor, said that the magazine was costing a "frightening" amount of money. Even though Mr John Haworth, advertising manager, was making great efforts to attract advertising, the magazine was still losing heavily.

Mr Sharratt said he had always imagined that the point might be reached at which the association would say stop; had that point, he wondered, been reached? There were cries of "No, no!", and Mr Walsh most courteously assured Mr Sharratt of the association's continued support. In that case, said Mr Sharratt, publication would continue, and he thanked members for their encouragement.

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Mr Walsh said that Professor Gordon Manley, president, wished to retire from that office. The meeting expressed its thanks to Professor Manley for his encouragement.

Mr Donald Forbes, vice-chairman, said that the chairman customarily held office for one year, but it was felt that this period was not long enough. He therefore proposed that the office of chairman should be held for two years. Mr Walsh was thereupon re-elected, and said he was very honoured.

There were no resignations from the committee. Mr John S. Read (1954-61) was elected to the committee, and the existing members were re-elected en bloc. Mr Ken Forbes urged that one of the more recent school-leavers should join the committee.

It was resolved that subscriptions to the association should remain unchanged.

OFFICERS, 1969-70
President: Sir Harold Derbyshire; vice-presidents: Mr P. C. Northam, Mr E. Towle; chairman: Mr W. E. T. Walsh; vice-chairman: Mr J. D. Forbes; hon. secretary: Mr D. I. Forbes; hon. treasurer: Mr F. Bury; hon. auditors: Mr W. Hare, Mr K. H. Marsden.

Committee: Mr B. Brown, Mr H. Burrows, Mr D. J. Coulson, Dr P. L. S. Dixon, Mr G. N. Forbes, Mr W. K. Forbes, Mr T. Hindle, Mr E. G. Hunt, Mr N. Jeppson, Mr F. J. Jones, Mr H. King, Mr E. C. Marsden, Mr K. V. Newton, Mr P. T. Pearson, Mr W. H. Proctor, Mr J. S. Read, Dr T. Riley, Mr J. E. Sagar, Mr T. E. Sharratt, Mr R. Smethurst, Mr J. Warner, Mr R. Wallis.

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 1969
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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, 1969.

(Signed) KENNETH H. MARSDEN, F.C.A.
WILLIAM HARE, F.C.A.

A SCHOOL WITH NO FEARS FOR THE FUTURE

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School was approaching what might be a crossroads in its history, Mr Douglas Coulson, headmaster, said at the annual dinner of the Old Blackburnians' Association on December 20.

But he had no fears for the future. It may seem to many of us that it is the Government's intention to make all schools either comprehensive or apprehensive," he said. "I do not consider that we have any need to be either."

A total of 170 old boys and their guests attended the dinner in Big School. The chairman, Mr W.E.T. Walsh, presided and proposed the loyal toast. Grace was said by Mr Harry Kitching. Mr Coulson was replying to the toast to "The School," proposed by Mr Frank M. Whittaker (1937-43). There was loud applause when Mr Coulson said that without the support of the governors, that the School had been fully restored to health after his very serious illness in October.

Mr Coulson continued:

"I should like to take this opportunity of paying a special tribute to Mr Eastwood, senior history master, and housemaster of Drake, who retired yesterday. He has been with us for 41 years and one term; so you now know as untrue, I'm afraid, the story that he was actually at School in 1567 and awarded Queen Elizabeth's I a credit mark for his signature on our Charter.

"It is an understatement that we shall miss him. No more will small boys bring to the playground. Frequently some sides or kickabout on the top of the Alexandra Meadows the last Wednesday in July: although the old boys muster only a scratch side the old boys generally won.

"Then at the annual prize day and concert on or about December 21 each year the old boys were welcome and a few came and sat at the back of the hall (Big School) and sang and cheered.

"Again most days September to March the present boys generally played football (picked sides or kickabout) on the top playground. Frequently some old boys came and joined in the game.

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"The meeting decided to engage a drill sergeant to drill OBs two evenings a week, so that we should be somewhat prepared when the call came. Some of those boys have their names on the Roll of Honour and the Memorial in Big School.

Sir Harold Derbyshire, president of the Old Blackburnians' Association, was unable to attend the dinner but sent greetings and good wishes in a letter which the chairman, Mr Walsh, read out.

Sir Harold added a few reminiscences of the old boys when he entered the School in the last year of the nineteenth century:

"There was no old boys' association as I remember, but there was the old boys v present boys cricket match in the Alexandra Meadows the last Wednesday in July: although the old boys mustered only a scratch side the old boys generally won.

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Sir Harold commented:

"Although the School's Dixie Prosette came later, its precept and object were well understood in 1914-19."
In the Red Rose County

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and the sea-trout, if they were there, were not in taking mood. I wasn’t sorry to see Oglesby driving down to meet me and lift me back to the Groynes Pool.

He gave me a good stiff dram, and after I had rested a while, I decided to have another go with his spare spinning rod. I moved a fish, first chuck, and hooked one, probably the same salmon, five casts later.

Under Oglesby’s helpful prompting, I got smartly out of the river, up over the high bank and out into the meadow, to walk my fish clear of and below the projecting groyne at that point. This fish gave little trouble, and we had her out in a few minutes, a hen of 8½lb that had been in the river some little time. On the strength of this success, we had another dram.

Then it was Oglesby’s turn. Almost at once he hooked and eventually beached a fish of 10½lb, fresh-run from the sea, with the promised sea-lice much in evidence. Then, first cast, I had another take myself. This too, was a fresh fish, with sea-lice near her tail, and her 11½lb gave me a score of pounds of salmon to take home.

We couldn’t stay for more, as we had to meet our friends for dinner. Dark clouds were building up. Rain seemed to be falling higher up the valley, and a strong wind was howling. It looked as if we had had the best of the weather.

This assessment proved correct. We returned to the river after dinner, hoping not only for sea-trout at dusk and afterwards, but for a salmon or two before the light failed. I got off to a promising, if slightly surprising, start by hooking and landing a brown trout of 2½lb 6oz. It would have been a good fish anywhere.

Oglesby tried both fly and bait for salmon, but they were no longer in the mood. Rightly I found the sea-trout equally uncooperative, as I did myself.

The rain higher up was having its effect. The river promised little before next day, so we called an early halt to the fishing and packed up.

I couldn’t complain: my brief stay had yielded a truly mixed bag: one roach (returned), nine brown trout to 2½lb 6oz, eight sea-trout, including three three-pounders, and two salmon together weighing 20lb. I’ve so often been a lot farther for a lot less!

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in which all must run but none may win; and where the phrase 'dynamic progress' means a great leap forward into a hole in the dark.

"But in Queen Elizabeth's we have a strong school—strong in its traditions, strong in its record of service and achievement, strong in the loyalties that it inspires in its old boys, parents, and in this whole neighbourhood of Lancashire, and I have no fears for its future."

Proposing "The School," Mr Whittaker recalled that it was 27 years since he had left Queen Elizabeth's. "I left School, a School smaller than today, during the middle of the war..." During this period that school dinners were smaller than today, during the 27 years since he had left Queen Elizabeth's. It is now 900 strong, and an able body of governors. The School has developed and expanded under the influence of Mr Benson, Mr Kemball-Cook, and an able body of governors. The School is now 900 strong, drawing boys from an ever-widening catchment area, a School with a proud academic record and the envy of many—a direct grant school free from the whims of local authorities, and long may it continue so.

Since our last dinner a link was proposed by Mr Robert McCartney (1924-28) a deputy master, Fred Bury. "Much has been said about Mr Holden and memories of him will be reverend for many years to come. A Blackburnian and past head boy of the School, he was a man with a deep understanding of boys, a quiet but firm leader, a man of great foresight and intelligence, a man who controlled boys with two feet on the ground.

"I cam: to know him well, not only through being one of his pupils, but also through knowing his boys. He was one of his many attributes, but through the many Saturday nights we spent together fire watching, mostly in the back kitchen of the School before as large a fire as possible, talking together and at times receiving extra mathematical tuition."

"I was extremely fortunate in having Mr Holden as a headmaster of the School and his influence must still be the guiding hand behind many successful careers."

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Since our last dinner a link with the past has been broken by the retirement of Dick Mercer; you will have seen and approved the tributes to him in MAGISTER.

"Before the end of this school year two further links will be severed by the retirement of Mr Eastwood and Dr Tyler. These two gentlemen, between them, have served the School for more than 75 years."

"Mr Eastwood and Dr Tyler, we wish you well in your retirement and thank you for the help and guidance you have given us." (Loud applause).

Mr Whittaker continued: "I feel confident that the School will always offer the type of education discerning parents desire. Freedom of choice is inherent to the British way of life, and by virtue of this, and the high quality of teaching staff under the wise council of Mr Coulson, I can see nothing but success."

The toast to "Our Guests" was proposed by Mr Robert McCartney (1924-28) a deputy governor of the Tower of London, and very graciously he did it. A response was made by the chief guest, Mr William Palfrey, Chief Constable of Lancashire, who praised the School for its 400 years of history and tradition, which, he felt sure, would be an inspiration to pupils of the future.

Mr Palfrey emphasised the need for a firm code of conduct in society, and the equal need for that code of conduct to be effectively maintained. By its influence, he said, Queen Elizabeth's had done much to preserve society's code of conduct in the area which it served.

A welcome revival at the dinner was the custom of the chairman's taking wine with those present according to the decade in which they left School.

Mr King called out the decades, gaining a substantial response for recent years: "1910-19... 1920-29... 1930-39... 1940-49..." — rather fewer at this point and a noticeable thinning as he continued: "1950-59... 1960-69... 1970-79..."

There was but a handful now, for 1910-19. Mr King looked about him, and cried: "1900-09!" A pause. And then there rose a solitary, majestic figure — Sir Benjamin Ormerod.

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Three Old Blackburnians who went into banking when they left School and all reached the top of their profession retired together on December 16.

They are Mr Walter Livesey Crossley (1919-24), Mr John Edwin Ainsworth (1919-22) and Mr Colin Houghton (1920-25). Each of them has more than 42 years’ experience in banking.

Mr Crossley was chief general manager of the Westminster Bank, Mr Ainsworth a joint general manager of the National Provincial Bank, and Mr Houghton an assistant general manager of the National Provincial. Both banks are now part of the National Westminster group.

Mr Crossley was in Drake and played football for the first team during his time at Queen Elizabeth’s. Among his team-mates were Tommy Well, who later gained a Cambridge blue and captained the England amateur side, and Harry Brogden, who later gained an Oxford blue and is now headmaster of Brighton, Hove, and Sussex Grammar School.

After leaving School Mr Crossley went to Chorley to work for the Standard Telephone and Cables Co. He then joined Lloyds Bank as a clerk and spent two years at Blackburn when he joined the bank’s King Street branch. He became staff matters. He was appointed to the bank’s inspection staff and stayed there until he took up his new appointment in Manchester last November.

Mr Crossley played for the Old Blackburnians for several years and was the club’s secretary and treasurer.

He started work as a junior with the Westminster Bank in Blackburn, and while working at the bank he studied for the examinations of the Institute of Bankers.

In 1927 he won the George Rae prize for proficiency in the “practice and law of banking” section, and a year later he came fourth in the world-wide final examinations of the Institute, gaining distinctions in two sections.

He is now a Fellow of the Institute. For the past two years he has served on the council of the Institute and has lectured frequently on its behalf. In Leicester, where after the Second World War he rose from chief clerk to manager at the Westminster Bank’s biggest provincial branch, he was president of the local centre of the Institute.

Just before promotion to Leicester he was chosen for a small team which helped to reconstruct the banking business in Jersey after the war. From Leicester he was appointed in 1960 an assistant general manager at the London head office. He was promoted joint general manager in 1963, deputy chief general manager in 1966, and chief general manager in 1968.

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Mr Crossley, who is married, with three children, will continue to live at Dorking in retirement.

Mr Ainsworth entered Queen Elizabeth’s when he was nine and left just after his 13th birthday. He then attended Mill Hill School, London, but returned to Blackburn when he joined the National Provincial Bank in 1927.

He moved to Nottingham in 1939 and after gaining experience there he was transferred to head office. He spent the rest of his career in London. 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. He was appointed joint general manager in 1968.

Mr Houghton was born at Withnell Fold and won a county scholarship from Withnell Fold School to Queen Elizabeth’s. He was in Grenville and played for the School’s second team at both cricket and football.

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BANKERS ON THE MOVE

Mr Eric West, who has made his career with Lloyds Bank Ltd since he left School thirty years ago, has been appointed manager of the bank’s King Street branch in Manchester.

Mr West was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth’s from 1933 to 1939 and joined Lloyds Bank as a clerk in Blackburn. He served in the Royal Air Force from 1942 to 1946.

He worked at branches in Bolton, Manchester, and Blackpool until 1952, when he was appointed to the bank’s inspection staff and three years later, in 1955, he became assistant manager of the Leeds branch.

He was promoted assistant to the Yorkshire district manager in 1959 and in 1963 became manager of the East Parade branch in Leeds. In 1967 he moved to the North-east as manager of the Sunderland branch, and he stayed there until he took up his new appointment in Manchester last November.

Mr West is a member of the Old Blackburnians’ Association and the East Lancashire Club. He is married, with one child, and lives at 10 Ridgmont Road, Bramhall, Cheshire.

Mr David Thomas Bury (1947-51) was appointed manager of the Church branch of Blackburn Trustee Savings Bank in January. He lives in Rossendale, and had previously been acting as a relief manager at branches in that area.

On leaving Queen Elizabeth’s Mr Bury joined S. S. Stott Ltd., of Haslingden, as a time and motion clerk. In 1952 he joined the staff of the borough treasurer’s department at Accrington as a clerk and spent two years there before entering the Royal Air Force for his national service.

He served in Britain and Germany.

When he returned to civilian life in 1956 he joined Blackburn Trustee Savings Bank as a clerk at Blackburn.

He married, with two sons, and lives at 3 Dorset Drive, Helmshore.

Mr Samuel Neal Fielden (1933-40) was appointed manager of the Todmorden branch of the National Westminster Bank in January. He was previously accountant at the Haslingden branch.

Mr Fielden entered the District Bank as a clerk when he left Queen Elizabeth’s. A year later he joined the Royal Air Force and served in the Middle East for three years.

He returned to the District Bank in 1946 and has worked at branches in Blackburn, Clayton-le-Moors, Clitheroe, Darwin, Whalley and Chorley. The District Bank is now part of the National Westminster group.

Mr Fielden is married, with two children, and lives at Scotcroft, Grange Avenue, Great Harwood. He is a member of Whalley Golf Club and is a trustee and former treasurer of Great Harwood Cricket Club.

Mr Harold Smith (1931-36) was appointed manager of the Midland Bank, Wigan, in April last year. He had previously for six years been manager of the Chorley branch.

Mr Smith joined the Midland Bank at the Thorne branch in 1936. He later served at the Blackburn office and as an inspector before being appointed accountant at Rochdale in 1938.

He moved to Manchester in 1961 as deputy assistant manager and stayed there until he went to Chorley.
Hired? Fired? Wed? Dead?

WHATEVER YOU’RE DOING... tell MAGISTER
Four elected to join governors

The governors of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School have elected four new members during the past five months. They are the Earl of Derby and Mr John S. Singleton, who were elected on November 12, and Mr John R. Hindle and Mr A. R. D. Smith, elected on February 11.

The new appointments are made following approval by the Secretary of State for Education and Science last September of alterations in the composition of the School's governing body whereby of the 21 governors 7 are appointed by Blackburn town council and 14 co-opted by resolution.

Lord Derby is an Old Etonian; Mr Singleton, Mr Hindle, and Mr Smith are all old boys of Queen Elizabeth's.

By the election of Lord Derby the School renews a long association with his family. It was Thomas, the second Earl, who founded the chantry school in Blackburn in 1509 from which the grammar school developed.

The Earls of Derby maintained their interest in the School and records show that Ferdinande, the fifth Earl, was a governor in 1593-94. The present Earl of Derby was guest of honour at the School's Quartercentenary celebrations in 1967.

Mr Singleton (1931-33) has been a life member of the Old Blackburnians' Association for many years. His family, too, has long been associated with the School, his father having been a governor.

Mr Singleton is a senior partner of G. F. Singleton and Co., the Blackburn auctioneers and estate agents, and is chairman of the Manchester branch of the Chartered Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute.

He is a Blackburn magistrate and a member of the National Company of the Associated British Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Hindle (1932-36) is managing director of the Scapa Group Ltd., of Blackburn, and general managing director of Scapa Dryers Ltd.

During the Second World War he served with the Royal Tank Regiment in Italy. He returned to Scapa in 1946 and became production director in 1955.

He has been actively concerned with the formation and operation of the group's subsidiaries in Canada and the United States. He is also a Blackburn magistrate.

Mr Smith (1928-35) qualified as a dental surgeon at the Royal Dental Hospital at London University. He has since then been in general practice.

Mr John Michael Shaw (1949-57) has been appointed deputy housing manager to Preston Corporation and took up his new post in February. He was previously district housing officer for Kingston upon Hull Corporation. Mr Shaw began his career as a trainee in Blackburn Corporation housing department when he left School, and on completion of his final housing examinations in 1962 he was promoted administrative assistant in the department. He left Blackburn for Hull in 1968.
Chance meetings make a very small world

That it was surely only a year or two ago that Ronnie Horne was heaving his bulk around in goal for the second eleven, and Alan Sauvain was winning the half-mile.

“Time goes so fast nowadays—or seems to, at any rate.”

Mr Race lives at 121 Framingham Road, Brooklands, Sale.

American journey

Mr Barry Bolton (1958-65) has seen many people and places during the last 18 months or so. In June, 1968, he flew to New York and worked there for six weeks. Then he bought a car and drove down through the Deep South to New Orleans, across Texas, and down to Mexico.

He stayed in Mexico for three months and enjoyed it immensely. He saw the famous divers on the cliffs of Acapulco, witnessed a bullfight, and explored the ruins of an ancient Aztec city.

On October 1 he flew back to Britain and got a job in chemical research with Cadbury’s. Within a month the firm flew him out to Ghana for a world conference of entomologists, and he then went on in January last year to Ibadan, Nigeria, for work on a Cadbury plantation there. He was expected back in Blackburn on his first home leave last month.

Mr Bolton also got married during his travels: he married Miss Sally Ann Archer-Burton, of Hastings, at Ibadan register office in May last year. The couple spent their honeymoon in Ghana.

Melbourne dinner

Old Blackburnians in Australia may like to know that the English Public Schools Association of Victoria is planning to hold a dinner this month—probably in Melbourne.

The association was formed 35 years ago by a small group of old boys of English public schools who were living in Victoria so that they could keep in touch with one another. Membership now stands at 120, and the association is also in touch with the old boys’ associations of several local schools.

Further details from the joint hon. secretaries, Mr P. J. Mountstephen and Mr J. A. E. Voysey, c/o Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd., 31 Queen Street, Melbourne 3000.

Brothers in law

Two brothers who attended Queen Elizabeth’s are both now sergeants in the Lancashire police. Sergeant T. H. Barton (1954-61) works in the control room at headquarters and Sergeant R. W. Barton (1950-55) works in the criminal record office.

Halo, too

On looking through the Quatercentenary Who’s Who recently we were prompted to wonder which profession can claim most Old Blacks.

Banking has many, and teaching and medicine probably have equal numbers. The Church, too, has quite a few.

Perhaps we might picture the average Old Black as healthy, wealthy, and wise. With a halo, too.
Football club plans a calendar of lively social events

The past year has in general been one of progress in the social life of the Old Blackburnians' Association Football Club. In many ways, as can be expected, the social life is closely connected with the sporting life. The Seven-a-side contest, for instance, which is about to be organised once again for August, brings together nearly two hundred people who have not met each other for some four or more months.

The entertainment at the club has varied. There have been the usual dances to groups for those so inclined and also dances to recorded music professionally supplied in a highly polished manner. Folk groups and jazz bands have added greatly to the variety, and it looks as though the barbecue in the marquee is going to be a popular and regular summer event.

In the near future regular film features are planned and we know that every effort will be made to include new and exciting events.

The social committee has been ably led by Mr David Forbes, who has attacked each project in his usual relaxed but efficient manner.

CRICKET

After two seasons of evening matches the Old Blacks are beginning to organise a cricket team for the coming summer. The general standard of the cricket has improved, if only slightly, but it has been a step in the right direction.

If you are the member of a team and would like to organise a game against the club or if you would like to join with other Old Blacks for a number of evening games, please write to Alan Upton, c/o Old Blackburnian's A.F.C., Memorial Ground, Lammack Road, Blackburn. You are in no way committing yourself into playing each week.

FOOTBALL

Since the last MAGISTER, the club has continued to run four teams in the Lancashire Amateur League, Northern Section. Although the first XI is again challenging for honours in Division 1, the other teams are maintaining an average position in the middle of their respective divisions.

The first XI has maintained a remarkable away record for many months only to lose points to poor opposition on its own ground. At the last report the team was placed third in the league behind Burnley Belvedere and Old Boltonians.

Anyone who has followed the club in recent years will appreciate that these clubs will take some catching. However, we can look forward to another successful conclusion to the season, having provided entertainment to our loyal band of supporters.

OLD BLACKS' SEVENS

Following the successes of the last three years, the club intends to hold its Seven-a-side football competition at the end of August again. At this stage no date can be given until league sanction and next season's fixtures are received, but the usual arrangements will appertain.

Lancashire Amateur League clubs will be invited to compete for the Tommy Whewel Trophy and the winners will receive a plaque as a permanent memento of their success.

Look out for further details! This is well worth a visit, and has now established itself as an outstanding event of the league calendar.

200 CLUB

We are now coming to the conclusion of our second 200 club organised in association with Blackburn Northern Cricket and Tennis Club. The big draw for the top prize was to take place at our clubhouse on Wednesday, March 11.

CLUB DINNER

Early days yet, but the club dinner has provisionally been arranged for May 1, again in the clubhouse at Lammack. This event has become an established part of the club calendar and is looked forward to by all the regulars.

AGM 1970

No date has yet been fixed, but the year ended on March 31. The club trusts that the treasurer will "cook the books" sufficiently quickly to show another financially successful year very soon.

CLUB FOR HIRE

The Old Blackburnians' AFC has in recent years spent more than £6,000 on its new, centrally-heated clubhouse. It consists of a large lounge with a bar and dance floor to accommodate about 120 people; a kitchen, with cooking facilities and serving hatch; a ladies' powder room, a gentlemen's toilet, a small lounge and cloakrooms.

These rooms are available for private hire for meetings, parties, dances, and other similar functions. Full details of terms can be obtained from the secretary at the clubhouse.

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APPLICATION FOR FULL/SOCIAL* MEMBERSHIP

Full name
(Mr, Mrs, Miss)

Private address

Occupation

Full members—years at School... Age (if under 21)

I desire to become a Full/Social member of the Old Blackburnians' Association Football Club and if elected agree to be bound by the rules of the club at all times.

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Proposed

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Dr Horrobin sees science as the totem of our age

The latest book by Professor David Frederick Horrobin (1951-55), professor of medical physiology at Nairobi Medical School, was published in November. It is entitled “Science is God.”

Dr Horrobin left Queen Elizabeth’s after only two years when his family moved to Surrey, and he completed his schooling at King’s College School, Wimbledon. He went up to Balliol College, Oxford, in 1958 as Domus scholar in natural science, and he was Theodore Williams scholar in 1960. He won several university prizes and became president of his junior common room.

He graduated with first-class honours in animal physiology in 1962—the top first in physiology of that year—and received his MA degree three years later. He also led an Oxford University team to Nepal to study the blood groups of some of the Himalayan peoples.

He was elected a Fellow of Magdalen College in 1963 and gained his D.Phil. in 1965. He qualified BM, BCh in 1968 and was appointed to his present post in Nairobi in the same year. Dr Horrobin is the author of three other books—“The Human Organism”, “The Communication System of the Body”, and “Medical Physiology and Biochemistry”.

The theme of his latest book is that science now receives the same sort of respect that religion used to receive in the last century. Just as, a hundred years ago, men engaged in all sorts of schemes invoked God to justify themselves, so now in the same way men invoke science.

In fact,” Dr Horrobin told Magister, “science is a much more limited method of investigating the universe than most people imagine. It is only fully successful in very narrow fields, such as those of physics and chemistry. “It cannot be properly applied to such fields as education, sociology, history, or economics, and new OK phrases such as political or social science are thoroughly misleading in that they imply that these disciplines have a reliability which they cannot possess.”

The book discusses in some detail interactions between science and religion, science and education, and science and government. It is published by the Medical and Technical Publishing Co., a company which Dr Horrobin himself formed with his brother, Mr Peter J. Horrobin, and an associate.


Golfers wanted

The 1970 LOBAGS competition will be held at Hillside, Southport, on May 27. Anyone who wishes to be considered for the Old Blackburnians’ team should notify Ken Forbes, “Glen Heather”, 32 Montreal Road, Southport, on May 27. Anyone who wishes to be considered for Blackburn Harriers’ team should notify Mark Herbert, at Blackburn Golf Club on the evening of June 4.

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 the lowest handicap, with a limit of 20. The entrance fee (including green fee) is 10s per person.

Sporting honour

Mr George Kirby (1934-39), chairman of Blackburn Harriers, was presented with Blackburn Sports Council’s Woden trophy in December as Blackburn’s outstanding sports personality of the year.

Senior post in animal research

Dr Anthony John Mudd (1951-57) has been appointed head of animal nutrition research and development at the Beecham Research Laboratories at Tadworth, Surrey.

Dr Mudd went to Liverpool University and qualified as a veterinary surgeon in 1962. He spent six months in general practice and in 1963 joined the department of agricultural biochemistry at Newcastle upon Tyne University, where he carried out research for three years. He was awarded his PhD in 1966.

From 1966 to 1969 he was engaged on research at the Agricultural Research Council’s Institute for Research on Animal Diseases at Compton, Berkshire, and he moved to the Beecham laboratories at Tadworth in September last year to lead a team in basic research on animal health and nutrition. He was appointed to his senior post on January 1.

Dr Mudd lives with his wife and baby daughter at 12 Hilltop Rise, Great Bookham, Surrey.

Mr Dewey is rector of Rufford

The Rev Haydn Greenwood Dewey is rector of Rufford, near Ormskirk. He is also chaplain to Rufford Hospital.

Mr Dewey attended Queen Elizabeth’s from 1916 to 1923. He qualified as an associate of the London College of Divinity in 1935, and in the same year was ordained deacon and appointed curate of Holy Trinity Church, Darwen. He was ordained priest by the then Bishop of Blackburn, Dr Percy Mark Herbert, at Blackburn Cathedral in 1936.

After four years in Darwen, Mr Dewey moved to Morecambe in 1939 as curate of the parish church, and it was in Morecambe that he met and, in 1942, married Miss Rosa Morrant.

He was appointed to his first living in 1943 as vicar of St Thomas’s Church, Barrowford, and he stayed there for 17 years. He has been at Rufford since 1960. Mr and Mrs Dewey are looking forward to retirement within the next 12 months.

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Old Blacks will soon have Fylde branch

A new branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association will shortly be formed in the Blackpool area. A preliminary social evening is to be held at the Clifton Hotel, Talbot Road, on December 3.

The new branch is the result of more than six months' hard work by Mr Kenneth Charnley (1927-34), who lives at Bispham. Mr Charnley has been thinking for some time of forming a branch in the Fylde and has been trying to get in touch with all Old Blackburnians in the area.

About 30 Old Blackburnians are believed to live in and around Blackpool, Lytham St Annes, and Poulton-le-Fylde. By telephone or personal visit Mr Charnley has been able to get in touch with most of them, and all have expressed interest in the new Fylde branch.

Mr Charnley has made arrangements for the meeting at the Clifton Hotel at 8.30 p.m. on December 3—a Thursday. Besides all the Old Blackburnians from the immediate area who are expected to attend, a party of members from Blackburn is being organised.

All Old Blackburnians will be welcome. Mr Charnley, who lives at 563 Devonshire Road, Bispham (tel. Blackpool 51252), will be happy to answer any inquiries.

Incident in Shanghai

THE DETENTION of two British cargo vessels in Shanghai earlier this year resulted in the termination of a regular shipping service between Britain and China and brought an expression of "grave concern" from the British Government.

An old boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Chief Officer John Brunskill, was on board one of the ships, the Anchises, and sailed her to freedom after the captain had been taken ashore and detained by the Chinese authorities.

Mr Brunskill's report appears on page 9.

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.

Annual dinner

The annual dinner of the Old Blackburnians' Association will be held in Big School on December 19. The chief guest will be His Honour Judge P. Ingress Bell.

SENIOR FOR SCIENCE

Mr Harry King (1923-30), senior chemistry master at Queen Elizabeth's, was appointed senior science master at Easter in succession to Dr Frank Tyler, who has retired.

Mr Eric J. Kay (1937-43) has been appointed senior physics master.

Four gain firsts at Oxford

Four Old Blacks have gained first-class honours degrees at Oxford. They are Mr J. F. Buckley, Mr A. R. Churchill, Mr J. I. Ibbotson, and Mr P. J. Mitchell.

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New tables for Big School

Traditional wooden refectory tables and benches are to be provided at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School to replace the light trestles and forms at present used for school dinners. The new furniture will all be made at the School and a committee of staff wives, led by Mrs Betty Coulson, is trying to raise £1,200 to pay for it.

Mrs Coulson said: "We felt that as Big School is now used almost exclusively for meals efforts should be made to restore it to its proper dignity."

The committee is planning to hold a Christmas fair at School on Friday, November 20. It will be opened by Mrs W. Hare, wife of the chairman of governors.

Mrs Coulson said: "We hope to have the stalls groaning with Christmas gifts, sweets and cakes, books and records, cosmetics, and so on. Bottles are wanted too. We hope that everyone who has affection for the School will support us by giving something to sell at the fair—and by coming if they can."

There will be competitions of various kinds and light refreshments will be served. The fair will open at 7 p.m. Admission is...
Mr W. A. Claydon, senior English master at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1931 to 1936, died in April.

The Times said: Mr William Arthur Claydon, C.B.E., who was Headmaster of Maidstone Grammar School from 1941 to 1966, died in Cheltenham on April 8, at the age of 64.

He was born in Weston-super-Mare and educated at the Clarence School, Chester, at the age of 21, and subsequently to a similar post at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn. In 1936 he became headmaster of Borden Grammar School, Kent, and in 1941 was appointed to Maidstone.

Claydon was an educativist of enormous intellectual drive and integrity who passionately believed that the grammar schools had a long tradition of past service to the nation and important contributions to make to the country's future development.

Quickly realizing the opportunities offered by the 1944 Act he directed his energies to the task of providing a first-class education for indigenous boys from all social backgrounds who were prepared to work, and in so doing he created a grammar school of great ambition: he gathered round him an able and devoted staff, expanded his sixth form, sent large and increasing numbers of boys to university, many to Oxford and Cambridge with Awards, and at the same time encouraged all manner of extra-curricular activities, particularly music, in the development of which on such a scale he was something of a pioneer.

Whether as a member of the Headmasters' Conference, councillor of the Headmasters' Association or member of the Kent education committee he campaigned unremittingly for high standards and fought for the extension of educational opportunity.

He was a man of the Left, a rigorous intellectual who attacked privilege and cant with caustic wit and vigorous argument; as an advocate of the grammar schools he was deeply respected in educational circles. His merits and service were recognised in the New Year's Honours List in 1956.

He bore himself to the bone in the public interest, always struggling against ill-health and his own natural diffidence. His attention to detail was meticulous; he disciplined himself and expected equally high standards from others; his logic was devastating, his moral authority invincible.

Few people really knew him, other than his wife Ruth, whom he married in 1936; in all things he was a stylist and the purity of his style, whether in prose or at parties, tended to conceal the warmth and depth of his feelings and the essential gentleness of his nature.

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Mr P. C. Northam, who taught at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School for five years, died peacefully on June 30, 1970, aged 94.

Mr Harry King writes: Percy Cuthbert Northam — affectionately known as "Percy"—joined the staff of Queen Elizabeth's in 1909 and retired in 1935.

As form master of 3A, in the room at the top of the stone staircase adjacent to the staff common room, he dominated the lower school and laid the foundation to a scholastic career and provided an insight into the true meaning of education.

His approach is perhaps best summed up in the words: "Manners maketh man." He inculcated high standards of work, conduct, and personal appearance in all who came into contact with him.

One recalls in that form room, the washbasin, soap, and towel, made full use of by Percy; the drawer which concealed that well-known, and not infrequently quirky, piece of tack; the characteristic purple ink and the unusual method of holding his fountain pen—a pen which intrigued at least one member of that form because the nib appeared and disappeared by a deft turn of the barrel; the bow tie, coloured maroon, the flower in the buttonhole; the memorising of literary passages, including the one which lingers yet in the mind of many of us: Rudyard Kipling's "If"; his firm but kind discipline; and his well-thumbed and carefully documented North and Hillard Latin prose book.

When they left Blackburn Mr and Mrs Northam went to live at Sidford, near Sidmouth, Devon, where he always welcomed the many Old Blackburnians who called on him over the years, and his memory of faces, names, and events remained unimpaired.

Eventually they found the garden too much to manage and moved into a private hotel in Sidmouth. Very soon afterwards, in January 1966, Mrs Northam died, at the age of 87. They had been married for 59 years.

In a recent letter a niece of Mr Northam said that he had a wonderful life and was active until the last few weeks, but after the death of his wife life was never the same for him.

We salute his memory.

Mr J. R. Blenkinsop, who taught at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1936 to 1942 and was headmaster of Rutlish School, Merton, Surrey, for more than 27 years, died in St John's College Hospital, Cambridge, on March 9, 1970. He was 63.

John Rowell Blenkinsop was born at Gateshead, County Durham, on January 7, 1907. He was educated at the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne, where he became head boy, and St John's College, Cambridge. He gained his BA degree in 1929 and his MA in 1938.

He married and returned to the Royal Grammar School at Newcastle as junior English master. Four years later he came to Queen Elizabeth's; he was appointed to the staff the day after his elder child was born, and the happiest time of his married life was spent in Blackburn.

He was appointed headmaster of Rutlish School in 1942. The school was in a very bad state, overcrowded with inadequate buildings. It had already been bombed and was to receive a much more severe direct hit in 1944.

The rest of Mr Blenkinsop's working life was spent on re-adjusting; they were years of sheer frustration and endless administrative problems which wore him out mentally and physically. The school was taken over by the Greater London Council, local councillors gradually replaced the old board of governors, and finally, this year, the school became fully comprehensive.

He was always keenly interested in the United Nations Association and a member of its executive for while. He was also for some time chairman of the South London Workers' Educational Association, and since the war he had served on committees of the new redbrick universities—work which he had hoped to continue after his retirement.

Mr Blenkinsop leaves a widow, Mrs Maureen Blenkinsop, who now lives in the Isle of Wight; a son, Paddy, who is a lecturer at Toronto University; and a married daughter, Catherine, who lives in West Germany. He is also survived by a brother, Mr Arthur Blenkinsop, who is M.P. for Newcastle.

Mr L. D. Collier writes:

Rowell Blenkinsop was appointed in 1936 by Mr Arthur Holden, to succeed as senior English master Mr Arthur Claydon, who had been appointed to a headmastership in Kent during that year.

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Sixth-former drowns trying to save master and pupil

A senior pupil of Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School, Frank George Deacon Elliott, aged 17, died tragically in the Lake District on June 24 while trying to rescue a master and another pupil from the swirling river Brathay, near Ambleside.

He was the only son of Mr and Mrs F. S. D. Elliott, of Penwortham. He was a pleasant, likeable boy with a wide range of interests and a keen sense of service to the community, and had just completed his Advanced-level GCE examinations. He was hoping to go to university. To his parents we extend our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

In acting as he did, with total disregard for his own safety, George Elliott displayed the utmost gallantry and unselfishness. His bravery will long be remembered.

As he waded into the water George was swept off his feet and carried over Skelwith Force, a high, rocky waterfall. His body was recovered from a pool 150 yards downstream on the following day. The master, Mr Fred Raby, was also swept over the waterfall, but survived. The other pupil, Stephen Atherton, struggled to the bank.

Three masters and 12 senior boys from Queen Elizabeth’s were spending a week camping in the Langdale valley after the A-level examinations.

On June 24 Mr Raby, senior physical education master, and a party of five boys embarked in three canoes on Elterwater. They paddled across the lake and entered the river Brathay, which on that day as it happened had been swollen by heavy rain. As the party rounded a bend in the river Mr Raby, who was accompanied by Stephen Atherton in the leading canoe, saw water bubbling over shallows ahead. He immediately ordered the other two canoes to turn back and made efforts to direct his own canoe to the bank, but without success.

He realised that there was a weir ahead and gave the order to step back, thinking that he and Stephen would be able to touch the river bed, but the water was too deep.

At risk to his own life Mr Raby held on to Stephen and helped to support him in the water. Helpless in the powerful current, they were both swept over the weir, about 10 yards above the waterfall, but managed to struggle back to it and hold on.

The other boys in the party had reached safety and ran along the bank to the weir. George Elliott, a strong swimmer, stripped to his trunks and plunged into the water in an effort to reach Mr Raby and Stephen. Mr Raby shouted to them to go back, but he came on. Seconds later, he was swept away.

The other boys threw a rope to Mr Raby and Stephen, but Mr Raby was carried over the waterfall and lost consciousness. When he came to his senses he was in the water further downstream.

At an inquest at Kendal on July 1 a verdict of misadventure was recorded.

The sixth-form course at Queen Elizabeth’s has been running every summer since 1956 and is an accepted feature of School life. The camping expeditions which form part of the course are well organised and are very popular with the boys who take part.

We also regret to record the deaths of:

John Johnson, laboratory steward since 1955, on October 1, aged 63.

Frederick Pickup Holden (1924-32) on October 3, aged 57.

HAROLD SLATER

Mr Harold Slater, formerly manager of Barclays Bank, Haslending, died suddenly on June 5, 1970, aged 60. He had been visiting his mother’s grave at Mellor, and collapsed on his way home.

Mr Slater was born in Blackburn on December 8, 1910, and attended Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School from 1921 to 1926. Later in his life he often spoke of Queen Elizabeth’s and his time there; he was proud of his education at the School and its place in education in his time there. He was a member of the choir school. He became assistant organist at St Silas’ Church, Blackburn, under Mr F. W. Andrews, who was also at Queen Elizabeth’s, and gained his licentiate of Trinity College, London.

Mr Slater was unmarried and leaves a widow, Mrs Florence Slater, of Penwortham. HADL

He joined the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank at Blackburn in August, 1926, and later served at branches in Great Harwood, London, Churt, Blackpool, and Manchester, Bury, Ramsbottom, and Accrington. He moved to Haslending in September, 1965, as manager of Barclays Bank (later Barclays), and retired in February this year after 43 years’ service.

He was a most accomplished and dedicated Church musician and yet possessed a deep understanding of all kinds of music. He gave a lot of his free time to the Church, serving as a boy chorister at Blackburn Cathedral, where he attended the choir school. He became assistant organist at St Silas’ Church, Blackburn, and was a member of the music committee of Accrington Arts Club. He was also a member of the choir of the Blackburn Diocesan Church Choir Association only shortly before his death.

He was a member of the Haslending committee of the Royal School of Church Music and was appointed treasurer of the Blackburn Diocesan Church Choir Association. He was also a member of the choir of the Accrington Clef Club.

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EDGAR DUCKWORTH

Mr Charles Edgar Duckworth, formerly a second officer with the Midland Bank, died at his home in Great Harwood on January 7, 1970, aged 72.

Mr Duckworth was born in Blackburn on September 28, 1897, and attended Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School from 1911 to 1914.

He joined the Midland Bank as a clerk at the Blackburn branch on January 1, 1915, and worked there until November, 1916, when he joined the Army for service in the First World War. He served in France as a infantryman with the East Lancashire Regiment and was wounded twice.

He returned to the Midland Bank in Blackburn in April, 1919, and continued to work there until September, 1951, when he was transferred to the Haslending branch as second officer. There he remained until his retirement on September 30, 1957.

Mr Duckworth was a member of the congregation at Christ Church, Accrington, for 29 years and before moving to Great Harwood he held many offices at the church, including those of churchwarden, treasurer, and a member of the choir.

In his younger days he was a keen cricketer and footballer. For many years he played for St Silas’, Blackburn, and was at one time a team captain. He also played for Queen Elizabeth’s.

In his later years he became a keen gardener. During the Second World War he served with the Home Guard.

Mr Duckworth lived at 61 Sawley Drive, Great Harwood, and leaves a widow, Mrs Florence Duckworth, and two sons. A funeral service at Haslending Parish Church on June 10 was followed by cremation at Accrington.

For many years he played for St Silas’, Blackburn, and was also a member of the choir of the Accrington Clef Club.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow and family.
Dr James Harkness Margerison, consultant in clinical neurophysiology to St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and Runwell Hospital, Essex, died suddenly in Blackpool on August 4, 1970, aged 88. He was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1933 to 1940.

The Lancet said: After leaving school he studied law at the University of Manchester for later in the Fleet Air Arm, and after leaving the service joined the medical school at St Andrews University, graduating MB in 1952. After a house appointment at Dundee Royal Infirmary, he spent three years working in the department of psychiatry at Dundee. He spent 1956-59 as a research fellow at Blackburn. Philip was one of the most kind and gentle men I have ever known. His concern for the deprived, whether by race, religion, or disease, was keen, and he will leave a gap for most of us can never be filled.

J.W.A.T., to whom we are deeply devoted to his wife and his two children. He was a highly respected, not only by his family and his hospitals, but also by his friends, many of whom cannot really believe he is dead.

Mr James Harkness Margerison

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"It is a very considerable loss to Barts, to clinical neurophysiology, and to research on epilepsy that Dr Margerison should have died so shortly after the development of his department, as he had so many ideas on the work which he had planned to carry out in it."

Dr Margerison was seconded from the department of psychiatry in Dundee in 1954 to learn electroencephalography in London. His work was forceful, but friendly, personality, and his outstanding ability to learn quickly, soon made him a co-worker and a friend, rather than a pupil.

He was popular with the staff in all the hospitals in which he worked and won the respect of his contemporaries. He had a capacity for hard work in his specialty, but also on account of his outstanding abilities as a committee man. He knew all the staff and his specialty and he was precise, even if sometimes prolix.

He was able to stir the pride of senior colleagues in various fields, particularly at committee level, without leaving scars. When he was chairman at meetings his manner was that of a schoolmaster, but always with a touch of kindness.

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Mr Philip Carr, a partner in a Bradford firm of solicitors, died at the Dover Hotel, Nursing Home, Bradford, on May 16, 1970. He was 57.

He was essentially a specialist in company law, and he was at his best when dealing with some difficult company problem. Nothing was too much trouble when he was trying to solve a problem, and he was completely tireless in his work.

He won respect by his integrity and his professional brilliance, and he was well liked for his kindness, his consideration for others, and his sense of humour.

Mr William Booth, who attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1921 to 1930. He read law at Manchester University and gained an honours degree in 1933. He was then articled to Sir John Taylor, of John Taylor and Co., solicitors, of Blackburn, qualified in 1936, and eventually became a junior partner in the firm.

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Mr Carr, who lived at Leylands Grove, Heaton, Bradford, leaves a widow, Mrs Marjorie Carr, and a daughter, Jane, who is in her final year at Manchester University.

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His death came only a few days after he had returned from Finland, where he had been addressing a technical symposium of the leading technicians and engineers from the Finnish paper industry; before that he had been working on a major contract for felts for the Soviet paper industry. These activities typified his professional career: always informed, always eager to be involved in technical progress in the paper industry, and always hard at work either in Blackburn or, very frequently, with clients overseas.

For Jack Allsup his work was of primary importance in his life, and during his career with Scapa he had built up such great knowledge and experience of the technology and application of technical felts for the paper and board industries that he was recognised throughout the world as an authority in this field.

His knowledge and advice were respected by both paper machinery manufacturers and engineers. His opinions were often called for when considering the design of new paper machines and the development of new ideas involving the use of felts in paper and board manufacture.

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During the next eight years he learned all aspects of commercial work for the growing home trade and export business, and by 1939 he was responsible for all commercial and shipping office procedures and documentation.

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Mr Monk was born in Blackburn on June 4, 1907. He went to St Silas’ primary school and attended Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School from 1918 to 1922. He served his apprenticeship with Mr Aspinall, chemist, of Preston New Road, studying at Blackburn Technical College, and in 1929 he went to Manchester University, where he qualified MPS in 1931.

For three years he worked in Wigan as manager of Fisher and Fisher, chemists, of Standishgate. During this time he studied optics and qualified in June, 1934, gaining the diploma of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers.

In August, 1934, he returned to Blackburn as partner in a pharmacy at 98 Audley Range. He later became proprietor of the business because of ill health in February, 1969.

He was interested in astronomy and classical music, and he was a keen tennis player; for 17 years he was treasurer of Queen’s tennis club. During the Second World War he served on the voluntary staff of the first aid post in Audley Range.

Mr Monk lived at 3 Smithy Close, Brindle. He leaves a widow, Mrs Winefride A. Monk; a son, Mr John Michael Monk, who is a dental surgeon in Blackburn; and a daughter, Mrs Winefride M. Kay, who is head of the remedial department at St Augustine’s School, Chorley. He is also survived by his brother, Mr Richard Anderton Monk, who is also an Old Blackburnian (1919-23).

Mr Harold Cook, formerly deputy headmaster of Cornwall College, Monteego Bay, Jamaica, died at his sister’s home in Blackburn on May 25, 1970. He was 59.

Mr Cook attended Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School from 1921 to 1929. He had previously been a pupil at Christ Church boys’ school, and won a scholarship to Queen Elizabeth’s at the age of 10. He took a keen interest in Queen Elizabeth’s welfare, and lived in touch with all news of the School and its old boys.

He read French and Spanish at Merton College, Oxford, and distinguished himself by graduating BA with first-class honours in 1933. He received his MA degree in 1936.

On leaving Oxford in 1933 he joined the staff of Cathays High School for Boys, Cardiff, and he played a great part in the creation of a fine tradition of culture and scholarship for which the school became renowned.

He was a keen, conscientious, and efficient teacher and an enthusiastic musician, being a loyal member of the school orchestra. He also spared no effort in training a large house choir for competition in the annual school choral festival. Many generations of boys benefited from his varied gifts.

He was a practising Christian, a communicant member of the Church in Wales, and for some years had served as a sidesman at All Saints’ Church, Rhibwina, Cardiff.

His long record of service to Cathays High School for Boys was interrupted twice: during the Second World War he served as a captain with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in India, and in the autumn of 1955 he spent twelve months as an exchange teacher in the United States.

He taught Spanish at Stadium High School, Tacoma, in the State of Washington, and was a popular member of staff. He was in demand as a speaker on the ways and customs of Wales, and at the end of his stay it was placed on record that he had “brought credit not only to his home country but to Stadium High and the Tacoma Public Schools.”

He finally left Cathays High School for Boys in 1960, when he went to Jamaica to join the staff of Cornwall College as head of the modern languages department, and he was promoted deputy headmaster in 1965. He did much hard work for the parent-teacher association.

He was an active member of the community in Monteego Bay: he served as a member of the church committee, and for most of the ten years he spent in Jamaica he was a teacher at the Sunday school. He also became a member of the Monteego Bay Rotary Club and did a great deal of work on the committee. His wife was also an active church worker and contributed greatly to the spiritual and cultural life of Monteego Bay.

Mr Cook leaves a widow, Mrs Elizabeth Cook, and a daughter, Helen. He is also survived by his sister, Miss Elsie Cook. A funeral service at Christ Church, Blackburn, on May 28 was followed by burial at Pleasington.

ROWELL BLENKINSOPO

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In the six years of Blenkinois’s work at Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School he showed the wide range of his powers, both as an inspiring schoolmaster and leader of his department, and as a man of the highest principles, great quiet determination, and deep kindness, which made him very much liked by those with and for whom he was working.

His colleagues found him most pleasant and helpful to deal with; he was always ready to see the other man’s point of view, and he was invariably ready to have thoughtful and fruitful discussions in the staff-room about teaching methods and matters of organisation.

There must be many boys who remember gratefully the eye-opening English literature classes which Blenkinois took with the Sixth. Others will recall the various school plays in which he was much involved, and his interest in the dramatics of the war, when the school’s theatre was the gymnasium—the chief triumph was the first of the Dramatic Society’s productions of a complete Shakespearean play: “Twelfth Night” in 1940.

His flair for the best in literature led him naturally to active participation in the affairs of the Blackburn Literary Society, which in those days, before there was much television, provided each winter an interesting programme of lectures on literary subjects as well as rehearsed play- readings, in which Rowell Blenkios was often to be heard. He took a part, also, in the Blackburn Cathedral dramatic society’s production of T. S. Eliot’s play, “The Rock,” produced by Mr Holden early in 1937, a production which over a period of several weeks toured the diocese from Lancaster and St Anne’s to Burnley.

At the outbreak of war in 1939 he identified himself with wartime Civil Defence, and after taking first aid examinations he was soon appointed to be com- mandant of the voluntary personnel at the Blakey Moor first aid post, and until he left Blackburn in 1942 he spent several evenings each week there, re- hearing the voluntary assistants, a necessary job which was always tricky and often exhausting.

Those who worked with him during those relatively short (but extremely trying) years which he spent at Queen Elizabeth’s will most certainly remember him as a dedicated “doer” of things, and not as a mere spectator. His departure in 1942 produced a sense of loss to the community in Montego Bay:

Mr Harold Cook.

Mr Albert Wilkinson Sharplees, managing director of Hodgson and Sharplees Ltd., transport and removal services, of Blackburn, died in hospital at Blackburn on March 6, 1970, aged 43.

Mr Sharplees attended Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School from 1939 to 1944, and had been on the staff of Hodgson and Sharplees, a family firm, for over 20 years.

He was brought up in the Church of England and remained a regular churchgoer. He was a member of Blackburn Golf Club as well and Blackburn Arts Club, and a member of Blackburn and Blackburn Golf Clubs as well. He was interested in painting as a hobby. He was also chairman of the St Luke’s branch of the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

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Fourteen Old Blacks are serving with the Royal Air Force

At least 14 old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School are now serving in the Royal Air Force.

Wing Commander Stanley Pomfret (1942-49) and Squadron Leader Bryan Lamb (1943-51) are both on the staff of the Ministry of Defence in London. Squadron Leader Peter Fallon (1948-53) is concerned with education in the RAF.

Squadron Leader Stephen Holding (1945-53) is a staff instructor at the RAF Central Flying School at Little Rissington, Gloucestershire.

Flight Lieutenant John Dixon (1957-64), who was promoted during the summer, flies Victor bombers with No. 543 Squadron at RAF Wyton, Huntingdonshire, and spends much of his time on short periods of detachment overseas. He has been to Cyprus and Malta this year, and at the moment is spending a few more weeks in Cyprus.

Flight Lieutenant David Smith (1949-56) is also based at Wyton; he is a pilot with the RAF's No. 58 Squadron of photo-reconnaissance Canberras. His job involves a lot of travel overseas, carrying out aerial photography for mapping purposes.

He did a three-year tour in Malta from 1965 to 1968 and spent three months last summer in Singapore and Malaysia, taking part in a major military exercise.

Flight Lieutenant Smith's brother, Mr William H. Smith (1947-54), spent eight years in the RAF. He joined on the same day as Squadron Leader Holding in 1958; with him was another Old Black—Mr Mike Rozee (1950-55), who when last heard of was flying for Gulf Aviation in the Persian Gulf. Mr Smith and Mr Geoff Say (1958-62), another ex-RAF Old Black, are now pilots with BEA, flying Vanguard aircraft. Like Mr Smith, Mr Say was in the RAF for eight years; they both spent some time in Singapore.

Flying Officer Michael Catlow (1952-59) has been in Hongkong for some time, flying helicopters with No. 28 Squadron. He was due back in Britain in September.

Flying Officer Edwin Brian Grimshaw (1942-47) and Pilot Officer Andrew John Wilson (1963-69) were both commissioned at the Officer Cadet Training Unit at RAF Henlow last January, and they were followed during the summer by Pilot Officer David Bruce Walsh (1957-64), who passed out as a navigator on July 17. He previously worked for Lloyds Bank.

There are three Old Blacks serving in the RAF whose present ranks and whereabouts we do not know: Mr D. C. Robinson (1952-59), last heard of in Norfolk; Mr R. F. Harrison (1950-58), in Cyprus; and Mr J. Fielding (1939-46), in Malta.

Finally, Flying Officer Donald Soames-Waring (1942-49) is making a name for himself on the ground. He is one of the RAF's leading rally drivers.

During his time in the RAF he has spent almost all his time on flying duties, having been a flying instructor, a member of both solo and formation acrobatic teams, and a night fighter pilot. He also had a tour of duty with the Thor missile, and is now stationed at Finningley, near Doncaster.

Since 1956 he has taken part in car rallies both as driver and navigator.

He has spent a lot of time organising station clubs, and earlier this year he was concerned with organisation for the RAF entry in the World Cup rally.

Pilot Officer Walsh

Flt. Lt. Smith

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Mr Longton

Headmaster of school near Bolton

Mr Gordon Longton has been appointed headmaster of Little Lever junior and infants' school, near Bolton. He was previously deputy headmaster of St John's junior and infants' school, Brinscall.

Mr Longton attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1942 to 1950 and then served in Germany for two years with the King's Own Royal Regiment. He studied at the City of Leeds Training College for two years and gained his teaching certificate in 1954.

His first teaching post was at Park Road junior school, Blackburn. In 1957 he was appointed deputy headmaster of Mill Hill county primary school, and in 1967 he became deputy headmaster of Shadsworth junior school. He moved to Brinscall in 1968 and took up his headship at Little Lever in July.

Mr Longton is a Sunday school teacher and assistant youth leader at Mill Hill Congregational Church, Blackburn. He was president of the Blackburn branch of the National Union of Teachers in 1965. He is married, with two children, and lives at 100 Queen's Road, Blackburn.

Canterbury canon moves to Chorley

The Rev John Musgrave Shorrock was appointed vicar of St George's Church, Chorley, in August. Before taking up his new living he was sacrist and a minor canon of Canterbury Cathedral.

Mr Shorrock was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1939 to 1946. He was in Raleigh, and was a chorister at Blackburn Cathedral.

He read an honours degree in philosophy at Trinity College, Dublin, and received his BA degree in 1954. He gained his MA degree in 1955. Mr Shorrock trained for the ministry at Bishop's College, Cheshunt, and was made deacon in 1956 and ordained priest in 1957 at Blackburn Cathedral.

From 1958 to 1959 he was curate of St Nicholas, Fleetwood, and from 1961 to 1963 a senior curate of Lancaster Priory. In 1961 he became priest-in-charge of St Wilfrid's Church, Merside, Blackpool, and, after the building of a parish church, he became the first vicar of the new parish in 1965, and remained there until he moved to Canterbury in July, 1967.

In Blackpool, Mr Shorrock was a governor of St George's Secondary School and director of Blackpool Telephone Samaritans. He also served as chairman of Community Youth Service and he was a commissioned chaplain to the Army Cadet Force.

During his three-and-a-half years in Canterbury he also served on the staff of the Cathedral Choir School and was active in education work. He was responsible for the chaplains and guides who look after the many thousands of visitors to the cathedral.

He is married and has two children, Patrick, aged 10, and Sarah Jane, 8.

Scholarship trip to Australia

John Kirk, aged 17, a senior pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, was one of five sixth-formers from Britain to be awarded the Royal Institution of Australia science scholarships for 1970 in March. He was nominated for the scholarship by Mr Eric J. Kay (1937-43), senior physics master.

The five scholarship holders, chosen from among 320 candidates by the Association for Science Education, flew to Sydney in August to attend a two-week course at Sydney University on "Pioneering in Outer Space."

John is now reading physics at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he is a Mackinnon scholar in physics.
Two British cargo ships, the Anchises and the Glenfalloch, were detained in Shanghai early this year and two officers—the captain of the Anchises and a senior officer of the Glenfalloch—were arrested by the Chinese authorities. An old boy of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Chief Officer John Brunskill, was on board the Anchises and took command of the vessel when the captain was arrested. In this article, specially written for Magister, Mr Brunskill describes what happened.

Incident in Shanghai

By JOHN BRUNSKILL

TheOcean Steamship Company, of Liverpool, operated a regular liner service from the United Kingdom and Europe to China from 1865 to March, 1970. However, in the last 20 years or so the service was maintained more with an eye on the future rather than on existing trade.

Ships had been delayed, with consequent disruption of schedules and breaks in services to other parts of Asia. Some hardship was experienced by ship's crews. The detention of the Anchises and the Glenfalloch, together with the arrest of Captain J. C. Ray of the Anchises and Senior Second Officer P. Duff of the Glenfalloch, brought a close the service between the two countries.

There have been occasions when the conduct of ships' crews provoked reaction on the part of the authorities, but, as chief officer of the Anchises, I am well able to report that in this case every sensible precaution was taken to ensure a swift, trouble-free turn-round in Shanghai. The captain impressed on all officers and crew the need for full co-operation with the Chinese authorities.

The Anchises first anchored off the entrance to the Yangtze River on February 23. The pilot boarded on February 26 and the vessel proceeded to the anchorage at Woosung to complete documentation and entry particulars. The formalities were quickly accomplished and we were instructed to be ready to proceed up the Whangpoo to Shanghai at 9 a.m. on February 27.

On arrival at the berth in Shanghai, the security guard, who had been on board since Woosung, questioned the positions marked on the chart which referred to the ship's passage upriver from Woosung to Shanghai. It is common knowledge that when a vessel is navigating in coastal or restricted waters and rivers, the position is plotted every few minutes to ascertain that no danger threatens. The position so obtained is marked on the chart and the time of the observation marked alongside.

On board the Anchises this plotting was done quite openly, in front of the guard and pilot. No caution or comment was forthcoming from either of them.

The first indication we had of something amiss was when the Anchises was secured alongside and the security guard questioned the captain about the positions marked on the chart. This guard did not speak English, but by using the pilot as interpreter he appeared satisfied with our explanations and went ashore. Later that day four officials boarded the vessel, asked lots of questions, then departed, having confiscated some charts and log-books.

The next day, February 28, saw us answering more questions and showing charts of our entry into other ports, to demonstrate that our actions in navigating the Whangpoo were normal practice. All our efforts to convince the authorities were of no avail, and the captain was taken ashore on the morning of March 1.

There is no British consul in Shanghai, and the British charge d'affaires is in Peking, many hundreds of miles away. The only way to communicate with the outside world was through the China Ocean Shipping Agency, and as this was a Chinese Government organisation, my requests to send a message were ignored.

Although no restrictions were placed on the ship, a period of watching and waiting now began. This "game" persisted until March 5, when a large number of soldiers boarded the Anchises and all the ship's company was assembled to hear a declaration by the commanding officer,

Chief Officer Brunskill attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1946 to 1952 and gained his master mariner's certificate in 1963. He sails with Ocean Fleets Ltd., of Liverpool, between Britain and the Far East.

Chinese People's Security Service, Shanghai Municipal Branch.

This official told us that Captain Ray was a British spy and that he had been detected by the constant vigilance of the Chinese People's Security Service. Chairman Mao's Thoughts were then read to us in a manner very reminiscent of "The lesson is taken from...." and many photographs were taken, no doubt showing us listening attentively to the means of correcting our misdeeds, if any. After this harangue all the officers of the Anchises were subjected to a very thorough search of their cabins and personal belongings.

The search being over, the Chinese officials and the soldiers departed and left us to gather our senses and accept the fact that the captain would not be returning to the ship. We now began to wonder when we would be allowed to leave China.

Our worst fears were unfounded and we sailed from Shanghai the next day, March 6, for Singapore. On our way past the anchorage at Woosung we saw the Glenfalloch, but, as we were still in Chinese territorial waters, we were unable to inform them of our experiences.

Happily Captain Ray and Second Officer Duff were released on March 29.

Looking back on events it all seems slightly unreal, but at the time we were all very concerned about our wellbeing, and we were all glad to return to a normal existence.
MR ALKER RETIRES FROM NWEB

Mr Robert Alker retired at the end of April after 22 years as accountant for the West Lancashire area of the North Western Electricity Board at Preston.

Mr Alker attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1921 to 1926 and has kept up his interest in the School through the Old Blackburnians' Association.

On leaving School he went into local government. He joined the borough treasurer's department at Blackburn and became a senior accountancy assistant.

In 1944 he was appointed chief accountant with Accrington Corporation, and in 1946 he became deputy borough treasurer of Ashton-under-Lyne. He joined the North Western Electricity Board as West Lancashire area accountant at Preston in 1948.

He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, and the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants.

Throughout his life Mr Alker's interests have centred largely on music. In his youth he was a member of the famous choir of St John's Church, under the late Mr Thomas L. Duerden, which had an outstanding record in competitions, and today he plays the trumpet with Preston Symphony Orchestra. He also plays in an orchestra associated with Preston Cecilian Choir, of which his wife is a member, and as a guest instrumentalist with other orchestras in and around Preston.

Mr Alker’s other interests include photography, fell-walking, and travel. He is a former member of the Blackburn Amateur Photographic Society, of which he is also a past president.

He and his wife have given many talks, illustrated with their own colour slides, on their travels in Britain and overseas. These have been principally walking and cycling tours and include rambling in the Lake District and the Austrian Alps.

During the summer they moved to a bungalow which they have had built at Garstang, and they have spent the last few weeks settling into their new home. Their address is Silver Birches, Yewlands Drive, Garstang.

Director elected to head textile association

Mr Colin Oates was elected president of Blackburn Textile Management Association in May. He is a director of the family firm of Harry Oates and Sons (Reeds) Ltd., of Blackburn.

Mr Oates attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1942 to 1949 and joined the company when he left School. After three years' experience there he was called up for national service and spent two years (from 1952 to 1954) with the 1st Battalion the Loyal Regiment, mainly in Trieste.

He returned to his company and was made a director in 1958. The firm subsequently expanded with the formation of Harry Oates and Sons (Doublers) Ltd., the acquisition of John Howarth (Preston) Ltd., the takeover of Harry Oates and Sons (Healds) Ltd., and the transfer in 1967 of the Bolton Heald Co. from International Vignella.

Mr Oates's main spare-time interest is golf. He has been a member of the Darwen Golf Club since 1948, with a spell of seven years at Pleasington. He was secretary of the Darwen club from 1955 to 1960 and was captain in 1961.

He is married, with two children, and lives at Benachie, Hawkshaw Avenue, Darwen.

His two brothers were also at Queen Elizabeth's: Dr Ian Oates (1948-55) is a consultant radiologist in Edmonton, Alberta, and Mr Eddie Oates (1949-54) has a tropical fish shop at Chorley and is a director of the family's subsidiary company at Preston. He is also a noted golfer.
Degrees and things . . .

The following old boys of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School have gained academic or professional qualifications:

Mr John Brian Livesey (1952-61) has gained his PhD in fuel science at Leeds University. He graduated with first-class honours at Leeds in 1966, and won the Foxwell memorial award from the Institute of Fuel Science and Technology in 1969 as the student of the Houldsworth School of Applied Science with the best results in his final examination. He is now staying at Leeds for further research.

J. Cooper (1962-67) gained examination from intermediate examination of Institute of Chartered Accountants by passing, with merit, preserving examination, Leeds Polytechnic.

J. S. Cartwright (1955-68) graduated with first-class honours in physics at the University of Manchester.

R. Hargreaves (1960-67) graduated BA honours in engineering science at the University of Liverpool.

J. J. Cooper (1962-69) gained exemption in the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

D. Slater (1960-67) graduated BSc hons. in civil engineering at the University of Manchester.

I. Powell (1960-67) elected by examination to be a Chartered Accountant.

Mr Andrew P. Child (1958-64) has been awarded the National Diploma of Horticulture. He is a student apprentice at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

WHEN YOU SEND your name in for this feature, please give your full name and years at School and precise details of your qualification.
Between castle and county hall

Mr. Keith M. Knott (1943-50) has been appointed headmaster of The Duke’s Grammar School at Alnwick, Northumberland. From Queen Elizabeth’s, Mr. Knott went to Exeter College, Oxford, and then spent a year in Paris, where he met his wife. They were married in 1956, after he had been teaching for two years at Wallasey Grammar School.

In 1958 Mr. Knott joined the staff of Trinity School, Groydon, and in 1963 he moved to Harrow, where he was senior history master at the John Lyon School. He stayed there until he moved to Alnwick. Mr. Knott writes:

My new job is to preside over one of the smallest remaining grammar schools in Northumberland—and England—until such a time as the Northumberland County Council decides to turn it into the senior branch of a three-stage comprehensive system, which may be in 1978, 1981, or even later. Until then, it will remain a boy’s grammar school for about 320, and growing each year.

It was founded in 1810 by the Duke of Northumberland (hence the “Duke’s School”) for a handful of local tradespeople’s children. Since then, it has grown from the forefront of educational progress to an all-boys grammar school, with the Bell monitorial system of discipline still in place. The school board is a group of local tradespeople, which could lead to discord, and it is a relation that is sometimes hard to maintain.

Throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries it remained very small, though the old boys from here who died in the First World War and Second World Wars were tragically numerous. Since 1939 it has been controlled by the Northumberland County Council, although four of the ten school governors are still appointed by the Duke of Northumberland, who also awards the “Duke’s golden pin” each year to the outstanding athlete in the school.

So you see that the school stands between the castle and the County Hall. It is a relationship which could lead to discord, but it doesn’t seem to.

In Alnwick and the surrounding area its reputation is high—it has to be: in fact it alone provides O- and A-level teaching for boys between Berwick and Morpeth, a distance of nearly 50 miles, and consequently draws on a huge reservoir of talent ranging from the sons of Northumbrian sheep farmers to students from fishing villages along the coast. The sea and natural beauty of the North Sea keep temperatures down, even in the height of summer. But don’t be put off. You won’t find better country or friendlier people anywhere.

If you see any Old Blackburnian in Alnwick and wants a bed, I can always help, at least after the middle of July. We have a small boarding house for 22 boys, but it is in the forest, and there should always be a spare mattress or two. If we can’t help, then there is always Alan Wilkinson (1944-52), who is the physics master in the Whitley Bay Grammar School, just 30 miles down the road!

Addressed wanted, please

The Old Blackburnians named below have left the addresses shown, and their copies of MAGISTER have been returned by the Post Office. Anyone who knows their present whereabouts is asked to inform the editor.

J. Briggs (1924-34), 76 Highfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex.

A. W. Cundill (1932-37), 12 Leyburn Drive, High Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE7 7AP.

D. Fost (1960-66), 15 Rosewood Avenue, Blackburn.

E. M. Gabbot (1938-43), 25 Whinney Lane, Blackburn.

K. Harling (1946-51), 84 Bent Lane, Davyhulme, Urmston, Manchester.

G. Hayhurst (1950-57), Flat 4, Beechwood, 55 Park Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

K. W. Lord (1954-60), Killinley, Oldfield Avenue, Darwen.


D. B. Starkes (1943-52), 48 Ellesbrook Drive, Latcham, Burscough.

J. N. Taylor (1948-55), St Quentin Rise, Upper Broadway, Sheffield.

H. G. Walsh (1939-46), 10 Ardbair Road, Blairgowrie, Perthshire.

W. Whittaker (1919-24), 56 Preston Old Road, Cherry Tree, Blackburn.

Mr. Peter Cecil Chadwick was one of seven representatives elected by Blackburn Diocesan Synod to the House of Laity of the General Synod of the Church of England. He is the only representative from the Archdeaconry of Blackburn.

Mr. Chadwick (1943-51) is head of the religious education department at Skelmersdale and Upholland County Secondary School. He is a member of the parochial church council and a lay reader at St. Francis’ Church, Fenchurch, Blackburn.

In August, Mr. Chadwick was one of three Old Blackburnians elected to the Blackburn Diocesan Synod. He became a House of Laity representative for Darwen Deanery.

For Blackburn Deanery the Rev. William David Robinson (1942-49) was elected a House of Clergy representative, and Mr. Harry King (1923-30) a House of Laity representative.

Mr. King and Mr. Robinson also hold office in Blackburn Diocesan Synod—Mr. King as joint chairman and Mr. Robinson as assistant secretary. Mr. Chadwick is press officer for Darwen Deanery Synod.

GOLD FOR 50 PINTS

Mr. Arthur Briggs Cope, who attended Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School from 1929 to 1935, is present with the gold award of the National Blood Transfusion Service in June for having given 50 pints of blood.

Mr. Cope, who lives at 31 Willis Road, Penicuik, Blackburn, is a deputy overseer in the composing room of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph in Blackburn. He has been a blood donor for 30 years.

In 1940, when he was serving as a Royal Artillery sergeant with the British Expeditionary Force in France, he was in hospital and a call went out for volunteers to give blood: that was when he gave his first pint. He volunteered again in 1942 when he was serving in Egypt.

After the war he gave blood at Blackburn Infirmary before the National Blood Transfusion Service took over, and he has continued to give blood regularly—every six months until 1967, and every three months since then.

Mr. Cope is a deacon and secretary at Cherry Tree Congregational Church. He is married and has two sons and two daughters.
Mr John Catlow Aspden (1920-27) is chief education officer of Eastbourne. Before coming to Queen Elizabeth’s he attended Accrington Road School and the Parish Higher Grade School, and he went on from Queen Elizabeth’s to Queens’ College, Cambridge, where he graduated BA with first-class honours in the modern and medieval languages tripos in 1930. He received his MA degree in 1934. From 1930 to 1934 he was on the staff of the Methodist College, Belfast, and he spent a year teaching at the Holt High School, Liverpool.

He was appointed to his first administrative post in 1935 as a senior assistant to the director of education in Newcastle upon Tyne. He became director of education at Margate in 1939, and he moved to Eastbourne in 1944. In 1936 Mr Aspden married Miss Ivy Greenwood, of Blackburn, and they have five children—three boys and two girls. The boys are all graduates of Cambridge, one in engineering, one in modern languages, and one in law.

The challenge of education

I can look back with very great interest on a professional lifetime of educational responsibility in some form or another. I enjoyed five years of teaching, four of them in Belfast at a time still very near to the Treaty which established the partition of Ireland. Then, as now, there were sensitive and sore points leading from time to time to outbreaks of violence, and after 40 years one begins to wonder whether any lessons have been learned.

After a short appointment in Liverpool, the opportunity arose of the office of the director of education for Newcastle upon Tyne, well known as offering an excellent training for young men who were interested in responsible posts on the educational side of local government administration. In that office hard work was expected and always unceasingly done under the wing of Mr Thomas Walling, a Lancashire man, who was an inspiration to many.

In 1939, at the age of 30, I was appointed to the post of director of education for Margate, the twelfth director of education from the Walling office, and I took up duty there with high hopes of being able to achieve much.

The war soon destroyed those particular hopes, and June, 1940, heralded a complete closure of all forms of public education not only in Margate but coastal towns in South-east England as a whole. Practically the whole school population was evacuated to Staffordshire.

After one year of standstill, the real work of rebuilding on the South-east coast a shattered educational system commenced, and out of the ruins began to appear foundations and a framework of a future educational structure which had to survive many shocks and threats.

Though educational development such as had previously been experienced was again to be experienced was impossible in those years, there was a severe test for administrative capacity and considerable satisfaction from a challenging task of reconstruction on a limited scale.

Reconstruction was the main feature of very early years at Eastbourne, another war-afflicted town where I took up duty in 1944. With the end of the war, opportunities for achievement were much greater, and positive national policies and enhanced standing of the education service ensured increased provision for all stages of education.

Eastbourne shared in the surge forward with new schools, further education development, provision for the training of teachers, and a partnership in the foundation with other Sussex authorities of the University of Sussex.

Educational opportunity for the individual student has been extended in ways undreamed of 25 years ago.

Though there have obviously been some disappointments, there is no doubt that it has been a privilege to have taken a part in promoting educational advancement which has steadily gained momentum and gives every indication of continuing to do so.

One is apt to reflect a little as one approaches retirement. The pace of change has steadily increased and, although there have been distortions and some developments have produced unexpected results, the changes have been for the good.

Many issues remain unresolved. Local government generally and the education service in particular will assume vastly different forms as the years pass.

I believe that whatever form of government is in power the larger authority will emerge and our democratic way of life must be less parochial both in outlook and in organisation.

Secondary education, it seems, will be reorganised on comprehensive lines and the political colour of the Government of the day will influence not the outcome but only the pace of change.

Secondary education and further education are likely to become more and more inextricably bound together.

Opportunity to the individual to develop his full potential will extend in the future as it has done in the past. The future will be no less thrilling than the post-1945 years have been.

Sixty have hot-pot

By HARRY KING

The annual supper evening given by the Old Blackburnians’ Association for those boys who left School during the previous year was held on Thursday, September 17, in the Old Blackburnians’ Association Football Club’s pavilion at Lammack.

Over 60 people attended, including about 40 leavers, together with the headmaster, several governors and members of staff, and officials of the association. The proceedings were quite informal and after a brief word of welcome by the secretary, Mr David Forbes, officials of the association representing its various activities moved among the company giving the boys details of the wide range of events catered for by the association.

An excellent supper was provided comprising hot-pot (with all the trimmings), apple pie and cream, followed by coffee.

It was a most enjoyable and successful evening and the association is grateful to the OBAPC for making the excellent facilities of their pavilion available for this occasion.

The elder daughter has graduated in modern languages at Southhampton and hopes to teach; the younger is in her second year at Southhampton reading law.

In this article, written specifically for MAGISTER, Mr Aspden describes his career in education and reflects on the changes he has seen.

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Mr Hare unveils the plaque, watched by Mr Coulson and Dr Claxton.

A BUILDING TO BE PROUD OF

THE new building at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School was opened on Friday, April 10, by Mr William Hare, chairman of governors, who unveiled a commemorative plaque in the entrance hall.

Thanking all concerned with the project, Mr Hare said that, in the tradition of the School, the new building had been built to last. He went on:

"Value it with all your jealous pride, for it will survive in spite of the enemies of direct-grant status who for reasons of conformity would seek to erode the standard of education provided here for all who have the ability to take advantage of it.

"Of course we shall still have Big School. Big School will survive as you know it, and I am hoping that some time in the near future we may convert this building into a permanent dining hall and furnish it in the style worthy of its tradition."

Mr Hare declared: "This School will survive as you know it, and I am sure that I can say that the governors are determined that this will be the case."

Mr Norman Jepson, vice-chairman of governors, who presided at the opening ceremony, said that for as far back as memory could reach the centre of the School's life and activities had been Big School.

"From now onwards there will be two centres competing for that distinction, Big School and this new assembly hall. I have no doubt that in time they will find their proper roles, and settle down harmoniously to complement and support each other.

"Yet with the greatest spirit of toileration and with a more realistic concern with education, how easy it would be to provide in this country a system of choice of education that would be the envy of the world."

Mr Jepson said that Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School had had its moments of triumph and of despair, its moments of glory and its vicissitudes, and that the last ten years had been the most difficult through which the School had gone. This had placed a great strain on the governors, and especially on the chairman—during the first years of the decade, the late Mr Henry Whittaker, and lately Mr Hare.

"It is in large measure a tribute to his courage and to his ready acceptance of the burdens and duties of his office that this building, for which so many headmasters have striven, should have been erected."

The new building was dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn, Dr C. R. Claxton.

Mr Douglas Coulson, headmaster, said that the new building was a positive expression of the School's faith and confidence in the future, and thanked Mr Hare for all his work as chairman of governors.

The main approach to the new building is to the west of Big School. There is a wide flagged area in front of the building, and the entrance is reached by crossing a small bridge over an artificial pool. Such a feature has been made necessary by the dramatic falling-away of the land on this side of the School.

The gymnasium can be reached by a flight of steps to the north of the block. Once over the bridge, the hall is reached by climbing 10 steps in the simple and neat foyer. A screen which divides the foyer from the main hall is notable for its glass designs, created by Mr Garth S. Edwards.

Stairs to the side of the entrance lead down to the mezzanine floor and the gymnasium, and up to the music room and the balcony of the assembly hall.

The hall is 60ft square and 12ft high. The sides are mainly of glass from floor to ceiling, and the whole area is light and airy. The proscenium stage is surrounded by wood panelling, as is the back of the hall.

The stage has a depth of 25ft and scenery can be stored under it.

The furniture on the stage—table, chair, and lectern—was made at the School by Mr Barry Brown. The Bible on the lectern, a gift from the Old Blackburnians' Association, was inscribed by Mr Eric Whittle.

Stairs lead down from the stage to the mezzanine floor. Here the school has its own green room, which will be used, especially during productions of plays and musical events, as a dressing room.

On the balcony of the assembly hall is a control room. With an uninterrupted view of the stage, boys will be able to control lighting on a console in the small room.

Behind the balcony and over the entrance is the music room. This will not be used for public performances, but for teaching.

The school's new gymnasium is full of the latest equipment for all types of sporting activity. It is 40ft by 80ft and, like the hall above, has large windows for the best possible natural light.

In addition to the usual ropes and frames, the gym has a climbing wall to try the most intrepid adventurer. There are badminton and basketball courts and the indoor cricket nets will ensure winter practice.

The architects were Walter Stirrup and Son. The builders were Wm. Livesey and Sons Ltd.
Governors Would Have Chosen Independence

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School would have become fully independent if the proposals of the Public Schools Commission, under Professor D. D. Donnison had been implemented. This was made clear by Mr William Hare, chairman of governors, in his address at a special meeting on Monday May 14.

The Donnison report, published on March 24, recommended that Britain's 177 direct-grant schools should become comprehensive and abolish fees. The Labour Government fell in the general election on June 18, and Donnison has not been mentioned since.

Speaking to pupils, parents, and friends of the School in the new assembly hall, Mr Hare said:

"I think some explanation is due to the parents and the public about the present status of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and its negotiations with the local education authority.

"We had a letter from the LEA, stating that an agreement was reached in May, 1969, for us to co-operate in the educating of boys in the County Borough of Blackburn.

"We had been trying to get this agreement for many years, and we had been negotiating for something like three or four years before agreement was finally reached, and during this time I and various headmasters of the School visited the Department of Education and Science to discuss the various negotiations, and it was emphatically stated by the Department that if we could come to an agreeable solution of the problem in Blackburn the Department would not stand in the way of the settlement.

"Indeed, they went out of their way to point out that they would be more than happy to rubber-stamp any scheme which was acceptable both to the governors of the grammar school and the local education authority relating to the part that Queen Elizabeth's could play in the education of the boys in this town.

"It was then with great joy that I was able to send up to the Department details of a scheme which had the blessing both of the School governors and of the local education authority for their approval. It was assumed that this approval would be more or less automatic and that we should hear in a very short time that the scheme had been accepted.

"It is now nearly June, 1970, and the Department has not yet given us a decision as to whether they will allow our scheme to proceed.

"I would like to ask why this delay. The delay is not made on educational grounds; the delay is made on purely political grounds, for since our scheme has been put up to the Department, the Government has set up a commission called the Donnison Commission which has reported on the direct-grant schools.

"Now this commission started off with entirely false terms of reference in that it was asked not, 'Should the direct-grant schools be incorporated into the comprehensive system?' but 'How can the direct-grant schools be incorporated in the comprehensive system?'

"It does not need me to tell you that it would have been in the benefit of the nation had the commission reported on whether it was preferable for the direct-grant schools to be incorporated into the comprehensive system, if they so choose, going into the details of how the incorporation should proceed.

"I am not at all ashamed to say to you that under the present Government there is no future for direct-grant schools as we know them.

"This Government is not prepared to continue to contribute to the fees of the boys in this School whose parents are unable to pay the full amount.

"The result of this is that it will eventually cost the Government more to educate these boys under their new system, but they would rather pay more to try to get an equality status than to have the best education available to them.

"Now this country more than ever needs a super-class of intelligent boys who will be pushed forward quickly to enable them to absorb their skills in society.

"It is absolutely impossible to run this country with the complications which now arise with anything but the best brain power, and we believe in a type of School like this that provides this opportunity, and we do not see why we should not be allowed to continue to provide this opportunity for the most brilliant boys in the area irrespective of what sort of a home they come from, irrespective of their parents' income, but the Government will not allow this and they are creating an privileged class.

"What they do not say is that sooner or later when you get along the path of life you still create a privileged class by making him a Member of Parliament, or for many reasons this selection and segregation does not help the pupil to obtain employment in society.

"The Manchester Grammar School has the same dilemma, and the governors of the Manchester Grammar School have decided that the school will go independent.

"This is what your governors will decide—we shall opt for independence status.

"The inevitable result of this will be that eventually the fees will have to go higher, and we shall try to some extent to cushion this effect for some time by appealing to the members of the public for funds which will enable us to give more governors' scholarships than we can at present.

"This is a long-term policy and it will obviously be quite a number of years before we can hope to obtain the number of scholarships which would enable the number of boys to be educated without cost at this School that are at present granted this opportunity.

"We shall have to start again from scratch and we shall have to start again in a period when costs are escalating.

"Fees at my School will increase because with this present rate of wage increases it is going to be impossible to hold costs steady for more than one year in whatever walk of life we are operating and for this I blame this Government on whatever way Government is in power, and any Government which will not take steps to counteract this galloping inflation eventually is going to bring the country down into the depths of economic insolvency.

"In his report the headmaster, Mr Douglas J. Coulson, said:

"During the past year education has dominated, almost daily, the television screen and the national press. We have seen protest marches and strike action by teachers in different parts of the country; we have witnessed massive militancy among students at colleges and universities; and we have recently had the publication of the Donnison report recommending the abolition of direct-grant status altogether.

"And yet, when some future writer sets about the task of bringing up to date the story of Queen Elizabeth's, the past year may well appear as one of the most important, in terms of progress and achievement, that the School has faced for a long time, set though it is against so sombre a background of national unrest and uncertainty.

"There is, first of all, the completion of this splendid building. Everyone, I think, has been impressed by what the governors, teachers, and the builders have created. It is a magnificent addition to a range of school buildings which must now rank among the finest in the country.

"But it is more than this. It is not only a tribute to the generosity of those who subscribed so promptly to the appeal but also a tangible expression of confidence in the School's present and future service to parents and boys in this part of East Lancashire.

"This is the first time, for a great many years, that we have heard Frizegiving at the School, and I hope that you will agree that here, in this new centre of the School's life and activities, is the proper and fitting place for the ceremony to be held in the coming years.

"Next is the School's academic record—and it is a record with which we can feel not merely satisfied but proud. For the first time since at least the early 1930s five boys have gained major open scholarships at Oxford, and in addition a further six were awarded places at Oxford colleges, so that some eleven boys will be going from the School to that university in the coming years.

"Of these boys, J. G. Kirk has achieved the rare distinction of being selected by the Australian Institution of Science for the award of one of five science scholarships which will take him to Australia in August, and two others, M. R. Croadse and C. J. Miller, have done so well in the final preliminary tests as to be considered for places in the team to represent Britain in the highly competitive international mathematical olympiad to be held in Eastern Europe this summer.

"It is also a pleasure to record that, of the 21 scholarships awarded this year by the Peel Foundation, based on the competitive performance at A-level last June of boys and girls in all Blackburn schools, 13 were gained by boys at Queen Elizabeth's.

"And in our GCE courses at both Ordinary and Advanced level, the year's results reflected the good standards of performance.
Choice would have

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at A-level, the percentage of passes in the subjects taken was 77 per cent, and at O-level the pass rate was 67 per cent.

"What was a particularly pleasing feature of the O-level results was the increase in the number of boys in our slower streams who achieved good certificates. Over the whole field of academic work this past year has been, in my view, one of very positive merit.

"In our out-of-school life, too, there is abundant evidence of successful and energetic activity. For the second year, the first cricket XI won all its school matches, while our fencing teams have had an outstanding year, winning the North-west schools championship and having four boys in the quarter-finals of the National Schools Championships.

"Boys climb in the Lake District; play rugby and golf; tennis and basketball. The Music Society enjoys strong support and a high reputation, while School drama, always a popular activity, should now go on to even greater heights with the excellent stage, lighting, and greenroom facilities that are to be found in this building.

"In all spheres of endeavour, ladies and gentlemen, whether they be academic or otherwise, the scope is wide and the achievements high. And this is because of the excellent response by good boys to the challenge of excellent leadership by my colleagues on the staff, to whom I most gladly express my sincere thanks and appreciation as well as yours.

"Since we last met, Mr Mercer, Mr Eastwood, and Dr Tyler have retired. Together, their service to the School totals over 118 years, and their contribution to the life and work of the School has been of inestimable value. (Applause).

"A further unobtrusive but most important change has also occurred since last June. The constitution of the governing body has been amended, so that now 14 of the 21 governors are what is known as foundation governors, and seven are nominated by the Blackburn town council. This has meant, among other things, that the foundation governors have been able to elect to their number Lord Derby, Mr J. Hindle, Mr J. F. Singleton, and Mr A. R. D. Smith.

"We at the School all owe a man of such distinction and judgment as Mr Hare as our chairman. I take great pleasure in publicly acknowledging to them the gratitude and thanks of us all." (Applause).

"Mr Coulson went on: 'The academic achievements of the direct-grant schools are impressive: 60 per cent of their pupils stay at school until they are 18; 62 per cent of the boys get two or more A-levels; 75 per cent got on to full-time further education; 38 per cent go to university. They do better in all these respects than maintained grammar schools or independent schools.'

"High praise indeed. And where does it come from? From the report of the Donnison Commission, who then condemn the direct-grant schools primarily on the grounds that they do not conform to the current fashionable policy of comprehensive education.

"For the direct-grant schools still hold to the unpopular belief that the selection of pupils is important and valuable; that fee-paying means a greater parental involvement and interest in a child's education, and that parents should have the right to choose the type of school they wish to send their children to.

"Comprehensive schools, we are repeatedly told, are now the magical panacea to all educational problems, and the direct-grant schools are blighting the growth of such schools because they attract the most intelligent pupils.

"But these intelligent pupils represent a mere 3 per cent of all secondary school children. Put them into the comprehensive schools, and their elite, leavening effect would be minimal, if not entirely dissipated, and far from raising the standards by their example, the most likely net result would be that such children's standards would fall.

"What one suspects is Professor Donnison's real grudge against the direct-grant schools is that they are middle-class, since 60 per cent of the children in them have fathers in executive or professional occupations. What a crime!"

"The effect of this, says the report, must be considerable on such children's achievements and progress. Naturally! And what is wrong with this?

"If parents are concerned about the full development of their children's talents; if they feel that this can best be realised in such schools as Queen Elizabeth's; if they are prepared to pay the fees—yes, and often to make sacrifices to pay the fees—why should they not do so?

"But the Government and Professor Donnison think other-
been independence

wise, and recommend the withdrawal of the direct grant—an act which would save the country about 1 per cent of the current expenditure on education.

The report, of course, is only a set of recommendations and is not yet law. Indeed, its fate will almost certainly depend on the results of the next general election, and, for the moment, we can only wait on events.

But in conclusion I would like to reaffirm what the chairman of governors has already publicly stated: that this School will not become a comprehensive school, but will continue, independently, to hold to its traditional aims of the pursuit of excellence, the freedom of choice for parents, and the right to manage its own affairs in the best interests of the boys who come here.

Prizes were presented by Mr Charles W. Harvey (1919-25), formerly an HM inspector of schools, who said that it was rather more than forty years since he last attended a Blackburn Grammar School Speech Day.

There have been many changes in these forty-odd years. The changes in education are immense, and many of them reflect the need for schools to be both communities in themselves and a part of the community they serve; a recognition that the community itself has an educational role.

We hear a lot today about participation. Several recent reports stress the importance of people having a voice in decisions which affect their lives and their environment...where to build a new motorway; how to redevelop the town centre, for example.

The reports advise on how to get people to participate in planning. One of them devotes a chapter to the contribution of education to public participation.

The chapter deals mainly with ways of informing the public about plans and planning matters, an important and necessary stage in the process...but we need also to study and to interpret information; to weigh the evidence and draw conclusions; to express the views we have formulated.

These three elements of decision-making and participation are as important as a good information service. They should be present whenever a choice is made, whether in relation to a career, a course of further education, where to go for the next holiday, or which motor car to buy. The ability to make a choice in this way is a test of maturity.

A good school assists the processes within its community and in its outside associations; within the formal programme and in its general school life; and in the way in which it does this is to offer variety so that choices are possible.

When I left Blackburn Grammar School there cannot have been more than half a dozen School societies outside sport. I recall five—Elizabethan Debating Society, Chess Club, Orchestral Society, Scouts, and the Sketching Club.

In today's School calendar we find that four of these have survived, but there are 39 others catering for interests as diverse as astronomy and youth-hostelling, the study of commercial vehicles and stamp-collecting, community service, handicrafts, and model aeroplanes.

What an impressive list this is of voluntary societies, offering variety and opportunity for choice within the School community. But of course they do more than this.

The voluntary clubs and societies offer the work aspects of school life; they exercise talents and interests outside the curriculum and lead into adult community interests and activities.

I benefited immeasurably from my association with the School societies. They provide most of my memories of Blackburn Grammar School.

I am sure that the larger number of societies and wider range mean a lot to today's pupils. But, more important, they must contribute immensely to the wider community which the School serves; to the development and welfare of that community.

Mr Harvey was thanked by Mr Joseph N. Prest, a governor of the School. Mr Prest said:

This new building typifies the character and strength of our School as it is today and it gives us reason to look forward to the future with confidence.

A great deal is said of the rich traditions of schools such as this and, while this is important and is a comforting strength, it is rather more important that we ensure that our standards are maintained and improved as time goes on.

I feel that our standards are being maintained in very real terms—our cultural, recreational, and moral standards.

We have, at the same time, to ensure that our School is economically viable and that the education we offer is in all ways acceptable to the parents, to the pupils, and to the community as a whole. I believe we are doing this at Queen Elizabeth's and I have every confidence that we shall continue to do so.
Mr William Cliffe, who started work with Blackburn Corporation as a junior clerk 42 years ago, retired on July 29 as senior administrative officer. The town council has placed on record its appreciation of his services.

Mr Cliffe attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1922 to 1928 and joined the town clerk's department when he left School. As junior clerk, committee clerk, chief clerk, and senior administrative officer he has served under five town clerks.

During the Second World War he served in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

In his spare time Mr Cliffe is an organist and choirmaster. He was appointed organist at Altom Street Methodist Church in 1928, when he was 17. Later he qualified as an associate of the Royal College of Organists and a licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music.

He has held appointments at several churches in Blackburn and Darwen, and he has also been for several years organist of Blackburn Music Society. Since August he has been organist and choirmaster of St Silas' Church, Blackburn, a post which he held previously for some years.

With more spare time now, he has accepted the post of treasurer of Blackburn Music Society, and he has also been appointed general secretary of Christian Aid in Blackburn.

He is married and lives at 83 Pleckgate Road, Blackburn.

Blackburn will take places in sixth form

Proposals for Blackburn education authority to accept sixth-form places at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School for boys from local authority schools were approved in September by the Secretary for Education and Science.

The places were offered to the local education authority by the governors of Queen Elizabeth's in January, 1968, and were accepted by Blackburn education committee in May, 1969. Early approval was expected from the Department of Education and Science, but none was forthcoming until after the general election on June 18.

The agreement between the governors of Queen Elizabeth's and Blackburn education authority, reached on September 10, 1969, provides that:

1. Up to 30 sixth-form places a year will be offered at Queen Elizabeth's to boys from the three 11-16 comprehensive schools in Blackburn which have no sixth-form provisions of their own.
2. Boys will be admitted from these three schools at their parents' request and if they are recommended for the course by their headmaster and the headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's.
3. Criteria for admission to the sixth form at Queen Elizabeth's will be the same as must be satisfied for admission to a sixth-form course at Billinge or Witton Park.
4. Boys from the 11-16 schools wishing to stay on beyond the age of 16 will be able to opt for either Queen Elizabeth's or the county 11-18 schools.
5. The agreement will run for a trial period of four years, after which it can be reviewed. Either party will be free to withdraw from the scheme at any time in the light of changes in local or national educational policy.

Councillor Haworth is re-elected

Councillor George Bramley Haworth (1928-37) was re-elected to Blackburn town council in May as a Conservative representative for St Silas' ward. He polled 1,967 votes and had a majority of 1,521 over his Labour opponent.
Ian Stancliffe heads WPM colour advisory service

Mr Ian Stancliffe was promoted head of the colour advisory service of the WPM paint division in August. He is now responsible for every aspect of colour design put out by the WPM paint division from Darwen and its five other regional design centres.

Mr Stancliffe attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1942 to 1947. He then took a full-time course in interior design at Blackburn School of Art from 1947 to 1951, followed by a 12-month art teachers' course at Leicester College of Art.

He joined the Walpamur design unit in 1953 and has worked as a colour consultant with the colour advisory service and also as a director-cameraman of the company's film unit.

Some of his notable schemes of decoration have been for the Royal Palace in Bagdad, the Privy Pump Room at Cheltenham, Dundalk and Nottingham Cathedrals, Leyland Motors, and many interiors of the public houses owned by Duttons Brewery Ltd.

His hobbies are cine photography, motoring, sailing—he is a founder member and secretary of Coniston Sailing Club—and puppetry. He is well known for his Midget Marionettes, a puppet show which has appeared on BBC television and given over 500 performances for charity with a cast of more than 90 puppets, all made by himself.

Mr Stancliffe

Vice-principal in Peru

Mr J. McHugh (1919-23), vice-principal of York Technical College and head of the department of commerce, went to Peru in August.

He was a member of a five-man team invited by the Peruvian Government to help in planning reforms in the country's technical education.

Mr Sumner attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1947 to 1953 and was a prominent member of the Elizabethan Debating Society. He went on to Manchester University, where he graduated BSc in 1956 and qualified MB, ChB in 1959. He was president of the union in 1958.

He became a member of the Royal College of Physicians in 1965. He is a member of the International Society of Nephrology and the Renal Association and has written papers on nephrology for the Lancet.

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Dr Mallick is married, with three young daughters, and lives at 31 Woodcote Avenue, Bramhall, Cheshire.
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The fair will have stalls with Christmas gifts and decorations, groceries, cakes and sweets, cosmetics, and new and second-hand books and records. Non-perishable gifts will be received at School between November 11 and 18. Perishable gifts should be taken to School on November 19 or 20.

CASH DONATIONS ALSO WELCOME

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24 play for OBs' golf trophies

Twenty-four Old Blackburnians took part in the annual Old Blackburnians golf competition, which was held at Blackburn Golf Club on June 4.

The Judge Walmysley Cup for the best nett score was won by Mr Roger Smethurst (1955-62) with 85-14-71. The runner-up on a card play-off was Mr F. H. Duckworth (1933-39), captain of Blackburn Golf Club, with 85-12-73.

The winner of the Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup for the best gross score was Mr George Tooms, with 80.

Mr Smethurst and Mr Tooms are both members of Wilpshire Golf Club.

YORKSHIRE supper evening

More than 30 Old Blackburnians and their wives attended the annual supper evening of the Yorkshire branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association at the Amary Hotel, York, on May 1.

Mr Guy Shuttleworth presided, said grace, proposed the loyal toast, and welcomed the guests. Mr Douglas Coulson responded.

Those present were: Mr and Mrs D. J. Coulson; Mr and Mrs H. King; Mr and Mrs D. W. Shaw; Mr and Mrs P. Robinson; Mr and Mrs R. A. Mayo; Mr and Mrs J. D. T. Ridding; Mr and Mrs D. M. Cummins; Mr and Mrs C. Riley; Mr and Mrs K. Chadwick; Mr and Mrs E. West; Mr and Mrs I. Adams; Mr and Mrs A. Moore; Mr and Mrs C. W. Harvey; Mr and Mrs A. McCarrell; and Mr and Mrs G. M. Shuttleworth.

The branch will hold its annual supper evening next year on May 7.

WEDDINGS

Keith Rowseill (1959-64) and Barbara Anne Rose, Whalley Parish Church, in March.

Alan Upton (1950-57) and Carol Elizabeth Gleave, Hollin Bank Mission, Blackburn, in April.

Anthony John Robinson (1956-64) and Patricia Eileen Walmysley, St SIlas' Church, Blackburn, in April.

John Brunakill (1947-52) and Stella Lomai, Central Methodist Church, Blackburn, in April.

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Mr Jack Lee, an Old Blackburnian who has a wealth of experience in international labour relations, was appointed during the summer to a senior position with a leading firm of management consultants.

On July 5 he became overseas adviser for industrial and human relations to Inbucon Ltd., one of the largest British-based management consultancy and services groups. His new appointment followed his retirement from Shell International, where he had been in charge of international labour affairs for nearly 21 years.

Mr Lee was born in Blackburn in 1914, and his father still lives at 123 Accrington Road. He attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1925 to 1933 and won a scholarship to St Edmund Hall, Oxford, where he read Spanish and French and took his BA honours degree in 1936. He received his MA degree in 1941.

After a year as labour manager with an engineering firm at Deptford, he spent five years with Rootes as personnel manager. He was then invited by the Government to become labour adviser to the Indian jute mills association in Calcutta. Six years later he joined Shell.

Mr Lee's knowledge and experience of international industrial and human relations are probably unparalleled. He has worked in more than 60 countries and for the past 17 years he has been a regular attender at the International Labour Organisation's annual conference in Geneva. He has been a member of the Government's Overseas Labour Consultative Committee since it was formed.

His humanity, common sense, and Northern directness have made him a long-standing friend of many Cabinet Ministers both in Britain and overseas, and he is well known in the field of labour relations throughout the world—specially in Europe, Africa, South-East Asia, and the Caribbean.

During the last four years—the last two as president of the Institute of Personnel Management—he has addressed employers' associations in more than a dozen countries. He is a member of the Council of the Industrial Society, and he also serves on the executive committee of the Overseas Employers' Federation.

Mr Lee's wife, Kay, is from Blackburn, and her two brothers were also at Queen Elizabeth's: Mr James Barnes from 1926 to 1932 and Mr Richard Grimshaw Barnes from 1937 to 1942. Both are directors of the family firm of Barnes Brothers Ltd., calico bleachers, of Whitebirk, Blackburn.

Mr and Mrs Lee live at Medsway, Danes Close, Oxshott, Surrey.

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Wanderer determined to see the world

After three years of adventurous wandering, Mr Ian McQuirk (1955-63) is still far from satisfying his thirst for travel. After leaving Queen Elizabeth's, Mr McQuirk worked as a draughtsman for several years. Then he decided to see a bit of the world, and since then he has:

Spent two winter seasons working on Scottish ski slopes;
Driven across France in a Land-Rover and worked there as a professional photographer;
Travelled through parts of Europe;
Sailed a yacht in the Irish Sea; and
Helped to rebuild a ramshackle cottage in Pembrokeshire.

And that's not all. The last we heard, he was planning to spend the winter ski season working in Norway.

Mr McQuirk first developed a taste for travel in the winter of 1967 after a two-week climbing holiday in Scotland. "I returned to Blackburn and couldn't settle," he told the Lancashire Evening Telegraph in June.

Within a week he and a friend had bought a Land-Rover and left England. "We travelled all over France and ended up at Chamonix, where I worked for a while as a photographer."

Later, with another friend, Mr McQuirk set sail in a yacht from Milford Haven. It took them two days to sail to Holyhead, and then Force 7 gales and 15ft waves hit them.

"I don't think I have ever been so frightened," said Mr McQuirk. "I really believed the end had come."

When things had calmed down we set off for Preston, but the wind changed and we ended up in the Isle of Man. The TT races were on, so we stayed for them, then sailed back to Lytham."

Mr McQuirk has no immediate plans for a permanent job, but he hopes eventually to make a career in business management.

Insurance plan

Old Blackbumians with young children may be interested to hear of a scheme of insurance designed to meet the costs of private education.

The plan provides for capital benefits equal to the total fees payable to be invested in assurance policies in such a way as to secure maximum tax and investment advantages. The investment is made over a longer period than that for which fees are required, maximum benefits being gained when the scheme is offered as early as possible in the child's life. This also has the attraction of spreading the cost of education over a much longer period.

Fees are paid direct to the parent on request annually from the start of the fee-paying period. The plan is not tied to any particular school, and it does not guarantee a place at any school.

Under the plan the cost of school fees would be roughly halved, and even if the parent eventually decides not to educate his child privately he still has an excellent policy in hand.

The editor of MAGISTER would be glad to hear from any Old Blackbumians interested in such a scheme.

Useful tongue

There is a strong case for that method of teaching languages which requires the teacher to speak throughout each lesson in nothing but the language concerned. Certain common phrases thus become familiar to the pupils—"Close the door", "Open the window", "Pay attention", and, perhaps more so than most, "Shut up!", "Be quiet!", and "Silence!"

Like most lessons, it bears fruit in later life. One Old Black was staying not so long ago at a London hotel which had the misfortune to be invaded by a chattering tourist party of teenagers.

His French was not good, but he leaped from bed, flung open the door, and with an accent tuned to fine perfection by years of attentive tuition at Queen Elizabeth's, bellowed: "Taisez-vous, t'as pas assez plat! On ne peut pas dormir!"

The effect was dramatic. Silence. Instant, immediate silence.

Then, frightened and subdued, a hurried scuffling away into bedrooms and quiet closing of doors.

It is a mistake to see the benefits of classroom French solely in terms of examination credits; in this case it secured for one man a good night's sleep—pleasure not to be valued lightly!

London club

Facilities at the Public Schools Club in London are available to all members of the Old Blackbumians Association. The club is situated at 100 Piccadilly, W.1., and in addition to luncheon and dining facilities, overnight accommodation is available for members at very reasonable prices.

The clubrooms comprise a bar, smoking room, dining room, television and writing rooms, together with a ladies' annexe with a separate entrance in Whitehorse Street. There is an active club golfing society, and under reciprocal arrangements members may use the squash courts of the Naval and Military Club at 94 Piccadilly.

Full details, a club brochure, and forms of application for membership are available from the club.

The attention of school leavers is particularly drawn to the special junior membership, under which on reaching the age of 18 and within six months of leaving school, for a single payment of £7 7s benefits of full membership are covered for seven years.

Melbourne dinner

The dinner which the English Public Schools Association of Victoria was planning to hold last April had to be postponed and was eventually held on June 2. More than 120 members and guests attended, representing 51 schools.

'Newsletter' no more

Publication of the annual Old Blackbumians Newsletter has been discontinued. The Newsletter first appeared 14 years ago.
Assistant with Ribble in Kendal

Mr Eric Boyes, who attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1954 to 1961, was appointed assistant northern area superintendent of Ribble Motor Services Ltd. in May. He was previously assistant to the traffic manager of the Aldershot and District Traction Co. Ltd.

From Queen Elizabeth's Mr Boyes went to the University College of Wales at Aberystwyth, where he read history and graduated BA in 1965.

He then spent two years as a trainee with Southdown Motor Services Ltd., based in Brighton, and he joined the Aldershot company in 1967.

In his new post with Ribble, he is based in Kendal and helps to supervise Ribble depots in Carlisle, Penrith, Ambleside, Ulverston, Grange-over-Sands, Lancaster, Ingleton, and Morecambe, as well as in Kendal itself.

Mr Boyes is married and has a baby son. He is a graduate member of the Institute of Transport, and is keenly interested in old motor vehicles and travel.

Mr and Mrs Sharples have twin boys

Mrs Thelma Sharples, wife of Mr Ken Sharples (1944-51) gave birth on March 5 to twin boys, James (3lb 7oz) and Edward (3lb 14oz).

Mr and Mrs Sharples, who live at 36 Southlands Drive, Orpington, Kent, already have a daughter, Amanda, aged 5. Mr Sharples works for the Bank of England.

Two take charge of Liverpool branches of Midland Bank

Two old boys of Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School were promoted managers with the Midland Bank in Liverpool during the summer. In April Mr Rex Catterall Trickett (1939-43) was appointed manager of the Broad Green branch, and in June Mr Harry William Haworth (1935-40) became manager of the Prince's Road branch.

Mr Haworth joined the Midland Bank at Chorley in 1941 and later transferred to the King Street branch, Manchester. In 1945 he was appointed assistant manager at Shaw, and he later worked in a similar capacity at the Allerton Road branch, Liverpool. He was appointed accountant at Rhyll in 1966, and he has returned to Liverpool in his first managerial position.

Mr Haworth, who is married and has a son and a daughter, lives at 12 Delph Lane, Aughton, near Ormskirk. He plays golf and enjoys crown green bowling, and explains his interest in local motor vehicles.

Mr Trickett joined the Midland Bank at Clitheroe in 1944 and served in the Royal Navy from 1946 to 1948. He worked at the bank’s Blackburn and Bootle branches before being transferred in 1959 to the head office in London.

In 1961 he was appointed assistant accountant at the Chester branch and in 1964 accountant at the Crewe branch, where he remained for three years.

Accountant serves on institute’s council

Mr William Roland Slater, accountant of Blackburn Trustee Savings Bank, was elected in March to serve as North-western Area representative on the Council of the Savings Banks Institute.

Mr Slater attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1936 to 1940 and joined the staff of Blackburn Trustee Savings Bank as a clerk when he left School. He was manager of the Higher Eanam branch in Blackburn from 1953 to 1956 and of the Clitheroe branch from 1956 to 1960. He became the bank's accountant in 1960.

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Mrs Thelma Sharples, wife of Mr Ken Sharples (1944-51) gave birth on March 5 to twin boys, James (3lb 7oz) and Edward (3lb 14oz).

Mr and Mrs Sharples, who live at 36 Southlands Drive, Orpington, Kent, already have a daughter, Amanda, aged 5. Mr Sharples works for the Bank of England.

Two take charge of Liverpool branches of Midland Bank

Two old boys of Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School were promoted managers with the Midland Bank in Liverpool during the summer. In April Mr Rex Catterall Trickett (1939-43) was appointed manager of the Broad Green branch, and in June Mr Harry William Haworth (1935-40) became manager of the Prince's Road branch.

Mr Haworth joined the Midland Bank at Chorley in 1941 and later transferred to the King Street branch, Manchester. In 1945 he was appointed assistant manager at Shaw, and he later worked in a similar capacity at the Allerton Road branch, Liverpool. He was appointed accountant at Rhyll in 1966, and he has returned to Liverpool in his first managerial position.

Mr Haworth, who is married and has a son and a daughter, lives at 12 Delph Lane, Aughton, near Ormskirk. He plays golf and enjoys crown green bowling, and explains his interest in local motor vehicles.

Mr Trickett joined the Midland Bank at Clitheroe in 1944 and served in the Royal Navy from 1946 to 1948. He worked at the bank’s Blackburn and Bootle branches before being transferred in 1959 to the head office in London.

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The Old Blackburnians' Association Football Club has once again had a successful year on the field, by adding the first eleven name to the record books by retaining the championship of the Lancashire Amateur League North Section for the second year in succession.

The Old Blacks are fast getting a reputation in the LAL for producing cliff-hanger finishes in the league and the individual games.

The championship was in fact won by defeating Burnley Belvedere at Burnley 1-0 in the very last match of the season on the evening of May 5. While this may seem to be leaving matters a little late, the situation was even more tense than usual as Belvedere had an equal number of points to the Old Blacks and whichever side triumphed in the match triumphed in the league.

The game was keen and hard fought, with the Old Blacks containing the opposition in the first half when kicking up a slight slope. There was no score at half time but despite some legs which were tiring our team stuck to its task without faltering or panicking because of the lack of goals.

Fifteen minutes from time Shepherd (S), lurking quietly on the wing, collected the ball and burst through the Belvedere defence and hit a fine shot past the goalkeeper. The opposition began to wilt at this stage and the Old Blacks retained the lead until full time.

A great deal of the credit for this success can be attributed to Brian Hardcastle, the first eleven skipper. His approach to the game is full of enthusiasm and hard work which inspires his team and the other three teams in the club. Throughout the late summer and all the football season, Brian organises training sessions which prove invaluable to the club's success.

We start the season fitter, and the record of 13 goals scored in the first four matches last season entered for the FA Amateur Cup and the Lancashire Amateur Cup. Unfortunately the team did not pass the qualifying round in the former or the first round in the latter, although the club has a good cup record. The Lancashire Amateur Cup was won in seasons 1946-47 and 1949-50, and recent seasons have seen good runs in this competition.

The FA Amateur Cup is a different proposition, as there are one qualifying round and six preliminary rounds to negotiate before coming to the first round

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By KEITH SHARPLES

Keen training keeps Old Blacks in champion form
Films and dances, too

has donated a fine trophy which is presented to the winners. The trophy is known as the Tommy Whewell Trophy after the famous Old Blackburnian footballer who before the war rose to the heights when he captained the England Amateur XI. Tommy Whewell was extremely popular both on and off the field and it was a great loss when he lost his life during the war. The trophy, therefore, is a very suitable memorial.

The competition takes up the Saturday afternoon and evening prior to the league programme commencing and is played on a World Cup basis in that the winners of four small leagues go forward to a knock-out competition. The rules of play are identical to eleven-a-side, but the off-side rule is omitted. The result is crisp, exciting football. No team dares to give goals away and yet, as the winners will eventually have played 200 minutes' football, players must conserve as much energy as possible.

The winners since 1967 have been clubs near the top of Division 1, which indicates that the more skilful sides will eventually come out on top rather than the bash-and-brawn men. Old Boltonians won in 1967 and the Old Blacks in 1968. Southport Amateurs won in 1969, and on August 29 Old Boltonian won the trophy once again.

The Old Blacks have provided Lancashire Amateur League clubs with the opportunity of a pre-season get-together, and they have provided all those who are interested enough to come along with a superb football feast and an event started and finished in one day.

AGM, 1970

The annual general meeting of the club was held at Lammack on May 20, and was one of the most poorly attended in the club's history.

The chairman, Mr K. V. Newton, opened the meeting and heard the apologies from those unable to attend. The previous year's minutes were read and approved.

The chairman then presented his annual report, which embraced all the activities of the club. He said that he was particularly pleased with the first eleven having done so well. He went on to point out that the club at present was primarily a football club and that this must not be forgotten, but at the same time any other sporting activities would be welcomed and supported.

But if the sporting side of the club thrived, he said, he could not at present be too enthusiastic about the overall administration. Owing to the many changes in various departments of the club the well-oiled machinery of the past had been partially replaced by new and was gradually being run in, but he carried on to express his hopes for a bright future.

The club accounts were adopted and the finance committee, headed by the treasurer, Mr. Tain Newton, answered a variety of questions from the floor.

Despite the poor attendance there were plenty of nominations for committee places and the voters were made to put very careful thought before reaching any decisions.

The annual item of subscriptions came in for a good deal of questioning, but the outgoing and re-elected committee was able to persuade those present that an increase to £1 15s with a concession for early payment was justified.

Any other business produced some lively discussion covering subjects ranging from the regularity of committee members' attendances to fruit machine income and hiring out the clubroom.

SOCIAL

Football clubs cost money to run—much more money than the subscriptions bring in, and consequently many methods of raising funds are tried.

The dances which have been a regular feature at the club for some years provide excellent entertainment for members and their guests. The appeal of these dances is varied from time to time to please all tastes.

The massive barbecue, now a favourite annual event, was organised again this summer in a large marquee at Lammack. The music for dancing was supplied by a jazz band and a group. Amateur chefs kept up a non-stop supply of suitably barbecued food for the several hundred people in attendance and we believe vast amounts of liquid refreshments were consumed to keep the dancers cool.

In direct contrast to the barbecue, our new social secretary, Mr Bob Hornby, organised a very fine dance in August on a formal basis and with a restriction on the numbers attending. The music was more sedate and the food more delicate and not only was an enjoyable evening had by all but there have been many requests for more.

During the winter there will be a variety of dances and also a short series of films will be shown and several more plans are on the drawing board waiting to be announced.

In addition to the organised events which appear regularly the club is open at present on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, and also from 1.30 p.m. on Saturday.

CLUBROOM

On nights when the club is not open the room is available for hire to private parties.

The facilities available are the bar, a room, and use of the steward. There is a large kitchen from which a full-scale dinner or a buffet can be served. There is also a large, floodlit car park.

Details of hire rates and dates available may be obtained from the secretary.

THE MEN WHO RUN THE CLUB

The names of committee members very often mean little to those seeing them and to remedy this we are giving below the names of all the football club committee members and their functions.

W. K. Forbes (president). The founder of LAL Northern Section takes a keen and active interest in all club affairs.

K. V. Newton (chairman). A former first XI goalkeeper who keeps the committee in working order.

M. T. J. Bolton (vice-chairman and team secretary). One of the characters of the club, responsible for seeing that four full teams turn out each week.

D. J. Forbes (secretary). Responsible for general administration and football fixtures.

T. Cave (treasurer). Guardian of the cash; a former secretary.

N. K. Sharples (press secretary). Author of a monthly club news-sheet of doubtful literary merit and weekly press reports; a former treasurer and secretary.

P. Browne. Chairman of the bar committee.

T. Hornby. Chairman of the social committee.

G. J. Hebdon. Chairman of the ground committee.

J. D. Newton. Chairman of the development committee; a former treasurer.

R. Smith. Chairman of the membership committee.

E. Wilkinson. Chairman of the football committee; responsible for selection and training.

D. Cox. Chairman of the house committee; responsible for keeping the clubhouse in good working order.

B. Hardcastle (club captain). First XI football captain; responsible for training and football policy on the field.

P. T. Pearson. Working member of ground and house committees.

G. Shepherd. A newcomer threading his way through the maze; currently with the social committee.

P. Sloan. A cornerstone of the bar committee.

S. Tart. An enthusiastic worker with the social committee.
Mr Blackburn leaves Parliament

Mr Fred Blackburn retired from Parliament at the Dissolution in May after 19 years as MP for the Stalybridge and Hyde division of Cheshire.

Mr Blackburn, who is 68, was born at Mellor and attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1914 to 1920.

Dr Davies retires after 33 years' research with ICI

Dr Robert Ronald Davies, an associate research manager of Imperial Chemical Industries Dyestuffs Division, retired on March 13 after a total of more than 33 years' service with the company.

Dr Davies attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1927 to 1932 and was among the first pupils at the School of Dr Frank Tyler. "He greatly inspired me when he first came into the School," says Dr Davies.

Dr Davies originally intended to study medicine, but the cotton crisis of the late 1920s altered his domestic circumstances and in October 1929, he joined ICI Dyestuffs Division research department as a laboratory assistant.

In July 1936, after almost four years with ICI, he joined L. B. Holliday and Co. Ltd., aniline dye manufacturers, of Huddersfield. He remained with that firm until June 1939, when he became a chemist and manager with Arthol Ltd., perfume essence manufacturers, of Chester, where he spent just over a year.

Dr Davies rejoined ICI Dyestuffs Division in August 1940, as a technical officer in the research department at Huddersfield, and spent the next 11 years there on research projects.

He worked on acid and basic dyes, diverse novel intermediates, and azoics, and in his spare time he continued research with Dr H. H. Hodgson at Huddersfield Technical College. This work had already, in 1939, gained him an MSc, and in 1944 he was awarded his PhD. Both qualifications, like the BSc he had gained in 1937, were London University external degrees.

In 1951 Dr Davies transferred to the research department at Blackley, Manchester, as group leader in charge of research on azo dyes for cotton. Five years later he was promoted section leader of the azo colours speculative section.

During his time in the research department at Blackley, Dr Davies undertook work aimed at improving the Dyestuffs Division's technical status in the cellulose dyes field, and he was involved in the development of the Division's revolutionary "Procion" dyes, the world's first fibre-reactive dyes for cotton, which were introduced in 1956. Further advances in "Procion" dyes have since been made by his team, and they have also made major advances in dyes for synthetic fibres.

In 1962 Dr Davies became research manager in charge of research on dyestuffs, pigments, and colour photography. In November, 1966, he also assumed responsibility for the Division's experimental plant.

Dr Davies is now devoting part of his time to technical writing. Shortly before his retirement he took a course in typing, and he chose as his farewell gift from his colleagues a pocket tape recorder and transcription.

Although Dr Davies is now mainly interested in writing, he has many other interests—music, in 1944 he was chess, swimming ("in warm water"), colour photography, and archaeology. With his interest in archaeology comes something not generally associated with a scientist—a deep interest in history, particularly that of Greece and Crete.

Dr Davies and his wife, who live at 26 Allerton Hall Road South, Middleton, Manchester, have two children—a son who is a surgeon, and a married daughter.

The next Magister will appear in the spring. All contributions should reach the editor by March 1, 1971.
We are the Champions!

Not only -
But also

We start off the new-look front page on a winning note:

NOT ONLY did the Old Blacks' first eleven carry off the Lancashire Amateur League First Division title—for the third year in succession BUT ALSO clinched the aggregate trophy with the second eleven's magnificent effort; only missing the First Division Reserve title by one point, finishing third.

The club itself completed a successful year both on and off the field with credits to the players and officials and full reports of the Old Blacks' year can be found on page 11.

Pictured right are some of the lads keeping their eyes on the trophies they fought so hard to get: back row (left to right): B Hardcastle, with the Championship Trophy, K Hudson, K V Newton (chairman), E Wilkinson, with the Aggregate Trophy. Front: C Duerden and P Sumner.

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TOM SHARRATT RETIRES
AS MAGISTER EDITOR

Mr. Sharratt
Enthusiasm—Dedication

Mr Tom Sharratt (1949-56), has had to relinquish the Editorship of MAGISTER because of pressure of work. He has been appointed to a senior post as a sub-editor on the Guardian.

Mr Sharratt has done sterling work with MAGISTER from its inception and says he has made many friends during the past seven years.

If you still possess a copy of MAGISTER number six issued in January 1966, you may there see a tribute to Tom Sharratt when promotion first forced him to relinquish the Editorship of MAGISTER.

“We cannot praise too highly his enthusiasm, dedication to high standards and determination to make MAGISTER inject new life and growth into the Association.”

Now after returning to edit issues numbers 10 to 14, which showed even more markedly than before the qualities mentioned above, further promotion calls him away again. Everyone who has read and enjoyed MAGISTER is indebted to Tom, to an extent which they can hardly realise unless fully aware of the many, many hours which he has spent collecting, revising and presenting his news.

He did it because believes in MAGISTER, believes in the Association which it helps to hold together.

From the rest of us, once again to Tom, our sincere thanks.

F.B. H.K. W.H.P.

Mr. Duckworth

We welcome a new Editor to our 15th edition of "Magister" in Mr John Frederick Duckworth (1959-65), of Copy Nook, Blackburn.

Mr Duckworth has been a reporter with the Lancashire Evening Telegraph for the past four years after originally entering the world of advertising on leaving the Arts Sixth.

He took a Higher National Diploma course in business studies at Blackburn College of Technology and Design before joining the Telegraph's promotions department.

He transferred to the editorial department after six months and is now based at the Accrington branch office.

He has had some humorous poems published and he says as with most journalists, he is in the middle of writing a book.

The first secretary of the Sixth Form Club, he is now treasurer of the National Union of Journalists East Lancashire Branch.

A keen artist, he has had paintings in regional exhibitions and appeared in front of the footlights in Blackburn Arts Clubs' production last month.

An active interest in sport has had to take second place to reporting it but he says he is sometimes heard to "wheeze" around East Lancs Club's squash courts.

Mr Duckworth has introduced the new style magazine and hopes that Old Blacks will enjoy the more open layout.

He would like to express a "sincere thanks to Mr Harry King, Mr Fred Bury, Mr John Hargreaves and Mr Tom Sharratt for their generous help in contributing articles, pictures and advice towards editing the magazine".
Branching out

The newly formed Fylde branch of the Old Blackburnians Association got off the ground at a meeting at the Clifton Hotel, Blackpool in December when 25 names were put down to form the nucleus.

A committee was chosen by Mr Kenneth Charnley (1927-34), Mr Bob Battersby (1933-39), Mr Arthur Smith (1938-44), Mr Peter East (1934-42) and Mr Barry Ward (1952-55).

The new branch is the result of more than six months work by Mr Charnley who is anxious to obtain information about any old boys in the Fylde area.

If they are interested in joining the branch, their address and telephone number is 563 Devonshire Road, Bispham. Tel Blackpool 51252, and he will be happy to answer any inquiries.

A Serving Brother

Mr Derick G Lund, domestic bursar of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, received the insignia of a serving brother of the Order, at an investiture at the Grand Priory church of the Order in Clerkenwell, London, on April 7 this year. Mr Lund is honorary secretary of the Blackburn branch of the St John Ambulance.

The Lord Prior, Mr Lund has served in the St John Ambulance.

Order of St. John

Team Effort

The Old Blackburnian's Association annual golf competition is proving more popular every year as the highest entry so far of 37 showed with the game at Blackburn Golf Club on Thursday, June 3.

The competition in sunny but windy conditions provided some excellent golf in the circumstances with the added excitement of a close finish.

Mr David Hollen of Wilpshire won the Judge Walmsley Cup for the best net score of 70 playing off an eight handicap. Home player, Mr William Lewis returned one stroke behind with a round of 86-15-71 as runner up after a card play off with another Wilpshire man Mr Gordon Hodgson (85-14-71).

Mr Colin Oates won the Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup for the best gross score of 80 returning with 80-8-76. Mr Oates from Darwen beat Mr Mel Lee and Mr F Whittaker from Blackburn and Mr T A Martin from Wilpshire who all returned one stroke behind with 81.

Mr Stan Thompson pulled off the best shot of the day on his home ground against the wind with an 'ace' at the short ninth. Organisers never found out Mr Thompson's final score as his card with the hole-in-one was not returned.

Holder of the Judge Walmsley Cup, Mr Roger Smethurst, yet another Wilpshire player, tied with two others at fifth place with a creditable 88-15-73.

It was a difficult day with the wind playing havoc with good, solid, consistent golf produced worthy results borne out with close grouping in the final score sheet.

Mr Lund is seen receiving the insignia from Lord Caccia, the Order of St. John. Mr Lund has served in the St John Ambulance for 10 years and has held 200 first aid classes for more than 3,000 adults and children. See story of School first aiders on page 14.

Also "Honour for Mr. Lund" in the Last Issue of MAGISTER
Obituary

SIR ERNEST MARSDEN

Sir Ernest Marsden died at his home in New Zealand on December 15, 1970, aged 81. He was one of the most outstanding of the many distinguished men who have passed through Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and one of the most brilliant scientists of the twentieth century. The Times recalled that he had been described as linking the heroic age of atomic physics with the modern scientific development of New Zealand, and the New Zealand Herald that he was, in the words of Sir Charles Darwin, "the only living scientist who was present at and contributed to the birth of nuclear physics."

It was in 1909, when he was barely 20 and not yet graduated, that Marsden worked with Geiger and Rutherford in Manchester on the series of experiments concerned with the large-angle scattering of alpha particles; they had already studied how the particles were scattered as they passed through metal foil, and Geiger suggested to Rutherford that Marsden had shown such promise that he should be allowed to carry out his own research. Rutherford agreed at once, and this research disclosed that some alpha particles were deflected to such an extent that they did not pass through the foil but emerged from the side they entered, which required tremendous energy. Rutherford's deduction from this led to his theory of the nuclear structure of the atom.

Ernest Marsden was born on February 19, 1889, at Rishton. He attended the Wesleyan School there and then as a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's from 1901 to 1906. Even as a schoolboy in Rishton his work was outstanding and, later, he had a cellar at a house in William Holt Street, Blackburn, where he carried out experiments.

He matriculated at Manchester University in October, 1906, and read for an honours degree in physics. For some time he studied atmospheric physics, but changed to atomic physics when Rutherford came to Manchester in 1908. He took his BSc degree with first-class honours in 1909, and in the same year was appointed Hatfield Scholar in the university. In 1910 he became a lecturer in physics at London University, and he returned to Manchester in the following year as John Harling Fellow. In September, 1912, he was appointed research assistant in succession to Geiger for the next two years, and was awarded the DSc of Manchester.

In 1914 Marsden was appointed lecturer in physics at Sheffield University, but did not take up the post because he had been appointed professor of physics at Victoria University College, Wellington, New Zealand. He was 25, and thus travelled to the country which he was to make his own and to which he was to give such distinguished service as scientist, teacher, educationist, and administrator.

He was commissioned as a lieutenant in the New Zealand Territorial Force in the summer of 1915 and joined the New Zealand Expeditionary Force six months later. He embarked for Europe in June, 1916, and served in France and Flanders throughout the rest of the war. He was wounded in action, twice mentioned in despatches, and awarded the Military Cross. He returned to New Zealand in May, 1919, and resumed his position at Victoria University College.

From 1922 to 1926 he was assistant director of education for New Zealand. During this period he served on several Government bodies and was secretary of a Royal Commission on university education in New Zealand.

In 1926 he was appointed the first secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. It was a post which he held for 21 years and which he made most fruitful, forming by his energetic work a link between academic science and its practical applications in industry, particularly these primary industries—dairy farming, wool, meat, and cereals—so important to New Zealand's economy. He was appointed CBE in 1935.

In 1939 his attention turned to matters of defence, and he was primarily concerned with the application of science to military matters throughout the Second World War. As scientific adviser to the New Zealand Fighting Forces, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, he was director of defence scientific development and chairman of the defence science advisory committee. He was appointed CMG in 1946, and in the same year he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society and received an honorary DSc at Oxford. In 1947 he was president of the Royal Society of New Zealand and was awarded the United States Medal of Freedom, with palms.

In 1947, too, his service as secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research came to an end with his appointment as the department's permanent representative in London and he took up his new post in the autumn of that year. Marsden visited countries in Europe and the Commonwealth for talks and conferences. He retired from public service in August, 1954.

Throughout the rest of his life he served on Government committees in New Zealand and travelled to many countries to lecture and advise. He was knighted in 1958.

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The Headmaster and Mr Harry King represented the School at the funeral of Mr John Johnson, known to many hundreds of boys as "Mr J".

Below Mr King writes about Mr Johnson:

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Mr. 'J'
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"a smile and a friendly word"

It is with a sense of deep personal loss that I pen this obituary of Mr John Johnson, the school's senior laboratory steward who died on October 1, 1970. He was taken ill in school a few days earlier and rushed to Queen's Park Hospital where he died. He was cremated at Pleasington on October 7. He was 63.

Mr. "J" to the boys and "Johnny" to his colleagues on the staff, Mr Johnson was appointed laboratory steward in 1955. A Londoner, he came North as a young man and learned his craft at Stonyhurst and the Harris College before coming to QEGS laboratory steward in 1955. A staff member, Mr Johnson was appointed "Johnny" to his colleagues on the staff and boys and his manipulative skill as a practical chemist and his wide knowledge of chemistry were admired and respected by all. He knew countless "tricks of the trade" and it was with great delight and evident enthusiasm that he shared his knowledge and skill with the boys. Many members of the sixth form down the years have cause to thank Mr Johnson for the individual help and advice he readily offered them.

During his service at QEGS Mr Johnson saw the erection of the Holden Laboratories and the new Biology Laboratories in Ormerod House, the consequent expansion of laboratory provision from four very inadequate laboratories to eight fully equipped modern laboratories with ancillary workshops and preparation rooms, and the expansion of the laboratory staff from one to three.

Mr Johnson treasured his small personal library and was particularly proud of some of his 19th century chemistry books which he often showed to the boys who treated them with suitable awe and reverence. Evidently, Mr Johnson was well-known for his extensive knowledge of chemistry, and his ability to make even the most complicated concepts understandable. His professional skills were highly regarded, and he was also known for his friendly and approachable personality.
Mr Fred Mason, headmaster of Audley County Primary School, Blackburn collapsed and died at his school in February. He was aged 50.

Mr Mason had been headmaster at the school since 1959 having moved from Lammack Junior School where he had been deputy head for three years.

A married man with two daughters he lived in Woodlands Avenue, Cherry Tree and had been deputy head for three years.

Mr Mason who was at School from 1932-37 had also served on No 6 District committee of the Northern Counties Athletics Association and on the North East Lancashire Track League committee.

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He joined Blackburn Civic Society shortly after its formation in 1966 and was elected to the committee in March, 1968.

Mr Collison lived at Higher Ravenswing, Revidge Road, Blackburn. He leaves a widow, a son, and a daughter. Cremation took place at Pleasington on September 29.

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We also regret to record the death of
Harry Baylie (1918-21 on April 3, 1971, aged 66
Robert McCarty (1921-26) on January 17, 1971 aged 61.

BOOK TIME
Mr John Harvey Bolton (1948-56) has written a book, "Flexible Working Hours", based on a German system. He is a management consultant in London.

BBC NEWS
Mr Tom Naisby (1921-28) opened BBC Radio Blackburn on January 26. Another Old Blackburnian, Mr Stuart Whaley (1959-65), is an assistant on the station's staff.

TEACHER
William Sanderson Davis (1957-65) has been appointed an assistant teacher with Sheffield Education Department.

FOLK FILM
Mr Russell Harty (1946-54) returned to Blackburn in April to film an American folk group, George Hamilton IV, at the Easter fair. The film will be shown in the independent television programme, "Aquarius", of which Mr Harty is associate producer.

YORKSHIRE DINNER
Nineteen members of the Old Blackburnians' Association attended the annual dinner of the Yorkshire branch on October 23.

Those present were:
Mr A E Bird (1961-65); Mr F Bury (second master); Mr J Chadwick (1945-50); Mr J J Duxbury (1961-70); Mr R Hunter (bursar); Mr H King (staff); Mr R H Mayo (1939-45); Mr A D Phillips (staff 1969-70); Mr W H Proctor (staff); Mr W M N Proctor (1961-70); Mr J Reeves (1965-70); Mr C Riley (1937-40); Mr T E Sharrett (1949-56); Mr D W Shaw (staff); Mr G M Shuttleworth (1938-45); Mr E West (1933-39); and Mr G K Whitehead (1960-69).

Captain at Ministry of Defence
Commander Colin McKeand Little, AFC, RN, has been selected for promotion to captain and will take up a post with the Royal Navy director-general of aircraft at the Ministry of Defence early in July. He is at present stationed at the Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton, Somerset.

He joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve as a midshipman in March, 1944, and was commissioned in the engineering branch in the following September. He transferred to a permanent commission in the Royal Navy early in 1946, and during the next eight years he specialised in aeronautical engineering, eventually qualifying as an Empire test pilot at Farnborough in 1952. He was promoted lieutenant commander in 1954 while serving in the Naval Test Squadron at Boscombe Down, and was awarded the Air Force Cross in 1957 for work associated with naval aircraft development.

Herries
Shortly afterwards he was posted to the Royal Naval Air Station at Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire, where he had served previously, and he remained there until the beginning of 1960, when he was transferred for the first time to Yeovilton as the engineer officer of a Sea Vixen squadron, which embarked in the aircraft carrier, HMS Hermes, 28,700 tons, and his promotion to commander came in June, 1961.

He returned to London in October, 1962, on the staff of the Ministry of Aviation, and subsequently served in the Far East in the aircraft carrier, HMS Ark Royal, 50,786 tons, from September, 1965, to November, 1966, when he was ordered to the United States for duty with the Phantom aircraft development programme on the British Defence Staff in Washington. He returned to Britain in September, 1969, to take up his present position at Yeovilton.

His spare-time activities are largely absorbed by a lifelong ambition—learning to play golf.
The forty-second annual general meeting of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held at the Old Blackburnians' AFC's clubhouse at Lammack on Wednesday, November 25, 1970. Nineteen members were present, and Mr. W. E. T. Walsh, chairman, presided.

Mr. David Forbes, secretary, presented the apologies of those unable to attend and read the minutes of the previous annual meeting.

Reports were made on the various events organised by the association during the year. Mr. Forbes said that the 1969 dinner had made a profit of £15 18s. 3d.

Presenting the accounts (see below), Mr Fred Bury, treasurer, said that after eight years of profit, the association had made a loss; it came to £37 1s 11d. He reserved further comment until later in the meeting. The accounts were accepted unanimously.

Mr P. T. Pearson, chairman of the social sub-committee, reported that the dance at Samlesbury Hall on May 22 had made a loss. There was very little enthusiasm for the event, he said, and it had been very difficult to sell tickets. "Socially it was a success, but it's difficult to get people there."

Mr Keith Newton, for the football club, said that most of what he had to report had already appeared in MAGISTER; he added a few comments to bring members up to date. All Old Blackburnians, he said, were welcome to attend the football club's games and social activities.

Mr Walsh commented on the circular issued frequently by the association and complimented its editor: the circular was much appreciated both for its information and its humour, he said.

Golf

Mr Forbes reported on the golf competition and said that he had taken over organisation from Mr Ken Forbes, who had been the organiser since 1931. Mr Walsh extended the association's sincere gratitude to Mr Ken Forbes for all his work in organising the golf competition for almost 40 years.

Mr David Forbes reported that a successful and enjoyable supper evening for school-leavers had been held at the clubhouse.

Mr Tom Sharratt, said that two issues had appeared during the year and had been well received, but he found it disappointing that the magazine was apparently unable to win new subscribers. Mr Walsh and Mr Donald Forbes thanked Mr Sharratt for his efforts.

Mr Donald Forbes, vice-chairman, succeeded Mr Walsh as chairman, and Mr Bury was elected vice-chairman in addition to his post as treasurer. All other officers were re-elected.

The existing committee members were re-elected en bloc, and Mr Walsh and Mr Raymond B. Smith (1948-54) were co-opted.

A major discussion then took place on subscriptions. Mr Bury said that in 1924 the annual subscription was 5s.; in 1970, since most people paid £1 for three years, it stood at 6s. 8d., although it was officially 7s. 6d.

The annual cost of MAGISTER was approaching £300, and was constantly rising. Postal charges had also risen and were expected to rise even more early in the new year. He said: "On present subscriptions, we cannot send out MAGISTER's of the quality now produced. It just can't be done."

Mr Donald Forbes thanked Mr Walsh for his work during his term of office. Mr Walsh said he had enjoyed his two years as chairman very much and thanked members for their support.

OFFICERS, 1970-71

President: Sir Harold Derbyshire; vice-president: Mr E. Towle; chairman: Mr J. D. Forbes; vice-chairman and treasurer: Mr F. Bury; secretary: Mr D. I. Forbes; auditors: Mr W. Hare, Mr K. H. Marsden.

Committee: Mr B. Brown, Mr H. Burrows, Mr D. Coulson, Dr P. L. S. Dixon, Mr N. G. Forbes, Mr J. Hindle, Mr E. G. Hunt, Mr N. Jepson, Mr P. J. Jones, Mr H. King, Mr E. C. Marsden, Mr K. V. Newton, Mr R. T. Pearson, Mr W. H. Proctor, Mr J. S. Read, Dr T. Riley, Mr F. J. Sagar, Mr P. J. Sharratt, Mr R. Smethurst, Mr R. Smith, Mr W. E. T. Walsh, Mr J. Warner, Mr R. W. Wallis.

THE SANDS OF TIME

In the first issue of "The Blackburnian", Dember 1919, there was a short article by J B Walmley, the Honorary Secretary, reviewing the fortunes of Blackburn Grammar School Old Boy's Association from its founding on August 2, 1905, through the difficult years 1914-18 to the date of his writing. The final paragraph read:

"Old Boys wishing to become members of the Association may send in their name and subscription to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr J Morton, Lloyd's Bank. Subscription, yearly 5s; Life Membership, £3 3s."

Half a century later, in Magister No 14, Old Boys of the same school were being asked to join their Association for £1 for 3 years, 6s 8d per year, apparently an increase of 40%—until you consider what 5s in 1919 would be worth today.

Inflation

In the years following the Second World War, a period in which the buying power of the £ was halved, the Association still resisted inflation, keeping its subscription steady (actually lowering the rate from 7s 6d to those who accepted the 3-yearly £1

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### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31st, 1970

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

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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 31st July, 1970.

(Signed) WILLIAM HARE, F.C.A.
KENNETH H. MARSDEN, F.C.A.

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Fred Bury  
Hon. Treasurer

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The Association offers continued support, in various ways, to the school. The most notable are the Football Club, and the Life Membership Fund. The Football Club is a major source of funding for the school, while the Life Membership Fund has been a significant provider of income for many years.

### Unanimity

At the AGM there was remarkable unanimity, it is to be hoped that the other 1,200 members will respond in similar fashion, namely to regard this offer and doubling its membership at the same time. It did so by leaning heavily on a few willing workers and on the School itself, but eventually escalating costs of printing and distribution won and the AGM of 1970 accepted that an increase of subscription was necessary.

Each Old Boy at that meeting had to ask himself the question "Why am I a member of the Association, what do I expect from it?" and each Old Boy who reads this copy of Magister will have to do likewise.

### Majority

For those who live in and around Blackburn the Old Blacks Football Club provides splendid facilities for meeting former colleagues, but the school spreads talent, proudly so, to every corner of the land and for the majority Magister is the link. The new subscription of £1 per annum was a massive vote of confidence in Magister, a subscription large enough to maintain the present quality in a twice-yearly issue.

The new subscription, £1 per annum, applies to all payments due on or after August 1, 1971 (3-year subscriptions already taken out up to 1972 or 1973 are not affected). In particular, I appeal to all who pay by Bankers Order on August 1 each year to complete and despatch the forms which appear later in this issue. Naturally, it is to be hoped that you will each consider the increase to be reasonable and acceptable but if you think otherwise please do not just drop out, at least write and give your point of view, it is valuable.

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The Association is meaningful in that it enables those who have a lasting appreciation of their years at school to continue to support the school in some small way and also in that it enables them to maintain links with and to follow the fortunes of those colleagues who shared the wind and rain of Lammack, the awe of life of the classroom.

### Profit

With effect from the committee meeting on January 12, Life Membership became £15. Invested at present rates with the interest subject to Corporation Tax, this is in keeping with the annual subscription. It may seem a lot but a young man joining at the age of 25 may expect to enjoy many years of profit.

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Cheques or postal orders should be crossed, made payable to "Old Blackburnians' Association," and sent to the Treasurer, Mr. F. Bury, 67 Queen's Road, Blackburn.

SEND THIS FORM TO YOUR BANK

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Date: 19

Please pay now, on receipt of this order, the sum of £ and on August 1st annually hereafter, until countermanded in writing by me, to Lloyds Bank Ltd., Blackburn branch, the sum of £1 being the amount of my annual subscription to the Old Blackburnians' Association.

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Period at School.........................to..........................
For the third year in succession the first XI have won the Lancashire Amateur League North Section division one championship—again beating their old rivals, Burnley Belvedere by the odd point.

The decisive match was in fact their second last when they played Belvedere at Lammack. A large crowd watched the match which was drawn 1-1.

This put the first XI in a fairly comfortable position. A draw in their final match against Preston GSOB would have been sufficient to clinch the title since they had a better goal average than Belvedere. However, as expected they won the last match to make sure of the championship.

Not quite as "cliff hanging" as last season when the championship was decided on the last match of the season against Belvedere, but even so—exciting enough!

**Enthusiasm**

Much of the credit for the first XI success must again lie with the club captain, Brian Hardcastle, who puts everything into the game and consequently injects enthusiasm into the rest of the team.

Brian also organises the weekly training sessions in the School gymnasium, and really puts the players through their paces. As a result we are quite often a lot fitter than our opposition.

Let us not, however, take credit away from the rest of the team who have all contributed to the success. The most regular players for the first XI this year have been: C Duerden, D Partridge, T McNamie, R Haworth, C Gregson, S Tart, R Horrocks, K Hudson, A Upton, B Hardcastle, A Pemberton, J Lawson, P Sumner.

Brian Hardcastle represented the Lancashire Amateur League full XI and the North Section XI and has been chosen as reserve for the Lancashire FA XI. Hudson and Gregson have also represented the North Section XI.

The first division championship was not the club's only success for the second XI also did well and were unlucky to miss winning the Division One Reserve championship by only one point.

Their valiant attempt was not in vain as the club was awarded the Aggregate trophy for the best combined performance by first and second elevens.

**Improved**

The second XI have really improved over last season's middle-of-the-table position and their goal average is much better than many other teams in their league.

Former first team skipper Eddie Walton regained his fitness after a couple of years off the football field to lead the seconds and their success must be partly credited to him. Leading scorer Colin Marlor sharing the honours with 30 goals.

The most regular players were: Jenkinson, Mallock, Masters, Stevenson, Walton, Hindle, Hebdon, Marlor, Shepherd, Riley, Haydock, Jones and Tattersall.

Success eluded both teams by small margins in the League challenge cups with the seconds reaching their final while the firsts were put out in the semi-final.

**Following**

The seconds, supported by a large faithful following, met South section side, Old Glossop at Lammack ground on a wet and windy night and lost by the only goal although the Old Blacks seemed to have the upper hand.

The firsts lost by the only goal to Old Boltonians in the semi-final after reaching the stage with comparative ease.

The seconds had a short run in the FA amateur cup but had to go a long way to do it. The first venue was Cleaton Moor in Cumberland where the result was 4-4 draw, but when the Blues got the Cumberland lads on their own ground they managed to win by the odd goal in five.

On to the second round where the "globe trotting" "Blacks" travelled to Scotland just over the border to meet Annan Athletic. The strain of travelling on Saturday took its toll and the Old Blacks were defeated 2-1. The result did not dampen the Blackburn lads' spirit and a choir of varying talent supplied robust entertainment during the return trip.

A strong Anchor Cables side stopped the Old Black's run in the Lancashire amateur cup by 2-1 in the first round proper after the lads had put paid to Old Standians 3-1 in the preliminary round.

The third and fourth elevens did not live up to the senior teams' records, both finishing just under half way in their respective divisions, however they rarely had the same teams two weeks on the run because of illness and other unavoidable occurrences.

Never-the-less both teams are important to the club, consisting of many fine and sociable individuals who always support club activities if they do not transcend the footballing heights.

Highlight of the season was the annual game against a Blackburn Combination XI on Boxing Day when the visitors to Lammack proved too strong this year winning 3-2. The potatoe pie lunch went down very well however after the match followed by the usual bevy.

**Old Blacks Sevens**

Old Boltonians won the Tommy Whewell trophy for the second time in an annual event which has become firmly fixed in the league calendar, for a start of the season afternoon at Lammack.

This year's competition has been arranged for Saturday, August 28.
A good year

"WE MUST STAND FIRM
FOR EXCELLENCE"

headmaster

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School must maintain high standards and must stand firm against the forces of disruption, Mr Douglas Coulson, headmaster, said in his speech at the annual dinner of the Old Blackburnians' Association on December 19.

Speaking to more than 160 Old Blackburnians and their guests in Big School, he said:

"Much of the hope for the future of education and, indeed, of the country as a whole must lie in the general preservation of the standards that schools such as ours have stood for over four hundred years.

Good Life

"And these standards are truth and tradition, wisdom and freedom, sympathy and imagination, compassion and discipline. These are all parts of what you and I know to be the good life that we ourselves have been privileged to know, and that we desire equally for our children and for the boys and girls in our schools.

But rapid and violent changes are taking place in contemporary society. I am for the generation like yourselves, that sat down to its books and tried to understand them; university education was, for me as I'm sure it was for many of you, a privilege.

"Now, in many of our universities, books and study and all the disciplines of hard work seem to be rather old hat to an increasing number of undergraduates.

Mr Coulson went on: "When I was young, all the important people were middle-aged. Now that I am middle-aged, all the important people are young—or pretending to be.

Youth is everything, we are told; experience counts for little; tradition, perhaps, for even less; and many of the trusted values of our generation—hard work, self-discipline, honesty, and basic morality—count with many for almost nothing at all."

"Doing your own thing', in your own way, and often regardless of the possible damage to self and society is all that matters, whether 'your own thing' is sex, drugs, obscenity, violence, or whatever.

"I am, of course, among those who value the freedom of the individual highly, whether the individual be young or old. Liberation from humbug, for instance, seems to me to be an admirable thing.

"But I must say that many of the objectives, many of the so-called 'freedoms' of the more militant young, much of the permissiveness of present-day life, seem to be pretty trivial, now that they have been achieved, when they are compared with the standards that I mentioned earlier.

"I see it as the School's task for the future to stand firm for the idea of 'the pursuit of excellence'. In the widest interpretation of that phrase, and in the face of the increasing forces of disruption and disintegration that are visibly at work in society, so that the School, though changing to meet changing circumstances, may continue to offer, as it does today and as it has offered in the past, the best education possible to its boys."

Earlier, reviewing the past school year, Mr Coulson said: "In work, perhaps the high point was the sending up to Oxford of 11 Old Blackburnians this October, five of them with major open awards—a record number not achieved since at least the early thirties, if then.

Scholarships

"We have again had the major share of the Peel Foundation scholarships this year, and as this is an old boys' dinner, you would like to know, I am sure, that Messrs. Aspin, Bradburne Livesey, and Whittle were all awarded their PhDs in the summer; that five of our boys gained firsts at Oxford and Cambridge; that Peter Mitchell was awarded his blue at Oxford for cross-country a fortnight ago; and that we have now have four boys who are senior dons at Cambridge—Dr Grundy at Trinity Hall, Dr Johnson at St John's, Dr Miller at Trinity, and Dr Wilde at Downing.

Some: 48 boys went to university and polytechnics at the end of the summer term, said Mr Coulson, and 11 others to colleges..."
for the school

Some of those who attended the dinner were; Front, (from left to right): Mr Noel Stokes, Mr William Hare, Alderman Albert Lord (Mayor of Blackburn), Mr J D Forbes, Judge P Ingress Bell and the Headmaster Mr Douglas Coulson. Back: Mr Tom Sharratt, Mr David Forbes, Mr Fred Bury, Mr Geoffrey Mayall, Mr Denis Brearly, Mr Ken Fish and Mr Harry King.

Tops in Sports Field

of education and other further education establishments. The total number of boys at Queen Elizabeth's, including Horncliffe, was now 910, of whom 204 were in the sixth form.

"And when our young men go on to university," he continued, "you would be perhaps surprised at the variety of subjects which they now study.

"In addition to the traditional academic subjects, we now have Old Blackburnians reading for degrees in management sciences, archaeology, food technology, business studies, industrial chemistry, and cybernetics. So far we have no pure sociologists—if that is not a contradiction in terms."

"In games, too, we have fared well. We had an outstanding cricket season. Our School teams played a total of 37 matches and lost only two.

"In fencing the School first team remained un-defeated and one of its members was placed third in the English Public Schools Tournament and represented Lancashire in the national championships.

"In gymnastics the School team won the North-west schools championships, and two of our boys represented the North-west in the national championships.

"And of course we have now our splendid new assembly and games hall, officially opened by Mr Hare on April 10. This is a really magnificent addition to the School's facilities.

Mr Coulson was replying to the toast to "The School", proposed by Mr Tom Sharratt. The loyal toast was proposed by the chairman, Mr Donald Forbes, who presided, and the toast to "Our Guests" by Mr Denis Brearley. The chief guest, Judge Ingress Bell, responded.

Grace was said by the Rev Rex Maudsley, and the toastmaster was Derick Lund.

Following the custom of recent years the chairman took wine with those present according to the decade in which they left School. Mr Harry King called out the decades, and the years rolled back as far as 1911-20, to which three responded: Lord Woolley (1915-17, his brother, Mr W E Woolley (1912-15), and Mr R E Ainsworth (1908-11), the oldest old boy present.

The menu was: hors d'oeuvre; cream of asparagus soup; fillet of sole with shrimp sauce; roast turkey, sausage, French beans, carrots, baked and creamed potatoes, bread sauce; sherry trifle, cheese and biscuits and coffee.

Headmaster asks for "local agents"

As you know, members of the Governing Body, the Headmaster and some members of the staff make a special point of attending the dinners and functions of the Old Blackburnians in various parts of the country throughout the year. We, in Blackburn, not only enjoy this fellowship with Old Blackburnians, but think it important to keep such fellowship alive and flourishing by being present at such occasions whenever possible. Two facts have emerged recently which have prompted this letter to you. In the first place, the pressure of events and affairs here in Blackburn make all our diaries increasingly fuller for further ahead than in the past, and secondly, one or two under-graduate secretaries have made their arrangements for their dinners at such short notice that, in some cases, we have regretfully been unable to accept their invitation to be present.

Event

The Committee of the Old Blackburnians' Association wonder whether anyone would consider acting as our "local agent" for whatever annual Old Blackburnian occasion is organised in their locality. We all feel that, if you could accept this invitation, we could thus ensure

(a) that dinners etc., are arranged and notified to us sufficiently far in advance for us to be able to fit them into our time-table at this end and

(b) that the arrangements for the dinner etc., would at least have the guiding hand of someone with more experience in such matters than the normal under-graduate has had time to acquire.

We would not, of course, expect you to make all the detailed arrangements for such dinners etc., but we would hope that you might be willing to call the initial meeting of local Old Blackburnians and keep a friendly and fatherly eye on such things as sending out invitations, the place, date and time and the choice of speakers. We all feel very strongly that if such arrangements could be introduced throughout the local branches, it would improve the administration and, indeed, the fellowship of this important side of the Old Blackburnians' Association activities.

signed Douglas Coulson

Headmaster
Thirty eight members of staff received first aid certificates following one of Mr Lund's annual courses. Mr Lund has now been training the staff in initial first aid for five years.

The Headmaster presented first aid certificates to members of the staff in the School's new assembly hall on May 25.

The School bursar, Mr Derek Lund, secretary of Blackburn St John ambulance, had trained the staff in a short course and they were examined by Mrs P Lund, assistant secretary.

Mr D J Coulson presented initial first aid certificates to Messrs; A Brown, M Carrington, S Cooke, J Grogan, M Holgate, J Howarth, K Hudson, M Ingham, A Jackson, J Read, D Rhodes, W Stansfield, J Walsh and Mrs P Shaw.

Messrs; P Carmont, B Hardcastle, C Howarth, D Holt, P Iddon, E Kay, J Mead, E Metcalf, J Monk, S Monk, F Raby and T Watson received initial first aid re-examination certificates.

Mr William H Bancroft (1943-50) became chairman of Blackburn Rovers in January in succession to Mr Arthur L Fryars (1920-25). Mr Bancroft, a director of Bancroft Shuttles and Bobbins Ltd., has been a member of the Rovers' board since April 1966.

Mr David Dunn (1958-65) is harpist with the London Festival Ballet orchestra. As reported in the last issue of "Magister", Mr Graham Bond (1959-65) is the orchestra's assistant conductor.

Mr Gordon Henry (1947-53) was appointed voluntary services officer to the Blackburn group of hospitals in the autumn. He was previously senior welfare officer of the Institute for the Deaf, Blackburn.

Mr John C Aspden (1920-27) is retiring at the end of April after 27 years as chief education officer of Eastbourne.

Mr Tom Crehan, formerly senior English master at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, was elected chairman of Bradford Community Relations Council in March. He is headmaster of Huddersfield New College.

Mr Crehan taught at Queen Elizabeth's from 1952 to 1959, when he was appointed headmaster of Belle Vue Boys' Grammar School, Bradford. He moved to Huddersfield New College in 1968.

Dr Keith Miller (1943-48) took part in an expedition to the Alps of east Greenland during the summer and gave an illustrated talk on his adventures in Blackburn on January 8. Dr Miller is a fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.
A MOVE TO COLOUR

Mr George Seddon (1920-29), features editor of the Observer, was appointed features editor of the Observer Colour Magazine in February. He is the originator of the newspaper’s “Briefing”, “Hers”, and “Ego” features.

From 1933 to 1959 Mr Seddon worked, on and off, for the Guardian, and during this period he also spent 10 years as a farmer. He joined the Observer in 1959 and has twice been features editor.

Ladies Evening at York

The annual Ladies evening was held at the Ainsty Hotel, York on Friday, May 7, 1971 when more than 30 old boys and their ladies from Harrogate, Hull, Leeds, Middlesborough and Manchester attended.

The Blackburn contingent comprised the Headmaster, Mr D J Coulson and Mrs Coulson; Mr and Mrs H King; Mr and Mrs R Hunter and Mr P Bury.

Mr G M Shuttleworth proposed the loyal toast and the Headmaster briefly expressed the thanks of the company to Mr Shuttleworth and his York colleagues for a most enjoyable evening. He was supported by Mr E West who added his tribute to the sterling work Mr Shuttleworth put into the Yorkshire Branch.

Fair for new tables

The Christmas fair held at Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School, on November 20 was attended by more than a thousand people and raised £714 towards the cost of new dining furniture for Big School.

“The turn-out was beyond our wildest dreams,” said Mrs Betty Coulson, “as was the response to our appeal for stock for the stalls.”

Mr Shuttleworth, who heads the organising committee, added: “I know many old boys sent us gifts, and I should like to thank them all for their generosity and help.”

Rector Retires

The Rev Haydn Greenwood Dewey (1916-23), rector of Rufford, is retiring this month. Mr and Mrs Dewey are going to live at Settle.

Barrister

Mr Reginald Robert Rhoda (1946-51) has gained an MA degree in local government at the University of Kent at Canterbury.

Mr Eastham, a former English master at Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School collected research material for his thesis on “The Irish City and County Manager” while attached to the Dublin and Cork City councils last year.

Mr Eastham, who started work in the Borough Treasurer’s department at Blackburn, is now lecturing in public finance and public administration at Oxford Polytechnic.

Ph.D. in Materials

Mr Ian Whittle (1953-60) has gained a PhD degree in materials science at Bath University.

Demyship

Mr C G Edmundson, A.R.C.O. (1962-69) has been elected to a Demyship in Music at Magdalen College, Oxford. He was awarded a Rotary International Scholarship for advanced music study in the Netherlands last summer.

TEA BREAK . . .

Mr E Ira Brown (1930-36) returned to Britain in October after 30 years in India to take up a new appointment as secretary of the London Jute Association with the London Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Brown, son of the late Rev W Ira Brown, vicar of Rishton, went to India in 1940 after leaving Queen Elizabeth’s. He spent three years in the Indian Army, reaching the rank of captain, and four years in the Indian Civil Service. He then joined the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and worked as secretary of the Indian Tea Association. He has lived in Calcutta for the past 23 years.
A Tale of the Seven Seas and Sands of Time

More Old Boys' than ever before will be reading this Magazine—Your magazine, "Magister"—this year as the bonds of friendship spread far away from the classroom and sportsfield.

Former pupils of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar, spanning 70 years of the School's evolution from the beginning of the century, are spread all over the World.

They represent almost every profession and trade on Earth and are linked together through the 400 year old School in West Park Road. "Magister" has been helping to keep former scholars in touch with each other for seven years.

This is your Magazine, your idea. It has grown with your help and we hope it will continue to keep you informed of events at the school, future reunions and news of your former friends.

With every age there is change and as "Magister" enters its eighth year you will notice it too has altered its appearance.

Larger type, a bolder look but still keeping abreast and up to date with news of former pupils. We have kept back this issue to include the Headmaster's address.

Talking of addresses we should have a complete list of members in the Old Blackburnians' Association in a future issue of the Magazine. As you will understand the compilation of such a massive tome takes some preparing and as members are constantly moving all over the place, we are taking great pains to make sure that the information, when published, is right up to date.

You can help us make sure that we have your correct address by writing to let us know of your new residence if you have moved in the past year.

Don't forget also that we are interested in any changes, promotion, a new job, responsibility, posting or status. Have you married since the last "Magister", retired or won the pools? Anything you have to tell us of interest should see it in "Magister". Our treasurer would find the latter news of particular interest.

The metamorphosis of Magister from a newspaper style to magazine is an experiment in easier reading with what we think is a new bright look and we welcome your views on the new style edition.

Not all changes are voluntary, however, in these days of higher economic squeezes and unfortunately the wind of change has blown up our costs.

We have been attempting to stem the tide in Canute style for some time now but with the seas of rising costs lapping around our ears, we are asking you to throw out a life buoy in the form of increased membership charges.

Our treasurer, Mr Fred Bury has worked with mathematical dexterity to keep our heads above the water but money has the peculiarity of sand in an hour glass and short of printing it ourselves.

Balance sheet and treasurer's tale of the Sands of Time are on page 9, with an important notice for payment by Banker's Order.

SPEECH DAY GUEST

Mr Henry L Schollick of Oxford returned to the School to present speech day prizes on May 13.

Mr Schollick, who was at the School from 1918 to 1925, left as head boy to read politics, philosophy and economics as a Neale exhibitioner at Oriel College, Oxford.

He gained his BA in 1928 and his MA in 1932.

Mr Schollick, a director of Blackwell's, Oxford publishers and a director of several other publishing and book selling companies as well as chairman of Book Tokens Ltd for 25 years, was awarded the OBE in June 1969 for his services to export.

BUT FOR WHOM . . .

Magister wishes to thank the Editor of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph for his kind permission to use Telegraph pictures in this issue.

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“Siege” is unusually well written packed with political insights lightened by much good humour and a genial display of eccentric acting by Alistair Sim. “Siege” should have something of a run.

Herbert Kretzmer (Daily Express)

“Siege”, written by former QEGS head boy David Ambrose and performed by doyen actors Alistair Sim and Stanley Holloway with Michael Bryant, did have “something of a run” lasting 12 days. David Ambrose told John Duckworth the reasons for the failure, his varied and interesting life since leaving School and plans for the future. See page 9.

Lord Rhodes, guest speaker at the Old Blackburnian’s annual dinner held at the School on December 18, has been made a Knight of the Garter.

Lord Rhodes certainly gave some bite to the dinner with his seasoning of stories and humorous anecdotes and he will always be remembered as the first speaker ever to be asked for an encore.

An account of the headmaster’s speech at the dinner and what Lord Rhodes said to merit almost a four minute ovation can be found on page 18.

DAMES for your Diary of the Old Blacks Golf Match and Branch dinner on page 10.

CROSSWORD

Mr. Fred Bury has compiled a crossword specially for former QEGS pupils. It can be found on page 7.

A.G.M.

A report of the 43rd annual meeting of the Old Blackburnians Association with balance sheet appears on page 26.
Obituary

H. F. COWARD

Mr Hubert Frank Coward (1894-99), former director of the Safety in Mine Research Establishment, Sheffield, died at Sidmouth on August 6 last year. He was 87.

Mr Coward did much to reduce the danger of gas explosions in mines during his long career at the Research Establishment. He was connected with the Establishment from its formation in the 1920s until long after his formal retirement as director.

Mr Coward left Queen Elizabeth's just before his 17th birthday taking up an open scholarship to Hulme Hall, Manchester University. He took every chemistry prize offered by the University during his three years and graduated at the top of his year with first class honours. He became a tutor at the University and researched into the combustion of gases. He later took up an appointment at Owens College of Technology before joining the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

DR. G. THOMPSON

Dr George Thompson (1923-25) medical superintendent at Langho Colony for more than 20 years died in November aged 59. He was appointed in 1948 and before that, was at Tower Hospital, Leicester and Broadmoor hospital for two and a half years.

Dr Thompson was secretary of the Blackburn branch of the British Medical Association for many years and last year was appointed president of the North Lancashire and Westmorland branch.

He was also president of the Blackburn and District Medical and Dental Society.

Dr Thompson took a midwifery course at Queen Charlotte's College, London after leaving Manchester University.

REV. J. E. EASTWOOD

Canon John Edgar Eastwood (1901-05), died at Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire. Canon Eastwood was a former RAF chaplain and son of the late Mr Robert Eastwood, deputy Clerk to Blackburn Borough Magistrates.

ALSO . . .

Cyril Roberts (December 21, 1971) of Woodside Road, Blackburn.


Philip Barlow Sherwood (1907-12) of Cartmel Road, St. Annes-on-Sea, (January 2, 1972).

William Barker (February 27, 1972) of Cranbourne Terrace, Blackburn. Aged 50.

E. R. DUCKWORTH

Mr Eric Roy Duckworth (1908-13), proprietor of a family gardening and engineering business in Mincing Lane, Blackburn and a well known East Lancs Braemar, Pleasington in February this year.

Mr Duckworth, who was 74 had been a member of Pleasington Golf Club for more than 50 years and in his playing days, had a handicap of three.

He served in the Army in the First World War and became a sergeant in the RASC, serving in East Africa. On his return, he joined his father in the family business and became principal on his father’s death in 1941.

He was one of the first to join the Home Guard during the Second World War and became Captain to command No 1 Mobile Reserve Company in the Blackburn Battalion.

He married Kathleen Wolstenholme, daughter of Mr H. V. Wolstenholme, the designer of Blackburn's Public Halls and Sessions Building.

He left his widow and son Brian, a barrister and chairman of Blackburn Rural District Council.

Mr Duckworth had been interested in politics and was chairman of Park Ward Conservative Association in the 1950s.

As a golfer, in his later years, he organised Pleasington Club’s open competitions and fostered junior golf.

G. R. WILSON

Mr George Reginald Wilson (1915-22), managing director of The Spring Rod Co Ltd, Cherry Tree, Blackburn, died in hospital on August 2 last year. He was 68.

Mr Wilson, who lived at Gorse Road, Blackburn, left a widow and two sons.
Sauce for the Goose . . .

Mr. Fred Bury, chairman elect and Treasurer of the Old Blackburnians Association is having difficulty, not only in keeping calm when the Magister accounts come in, but finding the usual “forced labour” in sending out copies.

His source of supply, punishment school, is drying up. Your editor takes some vicarious pride in the past of having “helped” in this chore, and cannot understand the difficulty.

It seems as though the boys have more wit than their predecessors in not being caught although the number of misdemeanours is decreasing.

Mr. Bury, second master at School, is grateful for the fall in offenders except when the magazine is ready — perhaps a tightening up in little known regulations about May and November may help!

Source for the Magazine . . .

Some items have been held over until the November issue because of pressure of space in this Magister. We thank you for writing and assure you that as much as possible will be printed from all the letters sent.

In the meantime, the editor will be very grateful for news of any old boys, anywhere, with dates at School.

The Editor of Magister wishes to thank everyone who has helped in the production of this issue and especially the Editor of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph and the Editor of the Blackburn Times for their kind permission to use their pictures in the magazine.

Subscriptions

This is the first edition of Magister since the subscription rates were increased and quite honestly, I don’t know whether we can afford this issue.

I do not know whether those who ignored the last request for subscriptions or to change their banker’s order did so deliberately or, as has been happening for years, simply forgot.

I am assuming the latter, for indeed, I have been much heartened in three ways.

First, only four members have written asking to be struck from the membership list.

Secondly about fifty per cent of bankers orders have been changed from the old 7s. 6d. to £1, and I am told that this is not bad for a first request.

Thirdly I am more than a little impressed, and moved to publish my sincere thanks, because of the life members of long standing and some not so long, who have sent cheques to bridge the gap between the old rate of either £2, £3 or £5 and the new rate of £15.

Their generosity will go a long way towards providing a realistic annual income.

Finally please remember to change your banker’s order this time if you did forget before. Also a reminder to those who are in arrears with their subscriptions — please make them out NOW. Better still, save time and worry every year by making out the bankers’ order form.

Fred Bury (Treasurer).
Portrait of Sir Ben Ormerod commissioned

The Committee of the Old Blackburnians Association decided last year to commission a painting of one of our most famous and respected old boys, Sir Benjamin Ormerod. Mr. Garth Edwards (1935-40) a lecturer in art at Blackburn College of Technology and Design who lives at Lammack Road, was originally approached to paint an oil portrait. He readily agreed to freely devote time and labour to such an undertaking which he described as "an honour".

Unfortunately Sir Ben could not travel to Blackburn and although Mr. Edwards volunteered to spend his holidays down in London, Sir Ben would have had to sit for a lengthy period.

However Sir Ben wrote to the Association asking if they would be prepared to accept a drawing of him which would take much less time and would be carried out at his home in London. The Association accepted Sir Ben's proposal and the now completed drawing will be presented to the Judge at December's dinner in Big School.

The following is an account of the sittings with a history of the artist Mrs. Juliet Pannett.

Mrs. Juliet Pannett was a special artist to the Illustrated London News for seven years until it was taken over by Lord Thomson and drawings were discontinued.

During her time with that magazine, she produced a copious folio of drawings mainly of musicians and politicians in a way which opened up the characters of such famous virtuosos as Sir John Barbirolli, Vaughan Williams, of whom two portraits by Mrs. Pannett are in the National Portrait Gallery, Dmitri Shostakovich and Yehudi Menuhin. The Times wrote; "Mrs. Pannett's drawings are helping to humanize serious music and to future ages they may well prove a record beyond price."

The Brighton Evening Argus confirmed, "Juliet Pannett, the Hove born artist who now lives in Angmering, has probably paint or drawn more of this country's top people than any other artist."

**Premiers**

Her title to that claim begins with an impressive list of Prime Ministers; Harold Wilson, Sir Alec Douglas Home, Lord Attlee, Sir Winston Churchill, Israel's Ben Gurion and Golda Meir. Sir Robert Menzies and the present Prime Minister, Mr. Edward Heath.

Her list seems endless from the World of ballet to Royalty from actors to anthropologists and from leaders of the Armed Forces to leaders in the Arts.

**THE ARTIST WHO LOVES TO DRAW JUDGES**

by John Duckworth

She has a gravitation towards men and women with character, from four studies of Lady Baden Powell to Lord Denning.

"I love to draw Judges, who seem to me to have so much expression in their eyes and was thrilled to have the chance of painting Sir Ben."

One of her many one woman shows was "Lawyers of Our Time" when among the 41 exhibits were drawings of Liberal leader Jeremy Thorpe, The Lord Chancellor Quintin Hogg, Lord Wilberforce, and Lord Denning.

Mrs. Pannett lives in Angmering Village, Sussex not far from where she was born as Juliet Somers in Hove. She has two children and paints and draws in a garage converted into a studio at her home, Pound House.

She is a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Painter Stainers, and of the City of London and has a firm and fine reputation for her dynamic portraits.

A section from a catalogue of an exhibition which included portraits of Field Marshal Claude Auchinleck, Igor Stravinsky, Earl Mountbatten of Burma and Harry Secombe, says Mrs. Pannett was fascinated by the "face of music" from her early days at Brighton College of Art.

"She has painted a large number of famous composers, conductors and soloists and from musicians to ballerinas was a compulsive step. Then came statesmen and the politicians, the dignity of the Law, high ranking service personnel, leaders of industry and commerce. The faces of the World by a woman fully meriting the tribute of the "Times."

**Lectures**

"She has six works in the National Portrait Gallery and others in numerous private and public collections. She has held one woman exhibitions at the Royal Festival Hall, London; in New York and elsewhere in the United States and at Coventry Cathedral Festival in 1962.

"Her works have been shown at the Royal Academy, Royal Society of Portrait Painters and the Institute of Painters in Watercolours' shows in London and the provinces.

"Mrs. Pannett lectures frequently, not only on portrait painting but on travel from the artists' angle titled Round the World with a sketch book."

And she must be qualified to give such a lecture as she was official artist on the Australian Airline Quantas inaugural jet flights from London to Sydney.

Mrs. Pannett described the second sitting for Sir Ben's portrait; "It was fixed for 10 a.m. on the 10th February and I had stayed in London overnight to be sure to be punctual. I took a taxi from my hotel and as there was much less traffic than I had expected, I arrived at Lincoln's Inn half an hour early.

**Bare Feet**

"It was a cold sunny morning but as I did not want to arrive too early I sat on the War Memorial for 15 minutes then thought it would be all right to go in."

Mrs. Pannett was greeted by Sir Ben in dressing gown and bare feet to the exclamation that it could not be time.

"He had overslept as his son had visited him the night before and at one o'clock in the morning they were eating scrambled eggs," said Mrs. Pannett.

**On Time**

"However as the clock struck ten, Sir Ben came in for his sitting saying, with a twinkle, that he thought it was just as bad to be early as late, as it was such a waste of time and I could have done something useful in that half hour which was so true!"
Mrs. Pannett has just completed a large oil painting of Sussex and England cricketer A. E. R. Gilligan for Sussex County Cricket Club and went to Edinburgh in April to paint Professor Porteous, professor of divinity at the University. A month's one woman exhibition in her home town of Hove has recently ended.

The photograph, taken by Mrs Pannett's daughter, Elizabeth, a student at her mother's former training ground, Brighton College of Art, shows Mrs Pannett with the finished portrait with Sir Ben on the left.

Bursar of Casterton School

Mr Keith Wightman (1949-54) has been appointed bursar of Casterton School, Kirkby Lonsdale.

Casterton School was founded in 1823 to provide a good education for the daughters of Church of England clergymen. Today it is a girls' public school of more than 300 pupils, aged between 8 and 18.

After leaving Queen Elizabeth's Mr Wightman joined his father's firm, Charles Yates, Wightman, and Co., solicitors, in Blackburn. He spent several years there and qualified as a fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives.

In 1965 he was appointed bursar of Sandon House School, Chelmsford, a private boarding school for boys with just over 100 pupils, aged between 11 and 16. The headmaster, Mr A Wilkinson, is also an Old Blackburnian (1920-26).

Brontes

Mr Wightman remained at Chelmsford until he moved to Casterton School in November last year. He writes:

"Many well-known people in Blackburn have been educated at Casterton School. Among its earliest pupils were the Bronte sisters, who, incidentally, speak in most derogatory terms of it in one of their books!

"It is situated in a delightful spot—1½ miles from Kirkby Lonsdale and on the edge of the moors.

"There are between 40 and 50 teaching staff and about the same number of administrative staff, domestics, etc.

"A bursar's job consists mainly of being responsible for the financial administration of a school—collection of fees, payment of accounts, salaries, wages, etc. Bursars are also often responsible for supervising maintenance staff who see to the upkeep of the buildings and grounds.

HEAD OFFICE POST FOR BANKER

Mr J J Haworth (1946-50) has been appointed to special work under the general manager of Lloyd's Bank at the head office in Lombard Street, London.

Mr Haworth was assistant manager of the Huddersfield branch for three years and was previously on the Bank's inspection staff.

His new duties will include instructional work at the Bank's staff college and will live in Kingswood, Surrey.
Old Boy flees from Pakistan War

His wife has a baby in England

The Indo-Pakistan war brought humour and not a little tension out of the horror and chaos for Old Black Tom Southworth (1950-55), for although stationed at Lahore, West Pakistan, as a Foreign Office immigration official, he and his wife Sherley, had to leave rather hurriedly.

News arrived that Mr Southworth, 34, had to leave with other Britons when trouble broke out on the Northern borders of India and West Pakistan.

Tension was high all over Pakistan when Mr Southworth and other colleagues set off in his car after his wife, who was expecting their first child, had left earlier.

With army vehicles speeding about in all directions, Mr Southworth had the original idea of painting a red cross on his white car to get through more quickly to the airport.

Unfortunately one of Mr Southworth's companions had grabbed the first coat he could find in the rush — an army great coat.

He was quickly told to take it off and shiver if he wanted to get to the airport in one piece.

Safely back in England, Mr Southworth visited his father and mother, Mr and Mrs Harry Southworth at their Witworth Crescent home in Blackburn.

Mr Southworth senior, 63, is also a former pupil at Queen Elizabeth's attending from 1928 to 1924. His son Tom has been with the Foreign Office since leaving school at 17. He served in New York and Iraq before moving to Pakistan.

The RAF flew Mr and Mrs Southworth out, bringing back memories of Mr Southworth's National Service in Cheshire and Cyprus.

Not knowing how long the troubles would last in Pakistan, Mr Southworth bought a house in Biggin Hill, but he is now back in Blackburn — though not in Lahore. The Embassies have all moved further from the border to Islamabad.

Mrs Southworth had a son, David James who was born in England, after a midwife had travelled on the plane with her and another woman in the same condition.

Xmas Fair brings £980

The School's Christmas Fair opened by Lancashire County Cricket captain Jack Bond, raised £980.

The money will be used to buy new refectory tables in Japanese light oak.

School governor Mr Ronnie Davies who is also treasurer of Lancashire Cricket Club, was chairman.

Carlisle move for Manager

Mr Tom McLeod (1928-38), manager of Barclays Bank Ltd, Blackburn has been appointed manager of the English Street branch in Carlisle.

Mr McLeod, who is married with a twin son and daughter, lives in Wycollar Road, Blackburn and began his career at Martins Bank, Darwen in 1938.

He moved round several East Lancashire branches of Martins including Manchester before being appointed manager of the West Bromwich branch in 1960.

Seven years later Mr McLeod returned to Blackburn as manager and during his four years saw the merger into Barcays.

He was secretary of the Greater Midland Housing Society and honorary treasurer of the local savings committee and the West Bromwich Engineering Training Group while in the Midlands.

He became honorary treasurer of Blackburn Civic Society and Lancashire (East) branch of the RSPCA during his time in Blackburn.

Oxford Dinner

The annual dinner of the Oxford branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held in Merton College, Oxford on Friday, 4th February. This thoroughly successful evening was arranged by Messrs. P. Moizer and R P Horton.

In the absence of the Headmaster on unavoidable school business the response to the toast to the School was made by Mr D W Shaw.

Those who attended were:


Homeless Walk

Headmaster Mr Douglas J. Coulson, gave Mr Peter Ogden Smith, North West organiser for Shelter, £500 on behalf of boys at the School who had raised the money for homeless families in an 18 mile sponsored walk.

Mr Smith said the money would accommodate two families. The walk organised by Mr Michael Bancroft, a master at the school and Blackburn area Shelter organiser, and more than 150 boys and their friends took part.

Promotion for Librarians

Two former pupils of Queen Elizabeth's who joined Blackburn Library from School have received promotion.

Mr Stephen Martin Child (1953-64), of Whitecroft Lane, Mellor, has been appointed chief assistant. This is a newly created post.

Mr Andrew Holliday (1959-65), of Parkwood Road, Blackburn, has been promoted from senior assistant to reference librarian. Mr. Holliday, a married man, is an Associate of the Library Association.

He follows Mr. Child as reference librarian to which post Mr. Child was appointed in 1970. Mr. Child who is also an Associate of the Library Association is group scoutmaster at St. James', Blackburn.

Town Council Stop Places

Blackburn Town Council have ended an agreement with Queen Elizabeth's allowing 30 sixth form places each year to boys from the town's comprehensive schools.
ONE ACROSS...

Here we are, this is it! After the "Times Crossword"—One Across. At the sparing of no expense (Our Treasurer—and compiler—Mr. Fred Bury, can work out that one!).

"This is a new venture. Some of the clues may take you back to the happiest days!
"I hope that some clues are obvious enough to give you a good start, hopes indeed that you finish the crossword. I aimed at medium difficulty.
"If you would like one more, easier difficult or impossible, you have only to let us know".

ACROSS
1. The society drawn from either the rich or alcoholic (6).
5. The writer of 2 down (3).
7. It may be a problem to some but the solution to your treasurer (2).
8. Chance happening in the middle of elevenses (5).
10. What the photographer does to get the whole school on backwards. (4).
12. No lesson lasted so long—it only seemed like it (3).
13. This usually out of ten (4).
14. Sounds a rather riotous sport, no wonder some get the blues (6).
16. One member of the staff has two named after him in Blackburn (2).
17. Look, that is the District Inspector (2).
18. To cost it he's got metrification (6).
20. Would fifty of them roar into action? (4).
22. A graduate page. (Older OBs will remember having their marks lowered) (3).
23. Poles in the old days (4).
25. The bomb and then this, its enough to turn litmus (2).
26. A kind of profit (3).
27. Not the perfect round of bearings (3).
28. Could be back or forward, but never backward (6).

DOWN
1. You need two more for the holidays (5).
2. Class going to sleep? then Sir should utter new dope suitably mixed to win (4, 6).
3. If you are marked so, no-one will see you (6).
4. Now look here (2).
5. In the old days, once you had your name down for this school, you were in (10).
6. Part of a sixth former rarely seen nowadays (4).
9. There are 6! 4! permutations possible, its magic? (6).
10. Remember your Chemistry? this will tell you your mettle (2).
11. With such a monotonous diet, its rent a tea for him (8).
15. An American soldier on what sounds like a horse leading the French. What a laugh (6).
19. Greek letter, with postscript, returned—in flood of correspondence, perhaps (5).
20. The discipline of Metalwork? (4).
21. Not our type of school (2).
25. Put it in your pipette (2).

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QEGS CHOICE FOR TRAVEL
Mr Ambrose is inspired with a wit like Tom Stoppard’s (Sunday Times). David Ambrose has come up with a splendidly fluent and uncomfortable first play. (Daily Express).

A brilliantly original idea developed in a masterly way which marks David Ambrose with a very bright future as a playwright. Unusually well written, packed with political insights, lightened by much good humour. (Evening News).

Mr Ambrose slips in the details of plot with skill and there are verbal felicities along the way. A pure political science-fiction... but it is easy to see what attracted Stanley Holloway back to the live theatre since “My Fair Lady”. (Daily Mail).

“Siege” received its fair share of criticism on its opening night at the Cambridge Theatre London but a general view as shown by the reviews above, gave the play plenty of encouragement.

“BESIEGED! — The story behind the flop that wasn’t”

David Ambrose (1952-61) former QEGS head boy, first Thwaites Scholar from the School went to study law at Oxford. He began a career in journalism with the Observer then started writing film and television scripts.

A successful script writer, he tells John Duckworth why Siege was taken off after only 12 nights and what the future holds for the play and himself.

My own memories of David Ambrose at School were that he would make an admirable barrister; his tone, bearing and looks as he stood surveying the school from the platform during assembly, combined with his showmanship spelt out such a career.

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David Ambrose left the paper late in 1966 and freelanced for Nova and other magazines while meeting people like Robert Boul, Neil Simons and Dame Peggy Ashcroft who Mrs. Pannett has also met and sketched (see page 4).

“I didn’t want to go into chambers and become a barrister. I couldn’t face a life bounded by pinstriped trousers.”

His showmanship carried him into the theatre as stage manager of the Adeline Geneva theatre near East Grinstead in Surrey. He managed five productions at the theatre following a Royal opening with Margot Fonteyn in the Winter of ’66.

“My work on the film completed about the Summer of ’68 and in the Autumn I was jet-setting off again—this time to Rome, action setting for the last film.”

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“Towards the end of December that year I finished my first television script, “Public Face”, a political play about the head of a college. I used a certain amount of my own experience at Oxford for this play which was networked in May 1969.

“I spent three and a half months in Roumania re-writing and polishing up my script for a Roman Epic which hasn’t found its way to this country yet although it has been shown in the United States, Germany and Italy.”

Berlin

David Ambrose’s life needed no livening up at that stage, for he flew to Berlin after writing the television play to begin work on another film script before any of his TV plays had been put out. “Public Face” was produced in May followed by “The Innocent Ceremony” in June, while David was hard at work re-fashioning the script for “Passion Flower Hotel”. David carried on his globe trotting in the film world to land in the middle of what he describes as a “sex and violence movie”. After work on the script, he decided to leave film writing for a while.

“I didn’t want to get on to the movie treadmill keep shovelling out plays and as I had made a bit of money I returned to London bought a flat in Primrose Hill and decided to do my own thing.”

continued on the next page...
David Ambrose (cont.)

His "own thing" was to write a stage play — and he had just the thing in mind. Something he had been thinking of for some weeks, and after a few more weeks at his Primrose Hill typewriter, the former Brindle boy had his first stage manuscript ready. The play was, of course, "Siege", and the content looked so interesting to the promoter and producer that only the best actors for the parts were contacted.

A short play, full of humour and unnerving ideas, with a cast of Alistair Sim, Michael Bryant and Stanley Holloway making his first live stage comeback since "My Fair Lady", should have taken the City by storm. Indeed, it received what might be termed rave reviews at its premier at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and its provincial success held portent of a long West End run.

Tragedy

But then the worst combination of stage circumstances rose to pile tragedy on tragedy on the light hearted show as it struggled to make it.

The Cambridge Theatre was the worst possible choice of venue for a writer's first play. It was much too large with 1300 seats when a small 400 audience each night would have been ideal.

Then the play was put on in Winter, an accepted major hurdle in the growing pains of a first play. To make matters worse and perhaps the final straw were the power cuts.

If the loss of power affected anyone to the extent of a couple of hours cold and darkness or even the businessman's struggle to catch up on two weeks lost work, it swiftly brought down the curtain on "Siege".

Revival

The theatre had a generator but the power cuts prevented or put off possible patrons from going to see the show. Why pay to be cold and in the dark when you can freeze in the privacy of your own home?

So the play closed after 12 days and so would any other in the series of unfortunate circumstances. What the critics failed to say was that "Siege" has been bought by the Germans and the French are seriously thinking of following suit.

Actor Peter O'Toole and playwright Christopher Fry saw the play and asked to read a copy. David Ambrose, himself, thinks there is a strong chance of a revival, possibly in Bristol and two television companies have made inquiries to put it on.

All this interest in a play that only ran for 12 days — it must have made some impact.

In a field where success does not usually breed success, but where failure almost inevitably breeds obscenity, David Ambrose is not a man to be put off easily.

A film he wrote last year has interested David Niven and he has completed another play for television after having his third, "The Undoing" accepted last year.

On the strength of his "Siege" manuscript alone he was asked to follow it up with another play for the stage, but it will have to wait until he has completed commissions for three more plays for ITV and one for Auntie Beeb (BBC).

If success does breed success, David Ambrose has plenty of it under his belt and lots of credit for the future. He again got the urge to travel, and is currently pushing himself in congenial surroundings to complete a television play for Summer.

BOTH EDITORS IN FAR EAST

Mr. Graeme Stanton has been appointed editor of the Bangkok World and his wife Heather has taken a post as women's editor.

Mr Stanton attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1949 to 1955 and was previously assistant editor of the Evening Echo, Watford. Before that he was night editor of the Journal, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Mr Stanton and his wife, who writes under her maiden name of Miller, have two sons, one born in February this year.

Old Blackburnian's Annual Golf Competition: Thursday, June 1st at Blackburn Golf Club.

Yorkshire Branch O.B.A. Annual Dinner: Friday 20th October at the GUILDFORD HOTEL, LEEDS.

Old Blackburnian's Association Annual General Meeting: Tuesday November 21st at the Club House, Lammack.

OLD BLACKBURNIAN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER AT BIG SCHOOL ON SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER, 1972.
Mr. Rothwell

Former headmaster of St Thomas' C of E junior school, Blackburn, Mr James Rothwell (1932-38) has been appointed senior inspector of schools with Manchester Education Authority.

Mr Rothwell left Blackburn after 12 years as headmaster at St Thomas' in 1969 to become district inspector at Manchester. He was appointed senior district inspector in 1970.

After leaving QEGS, he worked in Blackburn Public Library and as a clerk in the Borough Treasurer's department. He was a staff navigator and flying officer in the RAF during the war and trained as a teacher on his demob.

He was appointed headmaster of Guide C of E School in 1953 after four years as assistant teacher at St James' primary school.

He was secretary of Blackburn Church Schools' Association and was its representative on the town's education committee. He served on the Diocesan Council for Education, was chairman of Blackburn branch of the NSPCC and a president of Blackburn Head Teachers' Association.

Mr Rothwell is also an author and wrote a paper back about worship in schools called "Nine o'clock on a Wet Monday Morning".

He and his wife, Irene live at Sale, Cheshire and have a married daughter and a son Michael who also attended Queen Elizabeth's from 1959 to 1966 and went to Durham University.

Mr Foster

CHIEF CASHIER RETIRES

Mr. Norman Foster, first cashier at the Church Street branch of Lloyds Bank in Blackburn, retired on December 24, 1970, after 43 years' service with the bank.

Mr Foster attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1919 to 1927. He was junior victor ludorum in 1924 and was football captain of Hawkins in his last year at School. He joined Lloyd's Bank as a clerk at the Darwen branch on March 14, 1927, when he was 16, and he passed his banking examinations in 1931 and 1938.

In 1940 he joined the Royal Air Force and spent much of his service during the Second World War on the North-west Frontier of India. He returned to Lloyds Bank in Darwen in 1946. In August, 1948, he transferred to the Blackburn branch, and in 1964 he was promoted first cashier.

In retirement he intends to devote more time to golf at Blackburn Golf Club.

Mr Foster and his wife live at 427 Revidge Road, Blackburn. Their son, Mr James Allan Foster, who is also an Old Blackburnian (1957-65), took his BSc degree in colour chemistry at Leeds University in 1968 and now works at Chadderton as a process technician with Vyella International.

Mr Foster's retirement ends a family total of 87 years' service in banking: his father, Mr Herbert Foster, joined the old Cunliffes Brooks Company on June 19, 1888, and continued in service at the Church Street branch after the amalgamation with Lloyds Bank in the early years of this century. The branch still possesses a ledger which shows that he started at a salary of £20 a year. He, too, rose to the position of first cashier, and he retired in 1932.

Spanish Master

Mr R H T Ellicott (1939-43), has been appointed Spanish master at St John Fisher RC School, Preston.

Mr Ellicott served in the Colonial Service in Ghana for eight years from 1953 after graduating from Oriel College, Oxford in 1950. Married with two children, Mr Ellicott began teaching at Accrington Grammar School after gaining the Diploma in Education.

Surveyor

Mr M W Ramsbottom (1954-62), has passed the final examination of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. Mr Ramsbottom lives in Queens Rd, Blackburn.

The New Sixth Form Block will be built behind Hartley House in the square 1.4. The next edition of Magister will include a feature on the new block.

Manager moves to Burnley

Mr Edwin Comberbach (1938-43) was appointed manager of the Burnley branch of Blackburn Trustee Savings Bank in November. He had previously been manager of the branch at Bassetwell, Blackburn, since 1962.

Mr Comberbach held several appointments after leaving School and served in the Royal Engineers for three years.

He joined the staff of Blackburn Trustee Savings Bank in 1951 and spent some time as the assistant branch inspector before being appointed manager at Bassetwell, a new branch, in 1962.

He is an associate member of the Savings Banks Institute and has a son who attends Queen Elizabeth's. He lives at 58 School Lane, Guide.

Mr John Dent (1934-40), manager since 1961 of the Granville Road branch in Blackburn, succeeded Mr Comberbach at Bassetwell, and Mr Ronald Carruthers (1941-47) moved from the Bank Top branch, Blackburn, to take Mr Dent's place at Granville Road.

Open University Organiser

Mr Marsh

The Open University includes former QEGS pupil Mr Anthony Roger Marsh among its staff.

Mr Marsh (1948-53), will be concerned with the organisation and development of study-centre services in Yorkshire, based in Leeds.

He was formerly senior lecturer in biology at Huddersfield College of Education (Technical). Mr Marsh, married with two sons, attended Blackburn College of Technology and Design, then left to gain an honours degree in botany at Leicester University.

He taught at Peterborough Technical College before moving to Huddersfield five years later.
Mr Maurice Povah is a keen unraveller of the most complex mathematical problems and puzzles.

Mr Povah of Brantfell Road, Blackburn, head of the Blackburn College of Technology and Design's biology department and a former member of staff at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, once matched his skill against a computer and won!

The problem he gave it entailed so a cumbersome programme he says, that he could work out the problem faster himself.

Mr Povah also has a collection of 60 marionette puppets most of which he hand carved and made while at Queen Elizabeth's. He regularly put on shows with the School's marionette club which he ran and has taken art courses at the Tech.

He has lectured on a variety of subjects other than biology including timber and fibre technology and should find no difficulty in filling time during his retirement which he began at the end of April last year.
QEGS SIX A SIDE BEAT ETON FOR THE CUP

The School 1st XI from which the six-a-side team was chosen. They are seen here outside the Larriamack pavilion with sportsmaster and Old Black Brian Hardcastle.

QEGS again took part in the annual Public Schools' six-a-side football tournament which was held this year on the National Westminster pitches in Norbury, London on December 14th. Thirty two schools gathered from all parts of the country and the winning school from each of eight groups progressed to the quarter-finals. Prior to the competition the First XI had been unbeaten in school matches since early October and this allied to the skill, enthusiasm and keenness shown in practices suggested that they might at least qualify for the final rounds.

However, in their group games, held before lunch, QEGS seemed unable to reach the high standards achieved in practice and although they beat Wellingborough 3-0 in the first game they were hardly convincing. In the second game against a mediocre Carmel College side they only managed a 1-0 victory. Finally, they only scraped a goalless draw with Malvern and their chances of qualifying depended on Malvern's final game.

Over lunch plans were being discussed either for an early return to Blackburn, if we failed to qualify as seemed likely, or for a drastic reshuffle of the team should we manage to get through. As it was Malvern only drew their final game so QEGS moved into the quarter-final to play Kinbolton. Several changes were made for this game. Easton was moved into midfield, Emmett reverted to a defensive role and, perhaps the most significant change, Tolley was brought into the side and his calm, constructive play contributed enormously to the improvement which followed. Even so they had a difficult struggle against Kinbolton being a goal and a corner down just after half time (each half lasts only seven minutes). In a few seconds the game was transformed when QEGS gained two successive corners on the right and from the second their goalkeeper fumbled the ball over the line from a Whitehead cross, thus putting QEGS ahead by a corner!

This seemed to be the turning point in the fortunes of the side for they scored again to win 2-1 and this win restored their confidence for future games.

In the semi-finals against strong a Repton side they gave an almost flawless display of sixes football, after conceding an early goal, to win convincingly 3-1 with goals from Lawson 2, Whitehead.

In the final they beat surprise qualifiers Eton more easily than the final score of 1-0 would suggest — Lawson again scoring the vital goal.

In the end QEGS were worthy winners of the trophy, which was presented by Norman Creek, and full credit must be given to all members of the team for their recovery after a disappointing morning, for their keenness and willingness to learn, and for their fitness, which stood them in good stead over a most gruelling day. Particular mention should also be made of the leadership and example of Gary Easton.

The final team was: G. Dickinson, R. Emmett, N. Tolley, G. Easton (captain), J. Whitehead, P. Lawson; whilst G. Warburton and G. Shaw also played in the group games.

B. A. Hardcastle

Appointed House Master

Mr Jeffrey Barry Vent (1936-44), has been appointed House Master of Sherwyn's House at King Henry VIII School, Coventry, where he has been teaching modern languages since 1949.

It is the first change in house masters of the School's five Houses in more than 25 years except for one appointment made some years ago when a master resigned from illness.

Mr Vent lived with his parents in Pleckgate Rd before going up to Oriel College, Oxford, then moved to Coventry with them. Mr Vent is chairman of the Old Coventrians' Association and honorary treasurer of the Assistant Masters' Association Warwickshire branch.

He coaches the School's junior rugby and cricket teams and had the pleasure of seeing his rugger boys tot up 900 points while only conceding 109 in winning 31 of their 34 games this season.

His three cricket teams played throughout the season with only one losing — in the last game.

Mr Vent is certainly kept busy for even when relaxing, he helps with School trips, being master-in-charge of the annual camp in Guernsey and organiser of the yearly trip to Paris.

Leaves Army

Mr Harold Stancliffe has retired from the Army after 20 years and has taken up an appointment with Shell International Petroleum Company on the personnel staff.

He is helping to advise and train those who will themselves train others which was his main function in the last three years of army life.
QEGS—
A view of the School on top

F-8 AN UNUSUAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE NEW BLOCK

The picture on the right shows the School as it has never been seen before — from above. The aerial view was taken from a plane during one of Blackburn’s rare clear days and the original hangs in the headmaster’s study.

Big School lies between G3 and G4, the Radcliffe wing in G4 with the new hall and gymnasium in G6 (Photographs of the interior are on page 25).

The Science block is found in J4 and Biology and Art building in J7.

West Park Road runs along the top with Dukes Brow at the bottom of the picture. East Lancs’ ground, The Meadows, with the scoreboard is at the top left and Hartley House is on the right between K4 and L4.

Horncliffe can be found illuminated by the sunlight in B6 tucked between the trees with the Junior school quad in B5.

The headmaster’s house is in D5 with the top quad taking up D2, D3, E2 and E3 flanked by the old gymnasium on the right in F3.

The lower quad is in H8, I8 with car parks at I3 and I8. The latter bearing sounds more like a camera exposure. The camera has left out one important building, however, the new sixth form block.

The reason is simple — it has not yet been built. If you do not already know where the new building is to be placed, have a guess. The answer is on page 11 with the crossword solution.
DAVID FORBES WRITES:

Unfortunately the 1st XI were unable to retain the championship of the 1st Div. of Lancs Amateur League. Without striker Charlie Gregson, who was out all season with cartilage trouble, Old Blacks failed to regain their winning form of the previous 3 seasons, although they managed to finish in second place.

The season started promisingly when the club won its own seven-a-side competition “Old Black Sevens”, in August. This is the second time they have won it in the 5 years it has been going. It is a pre-season warm up competition for all clubs in the North Section of the Lancs. Amateur League.

Following this the 1st XI were quite successful in pre-season friendlies but were unable to continue this into their programme proper. As usual the league fixtures were delayed because of Cup commitments.

Cup

In the FA Amateur Cup—drawn at home to Whitkirk Wanderers from Leeds. Despite being 3-0 up after half-time, Old Blacks only managed a 3-3 draw. The replay at Whitkirk resulted in a 4-0 defeat for Old Blacks by a stronger and more confident home team.

In the Lancs. Amateur Cup, Old Blacks first game was v. Southport Trinity and with another home match, Old Blacks came out 2-0 winners. In the next round Old Blacks entertained St Andrews United from Liverpool but despite being in command for most of the game, they were beaten 4-3. They were also knocked out of the Lancs. Amateur League Cup 2-1 by Old Salfordians.

League

Their performance in the Cup fixtures was carried into the League when they lost their first two League fixtures. However after this the Old Blacks regained some of their old composure and only dropped one point in their next 11 matches. However, having dropped a further seven points in their next matches, they lost their chance of regaining the championship.

The second XI also failed to follow up last seasons success and have finished about half-way in their Division.

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On the social side the Club has prospered during the past and more new members have joined the Club. However all Old Boys are most welcome as are their friends, whether Old Boys or not. The Club provides a convivial meeting place for all Old Boys and their friends whether footballers or not. Dances and other social functions are held regularly and have proved most successful this past year. The Club has an active Ladies Committee who are always anxious to recruit new members.

At the AGM held on May 10 the following officers and committee were elected:

President: W. K. Forbes
Chairman: E. Wilkinson
V. Chairman: D. L. Stevenson
Hon. Sec: D. I. Forbes

Hon. Treas.: R. Smith
Hon. Team Sec: R. N. Hornsby
Hon. Pul’ty Sec: N. K. Sharples
Hon. Auditor: J. Tattersall
Hon. Solicitor: J. D. Forbes

The Chairman for the past 5 years K. V. Newton, resigned due to pressure of other commitments and to make room for a new face. He was thanked at the meeting for his efforts. The new chairman E. Wilkinson has been a member of the club for many years and we wish him well.

Keith Newton was presented with an inscribed tankard.

This year’s award of Clubman of the Year went to Peter Browne who has been chairman of the bar committee for the past two years and whose efforts and willingness have shown a magnificent increase in the takings at the bar. His award was presented at the Club’s Annual Dinner on 26 May by Mr Wilf Crumblehome, a former vice-president of the Club, and the person who originated the award two years ago. It was awarded to the secretary D. I. Forbes last year.

Change

A small change of rules in allowing separate membership for ladies was approved.

Interest in the club increased over the past year with a slight rise in membership and Peter Browne and the bar staff were thanked for their hard work which resulted in a large rise in bar profits.

The club’s finances were still not as strong as the committee would have liked and the members were asked to put in a little extra effort.

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Old Blacks just miss Fourth Championship

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL SIDE

DINNER ON 26 MAY

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Roger Horrocks, acting captain for the annual “Boxing Day” game against a Blackburn Combination representative XI tosses up before the match which the Old Blacks won 2-1 at Lammack on December 27.

OLD BLACKBURNIANS

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Half chickens were served from a smaller shelter close to the club house and if a larger crowd could have been expected with more clement weather, there were enough to make it “go with a swing”.

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Degrees and Things...
The following Old Boys have gained Professional or Academic successes

Mr Peter P. AINSWORTH
(1939-45) has been appointed Regional Operations Manager Asia/Pacific with C.P. Air at Tokyo International Airport.

COLIN BAMFORD
(1963-69) has gained a first class BA in law from Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

ROBIN P. BOLTON
(1961-67) gained an upper second class honours in medical sciences at Cambridge. He will continue studying at Oxford Medical School.

KEITH CHARNLEY
(1961-67) awarded first class honours in zoology at Durham. He is continuing at Durham in research for his PhD.

IAN CHIPPENDALE
(1960-66) gained a BSc in chemical engineering with a second class honours from Leeds. He has taken an appointment as an organisation and methods officer in Bradford.

BARRY CLARK
(1960-66) awarded BSc honours at St Andrew's University, Edinburgh. He will continue his studies at Glasgow University for a PhD.

JOHN WROE DEWHURST
(1969-66) gained a second class honours BA combined in studies (psychology) at Leicester University. He is being sponsored by Manchester Regional Hospital Board to study for an MSc in clinical physiology at Birmingham University.

JOHN F. DUCKWORTH
(1959-65) present editor of Magister gained the National Certificate in Journalism.

JOHN F. FORBES
(1951-61) gained an MSc in civil engineering at Swansea University. He is researching for a PhD.

ANDREW DENTON LUND
(1959-65) awarded MB, ChB at Manchester University and is now house physician at Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester.

NORMAN HAWCROFT
(1960-66) gained first class honours in chemistry at Lincoln College, Oxford. He is studying for doctorate at Oxford.

PETER LAMSTER
Mr Peter Lamster (1958-65) has passed his final Law examination to qualify as a solicitor. Mr Lamster of Oldfield Avenue, Darwen, was articled to Mr David Watson, a Darwen solicitor, in 1969 after gaining an LLB degree from London University.

A Queen's Scout, he is secretary of Darwen and District Scout Association and of Darwen Cricket Club and a member of the Mayor of Darwen's committee to restore Darwen Tower.

JOHN MORRIS
(1960-66) gained a BSc with upper second class honours in chemical engineering at Leeds. He is studying operations research at Hull University.

Michael RAMSBOTTOM
(1958-64) has passed the final examinations of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

Anthony James ROBERTS
(1962-68) gained first class honours degree in philosophy at Sussex.

JOHN H. ROBINSON
(1941-46) appointed chairman of the North Lancashire Branch of the Institute of Marketing.

William Alan THORNHILL
(1959-65) gained second class honours BSc in agricultural zoology at Nottingham University's Loughborough School of Agriculture.

IAN THOMPSON
(1962-68) gained first class honours in English at Cambridge. He is studying for a PhD.

JOHN R. WHITEHEAD
(1962-68) gained a first class honours in mathematics from Worcester College, Oxford.

GEOFFREY REDMAN
Mr Geoffrey H. Redman (1957-64), has been awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Oxford University.

Dr Redman, only son of Mr J. D. Redman Br (1916-22), shipping manager of a chemical works, and Mrs Redman of Fecitt Brow, Blackburn, gained an open scholarship to Magdalen College.

He gained a first class BSc honours in physics and a diploma in advanced mathematics before researching in numerical analysis at Oxford University's computing laboratory.

He now works for a Liverpool based firm of consulting actuaries in London.
SCHOOL'S FUTURE IN BALANCE

Several Years of Success if Direct Grant Continues

The future of Direct Grant must be in the balance if and when the present Government changes warned the Headmaster Mr. Douglas J. Coulson at the annual dinner in Big School on December 18.

"Some say the British never see the writing on the wall until their backs are up against it. I can assure you that the governors are well aware of most of the implications affecting the future of Queen Elizabeth's".

"If the direct grant system continues we should look forward to several years of good academic success for there has been no falling off in the demand for places. The School has been flourishing over the last five years."

"An appeal for the new sixth form block launched in November has reached £12,500 towards its target of £15,000 with about 370 parents contributing with Old Boys and friends of the School.

"But the prestige and well being of an institution relies not in the magnificence of the buildings but in the people who work together in them bound up in their success."

Seven boys went up to Oxford last year, 36 to other Universities, and 12 to Colleges of further education. Twelve received first class honours and 31 second class degrees.

The School’s cross country and fencing teams had been unbeaten and Mr. Coulson reminded the visitors that not all the good football had been played at Ewood Park.

"The future of direct grant schools is, of course, always uncertain, because education is always part of the political scene. One or two direct grant schools have the sympathy of Mrs. Thatcher as exemplified by her recent amendment of the grant itself although the future of direct grant must be in the balance if and when the Government changes".

The Headmaster was replying to a toast to the School proposed by Mr. Guy Shuttleworth, (1937-45), chairman of the York Branch of the Old Blackburnians’ Association.

His excuse for moving to Yorkshire was that someone had to educate them. There was quite a bit of jovial bantering about Yorkshiremen as the chief guest Lord Rhodes, former Lord Lt. of Lancashire, has the misfortune to be born in the nether regions East of Burnley.

TRIBUTE

But Lord Rhodes was well up to the light hearted jibes and was ready with a few of his own when his turn arrived.

Mr. Shuttleworth paid tribute to the work of one of the Association’s most respected members, Mr. Harry King, the School’s senior science master, as “a splendid old boy”. Mr. King had earlier asked members to take wine with the chairman by decades at the School. He began with 1962-71 and ended at 1902-11.

Mr. Shuttleworth welcomed Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Eastwood and reminded them of their almost as well known nicknames, “Spike” and “Pecker”. The School had changed a great deal since he attended with the “Chem-labs. an ancient monument”.

He had composed a short poem about the former masters and their nicknames and the Headmaster commented that the Summers always seemed sunnier and the masters larger than life looking back.

CONFIDENCE

Mr. Shuttleworth probably voiced every pupil’s mind when he said everyone had great confidence in the School and the Old Boys would always be there when needed.

Mr. Clifford H. Singleton (1935-39), appointed Blackburn Borough Treasurer last year, proposed a toast to the guests.

He welcomed head boy Andrew Walsh and Lord Rhodes who he described as “a warrior for the North’s economic future”. He said although he had not won the fight, he had set an example for each and everyone to follow based on the foundation from Queen Elizabeth’s and similar schools.

Lord Rhodes hoped that someone would send him a letter thanking him for coming so that his wife would know where he had been. He explained that his secretary had mixed up the dates and thought his wife would not speak to him again as on that night he should have been at a performance of the Messiah at his home Civic Hall.

He said the School was imposing but was disappointed when, on entering the front door he had obeyed a sign which had said ring and wait. After ringing and waiting nothing happened.

Menu

Egg Mayonnaise

Cream of Asparagus Soup

Roast Sirloin of English Beef

Mushroom Vol-au-vent

Baked and Creamed Potatoes

Garden Peas Creamed Carrots

Bombe Tutti Frutti

Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee

He returned the earlier side swipes of his Yorkshire ancestry with a quick story retold here. "A man in a railway carriage on a train from Manchester to Leeds told everyone in the compartment he knew where they came from by just looking at them. He guessed everyone’s birthplace correctly except a little pale man in a corner of the compartment. He told the man he came from Lancashire whereupon the small man replied that..."
he was born in Huddersfield but he had been very poorly.

Lord Rhodes then noticed the portrait of Lord Morley opposite him and said that our most famous Old Boy had probably had more significance to him than anyone else in the room. While spending two and a half years in hospital during the first World War, he had read Lord Morley's recollections. After leaving hospital, work was difficult to find and because he couldn't find any—"I became a capitalist buying my first loom in Blackburn". Things were bad in the past but, he said "The future is coming at us so quickly that we can hardly cope with it and I have never known a time when we were on a sharper knife edge than we are on today. We are being called to question on a whole manner of things.

PROBLEMS

People's faiths have been undermined over the years. The education system is being called into question. Major industries run down and having to find something else to make things tick. Drugs on a scale never seen before. Identification and landmarks swept by the board. He told members they would be fortunate if, as they sat down to next year's dinner, they had not got more of the present problems.

An Old Boys Association such as Queen Elizabeth's was fortunate to keep the standards of the past.

OVATION

The steadiness and stability of men of principle who could hold up the old standards should be instilled into their associates for the effect could be outstanding in stemming the present declines.

After sitting down, Lord Rhodes was given a three and a half minute standing ovation and created a record by becoming the first guest speaker to give an encore. He did so with a short story which also received another large response.

Cheshire and South Manchester Branch

The School "expeditionary force" led by the headmaster travelled to Knutsford last October to support the newly formed Cheshire and South Manchester Branch's first dinner at Cotton's Hotel.

It proved to be a great success although Mr Derek Bradley was apprehensive — it was at his hotel. "I had to make sure everything was first class although I was not sure it was a good idea for an Old Boy to hold the dinner at his own place". Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time and even raised their glasses to Derek to show he had no need to worry.

There were 28 present and the chairman of the latest of the Association's branches, Mr Eric West proposed a toast to the School and thanked the visitors for attending.

He said the Association had been very helpful in providing information to found the branch which had had two meetings up to the dinner.

The Headmaster, Mr Coulson replied to the toast.

The complete guest list was:


Guests at the annual dinner are pictured above before the meal. They included; Lord Rhodes, The Mayor of Blackburn, Alderman John Simpson, Mr Anson Bentley, president of the Old Boltonians, Mr Vincent Classick, chairman of St. Mary's Old Boys, Mr Geoffrey Mayhall, director of education for Blackburn, The Headmaster, Mr Douglas J. Coulson, Mr J. D. Forbes, chairman of the Old Blackburnians' Association, Mr Guy Shuttleworth, chairman of the York branch, Mr Clifford Singleton, Blackburn Borough Treasurer, Mr William Hare, chairman of the governors, Mr Harry King, senior science master, Mr Fred Bury, Treasurer of the Association and secretary Mr David Forbes.
Consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury

The Bishop of Hertford is QEGS former pupil The Right Rev Hubert Victor Whitesy (1928-33) who was consecrated by The Most Rev, His Grace, The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Michael Ramsey last November.

Bishop Whitsey left School and attended Blackburn Technical College before going to work in a bank.

He joined the Royal Artillery as a private on the outbreak of war and rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel. He took an honours degree in politics and economics after the war at St Edmund Hall, Oxford, and was ordained shortly after.

Bishop Whitsey lived in Azalea Road, Blackburn as a boy and was a member of St Silas’ Church choir.

He was instituted vicar of St Paul’s Church, Farrington, near Preston after some time as curate of Chorley Parish Church and moved to All Saints and Martyrs Church Langley, Middleton.

He was made a Canon of Manchester Cathedral in 1963 and was appointed vicar of Downham in 1968 (see Magister No 10). He held the post for three years before becoming suffragan Bishop Hertford in the Diocese of St Albans.

Mr Whitsey and his wife, Jean, a former art mistress, have christened their new home "Hertford House" in Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans. It lies between his Bishop’s Palace and the Country’s oldest inhabited public house, “The Fighting Cocks”.

Sixth Former Falls 800 Ft

An 800 feet fall for Queen Elizabeth sixth form student Kevin John McDonald turned into a lucky escape after slipping from Striding Edge on Helvellyn in the Lake District in the same spot a man had fallen to his death 24 hours earlier.

Kevin of Arnside Crescent, Feniscowles had been climbing with six friends, members of Feniscowles Venture Scouts, when he slipped near the mountain summit.

He crashed 800 feet down an ice gully, breaking his leg, arm and wrist.

Twice Champ

Mr David Ward (1952-58) has won two championships in his first full season of motor racing. Driving his own Morris Cooper he has won, with another driver, the Longton sprint championship and the SD34 speed championship.

The SD34 championship covers most of Lancashire, and as the name implies embraces the square no. SD34 on the relevant Ordnance Survey map.

Mr Ward competed mainly in sprint events last year and achieved notable successes at all the major sprint circuits in Lancashire, including Woodvale, near Southport, Burtonwood, near Warrington, Blackpool, and Longridge.

He races his car with a close friend. Between them they prepared and tuned the car themselves throughout the 1970 season, which contained some 12 events. Throughout the season Mr Ward recorded 5 class wins, 3 second in class, 3 third in class, and 1 fourth in class.

Mr Ward has worked in publicity since leaving School and is now chief group publicity executive for the British Vita Co. Ltd., of Middleton, Manchester. He lives at Highham, near Burnley.

Appointed Headmaster

Mr Eric Turner (1946-53) has been appointed headmaster of South Chadderton County Secondary School, Chadderton, near Manchester. He was previously deputy headmaster of Moorside County Secondary School, Swinton, near Manchester.

From Queen Elizabeth’s Mr Turner went to Leeds University, where he read French and gained his BA degree in 1956.

After national service in the Royal Army Educational Corps, mainly in Aden, he returned to Blackburn on the staff of Witton Park Secondary Modern School, and in 1961 he moved to St Hilda’s Church of England Secondary School as head of the French department.

Head of Languages

In 1966 he was appointed head of the modern languages department at St Wilfrid’s Church of England School, Blackburn, where he remained until he became deputy headmaster of Moorside County Secondary School in 1967.

Mr Turner is married, with two children, and lives at 26 The Nook, Winton, Eccles, near Manchester.
Mr Anthony John Moreton, formerly of Ballantrean Road, Blackburn, married Miss Lesley Ann Smith of Hawthorn Road, Redditch, Worcestershire, at St. Luke’s Church, Redditch.

Barry Russell Brown (1950-56) and Maureen Senior, St Peter’s Church, Burnley, on October 17, 1970.

Mr Michael George Knight (1959-65), an accountant, and Miss Sheila Mary Ratcliffe, a Bolton dental surgeon, were married at Christ Church, Heaton, Bolton.

Mr Knight is the younger son of Mr and Mrs H. M. Knight of Pringle Street, Blackburn.

Enjoying a post prandial discussion at Calgary were: front: left to right: Dr. F. Tyler, Mr. Hugh G. Macklin, Mr. Bob Darwent. Rear: Dr. J. R. Maltby, Mr. Roy A. Ashcroft.

Dr. Tyler at Calgary

In his recent inter-continental travels Dr Tyler has had the opportunity of meeting up with several OBs of Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School in many far away countries and places. One particularly happy such meeting took place at Calgary during a trans-Canadian journey he was making. Here were no fewer than five OBs who had settled in the area for their professional service. The group secretary-convener is Roy Ashcroft who serves the Trochu district as the veterinary surgeon, and through him the other OBs in the area were contacted with a view to holding a special OB’s reunion dinner during the period Dr Tyler was present in Calgary. This duly eventuated on the night of Friday, October 1st at the Inn on Lake Bonavista on the outskirts of Calgary.

Dr Tyler says that it was most heartening to be in the presence of so many OBs in such a far-distant place and to sense the genuine feeling of real affection for the School that they displayed. The menu provided was of “royal” proportions and the evening was spent in truly happy style with much anecdotal recall of the School—especially of the old “advanced lab” below the Radcliffe room where a number of them had “suffered” with him.

Dr Roger Maltby, supported by Roy Ashcroft, proposed the toast of “The School”, and Dr Tyler made suitable reply, whilst stories of the early Stocks period were provided by Mr Hugh Macklin whose brother, also an OB was the surgeon on Sir Ernest Shackleton’s polar expeditions early in the century.

Present at the gathering were: Mr Hugh Macklin (1907-08), Roy Ashcroft (1945-52), Bob Darwent (1947-54), Dr Roger Maltby (1948-53), Dr F Tyler (1931-70), Dr Ian Oates (1948-55), sent apologies for absences in view of urgent medical duties.

Dr Tyler says that he was overwhelmed by the kindness and attention he received—especially from Dr Maltby and Roy Ashcroft who were his generous hosts during his period in Calgary. ‘Disce Prodeste’ has certainly taken a firm root there and it is a ‘stop’ he will eagerly look forward to making again.
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Pilot Officer David Bruce Walsh (1957-64), who joined the RAF in March 1970 from a job with Lloyds Bank Ltd, has graduated from RAF Finningley, Yorkshire.

Mr Walsh, whose parents live in Colenso Road, Blackburn, was a member of the 142 Navigation course and he is one of the School’s 15 Old Boys in the RAF.

Mr Walsh married Mrs Susan E. Crust, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Harrison of Brownhill Road, Blackburn at St. Stephen’s Church, Little Harwood last September and the couple spent their honeymoon in Tunisia.

Could anyone who knows where the following Old Boys are now, please contact Mr King or Mr Bury at the School as their addresses have been lost through their removal:

B W Croft, Esq., 69 Croft Road, Carlisle, Cums.
A W Cunliffe, Esq., c/o 12 Leyburn Drive, High Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne 7, NE7 7AP.
J M Fellows, Esq., 220 Montague Rd., Bilton, Rugby, Warwick (John, Milton)
K P Fellows, Esq., 220 Montague Rd., Bilton, Rugby, Warwick (Kevin)
P M Fellows, Esq., 220 Montague Road, Bilton, Rugby, Warwick (Paul)
K N Fellows, 220 Montague Road, Bilton, Rugby, Warwick (Neil)
K Harling, Esq., 84 Bent Lane, Davenport, Manchester.
G Hayhurst, Esq., Flat 4, Beechwood, 55 Park Road, Loughborough, Leics. (George)
J D McLean, Esq., 50 Winchester Avenue, Sheffield 10, Yorks. (John David)
P H Maidment, Esq., 34 Upper Grotto Road, Twickenham, Middlesex. (Peter)
D C Robinson, Esq., 217 Fen Road, A H Q., R A F. Marham, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.
J A Stafford, Esq., Higher Barn Cottage, Samlesbury (John Albert)
J R Tagger, Esq., ex Leicester. (John)
R Thompson, Esq., 56 Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh, Scotland. (Robin)
R S Charnley, Esq., 81 Old Quarry Road, Shirehampton, Bristol. (Robin)

Senior post for Banker

Mr Ronald Wearden (1943-48) assistant branch manager of Blackburn Trustee Savings Bank, Lord Street West, has been appointed senior administrative officer at Sheffield Trustee Savings Bank's head office.

Mr Wearden began his banking career at Blackburn as a clerk in 1955 and lived with his wife and two daughters in Goodshaw Avenue, Picklegate, Blackburn before taking up his new post last August. He was a member of Blackbourn Round Table and on the general council and board of directors of Blackburn YMCA. He was treasurer of both the Blackburn Duke of Edinburgh award council and Blackburn and district outdoor pursuit centre of which he was also a trustee.
AUSTRALIA is bigger than I ever imagined—though I do not suppose, even now, that I have an accurate impression of its size, since all my interstate travel was by air. Memories keep flashing back, brief pictures of a vast land, as if I had drunk a draught of the continent, so utterly beyond the comprehension of an Englishman.

I spent three hard days, for instance, travelling up and down the Queensland coast, and inland: a 200-mile round trip from Brisbane up to Noosa Heads, then down the Gold Coast to Coolangatta on the borders of New South Wales, then west for 800 odd miles up the Great Dividing Range to Toowoomba—and after all that, I thought, I should have seen quite a bit of Queensland. It was pointed out to me gently in Brisbane that I'd seen a tiny fraction of Queensland, just a small part in the south-eastern corner. It's true. Look at a map: like all Australia, Queensland measures distance in thousands of miles, not hundreds.

And then there was the signpost I found on the way to Ballarat: ADELAIDE, it said, 475 miles. Did you ever see such distance on an English signpost? On the M6, perhaps, you might learn that Birmingham was 100 miles down the road, but I doubt if you will ever see more in England.

From Perth to Sydney it's 2,000 miles. Think a minute: that's the distance from Blackburn to Newfoundland, almost; or from here to Tobruk.

As I said, it's beyond an Englishman's comprehension.

SYDNEY is crowded, busy, and very confident of its position as the metropolis of Australia. At the moment it's shooting skyward, with massive redevelopment in the city centre and a multitude of skyscrapers spiking the skyline. Until the early 1950s there was a ban on any building more than 150 ft. high, except for towers or spires, but since then multi-storey office blocks have been rising in constant competition, each trying to surpass the next. These new towers stand close upon the other, and the human scale of Sydney's splendid nineteenth century buildings is being destroyed.

The inner suburbs of Sydney—that is, the older parts of the city outside the centre—are attractive for their different characters and their setting around the bays and inlets of the great harbour. Beyond, the outer suburbs spread forever under red tiled roofs. I do not care for the sprawl, but I liked parts of it and remember them with pleasure. And curious thing I remember above all: under official regulations, you are not allowed to spit on Sydney Harbour Bridge.

There is an attractive pride about Queensland. No-one says he's from Brisbane; there is no word in local use for a resident of that city. Ask them where they're from and they'll say they come from Queensland.

They don't say "Queens'land", as an Englishman would. They say "Queens'-land", almost two words, perfectly pronounced, and said with pride.

It is a pride uniform throughout the state. In Sydney they speak of Queensland with scorn, chuckle at anyone foolish enough to waste his time on a trip to Brisbane; but in Brisbane no-one speaks with anything but equal pride of Rockhampton, Cairns, Townsville, and other towns north and farther north up the Queensland coast. Queens' Land. I like it.

THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS of Australia made me feel very much at home. State Parliaments, town halls, city libraries—all these could very often fit very happily into the townscapes of the wool and cotton citadels of Northern England. The reason is that the age of nineteenth-century prosperity in industrial Lancashire and Yorkshire coincided very often fit very happily into the townscapes of the wool and cotton citadels of Northern England. The reason is that the age of nineteenth-century prosperity in industrial Lancashire and Yorkshire coincided with the years when Australia was being opened up and its cities established as capitals of their states. The taste of the age is reflected in the great buildings that remain.

AS OXFORD is the city of bells and spires, Canberra is the city of flags and flapping halyards. It is the only city I know without ugliness, where there is beauty whichever way you turn. Australians tend to dislike it, saying it is cold, heartless, has no soul. I wasn't there long enough to be able to deny this, but I do know that the planned elegance of Canberra means more to me than the unbearable sprawl of Sydney or Brisbane.

Canberra has one of the best newspapers in Australia: the Canberra Times. It is not large in circulation, but it is colossal in quality: the care, diligence, and passion for accuracy that go into the Canberra Times make it a model for newspapermen the world over.
TASMANIA, I was told, is very English. And so it is. At one point during my visit I could see no gum trees.

Hobart was bleak and grey; its people wear macs and woolies and houses have grey slate roofs—in short, I felt very much at home, especially so through the warmth of the welcome I received in Tasmania, as elsewhere in Australia.

Port Arthur, a ruined convict settlement, made me ashamed of at least some of my country’s history, and a visit by car and helicopter to the Gordon River Power Development in the still partly unexplored south-west of the island showed me some of the wildest mountain scenery I have ever seen. My Tasmanian trip ended at Launceston.

MELBOURNE brought a big surprise: I hadn’t been there 24 hours before I found myself in Blackburn, half-way between Preston and Burnley. And this half a world away from home! All three places are Melbourne suburbs; how they came to be so named I do not know, but I suspect there may be a long-established Lancashire community in Victoria.

Fifty miles north of Adelaide a friend took me to a hill and pointed out across a vast plain. “From here on north”, he said, “there is no permanent water for seventeen hundred miles. That is Australia, and I love it.”

He had been a stockman up in the Territory, until a horse rolled on him. He was proud of Australia for being Australian, and I admire him for that.

There is a rough and tough rivalry among Australian newspapers. A few years ago an English newspaper joined with one in Sydney to organise a race from London to Sydney. One of the most crucial stages was across the Nullarbor Plain, ending at a small outback town called, let’s say, Boorinda.

It so happened that the owner of the sponsoring Sydney newspaper was a man of considerable influence, and extensive communication facilities were therefore installed at Boorinda so that the Great Man’s paper could have news and pictures flashed instantly to Sydney as the surviving competitors in the race came gasping out of the dust and sun of the Nullarbor.

All of which did not please the local metropolitan newspaper; the busy activity up at Boorinda was a gross intrusion on its territory. The editor, noting that Boorinda’s airstrip was three miles from town, therefore hired the town’s one and only taxi for as long as seemed necessary. And he booked up the one and only hotel for a similar period. Then came the coup de grace: he called for volunteers, and dispatched a drinking team to the battle front.

It is said that the news and pictures that reached Sydney were of poor quality, and late.

PERTH was a disappointment. I have had relatives there for twenty years and have been told what a splendid place it is. True, there is sunshine and blue water and the good life. But the city is overwhelmed with flies, and many people who live there neither know nor care that there are more important things in life than a sunny day.

It is said that Perth, 1,300 miles from Adelaide, is the most isolated city in the world; its people’s attitudes certainly reflect that isolation—some I met were uninterested in the world outside Australia or even in the country’s eastern states.

But not everyone was like that. I was certainly made welcome in Perth as everywhere else, and I remember it with happiness.

The Manchester Unity of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has, over the years, become one of Australia’s biggest insurance companies for medical, hospital, and sickness benefits. And the former title of the Guardian, naming that great city of its birth, is as widely remembered overseas as it is in Britain.

All of which helps to explain why, after a series of hurriedly whispered introductions over cocktails in Brisbane, a certain Old Blackburnian was introduced to Gough Whitlam, leader of the Australian Labour Party, as “the Queensland manager of the Manchester Unity”.

Anyone for insurance?

And that, in 54 days and six thousand miles, was Australia. I saw a lot, but it was only a tiny part of that huge continent. Some day, perhaps, I shall go back. I hope so. Australia is unforgettable—and it’s worth more than one look.
THE NEW GYMNASIUM MAKES LIGHT WORK OF BODY BUILDING AND THE STAGE IS SET FOR MORE QEGS HISTORY

Games and circuit training in the bottom quad hasn’t the same chilling (literally) sound it had in the past days at School. The bottom “quad” now houses the new hall and gymnasium. The picture above shows the light open appearance of the gym with the rope trick in the foreground.

The view looks out toward Dukes Brow and the gym is on the first floor. Left, the stage is arranged for what may be assembly for the juniors or one of the many concerts given by the School Orchestra and Choir.

The new building was opened by Chairman of the Governors Mr William Hare on April 10 last year.
FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Blackburnian's Association was held in the Lammack club house on Tuesday November 23 and was one of the shortest on record.

The main subject of the evening was Sir Ben Ormerod's portrait. Much of what was discussed can be found on page 00, although Sir Ben wrote to say that having been in South Africa during the Summer, he felt he could not undergo the "ordeal" of six sittings, for a portrait in oils, within a fortnight.

He suggested arranging for "a lady who does sketches" to draw him though not in robes and the committee agreed if that was his wish to abide by it.

It was suggested that the sketch be presented to Sir Ben at the annual dinner this year and perhaps afterwards hung in Ormerod House, the science block named after Sir Ben.

Mr J. D. Forbes was elected chairman and the Treasurer. Mr Fred Bury was elected vice chairman. Mr David Forbes was re-elected secretary and Magister Editor Mr John F. Duckworth was voted onto the committee filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr Roy Wallace. Mr W. E. T. Walsh, Mr Eric J. Kay and Mr R. Smith were co-opted onto the committee.

The treasurer submitted his report saying that since the rise, contributions had not come in as quickly as he would have hoped. Mr Bury gives an up to the minute summary of the situation in the editorial on the back page. The balance sheet appears below.

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31st, 1971

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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 31st July, 1971.

(Signed) KENNETH H. MARSDEN, F.C.A.
WILLIAM HARE, F.C.A.

11 November, 1971
OLD BLACKBURNIANS’ ASSOCIATION

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Period at School ... to ...
You’ll never believe this: Harry King and Magister editor John Duckworth were sitting next to each other at an Industrial Life Offices Luncheon at the Old White Bull, Blackburn — Harry was representing the School John was reporting the speeches for the Lancashire Evening Telegraph.

After the soup, John asked Harry how his old House, Grenville, was getting along. He was pleased but quite surprised when Harry, Grenville House master, told him they were sweeping the board at most of the sports.

Now any old boy at School during the past 20 years will not remember Grenville for sporting prowess, although always high on the academic side, they were never known particularly to shine on the playing fields despite energetic support from Harry King on the sidelines.

John mentioned that maybe part of the reason for failure in the past was that he had captained the soccer, cricket and badminton teams at one time. Anyway, he joked, it may have been recognised as he was never given his House colours.

Two days later Harry coloured up — in the post were John’s House colours — eight years after he had left School.

Better late than never, heh John!

It is rumoured that he has framed them with the inscription, “In Memoriam”.

Ah so!

Whoops! I thought I had it on good authority that the tables and benches used in Big School were Japanese light oak. Wrong — they are English oak — and proud of it! Good old English oak. My inscrutable source is found out! I apologise — editor.

The Headmaster’s wife, Mrs Coulson and her Christmas Fayre helpers raised a magnificent £2,667 with three fairs, to purchase the furniture. See the Dinner issue.

Governor dies

We regret to announce the death of School Governor the Very Rev Norman Robinson who passed away in May.
Obituary

OBA PRESIDENT
DIES AGED 86

Sir Harold Derbyshire, president of the Old Blackburnians Association, died in September 1972. He was 86.

Sir Harold was head boy at School from 1902 to 1905. He attended a private school in St. Annes before going to Queen Elizabeth's, then left for Cambridge after winning a scholarship to Sidney Sussex College.

He gained a first class honours degree in natural sciences and in the Law Tripos before being called to the bar. He took chambers in Gray’s Inn in 1911.

He was awarded the Military Cross in June 1918 while serving with the Royal Artillery during the First World War. He had a large law practice in the North after the war and in 1928 took silk. Five years later he was appointed additional judge of the High Court of Justice of the Isle of Man.

The following year he became Chief Justice of Bengal and was knighted by King George V in October 1934.

Sir Harold retired in 1946 and established an orchard at his home Lindsey Lodge Farm, Hadleigh, near Ipswich.

He was the son of Mr and Mrs. James Derbyshire, of Preston Old Road, Cherry Tree and married Miss Dorothea Alice Taylor, youngest daughter of Mr John Taylor, a cotton manufacturer of Crosshill, Blackburn, in 1915. They had a son and daughter. Lady Derbyshire and her daughter still live at Lindsey Lodge Farm, where the family enjoyed great success with fruit growing.

Sir Harold was twice unsuccessful standing as a Liberal candidate for a Parliamentary seat—at Clitheroe in 1923 and Royton in 1929.

The funeral took place quietly in Suffolk.

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Former announcer dies aged 62

Mr. Tom Naisby was senior announcer of the BBC North region for 23 years. He retired on December 3, 1969, after his warm Lancashire voice had been heard in more than 33,000 broadcasts. He died in hospital on Sunday September 10 last year aged 62.

He was School soccer captain and the first boy editor of the school magazine. He lived in Audley Range, Blackburn and left a wife Winty, two sons Stephen and John, who both attended Queen Elizabeth’s and a daughter Celia.

Much of what can and should be said about Tom Naisby appeared in an article in Magister number 13 to mark his retirement. He served with the RAF during the war as education officer with the Polish airmen stationed in Audley Range, Blackburn and the first boy editor of the Blackburn incorporated Law Association and was its president in 1967.

Secretary

He was a keen member of St. George's Presbyterian Church, Blackburn and had been secretary to the Board of Management since 1957.

His varied interests also involved the Old Blackburnians Football Club of which he had been a member since leaving school and where he was chairman from 1948-1959. He was also secretary of the Lancashire Amateur League for a number of years.

Mr. Forbes devoted a lot of his time to Blackburn's Y.M.C.A. and was chairman from 1967-1970. He was also chairman and one of the founder members of the Ribchester Playing Fields Trust.

Royal Navy

He was also secretary to the Hartley House Trustees.

During the war he served in the Royal Navy as a lieutenant and after serving in H.M.S. Exeter, prior to her involvement in the Battle of the River Plate, he took command of an armed trawler in the North Atlantic.

Mr. Forbes

A funeral service was held at St. George's Presbyterian Church prior to interment at Ribchester Parish Church.

DEATH OF TWO GPs

Dr. Robert Slater

Preston's oldest practising GP, Dr. Robert Slater, died in Shoran Green Hospital, Preston, in April this year aged 71.

Dr. Slater attended School from 1912 to 1918, leaving for Manchester University. He moved to Preston more than 40 years ago and shared the practice, in Garstang Road, with his son Alan and daughter-in-law Ethel.

He was past president of the Preston Medical Ethical Society and past chairman of the Preston division of the British Medical Association as well as a member of the local medical committee and Preston Executive Council.

Dr. Slater, of Regent Drive, Fulwood, was holding surgeries until shortly before his death.

He left a wife, Mary, son Alan and daughters Judith and Ruth.

Dr. Norman Harris

Dr. Norman Harris (1928-36), died suddenly at his home, Bingham House, Cardigan, Wales, on April 13. He was 55.

Dr. Harris went into general practice after leaving Manchester University. He left a wife Dorothy and four children. Cremation was at Narbeth, Pembrokeshire.
TWO EX-QEGS MASTERS DIE

Former member of staff Mr T. C. Partington died last summer and below a colleague for many years, Mr Leo Collier, remembers him.

T. C. Partington

His many friends in Blackburn will have been sorry to hear of the death last June of Mr T. C. Partington, who taught French and German at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School for thirty-three years until he retired in 1954. He had taken his M.A. degree in Manchester University, and had taught for a time at Hawarden County School before joining the staff in 1921.

All through those thirty-three years his steady, kindly, imper­turbable temperament was at work leading hundreds and hundreds of boys through the intricacies of French and German, and there very many who will remember with respect and affection his profound worth as a schoolmaster and scholar. His particular interest, outside the classroom, was in music, and for a great many years he organised and conducted the school orchestra — small in those days, as financial resources were very limited, but the music he chose for the players to perform always showed his impeccable taste in selection. He was invariably ready for the orchestra to co-operate with the Dramatic Society in the annual school play.

Married

For many years a bachelor, he married, just after his retirement, Miss Dorothy Eramwell, senior modern languages mistress at what was then Blackburn Girls' High School, and the last eighteen years of his life were very happy ones. He and Mrs Partington shared deep interest in music, and they were regularly to be heard playing their instruments, violins or violas, in performances given by several of the local amateur orchestras.

Mr Partington has our very warm sympathy.

Arthur Tattersall

Former manager of the Bull's Head, Wilpshire, Arthur Tattersall died, aged 49, in March. He had run a pharmacy in Jersey since 1970 and leaves a widow and two sons.

Mr Ernest (Jim) Towle, a member of staff at School from 1907 to 1946, died peacefully in his sleep at his home in Stamford, Lincolnshire in January. Mr Towle was 92. He was second master at school from 1920 until he retired. George Eastwood writes about him below.

Ernest Towle, popularly and affectionately known as "Teddy", first went to Blackburn in 1907, when the School had only 100 pupils and he himself, in addition to his own subjects of history and classics, taught mathematics.

He once told me "you are never really accepted by Blackburn people until you have lived here for forty years."

In fact he was to be associated with the School for 39 years, during which time he saw the School grow and develop from a minor academy into the well known and important grammar school it is today.

His teaching career was interrupted by active service in the First World War from 1915 to 1918, where he attained the rank of captain.

He was chairman of the Thursday bench of Blackburn Magistrates for 26 years and had been chairman and was trustee of Blackburn Orphanage.

Second Master

On his return, he was appointed second master, though his duties as such were not onerous and mainly consisted of arranging the prizes on speech day. It was later only that the scope and responsibilities of this post were considerably enlarged.

As his junior colleague in history and as, in those days, his one assistant house master for Drake, I knew Teddy Towle for 20 years. He was a man easy to get on with.

A Brassene man, he never lost his love for his old University, from which he acquired a culture he was ready to impart to others. In conversation with him, no-one could fail to be impressed by the depth of his knowledge and the breadth of his reading.

Kindly

In his "sweet reasonableness" he reminded me of Sir Thomas More. To no other man would I have sooner turned for advice. By most boys, he will be remembered as a kindly man whose rule was easy but would tolerate no nonsense. He did not seek an easy popularity yet there are few members of the staff who better retain the respect and affection of the old boys.

In the staff room he presided with a benign and dignified authority, he sought the solace of most second masters with golf. The lure of the links outweighed all else. He played a round of golf every day without fail.

These then are the random recollections of a colleague. I remember him with affection and gratitude. As a man, he commanded respect; as a teacher his pupils will have a better idea than I. But I am convinced that his influence on the School in moulding character and tradition, was far greater than he himself would have been prepared to admit.

HARRY AINSWORTH

Harry Ainsworth (1919-1925) died from a sudden attack of asthma last July. He left School with an exhibition scholarship to Cambridge. He diverted to Mechanical Sciences part two after getting a first in part one mathematics.

He went to Rio de Janeiro working for an air survey company after graduating.

He returned at the height of the 1930's depression and took posts as assistant surveyor with the army and a minor academy, and a custodian of Blackburn Orphanage.

He was appointed to a lecturership at Imperial College, London, in 1948 and remained as lecturer in surveying for 25 years. He spent a great deal of time at the college's large field station in Silwood Park where he was obviously very happy as he asked that his ashes be scattered in the grounds.

He left a widow, Winifred, and a married daughter.
ON THE WAY UP DOWN THE SLIPPERY SLOPE

Ian McQuirck (1958-64), could not face a nine-to-five job as an engineer — so he took to the hills, or more correctly — to the mountains, the mountains of Voss, Norway.

Ian of Cromer Place, Blackburn, has always had a passion for the high life of mountains. He used to be keen on mountain climbing until his nerve left him. Then he turned his attention to skiing.

He took a job handing out skis at Aviemore Ski-school, Scotland, and taught himself to ski. He progressed so well that he was instructing part-time in his second year.

He left to hand out the skis in Norway but not long after, began instructing again, this time, full-time.

"I saw a lifetime of routine nine-to-five office hours stretching out in front of me and I knew I just couldn’t do it," said Ian, who went into engineering after leaving School.

Bronzed

So, as far as we know, QEGS has produced its first ski instructor — the bronzed Blackburn bachelor who combines pleasure and business on the ski slopes of Voss.

For Ian receives his fair share of attention from the female tourists who are surprised at his "command of English!" But it is not all fun or as glamorous as many people think. It is hard work making a living anywhere — but few occupations can be as off beat or as far removed from the normal or even unusual jobs of his former school fellows.

CHAMPION GOLFER NIGEL RICHARDS

Champion amateur golfer Nigel Richards died after a fall during his first karate lesson in October.

At School from 1959 to 1964 and after, he was known as a lovable clown. He could always find time for a joke.

In only a terribly short career — he was 24 when he died — he quickly established himself as a class amateur golfer. His ability was first seen when, at school, he joined Blackburn Golf Club, where his father was a past captain.

He won both the East Lancashire championship at Rochdale and the Blackburn town championship in 1966 and the following year was a member of the Blackburn team which won the East Lancashire Scratch Shield.

Capped by Lancashire as a colt, he subsequently gained full county honours.

This, plus his many successes in open club competitions resulted in his turning professional. But he never quite made the big break into top tournament golf and eventually applied for reinstatement as an amateur.

Nigel had been doing beginner's exercises with a black-belt instructor when he fell back, pulling the instructor onto him. He died on the way to hospital crushed by the weight of the 14 stone instructor.

A magistrate for 37 years

Mr William Edward Woolley (1912-15), retired from Blackburn bench at the age of 71. He had been chairman of the bench for 18 years.

A co-optative governor of the School, he is chairman of Cupal Ltd., manufacturing chemists of Phoenix Mill, Blackburn.

He was presented with a set of gold cufflinks by magistrate Mrs Nora Walsh to mark his retirement.

Doctorate

David Wynne is preparing a PhD on the theoretical considerations of condensation in Hull.

He gained an MSc in Continuum Mechanics in 1971 following an upper second in pure and applied mathematics.

Sabbatical

Robin Thompson, senior scientific officer for the Agricultural Research Council at Edinburgh University ends a 10-month sabbatical next month. He spent his time in agricultural research at Statistical Laboratory, Iona State University, Ames, in the United States.

Manager

Mr Eric Gabbott (1938-44), has been appointed manager of Barclay's Bank, Rochdale and Northwich branches. South Parade, Rochdale. Mr Gabbott, 45, is married with two daughters and a son.
Once again Old Blackburnians are Division One champions of the Lancashire Amateur League North Section. This is the fourth time in five consecutive seasons that they have won the league and this year they did it in fine style with an undefeated record as follows:

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Old Blacks bounce back as champions

By David Forbes

Old Blacks have played consistently well during the whole season which was perhaps their best for many years.

Again credit is due to all the players who have represented the 1st XI but in particular to captain Brian Hardcastle whose determination and effort keeps the rest going.

A lot of credit too to Richard Grogan who started playing regularly for Old Blacks in about October. He was responsible for 49 Old Blacks goals. A remarkable achievement considering he only joined the playing strength partway through the season.

As usual Old Blacks season started with cup matches, and first with the Lancashire Amateur League Cup in which they had a very good first round win over Manchester Y.M.C.A. another, team in the habit of winning trophies. Old Blacks won 4-3.

Second XI

The second XI improved their position in the table on last season and finished in about fifth or sixth place. No final league tables are available at the time of writing.

Again the third and fourth XI's maintained their middle of the table positions but suffered from the old, old problem of not being able to maintain the same teams from week to week.


Social

The Club has held its usual Social Activities which are proving very popular and it is hoped the planned extensions providing a new separate lounge bar and new changing and shower facilities make the Club more popular for Old Blackburnians, young and old, and their friends.

Semi-final

We went on to reach the semi-final of this competition but were well beaten by Hesketh Casuals. This was at the end of season when Old Blacks were involved in six games in ten days. Also on this occasion Old Blacks had no fewer than 5 regular first team players unavailable.

We were well beaten in the F.A. Amateur Cup by Ainsdale 4-0 in the preliminary round. However we started off better in the Lancashire F.A. Amateur cup progressing to the second round beating Aintree Villa 3-0.

In the next round they met Collegiate Old Boys who were soundly beaten 5-1 by Old Blacks. Then Old Blacks met Monton Amateurs and on a cold and wet day were unlucky to lose 2-1, both goals against being scored in five minutes immediately before half time.

In the Annual Boxing Day match, Old Blacks were again successful beating a Blackburn Combination side XI 5-2.

Chairman's Report
1972/73.

In welcoming members to the Annual General Meeting the Chairman regretted that there were no more present but thanked those who were for their interest and support. He reported on the various activities of the sub-committees as follows:

Football

The Chairman was pleased to report that once again the 1st XI had re-gained their rightful position as champions of the North Section of the Lancashire Amatuer League this being the fourth time in five years that the 1st team have held this position. He mentioned particularly the work of the Club captain, B. Hardcastle and also Richard Grogan who had joined the playing strength part way through the season and who had had a very successful season scoring 49 goals.

The Chairman regretted to inform the meeting that Bob Hornsby who had been team Secretary for the past 2 years had tendered his resignation and thanks were accorded to him for his efforts.

D. L. Stevenson was also thanked for the smooth and efficient way in which he had run the Team selection meeting every Monday night.

As regards the other teams, the 2nd XI had improved on their progress of last year but had only finished mid-way in the table. The 3rd and 4th XI’s had both had mediocre seasons.

Ground

The Chair remarked on the Club's great fortune in having on the Committee the School's Groundsman, Mr Vince Chester, who did a splendid job mostly in his spare time in looking after the Club's pitches. The Chairman also mentioned that advantage had been taken of the Government's Environmental Assistance Grant Scheme which had been prepared and approved and work had started. The Scheme provided for the clearing out of the brick and the cutting and of all the rough areas and the planting of trees.

Social

The Accounts showed a considerable increase in profits from dances and social functions and thanks were accorded to Phil Sumner and Jim Morris on their efforts of the sub-committee.

. . . and details of the annual meeting . . .

Old Blackburnians Association Football Club held their annual meeting in the Lammack pavilion on Wednesday May 9 when Mr W. K. Forbes, president, Mr B. Wilkinson, chairman, and 26 other members were present. After last year's minutes of the annual meeting had been read and passed, the chairman gave a report.

Finals

The Chairman again regretted to announce the Treasurer Roger Smith had tendered his resignation and thanks were accorded to him for his efforts and particularly in producing monthly statements which gave the Committee a clear picture of the up to date financial position.

Alan Blackshaw was thanked for his efforts in promoting the Xmas Draw which had produced a record profit of £40.

Bar

Again the Bar takings had increased to a record figure this year, just under £12,000 and the Chairman thanked all the members of the Bar sub-committee for the considerable amount of work and effort put in by them. He also thanked the Steward John Whalley for his constant good service to the Club.

The Chairman referred to the sponsored walk which had been held last summer and realized £77. He thanked those who took part and those who did the sponsoring. He indicated that other ideas along these lines were being considered by the Committee.

Ladies Committee

Once again the Chairman gave praise to the efforts of the Ladies Committee who this year had made a donation to the Club of £175 and he expressed the general feeling of the Club that the work of the ladies was greatly appreciated.

The Chairman referred previously to the Pavilion extension and informed the meeting that the final plans were being prepared and planning permission had been applied for. It was estimated the cost would be between £1200 and £1400.

Finally the Chairman thanked the other officers and the Committee in their help and work during the past year. and to the members for their continued support.

Accounts

The Audited Accounts were adopted following a brief explanation and the Chairman thanked the Treasurer and Peter Ibbotson and the Auditor John Tattersall in connection with the work on the Accounts.

Election of Officers

President:
W. K. Forbes was re-elected.

Chairman:
E. K. Wilkinson was re-elected.

Vice-Chairman:
D. L. Stevenson was re-elected.

Hon. Secretary:
D. I. Forbes was re-elected.

Hon. Treasurer:
A. Blackshaw was re-elected.

Hon. Football Secretary:
the appointment of this office was referred to the committee.

Hon. Press Secretary:
N. K. Sharpies was re-elected.

Hon. Auditor:
J. Tattersall was re-elected.

Hon. Solicitor:
D. I. Forbes was elected.

Committee:
The following had one year to serve on the Committee:
P. Browne
P. Sumner
V. Chester
K. B. Newton
The following were elected for
2 years:
B. Hardcastle
R. Hornsby
S. Tart
R. Ormerod
S. Shepherd
I. Cook
The following were elected for
one year:
D. Rowland
F. Riley

Subscriptions
It was resolved that subscriptions for the third year would be as follows:
Full Members £2.00
Full Members under 18 £1.00
Social Members £2.00
Lady Members £1.00
New Members £1.00

Change of Rules
The following change of Rules were approved:
Rule 4:
‘Vice-Presidents who shall be any person of 18 years of age or over who shall have been invited by the Committee to become such a Vice-President.

Rule 6:
Line 2 — delete “team”.
Line 3 — add “and between Treasurer and Hon. delete and Assistant Hon. Secretary”.

Rule 12:
Line 1 Delete “April” and substitute “July”.

Trustees
Following the death of one of the Trustees, Mr J. D. Forbes, it was necessary to appoint a New Trustee. Mr D. I. Forbes was duly appointed.

Johnny Forbes

Many a young lad found out about punishment school when he tried the old dodge to the prefect's short question, "name and form?"

Taking off his hat, the first former might have cheekily replied; "Forbes. Johnny Forbes, 62/54."

It's a fact that most of the lads had Johnny Forbes on the minds when they wore their school caps. But never again.

John Forbes (Outfitter) Ltd., of Northgate, Blackburn, closed on December 31 last year after 78 years. The company's premises have been sold to a property firm. "We were unable to sell the firm as a going concern, so it had to be finished completely," said managing director Mr Norman Forbes a School governor.

Mr Forbes is nephew of the founder, Blackburn Rovers captain and amateur Scottish international, Mr John Forbes.
Andrew Denton Lund (1959-65), and Miss Christine Ann Hall were married at Henbury Parish Church, near Bristol last September.

They met while working at Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester. Andrew is a general practitioner and a partner of Dr D. A. Brade, and a staff nurse.

The Rev J. Dolman, resident chaplain at Crumpsall Hospital, officiated and the couple are living in Brinscall.

Miss Christine Devaney at Holy Souls Church, at Brownhill, in August. They honeymooned in Greece and live in Shrewsbury Road, Bolton.

Anthony Leay (1959-65), married Miss Ellen Elizabeth Tinsley at St Silas’s Church, Blackburn, when Tony’s schoolfriend John Archer Dawson (1951-65), was best man.

John, who works in the foreign sales division for British Leyland in London, had earlier married teacher Miss Pamela Boot at Four Lanes End Church.

Anthony, who works in the transport industry, is the only son of Mr and Mrs F. S. Leay, of Albany Road, Blackburn.

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Central surveyor Michael Keith Whitehead (1960-67) married Miss Helen Margaret Barrett, a social worker in London, at Immanuel Church, Fenisowles. Mr Whitehead works with the GPO telecommunications division.
Due to popular demand
Fred Bury has put this . . .

One Across . . .

You are likely to complete this crossword more quickly than the last. Triangles always were easier to deal with than squares and those other four-sided things!

ACROSS

2. Palindromic exultation.
4. That which is before has at in just blabber on!
6. "Dope, nit!", even indistinct, could still be wounding.
8. Do you recall what triangles like this are?
10. Just compare the cost and freight without the insurance.
11. Even those who were first class couldn't keep flies off the turnout . . . we used to sing.
12. Not directly flowing.
14. Did Steve, the groundsman, chant this at Lammack when we beat Nelson G.S. 15-0, way back?
15. With a little imagination you could see this being in a northerly direction.
16. It is irritating when a chit is not made out properly.

DOWN

1. In the East, Charlie Chan, celebrated Chinese detective, holds the clue.
2. In morning assembly, the part of the monitor is only rarely remembered.
3. This St. Mary's school is in a glorious place.
4. You can say this again . . . don't you like the idea?
5. An obvious learner with rather ordinary A-levels something fishy here!
6. After-school as an after thought.
7. Word of the French.
8. You cannot count on a lot of these.
9. I hope that no Old Blackburnian would say that he was this.
10. The metal of the old-fashioned visual and.
13. To think that a metre and this could be so terribly British!

JUST TO CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

1 left diagonal:
We could get one from Anfield with a very small outlay and it would make a lovely wind-break at Lammack.

1 right diagonal:
Could QEGS ever become this? (4,3)

ANSWERS ON PAGE 19
OBE for 'Services to Scouting'

The Old Blackburnians Association vice chairman Mr Harold Burrows, was awarded the OBE in last year's New Year's Honours List.

Mr Burrows, at School from 1913 to 1922, is a former secretary of the Old Blacks Association.

He was invested by the Queen Mother at Buckingham Palace as an officer of the Order of the British Empire.

He was awarded the order for services to scouting in North-East Lancashire. Mr Burrows, of West Park Road, joined the School scout troop in 1918, became a patrol leader and gained the Kings Scout Award. He later held the Silver Wolf award, the highest award for service to scouting.

He retired, after three years as acting County Commissioner for North-East Lancashire, in 1970. He was assistant county commissioner, leader for training, from 1947 to 1960, when he became a deputy commissioner.

J. L. WOODING

Mr J. L. Wooding, at School from 1928 to 1934, was also awarded an OBE in the New Year's Honours List.

COUNTING THE COST IN MAURITIUS

It's Island of the Swan for Roy W. Wallis (1944-48) who took up a teaching appointment there — better known as Mauritius — last August.

Roy moved from Brinscall with his wife Brenda, a primary school teacher, and their two sons, Michael, 13, and Andrew, 11.

He was lecturing in accounting and business studies at Manchester University when he left and was formerly at Manchester College of Commerce before moving eight years ago.

A councillor on Withnell UDC, he began his career with Blackburn Corporation and qualified as a municipal treasurer before transferring to Lancashire County Council's treasurers department.

He is responsible for teaching and organising training courses in financial administration for civil servants and local government financial officers on the island.

LAST MAYOR

Blackpool's last mayor before local government re-organisation is Alderman Raymond Jacobs (1924-29). His wife Doris is the new mayoress.

Mr Jacobs' father, Harry, owned a well known fancy goods and gifts business in Town Hall St, Blackburn for more than 33 years.

A councillor for more than 15 years Alderman Jacobs has been chairman of the publicity and attractions committee for 10 years — no sinecure in Blackpool! He moved from Blackburn to the Fylde coast in 1933 to set up a gift and fancy goods business in Cleveleys.

PROFESSOR DIES

Professor Noel Bryan Slater (1923-24), professor of applied mathematics at Hull University, died in January. He was 60.

Engineer retires

Ronald I'Anson (1923-28) retired as reception engineer from J. and S. Leaver Ltd, Eanam, Blackburn after 43 years with the firm.

He joined the firm from School as a mechanic. He was made foreman and promoted to reception engineer 18 years before retiring last August.

Mr I'Anson, 61, was presented with a gold watch, and will spend his retirement at Billinge End Road, Blackburn.
TEACHER TURNED TOP TV CHATTER

"Watch out, Michael Parkinson. A young ex-schoolmaster with the hopeful name of Russell Harty has his sights on you. In London, Parkinson’s BBC 1 Saturday chat show is opposed by a similar programme made by London Weekend Television and starring Harty. LWT are pushing hard to get the talk on the national network. They say that Harty’s brand of conversation gets two million viewers — half a million more than Parkinson.

Should Harty get the chance to fight his BBC rival right across the country, it would make a piquant War of the Roses. Parky is Yorkshire through and through, Harty a Lancastrian and proud of it."

Eleven Plus

Of course he is! He is an old boy of Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School — (1946-54) and proud of that too! The above piece appeared in the Daily Mail on November 4 last year.

Since then the ‘Russell Harty Plus’ show has hit the high spots, but we are still waiting to see him in GranadaLand.

He made his mark in his own chat show ‘Eleven Plus’ after teaching in schools as far removed as Blakey Moor, Blackburn and Giggleswick School, near Settle.

Russell, son of Mr and Mrs. Fred Harty, fruiterers of Ribblesdale Place, Blackburn, is a bachelor with a flat at Notting Hill Gate.

When he first went to London people made fun of his Northern accent and he had to learn to speak “with a bagful of plums in my mouth”. Later they told him just to be himself. He found it difficult because he still felt his accent carried a bit of a stigma. But now it doesn’t seem to be holding him back.

He left School and went up to Oxford where he gained a degree in English. He returned to Blackburn and taught at Blakey Moor Secondary Modern Boy’s School for ten years.

Pandemonium

He moved to Giggleswick after pandemonium broke out during a boring film show for the lads. One of the boys had scraped up some rat poison from the floor and pushed it down his neighbour’s throat. “I knew I had to get out — and quick,” said Russell in an interview by Valerie Green, of the Blackburn Times.

He then received an invitation from the City University of New York to be a guest lecturer for two years.

He then returned to Blackburn for a short holiday, intending to go back but his work permit did not arrive and he was forced to look for work quickly. One of the ‘situations vacant’ was arts producer for ‘The Critics’, ‘The World of Books’ and other BBC radio programmes. He was successful and four years later started the arts programme ‘Aquarius’ on television with Humphrey Burton in January 1970.

Then the break through to his own show — not producing but appearing. He was given the chance after sending a memo to London Weekend suggesting a programme which switches from one subject to another — some light, some serious and defying explanation.

Opportunities

Quick — he certainly is, to grasp ideas, to understand his guests, to promote more ideas and most of all to seize opportunities.

“It’s just that opportunities have a habit of suddenly swinging out in front of me. So all I have to do is just grab them.”

Keep grabbing Russell and good luck — maybe we in the North may get a chance to see you on’t tele.

After 41 years, electricity supervisor switches off

The garden mower Mr Jack Pemberton (1925-30) received from his colleagues had to be electric for it marked his retirement — from the North Western Electricity Board.

He retired two months ago as Norweb area supervisor after more than 41 years in the electricity sales business.

Mr Pemberton, 58, had been supervisor, in charge of the 14 showrooms in the Board’s Pennine area for five years.

He was Norweb area press officer for 12 years. He has retired to Bolton-le-Sands. Mr Pemberton joined Blackburn Corporation’s electricity undertaking as a junior clerk after leaving School. Norweb’s Manchester headquarters staff presented him with a power drill. Combined with the lawn mower, it looks though Jack is going to have a very busy retirement! We wish him well.

A COOL PhD

Mr Stephen John Smith, 28, has been awarded a PhD from Manchester University for work into low temperatures — the study of cyrogenics. Mr Smith, who lives at Worsley, near Manchester, gained his BSc from Bristol in physics and is now in charge of the physics department at Eccles Grammar School. He was Victor Ludorum at QEGS and excelled in football and cross-country running.

FIFTH PLAY

David Ambrose (1952-61), who was featured in the last Magister, had his fifth television play produced by ITV last month.

"The Professional" starred Michael Bryant, one of the three actors in Siege — David’s first West End play which ran for only 12 nights.

The television play — David’s first mystery thriller — was well reviewed.

Santa flies in by bomber

Flight Lieutenat David Smith (1945-55) played “Santa” at Christmas when he was a member of the Vulcan bomber crew which helped to deliver presents to handicapped children at two Cheshire homes in Ethiopia.

Mr Smith joined the RAF in 1960 from Manchester University where he studied after leaving School. He was posted to Cyprus in 1971 with his wife and five-year-old son, after a spell in Malta.

LIBERAL TRADITION

Arthur Wilkinson (1919-25), won a mock election at QEGS as a liberal in 1920 — Now 53 years later Mr Wilkinson, a member of an old liberal family, has been elected chairman of Blackburn Liberal Association.

Mr Wilkinson, of Rhodes Avenue, Pleckgate, Blackburn, recently retired as headmaster of Sandon House, an independent boarding school near Chelmsford.

He was captain of Trinidad inter-colonial soccer team for ten years while in the West Indies. He returned to England to take an appointment at Dean Close School, Cheltenham, and Wrekin College before moving to Sandon House.
A vigorous animosity and the value of tradition

PORTRAIT PRESENTED AT ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner, held in Big School on December 16, was a sell-out — in the best sense. There were 167 Old Boys and guests crowded into the main hall — certainly a tribute to Sir Ben Ormerod who was handed his portrait for presentation to the School.

Mr Fred Bury, chairman of the Old Blackburnians Association, presented the portrait, drawn by Hove artist Mrs Juliet Pannet, and said it would inspire boys to aim for such an outstanding career as Sir Ben had achieved.

The story of the portrait, which will hang in Ormerod House, named after Sir Ben, was told in detail in the last issue of Magister.

Sir Ben said he was very proud and thanked the association on behalf of “the many old boys who have earned the right for portraits in the School.”

He took it as a symbol of the School’s gratitude to those who tried to serve the School and their country.

Mr Bury said first-year boys at Queen Elizabeth’s are taught the value of tradition and are given examples of old boys to spur them on to their own aims.

“The boys could have no better example than Blackburn’s only High Court judge who was a first-former at School in 1903”. The Headmaster, replying to a toast to the School, proposed by Cambridge lecturer Dr D. F. Grundy, said it seemed ironic that “schools such as ours cause a vigorous animosity — not because they are bad, but because they are good.”

He compared the School to a man on his 100th birthday, who, when asked what it was like to be a centenarian, replied: “It’s great, just great — especially when you consider the alternative!”

The School set a record with 200 more passes at ‘O’ level examinations than ever before, and 58 boys went on to further education.

Old boys and parents had contributed generously to the tables and forms for the refectory with £2,800, while £21,000 had been raised for the sixth-form centre following an appeal for £15,000. A photo-story on the new centre appears on page 00. The School was launching an appeal to parents for funds to modernize Harncliffe and build a science room and arts centre.

Mr Coulson welcomed Lancashire Chief Education Officer Mr Jack Boyce, who, he said, represented the School’s new role — offering free places to boys in the county after Blackburn Council had ended a tradition of free places for boys in the town.

The Headmaster welcomed the association’s new president Lord Woolley as chairman for the evening.

Problems

Mr Colin Parmley proposed a toast to the guest and the chief guest the Venerable Canon C. H. Lambert replied.

Mr Lambert, Archdeacon of Lancaster when he retired in 1966, said life today was a series of problems with “gloom, boom and doom” the slogan of misery merchants aided by the modern media of communication.

Future generations of men and women were in danger from anarchy or dictatorship if the present trends continued.
Annual Dinner continued

But the system of education provided by schools such as QEGS was the precursor of enlightened democracy. Values and virtues should be relied on rather than emphasise aptitudes and abilities. Pupils should be taught a way of life as well as a working life, he said.

"What a difference there would be if people were grateful for what they received for life becomes sour for those who take everything for granted. The priority of education should be to prepare for life rather than livelihood as the fate of the country lies in its education."

The presentation of the portrait followed the speeches and Sir Ben had a few words to say in reply to Mr Bury.

Mr Bury, chairman of the association and second master at Queen Elizabeths, said, "in a small way we are honouring you as you have honoured the school and brought honour to other old boys by the way you have lived and served.

INSPRIATION

"When a boy enters School it is the first-form master's duty to tell him of the tradition he is inheriting. But to tell a boy of his forebears' achievements up to now has been more like a book without pictures. The portrait will serve as an inspiration to those boys who look upon it, for it all adds to the story of a great tradition if the boy can look on the face of a man who helped a great deal to create it."

Sir Ben said school was a place to dream dreams at a time when you thought you were capable of doing the things you dreamed.

He said he was a very old boy who had seen the spirit and tradition of the School build up over the years — a distillation of history. "My life started well - it started here. There were only 150 boys in 1903. I was very proud of going to Queen Elizabeths then and my pride has increased as time has gone on."

Members and guests faced the war memorial in a minute's silence and tributes were paid to the president Sir Harold Derbyshire and the chairman Mr Donald Forbes who both died during the year.

Music Post

Mr Colin Edmundson has been appointed to the staff of Solihull School, Birmingham, Mr Edmundson read music at Magdelen College, Oxford, where he was appointed Music Demy and Organ Scholar. He has recently been elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists.

Oxbridge

Five QEGS pupils gained places at Oxbridge this year. Two go to Cambridge and three to Oxford.

IT'S A 'LE MANS' LIFE IN THE SIXTH FORM . . . . .

A new kind of drive took place at School last Summer when 26 sixth formers took an 'A' level course — in car driving.

Teacher was Blackburn Road Safety Officer Mr Tom Wood who arranged three advanced driving lessons for boys who had passed their tests during the previous 12 months, as part of their sixth form course following their 'A' level exams.

Perhaps there was something more subtle behind the idea as unofficial sources describe the West Park Road stretch outside School as "Brands Hatch."

PLATE CONSOLATION FOR SIX-A-SIDERS

Public Schools six-a-side soccer trophy holders QEGS (see last Magister) failed to retain the trophy this time - but still came away with the consolation cup, winning the plate final.

They drew 0-0 with Christ's Hospital; beat Elton 2-1, who they met in last year's final, and overcame Westminster 3-0. But goal average stopped them continuing in the competition. Bury Grammar School won, and they took part in the plate tournament for teams which were second in their group.

They drew 2-2 with Charterhouse, winning 0-1 on corners, beat Bootham 1-0 and Brentwood 3-1 in the final.

The squad was P. Lawson, J. Whitehead, M. Huntley, P. Greenhalgh, I. Jackson, P. Cardwell, R. Emmett, J. Waddicor, Mr Fred Raby, sportsmaster, and Mr Brian Hardcastle, coach went with the party.
The new sixth form centre, opened at a parents' night last November, cost £15,000. An appeal to parents and friends raised £21,000. The rest formed the basis of a modernisation programme for Horncliffe and a science and arts centre.

The sixth form block was built behind Hartley House which is still used for arts sixth teaching.

The ground floor contains a common room with the boys' snooker table, chess sets and other aids to relaxation and two small private study rooms.

The first floor contains a large study room cum teaching room with a private study room and a private room for the head of the school.

The photographs show the centre in full use and the area before it was built.
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Period at School ...................... to ......................
Speech Day was held at School on Thursday May 10 when The Bishop of Lancaster, The Right Rev A. L. E. Hoskyns-Abrahall, was the chief guest. Below is the chairman Mr Hare's speech in full.

Once again we have come to Speech Day and Open Day and as you are probably aware, in some years there are events of outstanding interest which I can report, such as, the opening of new buildings or the launching of a new appeal or the result of a struggle with the Education Authorities or the outcome of political decisions.

This year, however, is not one of those years, but gently over the past three years we have, by the generosity of the present parents, managed to raise a sum of £32,000 to enable us to have some spare money for capital purposes, which has resulted in providing a sixth form centre and in enabling us to prepare the forward plans for the re-styling and extension of the Junior School, and so I wish to say thank you to all the parents who have so generously supported us in this manner.

Also special thanks to Mrs Coulson and her Xmas Fayre helpers who have raised £2,667 with three fairs and thereby enabled us to pay for the new dining furniture in the Big School.

DISCIPLINE

And because of this generous support you are entitled to ask what is it all about, this way of life which is carried on at Queen Elizabeth's. It concerns discipline; it concerns proven ability towards giving a pupil the capacity to stand up in life under difficult circumstances in whatever station he finds himself. It produces confidence because life is a repetition of patterns adapted to different conditions and the way we achieve this is by making sure, in the first place, that the headmaster and staff are well qualified to do the work we ask of them; in the second place, by setting a standard of achievement through all levels, and in the third place, by enforcing sufficient discipline to achieve the results we desire.

We also aim to provide a certain basic standard of working conditions by keeping our buildings and equipment up to date.

We also make sure that our pupils are aware of the traditions built up since this school was founded and we ask them to live up to them.

With the entry into the Common Market international competition is going to be more severe and if you look forward you will find that there will be no room for lazy citizens, scrourgers or reactionaries. People who will not conform to a recognised pattern will fail to get on at any viable level, and this is why the Governors and I spend so much time and energy to help Queen Elizabeth's, because we believe that it is only in this type of educational establishment that the principles are taught that will enable this country to remain of great influence.

PROVOST

Only recently we have lost the services of a kindly governor by the death of the Reverend Norman Robinson, the immediate past Provost of Blackburn Cathedral, who was always willing to respond to our demands on his professional offices.

You will have noticed recently in the press, letters from parents expressing concern that the type of education which they consider to be most valuable is being taken away from them for purely political reasons and they know as well as you do that the general standard is being eroded, and they also know that the quality of the teaching profession can not be maintained if the politicians still attempt to over educate the people of this country.

Only last week we read of a report by the two Schools' Councils working parties on Sixth Form examinations in which it is suggested that the present "A" level examinations, which are agreed to be of an exacting standard, should be replaced by something different. The working parties propose that a certificate of extended education should be taken by the Sixth Form early leavers. It is doubtful whether this is programmed as a genuine test of scholarship or as a doubtful diploma automatically conferred upon anyone who endures school for a further year and one cannot be certain that this still is not politically orientated thereby using education to produce an egalitarian society in stead of using it to bring out the skill and ability of the pupils at whatever level they are able to achieve satisfaction.

Speech day guest

Dr Hugh Mortimer Pollard, principal of St Mary's College, Lancaster, who was at School from 1926 to 1934, was guest speaker at St. Mary's College annual speech day last September.

Dr Pollard gained an MA from Wadham College, Oxford, before receiving his doctorate in philosophy from Liverpool University.

CAROL SERVICE

A service of hymns, carols and Christmas readings at Blackburn Cathedral raised £52 for Dr Barnardo's Homes from parents pupils and staff in December. The Headmaster gave the final reading with the Rev. Canon C. W. D. Carroll giving the bidding prayer.

Mushrooming

Queen Elizabeth's has been named, in some quarters, the "mushroom school". It alludes to the fast growing number of buildings in West Park Road, (see page 15 for details of the sixth-form block) and not because there is no longer mushroom to expand.

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Monopolies Commission to look at Comprehensive System?

Schools such as ours, Mr Chairman, have opponents who, on their return to power as the Government of this country, have pledged themselves to the abolition of Direct Grant status and, wherever possible, to the destruction of the independent sector in education.

Now, if there is one thing of which I have become increasingly convinced during my 21 years as Headmaster, it is the need for as much variety of choice, independence and flexibility in education as possible. We need more variety, more independence: not less.

And it seems both ironic and nonsensical to me that, whereas in industry and other areas of national life, the Monopolies Commission has been created to guard the public against huge, soulless, monolithic institutions, our opponents seem to want to show no educational system other than that of the Comprehensive School. Much of the reasoning behind this destructive mania is based, of course, on the fallacy that all that is old and traditional is automatically bad and useless, and all that is glossy and trendy, brand new and "progressive" (whatever that may mean) is automatically good, regardless of whether it will work or not.

All traditional grammar and independent schools are at present under attack, very often by disruptive idealists who imagine that "re-structuring" the educational system will mean the dawn of the golden age. Their hope is that, by destroying academic and other disciplines, greater happiness and freedom will be achieved with less effort. Such levelling-down is fashionably felt to be democratic, but, in fact, it can only mean, as it has always meant, a lowering and degradation of all standards.

SUCCE$$

Naturally, one of the things that parents look for here is a sound academic training. As is usual, some 59 of our Sixth Formers left last July and went on to Universities, Polytechnics and other Colleges. But it is equally interesting and important that we can consider the standard of success at Ordinary Level of the G.C.E. And here, too, there is a record. In 1972 was the best year. Indeed, the actual number of passes was 200 more than ever achieved before, and was more than double the figures of the early sixties. But perhaps the best feature of those results was their quality: and the profusion of Grade 1's, and 3's is a matter for real satisfaction and reflects the high standard of teaching across the whole range of subjects.

ACTIVITIES

And the manifold activities that go to make up the corporate life of a School as large as ours show the same kind of committed effort and whole-hearted involvement. In games, for example, our Six-a-Side team won the Public Schools' Plate Competition in December, and two of our boys, M. P. Dickinson and R. Emmett, toured East Africa with the Public Schools' XI last August. Indeed, our First XI footballers had their best results since the record season of 1956, losing only 6 of their 28 fixtures, and winning the Peter Cross Challenge Cup against Clitheroe R.G.S. and the Clifton Five-a-Side competition. Our Under 15 Cricket XI won the Blackburn Schools League Championship and, in fencing, A. J. Conway took the Lancashire Senior Novices Gold Medal and also the foil for the best style. The School play always reaches a fine standard, while the annual musical concert has become an occasion of professional excellence. This year, we are to perform Haydn's "Creation" on Saturday, here in this hall — an event to which I know many of you are already looking forward.

FLOURISHING

I am not one, Mr Chairman, who is given to making extravagant claims — and, indeed, to making any claims that cannot be substantiated by facts. And the most important fact that I can offer today is that, at no time in the School's history, has Queen Elizabeth's been in so flourishing a state as it is at present. Let me say, first, a word about our admissions. Two years ago, some 240 boys sat the Entrance Examination for the 124 places in the Main School; last year the number had risen to 350, and this year's entry for the examination promises to be of the same order. And the boys we can admit are boys of quality and ability, whose parents see, in Direct Grant Schools such as ours, a level of educational achievement, in the widest sense of the term, that they prize and value.
And, in conclusion, it is well to remember that schools like ours and Lancaster and Winchester and Manchester Grammar School have not suddenly been created. They can be destroyed by the stroke of a pen, but not restored; and, once dead, they cannot be brought back to their old life again.

We, at Queen Elizabeth's, have much to be thankful for: in our buildings, our traditions, our achievement, our amenities; but then, so had the many good Grammar Schools up and down the country that have been flattened into the ground by the Comprehensive steamroller. And if we, who are teachers, Governors, and most important of all, parents, wish to preserve, for tomorrow's children, our type of School with its flexibility, its independence, its academic and other excellences, then it is our duty to say so, loudly and clearly, whenever and wherever we can.

Lord Clitheroe was the chief guest at last year's speech day and below is a short extract from the Headmaster's speech.

School Life, a base to fight social pollution

With the single-minded unity of purpose that is shared by Governors, staff, boys and parents, the School community has a strength and solidarity of which it can be proud. Proud, but not, I hope, complacent, for all that solidarity and strength are needed in the fight against what I can only describe as the pollution of the moral, spiritual and cultural environment in which our children are growing up. Militancy and depravity, in a seemingly endless variety of forms, are thrust daily — and nightly — into our homes through the mass media. Words such as "drugs", "permissiveness", "vandalism", "brutality" are the common currency of our contemporary language and way of life. Even in education and in the schools the rot has gained some hold, and increasingly one hears of defiance at universities, violence in classrooms, mixed with the student voices of trendy progressives, doctrinaire politicians and self-styled educational theorists arrogantly demanding the abolition of examinations, of public schools, of discipline, and even of the recognised forms of learning as we know them. And if our young people are to grow up and carry with them into their adult lives and adult responsibilities and valid standards of decency and integrity, honourableness and uprightness (how quaint and old-fashioned these plain virtues sound in 1972), then they will need all the help that, together, we can give them now.

Crossword answers

Answers to the crossword on page 9,

Across:

Down:

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**SCHOOL SERVICE PROMPTS ROGER TO SOCIAL WORK**

Memories of community service work at School helped Roger Hargreaves (1959-65) to make a decision which changed his life and altered his outlook five years after leaving.

He came down from Cambridge to join Hawker Siddeley at Hatfield as a buyer. A year later he decided that the world of business was not his cup of tea — then he thought of the usefulness in helping with community service.

“I gained my first experience of social work on the community service committee at School and it was the memory of that experience which led me to leave Hawker Siddeley. Roger is now a social worker in Liverpool. “The job is infinitely more satisfying — someone recently described social services as Britain’s biggest growth industry,” he says.

**MARRIED**

But Roger’s link with community service at School is not broken there — He married a former pupil of Notre Dame, Blackburn, who he met on the community service committee in 1966.

He writes: “I am afraid that as my brother Neil has left School my direct contact gas gone, so I shall welcome future copies of Magister even more. My best wishes to the School and the Association, I hope that both will continue to thrive”.

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**London plan a revival campaign**

Paul N. Price, the new chairman and former secretary of the London branch writes to tell us about the branch’s dinner and annual meeting at Imperial College, London, in March. “We had the usual good laughs — total incompetence is always shown by the London branch!”

“I was elected chairman, Dr R. Crosdale was elected secretary. Other officers remain as before, Harry Wilkinson as treasurer and Fred Coggins, auditor. “I was despondent at the meagre attendance and response of the London members although we had apologies from 11, that in total made an acceptance of only 15 per cent of the registered London members.

“However an endeavour is going to be made to bring this figure up considerably by writing a separate letter to all old boys, enclosing a list of all the members so they can contact any who may live locally. In this way we hope to have a 40 or 50 per cent turn out for the next AGM.”

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**Post Office award for Chris**

Chris Holden (1960-67), head boy in his final year, writes to Harry King from Abingdon, Berkshire, thanking for him a speech day programme. He says:

“The speech day programme made very interesting reading. I was surprised to see that so many of the staff I remember are still at QEGS.

“Further more it is most enjoyable to see so many contemporaries doing so well at their various places of study and work.

“I hope, one day, to visit the School again when it is open — until then, my best wishes to you and your School for your continued prosperity.”

“I start a one year course MSc in computing science at Imperial College, London, in Autumn. Between 12 and 20 awards are made each year by the Post Office for post-graduate studies in engineering and science.

“I hope the School, its teachers and pupils are as lively and successful as I remember them.”

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**Computer Control**

John Buckley (1960-67) writes to tell us of his career after School.

“I left Oxford with a physics degree in 1970 and took a post as executive engineer in the research department of the Post Office Telecommunications headquarters at Dollis Hill, London.

“My work concerns the use of digital computers to control telephone exchanges — one has to look at the 1980s for such equipment serving the public.”

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**Elected Chairman**

Dear Sir,

I am writing to straighten my bankers order and to tell you that I have recently been elected chairman of the “Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors”— Lancashire, Cheshire and the Isle of Man branch.

John S. Singleton,
York House,
2, White Road,
Blackburn.
Ein Brief
Aus Deutscheland

Dear Editor,

I was in Blackburn recently and happened to meet Mr Harry Ingham, a member of QEGS staff. This prompted me to write with a few details of my time since school, (1957-64).

In 1967 I gained a BSc in electrical engineering from Bristol and joined British Rail as a graduate trainee in the engineering departments. I was subsequently appointed assistant to the area maintenance engineer (Western Region, London) and was later appointed personal assistant to the chief engineer (Traction and Rolling Stock) at the British Rail Board.

In January last year I left British Rail and moved to Germany. Since September I have been teaching mathematics and physics at a relatively new comprehensive school in Bremen.

I can only say that the school strikes a sharp contrast with QEGS as I knew it. Although it is an invigorating experience to be back in educational circles and to be struggling yet again with vocabulary lists and problems of foreign language.

John T. Parson,
28, Bremen,
Rubeckamp 44,
West Germany.

Retires into teaching

Ralph J. B. Marsden (1919-28), brother of School governor E. C. Marsden, writes to say he has retired from ICI Fibres, in Harrogate, where he was patents information officer, and is at present teaching chemistry at Ashville College, Harrogate.

He says he is thoroughly enjoying teaching but the post is only for the Spring and Summer terms. "I don’t think I would like it as a permanent career," he confides.

TOWN PLANNER

Frank S. Walsmey, M.A., a member of the geography staff from 1963 until 1968, tells us he was elected a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute in March. Best of luck Frank.

LIFE LINE

Dear Sir,

I always look forward to receiving Magister and I noticed the appeal for subscriptions. I enclose a cheque for £12 to update my life membership.

It is seven years since I last passed the School so I have not seen the latest buildings. I have been living in Ireland for eight years but still cannot understand Irish history. In spite of the present troubles it is still a great place to live and I have no desire to return to Lancashire at the moment.

Walter Maxwell, Carrickfergus, Antrim, Northern Ireland.

We hope that the article and pictures of the new sixth-form block will be of interest and that you won't let another seven years pass without having a look at Alma Mater.

— Editor

HARRY KING IN HOSPITAL

Harry King, well respected senior science master and one of the hardest working old boys for the association, has had to take a forced rest from his voluntary filing and organising.

Harry is shortly to undergo two operations and I am sure every reader's prayers will go to Harry, in Beadwood, for a complete recovery. We wish him all the best.

NEWS FROM THE TOWN HALL

Executive

Dear Sir,

I am returning to Trutex Ltd head office in Clitheroe after a spell in Birmingham and I am hoping to attend the functions organised by the Old Blackburnians Association.

I am returning to take a position as executive in charge of the schoolwear division and was formerly a representative in the Midlands.

David Graham Winterbottom 1, Windsor Road, Albrighton, Near Wolverhampton.

Where are they now?

Blackburn Borough Treasurer Clifford Singleton (1934-38) was invited to the United States for 18 days by the IBM United Kingdom Ltd, to study advanced computer methods.

He stayed 16 days and visited New Orleans, Dallas, Fort Worth (a good place for a treasurer), Washington, San Fransisco and Toronto among other places. A dozen other British local authority officials made up the party.

Mr Singleton's right hand man, assistant borough treasurer Jack Charnley (1924-29) retired last year. Mr Charnley, married with two daughters, lives in Willow Trees Drive, Lammack.

Old Boys are spread over the globe — one ex pupil and former member of staff wrote to Mr Bury. He passed on an interesting letter from Paul Schofield (1952-60), who is teaching mathematics at Adi Cakobau School, Sawani, near Suva in Fiji.

He tells how he is measuring up to life in the sun where the Winter norm is a cool 70 F and relaxation is water skiing between the sharks.

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It's nice to hear from older old boys and particularly to hear from the Rev. Canon J. A. Harding, who was at School from 1904-06. He was ordained at Canterbury Cathedral in 1921 and retired to Guernsey in 1965.

He asked for news of his contemporaries and for George Eastwood's history of the School.

Three old boys who attended School at the same time are:

Albert Edward Briscoe (1900-05) Allan Ormerod (1904-09) and Lt Col J. Whittaker and, of course, Sir Ben Ormerod, who Canon Harding will have read about in the last Magister, which was sent to him with addresses of the above.
Nothing succeeds like success...

C. AINSWORTH (1921-26) Appointed Chief Public Health Inspector for Blackburn.
B. ALDRED (1961-69), Graduated B.A., First Class Hons. Modern History, Jesus College, Oxford University.


J. E. BEEVER (1962-69) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Biological Sciences (Zoology), Wolverhampton Polytechnic.

Dr. C. J. BELL (1948-56) Appointed Manager of Scientific Affairs with the I.B.M. Company. He is also Manager of the Company’s Science Centre, Peterlee, Co. Durham.

Dr. H. CHARNock (1932-37) Appointed Head of the Royal Institute of Oceanography.
D. COLLIhON (1960-70) Gained First Class Honours in first year studies in Chemistry and awarded the Woodwirg Scholarship for the best student in his year, Manchester University.


Keith has a job with lots of power... Speeding along is former Old Black's committee member Keith Collow (1939-44), for his job is to run British Petroleum’s racing activities in the United Kingdom.
Mr Collow was formerly principal youth employment officer in Blackburn. He was responsible for the power boats taking part in BP's national power boat record attempts on Lake Windermere at the end of last year. He lives with his wife and daughter in Caxton Road, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire.


MANAGER
Mr Harold Cowpe (1947-32), has been appointed manager of the Waterfoot branch of the National Westminster Bank Ltd. Mr Cowpe, 46, was formerly sub-manager of the Blackburn Exchange Street branch. He lives at Willow Trees Drive, Blackburn and is married with two sons and a daughter.
He joined the National Westminster at Exchange Street after leaving School and moved to Wigan before becoming an inspector's assistant. He returned to Exchange Street in 1965 as sub-manager.
He is a member of Blackburn Golf Club and treasurer of Blackburn Sea Cadet Corps.
Dr. A. L. W. F. EDDLESTON
M.A., B.M., B.Ch. (1951-58)
Awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine, Oxford University.

C. G. EDMUNDS (1962-69)
Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Music, Magdalen College, Oxford University. Appointed to a post in the Music Department at Solihull School.

D. F. FAIRIES (1961-68)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Hons. Colour Chemistry, Leeds University.

R. FARRINGTON (1942-46)
Appointed Chief Public Health Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent to Whitefield Urban District Council.

G. FERGUSON (1961-69)
Appointed William Dick Professor of Animal Health, Edinburgh University.

S. J. FERGUSON (1958-69)
Graduated B.A., First Class Hons. Chemistry, Merton College, Oxford University.

D. FIELDING (1962-69)

G. N. FORBES (1918-23)
Re-elected to the F.A. Council to the Central League Management Committee and to the Lancashire F.A. Council.

J. D. GARTSIDE (1958-68)
Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Philosophy, Durham University.

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J. D. GARTSIDE (1958-68)
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K. GRUNDY (1940-46) Appointed Superintendent radiographer for the Blackburn Group of hospitals.

B. S. HEALD (1945-50) Awarded a certificate by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (N.A.S.A.) of America for his work in connection with the Apollo Space Programme at the tracking Station in Western Australia.


C. C. HOLDEN (1960-67) Awarded the Royal Society of Arts Silver Medal for the outstanding student of the year in the Royal School of Mines, Imperial College, London.

R. HORTON (1962-70) Gained First Class Honours in first year studies in Physics, Merton College, Oxford University.


L. HOULKER (1960-67) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Civil Engineering, Manchester University. Appointed Graduate Assistant Engineer at Rochdale.


N. G. BRAMLEY-HOWARTH Graduated B.D.S. (Dentistry), Edinburgh University.

P. M. IDDON (1960-67) Awarded a Diploma in Building Economics at Portsmouth Polytechnic.


Rev. W. H. C. KINGSTON (1946-52) Appointed Vicar of St. Aidan’s Church, Bamber Bridge.

J. G. KIRK (1964-70) Gained First Class Honours in first year studies in Physics, Magdalen College, Oxford University.


M. G. KNIGHT (1959-66) Passed the Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.


K. A. LEECH, B.Sc. (1957-65) Awarded Ph.D., Manchester University for research in titanium dioxide.

A. D. LUND, M.B., Ch.B. (1960-66) Appointed Honorary Clinical Assistant, Crumpsall Hospital.


Lt. R. MacDonald, R.E. (1961-64) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Mechanical Engineering, Royal Military College of Science, Shrinchem. Appointed Troop Commander 26 Armoured Engineer Squadron in Germany.

Dr. J. C. MARSHALL (1945-59) Appointed Lecturer in Clinical Endocrinology, Birmingham University.


J. R. MARSDEL (1958-63) Passed the Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.


Dr. J. MILLS (1946-51) Appointed District Medical Officer on Inagua Island, Bahamas.


A. J. PENDLEBURY, M.A., Ph.D. (1956-62) Passed the Final Examination in Cost and Works Accountancy and was top student in the country.

T. G. PENDLEBURY, B.Pharm., (1953-63) Awarded the degree of Master of Management Studies, Bradford University.


P. G. RILEY (1956-66) Passed the Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

M. F. ROBERTS (1964-71) Elected to an Exhibition in History, Balliol College, Oxford University.

D. M. ROGERS, B.Sc. (1956-63) Passed the Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Headmaster of Shadsworth junior school, Blackburn is Frank Shuttleworth (1947-54). He took over the headship this year after being deputy head of Mill Hill junior school.

He went to Chester Training College after two years in the RAF and qualified as a teacher in 1960 specialising in teaching French to juniors.
Vicar moves to Forton

The Rev David Robinson, former vicar of St James, Blackburn, has moved to St James, Shireheath, Forton, near Lancaster, following his appointment as Diocesan Stewardship Adviser.

He has taken the smaller living in Forton as the pressure of parish work in Blackburn would be too much combined with the new appointment.

Married with two children, Mr Robinson was vicar of St James, Blackburn for 10 years. Previously he was curate at Standish and Lancaster Priory.

He is chapter clerk for Blackburn Church Schools Association.


C. ROSTRON (1960-67) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Pharmacy, Manchester University.

A. RUSHTON (1959-65) Awarded Ph.D., Chemical Engineering, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

D. SHARPLES, M.Ed. (1946-53) Awarded Ph.D., Education Bath University. Appointed Head of the Education Department, Worcester College of Education.


Minister in the Wirral

Methodist minister the Rev Alan A. Smith has been appointed minister of Little Sutton Methodist Church, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire.

He gained a Bachelor of Divinity degree from London after studying at Handsworth College, Birmingham. Previously he became an analytical and development chemist with Chloride Batteries Ltd, on leaving School.

Mr Smith served in the Nottingham East district from 1967 until his appointment in August.

N. W. TOWERS (1962-69) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hon. Physics, Merton College, Oxford University.

D. M. TYSON (1960-67) Graduated B.D.S. (Dentistry), Liverpool University.


R. B. WALNE (1941-44) Awarded Headmaster of Brantwood School, Bolton.


BANK MANAGER

The North-West regional manager for Lloyd's Bank Ltd is Mr Eric West (1933-39), former manager of the Manchester King Street branch.

Mr West, who started with Lloyd's in Blackburn after leaving School, was appointed last year.

A former cricketer with East Lancs, Mr West is married with a 16-year-old son.


G. K. WHITEHEAD (1960-68) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Mechanical Engineering, Leeds University. Appointed Executive Engineer, Post Office Research and Development Centre.


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AGM - AND A PROFIT

The forty-fourth annual meeting, held at the Old Blacks clubhouse, Lammack, was one of the saddest on record. It followed, by less than a week, the death of our chairman Mr Donald Forbes.

Members stood in tribute to Mr Forbes and Sir Harold Derbyshire, our former president. Lord Woolley was asked to be president and he accepted. He attended the annual dinner at School and took the chair.

Mr E. Towle was elected vice president and Mr Fred Bury was elected chairman with Mr Harold Burrows, vice chairman. The secretary Mr David Forbes; treasurer, Mr Fred Bury and the auditors Messrs William Hare and Kenneth H. Marsden were re-elected.

Messrs E. Wilkinson and I. Newton were elected to the committee replacing Mr Burrows, on his election to vice chairman, and Mr P. L. S. Dixon who resigned. Messrs E. G. Kay, R. B. Smith and W. E. T. Walsh were co-opted to the committee.

Mr Bury read the treasurer's report and that of the secretary Mr David Forbes, who was naturally absent. Mr Bury said the association had managed to make a profit of £3.35 on the year compared with a £100.80 loss on the previous year. Magister cost £295.92 for the mammoth 28-page magazine last year compared to £364.39 for two issues in 1971. This had the effect of saving £68.47 less the cost of last November's Dinner issue which still left us with a considerable saving.

Mr John Duckworth, editor of Magister, reported that there had only been one Magister in 1971, (the other mentioned, above, was published in 1970 but came under the '71 financial year) because he was taking his final exams at the time it was scheduled to appear. He thanked members for their approval of the new look and asked them to think about a new name for the magazine — one "which could perhaps be more pertinent to our subscribers".

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1972

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

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Released from Life Membership Fund| 31.50|
Interest on Investments, 4% Consols| 50.00|
Tax..................................| 19.36|
Blackburn Savings Bank...........| 30.64|
War Memorial Ground Rent.........| 36.71|
Total..................................| 17.10|
Annual Dinner.....................| 1.27|

BALANCE SHEET

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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 31st July, 1972.

(Signed) KENNETH H. MARSDEN, F.C.A.
WILLIAM HARE, F.C.A.

13 November, 1972
Dr Allan Howarth, Director of Psychiatric Services for Zambia, returned to Blackburn in December during a six-week holiday in England. He went to Zambia 15 years after leaving Cambridge and took a 35,000 mile journey to study medical education in Africa, North America and Latin America in 1971.

Simon to study at Welbeck

Simon Rigby left School last September to study at Welbeck College, the Army’s sixth form centre for preparing boys for entry into the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Simon (1967-72), was one of only five boys chosen from the North-West for entry to the college.

PhD in Education

Derek Sharpies (1946-53) was awarded a PhD in education studies from Bath University. Derek, who lectures at Worcestershire College of Education, gained his Master of Education degree from Liverpool in 1966, having previously gained the diploma in education from Liverpool.

He gained the certificate of education from St. Paul’s College, Cheltenham, in 1957.

PROFESSOR

Veterinarian Mr Gordon Ferguson (1933-39), has been appointed William Dick Professor of Animal Health at Edinburgh University, where he studied after leaving School.

He joined the staff of the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College in 1948 and became senior lecturer in 1950. He was appointed senior lecturer at Edinburgh in 1956 and was acting head of department of animal health from November 1971.

Branch News . . .

The South Manchester and Cheshire branch is still going on as strongly as it started and as we went to press, had a ladies evening organised.

Earlier in May, Yorkshire branch held a ladies evening at York, but we didn’t receive any details in time for this issue.

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PhD in Education

The Oxford branch Dinner of the Old Blackburnians took place in the Oscar Wilde room at Magdalen College on March 2 this year.

Richard Horton presided and Stephen Atherton proposed a toast to the School to which the Headmaster replied.


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This issue is via media between June 1972 Magister and November’s Dinner Issue. The compromise between cost and communication.

Well that was a long six months! For those who can’t remember the last Magister — it appeared 12 months ago.

No we haven’t succumbed to the depressing financial situation our treasurer Fred Bury painted or should I say daubed.

We “experimented” — a good word meaning we had no time or funds to produce another 28-pager in November. We tried a four-page “Dinner Issue” to cover all salient points.

It proved a success and we are thinking about another similar styled “thin” Magister at the end of Autumn.

Thanks to all who wrote saying they liked the last magazine — it’s always nice to know that you are appreciated — the committee tend to look at the balance sheet first.

Obviously last time’s magazine cannot be repeated in size and format every six months. Time, money and work from a lot of people keep Magister going. I think I have put ten years apiece on Harry King and Fred Bury. It’s easy enough steering the car, it’s the pit men who do all the work.

However when we see all the letters pouring in (sounds like the blurb in a glossy magazine) — it makes it worthwhile. That is one of the reasons we have set up a letters page.

Another reason is that we asked you to write and let us know what you were doing so that your contemporaries can say; “I never thought Smithy would end up in that.” or “I wondered what that swot was doing!”

We’ve had a terrific response — so great that we haven’t the space to print them all. But there will be other magazines. Some were personal and we respected those; others were comical and we enjoyed those; many were rude and we framed those. We had begging letters — we burnt those!

May I reply to Phileus Shorrock MSc. No I am not the Duckworth of 3B who “borrowed” your Latin Primer and forgot to return it. I always thought Latin Primer was the gesso used by Leonardo Da Vinci.

THE POINT

I may be wrong but I believe the point of Magister should be to keep old boys in touch — with school and their contemporaries. We all want to know how well former colleagues are going on and them to know how well we are doing. So this issue is devoted to that end. I hope you will keep up the letters. I am writing a book and painting for three and a half months this Summer before going to the Bolton Evening News as sub-editor. You may now see the importance of your letters. I will be touring the country — so don’t be surprised if I land on your doorstep!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters — we have one printed below, which shows what a jolly good lot you are. We have had many similar ones to warm our cockles. I’ll let Tom Southworth (1950-55) tell it from Islamabad in Pakistan. You may remember Tom was featured in an article (Old Boy flees from Pakistan) in Magister number 16.

Your cri de coeur caught my eye on page three of the last Magister.

I have computed the difference between my original subscription of (I think) £5 and the new one of (I believe) £15 and find an outstanding balance of £10, I am therefore enclosing a cheque to cover the difference.

There is nothing so simple as the controversial decimal system in Pakistan — we buy goods by the seer or by the maund, we travel by the furlong and we survey land by the maria or the kanal.

A mathematician’s dream, as the whole system is (to me at least) incomprehensible!
Go-ahead for £110,000 plan

FOLLOWING the successful Quatercentenary Appeal which resulted in the erection of the splendid New Assembly Hall and Games Hall block on the Dukes Brow Site in 1970, the Governors of the School have launched another major appeal for the extension and complete restructuring of the Junior School, Horncliffe.

As a member of the Governors’ Appeal Committee, I have been invited to be responsible for the Old Boys’ section of the Appeal. I have already sent a personal letter to those Old Boys who contributed to the Quatercentenary Appeal by means of a covenanted donation and whose covenants have now expired, inviting them to renew their covenants. Very shortly I shall be sen-
GOVERNORS LAUNCH APPEAL FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL

QUEEN Elizabeth's main school is now housed in fine, well-equipped buildings and the governors feel that it is a matter of urgent priority to bring the junior school accommodation in Horncliffe to comparable standards.

They have therefore launched an appeal for £110,000 to old boys, parents, industrialists and well-wishers in the confident hope that the response will be as prompt and generous as it has been in the past.

The School enjoys no grants from the department of Education towards capital building projects nor does it have generous endowments on which to draw. Its only significant source of revenue is from fees, which, being a direct grant school, it may not use to finance such projects only for the day to day running of the school.

The plan envisages the internal reconstructing of the existing Horncliffe building with the addition of a new linked two-storey block which will, when completed, provide the junior school with six spacious classrooms, a library, a science room, music, art and assembly rooms and administrative accommodation.

In the past 20 years, the governors have spent £293,000 on improvements, so that the school might have the best possible provision for its 900 boys.

How justified that expenditure has been can be seen from the long list of successes academic and otherwise, that have been achieved in that period. In an appeal brochure, Mr. J. N. Prest, chairman of the appeal committee; Mr. William Hare, chairman of the governors, and Mr. Douglas Coulson, headmaster, say: "If, as we hope, you share our belief in the role played by independent schools in our national education system, we ask you to back that belief with your very generous gifts."

Engineer is manager in tyre firm

Mr. John Smith (1937-42) has been appointed manager of the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Company's automotive engineering department.

Mr. Smith joined the Goodyear company four years ago. After leaving School, he served an engineering apprenticeship, then gained experience in automotive and hydraulic engineering with several firms in Lancashire and the Midlands.

He is living in Weeping Cross, Staffs, married with two children.

Geoff solves energy crisis on his bike

Geoff Redman (1957-64) has been making his own contribution towards solving the energy crisis in recent months.

For despite the hazards of London rush-hour traffic, he has been commuting daily from his home in Highbury Grove, North London, to work by... bicycle.

Geoff, who works in the City, says he is thankful that no one has yet thrown bombs at him!

A former student at Magdalen College, Oxford, Geoff is at present studying for the Institute of Actuaries examinations, and is also planning to get married to a London girl later in the year.

SIX-A-SIDE HAT TRICK

QEGS won the Public School's six-a-side soccer competition for the third time in seven years and the second time in three years, when they beat Bolton 1-0 in the final.

The competition was held on the National Westminster Bank ground, London, and teams were split into eight sections of four.

QEGS entered the quarter finals, beating Lancing College 3-0; King's School, 2-1 and drawing 1-1 with Christ's Hospital.

They drew with Bootham by the same tally in the quarter finals but got through on corners. They beat Manchester Grammar School 1-0 to meet Bolton in the final.
Dr. Walter Calvert, F.R.C.O.G., (1926-33) was installed President of the North of England Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society, at its annual general meeting on Friday the 18th January, 1974.

The Society is an old one and has a large membership of specialists in Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Sheffield and Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Meetings for clinical and scientific discussion are held in each of these centres in turn.

Dr. Calvert qualified in Manchester and, after several appointments, including House Physician at Blackburn & East Lancashire Royal Infirmary, and a spell in General Practice in Great Harwood, concentrated on Obstetrics & Gynaecology. He became a member by examination, of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists in 1946 and was elected Fellow in 1961.

He is Senior Consultant in his speciality to the Stockport & Buxton Group of Hospitals, where he is also Clinical Tutor to the Postgraduate Medical Education Centre and to Undergraduate Medical Students. He is a member of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine of the Victoria University of Manchester and of its Committee for Extra-mural Undergraduate Education.

Dr. Calvert has a medically qualified son, who is following him into the Speciality, and a daughter, who is engaged in psychological research at the Max Planck Institute of Biological Cybernetics at the University of Tubingen in West Germany.

Mr. Armistead

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He was a founder member of Blackburn West Rotary Club in 1964; president of Blackburn Rotary Club in 1959/60 and former chairman of 119 Rotary District.

Church Study

Currently studying for ordination into the Church in 1975 is Arthur F. Ranson (1963-70). Last summer he obtained a second class general degree in philosophy and theology at Durham University.

HONOUR FOR Mr. LUND

QEGS Domestic Bursar Mr. Derick Lund, received the high honour of officer insignia of the St. John Ambulance from the Lord Prior, Lord Caccia, in London. Mr. Lund is honorary secretary and public relations officer of Blackburn St. John Ambulance and has been very busy recently working for the Mayor's building fund to raise £10,000 for a new St. John headquarters in Blackburn.

School Governor awarded CBE

School Governor, Mr. William Woolley (1912-15) displays his insignia of Commander of the Order of the British Empire outside Buckingham Palace, after receiving it from the Duke of Kent.

With him at the ceremony were his daughter, Mrs. Anne Bradshaw, his wife, Marion, and son Mr. Ian Woolley.

Mr. Woolley, 72, of Billinge Crest, Billinge End Road, Blackburn, has been chairman of the Blackburn and District Hospital Management Committee for the past 20 years.

He is chairman of Cupal Ltd., manufacturing chemists, Blackburn, and retired last year as chairman of of Blackburn magistrates bench (see last Magister).

Former long-serving committee member of the Old Blacks London Branch, Mr. Denis H. R. Brearley (1917-25), general secretary to the Incorporated Society of Musicians since 1947, received the OBE.

After gaining a Bachelor of Laws degree at Manchester University in 1929, he was admitted a solicitor in 1931 and was called to the bar in 1946, following a commission in the Royal Air Force during the war.

He lives in Richmond, Surrey.
Mr. George Norman Forbes, a governor of the School since 1962, died suddenly on 17th January 1973, aged 68. Mr. Forbes was an old boy of the School (1916-22) and was closely associated with the School throughout his life. He was secretary of the Old Blackburnians’ Association Social Committee in the early 1930’s and succeeded the late Mr. Henry Whittaker as chairman of the Association in 1950, an office he held until 1965.

Throughout this period Mr. Forbes gave loyal and devoted support to the Association, rarely missing a meeting and readily responding to the many invitations to represent the Association at a multitude of functions. He regularly attended dinners and supper evenings of regional branches and university groups, which he did much to foster. He was also instrumental in the inauguration of the annual old boys’ church services.

Mr. Forbes was well-known in football circles. He was a director of Blackburn Rovers Football Club from 1940 and a member of the Football Association Council, a member of the Central League Committee and of the Lancashire F.A. Council.

He was also managing director of John Forbes (Outfitters) Ltd. of Northgate, Blackburn which was closed on 31st December 1972 after seventy years of continuous business. Generations of old boys will remember purchasing their first school cap from Johnny Forbes, which in earlier years was on Victoria Street on the site where Hitchen’s now stands.

Mr. Forbes was cremated at Pleasington following a service at St. George’s United Reformed Church with which he had long associations.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Forbes and family.

H.K.

DR FRANK LIVESEY

Dr Frank Livesey (1918-24), general practitioner, of Preston New Road, Blackburn, died at the end of January, aged 66. He was cremated at Pleasington.

Dr Livesey qualified as a doctor at Manchester University and practised for three years at Manchester before joining the Royal Army Medical Corps and serving in India during the second world war.

He returned to Blackburn at the end of the war and set up in practice at his home in Preston New Road.

Dr Livesey’s wife, Gertrude, died two years ago. He leaves a son, Harold and daughter, Jane.

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We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Forbes and family.

H.K.
DR HENRY CRONSHAW

Dr. Henry Brenan Cronshaw died in California U.S.A. on May 19th, 1973. He was 84.

Dr. Cronshaw was born in Blackburn and was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1901 to 1906. He graduated in mining and metallurgy at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, in 1910.

The following year he went surveying for oil in Trinidad, where he opened up some of the first oilfields. Two years on the island gave him a thirst for knowledge and the next few years were spent in study and research at the Universities of Munich where he gained a Ph.D. degree and Cambridge where he gained a B.A. (Research) degree in Geology and Mineralogy.

Then came a Carnegie Research Scholarship which took him round industrial England investigating the performance of furnaces, and down tin mines to study ore genesis, followed by work in coal mines.

Afterwards, Dr. Cronshaw was appointed Professor of Mineralogy and Geology in the University of Ireland. During nearly ten years there he carried out work on Irish peat and minerals. Then to Mexico and a baffling problem of oil on the Pacific coast of Oaxaca, followed by mineral surveys in British Columbia. He came back to England as director of a research laboratory and organiser of technical education, for iron glass and clay industries. After seven years he moved to London and set up a laboratory as a consulting chemist.

As time went on, Dr. Cronshaw became editor of technical journals for chemical, paint, food, and diary industries. Fifteen years as a writer on scientific and technical subjects, led him to the idea of a Society of Instrument Technology, which was successfully founded in 1944. Dr. Cronshaw also pioneered the idea of food technology, and was one of the original promoters of the Society of Dairy Technology, becoming chairman of its standardisation Committee.

Dr. Cronshaw emigrated to America with his family in 1946, where he continued to lecture, edit and write for a variety of technical journals, whilst working towards the production of a technical dictionary. He eventually settled in California, where he leaves a widow and two children.
War fighter ace dies aged 53

GROUP Captain J. R. B. "Bob" Braham, the foremost night fighter pilot of the second world war, who destroyed 29 German aircraft, died in Nova Scotia, aged 53, in February.

He earned two bars each to his DSO and DFC and was also awarded the Belgium Order of the Crown and the Croix de Guerre with Plain leaf.

He was at School from 1935 to 1938, when he joined the RAF, following his father into flying as a pilot with the Royal Flying Corps in the 1914-18 war. His father, the Rev. E. G. Braham, was minister of Trinity Methodist Church, Blackburn, from 1935 to 1939.

Group Capt Braham became the youngest wing commander in the RAF at 23, after shooting down his first aircraft in the Battle of Britain.

He was transferred to staff duties at the end of 1943 but was still allowed some operational flying.

In June 1944, he was shot down in a raid over Germany by the German ace Robert Spreckels, and finished the war in a prisoner-of-war camp. When Spreckels heard who he had shot down, he insisted on meeting Mr Braham, and after the war, they became firm friends.

Group Capt Braham transferred to the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1952 to assist in building up their air defence command.

He first commanded the all-weather jet fighter unit at North Bay and then held staff appointments at Air headquarters, Montreal and SHAPE in Paris.

He leaves a widow and three sons, one a naval officer and two in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

He had been in relatively poor health since a prostrate gland operation two years ago but had become seriously ill two months before.

He left a wife Barbara and two sons. He was a member of East Berks Operatic Society and was at School from 1926 to 1933.

Clerk to Sunninghill Parish Council for 21 years, he was co-opted to Warfield Parish Council in 1970. Sunninghill primary school was his first teaching post in 1937. His father-in-law was headmaster at the time.

He saw active service with the RAF during the war and returned to Sunninghill to teach in 1945. He was appointed headmaster of Warfield 16 years ago.

Headmaster dies in hospital

MR Alan Hargreaves, headmaster of Warfield C of E primary school died last year in Heatherwood hospital Ascot.

He had been in relatively poor health since a prostrate gland operation two years ago but had become seriously ill two months before.

He leaves a wife Barbara and two sons. He was a member of East Berks Operatic Society and was at School from 1926 to 1933.

Former long-serving committee member of the Old Blacks London branch, Mr. Denis H. Brearley (1917-25), general secretary to the Incorporated Society of Musicians since 1947, received the OBE.

After gaining a Bachelor of Laws degree at Manchester University in 1929, he was admitted a solicitor in 1931 and was called to the bar in 1946, following a commission in the Royal Air Force during the war.

He lives in Richmond, Surrey.


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ANYONE keeping up with the news recently, (and who won’t be?) will be concerned about old boy Albert Eastham (1946-51), who is teaching at the Haile Sellassie University in Ethiopia.

It was mentioned briefly in last Summer’s Magister that Mr. Eastham, who taught English at School from 1960 to 1965, was lecturing in development economics, personnel management and municipal politics for two years.

The political situation in Ethiopia has been volatile recently, with the University being closed. Before the troubles, Mr. Eastham wrote to tell us about his life in the poor African country.

After leaving Birmingham University which, is responsible for the two-year programme, he arrived in Ethiopia via Vienna, Budapest, Ankara, Limassol, Jerusalem and Nairobi with his wife Trisha.

He taught army colonels and civil servants (We hope he made a few friends for later on) close to the troublesome Somali border.

Then he begins name-dropping in his letter — and drops the biggest he can do in Ethiopia, Haile Sellassie. “The Emperor called at the Military Academy on an unofficial visit and we were lucky to have tea with him. I took some splendid close-up shots of the Emperor with my camera”.

He teaches nine hours a week to classes of between 70 and 80 and last semester had marked 440 essays, each of 2,500 words. “In true African barter economy they always argue about their grades,” he says.

He spent two weeks in January climbing Mount Kenya (17,055) and Kilimanjaro (19,355) and prepared for it with a half-mile swim in an Olympic-sized pool every day.

If all goes well, he will spend another year in Ethiopia before returning to Birmingham University.

LONDON BRANCH

The London Branch of the Old Blackburnians’ Association held their Annual Dinner on Friday, 22 March, 1974 in the Senior Common Room at Tizard Hall, Imperial College, London. Nearly 40 members and their ladies attended including for Blackburn the Headmaster (Mr. D. J. Coulson), Mr. King and Mr. John Read, who was formerly a member of the Committee of the London Branch.

Chairman of the Branch, Mr. Paul Price presided and proposed a toast to the School and guests to which the Headmaster replied. Mr. Michael Stirrup proposed the loyal toast.

Amongst the guests were Sir Ben Ormerod and Lt. Col. John Whitaker two of our oldest old boys.

During the evening the Annual Business Meeting was held and the following officials of the Branch were elected.

Chairman: P. N. Price
Auditor: H. Wilkinson
Secretary: I. Maughan
Committee: R. Vipons, E. Stancliffe, P. Cowburn, F. Coggins, R. Croasdale

Mr. Astley

Appointed to Board

Less than a year after joining a Haslingden agricultural equipment manufacturers, Mr. Eric Astley (1957-63) was appointed to the board.

Mr. Astley, 28, is financial director of John Shepherd-Lamech, a subsidiary of Q-Mark Industries Ltd.

He joined the firm as an accountant, after working for ten years at Thwaites Brewery, Blackburn where, he started from School.

He is married and lives in Quebec Road, Blackburn.

Mr. Marsh

You may also care to report that I have taken up duties as Lecturer in Biological Studies in the Education Department at the University of Hong Kong.

Mr. George Woodhouse, (1947-52), former deputy chief sub-editor on the Lancashire Evening Telegraph, Blackburn, and its sister paper, the Evening Star, Burnley, has been appointed assistant editor of the evening Mail at Uxbridge.

ASSISTANT EDITOR

Will real Mr. Marsh stand up please!

Dear Editor,

I have just received a copy of Magister No. 16 and note with some satisfaction your reference to my appointment with the Open University (page 11). Unfortunately, your Mr. Marsh though very distinguished looking and doubtless quite capable of discharging the responsibilities incumbent upon me, isn’t me — if you see what I mean! Accordingly, I am inviting you to print a copy of the enclosed photograph which, though a grim parody of my true likeness and disposition, will at least disassociate your ‘Mr. Marsh’ from my school record — a cause for considerable relief on his part, I can assure you.

Mr. Astley

MR. EASTHAM

MR. MARSH

MR. ASTLEY

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HEAD MASTER'S ADDRESS AT
OLD BOYS' ANNUAL DINNER

School has never been in a more flourishing state

GCE's are first class

Queen Elizabeth's has never been in a more flourishing and happy state than it is today, in terms of buildings, academic success, parental support and co-operation, recruitment and goodwill.

This year, our G.C.E. results were first class. This year a record number of boys of high quality sought admission to both the Junior School and the Main School.

This year a record number of boys — 20 in all — have taken the Oxford and Cambridge Scholarship Examinations and this year, as in the past, boys have gone off to their Universities and further education, not only well-endowed academically but, through the contribution they have made to the corporate life and activities of the School, experienced in leadership and imbued with a sense of responsibility and social awareness that will make them good citizens in every meaning of the term.

I only wish I had time to tell you of the many ways in which the boys here give up their time and energies to help, for example, the less fortunate people in Blackburn — of the boys who have decorated the home of a sick elderly couple at Ewood — of the Oxford candidate who, in his spare hours, teaches and works at Blackburn House. But perhaps these two examples, Mr. President may show, that what I said earlier was not simply a set of self-congratulatory platitudes.

And, of course, you won't need reminding that the School won the Public Schools 6-a-side competition in London on Tuesday of this week, beating Bolton 1-0 in the final, after beating Lancing, Kings Chester, Bootham & M.G.S.

And, as this is an O.B. dinner, you would like to know, I am sure, that our Michael Roberts, now at Balliol, won the coveted University Prize for History, the Davies Prize in 1972; and that our Stephen Bury, also of Balliol, has won the same prize this year. The Master of Balliol commented that it was unusual for the same College to win the Prize in consecutive years — but even more remarkable that the Prize winners should come from the same school.

The School, of course, has had its sadness in the past year, and we are still acutely aware of the loss we have suffered in the sudden and unexpected deaths of Norman Forbes, Norman Robinson and George Eastwood. The Common Room, too, has not escaped illness, first Dennis Shaw's absence through ill-health; then Harry King's two major operations, and, more recently, Harry Ingham's indisposition. May I say what pleasure it is to have the two former with us tonight, and the good news that Harry Ingham hopes to be back with us soon.

It is said, Mr. President, that the overcrowding and general conditions in Bradford's Elementary and Council School were so deplorable, a century ago, that the Almighty's attention was drawn to the fact in a verse of a hymn beginning with the lines:

"On Bradford likewise look Thou down"

Oxford Branch dinner

The 1974 Annual Dinner of the Oxford Branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association took place on Friday, 1st March in rooms at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.

Those travelling from Blackburn were Mr. N. Jepson (Vice-Chairman of Governors), the Headmaster, Mr. Bury (Chairman of the Association), Mr. D. I. Forbes (Secretary of the Association), Mr. E. Wilkinson (Chairman of the Old Blackburnians' Football Club), Mr. Hunter, (School Bursar), Dr. G. P. Walsh, Mr. T. E. Sharratt, Mr. D. W. Shaw, Mr. J. Fyles and Mr. H. King.

It was also a pleasure to welcome Dr. C. M. P. Johnson (Bursar of St. John's College, Cambridge), Mr. H. L. Schollick, Mr. T. Holden, the Rev. S. Birtwell and Mr. R. Hargreaves, a Cambridge graduate and brother of Neil Hargreaves who made the arrangements for the dinner. Undergraduates present were Mr. S. W. Atherton, Mr. R. K. Read, Mr. A. G. Walsh, Mr. C. D. Bamber, Mr. D. J. Miller, Mr. I. Tranter, Mr. S. J. Bury and Mr. N. Hargreaves.

Mr. S. W. Atherton proposed the Loyal Toast and Mr. A. G. Walsh the toast to the School.

The Headmaster responded to this toast in a novel way by making his speech in verse. The evening concluded appropriately at the Eastgate Hotel where the majority of the Blackburn party were staying.

H.K.
Headmaster’s speech (cont)

Or where Free Periods are operated by the Second Master to enable younger teachers to take the classes of older teachers in addition to their own.

Or where Modern Mathematics is the study of wildflowers and how they grow.

And where Staff Meetings are a form of detention operated by the Headmaster.

But, a School where Staff work hard and with a sense of commitment that is a tonic to see — where boys are friendly and equally committed to the life and work here — where parents are keenly interested and co-operative — and, where the future’s brightness has gained an even clearer intensity and lustre because of the untiring efforts of our unpaid publicity manager, Mr. Roy Hattersley.

Like all other Schools of our kind, we are assailed by attacks on what is called our privileged status, our divisiveness, our elitism, our specialisation and all the other well-known and well-worn politically emotive gibes. Independent Schools will be abolished, we are told, and G.C.E. examinations swept aside.

When that Golden Age dawns, all will pass all examinations, all will go to any university, and we shall reach that blessed and blissful state, I suppose, when Doctors of Divinity will no longer be Honours DDs but fiddle-dee-dees, when everybody will be a graduate and everybody will be illiterate. In the meantime Queen Elizabeth’s is determined to go quietly forward doing the job that it was created to do in 1567, that it has done in different ways for 400 years, and that it continues to do as I see it, with increasing success today.

What a pleasure it is to have the Provost with us here tonight; what a delight to have listened to his Toast, and what a privilege to have him as one of our newly-appointed Governors.

He comes, as a Governor, to a School which, to us who are closely and intimately concerned with its day to day organisation and progress, (and I say this both gratefully and modestly) seems now to have moved into what Mr. Winston Churchill described as the broad sunlight uplands of its history.

Conscious of tradition

Newly appointed Governor of the School, The Archdeacon of Blackburn, The Very Rev. Lawrence Jackson, was chief guest at the annual dinner in big school on December 15, and proposed a toast to the school.

He delivered a very lively and witty speech, which set an extremely high standard for speakers in years to come.

He told the packed hall that he was conscious of the School’s tradition and of the changes which were taking place in the world at the present time.

Of the changes, not the least were in education, he said. Before he came to Blackburn, he had been governor of another direct grant school, a grammar school, and he said he wanted to pay, in very simple terms, a very great tribute to the grammar school tradition.

And to the most unbelievable and incalculable contribution that grammar schools have made as an aid to the common wheel of education in all its parts, to the whole vista of commerce, to the whole of the society in which we live.

Mr. J. N. Prest, a School Governor, proposed a toast to the guests and Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, MP for Darwen, who was returned to Parliament at February’s election responded. The chairman, Lord Woolley, proposed a toast to The Queen, The Duke of Lancaster.

This toast was followed by the usual tradition of members facing the memorial in big school in respect to those old boys who died in the past year.

Toastmaster was Mr. Derek Lund, School domestic bursar.

Switch for Ladies Night

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the venue of the Yorkshire Branch Ladies’ Evening on Friday, 3 May, 1974 was changed from York to the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate.

Members and their ladies expressed their appreciation of the arrangements made by Mr. Guy Shuttleworth for a very successful and enjoyable occasion.

Those attending were: Mr and Mrs D. J. Coulson, Mr and Mrs R. Hunter, Mr and Mrs D. Cunliffe, Mr and Mrs E. Beaumont, Mr and Mrs C. Riley, Mr and Mrs K. Chadwick, Mr and Mrs R. Mayo, Mrs. P. Ronson, Mr and Mrs G. M. Shuttleworth, Mr and Mrs H. King.

Mr. Arthur Cope (1929-33), was the first to receive his watch from the managing director, Mr. George Hutcheon, in September.

Mr. Fred Barnes (1928-34) received his watch from Mr. Hutcheon in January.

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He is secretary of Cherry Tree United Reformed Church and this was his second gold award — he received one from the National Blood Transfusion Service, for giving 50 pints of blood, in 1970. (See Magister No. 14).

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He spent three years as a prisoner of war, the first six months as a cooie on Singapore docks. He was then transferred to the “Railway of Death”. After 18 months working on the railroad, he shipped back to Japan on its completion.

He survived a shipwreck on the way in a typhoon, then worked in the Osaka shipyards before being bombed out by the US planes.

He completed his POW life as a foundry man in a fishing village, being repatriated in 1945. He returned to work at the Telegraph.

Mr. Barnes, 57, is married with two daughters and lives in St. Mark’s Place, Blackburn. He is an active worker for St. Mark’s parish Church and has been secretary of the PCC since 1967. He is also a manager of Wensley Fold School.

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The beginning of April saw the re-organisation of local government in England and Wales. Many of our old boys were promoted or moved about the country as a result. Below are just a few of the new positions we are happy to record.

Mr. Clifford Singleton (1940-1946), former Blackburn Borough Treasurer was appointed Chief Executive Town Clerk of Blackburn last September. He followed Mr. Brian Scholes, who became Chief Executive of the new Bolton Metropolitan District Council.

Mr. Singleton became Chief Executive of the new Blackburn District Council on April 1.

In the 1960s, Mr. Singleton spent two years as financial adviser to the department of Municipal Affairs in Toronto and toured the United States two years ago learning advanced computer techniques.

After gaining a BA in administration at Manchester in 1948, he became a technical assistant at Preston. He moved to Southend as chief accountant and was promoted to assistant treasurer.

He became borough treasurer at Fleetwood in 1957, where he spent seven years before going to Canada.

He returned to a post with Lancashire County Council before being appointed deputy borough treasurer at Blackburn.

Administration

Another old boy in the Blackburn reshuffle is Mr. Michael Harding (1955-1961). Mr. Harding, 31, is director of administration with the new council. The job carries a salary of £6,616 rising to £7,156.

He was articled to former town clerk at Blackburn, Mr. Frank Squires in 1964 after gaining a bachelor of laws degree at Bristol.

He was appointed assistant solicitor in 1967 and later became senior assistant. He was appointed assistant town clerk in May 1960.

Moving away from Blackburn, Mr. Keith Robinson (1931-38) is Chief Executive to the new Hampshire County authority at a salary of £12,750 a year.

Mr. Robinson became Town Clerk at Stoke in 1966 after local government service with Bristol and Birkenhead.

When he moved to the Potteries, the city had a shameful record of having more industrial dereliction than any other city in the country, but under his direction, the council reclaimed hundreds of forgotten acres in the last seven years.

Outside of his local government work, father-of-four Mr. Robinson is a keen cricketer and turns our regularly for the M.C.C. in games against the Forces and colleges. He played in the Lancashire League after leaving school.

With is wife, Sue, he held a unique distinction in his last year in Stoke — he was president of Stoke South Rotary Club while Mrs. Robinson was president of the ladies' equivalent, the Inner Wheel Club.

Mr. Robinson also lists among his interests tennis, squash and cine-photography, and the Robinson family are proud of their photographic "library", which included a film volume for every one of more than 25 years married life.

Tewkesbury District Council sees Mr. John Turner (1937-1942) appointed environmental health officer. He has been public health officer at Tewkesbury since 1960.

Mr. Turner, 47, is married with four children. He joined the navy at 17 and returned to join Blackburn health department in 1948. He was appointed district sanitary inspector two years later.

Mr Harry Turner (1946-52) has been appointed district administrator of the new Kirklees Health Authority in Yorkshire.

Mr Turner began his hospital career at Brockhall after leaving School, then worked at Blackburn Infirmary, hospitals in London, Salisbury, Canterbury and Leeds before moving to Dewsbury.

Mr. David Halstead (1957-65) has taken an appointment with John and E. Sturge Ltd, of Selby, as a biochemical engineer, pilot plant and laboratories section leader, after gaining his PhD.

Mr. G. F. Hyland, B.Sc., (1933-39), Appointed Senior Man-power Adviser in the North-West in the Department of Employment.

G. D. Henry (1947-53), Appointed Community Services Development Officer to the Rochdale Metropolitan District Council.
CALLING OLD BOYS ALL OVER THE WORLD

You might think that anyone who has lived and worked in Africa and Fiji has seen quite enough of the world.

But Mr. Paul Schofield (1952-60), a maths teacher at Adi Cakobau School in Suva, Fiji, would be the last person to agree with you. (See last Magister).

Mr. Schofield, although hopeful of getting another contract from the Fijian Overseas Development Association, is planning a trip home to Britain later this year — via Sydney, Bali, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Delhi, Tehran, Istanbul, Athens and Amsterdam.

He will be making the trip with his wife Stella and two young children, and he has asked Mr. Fred Bury to put him in touch with Old Boys in any of the cities who they can visit on the way.

Setting off

They will be setting off on the trek in August and hope to be back in Britain by October.

Mr. Schofield has also put forward plans for what he calls an "International Tourist Agent Clearing House for Old Boys" (ITACHOB) — the idea being that a register of Old Boys scattered around the world could be compiled to help other Old Boys on their travels.

"I would like to put my name and address at the top of the list as being a contact in Suva," he writes. "If any Old Boys are thinking of visiting Suva and would like to write I will gladly try to meet them at the airport or docks and show them around."

Anyone interested could write to Mr. Schofield at the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Schofield have been in Fiji for two years, but since the Fiji authorities are cutting back on overseas aid he will only have his contract renewed if there is no locally-trained maths graduate to take over the post.

If the contract is renewed the family will return to Fiji after their home leave.

ROGER JOINS BROTHER AT OXFORD

Liverpool social worker Roger Hargreaves (1959-65) (see last Magister) has returned to university life after an absence of five years.

Mr. Hargreaves, a Cambridge graduate, has been seconded by the city's social services department to Jesus College, Oxford, to take a two-year course in applied sociology, leading to an M.Sc. degree.

He got a taste for social work when he was a member of the community committee at school, and met his wife, Maureen, an old girl of Notre Dame Grammar School, through the committee. They now live at Flat 8, Thelwall House, Herbert Close, Oxford.

Roger's brother Neil is also a student in Oxford — taking a three-year degree course at Merton College.

The King and Darryl

Mr. Darryl David (1960-1966) of Strawberry Bank, Blackburn, will be remembered by the many old boys for his acting in School plays. He took a lead role nine years ago in the School production of Goldoni's "Servants of Two Master", which was the School's choice this year at the end of March.

It received packed houses every night and the main producer was head of English Mr. Peter Winders (see page 13).

Darryl played the secretary Phra Alack in the London production of "The King and I", which starred Peter Wyngarde and Sally Anne Howes at the Adelphi.

Mr. David had previously been understudy for the second lead role of the young hero, Lun Tha, while on tour with the production. Mr. David appeared in Blackburn in a Christmas pantomine last year.

School co-opts 3 Governors

Chairman of Blackburn Rovers, Mr. William Bancroft (1943-50) was one of three new co-opted Governors of the School announced last September.

Mr. Bancroft is a director of the Bancroft Group of Companies.

The other governors are The Very Rev. Lawrence Jackson, Provost of Blackburn and Mr. John Whittaker, a solicitor.
THIS summer sees the the retirement, after 28 years at QEGS, of Mr Ivan G. W. Marchant, head of art. His wife, Gertrude, who has been teaching in Horncliffe since 1951, is also retiring.

The couple plan to rest for a short while to re-orientate but they don’t plan to stay put in their retirement — far from it, they are hoping to get to Malaya and Singapore overland!

First they want to reconnoitre the south of Spain to find a place to spend their winters, then they will be packing their bags and gearing up their Dormobile for the Asian trek.

They have always been wanderers and are well known in the staff room for their summer trips abroad. Only about five years ago, they made it to India in an Escort van and back in time for the start of September term.

They were finding out the joys of southern Spain and Yugoslavia about 10 years before package tours were thought of.

Mr. Marchant, or Jack as he was christened by “Doc” Tyler and has been known ever since, tells the story of a trip to Brussels in a Bond three-wheeler in 1951. He asked the doorman at the Belgium hotel where he could park his miniature vehicle for the night. The doorman looked at the Bond and said he could leave it in the hotel lobby. Mr. Marchant, being quick to take the hint, was ready to drive it up the steps, wipe the wheels on the mat and park it square with the reception desk.

But the doorman was quite serious — he literally carried it, with help from the porters, into the hotel lobby. “At least it kept dry that night,” quipped Mr. Marchant.

At another time, in another place with another car — he wasn’t so lucky. “We later acquired a Talbot, an aristocratic car,” he says. “Unfortunately if it rained and the engine became damp, the relays would short, starting the twin horns and nothing, apart from disconnecting the leads, would stop them.

“They would make a terrific noise once started and on more than one occasion, I had to leave the boys to mess about with their paints in Hartley House, while I rushed down to stop the horns annoying everyone in the science block”.

But the Marchants’ most embarrassing experience was in Namur, when a sudden downpour in the middle of the night started the horns going full blast outside the hotel.

“I had to dash out to the car in the rain in slippers, pyjamas and dressing gown to disconnect the wires. We got some very funny looks from some very tired eyes the following day at breakfast and reluctantly got rid of the car shortly afterwards.”

But Mr. Marchant’s life has been one big adventure. Appropriately enough, his travels have taken him all over the world — appropriately because he gained a BSc in economics, specialising in geography, from the London School of Economics in 1935. How he came to Blackburn to teach art is the story of a whole adventure in itself.  

‘JACK’ RETIRIES AFTER 28 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Marchant work out their route on a map.

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QEWS ENGLISH HEAD WRITES FIRST BOOK

'A' level crit on 'Hamlet'

Head of English at QEGS, Mr. Peter Winders, 32, is to have his first book published this year.

It is an appraisal of "Hamlet" — notes for boys at 'A' level. It is now in the proofing stages and will be printed in two editions with about 200 pages, soft back for schools and hard back for the shops.

"Hamlet is also the set book for The Open University and, as Mr. Winders explains, "fills the gaps in the market at this level."

"There are plenty of intellectual approaches appealing to the good English student but this book, which is more a crit, aims to give the average student an insight into Shakespeare's tragedy," says Mr. Winders.

He came to QEGS in November 1964 with a BA honours in English from Lincoln College, Oxford. He took over the English department from Mr. Mike Stevenson in 1970. Mike followed Mr. Bernard Davies as head in 1967.

Peter has written different forewords for the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, so he is hoping for a world wide demand.

He has been pretty busy at school recently for he was main producer of the school play — "Servant of Two Masters", presented in the new hall at the end of March.

The book differs from others on the subject as Peter has taken three modern recent productions and compared what they set out to achieve with the reception they found from the newspaper critics.

One of the productions was Trevor Nun's 1970 one at Stratford with Alan Howard.

The others were Peter Hall's production with David Ward, again at Stratford, where Mr. Winders went to talk to Mr. Hall about his ideas and interpretation. The third was John Gielgud's production with Richard Burton in New York.

The book "Understanding Hamlet", should be in the shops in Autumn and is published by Pergamon Press, but as he studies the last proofs, Mr. Winders mind is already on two more books for the same company. He is setting out to write one on the same lines about "Measure for Measure" and an anthology of poetry, "The Seven Ages of Man".

"I might never have started it all if I had known of all the work involved but I think the second one is easier once one has got the hang of it," said Mr. Winders.

"It's a long process writing a book like this because drafts have to be sent to the reviewers, who make suggestions for adaptation and alteration. There has, of course, been so much already written about 'Hamlet'. My work does not pretend to be all embracing or exhaustive; merely an introductory book, a skeletal structure on which the student's personal design can be imposed'.

The book is divided into two sections. The first aims to open a range of topics which will be the student's concern. The second section focuses attention on details of the test with questions or selected passages and offers areas for thought and discussion.

The first part of the book, subtitled "Approach", contains topics on delay, Hamlet's state of mind, tragedy and appraisals of the characters, with regard to the prince.

The second part 'Discussion', concentrates on the characters, themes and dramatic design, language, expression and style.

Put to work on 'Railway of Death'

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He was born in Southampton in 1913, and left the LSE to gain a teaching diploma at Cambridge in 1936.

"I was launched into teaching the hard way. I arrived at my first school on teaching practice to find that the teacher to whom I should have been assigned had not turned up. I had to take his class and carried on taking it for the rest of my practice.

"My baptism into teaching was hard enough but things became worse when I obtained the diploma. It was the difficult days of the thirties and finding any job was bad enough."

He was more or less out of work for about a year with sporadic periods of supply teaching. "They were bad years. I had returned to Southampton but then I had a taste of boarding school life at the City Freeman's School and enjoyed my short time there. I combined my interest in camping in those days with other teachers by taking poor children to camp."

In 1938 he was given charge of a Spanish refugee camp — because of his interest in geography!

The following year saw the outbreak of war and Mr. Marchant joined the Royal Artillery. He was then shipped to Halifax, Nova Scotia; the West Indies; Cape Town and on to India. He left Bombay for Singapore and, like Fred Barnes (See page 9) he was captured in the Japanese invasion of 1942.

He was put to work on the Burma railroad, "The Railway of Death". In extreme deprivation, in depressing conditions of forced work; little or no food and disease, rife in the sticky heat; where one man in three died, he survived. In incredible circumstances, he found incredible ways to stay alive.

"None of the hundreds of prisoners was given any food in the first three weeks at the prison camp, there was none to be had. In these conditions, it wasn't long before bad health affected most of the men.

"Five of us made a pact. We experimented by eating various vegetation and berries, fruit and anything the forest had to offer. "We would watch the birds to see what they ate, then we would try out the source of food we had. Often we would experiment with no knowledge of what poison Continued on next page
We drew straws or threw lots to see who sampled the food first. "Only once did the fruit give us a bad time. One large, colourful and juicy plant had a stone seed, rather like a peach. Acid in the stone burned our lips, tongues and the insides of our mouths, which swelled up like balloons."

Then eventually Mr. Marchant caught dysentry. He became so ill that he was moved to the death house to go quietly. It was then that painting saved him. He started to paint portraits at a stop gap. "They were most useful. I can honestly say that painting saved him. He became so sick that he was moved to the death house to go quietly. It was then that painting saved him."

"I arrived at QEGS and began teaching geography to the sixth forms. I had set off from the South on a half programme and started, like my teaching practice so many years before, on a full programme. But the school had already appointed a geography master, who was still in the forces."

"He was eventually demobilised and we taught together. Then I was silly enough to suggest that the governors appoint me senior geography master."

"They reviewed the situation and decided that the school didn't need two geography teachers and that as I was the last one to be taken on, I would have to step down."

"The cough I had picked up since arriving back in England had begun to get much worse. I enjoyed teaching geography and had thrown myself into the venture wholeheartedly. I was just glad to be back teaching especially after the rough start and the grim war years. I was just glad to be working."

"Well QEGS had an overstuffed geography department it seemed but they hadn't an art department and I was asked if I'd any experience and if I'd like to set up an art department. It seems strange for a person with a BSc in economics to be teaching art but I had certainly had experience of painting! I had also had other experiences apart from the war and immediately set out to sort out an organised art department."

"Organised it certainly had to be — if only marshalling buckets to catch the rain as it poured through the ceiling of the old wood huts."

The cough gradually worsened and Mr. Marchant saw his doctor, who advised specialist treatment. The specialist later told Mr. Marchant he would have to have an operation.

Resistant

"They removed half my lung but I'd become pretty resistant and very quickly got over the operation, although of course I always have trouble now in damp weather or if it is too dry and dusty."

"It's lucky we have such a lot of holidays — it gives me time to recover."

The art rooms were moved to Hartley House, the best place in the school to house an art wing and all aspects flourished in these ideal surroundings. A sixth form class was set up and the art department switched, with the biology section, to the new block in Dukes Brow.

Now the whole circle has been completed. The art rooms are once more in the wood huts, now revamped, and the biology department has increased to make a modern laboratory in the Dukes Brow building.

Mrs. Marchant, who trained as a teacher at Furzedown College, London, also has a fund of stories and experiences in her 23 years at school, one in particular about her arrival. She was seconded to Horncliffe by Blackburn Education department. "They didn't know my husband was teaching at the school. I was patiently told all about the school and what to expect, although I knew it already. The headmaster of Horncliffe didn't realise for five days that I was married to a member of the staff."

"I came as a temporary on part-time and ended by staying for 23 years, so I was pretty lucky," she said before rushing off to organise the Horncliffe boys for a Noah's Ark pageant at the end of half term.

Lucky

"I suppose I have been lucky," added Mr. Marchant. That wouldn't include falling down the art room steps in the snow before Christmas and breaking his arm? "Well there again, the war toughened me up and made me quite resistant. I got over the lung operation very quickly and a little thing like the arm, even making an exceptionally quick recovery."

"So you see, I am lucky enough to have the resistance to fight these things. At least I have managed to carry on under four headmasters," he laughed. Like many other long-serving masters at the school, Mr. and Mrs. Marchant have seen their pupils return to school as colleagues on the staff.

At the end of term, they will leave school to drive home for the last time to Roundhill cottage, the place on Haslingden Old Road, renowned by the locals for its paintings of a nude on the front door and Yugoslavian girls in national costume dancing behind the potted plants in the porch.

Off again

Mr. Marchant may have time to finish many half-completed fibre-glass sculptures about the place, or bring his large stamp collection up to date — a hobby not so unusual for such a committed traveller. But then again, being so committed, it won't be long before the Marchants will be off again, ready for a second lifetime's adventures — and, of course, the paints and brushes to record them.

They may then be hankering for the old 95-mpg Bond, which Mrs. Marchant used to get out of tricky parking situations by lifting with two hands under the bumper — but then, that's another story.......

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FRED CHANGES PUMPS FOR PAINT POTS

Mr. Marchant’s successor in the art department next September will be Mr. Fred Raby, head of the School’s PE Department for the past 18 years.

During that time he has seen the sports side of the school activities blossom. “The PE curriculum has broadened now to anything-goes deal. We have squash badminton, golf, horse-riding, fencing and of course football.

But why should a PE teacher transfer to art? It’s as strange as an economist taking up the job.

“Well, I suppose most old boys will know of my keen interest in painting. I have been designing and painting scenery for the School dramatic society productions since 1957 and have exhibited works in many local shows.

“There comes a time for every PE teacher when he begins to slow up. Then is the time for him to quit. It would not be fair to carry on and so, although I think I have another four good years left in me, I took the opportunity offered me by the headmaster, to take over on Mr. Marchant’s retirement.

“I am looking forward to the challenge of the job. I have some new ideas, mainly about introducing more graphics into the syllabus and extending the pottery which Mr. Marchant has introduced over the past few years.

Seascapes

“My main themes are landscapes, mainly seascapes. I love boating and I am fascinated by water. I suppose that stems from the time I served on minesweepers with the navy during the war.”

Apart from painting and boating, Mr. Raby is a keen caravanner and, like Mr. Marchant, combines painting and travelling. He has toured the continent and taken his “van” as far as Yugoslavia. He is a member of Preston Samaritans and has been concerned with many outside bodies, professionally.

“A sports master’s life is certainly a six-day week, with plenty of night thrown in. It can also be a seven-day week when we have fencing matches. Fencing has been the highlight of sports achievement during the past 17 years, so, of course, it’s all worthwhile. But even so, I have to thank my wife, Edith for putting up with it.”

In 1966, he was ground secretary of the English Schools Athletics Championships, in Blackburn, is Northern Secretary of the English Public Schools sports association and a member of the FA ad hoc schools committee.

“We probably have the best record in the competition of any school. We notched our hat-trick this year.” (See page 2).

“The only sport we can’t indulge in is rowing. We have no water suitable for miles around.”

Results

But rowing must be about the only thing he hasn’t been able to organise. A dinghy was built by masters and boys in their spare time and it is sailed on Rishton reservoir, usually on Saturday mornings. Gone are the old days of forced cross country runs, it might have made men of us but the lads today obtain the same results voluntarily, achieving prowess in their chosen sports.

Apart from looking after the lads’ physical side, Mr. Raby has also taught scripture, art and history while in charge at Lam-mack, has seen great development, including an all-weather pitch of 155X65 yards and a five-laps-to-the-mile athletics track, built for a tenth of the professional cost.

Involved

At School he has seen a new sports hall opened — under the new hall in what used to be the bottom quad. He was very much involved in the ideas and planning stages for the new gym, for which he campaigned from the time he arrived.

Mr. Raby, 47, who lives near Mr. Winders (See page 13) in Fulwood, Preston, came to QEGS in 1956 from Meols Cop secondary school, Southport, where he was also head of the PE department.

He trained at Chester and Carnegie colleges before teaching and was at Southport for six years.

Mr. Raby gets ready to move
Bishop appointed to Chester

The new bishop of Chester is QEGS old boy Hubert Victor Whitsey (1927-1933), see Magister 16.

The Bishop, who is married with two sons and a married daughter, became a bank clerk after leaving school, then went into the army as a gunner. He rose through the ranks to become a Lieutenant Colonel.

After the war he went up to St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, to prepare for ordination and then went to Westcott House, Cambridge. He was ordained in 1949 in the Diocese of Blackburn and served as Curate of Chorley until 1951. He was then given two parishes and in 1963 was appointed an honorary Canon of Manchester Cathedral.

He was consecrated Suffragan Bishop of Hertford in 1971. After his appointment by the Queen, he was interviewed for BBC Radio by another old boy Charles Garside (1962-68). Mr. Garside is joint managing director of the West Lancashire Press Agency which provides a news and picture service covering the north west for national and international newspapers, radio and television.

Letters to the Editor

Prime Minister greets a member of our Canadian branch

IN a recent letter to Mr. Harry King, Dr. Roger Maltby (1948-53), writing from his home in Calgary says:

"I am in the process of arranging our annual dinner for May 4. We hope to have six old boys present — which will be our largest gathering to date.

"John Morris (1959-65), who emigrated from Blackburn, with his wife, Linda, last November, and Roger Pilkington will be there for the first time.

"Hugh Macklin (1907-08) is very well. He was 80 last June and received a congratulatory telegram from Prime Minister Trudeau."

Greetings and good wishes for a successful gathering were sent on behalf of the School and the Old Blackburnians' Association.

Mr. Morris is working with the Royal Bank of Canada and Mr. Morris is secretary to the Calgary branch manager of The Guardian Assurance Group. John previously worked with Barclays Bank Ltd. in Blackburn and Accrington for eight years. He played for the School's cricket and football first XIs.

Headmaster finds problems in Uganda

One African country has been in the news more than any other in recent months — Uganda. And learning about the "winds of change" that have swept through the nation at first hand has been Mr. John Martin (1940-47), who is headmaster of Kigezi High School in Kabale.

Mr. Martin, principally a teacher of maths at the senior secondary boarding school, has also been teaching technical drawing lately because of a shortage of trained teachers in Uganda.

And as headmaster he has also had to deal with plumbing, problems, electricity failures, buying food, book-keeping and the perils of a mixed boarding school which caters for 480 Ugandan boys and 120 girls.

Another headache for him has been the cost of slide rules in Uganda — his pupils have had to make their own out of cardboard because they cannot afford to buy proper ones.

On the credit side, Mr. Martin can get cheap beef (a big help these days!) bananas by the bunch, strawberries in his garden all the year round and plenty of sunshine.

Mr. Martin, married with four children, moved to Kigezi High five years ago after teaching for a couple of years at another Ugandan school.

A Bachelor of Science in mining at Leeds, he was a mining engineer in Uganda between 1952 and 1955, a sergeant with the RAEC, for three years, and a maths teacher at Chepstow and Nottingham before moving back to Africa.

NEW HEAD OF P. E. AT SCHOOL

OLD BOY Jack Monk takes over from Fred Raby as head of physical education at QEGS next term.

Mr. Monk, married with two daughters, has been assistant PE master since 1958.

He left School in 1954 for National Service and played football for the East Lancs Regiment in Germany. He went to Leeds Training College in 1955 and then to Carnegie College of Physical Education, in 1957.

He was born in Blackburn but attended Humberstone Foundation School, Grimsby, before moving to QEGS in 1949. Mr. Monk runs a boarding and breeding kennels, based on alsatians, at his home, Argent Kennels, Haslingden Old Road, Oswaldtwistle. He has shown at Cruft's and judges all over the country.

He began showing dogs as a hobby eight years ago after a leg injury stopped him playing for Blackburn Rugby Club.
HONEYMOON HOTEL CAUGHT FIRE

Old boy Peter Earnshaw 1953-64 and his wife, Lynda, will certainly not forget their honeymoon for their hotel caught fire on their wedding night.

They were staying at the Grosvenor hotel, Chester, overnight before driving to Wales. They saw smoke pouring from the hotel while out for a drink nearby.

However there was little danger and Peter at School from 1953 to 1964 was able to collect personal effects, although the couple had to spend the night at another hotel.

They were married at St. Silas’ church in Blackburn, in August. Peter is a teacher at Shadsworth and plays football for Pleckgate Athletic and Alexandra FC. His bride Lynda Stones, is a designer at Broadloom Carpets, Rishton, where her father is managing director.

and Alexandra FC colleague of Pete Earnshaw, Philip Stuart Watson 1957-63 married Miss Shirley Margaret Cunningham at the United Reformed Church, Cherry Tree, last July. Philip is a chartered Architect with the new Blackburn Authority. His wife is a teacher and daughter of Blackburn Borough Engineer Mr. A. Dennis Clark. They also honeymooned in Wales.

Mr. John Fraser Forbes, 1951-61 eldest son of Old Blackburnian’s Association late chairman, Mr. J. D. Forbes, married Miss Gail Pugh of Cwmbran, Mon., at the church of St. Michael and All Saints, Llandrindod, Mon.

Mr. Forbes, a consultant engineer, is a graduate of Swansea University and is to submit a thesis for his PhD there. His wife is a biology and physics teacher.

Mr. Ian Harrison Walton, 1962-69 of Lincoln Road, Blackburn, married Miss Jill Mary Turner of Enfield, Middlesex, at Jesus Church, Enfield, in August.

It looks as though August was a good month for weddings. Mr. Stephen Howard Tart, 1960-64 of Empress Street, Lower Darwen, and Miss Margaret Ferguson, a computer programmer, of Blackburn Road, Rishton, were married at Rishton Parish Church.

The month before, another computer programmer, Mr. Stephen Williams 1960-64 of Eldon Road, Blackburn, married Miss Barbara Ann Cope, a teacher, of Grane Road, Haslingden, at Haslingden Baptist Church.

Another biology teacher, Mr. Graham Taylor, 1955-62 who teaches at St. Edmund Arrowsmith school, Blackburn, married Miss Patricia Margaret Carty, a French teacher at Pleckgate, at Christ the King Roman Catholic church, Burnley.

Mr. John Hunter, a civil engineer, of Whalley Road, Wilpshire, married Miss Joan Elizabeth Harding, a farmer’s daughter, of Ely, at The Shire Hall, Cambridge, in November. Mr. Hunter formerly worked in the Borough Surveyor’s department at Blackburn.

Mr. Dennis John Hewitt 1959-67 was married in June last year to secretary Miss Angela Hart at Hayes Parish Church, near Bromley in Kent.

Mr. Hewitt, formerly of Grasmere Road, Haslingden, is a copy pharmacist in the pack development unit of international pharmaceutical company Burroughs Wellcome and Co. of Dartford.

His bride, of Bromley, works in the marketing unit of Van den Berghs and Jurgens, London. The couple now live at 84, Burnham Walk, near Gillingham.

Mr. Lee Aubrey George Masters, 1963-70 articled clerk to a Rochdale solicitor, and stockbroker’s clerk, Miss Christine Atherton, were married at Emmanuel church, Feniscowles in November. Mr. Masters gained a BA degree in law last year.

Mr. David George Parker’s father, the Rev. G. A. Parker of Whalley, officiated at his marriage to Miss Barbara Woffenden, at St. Mary’s church, Malpas, Mon., in October.

Don’t forget the organist

Mr. John Hargreaves (1926-28) was presented with matching tie clips and cuff links when he retired as organist at St. John’s Church, Great Harwood, in February, after seven years. Mr. Hargreaves, of Wilmot Crescent, Blackburn, is chief librarian at the Lancashire Evening Telegraph and a great help in the preparation of Magister. He has now taken over as organist at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn.
£17,000 EXTENSIONS

The Old Blacks football club has completed extensive alterations at the Memorial Ground, Lammack Road, Blackburn. Below, chairman Ernest Wilkinson and secretary David Forbes spell out the implications of the work.

We are an Amateur Football Club running four teams in the North Section of the Lancashire Amateur League, which is one of the foremost amateur leagues in the country. Until about six years ago membership was restricted to old boys and members of staff of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, and whilst there is still the same restriction to members who wish to play football, the Club has for the last six years been open to anyone as a social member and such members can enjoy all the facilities. There are quite a number of social members now and new ones are always welcome.

The pavilion, with the exception of the existing bar and club room, has been recently demolished and a new extension consisting of a new bar and lounge, toilets, showers and changing rooms is well under way. The cost of these extensions is over £17,000, of which the Club itself is providing £5,000 and the remaining £12,000 has been borrowed from a local brewery.

However, not yet budgeted for are essential items of carpets, curtains and furniture, and to do justice to the new buildings, it is estimated that a further £2,000 will be needed.

If you are an old boy of the School, whether or not you were once a member of the Club, we would like you to begin or renew your association with the Club. If you are not an old boy of the School your membership will be valued and we are sure you would enjoy using the Club and meeting new and possibly old friends. If your firm runs a social club, etc., come and have a look at our facilities when the extensions are completed at the end of March. These facilities are available for private hire, parties, dances and meetings.

May we ask you to make a donation to provide the necessary furnishings.

Donations should be sent to Alan Blackshaw, 15 St. Lawrence Ave., Blackburn, and cheques should be made payable to Old Blackburnians Appeal Fund. All donations will be gratefully acknowledged.

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and extending the pavilion and eventually after many delays, mainly obtaining permission, work was commenced at the end of last year.

At the end of last season the Committee embarked on its programme of re-developing fully completed by the time Magister goes to Press.

(Further details of extensions are contained in the appeal letter I sent to you).

Despite the upheavals at the Club, socially it has done very well and it is hoped many new members and old boys will come and support us and make full use of the splendid new club house.

Away from Football the Club has been undertaking several developments. In August last year with the assistance of a Special Environmental Assistance Grant the memorial ground was tidied up, trees planted and new grass sown and has improved the grounds appearance quite considerably.
AGM: Association makes a profit

OLD Blackburnians Association made a profit of £89.51 last year, said the treasurer, Mr. Fred Bury at the 45th annual meeting, held in the Old Black’s AFC pavilion on November 20.

There were 19 members present with Mr Bury in the chair.

The profit was due mainly to increased revenue from subscriptions and from £650 of Barclays Bank loan stock 1986/93, which had been authorised for purchase the year before.

Further investment was needed, it was decided and this was left to the committee. A donation of £21, written into a covenant, was made to the School but this was raised to £35 at a subsequent meeting.

Mr D. I. Forbes, secretary, gave a brief summary of the football club’s activities in the absence of the club’s chairman. A full report appeared in last year’s Magister.

Mr Forbes addressed the members in his capacity as secretary:

Secretary’s Report

Two Committee Meetings had been held — one in January and one in May and again one in this Pavilion and one at the School.

The deaths of Mr Norman Forbes (see page 4) and Mr Edward Towle (see last Magister) were regretfully recorded.

The Association has for some time been affiliated to the Public Schools Club through the membership of an Old Boy but as notification has been received subscription was to be increased to £31, the committee decided not to renew membership. It was only very rare occasions that the Association, or any of its members, would benefit.

Mr Bury again stepped into the breach with the absence of

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KNUTSFORD DINNER

THE hard-working mini-bus set off for Cottons Hotel, Knutsford, with six representatives from Blackburn, South Manchester and Cheshire Branch’s annual dinner on November 23.

The Headmaster replied for the guests after a short welcoming speech from the chairman Mr Eric West. Old boy Derrick Bradley was host and provided a worthy meal.

Present:

Dr G. R. Gilmore (1953-60)  Dr T. S. Hindle (1927-37)  H. S. Marsden (1927-33)
E. West (1933-39)  C. Wilkinson (1944-48)  D. C. Bradley (1938-42)
H. Ramsbottom (1937-41)  D. Appleton (1938-42)  R. H. Ransom (1938-42)

Apologies


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Chairman of the Governors, Mr. Hare and Mr. E. Metcalf.
Degrees and things...

OLD BOYS’ SUCCESSES IN BRIEF


S. Ainsworth (1963-69), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Hons., Microbiology, Birmingham University.


E. Barnes (1957-65), Appointed Honorary Secretary, St. John Ambulance, Blackburn.

J. E. Beever, B.Sc. (1962-69), Awarded M.Sc. in Environmental Resources, Salford University. Appointed to a post at Huntingdon Research Centre to conduct research into new drugs.

T. R. S. Beavis (1957-61), Appointed Deputy Housing Manager, Copec Housing Trust, Birmingham.

J. G. Blackwell (1959-69), Graduated B.Sc., Mechanical Engineering, Bristol University.


A. W. Breakell (1965-70), Awarded Ordinary National Diploma in Business Studies, Tamworth College of Further Education.

S. Bury (1965-71) Awarded the Oxford University History Prize (The Davis Prize), Balliol College, Oxford.

P. M. A. Calverley (1961-68) Graduated M.B., Ch.B., Edinburgh University.

J. Cooper (1962-69), Passed the Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.


W. J. Cunliffe, M.D., B.Sc., M.R.C.P. (1951-57), Appointed Consultant Dermatologist at Leeds General Infirmary and St. James’s University Hospital.


D. G. Evans (1964-70), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div 1, Hons. English and Theology, Birmingham University.

J. A. Fell (1962-65), Qualified F.C.A.

J. A. Greenhalgh (1942-47), Appointed Assistant General Manager, Halifax Building Society.
F. R. Harty, M.A. (1946-54), Elected "Male Personality of the Year" by the Royal Television Society.


D. Kemball-Cook (1960-65), Graduated B.A., First Class Hons., Mathematics and Philosophy, New College, Oxford University.

J. C. Marshall, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P. (1949-59), Awarded M.D. (Gold Medal) Manchester University. Awarded a Welcome Travelling Research Fellowship by the Medical Research Council for one year's research in Endocrinology in U.S.A.

P. Marsden (1958-62), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Hons., Mechanical Engineering, Nottingham University.

R. Mason (1963-69), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Hons., Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Newcastle University.


A. Moore (1960-65), Awarded Higher National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, Bolton Institute of Technology.

J. N. Naisby (1963-70), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons., Geography, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford University.

J. A. Osbaldiston (1960-71), Awarded Higher National Diploma in Business Studies and Diploma in Marketing, Blackburn College of Technology and Design.

D. J. Pitman (1963-70), Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons., Chemistry, Kent University.

J. Reeves (1965-70), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons., Geography and Politics, Leeds University.


P. J. Slowe (1958-68), Passed Part 1 of the Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

J. A. Houghton, B.Sc., Ph.D., (1955-62), a lecturer in microbiology at University College, Galway, has been awarded an EEC research grant.

The grant, by Euratom under its biology-health protection programme, will partly finance a £20,000 project on the genetic effects of radiation on blue-green algae.

Dr. Houghton gained a BSc degree and his PhD from Liverpool University. He is married with two children.

L. J. Kelley (1963-68), Awarded the Higher National Diploma in Food Technology, Grimsby College of Technology.
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Doctor in world yacht race

THE Royal Navy yacht, Adventure, was second to cross the finishing line in the Solent at the end of the Whitbread round-the-world race, behind Chay Blyth’s ketch, Great Britain II.

Adventure won the last leg however on handicap. The last leg was from Rio de Janerio to Portsmouth and no-one will know better than Peter Stuart Ormerod.

For Surgeon Lieutenant Ormerod, School from 1957 to 1963, had earlier helped to crew Adventure from Cape Town to Sydney, Australia in the second leg, and he was carefully plotting the homeward run.

Stuart is the son of Mr and Mrs Harold Ormerod, of Kentmere Drive, Cherry Tree, Blackburn.

Language head

Peter E. Jenkinson (1955-62), of Feniscliffe Drive, Cherry Tree, is now head of the languages department at Pleckgate School in Blackburn. A graduate of Sheffield University, he formerly taught at Blakey Moor High School for Boys in the town and has played football for the Old Blacks.
Magister Editor, Mr John Duckworth, who was ill. Mr Bury reminded members of the excellent edition of Magister the previous year but regretted that Mr Duckworth would not be able to devote as much time to editing the magazine due to the responsibilities of a new job.

However, he was being helped by another old boy, Mr Howard Foy, in writing copy and it was generally agreed by the members that one good quality issue a year would be better than two smaller ones. This would also prove more economical.

Branch Activities
Mr Bury reported that Branch activities had been held in London, Oxford, Manchester, York and Leeds and all had proved enjoyable but could have been somewhat better attended.

Election of Officers and Committee
President: Lord Woolley was unanimously re-elected. Mr King read a letter from Lord Woolley expressing his wish to retire from the presidency at the A.G.M. in 1974.

Vice President: No appointment.

Chairman: Mr F. Bury was unanimously re-elected.

Vice-Chairman: Mr H. Burrows was unanimously re-elected.

Secretary: Mr D. L. Forbes was unanimously re-elected.

Treasurer: Mr F. Bury was unanimously re-elected.

Auditors: Messrs W. Hare and K. H. Marsden were unanimously re-elected.

Committee: The Committee was re-elected en bloc with the exception of Mr G. N. Forbes who had died during the past year. Mr Joe King was elected to fill the vacancy. Messrs. W. E. T. Walsh, E. J. Kay and R. Smith were again co-opted on the Committee together with Mr Gordon Birtwistle. The Committee now comprises:


OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1973

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Bank Charges ........................................... 1.05
General Expenses ...................................... 51.15
Postages ................................................. 33.08
 Magazines .............................................. 8.20
 Magister .............................................. 310.64
Leavers Supper ........................................ 21.00
 School Donation ...................................... 21.00
 Corporation Tax ..................................... 27.03
 Annual Dinner ........................................ 7.57
 Balance and Profit .................................... 89.51

£ 549.23

BALANCE SHEET

Life Membership Fund
Balance at 1.9.72. .................................... 1793.53
Additions .............................................. 234.00
Deletions .............................................. 21.00

2057.53

War Memorial Fund ............................... 1207.77
Creditors: Printer .................................. 308.75
Inland Revenue ..................................... 27.40

Accumulated Fund
Profit at 1.9.72. ..................................... 141.11
Profit on 1972/73 ................................... 89.51

230.62

£ 3781.07

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 31st July, 1973.

(Signed) KENNETH H. MARSDEN, F.C.A.
WILLIAM HARE, F.C.A.

21 October, 1973
Old Blacks win cup in last game

BY DAVID FORBES

OLD BLACKS finally set the seal of success on a season of frustration with a runaway 5-2 victory over Old Glossopians to take the Lancs Amateur League challenge cup in their last game.

The final was replayed after an exciting 1-1 draw. Old Blacks went into the lead in extra time with only seven minutes left, after neither side had scored in the first 90 minutes, but Old Glossopians kept their chances alive with an equaliser in the last three minutes.

In the replay, Old Blacks were without experienced full back Roger Horrocks who was injured, but otherwise with a full but tired team after a very heavy end-of-season programme.

Old Blacks could not seem to make things click and at half-time were 2-0 down. However they came out for the second half a completely different looking team and within 16 minutes were leading 4-2, with goals from John Lawson, Peter Lawson (pen) and McNamee.

In the 1st Round, Old Smithillians were defeated 3-1 at Lammack and then Bolton Wyresdale went down 2-0 on their own ground leading to the quarter final when the 1st XI beat Broughton Amateurs 1-0.

The first XI reached the 3rd Round of the Lancashire Amateur Cup beating South Manchester 8-1 (after a replay) and Flixton 4-3. In the 3rd round they met a strong Sefton side losing 2-4. In the 1st Round of the F.A. Amateur Cup they met Liversedge at home and drew 1-1 but in the replay they went down 1-4.

Football Club annual dinner: June 14 at the Clubhouse. Tickets (£1.50) from Phil Sumner.

Again Cup commitments meant a delayed start to their league fixtures and they had several hard games in a very short space of time at the end of the season.

The 2nd XI managed to get through to the quarter finals of their Cup Competition but in that round were defeated 2-1 by South Section Club, Middleton Amateurs. The 2nd XI has had mixed results in the League and will probably finish mid-way in their division.

The 3rd XI and 4th XI, in some respects the backbone of the Club, produced average results though the 3rd XI did have a good start to the season and whilst results in December and January will prevent them reaching the top of their division, they should nevertheless finish in a reasonably healthy position.

On occasions during the season the Club has struggled to field four teams and would certainly welcome new playing members, young or old and of whatever ability.

Once again Old Boltonians came out winners of the 7-a-side competition in August and again this was a very successful day.

The Annual Boxing Day match against a Blackburn Combination XI was abandoned last year in favour of something involving more of the members.

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QEGS goes independent

THE DECISION by the Government to abolish direct grants led to what most Old Boys had hoped—the decision by QEGS Governors to make the School independent.

The decision was unanimous—an independent School to keep up the high standards of education QEGS has laid down and upheld in East Lancashire since 1568.

But the UDI in September next year will mean a huge increase in fees to offset the end of the direct grant, although the board has made it clear that boys who are at present at the School and those who enter this September who benefit from the direct grant, will continue to receive fee remission for as long as they remain at the School.

Chairman of the Governors, Mr. William Hare told parents at the School’s speech day on Tuesday, May 8, at the School, that the board had already asked the Department of Education and Science for an increase in main school fees from the present £361 a year to £432.

Fees would increase again if the direct grant was withdrawn now and the School received no more support from the Government, but they would not go up by more than £120. This would mean a total increase of £191, pushing the fees to £552 a year.

Mr. Hare said the figure of £120 was based on current estimates of expenditure and there could be no guarantee that costs would not escalate in the state-maintained schools.

“If these escalations happen, it will make a difference to the arithmetic”, he said.

But increases in junior school fees may not be as large as those in main school, he told parents.

The educational principles that have benefited East Lancashire boys for more than four centuries would have been betrayed if QEGS had gone comprehensive, he said.

The Governors believed that the comprehensive system was socially divisive and educationally inferior.

Headmaster Mr. Douglas J. Coulson said, in his annual report, that the Government’s decision to withdraw the direct grant would remove the freedom of choice for many parents who would not be able to afford to send their sons to QEGS.

Mr. Hare said the School was selling a form of discipline which it was becoming apparent was not available elsewhere, and this was what people must be prepared to pay for.

“We are selling a pattern of behaviour which is not available in the state-maintained schools. We are selling a tradition which we think ought not to be abandoned.

“On these propositions, we rest our case, and I have no feelings of apprehension that this School will not continue to be filled with pupils.”

Mr. Hare also hoped that the county education authority would continue to take up places at QEGS after independence.

More of Mr. Hare’s speech, Speech Day and the Headmaster’s address—page 26 and page 5.
Sir Ben Ormerod
Ex-OBA president

Sir Benjamin Ormerod, one of our most illustrious Old Boys, died in London on September 21, 1974, aged 84.

Son of a former Mayor of Blackburn, he was at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from 1903-7 and proceeded to Manchester University to study Law.

He graduated from Manchester University with honours and, after serving his articles with the late Mr. J. W. Carter, of Blackburn, qualified as a solicitor in 1913. He was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1924.

Sir Benjamin was the first Blackburn man to attain high judicial offices, and when he was made a High Court Judge, he was knighted.

His practice, which lay principally in Manchester, was mainly commercial, though he did work in the criminal courts too. In 1944 he was appointed county court judge on circuit 14, which comprises Harrogate, Helmsley, Leeds, Ripon, Tadcaster and York.

In 1946 he was transferred to circuit five, which comprises Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Rochdale and Salford.

He was appointed Commissioner of Assize on the Northern Circuit in 1946, 1947 and 1948. In May 1948, on the retirement of Mr. Justice Atkinson, Sir Benjamin was appointed a judge of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division.

He was shortly afterwards transferred to the Queen's Bench and was appointed to be the judge for hearing appeals from the Pension Appeals Tribunal under the Pension Appeals Tribunal Act 1943.

He was a Lord Justice of Appeal from 1957 to 1963.

On his appointment to the Court of Appeal, he became Privy Councillor, which carried the title of Right Honourable.

In the first world war he served as a captain with the fourth battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment.

For several years he was president of the Blackburn branch of the British Legion and he was president of the Association of Lancastrians in London in 1957.

Sir Benjamin retired from the bench in 1965 for health reasons.

He married in 1916 Kathleen Carter, who died in 1968. They had one son and one daughter.

Old Blackburnians have always been intensely proud of Sir Benjamin. He had a genuine affection for Blackburn, his old school—he was a Governor from 1946-66—and for the Old Blackburnians' Association which he served as president for nearly ten years.

One of his most memorable visits to the School was in July 1953 when he opened the block of classrooms and biology laboratories which bear his name — Ormerod House.

Year by year he made the journey to Blackburn for the Annual Dinner of the Association in December and many will remember the occasion when at the Annual Dinner in 1972 in Big School, the Association presented to Sir Ben his portrait which now hangs in Ormerod House.

He was also an active member of the London Branch of the Association and regularly attended the Annual Dinners of the branch. His home in Lincoln's Inn was always open to his friends from Blackburn and to the many Old Boys who knew him. We shall remember him with affection and gratitude.

H.K.

FRANK ASTLEY
OLD BLACKS F.C.
FOUNDER

ONE of the original founders of the Old Blackburnians football club and one of Lancashire's best known cricket legislators, Mr. Frank Aspinall Astley (1920-25), died at the wheel of his car last May.

He was travelling to his home in Vancouver Crescent, Blackburn, when he collapsed and the car hit a lamp post.

Mr. Astley, 66, a bachelor was principal of accountants Astley, Egan and Co., Wellington Street, St. John's, Blackburn.

He was a trustee of the Old Blacks F.C. and chairman and a trustee of East Lancashire Cricket Club. He had been auditor of the Lancashire League since 1969 and had been an auditor for many years before. He had been chairman of East Lancs for almost 18 years and had previously been treasurer for a number of years.

A PORTRAIT OF SIR BENJAMIN BY MRS. J. PANNET

CANON J. SCHOLLICK

CANON James Schollick (1919-23), Financial Secretary of the Salford Roman Catholic Diocese and parish priest of St. Columba's, Tonge Moor, Bolton, died at Bolton General Hospital in January. He was 67.

Canon Schollick trained as an accountant before offering himself for the priesthood at the age of 25.

He was sent to The English College, Lisbon, in 1932 and was ordained priest there in 1939.

On his return to the Salford Diocese in 1939, he was appointed curate at St. John's Cathedral, Salford.

In 1942, Bishop Marshall appointed him Diocesan Financial Secretary, a post he held until his death.

The extra work was incompatible with parochial duties and in 1944 he became chaplain at the Little Sisters of the Poor, Plymouth Grove, Manchester, moving to Bury in 1949 as chaplain to Bury Convent.

He was named honorary canon in 1957. In 1964 he became parish priest of St. Columba's and was elected to the Salford Cathedral Chapter in 1965.

A concelebrated Requiem Mass was held at St. Columba's and Bishop Holland presided at a solemn Requiem Mass at St. Columba's prior to interment at Ribchester.
**Obituary**

**HOWARD KENNEDY**

In the third edition of Magister, that of June, 1964, Mr. Howard Kennedy, about to retire from his post of Senior Mathematics Master, estimated that he had taught the subject to as many as 2,000 boys in his 43 years at Queen Elizabeth's.

I know that every one of those 2,000 and many others who were kindly influenced by his wider activities such as House-master of Hawkins or Master-in-charge text-books will hear with sincere regret of his death on April 17, 1975, at the age of 75.

He had been aware of the ultimate cause of death, a lung disorder, for some months and the unflinching way in which he faced up to it, still pursuing the normal routines of daily life, was a measure of the man, in keeping with his many qualities, his understanding that courage is control of self.

If it was my good fortune of serving with him as a colleague after being one of his pupils that gave me a deeper appreciation of worth, a recognition of his quiet certainty of what was right and honourable, I am sure that I am only confirming what the rest of the 2,000 sensed about a man whom they so readily came to respect.

It was Mr. Kennedy's wont to put new forms at ease with the observation that 'good mathematicians are usually a trifle lazy' . . . and then proceed to make it quite clear that this particular characteristic would be ruthlessly suppressed.

The true meaning of his remark gradually dawned as he enjoyed himself on the blackboard giving three-line alternatives to your full-page solutions. He taught, he led, by example. He appeared, without exception, as the echo of the bell died away, moved automatically to the top left-hand corner of the board and gradually built up in neat artistic columns across the full width, a visual display of the period's work.

Surely he was the most unlazy schoolmaster ever. To the mathematically gifted or near-gifted his lessons were fascinating, to the not-so-gifted reassuring, to the mathematically inept they still generated hope of success . . . and above all, in an atmosphere of purposeful kindly order, they were enjoyed by everyone.

Mr. Kennedy was a scholar. A Geordie, he gained a senior entrance exhibition to Armstrong College, Newcastle (to become Newcastle University) and, via the senior Pemberton Scholarship for the best 2nd-year student, went on, despite an interruption for service in the first world war, to take the only 1st awarded in Mathematics in the 1920 B.Sc. degree, to be followed in 1923 by M.Sc.

The clear analytical mind which had served him so well at university was always in evidence, in the classroom, in staff discussions and in the considerable range of committee work which automatically came his way. Yes, he was a scholar and it is simply a statement of fact, a regrettable fact, to observe that today, it is much, much less likely that a man of such academic quality would turn to school-teaching. Those of us who were taught by him were privileged. I believe we knew it.

In remembering Howard Kennedy at this time, we remember also his wife Nancy, daughter Joan and son John. We extend to his wife and family our sincere sympathy.

**Thomas Taylor**

Thomas Taylor (1922-30), a contemporary and personal friend of the writer, died in hospital in London on 15th March 1975. He was Head Boy in 1929, House Captain of Howard and Captain of Cricket. He graduated Hons. B.A. in Mathematics at St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1933 and took up teaching at Grange High School, Bradford. After war service in the RAF Parachute Regiment, he returned to teaching and subsequently became one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools.

On retirement a few years ago, he took up bowls and became an official in the national organisation of that sport. He was a member of the Old Blackburnians' Association and maintained a close interest in the School.

We extend to his wife and family our sincere sympathy.

F.B.

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**OEGS CHOICE FOR TRAVEL**
It is with a heavy heart that I take up my pen to record this tribute to Dennis Shaw who died in Blackburn Royal Infirmary on February 2, 1975, aged 49.

Although in considerable pain and discomfort he remained immensely cheerful throughout his long and trying illness.

Those of us who visited him regularly—and he had a host of visitors—always found him buoyant and ready to share a joke in his own inimitable way. He never ceased to inquire about his pupils and wished to be kept informed of the day-to-day doings of the School. His fortitude and courage have left a deep impression upon all. I shall always remember his remarks, which were so typical of him, in a rare reference to his illness. "Come to terms with it, yes; surrender, never."

A Liverpudlian, and proud of it, he was educated at Holt Grammar School, Liverpool, graduated in Honours Biology at Liverpool University and served in the Royal Navy during the war.

He taught for three years at King George V School, Southport, where he made many friends and then joined the staff of Roan School, Blackheath, London. He came to Queen Elizabeth's in April 1957, succeeding Mr. Peter Jolley as Head of the Biology Department. He became Housemaster of Howard House in 1962 and Careers Master in 1967.

After working under some difficulty in the old Biology Laboratory in the huts, he saw the erection of Ormerod House in 1963 which provided on the first floor two well-equipped modem Biology Laboratories.

Dennis Shaw always encouraged high standards of conduct and scholarship and was always enthusiastic in his support of House and School activities. He regularly took parties of Sixth-formers to the Dorking Field Study Centre for a week's course during the summer holidays.

He was a member of the Old Blackburnians' Association, attended the Annual Dinner and frequently travelled with us to Branch activities in various parts of the country.

The School has suffered a grievous loss and we mourn the death of a respected colleague and friend. We extend to his wife, Brenda, and two daughters, Jennifer and Susan, our sincere sympathy.

H.K.
RECORD ACADEMIC RESULTS FOR SCHOOL

Headmaster's Prize Day Speech

When so much has been achieved—and in so many ways—during the 12 months since we last met together, it is not always easy to know where to begin an annual report of this kind.

But academic results speak for themselves, and, once more, this has been another year of gratifying and continuing success. At both Advanced and Ordinary Levels of the G.C.E. Examination, results have been most pleasing and a real credit to both boys and staff. Last year's good pass percentage at A Level was raised still further to 78%, of which one-third of the passes were Grades A or B; while at O Level, a total of 799 passes gave a pass percentage of 77%—both percentages being new "highs" for the School.

In addition 15 boys gained awards and places at Oxford and Cambridge, while some 63 others went on to other Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Education and Further Education Establishments.

Again, of the 26 Scholarships awarded this year by the Peel Foundation, based on competitive A Level performance of boys and girls in all Blackburn's schools, 13 were gained by boys at Queen Elizabeth's.

At entrance level, too, the picture is still full of encouragement and promise for the future, with large numbers of boys seeking admission to both the Main School and the Junior School. And here, it is a great pleasure to place on record our gratitude for the splendid and enthusiastic help and support that we are receiving from the new Lancashire Education Authority which, this year, is to take up the full quota of free places in the School—free places open to all boys living in the new Lancashire area, including, of course, boys whose parents are resident in Blackburn.

Outside the classroom, the range and diversity of both activity and achievement are something in which the School can take pride. We have had a splendid football season, beating such distinguished rivals as Bolton School, Shrewsbury, Aldenham, Bury, Hulme Grammar School and the Oxford University Centurions, and winning the Silver Plate Competition in the Public Schools Six-a-Side Tournament in London in December. Our cricketers, too, last July, finished their best season since 1954, playing ten matches, of which they won five and drew five. And our Under 15 and Under 14 cricketers were head of their respective leagues in the Blackburn Schools League Competition.

The tennis team won all its five matches and our golfers again did well in the Aer Lingus Public Schools Competition.

Clubs and societies continue to flourish, and the School chess team won the Senior Schools League Trophy and the Telstar Chess Cup, while our Community Service Society, among its many other activities, carried out an important survey in the town to help the physically handicapped—a survey which was featured on BBC television and which aroused a good deal of interest. And when one recalls such events as the Swimming Gala; the Musical Evening; the School Play; the Carol Service; the Parents' Evenings; the visits to France, Germany and Italy, it does not need me to emphasise the rich variety of out-of-school interests that the School promotes. And, at this point, and indeed as part of the School's abiding strength and success, I gladly pay tribute to the enthusiastic and positive support that we all enjoy from our parents. Nowhere, perhaps, is this more evident than in the way in which, with Old Boys, former parents and industry, they have responded to the appeal for money to provide us with our much-needed improvements at Horncliffe. Work on this project will be completed by the end of this term, and the whole range of fine buildings will be ready for full use in September.

In expressing my sincere thanks to the members of the Staff for all that they do, and do so well, I must mention the sad loss which we all suffered in February, in the death of Dennis Shaw. He was, of course, a fine biologist and Careers Master: but he was so much more than this. He was a man who set himself the highest professional standards, and expected them of those whom he taught, and his natural good humour and kindliness made for him many friends among the generations of Old Blackburnians who were his pupils.

We said goodbye, last term, to Mr. Winders, who after ten years here, left to become Headmaster of a school in Preston. And, at the end of this term, we say goodbye, too, to Mr. K. L. Watson, who has been a member of our Modern Languages Staff since 1938 and who, apart from his war service, has given the whole of his most valued professional life to Queen Elizabeth's. May I thank him, ladies and gentlemen, on your behalf as well as my own, for all that he has done for the School, and wish him a long and happy retirement.

May I also place on record the thanks and gratitude of all of us to the members of the Governing Body. To be a Governor in these difficult days is certainly no easy sinecure; and

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QEGS won the East Lancashire inter-schools badminton knock out trophy, beating Accrington Grammar School in the final, two games to one.

The team then went on to the county schools badminton association finals at Phyddings sports hall, Oswaldtwistle, and beat Southport Technical School 4-3 in the senior boys' final.

QEGS footballers John Wad- dicor and Ian Jackson were chosen for the English Public Schools' side, which took part in a festival of football at Easter. John, captain of the School side, plays midfield and Ian is a full back.

QEGS chess team won the Senior Schools League Trophy, schools section, for the second year running, beating Burnley Grammar School 3½-2½ in the final match.

Almost 400 parents and friends attended the School's annual musical evening in the new assembly hall in February for a programme that included Dvorak's "Hungarian March" and "Petite Suite". Almost 400 parents and friends attended the School's annual musical evening in the new assembly hall in February for a programme that included Dvorak's "Hungarian March" and "Petite Suite".

The concert featured the 30-piece school orchestra and 200-strong choir and a variety of items, including violin and clarinet trios, piano and flute solos.

(continued next page)
Headmaster's speech (cont.)

the amount of time and thought that the Chairman and his colleagues devote to the care and welfare of the School can only be appreciated by those of us who work closely with them. We all owe them much for their experienced guidance of the School's complex affairs.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, this has been a long recital of fact and attainment, and I make no apology for its detail, because, in these times, when one hears and reads so much about dissatisfaction in schools; about truancy; about falling standards; about disruption and mounting indiscipline, it seems to me both important and necessary to emphasise the stability; the success born of hard effort; the corporate enthusiasm for education in all its aspects; the strong bond of unity between boys, masters, parents and Governors; the sense of a shared purpose and the pursuit of excellence that schools such as ours achieve and stand for.

BENEFIT

Why then, you may ask, have decisions been taken to make it impossible for this School, and the other Direct Grant Schools like it, to continue in the future as they are at present? Why is the financial support to be denied to families whose able children could benefit from the kind of education that we can offer them? Those of you who saw the statements made by Lancashire's Chief Education Officer, Mr. Rainbow, in the national press, know full well that, in Lancashire at any rate, the decision can have neither educational nor financial justification. As Mr. Rainbow pertinently asked: "Where will we put the 5,000 children in our 13 Direct Grant Schools? Our State schools are so overcrowded that I could not get ten Woodbines into them, let alone 5,000 pupils. If Mr. Preece told me I could have another half-dozen Secondary Schools, I could do nothing about it. I should have to borrow the money to build the schools, and the interest rate alone would exceed the allowable growth rate."

In the light of this, it is difficult not to be forced to the conclusion that the withdrawal of the Direct Grant has little to do with education, but is solely an expression of doctrinaire resentment, amounting, it might be said, to vindictiveness against any school or organisation that stands out, by reason of its excellence, from the flat, grey mediocrity of much of the surrounding educational landscape.

In September 1976, and thereafter, Queen Elizabeth's will remain as it is now — a school of high academic standards with the range of activities, cultural and sporting, that it now offers. But from 1976 its complexion will begin to be altered. Until 1976, the main criterion governing a boy's admission to the School was his ability to profit from the education that the School provided. Whether his parents were wealthy or poor was totally immaterial, because parents of modest means were generously assisted by the Direct Grant and by the system of Free Places and fee remission. And by that system, over the years, hundreds of boys have come to us and gone on to successful careers in many different walks of life. But from 1976, that generous State provision is to end; and with it ends the freedom of choice for parents whose sons would do well here, but who, for many reasons, may not feel able to afford to pay the full fees.

The choice, for them, will be either a comprehensive school or a comprehensive school. It is much the same choice as that facing Henry Ford's customer who asked if he could have his probable line car in a colour of his liking. "Yes!" was the reply. "Any colour you like, provided that it is black."

It is neither my intention nor my role to descend to the heat and dust of the political arena, but I would leave you with one question this afternoon. Is it not strange, to say the least, that a decision to destroy the freedom of choice that parents have always enjoyed for their children in the sphere of education should have been taken by a political party that has always, nominally at any rate, advocated the principle of equality of opportunity for all?

Alive and Well

David McClean (1948-57) posted "missing" in Magister, assures us he is alive and well and living in Sheffield. He has been appointed Professor and head of the Department of Law at Sheffield University, following a year in Australia and his new address is 6 Burnt Stones Close, Sheffield.

First Book

Hull University student Philip Lingard (1968-74) has had his first book published: "First Bus in West Yorkshire" by Turntable, of Sheffield, at 85p.
A SUCCESSFUL company director must have good reasons for giving up his job at the age of 49. Roland Hodson had, he wanted to become a student again.

Mr. Hodson, at School from 1935 to 1940, was a director of Mercer Bros. (Business Equipment) Ltd., at Accrington, before deciding to take an honours degree course in social studies at Liverpool Polytechnic.

The opportunity for full-time study arose while he was taking a part-time course with the Open University.

"I suppose the idea of going to university had been in the back of my mind for a few years"; he says. "I do not know exactly what I will do after the two-year course, but I have some ideas.

"I think it was necessary for me to make a complete break with my firm. I just hope that after this course, I shall come out a more valuable member of society."

He worked at Mercer's for 18 years, nine as a director, and was presented with a television set and a portable radio by his colleagues.

Mr. Hodson lives with his wife Ellen in Belvedere Road, Blackburn, and Ellen, a ward sister at Blackburn Infirmary, fully supports his decision.

But what does it feel like to be a mature student in these days of student strikes and sit-ins and how difficult is it to begin studying again in middle age? Mr. Hodson answers these questions and gives his views on life as a student in a special feature for Magister below.

**ADOLF WHO?**

A breath of fresh air

WHEN THE editor of this paper suggested that I might care to write a few words about becoming a full-time student again long after I left school, especially my reasons for taking such a step, I readily agreed, thinking that what I had to say might be of some interest to his public. I now believe this to be misconceived.

I cannot think of any good reason why any Old Blackburnian, in the middle of negotiating a mortgage on a leafy, detached, privatized future, should jump three feet into the air at the sight of my name or at the thought of one of his peers temporarily opting out of the rat-race.

His reaction is more likely to be "So what?" So, instead, I thought I would jot down a few general thoughts about this and that and if some of them happen to be of interest then so much the better.

When I left QEGS in 1940 I little thought that 35 years later, with the thinning thatch showing signs of an early winter, I would be back at school alongside a crowd whose earliest recollection of anything political, for instance, might be, with luck, the 1964 General Election. As one who can vaguely remember the headlines about the late Adolph Hitler's appointment as German Chancellor I find this age difference startlingly revealing.

What is most apparent, I think, is not what I can add to the sum total of knowledge by way of a longer acquaintance with events but what fresh insights can be uncovered by not having participated in them. Involvement can put a high premium on perception. Maybe I am saying that the young, who are also sometimes quite naïve, can, and often do, bring a breath of fresh air to some popular conceptions simply by not being the repositories of past history.

This realisation, though unquestionably not world-shattering might help us to raise an eyebrow or two at some of the decisions of the old, whose judgements are often subject to memories of those parts of the past which played an important part in their lives.

Speaking of language, which I wasn't, I am reminded that it isn't a static thing. Like all living organisms it is subject to mutation. Take the English language, for instance. I never heard the place Arthur Holden overlorded described as KWEGS until such bureaucratic compilations as NATO, SHAPE, FIS, GATT, SALT and the other condiments became part of everyday parlance. In my day, such contractions would have been given pretty short shrift, especially by the Boss. I can almost see now the doors of Big School being slammed shut and baying against possible infection from the culture growing outside.

But the words do trip off the tongue, and there is no mistaking their meaning, which is what language is all about. Not that these particular examples are ever likely to make the Shorter Oxford. They are transitory things and will last only so long as they can convey a meaning. But they are indicative of trends to include in written language words that have previously been regarded as mere colloquialisms.

I suppose this was always so, but when I used to walk up West Park Road language was a thing expected to be seen rather than heard. The grammar school propagated the old cultures, the classical tradition, and though it would have protested at such an idea, leaned only very lightly on the enlightenment thrust for intellectual adventure. I don't suppose it has changed much. It would appear still to want to preserve the "two nations" syndrome in fact as well as in spirit.

I am sometimes on the receiving end of some pretty vitriolic comment about student protests, vide Lancaster and Essex Universities. I have no wish to go into the details of these particular affairs as I don't know them and I have no time to inquire.

I do know, however, something about the student "sit-in" at Liverpool last autumn term. For the most part it was conducted with a high degree of responsibility, albeit with a maximum assault on the eye by dayglow posters, and with much tacit support and approval from some staff. As I would be reluctant to draw too many conclusions from Lancaster so would I hesitate about Liverpool. I think what ought to be said though is that demands made by students are generally never frivolous and are often the result of many, frequently genuine, grievances suffered over a long period.

As one member of staff put it to me, "The faculty ought not to over react. If they want it to go away, then they should ignore it". This is obviously easier said than done. But student protest is probably here to stay. If we live in a pluralist society, then growing demands for participation in decision making are healthy reactions against the threat of increased centralisation and bureaucratic power.
ENGINEER IS CHIEF WITH B.R.

REGINALD Peat (1941-47) has been appointed chief telecommunications engineer of British Rail’s Southern Region.

Mr. Peat, who started work with the Post Office as a telecommunications engineer from school, is in charge of a signal engineering staff of 1,650, based at the head office in Croydon.

He served his National Service with the Royal Signals and left the Post Office in 1955 to join Fords. He moved to British Rail Southern Region in 1959.

He transferred to the London Midland Region in 1971 and returned to the South on his appointment in January.

Mr. Peat, whose hobbies are sailing and military history, lives with his wife and three daughters in East Grinstead, Sussex.

Director of IBM

Dr. Colin J. Bell (1948-56) has been appointed director of IBM, UK, at Winchester. He was formerly a director of the North Eastern Electricity Board.

OVERSEER IS APPOINTED J.P.

Church secretary and elder of Cherry Tree United Reformed Church, Arthur Briggs Cope (1929-33), has been appointed a magistrate on the Blackburn bench.

Mr. Cope is holder of the Gold Award of the National Blood Transfusion Service (see Magister 14). Deputy Overseer Is J.P.

Mr. Cope interviews

Russell Harty interviews in his television chat show, “Russell Harty Plus”, have been published under that title by Elm Tree Books at £2.95, and at 75p in paperback.

The book contains word for word transcripts of selected interviews between Russell (1946-54) and such diverse stars as Barbara Cartland and Gary Glitter; Frankie Howerd and David Niven; Tennessee Williams and Freddie Trueman; and Dame Sybil Thorndike and Jimmy Young.

Manager moves to Durham

Plant manager of Mullard’s Thornaby factory, Teesside, Eric Beaumont (1937-42) has been appointed plant manager of the Durham factory.

Mr. Beaumont joined Mullard’s at Blackburn from School and became head of the valve department 11 years later. He spent five years as divisional manager with responsibility for transistors before moving as plant manager to Thornaby.

Investigating Corruption

Supt. Norman Howarth (1940-46) retired as head of Blackburn sub-division of the Lancashire Constabulary to move to Hong Kong, where he is taking part in investigations of police corruption in the Crown Colony.

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Conductor is chosen for final

Assistant conductor to the London Festival Ballet Orchestra, Graham Bond (1959-65) was chosen from more than 100 world-wide applicants for the final of the young conductor competition.

Mr. Bond, who has been with the London Festival Ballet for the last three years, graduated from the Royal College of Music and was a member of the Lancashire Youth Orchestra.

The competition, organised in association with the London Symphony Orchestra, is open to conductors between 22 and 30 with a bursary and travelling allowance of £3,500 and guaranteed conducting fees of £500 to the winner.
AS PART OF an occasional series of Old Boys’ features from all over the world, Albert Eastham (1946-51) tells of his adventures in Africa.

"I feel typecast as I do other things apart from strolling up mountains", writes Mr. Eastham, who is at present lecturing in public administration at Birmingham University.

Mr. Eastham, who taught English at QEGS from 1960 to 1965, had plenty of practice in climbing, having at one time covered the Lakeland peaks in 24 hours.

He was teaching development economics, personnel management and municipal economics at the Haile Selassie I University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, between 1972 and 1974 when he decided that 8,000 ft was a good enough point to set out on a climbing holiday in January last year.

Tackling Kilimanjaro (19,355 ft) and Mount Kenya (17,055) proved a real adventure and Mr. Eastham tells it in his inimitable style.

**TALLEST MEN IN AFRICA**

AFRICA’S two highest mountains are some 260 km apart, but if you have £200 and a week to spare, you can climb them both!

My geography pal, Buckley Robbins, and I did just this, and had one of the best holidays of our lives.

We flew down from Addis Ababa on Sudan Airways at a well-managed discount price and thence by old Peugeot taxi from Nairobi to the peaceful Naro Moru River Lodge.

African taxis tend to be overcrowded and one old man had to unscrew his wooden leg to make room for our rucksacks.

Many years ago, Mt. Kenya was over 22,000 ft, but owing to a rising of world temperatures it has shrunk to its present 17,058 ft. The twin summits of Batian and Nelion are named after former Masai chiefs and are graded V.S. and V.Diff. respectively and necessitate a rope. Our objective was Point Lenana (16,355 ft) which is the highest point for walkers, and a nine-year-old boy and a 65-year-old woman have made it, so YOU can do it.

We hired porters for £3 a day and walked up through the thick forest and vertical bog to Kiarwilt’s Hut at 13,650 ft.

When you go, stay at the Teleki Hut, it has windows in us to give way to elephant, rhino and buffalo, and one bridge instructed the elephants to proceed in single file. The Teleki Valley is beautiful and has quite unusual vegetation; the trees, plants and flowers were completely new to a Blackburnian town dweller. At 13,000 ft Buckley experienced his first headaches, but the dozens of hyrax rats around the camp fire diverted his attention. We ate our tinned supplies of corned beef and rice pudding and snuggled up with four other Europeans who were coming down the mountain.

**GLACIER**

Day two was a shortish climb up to the new Austrian Hut at 15,720 ft, but it is necessary to have some acclimatisation at these heights. The old hut was burnt down recently and this new one erected by helicopters (wow!) is really splendid; it sleeps about 30 and is double-glazed for warmth. We went to bed at 18.00 but couldn’t sleep — it must have been the altitude.

The next day we crossed the large Lewis glacier with our ice axes to Point Lenana, which afforded magnificent panoramic views, and remembering Spike Kennedy’s formula of d in miles = \( \frac{11}{10} h + \text{in feet} \times \text{visibility of about 150 miles.} \) Then we bombed down the valley to the Naro Moru Lodge, an easy descent.

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**MOTIVATION**

International athletes fail to make it to 19,340 ft; yet fat Americans who smoke heavily have been known to get there. Motivation is highly important and D. was determined to spit blood to succeed, if necessary; but swimming several miles daily at 8,000 ft in Addis had been wonderful training, and it was a piece of cake. You really ought to treat yourself to an East African holiday. Let the wife and kids go round the game parks whilst you climb the mountain, and remember those tiny pills, vitamin B6 to prevent altitude sickness.
CHIEF guest at the Old Blackburnians’ dinner at School on December 21 was Mr. Anthony M. Verity, joint registrar for the districts of Leigh, St. Helens, Southport, Warrington and Wigan county and high courts.

A partner in the firm of Sutcliffe, Verity and Co., solicitors, Blackburn, he is a former president of the Blackburn Incorporated Law Association.

Mr. Verity replied to a toast to the guests, proposed by James Rothwell (1932-38), senior inspector of schools, Manchester Education Authority.

The Headmaster, Mr. Douglas J. Coulson, replied to a toast to the School, proposed by Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, senior bursar at St. John’s College, Cambridge.

He assured Old Boys that the School could look forward to the future with a confidence which came from a “formidable and purposeful strength”.

“Even the most grudging critic would admit, I hope, that the School is successful in the continuing pursuit of all-round excellence, and that it manages its complex affairs with an economy and expertise that fully justifies the confidence that parents and our new local authority have in us.

“Two other factors give the governors and all of us immense encouragement. First, the steadily mounting numbers of boys who, each year, seek admission to both the junior school and the main school; and second, the massive support, interest and encouragement the School draws from its parents.

“I am not, I feel, being complacent or overconfident when I say that an increasing number of parents believe that schools such as ours can give their children what they need.”

“In a rapidly changing world where so many traditional standards and values are being eroded, parents wish to make sure that their children suffer as little as possible from the prevailing confusion in our society.

“We need have no fear for the future of our school and the increasingly important part it can play in our local community’, said Mr. Coulson.

The chairman, Mr. J. R. Hindle, took wine with the Old Boys according to the decade they left School. Mr. Eric Ainsworth (1908-11) was the oldest present, and received a well-deserved ovation.

Guests included County Councillor J. R. Ashton, chairman of the Lancashire Education Committee, and Mr. Conrad Rainbow, the county’s chief education officer.

Mr. Verity replied to a toast to the School, proposed with Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards by Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace.

They were Andrew Cronshaw, of Braeside; Stephen Gorton, of Preston New Road; William and John Ainsworth, of Sandy Lane; Ian Kay, of Cravens Avenue; and Howard Cook, of Ramsgreave Road, all of Blackburn.

Inventor’s process gets top award

THE INVENTION, of an Old Boy, described as important in its own way as the loom and knitting machine, has been marked by a top award.

The invention of Nitton by Blackburn businessman Brian Mercer (1937-44) was described by Dr. Philip Smith, chairman of the Shirley Institute, at a luncheon in honour of Mr. Mercer.

The lunch, in Manchester, attended by members of the Shirley Council, marked the announcement that Mr. Mercer, chairman of Neston Ltd., was to receive the Mullard Award.

The Royal Society’s annual Mullard Award is made for outstanding scientific or technological achievement and has been awarded to the United Kingdom.

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THE ANNUAL meeting was held in the Lammack club house on May 21.

Messrs. W. K. Forbes, president, and E. Wilkinson, chairman, and 30 members were present. There were apologies from P. Sumner, A. Blackshaw, P. Hobkirk, P. Hargreaves and R. Pickup.

Chairman’s report

The chairman welcomed members and said the completion of the extension and improvements of the pavilion in the early part of the present year was the fulfillment of his ambition when he accepted the nomination of chairman of the club three years ago and he expressed his sincere thanks to the various committee members over those three years involved in the launching, planning and completion of the extension. He then gave reports on the various sub-committee activities in the past season.

Football and ground

Football and selection meetings are held every Monday evening throughout the season for reports, team selection and ground matters. Thanks are due to Brian Hardcastle and Bob Hornsby, the football secretary and chairman of this sub-committee who kept the football running in a smooth and efficient manner.

Despite a fine start to the season, when the club won the Old Blacks Sevens, unfortunately at the end of the season no trophies or honours had been won. The first eleven was in contention in both the cup and the league up to the last few matches, but the severe backlog of fixtures at the end of the season made by the unprecedented bad weather during the whole season, probably being the downfall in missing out on the honours.

The chairman was pleased to report that several new members, plus school leavers and others had been recruited during the season and this augured well for the future. On the whole, the other teams had fared reasonably well, all finishing well in the top half of their respective divisions.

The chairman reported that earlier in the season the sub-committee had decided to award a trophy for the player of the year, to be known as the John Whalley Memorial Trophy, and this year the sub-committee awarded the trophy to Don Partington, who has been a mainstay of the first eleven for many years and last season, as in several seasons before, has represented the Lancashire Amateur League.

As regards the ground, as was previously stated by the chairman, this had suffered during the past season because of the weather and work had been commenced on it to try and improve it for the forthcoming season. However, it was almost certain that a very comprehensive form of pitch improvement and renovation would be required after next season and this would be put in hand as soon as possible.

Bar and house

Under the leadership of Peter Browne, this committee has ticked over very nicely but the fact that it did run with very little trouble should not allow members to forget the tremendous amount of work put in by Peter Browne and the rest of the sub-committee. The profit from the bar this year was £3,837 and, bearing in mind that out of the bar takings the brewery had been repaid £1,200 off the loan, this was a very successful 12 months.

The sub-committee and the club had suffered a severe loss in November with the sudden death of the steward for over seven years, John Whalley. John, of course, was much liked and respected as a member of the club. Shortly after his death, the committee decided to launch the John Whalley Memorial Fund and to hold several functions to realise money for such funds. Various functions were held and the final sum realised £550. This was handed to Mrs. Whalley at an informal gathering after the last committee meeting. In response, Mrs. Whalley and her family took the club by surprise by presenting a plaque suitably inscribed in thanks for the help and kindness shown to John’s family.

More recently, the club had appointed Joe Derbyshire as steward and he was proving to be a very valuable acquisition, carrying out his functions very suitably.

The chairman reminded the meeting of the death of Frank Astley, which he reported at the last annual meeting, but went on to say that Frank had bequeathed £1,500 to the club, for which it was of course very grateful. Some of the money had already been used in supplying and fitting the door between the two lounges and this would be suitably inscribed in Frank’s memory later.

Social

The club had launched a very active social programme during the past 12 months and thanks were due to Phil Sumner and the other members of the sub-committee for the hard work put in running these functions, particularly in managing the door, which was not an easy nor a very enjoyable task. The proceeds from these functions proved the amount of work which had been put in. The chairman also invited suggestions for social functions, which would be favourably considered by the sub-committee.

Finance

The club had a very successful financial year and thanks were due to the treasurer, Alan Blackshaw, for his efficient work. Unfortunately, Alan was not able to be present at the meeting due to illness. Also thanks were due to Peter Ibbotson for his help and advice in the bar accounts and also to David Stevenson for his work in looking after subscriptions and of course to Keith Sharples for running the Christmas draw, which again had proved a financial success.

Thanks were recorded to John Tattersall for his work in (continued next page)
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auditing the accounts. However, the chairman did emphasise that the committee and members could not afford to sit back and relax for the last 12 months and that further work would always be necessary to keep the club functioning smoothly and to continue its previous success. He pointed out that further improvements were being made to the club by the erection of wood paneling in the lounge, bar and also the remainder of the lounge and clubhouse would be decorated.

Work was due to start in the very near future on the complete re-painting of the club's exterior.

It has been agreed to erect a new fence between the top pitch and the car park and this, if carried out, it was hoped, would improve the general appearance of the club.

Ladies' committee

Thanks were due to the ladies' committee for their efforts in the last 12 months in providing coffee and organising various functions and raising funds for the club. The committee also supported the John Whalley Memorial Fund by organising a dance and donating the proceeds from it.

The chairman regretted to inform the meeting that two of the present committee had indicated their unwillingness to stand for re-election, namely Dave Stevenson, the vice-chairman, and Steve Tart. He thanked both these members for their efforts and help during many years and he informed the meeting that, following a ballot at the previous committee meeting, Steve Tart had been elected Clubman of the Year and congratulations were recorded. This award, along with the Player of the Year award, was to be made at the club dinner.

The chairman concluded his report by again thanking the members for their attendance that night and for their continued support over the years.

Election of officers

President, W. K. Forbes was re-elected; chairman, E. Wilkinsen was re-elected; vice-chairman, P. Brown was re-elected; hon. secretary, D. I. Forbes was re-elected; hon. treasurer, A. Blackshaw was re-elected; hon. football secretary, R. Hornsby was re-elected; hon. press secretary, N. K. Sharpies was re-elected; hon. auditor, J. Tattersall was re-elected.

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Following friendly games in 1925/26 the ensuing two seasons were spent in the Blackburn & District Amateur League. The Lancashire Amateur League resumed after the war and the Lancashire Amateur League. At the time of writing they have the opportunity to win this league and also the Lancashire Amateur League Challenge Cup, a trophy presented to the winner of a knock-out competition.

Let us hope that the club makes as much progress and attains as many honours during its next 50 years.
RUN-IN STRAIN IS TOO MUCH FOR FOOTBALLERS

BY DAVID FORBES

OLD BLACKS had a disappointing season largely because they failed to retain the LAL Cup but particularly because they failed in their desire to win the Premier Division championship in its first season in existence.

In both cases we were very much in contention right up to the last fortnight. The bogey team turned out to be Old Rivingtonians who beat us twice in the League in this period and also knocked us out of the LAL Cup in the quarter-finals.

The strain of playing 17 games in the last six weeks or so proved too much for a side which is at last beginning to show its age — this fact coupled with heavy grounds and injuries at this crucial time sapped all our strength and shattered our confidence.

There is certainly a need for new blood to revive a team which has had tremendous success over the past seven years and this reorganisation will doubtless take place next season when several younger players will be thrown in at the deep end!

On the brighter side, Old Blacks did start the season on a high note by winning their own seven-a-side competition in August, and also D. Partington, P. Summer, E. Jones and B. Hardcastle represented the Lancashire Amateur League.

All three other sides finished well up in their respective leagues and particular mention must be made of the 2nd XI, which, after a disastrous start, finished the season by winning nine, drawing 3 and losing only two of their last 14 games.

Leading goal scorers were: P. Greenhalgh 19, J. Whitehead 19, P. Lawson, M. McNamee 12, A. Kidson 11, B. Hardcastle 10, D. Hindle, C. Young, A. McNamee 9, J. Proos, I. Cook 8.

Groundsman Vince Chester, committee member and former player with the third and fourth teams, was named Clubman of the Year at the annual dinner.

Vince Chester, right, receives a set of cut glass tumblers as Old Blackburnians' Clubman of the Year, from Mr. Wilf Crumblehulme at the Old Blacks' dinner.

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MR. IVAN Marchant, who retired to the sunny climes of Spain (see last summer's Magister) with his wife, Gertrude, found that the warm welcome deteriorated as the winter wore on.

"Life in this far-flung corner of the QEGS empire does not continue quite as sunny for we have had our first experience of winter in gales and some rain. However the temperature does not fall much below 57°F", he writes.

"After a leisurely attempt to alter the landscape by a garden, I have returned to painting. The villages in the hills are reporting the arrival of Haile Selassie—complete with painting gear!"

"One of the local inns provides tables and chairs when we arrive. This, as you have immediately concluded, indicates a certain amount of consumption of the local product."

"We continue to enjoy charming neighbours, who surround us—two ex-Hong Kong, two Belgian, two Danish, two Canadian and two Liverpudlians are our immediate neighbours.

"We miss, however, the special quality of conversation which occurs in the staffroom of QEGS, enlivened as it is on occasions by floor shows starring Jack Monk and Fred Raby."

GREETINGS FROM ALBERTA

Alberta Old Boys' Branch in Canada sends greetings from the annual dinner. Ian Oates and John Morris were unable to attend but there were still five keeping the flag flying. They were Roger Maltby (1948-53) Bob Darwent (1947-53), Roger Pilkington (1950-58), Roy Ashcroft (1945-52), and Hugh G. Macklin (1968-10).

MR SOUTHWORTH

Pair make branch in Bangkok

The British Vice-Consul at Bangkok is Tom Southworth, who was at School from 1948 to 1954.

Mr. Southworth who was featured in Magister 16, after having to leave West Pakistan during the Indo-Pakistan war, was appointed in March.

Before that, he had been technical assistant officer at the British Deputy High Commission in Ibadan, in the Western State of Nigeria.

He will remain in Thailand for three years, and during that time might meet Old Boy Graeme Stanton, a contemporary at School from 1949 to 1955, who is editor of Bangkok World and was also featured in Magister 16.

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Wanderlust

John takes trip down under

A DESIRE to see something of the world prompted clinical psychologist John Dewhurst (1960-66) to apply for a post in Australia.

John, who worked for the past year at Walton Hospital, Liverpool, after gaining a M.Sc. in clinical psychology from Birmingham University, flew out to the sun in the middle of our winter.

He is working in clinical psychology on a three-year contract for New South Wales Health Commission in Newcastle.

"It seems the Australian authorities are trying to set up a public health service and are trying to attract people from Britain", said John.

He wants to travel as much as he can and will probably return to this country on the expiry of his contract, although he hopes to visit Japan and New Zealand in the time he is there, and see Canada and the United States after.

Before taking up his post, he had time for a week's holiday with his uncle, aunt and cousin, who live in Sydney.

On a Kibbutz

One of our younger Old Boys, Roger Whity (1968-74) chose an unusual way to relax after his "A" levels last year—he went to work on an Israeli Kibbutz.

Roger, who was not paid for his six-weeks work, paid his own return air fare to Tel-Aviv.

ACCOUNTANT GETS TOP JOB IN NEW ZEALAND

AN OLD Boy has been appointed to a top government post in New Zealand.

Edward Cox (1939-43) was made an assistant commissioner of the State Services Commission, which is responsible for staffing and administering government departments.

He worked with the Post Office in Blackburn and Darwen on leaving School and later with the health ministry in London.

He passed the senior examination in public service on emigrating to New Zealand and studied accountancy at Victoria University, Wellington. He then completed the New Zealand Professional Accountancy examination. He was then appointed to the Department of Education and transferred later to the Ministry of Works and then the office of the commission in accounting and executive positions.

He was on an inspection visit to North and South America in May and is married with two sons and a daughter.
ASSOCIATION SHOWS PROFIT OF ALMOST £200

MEMBERSHIP of the Old Blackburnians' Association increased last year, bringing in much-needed funds to show a profit of almost £200.

The treasurer, Mr. Fred Bury, presented the accounts (on this page below) and reported a profit of £199.87. Mr. Bury took the chair and 16 members attended. He pointed out that he now only sent out one request for money and/or membership each year and this was in Magister, but it was surprising what result this had had what effect Magister had on the payment of subs and the request for new members. Ordinary membership and in particular life membership were increased as against the previous year. The treasurer informed the meeting that an interest-free loan of £500 had been made to the School in lieu of the previous covenant for £21 per annum. Also £400 British Electrical 3½% Guaranteed Stock had been purchased at a cost of £281.75.

Despite these payments out of capital, the association's fund was still in a healthy position, there being nearly £680 cash at the bank and in hand. He suggested that the committee might give consideration to whether anything should be done with some of this money.

The meeting unanimously accepted the accounts and Mr. Bury and the auditors were thanked for their efforts.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Two committee meetings were held last year, one on January 8, 1974, and one on May 7, 1974, at the School and the Football Club Pavilion respectively. Again our thanks are due to the School and the Football Club for (continued next page)

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1973

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

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Subscriptions 1973/74 | 453.89
Released from Life Membership Fund | 30.75
Interest on Investments, 4% Consols | 50.00
Tax | 15.00
Depreciation | 35.00
Barclay's Stock | 53.62
Tax | 16.89
Profit on Annual Dinner | 36.73
Blackburn Savings Bank | 43.65
War Memorial Ground Rent | 5.00
Profit on Annual Dinner | 38.50

£ 549.23

BALANCE SHEET

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Cash in Hand | 87.26
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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 31st July, 1974.

(Signed) KENNETH H. MARSDEN, F.C.A.
WILLIAM HARE, F.C.A.

20 November, 1974
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allowing us the use of these premises. The usual sub-committees were elected at the committee meeting in January.

It was reported at the last annual meeting that our president, Lord Woolley had wished to retire at the end of the current year and in view of this, members resolved to ask Mr. Jack Hindle if he would be willing to be considered for the office of president for the forthcoming year. Mr. Hindle confirmed his willingness and this matter will be dealt with in the election of officers and committee.

During the year the committee decided to make an interest-free loan of £500 to the School in lieu of the covenant previously made to the School.

Once again the dinner in December last year proved its usual success and once again the association's thanks are due to the dinner sub-committee and in particular Mr. Harry King. It was with great regret that the association learned of the death of its former president, Sir Benjamin Ormerod, during the year and in particular Mr. T. Hindle who had been elected as vice-chairman and Mr. Gordon Birtwistle, previously a co-opted member, was elected a full committee member.


ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

President: Mr. Jack Hindle; Chairman: Mr. H. Burrows was unanimously elected; Vice-Chairman: Mr. T. Hindle was unanimously elected; Secretary: Mr. D. I. Forbes; Treasurer: Mr. F. Bury; Auditors: Messrs. W. Hare and K. H. Marsden; Committee: The whole of the committee was re-elected with the exception of Mr. T. Hindle who had been elected as vice-chairman and Mr. Gordon Birtwistle, previously a co-opted member, was elected a full committee member.


SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was resolved that these remain the same at £1 per year, or £15 for life membership.

APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Messrs. T. E. Sharratt, R. Smith, J. King, D. W. Shaw, D. J. Coulson and D. Brown.

Flying Doctor in the Navy

Surgeon Lt. Comm. Stuart Ormerod (1956-61) has become a flying doctor in the Royal Navy. A specialist in aviation medicine with an interest in environmental stress, Stuart (who was featured in Magister 18, "Doctor in World Yacht Race") gained experience on HMS Blake in the Far East, before continuing work in aviation medicine at the Royal Naval Air Medical School, Seafield Park.

Ordained Deacon

The Rev. Paul Graham Wignall (1960-68) has been ordained deacon by the Bishop of Ely in Ely Cathedral to serve in the parish of The Good Shepherd, Arbury, Cambridge.

John puts P.O. in the Space Race

ONE of our many Old Boys in the Post Office, John Buckley (1960-67) has obtained an M.Sc. and D.I.C., following a one-year course in computing science at Imperial College, London.

As reported in Magister, John was given a scholarship on full pay by the Post Office to take the course.

He is now based in Ipswich with the Post Office's telecommunications switching strategy department, working on stored programme control.

This, for the more technical, is control of telephone exchanges by a computer with electrically alterable memory and John is particularly concerned with providing the computer facilities used for developing the main programmes for these computer-controlled exchanges.

John extends an invitation to Old Boys to call or contact him at his new address, 118 Dales Road, Ipswich.
OLD BOYS SUCCESSES IN BRIEF

Malcolm Abraham (1951-57), Graduated B.A. physics and mathematics, Open University.

P. D. Asher (1964-70), Awarded Higher National Diploma in Business Studies, Blackburn College of Technology and Design.


S. W. Atherton (1964-70), Graduated B.A., First Class Hons. Mathematics, Magdalen College, Oxford University.


R. R. Barton (1965-71), Awarded Diploma in Environmental Health, Salford College of Environmental Health, Salford.

P. J. Battrick (1962-71), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. History, Lancaster University.

S. F. Beardsworth (1965-69), Graduated M.B., Ch.B., Liverpool University. Appointed Assistant Teacher in the Faculty of English Studies, Morecambe Grammar School.


J. K. Grant, B.Sc. (1952-58), Appointed a Senior Scientist, Ferranti Ltd., Toronto, Canada.

R. A. Green, B.Sc. (1961-68), Qualified as a Chartered Accountant.


B. Clark, B.Sc. (1960-68), Awarded Ph.D., Biochemistry, Glasgow University.


P. F. Davidson (1963-70), Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Div. 2, Hons. Physics, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.


P. M. Duxbury (1983-70), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Hons. Photography, Manchester Polytechnic.


J. J. Gillam (1963-71), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Geography, Ulster University.

R. A. Green, B.Sc. (1961-68), Qualified as a Chartered Accountant.

G. R. Hacking (1936-41), Appointed Manager, Barnsley Branch of the Yorkshire Bank.


D. R. Haynes (1961-67), Appointed Production Pharmacist, Geigy Pharmaceuticals Ltd.


P. E. Jenkinson, B.A. (1956-63), Appointed Head of the Language Department, Pleckgate School, Blackburn.

C. M. Johnson, B.A. (1940-45), Elected to the Council of the Senate, Cambridge University.


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Degrees continued

B. E. Lewis (1964-71), Graduated B.A., First Class Hons, Civil Engineering, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

J. R. Lord, B.Sc. (1959-89), Graduated M.Ch., B.B., Liverpool University. Appointed House Officer, Aintree Hospital, and District General Hospital.


I. I. McMahon (1966-73), Commissioned from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, into the Intelligence Corps.


M. F. Roberts (1964-71), Graduated B.A., First Class Hons. Modern History, Balliol College, Oxford University.

J. M. Rowe (1963-70), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Applied Biology, Liverpool Polytechnic.

J. K. Sharpies (1964-71), Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Mechanical Engineering, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. Appointed a Scientific Officer, Department of Trade and Industry at the National Engineering Laboratory, East Kilbride, Glasgow.


J. N. Sowerby (1963-70), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. English Language and Literature, Magdalen College, Oxford University.


P. W. Tattersall (1963-71), Graduated M.A., History and Political Science, Dundee University.


F. M. Whittaker, B.Sc. (1937-43), Elected President of the Association of European Machine Tool Merchants.


J. D. S. Wishart (1950-60), Installed a Barrister at the Inns of Court, London.

W. E. Woolley, C.B.E. (1912-15) has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire.

Scientist awarded grant

Dr. David Maudsley (1950-59) is one of three research scientists in the United States to receive $136,000 dollar grants from the Worcester Foundation.

Dr. Maudsley, who lives in Warebrook Village, Ware, Massachusetts, is studying the role of amines, small basic molecules involved in the regulation of nucleic acid, in tissue growth.

He is the son of Mr. S. Maudsley, of Crosshill Road, Blackburn, and the late Mr. Christopher Maudsley, a former treasurer of the Old Blackburnians’ Association.

His brother Peter S. C. Maudsley (1944-52), a dentist, has recently opened another surgery next to the Montague health centre, Blackburn. He is naming it "Christopher House", after his father.

Hospitals supplies officer

John Lonsdale (1940-46) has been promoted to area supplies officer to Salford, Pendlebury, Prestwich and Eccles hospitals.

He joined the National Health Service at Queen’s Park Hospital, Blackburn, after serving with the Blackburn Borough police force.

He lives with his wife and three children at Sale, Cheshire.

G. Woodhouse (1947-52), Appointed Assistant Editor, Evening Mail, Uxbridge.

A. R. Yardley (1963-70), Graduated B.Sc., and Diploma in Industrial Studies, with Distinction, General Chemistry, Loughborough University. Appointed BBC Trainee Studio Manager.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A. J. Campbell, Open Scholarship (The Mackinnon Scholarship) in Natural Sciences at Magdalen College, Oxford. Also University Studentship, Post Office Telecommunications.

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 Accountant gains highest result

David Boardwell (1961-70) won the Flt. Lt. Dudley Hewitt prize for the highest result in the North of England in the Institute of Chartered Accountants' intermediary examinations.

He gained a B.A. honours degree in economics after leaving School.
ENGINEER MARRIES, STARTS NEW LIFE IN SOUTH AFRICA

DR. ALAN Rushton and his bride Miss Susan Teresa Philips spent their October honeymoon cruising to their new home in Pretoria, South Africa.

Alan, a chemical engineer with a Ph.D. from Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, was unable to find a job that matched his talents in this country.

He found a position as a research engineer with the South African Government, after working for 18 months in the stores of a Blackburn car components company.

The couple were married at St. Bartholomew's Church, Otford, Sevenoaks, Kent. They met as postgraduates, Mr. Barton from Fitzwilliam College, Oxford, and Miss Walters from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Honeymoon in Yugoslavia

A Yugoslavian honeymoon followed the wedding of teacher Norman Barton (1958-65) and Miss Tessa Ann Walters at St. Bartholomew's Church, Otford, Sevenoaks, Kent. They met as postgraduates, Mr. Barton from Fitzwilliam College, Oxford, and Miss Walters from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Dear Sir,

The simplicity of a Life Membership has at last become apparent to me! I have pleasure in enclosing a cheque for £15, which I hope will keep a steady flow of Magisters coming for some years.

To update your files, the address below has been home for a year and will be until August, when it should revert to 67 Mockbeggar Drive, Walsley, Cheshire.

I am now a senior systems engineer, still with IBM, doing a little stargazing among the computers of the future and their use by oil, chemical and similar industries.

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MIKE HEADS LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

FORMER QEGS French teacher Mike Sharpies (1947-55) takes up an appointment as head of the modern languages department at the City of Worcester Grammar School for Girls in September.

Mike, who produced several plays while teaching at School, is also well-known for producing and acting in Blackburn amateur dramatic circles.

He was praised for his role as Brian, the father, in Blackburn Drama Club's performance of "A Day in the Life of Joe Egg" in February.

Mike's wife, Audrey, is publicity officer with the Club. They live in Buncer Lane, Blackburn.

He is at present teaching French at Accrington Girl's High School.

Jack is new president

BLACKBURN teachers' new president is Old Boy Jack Morris, senior teacher at Pleckgate Comprehensive.

Mr. Morris (1935-40), who specialises in maths, started teaching at Bangor Street secondary school, which later became part of Blakey Moor High School.

He moved to Pleckgate when it opened five years ago, and is teacher representative on the school's new governing body, as well as the secondary schools' teacher representative on the Blackburn District Educational Liaison Committee.

He is secretary of the Hawthorne Street Methodist Church Sunday School and is chairman of Blackburn and District Anglers' Society.

Deputy retires after 29 years

DEPUTY headmaster of Billinge School, Blackburn, John Bolton (1924-30) retired at the end of April after 29 years at the school.

He joined the staff, when it was the Technical and Grammar School, in Blakey Moor, as a maths teacher in 1946, a year after the school opened.

He was appointed head of the maths department almost 10 years later and was made deputy head in 1968, two years after the move to Billinge.

Mr. Bolton, 63, of Wellfield Road, Blackburn, has twice been president of the Blackburn branch of the national union of teachers, in 1958 and 1964.

He was treasurer of the branch for 25 years and stepped down last year. He served on the NUT's advisory committee for grammar schools from 1968 to 1972 and was the secondary schools' representative on the former Blackburn education committee for 20 years until local government reorganisation.

He gained an honours degree in mathematics from Cambridge and stayed for a further year to take a teaching diploma.

He taught at several Blackburn schools before moving to the Royal Naval School, Ipswich, in 1938. He joined the RAF meteorological office, serving in Britain, North Africa and Italy during the war.

Much of his retirement will probably be spent fishing and walking in the Lake District, where he and his wife have a caravan.

Teaching out in the country

Peter A. Cunliffe (1948-58) has been appointed headmaster of Waddington and West Bradford Church of England primary schools.

He taught at Salford after leaving School and then qualified at St. Paul's College, Cheltenham, and Dartington College of Arts.

He taught in Blackburn before being appointed deputy head at St. Paul's, Adlington, for seven years, before his headship.

English master is new head

HEAD of English at QEGS, Mr. Peter Winders, 33, has been appointed headmaster of Brownedge St. Mary's secondary school, Bamber Bridge.

Mr. Winders, who was featured in Magister 18, after writing a major "A" level cri on Hamlet, started at school as assistant teacher after two posts teaching in Preston.

He was appointed head of English five years ago.

He lives with his wife and three children at Fulwood, Preston, and has mixed feelings about leaving QEGS.

"I have a lot of affection for the School after 11 years and I have a lot of friends there. "But I am looking forward to the challenge of my new post as well."

French Teacher

Godfrey McGowan (1959-65) has been appointed French teacher at Charterhouse School. He transferred from Abingdon School in April.

Mr. Winders

Headmaster of primary school

ASHLEIGH county primary school's new headmaster in January was Old Boy Colin Henry Cronshaw.

Mr. Cronshaw (1947-53) had been deputy head of Hoddesden Church of England primary school for 10 years.

He trained at the Royal Naval School, Ipswich, in 1936. He joined the RAF meteorological office, serving in Britain, North Africa and Italy during the war.

Mr. Cronshaw is teacher representative on the former Blackburn education committee for 20 years until local government reorganisation.

He gained an honours degree in mathematics from Cambridge and stayed for a further year to take a teaching diploma.

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New teacher

Michael Townson (1961-69) received a post graduate certificate in education from C. F. Mott College of Education, Liverpool, and was appointed assistant French master at Bolton School in September.

He received a B.A. degree in French (Honours) at Swansea University.
HEAD STARTS A SCHOOL TRADITION

HEADMASTER of St. Silas’s junior school, Blackburn, James McLellan looks as though he may have started a tradition, for his successor on retiring is another QEGS Old Boy, John Duckworth (1954-60).

Mr. McLellan, at School from 1925 to 1931, is retiring this summer after being headmaster at the school for 25 years.

Not only do the two teachers share the coincidence of going to QEGS, but both attended Chester teacher training college.

Mr. Duckworth is deputy headmaster of St. Stephen’s school, Little Harwood. Mr. McLellan, 62, began teaching at St. Aidan’s primary school, Blackburn, and served with the Royal Corps of Signals in India during the war.

He is chairman and a founder member of Blackburn Arts Club and has been closely associated with making films of historical record about Blackburn and its events.

He is a former assistant district Scout commissioner for Blackburn; a trustee of Samlesbury Hall and a past president of the Blackburn branch of the National Union of Teachers.

He has been chairman of Blackburn and Darwen Schools’ Football Association for the last three years and looks after the Blackburn schools cricket XI.

He lives with his wife in Fielden Place, Feniscowles.

Teaching German

Alan Ashton (1954-61) recently joined the German department of Arnold School, Blackpool, and is now living at 16 Second Avenue, Blackpool.

Head of Biology

Peter Eastham (1961-68) has been appointed head of biology at St. Mary’s College, Blackburn.

FORMER deputy head boy at QEGS, David G. F. Eastwood, has been appointed head teacher at Bankhead Academy, Aberdeenshire.

Mr. Eastwood (1947-57) had been assistant head teacher at Castlebrae School, Edinburgh, for a year.

Son of the late George Eastwood, David received an honours degree in physics and philosophy at Leeds and moved to Scotland in 1965 to lecture in physics at Fettes College, Edinburgh.

He was senior science master at Gordonstoun School, Morayshire, from 1968 to 1973.

School switch

Denis Martin (1958-65) has switched schools in Thameside and been promoted head of department at Audenshaw Grammar School. He left University in 1968 with a degree in physics.

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Cocktail Party at House of Lords

A HOUSE of Lords cocktail party was attended by 120 members and guests of the London Branch in the Cholmdeley Room on December 5 last year at the invitation of Lord Woolley.

Unfortunately Lord Woolley was unable to attend because Lady Woolley was ill, but Lord Nugent of Guilford deputised.

The School was represented by the Headmaster, Mr. Douglas J. Coulsdon.

It was a most enjoyable evening, writes branch secretary Michael Stirrup (1960-65), the only disappointment being that the "booze" ran out before the end!

The committee was most grateful to Lord Woolley for the invitation and hoped that a similar function could be held there in the future.

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23 attend Oxford Dinner

The Annual Dinner of the Oxford Branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held on Friday, February 28, 1975, at the Eastgate Hotel, Merton Street, Oxford.

The event was organised by Mr. Chris Bamber who presided. Following the Toast, the chairman proposed the toast to the School to which the Headmaster briefly replied. Other speakers were Mr. N. Jeppson, who informed the Governors, and Mr. H. King. Before dispersing to the bar several interesting and amusing anecdotes were exchanged across the tables, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Those present were: from the University — C. Bamber, I. Tomer, R. Haslam, Old, Walsh, H. H. Cook, P. Cardwell, P. Ramage, R. K. Read, M. Walker, P. Mitchell, S. Atherton; from Blackburn — the Headmaster, Mr. N. Jeppson (vice-chairman of the Governors), Mr. E. C. Marsden (Governor), Mr. R. Hunter (school bursar). Mr. H. King; others — Mr. H. L. Schollick, Rev. T. L. Walsh, Rev. S. Birtwell, Mr. J. Lee, Mr. T. Holden, Mr. J. Fyles (former staff) Mr. T. E. Sharratt.

H.K.

- This year's dinner will be held at the Eastgate Hotel on October 24.

Theory Prize

QEGS sixth-former Ivor Bolton has passed the associate-ship of the Royal College of Organists, in which he was awarded the Sowerbutts prize for the highest marks in the theory section. He is studying music, maths, further maths and general studies at "A" level.

MR. WATSON ENDS PRE-WAR LINK

Mr. K. L. Watson, who retires at the end of this term, has, apart from his war service, spent the whole of his teaching career at QEGS. He joined the staff in 1938 and is the only member of the present staff who taught at the School before the war.

Throughout his years in Blackburn, he has taught French and German at all levels and his special responsibility for the past 28 years has been the second year sixth A level and scholarship French set. His teaching has always been thorough, well-prepared and delivered and many pupils owe their passing of French and also German, and any success they may have achieved to his skilful but firm guidance.

For a quarter of a century he has been the librarian and the excellent state of the library today is, in no small measure due to his care. He organised it, he supervised its removals first to the Radcliffe Wing and later to Hartley House, its present location.

Many of his colleagues have reason to be grateful for the help and advice that he has always been ready to give for he is well-informed on many subjects. He has constantly tried to keep the staff up to date with the latest trends in education and allied topics by numerous cuttings which he has pinned on the notice board.

He will be missed and the gap caused by his departure will be hard to fill. We all hope that his retirement will be a long and happy one and will afford him more time to devote to his many interests.

H.I.

Branches hold ladies evenings

The South Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association held their Annual Ladies' Evening on Friday, May 2, at the Bowdon Hotel, Bowdon, Cheshire. Amongst those attending were Mr. H. L. Schollick from Oxford and Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilkinson who have recently moved North. Mr. Wilkinson was an active member of the London Branch of the O.B.A.

Dr. Stanley Hindle welcomed the guests and the chairman of Governors, Mr. W. Hare, replied.

The event was organised by the secretary of the Branch, Mr. Harold Rambottom.

The full list of those attending is: from Blackburn — Mr. and Mrs. W. Hare, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Coulsdon, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kay; Mr. H. King; from the branch — Mr. H. L. Schollick, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bainbridge, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Liversedge, Mr. H. Bradley and guest, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hindle; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Marsden, Dr. H. Morris and guest, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. E. West, Mr. and Mrs. W. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rambottom.

H.K.

Yorkshire

The Yorkshire Old Blackburnians' Ladies' Evening was held on Friday, April 25, 1975, at the Cairns Hotel, Harrogate. The proceedings were entirely informal and as usual it was a most happy and enjoyable occasion.

Those present were the Headmaster, Harry King, Ron and Kathleen Hunter, Ken and Barbara Chadwick, Charles and Marjory Harvey, Bob and Noreen Mayer, Alec and Elizabeth McCarroll, Stephen and Celia Nalsby David and Betty Ridding, Peter and Dorrie Ronson, Guy and Tanya Shuttleworth, Keith and Carol Williams.

The event was organised by Mrs. G. M. Shuttleworth, secretary of the Yorkshire Branch.

H.K.

- A Ladies' Evening will be held at the Cairns Hotel, April 1976.
Head is Norweb training officer

NORWEB have appointed Alan Pomfret education and training officer for the board.

Mr. Pomfret's responsibility for all education and training includes supervision and control of the board's Daniel Training Centre at Chorley, where he had been head since its opening in 1970.

Before joining Norweb in 1968, Mr. Pomfret held appointments with the Royal Ordnance Factory, Blackburn, and the North Western Region of the Engineering Industry Training Board.

He is married with three children.

Manager of motor agents

David W. Bell (1952-56) has been appointed general manager of Henlys motor agents' new branch in South Manchester.

Mr. Bell, married with a son and daughter, has moved from Whalley to 38 Gleneagles Road, St. Anne's Park, Cheadle, Cheshire.

School's new hall wins award

The School's assembly hall and sports hall extension (see feature Magister 16) won Blackburn Civic Society's industrial and commercial award for "a powerful piece of architecture by an obviously good builder".

The building was thus described by Lancashire County Architect Mr. Roger Booth, who presented the society's annual "Better Living" awards at the Saxon Inn, Blackburn, last year.

Mr. Ron Hunter, OEG's bursar, accepted a plaque, on behalf of the School, which was won jointly with C. Walker and Sons Ltd. for their steel stockholding factory at Guide.

JOE IS A ROVING ROVERS FANATIC

A BLACKBURN Rovers supporter to rival Harry King is Bert Mercer, known to his friends as "Joe".

Joe, who was at School from 1928 to 1931, attended most of the Rovers' home games to cheer them to the Third Division championship last season.

So what, you might say, Rovers' winning ways won back many fans in their success. Many Old Boys all over the country were able to hold up their heads again as they heard the results each Saturday.

But that's just the point Joe lives, and owns a pub, in Cornwall! And he is not content to just listen for the result; he has to be at Ewood Park to see for himself.

Every other Saturday, he can be seen nipping up the M6 in a round trip of 720 miles from St. Minver, where his home the Four Ways Inn, is painted in blue and white and the doors, in blue and white halves.

Not only does Joe attend most of the home games, he also sees as many away matches south of Manchester as he can.

Accountant at paint firm

Chartered accountant Neil L. Chambers (1962-69) is group assistant financial accountant with Leyland Paint and Wall­paper Co. Ltd.

Formerly with Chartered Accountants J. R. Haworth and Co., of Accrington, Neil obtained the qualification A.C.A. after passing the final part two examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Mr. MERCER

He served in the Merchant Navy for some time after leaving School, then joined the RAF in 1935.

He was invalided out in March as Squadron-Leader with a bad leg injury.

It was just after the war that Joe topped his soccer career with a flight from Berlin to London to see Rovers play Spurs at White Hart Lane.

So, if you are ever in Cornwall and want to have a chat about the Rovers, call in at the Four Ways, but make sure it's not a Saturday!

Awarded Diploma

Timothy Beavis (1957-61) has been awarded the Diploma in Housing Management and is an associate member of the Institute of Housing Managers.

Chairman of Blackburn Harriers, George Kirby (1934-39) is to act as team coach to a Great Britain team this summer.

Mr. Kirby, AAA Northern staff coach in the discus, has been actively involved with all branches of coaching for many years.

He has been invited by the British Amateur Athletic Board to be team coach for the France v Great Britain match next month.

National coach Wilf Paish will be coach in charge.

George, a fully qualified judge who has officiated at international matches and AAA championships, said: "This is a new policy for the board and I am obviously delighted to be one of the first appoint­ments."

Manager of marketing

The newly-formed North Western BP Marketing Ltd's industrial manager is Old Boy Harry Wilkinson (1936-41).

Mr. Wilkinson entered the Royal Navy college at Dart­mouth from School and later served as an engineer officer in the Royal Navy and has been an active member of the Old Blackburnians London Branch for the past few years.

He is a chartered engineer; a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers and a member of the Institute of Fuel. He joined BP in 1958 and was formerly marketing manager for the South East. His new appointment takes him back North to Manchester.

Mr. Wilkinson
A MEMBER of my governing body has expressed better than I can, the basic principles which have led us to come to the decision to go independent. These are as follows:

We believe that comprehensive education is both socially divisive and can be educationally inferior to our own, so to accept any incorporation into such a system would be a betrayal of the principles which have benefited Blackburn boys for over four centuries, and which should be available for their successors, and so the Governing Body decided that Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School shall become an independent school until such time as the present Government's tragic and politically prejudiced decision to phase out direct grant schools is reversed or an acceptable alternative is available.

UNANIMOUS

At the Governors' meeting to take this decision, all the Governors present unanimously decided to take this step, and indeed they could contemplate no other decision, in order that the School should continue to maintain the high academic standard that it enjoys at the present, and to seek, by close association with the Lancashire Education Authority and elsewhere, to develop and extend the educational facility that the School provides, in order that Queen Elizabeth's shall remain a school of first rate quality and distinction.

BUDGETING

There have been many speculations, particularly in the Press, about the future economic status of the School. I would be a very foolish chairman if I attempted to quantify what the future fees at Queen Elizabeth's may become.

We do not yet know whether the Lancashire Education Authority will continue to take up places at Queen Elizabeth's, for the present, the authoritative advice we have received from the Department of Education, is £432 a year. If the direct grant was withdrawn today, and we got no support whatever from the Government, in any way, the fees should not increase by more than £120. This figure of course is based on the current estimates of expenditure, and I cannot guarantee that costs will not escalate above a reasonable percentage in the near future, and if these escalations happen, it will make a difference to the arithmetic.

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QEGS fees may be £550 a year

are wishing to enter this School for the September 1976 entry, we shall give them a clear indication as to the level of fees they will be expected to pay.

This however I can say, that in the main school, the fees at the moment with Mr. Fred Bury as vice-captain—so he could count the overs. Mr. Robinson has played with the East Lancashire Club when he was in Blackburn.

"We are particularly happy to welcome him back to his old school to present the prizes and I hope that what he sees and hears today will meet with his approval."

The full text of Mr. Hare's speech appears below. It was an important speech in that the School Governors had just decided to go independent.

BLACKBURN in 1947, moved to Bristol in the same capacity and was second senior solicitor for four years until he was appointed senior assistant in 1953.

Mr. Hare said: "Mr. Robinson has touched life at many points. He is a keen cricketer and was captain of School cricket with Mr. Fred Bury as vice-captain—so he could count the overs. Mr. Robinson has played with the East Lancashire Club when he was in Blackburn.

"We are particularly happy to welcome him back to his old school to present the prizes and I hope that what he sees and hears today will meet with his approval."
QEGS goes co-educational

BUT ONLY IN THE SIXTH

QEGS is to go co-ed. But, before you are roused to reach for a pen to form an Old Boys' liberation group — it will be limited to the sixth form, which has at present 220 boys.

The governors, after months of deliberation, decided to allow in a number of "suitably qualified" girls. The Headmaster Mr. D. J. Coulson says about 15 have applied for interviews. Places will be dependent on 'O' level successes and results will be known at the end of August.

Many of the girls whose parents applied for places are either sisters of boys already at the school or have recently moved into the district and want to carry on their grammar school education. "Queen Elizabeth's has a good reputation for its sixth-form work and parents wanted the best for their daughters," says Mr. Coulson. "We are not looking for entries into the sixth-form, but if we are able to help, then why not?"

Pressure has been building up for a while from parents whose children are at other grammar schools in the district whose future is uncertain due to the abolition of the direct grant.

The governors thought about the move for a while before making the decision. Limiting girls to the sixth form does not contravene the Sex Discrimination Act.

The Headmaster said: "I can see no difficulties in this venture. The boys should take it in their stride. I can see no reaction from them."

But girls in the sixth form will be nothing new to the boys because a few girls from Westholme have been learning German for a while. "The governors only made the decision after a great deal of discussion with Westholme," "The girls were conscientious and hard-working. They may put the boys on their mettle."

"The boys will probably take the view: Why shouldn't the girls have the same chances."

"The curriculum will not be altered. Girls will come to the School primarily for academic purposes, so sports will not be a problem. They are hoping to follow professional careers and are therefore coming because of the courses we already offer, so there is no need to change," said Mr. Coulson.

"The girls are at liberty to take advantage of the many leisure facilities."
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**PETER JOLLEY**

Mr Peter Jolley died in Singapore last October, aged 45. He had been headmaster of the Singapore International School for less than a year.

Mr Jolley, at School from 1941 to 1947, was the first headmaster of Pleckgate Comprehensive School, Blackburn, in 1968.

He left for Singapore in January 1975 to take over a comprehensive school with 1,200 pupils.

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**Deputy head dies at 63**

Retired teacher Mr Eric Tattersall Thompson died in December aged 63.

He was former deputy headmaster at Billinge School, Blackburn, from 1949 until 1967.

He gained a BSc from London after leaving School. He attended King’s College and Westminster College and obtained an association of King’s College.

He returned to Blackburn and began teaching at St. Luke’s school. Two years later, he became senior science master at the old Cathedral school.

He spent the war in the operations department of the Chemical Warfare Establishment, and was appointed head of the science department when Blackburn Technical High School opened in 1945. He became deputy head four years later.

He was a visiting lecturer specialising in organic chemistry and semi-micro analysis from 1945 to 1960 and wrote a laboratory manual about it.

He leaves a wife Hannah and a daughter.

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**ALLAN ORMEROD**

Former director of Blackburn Looms Company Mr. Allan Ormerod (1904-09) died in Colwyn Bay in November after a short illness. He was 84.

Mr Ormerod, a widower, was the brother of Old Blackburnians Association’s former president Sir Benjamin Ormerod, who died in September 1974.

Mr Ormerod served with the Fourth East Lancashire Regiment in the first world war and moved to North Wales 30 years ago.
Obituary

GEORGE ARMISTEAD

Mr George Armistead, a life-long friend of the writer, died suddenly at his home in Mellor on 23rd 1975, aged 62.

He came to QEGS in 1924 and then proceeded to Cheltenham College where he qualified as a teacher.

George Armistead was an outstanding, highly respected and dedicated schoolmaster, meticulous in all he undertook and setting the highest standards of conduct and achievement. During the war he served in the RAF and his first headship was at St. Stephen’s C.E. Junior School, Little Harwood, Subsequently he was appointed the first headmaster of Longshaw Junior School, a position he held for 23 years up to his retirement owing to ill-health, in 1973.

Throughout his life he was keenly interested in sport, particularly amongst the children. In his younger days he played football for the 1st XI at QEGS, then with the Old Blackburnians' and had spells with Darwen FC and Northern Nomads. He was also a staunch supporter of Blackburn Rovers.

He was a former president of Blackburn Teachers' Association, a former chairman and treasurer of Lancashire Schools' Athletic Association and a past president of Blackburn West Rotary Club and a past governor of Rotary District 119.

His abiding interest was music. He was a talented pianist and singer and this not only gave him much pleasure but also brought great enjoyment to many of his friends. He was a former member of the Cathedral Choir and a member of the Cathedral Old Choristers' Association.

George Armistead will be sadly missed for his integrity, warm personality and cheerful friendliness. We extend to his wife, his two daughters and their families our sincere sympathy.

H.K.

FRANK J. JONES

Chairman and managing director of Jones Textilaties Ltd. Mr Frank J. Jones (1918-27) died suddenly at his home, Smithy Close, Brindle.

He was 66 and had spent 48 years with the company, becoming managing director in 1950 and chairman 10 years later.

The 105-year-old textile machinery and equipment and woodworking firm was founded by his grandfather.

Mr Jones had been secretary of Blackburn Rotary Club for many years and was also a member of the Lancaster Boat Club and the Inland Waterways Association.

He worked in the management of Blackburn Ragged School, served on Blackburn District Council and actively involved in social work.

Mr Jones leaves a wife, Dorothy and two sons. A funeral service was held at Brindle Parish Church, prior to cremation at Pleasington Cemetery.

DR JACK LEACH

Dr. Jack Leach (1932-37) died at his Whittle-le-Woods home in December. He was 52.

He had been in practice with his wife Dr Sylvia Leach in Whittle-le-Woods for some years. He also leaves four sons.

ABOVE: A general view of Horncliffe and the new extensions.

LEFT: One of the new classrooms.

OPPOSITE PAGE: ABOVE: Mr Joseph N. Prest opens the new building with the Very Rev. Lawrence Jackson, the Provost of Blackburn and a School Governor, left, and the Headmaster Mr Douglas J. Coulson, right.

CENTRE: The Headmaster of Horncliffe Mr Derek Holt.

BELOW: The new library.
£115,000 EXTENSION OPENED

The £115,000 Horncliffe extension was opened with the unveiling of a plaque by Mr Joseph N. Prest, chairman of the School’s appeals committee, last summer.

The two-storey extension, linked to the old Horncliffe building, is the last major building project to be undertaken at School for many years. It marks the culmination of 20 years of development which should see the School properly prepared to meet the challenges of the next two decades.

The new block includes six classrooms, including two on the ground floor and four on the first floor. The old building, formerly a house, has been redesigned to accommodate a music room, a library, science and art rooms.

It took Blackburn builders William Livesey and Sons less than a year to complete the extension, built partly on steel stilts because of the steep slope. It includes a small car park beneath.

New equipment, costing £2,500, includes £150 of audio machines and 50 new desks at £15 each. But the same tried and tested teaching methods remain, says Mr Derek Holt, headmaster of Horncliffe.

When he took over as headmaster in 1958, there were 98 boys in four classes. Now there is a full-time staff of five for 125 boys, aged between eight and 11, in five classes.

The new building was completed five years after the major assembly hall scheme in the bottom quad which cost £120,000. Other big developments at School in the past two decades have included the Holden laboratories, opened in 1958 and the biology labs, and four classrooms of Ormerod House, named after Sir Benjamin Ormerod, former president of the Old Blackburnians Association, who died in September 1974.

Ormerod House cost £46,000 and was opened in 1965. A remodelling of the old wood huts in the top quad and the new sixth-form centre opened in 1972, have been other innovations at West Park Road in the past few years.

The total cost of these developments is £350,000, raised by contributions from parents, old boys and industrialists. The Horncliffe appeal included a £25,000 donation from the Harold Bridges Foundation.

Almost all the available space has now been used at School since the move to West Park Road in 1882 from Bull Meadow, Freckleton Street, near St. Peter’s church, following a strongly critical report by the Schools Inquiry Commission.

Land was bought in West Park Road for £2,808 and included a house overlooking Corporation Park which was used as the headmaster’s residence. The school premises were built for £950 and contained Big School as the assembly hall, two classrooms, a dining hall and another room intended as a boarders’ dormitory.

A private house was bought in 1925 to house the junior school and be known as Horncliffe. Shortly afterwards, Hartley House was bought to be used by the arts sixth forms.

In 1953, a two-storey block of eight classrooms were built next to Hartley House, to be followed five years later by the monumental science laboratories.
FORMER QEGS head boy Peter Slater is off to study in the United States in September. He won an English Speaking Union scholarship which allows him free residence and study at a top American college.

He follows old boy Simon Lea, who gained a similar award last year to a school in Connecticut.

Peter is to go to Cambridge School, near Boston, Massachusetts, for a year to study American arts and literature.

Sixth-formers Christopher Cooke and Philip Bell won RAF special flying awards which give them 30 hours flying tuition. The award is designed for talented students I have ever had. Ivor gave an organ recital at the Cathedral in September and was the youngest person to have had that honour. He has been awarded an open organ scholarship to Clare College, Cambridge.

Both our 1st XI cricketers and footballers are now in a "rebuilding period", but John Swanney played cricket for the Lancashire Senior Schools XI; for the Lancashire County XI; and was also chosen as 12th man for the Lancashire County XI; and our Under 15 and Under 13 teams were each top of their respective Blackburn Schools Leagues, while Paul Moore toured with the English Public Schools Football XI in the Easter holidays.

Our Badminton team has had a splendid season and won the Lancashire Schools Senior Knockout Competition. It is the Lancashire Schools Under 18 Singles Champion and also with his partner, Lancashire Schools Mixed Doubles Champion.

Those of you whose sons have taken part in our School play; in our Musical Evening and the splendid concert a fortnight ago in the Cathedral; in our Art and Craft Clubs, activities, in our Carol Service, our visits to France, Germany and Italy, and particularly in our Community Service work will not need me to emphasise how much is done here to provide as many opportunities as possible for boys to widen their horizons and extend the range of their interests. May I say a word or two, especially about the concerns of boys at all levels of the School for those who may be in less fortunate circumstances.

The Community Service Committee has gathered together, by its collections and other efforts, money to buy coal during the winter for the elderly, and food for those in need at Christmas. It has sent money to the victims of the Guatemalan Earthquake Disaster, has decorated an old lady's home by voluntary evening work; has again entertained the Blackburn Disabled Group at a concert in Big School, and, in just over two years, in 4 sponsored swims, boys have raised over £2,000 for charity.

These are not matters about which we boast, or for which we seek any general publicity, but they are part of our corporate life of which I think parents should be made aware.

And I want, at this point, to pay tribute to the total and unqualified help and support that we at School enjoy from our parents. Their interest in all that goes on is abundantly clear — and greatly encouraging — in as many ways as in the attendance at concerts, Parents Evenings and Cathedral Services, and in the magnificent way in which the School has responded to our recent Appeals for our various building projects. The latest — the Horncliffe scheme — is now complete, and I hope that you will all go across and inspect this fine Junior School during the course of the afternoon.

The teaching staff, of course, play a leading role in all this diversity of achievement. And if this is a leading northern school — as I believe it is — it is so because of their complete involvement in and commitment to, the life and work of the School, and I should like to place on record the appreciation of us all for all that they do and do so well. And no man more so than our Senior Science Master, Mr. Harry King.

This is not Mr. King’s last term with us; but it is his last Speech Day, for he is retiring at Christmas, and I would like to try to express to him something of our thanks and appreciation for all that he has given to us over his many years as a member of our Staff. He came to us, as a boy, in 1923 and, after National Service with I.C.I. from 1940-44, returned to Queen Elizabeth’s as a teacher of Chemistry in 1945. Since then, there is no sphere of school life which he has not both touched and adorned.

He is, of course, a stimulating teacher; but he has also devoted his lively energies to his House; to School Football (as well as to the football of a well-known town team); to the organisation of Speech Days; to Cathedral Services; to Royal visits; to the Science Department; to Old Boys functions and to many other things besides.

But above all, Harry King is, to me, the model and pattern of the very best kind of schoolmaster — first and fore- continued on page 10
Howard Nightingale (pictured left) has a predilection for Chinese meals — which is just as well, for Howard is to study in Peking. He has been awarded a British Council Scholarship to study at the Foreign Languages Institute for 10 months. Only 15 scholarships were awarded, so it was quite an achievement for Howard, 22, of Whalley Old Road, Blackburn. But then Howard is used to achievements. He was the first British student to graduate in Chinese and linguistics phonetics at Leeds University. He will now be able to study the Chinese language, history, literature and politics at first hand — and sample the speciality dishes.

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Pecking Posting for Student of Chinese

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He will start in Peking with five friends from Leeds, who have also been granted scholarships, in October. Howard is already a seasoned traveller having hitch-hiked across Canada and North Africa, visited Scandinavia, most of Europe and Morocco, and worked during two summer vacations in Germany.

Lecturing on Island of the Swan

Island of the Swan is an appropriate place you might think for a lecturer in animal production.

But that is just where Denis Fielding (1956-62) is working at the University of Mauritius. He was recruited by the Ministry of Overseas Development, which administers aid to developing countries.

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Thanks

The Editor of Magister wishes to thank the Editors of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph and the Blackburn Times for their permission to reproduce pictures from those newspapers in this issue.
ASSOCIATION MAKES A PROFIT

The forty-seventh annual meeting of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held at the Old Black's pavilion, Lammack, on November 25. Chairman Mr Harold Burrows and 18 members were present.

Two committee meetings had been held during the year. No social sub-committee was elected because of the apparent lack of interest in this field.

Secretary Mr David Forbes said that the 1974 annual dinner had been its usual success and had managed to show a small profit. He mentioned that Mr Harry King, who organised the dinner every year, had to be particularly commended that time because he was recovering from another operation.

The treasurer Mr Fred Bury reported a profit of £24.61, explained the accounts and made particular reference to Magister's ever increasing cost. But Mr Bury considered Magister was still a valuable source of revenue in that it obtained new members and encouraged others to pay their subscriptions.

He reported that the Association had between £700 and £800 available for investment and it was agreed to make an interest-free loan to the School on condition that it would be payable on demand.

The following officers were elected:
- President: Mr Jack Hindle was unanimously elected
- Chairman: Mr H. Burrows was unanimously re-elected
- Vice Chairman: Mr T. Hindle was unanimously re-elected
- Secretary: Mr D. I Forbes was unanimously re-elected
- Treasurer: Mr F Bury was unanimously re-elected

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1975

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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 31st July, 1975.

(Signed) KENNETH H. MARSDEN, F.C.A
WILLIAM HARE, F.C.A.

20 November, 1975
LAKES GIVE INSPIRATION FOR ART SHOW

MAGISTER Editor John Duckworth has been offered his first one-man exhibition of paintings in Edinburgh.

The exhibition, of about 30 paintings, will be held later this year at the Carlton Galleries.

John, 28, spent six months painting and sketching in the Lake District two years ago and most of the paintings date from this period.

The works include portraits and still-lifes but are mostly landscapes.

He was commissioned to execute a painting of the School by the Carlton Gallery, Northgate, Blackburn. (See insert page).

John was at School from 1959 to 1965. "I found several sketches I had made of the School while in the sixth form and these helped me considerably," he said.

"I chose the South entrance because most Old Boys will immediately recognise it. The door is used by everyone in the School at sometime during the day and the column was aesthetically pleasing to complete the picture.

"With the new science block to the south, this area is pretty central in the School and that's what I wanted to portray, the main artery at the centre of things."

John is retiring as Magister editor after this issue because of pressure of work.

He took over from Mr. Tom Sharratt five years ago and this issue is his sixth as editor.

"The job has been hard work but rewarding. It's worthwhile and absorbing and it has given me satisfaction to know that there has been something I could do to help the School," said John.

Conductor is appointed musical director

Those who remember Graham Bond (1959-65) conducting the School orchestra in a summer concert, will not be surprised that he has been appointed musical director and principal conductor of the London Royal Festival Ballet.

The final of young conductor competition organised in association with the London Symphony orchestra last year.

A versatile musician, he has been assistant conductor with the Festival Ballet for the last five years.

He was organist at St. Jude's Church, Blackburn, before moving to London and was a member of the Lancashire County Youth Orchestra while at School.

RED ROSE AT YORK

David Riding sporting a red rose deep in the heart of Yorkshire at the annual OBA Yorkshire branch Ladies Evening.

But the date was April 23, St. George's Day, and David was commemorating England's patron saint rather than carrying the Lancashire "flag" across the border.

The dinner and dance was held at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate, and those present were:

Eric and Jean Beaumont, Douglas Coulson, Charles and Margery Harvey, Geoff and Kathleen Haworth, Ron and Kathleen Hunter, Harry and Margaret King, Ray and Jean Matthews, Bob and Noreen Mayo, Stephen and Celia Nairsy, David and Betty Riding, Peter and Dorne Ranson, Guy and Tanya Shuttleworth.
Headmaster's Speech Day Address (cont. from page 6)

most a Christian, kind and understanding, loyal and completely devoted to the School and all that it stands for, and when he retires in December, the School will be much the poorer for his going. To him, today, we offer our warm-hearted thanks for the privilege of having him as a colleague and friend, and to Margaret his wife and to Harry we wish a long and happy retirement in their home at Mellor.

May I also record the thanks and gratitude of us all to two other groups of people. First, to the Lancashire Education Committee for its continuing interest in and support of the School; for once again, though the Direct Grant ceases in August, the Authority is to take up free places in the final in September. And second, to our Governors and, in particular, to the Chairman, Mr. Hare. This has been a year of important and critical decision making for the future of the School, and the care and thoroughness which the members of the Governing Body have given to these matters — and, indeed, to the constant welfare and wellbeing of the School, place all of us very much in their debt.

At the last speech day, strenuous efforts were still being made throughout the country to save the Direct Grant Schools. But all in vain. Since then, there have been further indications that independent education as we know it will continue to be under increasing pressure from the present Government. There are already rumblings that our charitable status may be withdrawn; and the new Education Act, if it becomes law in its present form, will prevent local authorities from supporting children in independent schools. And less than a month ago, Lord Alexander, secretary of the influential Association of Education Committees, gave a clear warning that the country faced the danger of becoming a dictatorship where parents were told how to spend their savings.

Writing in the journal "Education" he described parents' right of choice as a "fundamental liberty"; and said, "There is a real danger of our heading for a totalitarian state if, after meeting, in full, obligations for rates, taxes or other public commitments, we are to be instructed as to the limits which must apply in spending such monies as we have left."

No doubt you will also have read in your newspapers of continuing attempts by various organisations to water down to a colourless and almost meaningless level the public examination system in the country's schools.

In the face of all this, you — and many others — might sometimes be tempted to ask whether it is worthwhile struggling on to keep independent schools such as ours in existence. And my answer would be a firm and unqualified "Yes".

The abolition of the independent schools would establish a state monopoly in education. The many who advocate abolition are careful, of course to express, their aims less bluntly; they say that "all school needs will be met by public provision".

It is important, however, for you as parents and the public in general to understand, that in practice, this policy would mean that this would be the only country in the free world where the State would have a total monopoly of primary and secondary education.

It is not suggested that such a monopoly would be automatically abused; but once it had been established it would provide an instrument by which democracy and individual freedom could be undermined.

An independent sector of education, however small, is one of the safeguards against any move towards totalitarian government. Such a movement may seem a remote possibility in this country, but that is all the more reason for keeping the safeguards.

The independent schools recognise the achievements of the maintained system, but an independent sector is a continuing reminder that public authorities, whether at national or local levels, do not always know best. And one of the reasons why parents choose independent schools is that they wish their children to be in a school that is directly responsible to the parents in a way that is difficult for a public authority to be.

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OLD BLACKS CAPTAIN ENDS
8-YEAR RUN

QEGS teacher Brian Hardcastle has stepped down as Club Captain and First XI captain of the Old Blacks Football Club, a position he has held for eight years.

During that time, he has steered the first XI to four championship wins in the Lancashire Amateur League North Section and success in the Lancashire Amateur League Challenge Cup.

He will still be playing and taking an active interest in the club and was elected clubman of the year.

It is a time of changes at Lammack for Football Secretary Bob Hornsby has resigned for 12 months for personal reasons and Peter Browne, bar chairman for several years, is to marry and felt he would not be able to give proper service as bar chairman for the time being.

He will carry on though as vice chairman and Geoff Shepherd will take over as chairman.

Steve Tart takes over as Football Secretary for 12 months.

There were 25 members at the annual meeting held at the pavilion on May 19 with W. K. Forbes, president and Ernie Wilkinson, chairman.

The club had got off to a fine start winning the annual seven-a-side competition once again last August.

The league programme started satisfactorily but ended disappointingly with the first XI coming third in the Premier Division; the second team also ending third in their division; the thirds being relegated to Division 3B, although they reached the semi-finals of the Supplementary Cup competition and the fourth XI finishing fourth from the bottom of their division.

Last season, a lot of work and money was spent laying drains on the first XI pitch which was one of the main reasons for a loss of £1,205 on the end-of-year accounts.

The small pitch had remained in good condition throughout the season, and no work was required on this. Again Vince Chester was also thanked for his untiring efforts in carrying out necessary maintenance work on the pitches and in particular in cutting and fertilizing during the summer months. The chairman also thanked the other members of the sub-committee for their efforts during the year.

SOCIAL:
The social activities of the club over the past 12 months had proved a mixture of new and old ideas. They commenced in the middle of last year with the golden jubilee celebrations, and in particular the cocktail party which was very successful. The club had got away from the disco dances which attracted the younger element, and now dances were being held by the ladies committee, the social committee, the football committee and the bar committee, this had proved quite successful because of the different ideas produced by the different committees. The usual cocktail parties had been held and also the idea of a Saturday night folk concert had recently been introduced, the first one being held the previous week, and this proved most successful.

Geoff Shepherd was thanked for introducing the idea, and for his efforts in organizing it. Geoff Shepherd was also thanked for introducing and promoting the keen interest in table tennis which was now being shown in the club. He had organized two competitions and was currently running a ladder competition.

A ladies hockey team had also been formed and was playing various matches both home and away. Another new introduction had also proved successful, and would no doubt be repeated on a larger scale. The club had entered two teams in the Lancashire Evening Telegraph Sports Competition, but they had not fared too well. A football film show had also been organized and this had been an enjoyable evening.

FINANCE:
Again this committee had run satisfactorily and in particular Alan Blackshaw was thanked for the efficient manner in which the books of the club were kept. The chairman also thanked Eric Maddox who had taken over the football accounts in a very efficient manner. Thanks were also due to Peter Browne and Peter Ibbotson in connection with the bar accounts, to Steve Shepherd in connection with the subscriptions and to John Tattersall for auditing the accounts. Thanks were also recorded to Keith Sharples for his work in promoting the Christmas draw which as will be seen from the accounts had been very a successful event.

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Old Blacks continued

LADIES COMMITTEE:  
The Chairman once again reminded the meeting of the hard work and effort put in by the ladies in contributing to the finances of the club. During the last year they had probably been more successful than any other year, and had contributed the sum of £400 to the funds. He also thanked them for their efforts in providing coffee on Saturday afternoons.

CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR:  
Following a ballot held at the previous committee meeting Brian Hardcastle had been elected Clubman of the Year. The chairman informed the meeting that the first ballot had in fact been a tie between Brian Hardcastle and Bob Hornsby and Brian had been successful on the second vote. However he did say that this was indicative of the difficulty in making this award, bearing in mind the efforts contributed by several people.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:  
President W. K. Forbes was re-elected, Chairman E. Wilkinson was re-elected, Vice-Chairman P. Browne was re-elected. Secretary D. I. Forbes was re-elected, Treasurer A. Blackshaw was re-elected, Football Secretary S. Tart was re-elected, Press Secretary N. K. Sharples was re-elected, Auditor J. Tattersall was re-elected, Solicitor D. I. Forbes was re-elected. The committee had power to impose surcharge and give reductions in appropriate cases and this aspect would be considered by the committee.

Chairman Ernie Wilkinson ended his playing career of almost 25 years with the Old Blacks with a goal in his last game.

He opened the scoring with his first kick of the ball for the fourth XI against Thornleigh thirds in the Lancashire Amateur League and the game ended 2-2.

WEDDING BELLS:  
Assistant Cashier Gordon Henry Wilson (1948-53) of Colenso Road, Blackburn married Miss Kathleen Parkinson of Salthill Road, Clitheroe, in September.
President

mores than 170 attended the annual dinner in Big School in December, when it proved to be its usual high success.

Old Boy, The Bishop of Chester, the Right Rev Hubert Victor Whitsey (1925-33) was the guest speaker. After dinner, he talked to everyone individually over a drink in the old gymnasium.

Earlier he had told old boys that the world was in a stage of transition quicker than at any other time. But, he said, as long as schools such as QEGS could provide men of integrity, there should be nothing to fear for the future.

The usual toast by the president Mr. J. R. Hindle to old boys in order of their years at School saw Lt Col John Whitaker the last to rise having been at School from 1905 to 1910.

42 at South Lancs Ladies Evening

THE SOUTH Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association held their Annual Ladies' Evening on Friday, 14th May, at the Bowdon Hotel, Bowdon, Cheshire.

The loyal toast was proposed by organising secretary of the Branch, Mr. H. Ramsbottom. Dr. H. Morris welcomed the guests and the Headmaster, Mr. D. J. Coulson, replied. The Governors were represented by Mr. J. N. Prest and the School and Parents' Association by Mr. D. J. Coulson, Mr. R. Hunter (Bursar), Mr. E. J. Kay, Mr. R. Whalley. The full list of those attending is: from Blackburn — Mr. and Mrs. J. Prest, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Coulson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kay, Mr. and Mrs. H. King, Mr. and Mrs. R. Whalley; from the branch: Mr. and Mrs. C. Bainbridge, Mr. and Mrs. F. Banford, Mr. and Mrs. Holton, Mr. and Mrs. B. Batey, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Batey, Mr. D. C. Bradley and guest, Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Hindle, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Liversedge, Dr. H. Morris and guest, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Redman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ramsbottom, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. E. West, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilkinson and Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilkinson.

Dr John Torry (1956-64), resident clinical pathologist for Blackburn Area Health Authority, was spokesman for the district's 70 junior doctors in their dispute over contracts with the Department of Health and Social Security.

He returned to Blackburn after qualifying at St. Andrews' University, Scotland, and worked as a houseman in medicine, surgery and obstetrics. He moved to pathology in 1971.

John said he could see no future for himself in the NHS as it was today.

He has been appointed lecturer in forensic medicine at London Hospital Medical College. He will also lecture at the London Hospital, Whitechapel and The Royal Free Hospital.

He has worked in most of Blackburn's health centres as a locum general practitioner during the past seven years and was appointed deputy police surgeon in 1975.

He was Blackburn Coroner's pathologist, part-time lecturer in the diploma of nursing course at Blackburn College of Technology and Design and divisional surgeon for St John Ambulance.

Manager moves to new branch

David Bury (1947-51) has been appointed manager of the Trustee Savings Bank of Lancashire and Cumbria at their new Oswaltdistle branch.

He moved from the Church branch which closed in the middle of May.

He joined the TSB in 1956 after national service and was appointed manager at Church in 1970.

He is married with two children and enjoys caravanning, sailing and gardening.

Editor in Scotland

A Burnley man has been appointed editor of the Edinburgh monthly literary and political review Blackwood's Magazine. David Fletcher, who was at School from 1948 to 1954, joined Blackwood's 10 years ago and his appointment breaks a 159-year-old tradition of a member of the Blackwood family as editor.
COLLEGE PRINCIPAL RETIRES AT SIXTY

Doctor Hugh Pollard (1926-34) is to retire as principal of St. Martin’s College, Lancaster. He was appointed principal of the Church of England teacher training college in 1962.

Dr. Pollard, 59, who was born in Simonstone, has a weekend cottage in Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

Last year he became the first person in England to be awarded the Swedish order of Vasa by King Carl Gustav XVI, to mark his work in promoting educational links between Britain and Sweden.

Dr. Pollard, a bachelor, gained an MA from Wadham College, Oxford, from School and later was awarded his PhD from Liverpool.

He was vice-principal at St. Mark and St. John College, Chelsea, before his move to Lancaster and has taught in America.

After the second world war, he founded and became first principal of the British Forces School, Berlin.

First post


New professor

Dr. G. E. Stanley (1937-39) Appointed Rawlinson Professor of Anglo-Saxon, Oxford University.

Music move

Geoffrey S. Bridge (1945-55) Appointed head of woodwind teaching for Hampshire Education Authority.

Teaching German

A. Ashton (1954-61) Appointed Assistant Master, German Department, Arnold School, Blackpool.

Vice-master

Dr. H. F. Grundy, M.A., M.D. (1931-37) Elected Vice-Master, Trinity Hall College, Cambridge University

School inspector

G. H. Haworth, M.A. (1938-44) Appointed one of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Schools.

Senior lecturer

C. L. Proctor, M.A. (1936-43) Appointed Senior Lecturer in Modern Languages, Blackburn College of Technology and Design.
Degrees and things ..

OLD BOYS SUCCESSES IN BRIEF


P. R. Benson (1964-72) Graduated B.Sc. (C.N.A.) in Biology, Portsmouth Polytechnic. Appointed to Administrative post in the National Health Service.

A. Biggs (1965-71) Graduated B.Sc., Class 3 Hons. Mathematics, Manchester University. Appointed to a post with B.A.C., Warton.

M. J. Birckett (1965-72) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Opthalmic Optics, Bradford University.


D. Collison (1960-70) Awarded a Royal Institute of Chemistry Prize, Manchester University.


G. G. Dickinson (1965-72) Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Hons. Law, Queen Mary College, London University.


S. Fox (1967-70) Awarded M.B., Ch.B., Liverpool University.


A. Sourbutts, M.Sc., M.R.I.C. by the Royal Institute of Chemistry. Awarded C.Chem. by the Royal Institute of Chemistry.


C. W. Young, McClelland Moores and Co., London.


J. D. Paul (1965-72) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Marine Biology, Liverpool University.

N. G. Plows (1965-72) Graduated B.Sc., Quantity Surveying, Trent Polytechnic.


BARRISTER IS SPEECH-DAY GUEST

The Headmaster Mr D. J. Coulson welcomed barrister Mr Ernest Sanderson Temple QC as Speech Day guest on Thursday June 20.

"As many of our Old Boys are members of the legal profession, including three of our Governors; and as an increasing number of our present boys go on to university to read Law, we felt that it would be especially appropriate, this year, if we could persuade an eminent barrister to come to Queen Elizabeth's on Speech Day as our Guest of Honour". Mr. Temple joined the Northern circuit in 1946 after being called to the bar. He is a recorder and Honorary Recorder of Kendal since 1972. He was made a Queens Counsel in 1969.

THIS is a significant year in the School's history and I should like to help you to take stock with me, as it were, of the School's present position and standing, and of what our aims must and will continue to be in the years ahead.

It is important, I believe, that you, as parents, and the general public at large, should know what the School's achievements are and what the present Government, by its unrelenting hostility towards the independent sector of education, has set out to destroy.

Let us consider, first, our academic achievements.

At Advanced Level of the G.C.E. last July we achieved a pass percentage of 79%, and at Ordinary Level, a pass percentage, on the old gradings, of 84%.

The 121 boys taking the Ordinary Level examination for the first time, averaged 7 passes per boy and, if one included additional passes gained by a few boys in the first year Sixth Form, the School had the impressive total of 930 Ordinary Level passes — new records for the School, and records which gave us all great pleasure and satisfaction. Furthermore, of the 120 boys who left the School last summer, 72 went on to Universities, including 10 to Oxford and Cambridge; 8 went on to polytechnics; 11 to technical colleges; 1 to a college of education; and 25 to direct employment in such widely differing courses as accountancy, the armed forces, the civil service and business studies, and 3 to other schools.

Again, it is pleasing to report that of the 22 scholarships awarded this year by the Peel Trust, based on the competitive performance at Advanced Level of boys and girls in all Blackburn's schools, 13 were gained by boys at Queen Elizabeth's. To maintain high academic standards is one of our foremost aims, and I hope that you will feel, as I do, that the past year has been one of real success in this field.

"The end of education" it has been said, "is a man, not a certificate", and the pursuit of excellence, in as many spheres as possible, is an objective on which we place as high a value as that of academic distinction. That we do so is, I feel sure, obvious from the wide variety of activities — cultural, athletic, musical, dramatic and those based on Community Service — in which the School is involved.

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Our first woman governor

WHAT is happening to the old School? First, girls in the sixth form and now our first woman governor.

Mrs. Edna Arnold made history by becoming the School’s only woman on the governing board in 410 years.

The Sixth form was opened to girls last September. This year, Blackburn Borough and the County nominated two representatives to the governors.

They were Councillor Mrs. Arnold and Councillor The Rev. A. E. Bland—both of Feni-cowles.

Chairman of the Governors Mr. William Hare said: “As one might expect, this monastic institution can hardly resist any longer the appointment of a woman to its governing body, since it now undertakes the task of educating a select number of girls in its sixth form.”

The board of governors has seen plenty of activity this year as the milestone fell.

At the governors’ meeting on Feb. 9, Mr. Norman Jepson retired as vice-chairman.

He was appointed on Feb. 5, 1964, when he succeeded Mr. C. R. Davies. (see page 00).

Chairman of the Governors, Mr. William Hare, writes: The vice-chairman of Governors has a special responsibility, in that he has to be prepared to take the chair at any meeting of governors if the chairman cannot be present, and in this respect he must be well acquainted.

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School's new governors
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with all current matters relating to the School in case any item of particular significance falls to be dealt with.

"Mr. Norman Jepson was not only fully versed in all matters relating to Queen Elizabeth's, which would normally fall for consideration by the Governors, but he also has a special ability for dealing with technical and commercial matters of which he can be rightly regarded as an expert.

"To this extent, he gave valuable support to the chairman, and on many occasions made his task much easier by reason of his help in many of the complicated issues that were bound to arise during a period of thirteen years.

"As an old boy of the school, he has a particular loyalty to Queen Elizabeth's and this always was evident during the debates which took place at meetings. He also has a keen sense of humour which he used to advantage.

"Fortunately Mr. Jepson is not retiring as a Governor, so the School will still have the benefit of his advice in the future."

The new vice chairman of Governors is Old Blackburnian’s Association committee member Mr. Carl Marsden.

Mr. Marsden, who was at School from 1921 to 1931, was appointed a Governor on Nov. 9, 1960.

His father, Mr. J. W. Marsden was chairman of the Governors.

Psychologist is youngest to gain top scholarship

Mr. John Wroe Dewhurst who attended the School from 1957–68, has become the youngest person ever to gain a top health service degree scholarship in New South Wales, Australia. After leaving school Mr. Dewhurst went to Leicester University, graduating B.A., in Psychology and joined the Manchester Regional Hospital Board as a Clinical Psychologist. He was seconded to Birmingham University where he graduated M.Sc., in Clinical Psychology and later was appointed Clinical Psychologist at Walton Hospital, Liverpool.

He went out to Australia in 1974 on a three-year health service contract and has been awarded an open scholarship by the New South Wales Health Commission to study for the Master of Health Planning Degree at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. Until his secudvent to the university Mr. Dewhurst was programme director at Morisset Hospital N.S.W. in charge of all non-drug therapy.

O.B. President is chairman of Scapa

Mr. Jack R. Hindle (1932–36), President of the Old Blackburnians’ Association and a Governor of the School has taken over as executive chairman of Scapa Group Ltd. He was formerly group managing director.

Another old boy Mr. James Haythornthwaite (1941–49) is also a member of the Company and has been appointed a managing director. He lives in Canada and directs the group’s North American interests.

Law degree


Our thanks

We would like to thank the editor of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph for permission to use their pictures in this issue.
MR. COLLIER

R. W. McVity

MR. ROBERT Wilson McVity (1923–28), a former hospital administrator at Ashton-under-Lyne, died on 28th November, 1976. He was 65.

He graduated B.A. (Admin.) at Manchester University and after appointments in Blackburn and the Fylde moved to Ashton in 1936 as assistant to the clerk of the Ashton Area Guardians’ Committee and three years later became the youngest guardians’ clerk in the country. When the National Health Service came into being in 1948 Mr. McVity became the first secretary of the Ashton, Hyde and Glossop Hospital Management Committee and held this post until his retirement in 1967.

He was a Fellow of the Institute of Hospital Administrators and a member of the Ashton Rotary Club.

Robert Jackson

Former deputy engineer and manager of the Calder Water Board, Mr. Robert Jackson, died in Queens Park Hospital, Blackburn in September 1976, aged 69.

Robert Jackson was at QEGS from 1919–26 and graduated from Manchester University. He was a prominent Freemason and held the Calder Water Board post from 1963 until his retirement in 1966. Previously he had been chief water engineer and manager of Accrington District Water Board.

SADLY, Mrs. Mary Collier, Leo’s devoted wife, died equally suddenly, on 5th November, 1976, less than a month after Leo’s death, also aged 68. Mrs. Collier, a graduate of Bedford College, London was on the staff of QEGS from 1541-51. She was a Blackburn magistrate and a former chairman of the old Blackburn National Health Executive Council and President of the YWCA with which she was connected for many years.

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Obituary

I. G. W. Marchant

EARLY in the new year the sad news reached us of the death of Mr. Ivan G. W. Marchant, in Malaga, Spain, writes Harry King.

Jack Marchant as he was known to most of us, was born in Southampton and graduated B.Sc. Hons. Economics at the London School of Economics, subsequently obtaining his teaching diploma at Cambridge in 1936. See Magister 18 and 19.

Prior to the outbreak of war he taught Geography in several schools including a spell at the City Freeman’s School, Southampton. When war broke-out Mr. Marchant joined the Royal Artillery. He was sent to Halifax Nova Scotia, the West Indies; Cape Town and on to India. From India he was drafted to Singapore and it was here in 1942 that he was taken prisoner when the Japanese over-ran the Malay Peninsula. Here he suffered, like so many others in these circumstances, extreme deprivation the winter months in Southern Spain and returning on liberation came and he returned to England with his health seriously impaired which later necessitated the removal of a lung. After a spell in a rehabilitation camp he came to OEGS in 1946 to teach Geography and subsequently took charge of the Art Department.

On retirement Mr. and Mrs. Marchant, already seasoned globe trotters, visited Malaya and Singapore in a Dormobile before settling down to spend the winter months in Southern Spain and returning to their home on Haslingden Moors for the spring.

Dr. Frank Tyler

DR. FRANK Tyler died in Blackburn Royal Infirmary, on 27th February, 1977, following a seizure a few days earlier. He was 69. He joined the Staff of OEGS in 1931 after research and teaching at Leeds University and became Senior Physics Master.

He was appointed Second Master on the retirement of Mr. E. Towle in 1946 and succeeded Mr. W. R. Elliott as House Master of Frobisher the following year. He became Senior Science Master in 1957 on the retirement of Mr. A. R. Earle.

He was involved in many School activities and for seven years was Commanding Officer of the School’s ATC squadron. He was a prolific writer of physics textbooks—nearly twenty—and an examiner for the Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board for twenty-five years.

Since his retirement in 1970 Dr. Tyler’s chief hobby had been extensive globe-trotting—America, the Near East, the Far East—you name it, he had been I He had a passion for golf—a late developer in this field—and was a member of Pleasington Golf Club.

Following a service in Blackburn Cathedral conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. Lawrence Jackson, the interment took place at St. Peter’s Churchyard, Salesbury.

ALBERT EDWARD BRISCOE

ONE of our oldest old boys, Mr. Albert Edward Briscoe (1904–06) died in a Southport nursing home on 21st November, 1976, after being in failing health for some time. He was 85 and a bachelor.

Mr. Briscoe was a director of C. T. Briscoe & Son Ltd., electrical engineers of Preston New Road, a company founded by his father and which closed a few years ago.

He served in the Royal Navy for three years in the first world war and in the second war Lieutenant R.N.V.R., and an officer in Blackburn Sea Cadets.

He was well known in Freemasonry, a past master of his Blackburn Lodge and in the United Grand Lodge of England held the rank of past Grand Standard Bearer. Until it was demolished, he worshipped at St. George’s Presbyterian Church.

Former accountant dies at 88

Reginald Haworth was born in Blackburn in 1888, fifth in a family of six boys; his father was a manager of the Leeds—Liverpool Canal. He attended Queen Elizabeth’s in 1908 with his brothers but later transferred to Merchant Taylors School, Crosby, when his family moved to Liverpool.

He became a chartered accountant with a firm in Liverpool and then served in the Liverpool Rifles in France during the 1914–18 war.

He remained overseas, working in France and Belgium with the then Imperial War Graves Commission, whose business it was to provide suitable cemeteries and memorials for the war dead.

He was married in 1936 and remained in France until war was once again declared. He was instrumental in successfully evacuating many of the IWGC personnel from Northern France in advance of Dunkirk. There is an unpublished manuscript in which he wrote of this adventure, called "Flight from Flanders".

He retired shortly after the war but always remained extremely active, assisting in Civil Defence work and in the running of a local branch of the National Trust; he was a keen fisherman and golfer, a good watercolour painter and photographer.

Reginald Haworth was always immensely proud of his family association with Queen Elizabeth’s and he and his daughter were very pleased when the Haworth Medal was instituted in 1961. He was very glad that his return to the North of England allowed him to attend several Speech Days in recent years.

He died on 15 November, 1976, aged 88.

MAX RILEY

Mr. Max Riley who came to OEGS in 1937, died in hospital on 22nd March, 1977.

Mr. Riley was a dental surgeon graduating B.D.S. at Queen’s University, Belfast. He left school in 1942 and during the war he was a pilot in the RAFVR.
Governor dies at 68

MR. Charles Ronald "Ronnie" Davies, a governor of the School since 1951, died at his home in East Park Road, on 19th January, 1977, aged 68.

He was an old boy of Accrington Grammar School, and a gifted cricketer and amateur footballer in his younger days.

Mr. Davies was registrar of the High Court and County Court for the Preston group of courts, covering courts at Blackburn, Blackpool, Preston and Chorley. He retired at the end of 1976.

He was a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire, a member of the central council of the Magistrates’ Courts Committee, chairman of Lancashire Magistrates’ Courts Committee and also of Blackburn Magistrates.

Recently he was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire

He was president and senior director of Blackburn Rovers, a vice-president and former treasurer of Lancashire County C.C., a life-member and former president and chairman of the Lancashire League and president of East Lancashire C.C.

During the war as a Territorial Army Officer, he served in France and was in the evacuation from Dunkirk, serving later in West and North Africa, the Middle East and Greece. He reached the rank of major and was awarded the Territorial Decoration.

E. W. Graham

We have just heard, as we go to press, of the death of Eric Walter Graham, M.B.E., on 9th May, at Harrow-on-the-Hill, aged 60. He suffered severely from a rheumatoid condition. He was at School from 1928 to 1933 and has been a Life Member of the Association. He leaves a widow and daughter.

DR. RALPH MARSDEN

We have just learned, as we go to press, of the death, after a short illness, of Dr. Ralph Marsden of Harrogate.

Dr. Marsden, brother of Mr. Carl Marsden who is a governor of the School, was at QEGS from 1919–28. On leaving school he proceeded to Manchester University where he graduated B.Sc. with first class honours in chemistry and obtained his M.Sc. the following year. He then went on to New College, Oxford where he was awarded his D.Phil. for research in chemistry.

He spent the whole of his career as a research chemist with Shirley Institute, North British Rayon Ltd. and ICI Ltd. When he retired he took a teaching post at Ashville College, Harrogate. He turned his attention to cricket and passed the written examination of the Association of Cricket Umpires. He was also a keen amateur painter.

ALAN CARPENTER

IT WAS sad indeed to hear of the death of Alan Carpenter in autumn last year.

Known to everyone as “Ping”, though I never heard of a good reason for it, he and I were thrown together by circumstances in spite of his being a year ahead of me at school (1929–38). We both wandered down to town for our lunch and, in time both saved a few coppers a day by buying biscuits instead. Alan to buy jazz-records and radio parts . . . I went to Ewood Park. We were appointed joint Vice-Captains of School in 1937 and stood side-by-side, clothed only in brick-dust as Indian Braves as a back-cloth to Hiawatha on Speech Day that year.

In 1938 Alan went to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge with an Open Entrance Scholarship in Natural Science. Successful academically always, he joined the Applied Psychology Research Unit in Cambridge (part of the M.R.C.) in 1947 and worked there until his illness. Radio remained his main interest and although it was not his particular responsibility, all the electronics and design in the Unit were done through him. The Head of the Unit tells us that Alan was very much liked and respected. Married three times, he leaves a grown-up family, many friends and, such was his nature, not an enemy in the world.

F.B.

Henry Southworth

Mr. Henry Southworth, a life-member of the Old Blackburnians Association died in hospital on 11th March, 1977. He was at school from 1918 to 1924, travelling from his home at Withnell. On leaving school he joined Robert P. Watson and Company, Blackburn, Incorporated Insurance Brokers, became a partner in 1945 and sole proprietor in 1960. He lived in Wilworth Crescent, Blackburn.

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C. R. DAVIES

On the line

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OLD BLACKS FOOTBALLERS FADE OUT

THE OLD Blacks season opened on Saturday August 21 in what is now the traditional manner with the Old Blacks Sevens Tournament.

On a fine afternoon, 16 of the best teams in the Lancashire Amateur League produced some excellent football, the home club going out in the semi-finals to eventual winners Whalley Range, who beat Burnley GSOB 4-3 in the final.

This season saw the introduction of an extended league programme for the first and second elevens, each team having to play 30 games.

With new captain Phil Sumner installed and doing very well, the first team fought their way to the top of the Premier Division with only three weeks of the season remaining. Two draws and two defeats in the last four games saw their challenge fade and eventually they had to settle for fourth position.

With the discontinuation of the League Cup Competition, there are now only two Cup competitions in which the Club competes; the Club's participation in the F.A. Challenge Vase was very brief, for after receiving a bye in the first round they went down 3-1 away to Corinthians in the next round. A promising run in the Lancashire Amateur Cup ended with a 4th Round 5-3 defeat at the hands of Prescott B.L. after earlier victories over Ainsdale and Old Chaddertonians.

The second eleven proved to be the draw specialists of the Club, tying 13 of their 30 fixtures, and finishing in mid-table with 29 points. Alan Pemberton has built a useful side with excellent team spirit which promises much for next season.

The third and fourth teams have also enjoyed a good season, the thirds in particular showing great promise on occasions, but the notable feature has been the undying enthusiasm of the players in these teams, which has been reflected in much improved results from last season.

Representative honours for the Lancashire Amateur League were gained by three players, P. Sumner, B. Hardcastle and D. Partington, another indication of the current playing strength of the Club.

This year’s award for the Club’s ‘Player of the Year’ has gone to Eric Maddox, who has done especially well after converting himself into a full-back, establishing himself in the second eleven and would surely have gone higher but for the continued good form of veteran defender Roger Horrocks in the first team.

The Club’s leading goalscorer was Roger Masters with 20 goals followed by Craig Hindle (15), Tony McNamee (14) Peter Lawson and Mick McNamee (13).

Although the Old Blacks did not pick up any trophies this year, the Club has enjoyed a good season and looks forward to next year with confidence and anticipates continued improvement in the performances and results of all four teams.

Mr. David H. Dunn (1941–50) has been elected Captain of Wilshire Golf Club. Mr. Dunn was Vice-Captain of the School, Captain of Grenville House and Captain of School Football. He attended St. Peter's Hall, Oxford University and was awarded his Blue for Association Football. He graduated B.A. in 1953 and joined the family business, Shopfitters (Lancashire) Ltd., Oswaldtwistle. He has been Chairman of the Company since 1961.

Neil is made Freeman of London

Neil D. Margerison (1929–1934) (Raleigh) was notified on the Queen's Birthday that he had been made a Freeman of the City of London. A war-time Lieut. Colonel, Mr. Margerison is the national Chairman of the Guild of Master Craftsmen of whom Mrs. Margaret Thatcher MP is the Patron. He is also managing director of a firm of international consultants. He served previously in Hong Kong as the chairman of the Far East sector of a merchant banking group.

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New governor is a former nurse

Concerned about people

THE SCHOOL’S new governor, from Blackburn District, Councillor Mrs. Edna Arnold, is a former nurse who is keen on comprehensive education.

Mrs. Arnold, chairman of Blackburn District Transport Committee and vice-chairman of the social service committee, was born in Liverpool.

Her family moved to Heswall and she attended school in North Wales at Penros College, Colwyn Bay.

She began nursing at the Northern Hospital, Liverpool and married in 1959.

Mrs. Arnold, 40, has two boys, Mark, 14, and Julian, six. Mark attends Darwen Vale High School, Darwen, and Julian goes to Feniscowles County Primary.

Mrs. Arnold went into politics four years ago because she was “concerned about people— I found I could do more for people as a councillor than as a nurse and I was happy to do so.”

Her husband Keith, Tory Agent for Blackburn, had become interested in politics about three years before and has been an agent in various parts of the North West for about seven years.

Mrs. Arnold is a governor of many schools in Lancashire and usually helps to select governors for schools in Blackburn.

She was pleased that Alison Lord won the metalwork prize and hoped to see more girls gaining academic successes.

Mrs. Arnold, who is also vice-chairman of Blackburn Education Committee, wants everyone to have freedom of education — whether to choose comprehensive or direct grant.

Raise standards

“Both types of schools have their use in society and I am keen on comprehensive education, providing it strives for excellence. These schools need not lower standards but could raise them,” she said.

“I don’t think my son Mark would benefit from moving to QEGS, but I hope Julian may reach the standard later,” she said.

One person who has no worries about his son’s education is the County choice for Governor, the Rev. Albert Edward Bland of Immanuel Church, Feniscowles, who lives just down the road from Mrs. Arnold, of Langdale Ave.

Mr. Bland’s sons, David Edward (1951-57), a lecturer in economic history at Sheffield University, and Paul Howard (1956-62), a barrister on the North Manchester Circuit, are both old boys.

Royal Artillery

Mr. Bland, 54, was born in Walton-le-Dale, and, after attending Farington Endowed School and Preston Technical College, served in the Royal Artillery during the war.

He was a manufacturer’s agent for 14 years before studying for the priesthood at St. Michael’s Theological College, Llandaff.

He was ordained deacon at St. Stephen’s-on-the-Cliffs, Blackpool in December 1962, and a priest at Blackburn Cathedral a year later.

He served his title at St. Cuthbert’s, Darwen, and was appointed vicar of St. John’s, Darwen, in 1965. Two years later, he moved to Feniscowles.

He married Lilian Simmonds just before the war and has been a councillor for eight years, serving first on Blackburn RDC for Livesey and Pleasington from 1969-74 and then on the County’s Darwen Div. 3 since 1973.

Lastly — a word from our first woman governor, which may lead us to expect more women in the future. “A lot of women in Blackburn would have given their eye teeth to be a governor — I am honoured that I was chosen and hope to add a few ideas when I become more acquainted with the running of the school.”

Mr. Hargreaves

Records man retires from newspaper

ONE of Magister’s main “men-behind-the-scenes”, John Hargreaves (1926-28), of Beechwood Drive, Blackburn, chief librarian at Lancashire Evening Telegraph, is to retire in October.

He joined the composing staff of the Northern Daily Telegraph from School, then moved to the Blackburn Times in 1954 to become deputy overseer of the linotype department.

He returned to the Telegraph in 1958 to become head reader. He was appointed chief librarian in 1962.

His main hobby is music, having been organist and choir-master at several churches in Blackburn and district, including St. Barnabas’, Blackburn, and St. John’s, Great Harwood. He held similar post at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, for the past three-and-a-half years.

OBA vice president Jim Warner (1943-48) has been promoted superintendent in command of the Blackburn Sub-division of Lancashire Constabulary.
David Fletcher (1948-54), editor of the Edinburgh monthly literary and political review Blackwood’s Magazine, writes below about his time at school with memories of former teachers.

MY subject was geography — that is, I was reasonably good at it — but I cannot bring to mind the name of a single teacher of that subject; there seemed to be a succession of teachers. I recall only one by his nickname: “Es ne Zex” — which was entirely appropriate!

My interest in literature was encouraged by Pecker Eastwood — chiefly for his reading of Puck of Pook’s Hill — and Tom Crehan. More than anyone else, Killer Watson was responsible for giving me some self-confidence. I failed miserably at Latin for me, but that piercing gaze has stayed with me. He has now been ordained. A former co-director, a retired Group Captain, served with him as a flying instructor.

As I write, the names of other staff come back to me. I remember a woodworking master, Mr. Treen — another appropriate name.

Incidentally, I went to OEGS on the recommendation of Randolph Pilling — an architect by day and a double-bass player at the Astoria, Rawtenstall by night. His father had preceded mine as the manager of the District Bank at Padiham. I hope to have the opportunity of looking round the School. I know my wife would welcome the chance.

I would be pleased to receive information about the Old Boys’ Association. I seem to remember Philip Hacking asking me to join, but I regret to say I did nothing about it.

David Fletcher

University of Salford
Department of Biology

Dear Sir,

I was an assistant biology master at School from 1936 to 1946, when I left to take up a post as Lecturer in Education at the University of Manchester. After a period in the Department of Zoology of the university, I came to Salford and a few years ago, took a chair here and am now Chairman of Department.

In the 1940s I helped one of the students at Queen Elizabeth’s namely Mr. Trevor Villiers, to obtain his “O” and “A” levels in biology. After graduating from the University of London he obtained a Ph.D degree for research and he has been Professor of Biology in the University of Natal for the last ten years or so. I think you will be interested to know that Prof. Villiers is joining me here at Salford as a professor in botany on August 1st. (See page 16)

I think it says something for the School that both of us have had associations with it. I find there are in Salford quite a number of “QEGS” old boys on the staff and also among our students. I hope that this is indicative of the good relationships which will develop between the School and this University especially in this department in the years that lie ahead.

I think that most of the members of staff when I was there have now left, with the exception possibly of Mr. Ingham. (See page 16).

Yours faithfully
E. J. Popham

Mr. Bert “Joe” Mercer

Mr. Brian Batey, at present assistant manager at the Midland Bank, Warrington, has been appointed manager of the bank’s branch at Skelmersdale.

Mr. Batey, who was at School from 1940-44, joined the Midland Bank at Darwen on leaving school, and has served in several branches of the bank in Lancashire. He is an active member of the South Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the OBA.

Diploma for plant manager

Plant manager Geoff Newton (1946-51) has been awarded the diploma in safety management by the British Council.

Geoff, of Metropolitan Flexible Products, Great Harwood, was among 90 to receive the diploma at a ceremony in Goldsmith’s Hall, London.

The diploma course gives a comprehensive training in industrial safety and advanced safety techniques.

O.U. degree

D. R. Mathews (1946-54)
Graduated B.A. with the Open University in sciences and educational psychology.

Science head

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Chairman hits at trade unions

CHAIRMAN of the Governors Mr. William Hare rebuked trade unionists who wanted to see the abolition of the Charity Law to reduce the number of independent schools.

"Some trade unions have expressed the view that too many former pupils of independent schools obtain the highest positions of responsibility in industry and the professions, and they react by demanding that such schools should be abolished. Such schools should be abolished.

"Some of them, of course, would. Those who were fortunate enough to be transferred to the successful and disciplined schools in the state system would, no doubt, make the grade.

"But my complaint against the trade unions' attitude is that they are wanting to destroy what already succeeds, for purely political motives and not for motives of education.

"Because surely, if the independent schools are already producing the pupils who are capable of doing the job, then why prevent them from continuing to do so?"

He said it was "most heartening" to hear of Lancashire Education Committee's proposals for "return to really meaningful testing of children in Lancashire schools at various stages."

Mr. Hare accused the trade unions of trying to abolish the charitable status for independent schools in an attempt to reduce their numbers. More brighter pupils would be forced into the state system because their parents would no longer be able to afford the fees.

Fees would have to be increased if the charitable status was withdrawn.

He said that if brighter pupils were forced into state schools, they would not automatically achieve the "same degree of educational success they would have hitherto achieved in the independent sector.

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Chairman hits at trade unions

Unqualified success in exam results

This has been a significant year in our history, for, with the Government's ending of the Direct Grant system last August, 1976-77 was to be our first year as and independent school.

I am delighted to be able to tell you that it has been a year of quite outstanding and unqualified success. (See bold panels).

Of the 18 scholarships awarded this year by the Peel Trust, based on the competitive performance at Advanced Level of boys and girls in all Blackburn's schools, nine were gained by boys at Queen Elizabeth's. It is imperative, I believe, that schools such as ours should have, as one of their principal objectives, the setting and maintaining of the highest possible academic standards, and I hope that you will feel, as I do, that in the past year we have done that — and done it convincingly.

We hope to continue this successful pattern in the years ahead, for the School is full; each year, including this year, we are recruiting large numbers of boys of real ability — and girls, too, at sixth form level — so that, in spite of the present Government's unremitting hostility towards independent schools, the Peel Trust, based on the competitive performance at Advanced Level of boys and girls in all Blackburn's schools, nine were gained by boys at Queen Elizabeth's. It is imperative, I believe, that schools such as ours should have, as one of their principal objectives, the setting and maintaining of the highest possible academic standards, and I hope that you will feel, as I do, that in the past year we have done that — and done it convincingly.

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Genius of the blowlamp

Although blowlamp beauty Alison Jennie Lord is not yet an "old boy", she is the first girl pupil to be featured in Magister — and deservedly, for Alison, 17, of Sawley Lodge, Sawley, won the School metalwork prize this year.

Alison began metalwork as an alternative to sport. Instead of wet cross country runs to the Spread Eagle, she concentrated on making a silver butterfly and rings.

There are seven girls studying metalwork and teacher Mr. Barry Brown says Alison shows a fair degree of dexterity and skill to say she has just started.

She collected her prize at Speech Day — a blowlamp.

School produced 1,101 passes of 'O' level on the old gradings representing 85 per cent pass rate, a new record.

Seven boys won Open awards to Oxford in the November Oxford and Cambridge Entrance and Scholarship examinations — a record for the School.

for 31 years. We have lost, too, not only Dr. Tyler, who taught here with distinction for 39 years, but also Mr. Collier who was a leading member of the staff for 32 years; and Mrs. Collier; and Mr. Marchant, who recently retired after teaching at the School for 29 years. The total number of years which they all spent in working for the good of Queen Elizabeth gives real meaning and significance to the phrase "loyal and devoted service." (See Obituaries — Pages 3 and 4).

It has given me great pleasure to have been able to present a report that contains so much of excellence — an excellence that is not a matter of opinion, but a matter of fact. As you have heard me say before, and I make no
HEADMASTER'S SPEECH (Cont.)

apology for repeating it, the pursuit of excellence in all its forms must be the foremost aim of schools such as ours.

But now that the Great Debate on education has been launched, it would be well for you in the home and us in the schools to clear from our minds some of the current humbug and cant that are already being brought forward under the guise of serious thinking. Clear thinking on education is hampered by the use of jargon, slogans and the deliberate prostitution of individual phrases. Phrases such as "the pursuit of excellence" and words such as "selection" and "elite" are now being used not in a precise way but to represent a whole range of prejudices. Schools such as ours are now automatically and always accused of being "elitist". "Elite" has been deliberately made a dirty word in our society. But what after all does "elite" mean when stripped of the overtones of guilt and envy and prejudice that it has acquired in the recent years of egalitarianism? It simply means that in every human endeavour there are individuals who promise more than others; not better men but better mathematicians or better managers or violinists or athletes.

Of all the children in this country at present under the age of 11, there are some, for example, whose innate ability and personality will qualify them to play key roles in the nation’s economic recovery in the next century. No one is suggesting that they will have first claim on places in Heaven — simply that they will emerge, as the best men and women for a particular task that needs to be done. Their country needs them.

Are we, then, going to leave it all to chance and hope that these children with special abilities will emerge of their own accord? Or are we going to try to identify this and other abilities at an early age and encourage them to develop. Can anyone in his right mind favour chance?

I do not believe that an education system based on the deliberate extinction of the grammar-school tradition can succeed in identifying and developing this necessary kind of elite at all. It may encourage desirable social attitudes (though even that is open to question) but a nation on the rocks is not going to be saved by fraternity and social equality alone. A poor struggling country needs every available talent developed to the highest pitch. It is no good moaning about poor management in industry, for example, and how often we hear that cry these days, unless we accept that to train good management is to train properly selected groups of the ablest people for the job.

The test of the nation’s education system is whether it can develop and produce this elite. Nothing in the pursuit of this aim implies that some members of society are more valued than others: on the contrary the creation of an elite obeys both the Christian and Lenin principle that society requires from each the best of which he is capable.

And that is why in my view schools such as ours which aim continuously at the pursuit of excellence are vital to the country’s needs and why it is imperative that you and I should continue to say so with vigour and conviction whenever we have the opportunity to do so.
Peter flies to USA to find memory

PETER ODDIE, of Kingsway, Church, was given a massive overdose of a new antibiotic drug, Ceporin, when he was admitted to Accrington Victoria Hospital with a mild form of meningitis.

It left Peter, who was at School from 1966 to 1972, with brain damage and he was awarded £85,000 damages at the High Court, Manchester.

He was unable to remember anything for more than a minute and specialists told his parents Mr and Mrs James and Mary Oddie that Peter's condition would not improve.

But Peter's parents would not give up and they took him to faith healers and doctors all over the country for four years. Then last year, an American doctor read about Peter in a magazine and rang up his parents about a new treatment.

Peter travelled to New York with his parents and was treated by Dr Albert Laverne, chairman of the Carbon Dioxide Therapy Unit.

He breathed a mixture of 70 per cent carbon dioxide and 30 per cent oxygen and now his memory is getting better.

Peter had recorded his life in notebooks. He could not go out because sometimes he forgot where he lived. He also suffered epileptic attacks. Now he can play chess and watch television, and his memory is getting much better.

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Secretary retires

Mr R. Edgar Dixon (1914-21) has retired after 27 years as secretary of Blackburn Master Bakers' Association.

He was secretary of Blackburn Chamber of Trade for 32 years until 1968; secretary of Blackburn Retailers' Association for 30 years until 1961; secretary of East Lancashire branch of the Electrical Contractors' Association until 1974 and secretary of Blackburn and District Scouts' Association for some years.
THE 48th ANNUAL meeting of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held at the Lammack pavilion on 23rd November.

The secretary reported that two committee meetings had been held during the past twelve months on 13th January at the School and 4th May at the football club. The usual sub-committees had been elected at the January meeting and again, for the same reason as last year, no social sub-committee had been elected. The 1975 annual dinner, however, had been its usual success and had realised a profit of £40. The football club had donated £30 towards the cost of the bar fittings obtained by the association.

Following the recommendation of the previous annual meeting the committee had resolved that the association make an interest free loan of £500 to the School, repayable on demand.

The treasurer presented the accounts, a copy of which is shown below, and reported a profit of £173.57. He explained that this was largely due to the reduction in expense of producing *Magister* and also the reduction in general expenses which had been unusually high last year because of the cost of the bar fittings.

In spite of the fact that £500 had been loaned to the School, the Association was in substantially the same financial position it had been twelve months previously and it was felt that a further loan of £500 could be made to the School, and it was resolved that the committee should consider this. The meeting gave a vote of thanks to the treasurer and the auditors.

A lot of thought and work had gone into attempts to find a replacement for Mr. John Duckworth as Editor of *Magister* but so far with success. One or two recently retired people in the Press world had been approached and inquiries were still being made.

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1976

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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 31st July, 1976.

(Signed) KENNETH H. MARSDEN, F.C.A.
WILLIAM HARE, F.C.A.
There's a branch near you

We should like to take this opportunity of reminding Old Boys up and down the country that we have active branches in Yorkshire, South Lancashire and Cheshire, the London area and at Oxford and Cambridge. They provide a variety of activities and most of them have a Ladies' Evening. They are all keen to widen their membership and we invite those who are interested to contact the appropriate secretary whose name and address is given below.

The Yorkshire Branch: Mr. Guy Shuttleworth 1 St. Peter's Grove York Tel. York 0904-22450 South Lancashire and Cheshire Branch: Mr. Harold Ramsbottom, 157 Chester Road Hazel Grove, Cheshire Tel. 099-67-3344

The Headmaster, D. J. Coulson, who retired in December, then present, as Mr. Coulson's predecessor, Mr. B. H. Kemball-Cook, attended with his wife. It was originally hoped to hold the Dinner in November 1976, but there was a very low response to the invitation, so it was postponed until February. On the evening there were 23 members and guests present.

The Annual Dinner and AGM of the London Branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held on Friday, 25th February, at The Royal Society of Medicine, London W1. Dr. N. T. Holden, a member of the Society, was our sponsor.

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Annual meeting

The Headmaster, D. J. Coulson, and Harry King travelled from Blackburn to attend. It was rather interesting that there were two Headmasters of the School present, as Mr. Coulson's predecessor, Mr. B. H. Kemball-Cook, attended with his wife.

Following the initial meeting and drinking, we settled down to a pleasant three-course dinner at 7.45 p.m., following which the Headmaster gave a report on some of the School activities over the last year. Harry King, who retired in December, then made a short speech reminiscing on his career and his retirement, and a brief report on some of the current and ex-members of staff.

The Chairman opened the AGM at 9.30 p.m. This was followed by the usual business of an AGM, such as the Secretary's report, Treasurer's report and the election of the Committee and its Officers. There was much discussion as to how the branch can have a better response to its circulars and Harry King offered to go through the full list of members of the Association held at School, and to send an up-to-date list of members in the South, so that an effort can be made to encourage new members of the branch. We are very grateful to Harry for his kind offer.

The meeting closed at 10.15 and was then followed by the usual socialising over liquid refreshment.

GOLDEN JUBILEE AT OXFORD

The Annual Dinner of the Oxford Branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held on Friday, 12th November, 1976, at the Bleu Blanc Rouge Restaurant in the High Street, Oxford.

Mr. S. H. Lea presided and proposed the loyal toast and welcomed the visitors. The Headmaster, Mr. D. J. Coulson in his reply on behalf of the guests referred to the impending retirement of Mr. King, who was then prevailed upon to say a few words. Mr. Hare, Chairman of Governors, himself an Oxford graduate, brought the formal proceedings to a close mentioning the fact this was probably the 50th Oxford OB's dinner.

Those attending were:


Visitors: Undergraduates from Cambridge: P. Walmsley and D. Ryden. From Blackburn: The Headmaster Mr. D. J. Coulson, The Chairman of Governors Mr. W. Hare, Mr. E. C. Marsden (Governor), Mr. R. Hunter (Bursar), Mr. H. King, Mr. F. Bury, Mr. T. E. Sharratt. Members resident in the Oxford area: Dr. N. T. Holden, Mr. C. P. Waring and the Rev. T. L. Walsh who travelled from Cumbria.

Footnote: It was later established that the first Oxford OB's Annual Dinner was held on 6th November 1926, when at the instigation of Henty Schollick the five OB's in residence at Oxford met at the Clarendon Hotel and invited Mr. J. W. Marsden—Chairman of Governors at the time to be their guest. For the record these five were: H. F. Brookes, J. B. Ellis, A. Scales, H. L. Schollick and W. Simm.
Two major EEC grants totalling £110,000 have been awarded to Dr. James Houghton who, is carrying out research into radiation and genetics at University College, Galway, where he is a lecturer in the Department of Microbiology.

Mr. Houghton attended QEGS from 1955–62 and proceeded to Liverpool University where he graduated Honours B.Sc. in zoology and genetics and later received his Ph.D. at Liverpool.

The grants have been placed with Dr. Houghton by the EEC agency, Euratom, as part of a Community-wide study of the biological effects of radiation and its risks to man. He received the awards after submitting details to Euratom setting out his work so far and his plans for the future.

Harry Ingham to retire

MR. Harry Ingham (1929–37) retires from teaching at the end of the summer term after 29 years in the modern languages department of the School.

As a boy at School, he was Captain of Raleigh House and Vice-Captain of School Cricket. He graduated Hons. B.A. in modern languages at Wadham College, Oxford in 1940 and later was awarded his M.A.

During the war, he served from 1940–46 with the Army in India and Burma.

He was a master at Taunton’s School, Southampton for two years before joining QEGS in 1948.

During the last two years, he has been in rather poor health and following a recent set-back he decided that he must take things more easily and announced his impending retirement.

Professor appointed at Salford

Professor Trevor Angus Villiers has been appointed professor of biology in the biology department of Salford University. Professor Villiers who attended the School from 1942–47, graduated Hons. B.Sc. in Botany and later obtained his Ph.D. at London University.

After lectureships in botany in this country he spent two years lecturing at Makerere University, Uganda. In 1961 he returned to the UK to take up a two year ICI fellowship at University College, Aberystwyth. Three years later he went to Natal University, Durban, as a senior lecturer in biological sciences. He became professor of plant biology in 1966 and was made head of the biological sciences department in 1972. Since 1975 he has been Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University.

Professor Villiers’ chief research interest is seed physiology and he has published papers on this subject and also on marine biology as well as a book entitled “Dormancy and the Survival of Plants”.
OLD BLACKS’ ANNUAL MEETING

Bigger profit for Lammack Club

THE football club held its annual meeting at the pavilion, Lammack, on 25th May.

The president, W. K. Forbes, and chairman S. Tart and 15 members were present.

Last year saw Geoff Shepherd’s table tennis section get well off the ground and it had had a very successful season in its first year. First and second teams finished well up in the league and the first team won the league Handicap Knock-out Cup. This was a knock-out cup for all the teams in the league.

The chairman reported that a great deal of time and effort had been put into improving the pavilion during the past year and in particular, near enough the whole of the inside of the pavilion had been painted and decorated. Ian Brown had organised the general clean-up of the club very satisfactorily and on many occasions had been the only one to put in the time and effort. The services of a new cleaner had been obtained during the past year. During the year, proposals had been put forward for the improvement and extension of the kitchen and following some quite lengthy discussion at committee meetings, it was ultimately resolved that the expenditure contemplated was not justified, bearing in mind the other items of expenditure which would be cropping up during the following year and also the comparative lack of use to which the kitchen was put.

Under its new Chairman, Geoff Shepherd, the bar committee had again functioned more satisfactorily during the past year and had produced excellent figures and an improved profit.

The chairman said moves were being made to obtain the services of another brewery. There would probably be some sort of sharing basis with the existing suppliers.

During the year the club had obtained the services of a groundsmen, Mr. O’Hara, who was doing the job very satisfactorily both in marking out the pitches and in cleaning the changing rooms after use on Saturdays.

The pitches had stood up well during the past season and the further improvement included one or two new drains in the bad patches on the first XI pitch and also the introduction of a further perimeter drain at the top left hand corner of the small pitch. The past year had been yet another year of varied and enjoyable social functions.

Geoff Shepherd and his wife Denise, had organised some excellent folk concerts; the Christmas dances had gone particularly well, raising £550 and the social committee was thanked for its efforts and also congratulated on its ticket allocation system for these very popular dances.

The chairman also mentioned the Thursday folk nights which were as popular as ever and which brought in valuable revenue to the bar.

Alan Blackshaw presented the accounts which were very satisfactory. Unfortunately Alan had expressed his desire to resign as treasurer which was reluctantly accepted.

Keith Sharples was thanked for promoting the Christmas Draw, which had realised £301.

A fruit machine had been installed and was proving to be quite profitable.

The ladies committee donated £450 to the general funds of the club. Very regrettably at the ladies committee last meeting, it had been decided that the committee should be disbanded. The ladies felt that they had ceased to prove a worthwhile function in the running of the Club and there also appeared to be differences of opinion among its members. The Chairman hoped it would not be long before the ladies committee, in some form or other, was reformed.

Steve Tart and Geoff Shepherd had tied for Clubman of the year. After a show of hands, Steve Tart was elected Clubman of the Year 1976/77.

The chairman thanked Pete Browne who had taken over the chairmanship in the middle of the year due to the unfortunate circumstances in which the chairman’s seat had been vacated by Mr. Ernest Wilkinson. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, Peter Browne had to resign as chairman and Steve Tart had taken over.

THE School gained a record number of seven open awards in the Oxford Scholarship examinations last December. The successful pupils were W. C. Ghadwick, Open Exhibition in Mathematics, St. John’s College.

M. C. Cooper. The Michael Ashcroft Open Scholarship in Mathematics, Magdalen College.

S. J. Davies. The C.E.G.B. Open Scholarship in Natural Science, Keble College.

G. R. Foster. Open Exhibition in Natural Science, Wadham College.

C. J. Garratt. Open Scholarship in Natural Science, Magdalen College.


G. T. Swift. Open Exhibition in Natural Science, Balliol College.

Mr. Norman Jepson (1918–22), Vice-Chairman of Governors of QEGS, a magistrate for 21 years, retired from the Bench in June, 1976. He was Chairman of the Friday Bench of Blackburn Magistrates.


South Lancs. dinner

The South Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the Old Blackburnians’ Association held their Annual Dinner on Friday, November 19th, at the Cotton’s Hotel, Knutsford, where old boy Derek Bradley is "mine host."

As usual, we were right royally wined and dined in a most convivial atmosphere.

Mr. Harold Ramsbottom organised the event and presided. After the loyal toast, proposed by the Chairman, Mr. Roger H. Pearson welcomed the guests and Mr. William Hare, chairman of Governors, replied. He concluded by inviting the company to drink a toast to Mr. Harry King, who was retiring at the end of the Autumn Term. Mr. King suitably replied.

Old Boys’ Successes

NEWS IN BRIEF

Scapa ad manager

The Blackburn-based Scapa Group have appointed David Ward group advertising manager.

David, at School from 1952 to 1958, was managing director of Lee and Nightingale Advertising, Liverpool.

He studied commercial art and advertising at the Harris Art College, Preston, after leaving School, then spent four years in the advertising department of Walpmur, Darwen.

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OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES cont.

R. B. Prest (1962–72)
Awarded Diploma in Rural Estate Management, Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. Appointed to a post with E. G. Hothersall & Sons Ltd., Preston.

G. H. Redman, M.A., Ph.D. (1957–64)
Qualified as a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries.

J. J. Riley, L.L.B. (1965–72)
Awarded second class honours in part two of the qualifying examination of the Law Society.

C. Robinson (1967–71)

G. J. Robinson, B.Sc. (1944–51)
Appointed to the Board of Feed Services (Lifestock) Ltd., Corsham, Wiltshire.

D. J. Rowland (1959–65)
Awarded the J. W. Rafferty Memorial Prize and the A. E. Walker Prize in the Savings Bank Institute qualifying examination.

R. J. Sansbury (1964–72)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Building Technology, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. Appointed to a post with Middletons Building and Engineering company.

I. Tranter (1966–72)
Graduated B.A., First Class Hons Engineering Science, Balliol College, Oxford University. Awarded the college Jenkyn's Prize for the best final year project and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers Prize for Engineering Science. Appointed to a post with the Ministry of Defence Radar Establishment, Malvern.

S. P. Walker (1966–73)
Awarded Higher National Diploma in Business Studies (Marketing) and the Diploma in Marketing of the Institute of Marketing, West Bromwich College of Commerce. Appointed Publicity and Promotions Officer, Automotive Products Ltd, Manchester.

A. J. Simpson (1965–72)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Applied Biology, Hatfield Polytechnic.

A. G. Walsh, B.A. (Oxon.) (1962–71)
Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Law, Cambridge University.

Appointed a Minor Canon and Precentor of Durham Cathedral.

M. J. C. Wilcock (1964–72)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Economics and Sociology, Bristol University.

I. Whittaker (1965–73)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Management Sciences, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

J. Whittaker (1966–73)

J. A. Whittaker, B.Sc. (1964–71)
Elected a graduate member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

P. Yates (1966–73)

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Harry King retires after 42 years

HARRY KING stood up at the December dinner in main School and almost regretted having retired a few days before.

It was the advent of 13 girls in the sixth form which had Harry joking that he had thoughts of staying on to prove there is life in the old dog yet.

But in 42 years of teaching, he had had his “money’s worth”, he said — not the least in telling boys how much better they were than their fathers.

The rolls will now be reversed as former pupils will surely tell their sons how good Harry King was as a Teacher, House Master of Grenville and an outstanding worker for the Old Blackburnians’ Association.

As guest speaker the Provost of Blackburn, the Very Rev. Lawrence Jackson said: “Chemical formulae may be forgotten — but not Mr. King.

The Provost, a Governor of the School, stepped in for County Councillor Jack Ashton, chairman of Lancashire Education Committee, who was involved in a minor car accident, to reply on behalf of the guests.

He had the 170 diners in stitches with his witty replies and humorous anecdotes as he had as guest three years ago. The night was more a “benefit” for Mr. King, he said, than an annual dinner.

Mr. King was the type of teacher who was needed these days — one who gave himself to the job and his pupils — one who lived and enjoyed being a teacher.

Mr. King retired the week before the dinner after 32 years at QEGS.

He entered School as a pupil in 1923. He represented the School at football, was a prefect and captain of Frobisher. He left in 1930 to read chemistry at Manchester University. He graduated in 1933 and gained a teaching diploma a year later and began teaching with Lancashire County and then at Blackburn.

He spent the war years with ICI in the Chemical Warfare department of the Ministry of Supply and joined QEGS Staff in January 1945.

He became assistant house master of Grenville and House Master in 1956. He was appointed senior chemistry master a year later.

He was appointed senior science master on Dr. Tyler’s retirement and first chairman of the Staffroom committee in 1970.

He has been in charge of the scientific society throughout his career at QEGS.

He has been a life-long member of St. Barnabas’s church, Blackburn, and was Sunday school superintendent for 35 years.

He is vice chairman of the parochial church-council; manager and treasurer of the day and Sunday schools and a former warden.

He has also worshipped at St. Mary’s, Mellor since moving from East Park Avenue, Blackburn, to Whitecroft Lane, Mellor.

He was the first lay chairman of Blackburn Deanery Synod and is vice chairman and treasurer of Blackburn and District Church Schools Association.

Mr. King has been president of Blackburn Schools’ Sports Association, chairman of Blackburn Schools’ F.A. and a judge at Lancashire Schools’ annual athletics meeting.

He is a member of the science advisory committee of Blackburn College of Technology and Design and a former president of Blackburn Philosophical and Scientific Society.

He is, of course, also a very keen follower of Blackburn Rovers and for which he deserves all our sympathy!

Although Harry has retired — he has been kept very busy with his church affairs — but most of all with the compilation of *Magister*.
‘Old girls’ likely soon in the OBA

IT NOW seems likely that membership of the Old Blackburnians’ Association will soon be open to girls.

After meetings full of heated arguments, the committee agreed, almost unanimously, last month to propose a change of rules which would allow women into the Association.

It could mean a packed Lammack club-house in November if old boys have strong views against admitting girls.

Send us your views. The committee is acting on your behalf, so drop a line to School marking the envelope “GIRLS”. Please give your dates at School.

The precise wording of the proposal will be in the notice of the AGM.

The proposals will be put at the annual meeting in November.

The headmaster Mr Johnston, thought it would be folly to fight the inevitable. Girls had been admitted to the sixth-form and would leave this year. They were accorded the same privilege at School as the boys, why should they not be allowed to join the OBA?

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OUR NEW PRESIDENT

FOLLOWING the sudden death earlier in the year of the President of the Association, Mr Jack Hindle (Obituary Page 2), a small committee was set up to seek a new President. We have just had the news that Mr J. Eric Sagar (1919-25), a former long-serving treasurer of the Association, has accepted the committee’s invitation to be the new President of the OBA.
Obituary

O.B.A. PRESIDENT,

JACK HINDLE

It was with a deep sense of loss that we learned of the sudden death on March 22nd, 1978 of our esteemed president Mr Jack Hindle.

Mr Hindle, one of North-East Lancashire’s most prominent businessmen, was chairman of the international Scapa Group, one of the world’s leading producers of paper-making felts.

He was at QEGS from 1932-36; he was made a Governor of the School in 1970 and became President of the Old Blackburnians’ Association in 1976. He was generous in his support of the association and took an active part in our affairs. He presided at our annual dinners in Big School in his inimitable way, with skill and quiet dignity.

He was a Justice of the Peace and a trustee of Blackburn Trustee Savings Bank. During the war, he served with the Royal Tank Regiment, serving in Italy as a captain.

We mourn his passing and extend to his wife and family our sincere sympathy.

In the large congregation at his funeral service in Blackburn Cathedral on March 29th there were many members of the OBA, including a large complement of committee members.

H.K.

Thomas Pickup

Mr Thomas Pickup (1919-25), who died on July 25th, 1977, aged 68, was the eldest of four brothers, one or more of whom attended QEGS from 1919 to 1932.

Practically all his business life was spent in London.

During the war, he was commissioned in the Royal Navy, serving in minesweepers for four years.

Following his retirement, he moved to Christow, Exeter, where he continued to pursue his interests in philately, music and painting.

Col. N. Robinson

Col. Robinson a former Clerk to the Governors of the School, died on June 11th, 1977, aged 82.

He was a member of the family which had been connected with Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School since January 25th, 1819 when Mr Dixon Robinson was elected a Governor of the School.

Col. Nicholas Robinson was born in Clitheroe Castle where his father was steward to the manor and he was educated at Gresham School, Norfolk, later becoming a solicitor with the local firm of Robinson and Sons.

He had a distinguished military career serving in Egypt, Gallipoli, Sinai and France in the first world war and later took command of the 4th/5th Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment of the Territorial Association.

In 1946, he became the sixth member of the family to hold office of steward of the Manor of Clitheroe. In the same year, he took over as Clerk to the Governors and Bursar of the School when his uncle, Col. T. C. Robinson resigned from the post. He held this post until he retired in 1967. After his retirement he continued to take a lively interest in School and its affairs and his death takes from us a friend who was admired and respected.
WE were shocked to hear of the sudden death of our Headmaster, Mr Douglas J. Coulson, on August 1st, and it is with a sense of deep sorrow and loss that I write this tribute to his memory.

Mr Coulson took up his appointment as Headmaster to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in September 1965 in succession to Mr B. H. Kemball-Cook.

He was born and educated in Pocklington and was an Exhibitioner at St. John's College, Cambridge, where he read Honours English.

During the second world war, he was commissioned in the Royal Artillery and served with anti-aircraft units in India and Burma. He was mentioned in dispatches for gallant and distinguished services and rose to the rank of acting Lieutenant Colonel.

When he came to Blackburn he was already an experienced headmaster, having been Headmaster of Sir Thomas Adams’ Grammar School, Wem, Shropshire, and later Headmaster of Colyver's School, Horsham, Sussex, from whence he came to Blackburn.

SUPPORT

Soon after his arrival here we celebrated our Quatercentenary, in which he took a leading part. In the twelve years he was at QEGS, the school went from strength to strength in its pursuit of academic success and quality of life for its pupils.

With the full support of his governors and backed by a loyal staff, new buildings were erected including the new assembly hall block, the sixth-form centre, the Horncliffe extensions and the replacement of the “old huts”.

MUSICIAN

He established the school as an independent school following the withdrawal of the Direct Grant; he saw the advent of girls into the sixth form and above all, maintained and extended the reputation of the school as one renowned for its excellence.

He encouraged cultural interests and a keen musician himself, a pianist and singer, he fostered a love of music in the school and took an active part in the School music society concerts.

One of his lesser-known accomplishments was his skill with the paint brush and evidence of this could be seen hanging on the walls of his home at Lawn Bank.

HAPPY

Douglas Coulson was a gentleman, warm-hearted, always available to his staff who respected him as a Headmaster and also regarded him as a friend, and he ran the school with a kind but firm hand, insisting on a high standard of work and conduct. He believed in the Christian interpretation of life, which was reflected in all aspects of his own life.

He and his family worshipped at the Cathedral where he was a sidesman and also chairman of the Friends of the Cathedral and it was fitting that the funeral service and memorial service were held there.

I have so many happy memories of him, and recall with particular pleasure the many visits we paid together to branches of the Old Blackburnians' Association all over the country. He was a keen supporter of the Association and wherever a group of Old Boys gathered, he was ready and willing to honour them by his presence, often at some personal inconvenience.

UNUSUAL

He was a gifted speaker and the speeches he made on School occasions will long be remembered by those privileged to hear them.

In a letter I received just after he died from a contemporary, a well-known Old Boy who was head boy when I was a pupil at QEGS, and who knew Mr Coulson well, there is this comment: “I liked Douglas Coulson and have never heard anyone speak ill of him. This is unusual for a headmaster.”

I can think of no better way to end this tribute to my late headmaster whom I came to know intimately and for whom I had a very high regard.

H.K.
Mr Norman Thomas Holden
who was a nephew of Mr Arthur
Holden, a former headmaster of
Queen Elizabeth’s, died in the
Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford in
January, following a road acci-
dent six weeks earlier.

He was at School from 1925-
28 and proceeded to Caius
College, Cambridge, on a Tan-
cred Entrance Scholarship and
qualified as a Doctor of Medicine
and became a Fellow of the
Royal College of Surgeons.

For many years, he lived in
Enfield, London, where he was a
member of the London Branch
of the OBA. He was consultant
orthopaedic surgeon to the En-
field Group of Hospitals and
Mildmay Mission Hospital until
his retirement.

He lived in Lechlade,
Gloucestershire, where he and
his wife Brenda moved following
his retirement. He regularly
attended the Oxford OBA annual
dinner, an occasion he very
much enjoyed.

Bank manager
dies at 53

The manager of Bastwell
branch of the Trustee Savings
Bank, Blackburn, Mr John Dent,
died suddenly at his home on
August 20th.

He was 53 and attended
QEGS from 1934-40. Mr Dent
was closely associated with St.
Jame’s Church, Shear Brow,
Blackburn, where he was a
sidesman and formerly a church-
warden.

He lived in Revidge Road
with his wife, Bettine. They have
a daughter, Ann, and a son,
John (1967-74), who is reading
geography at Queen’s College,
Oxford.

N. K. JONES

Nigel Kirk Jones died in a
motor cycle accident in May last
year, travelling home from
Courtaulds’ factory in Preston.

He was a shift chemist in the
laboratory. He left school as
recently as 1974 and was on the
threshold of a promising career
in industry.
Dr Hugh Macklin
dies in Canada

Hugh Macklin was born on June 2nd, 1893, in the Isles of Scilly and, in 1903, moved to Whalley where his father was in general practice for many years.

Dr. Macklin owned the first motor car in Whalley and Hugh remembered its approach being heralded by shouts of: "Watch out, here comes old physick I!" Hugh attended Whalley Grammar School and, from 1907-09, Queen Elizabeth's. He continued his education at the Harris Institute, Preston, before emigrating to Canada in 1911.

From the start he settled as a farmer, in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, near Calgary. It was not until the 1960s he had any further contact with his old school when, by chance, he met two other Old Boys in Calgary.

When we started having Old Boys' dinners, he was a regular attender and took a keen interest in news of Blackburn and School. He often spoke of our 1971 dinner when the late "Doc" Tyler was our guest.

Hugh Macklin was a quiet and modest man, yet one who gave and received genuine respect. He was utterly classless, being equally at home with his farming neighbours, politicians or fellow-members of hospital boards. During the second world war, he and his wife opened their house to RAF personnel stationed nearby and also ran a youth hostel in a small cottage on their farm.

He was treasurer of the local Anglican church for many years and, up to the time of his death, was a member of two Calgary hospital boards.

Having farmed in Western Canada for more than sixty years, he contributed to a book on the history of his area and was interviewed for a television series on the early days of farming and ranching.

Until a few months before he died in his 85th year, Hugh was remarkably active. Even in his final illness, he had a great will to live, interested in everything which had been part of his life.

He passed away quietly on November 8th.

His life was a fine example of our motto, disce prodesse.

J. R. Maltby
Hugh Macklin's older brother, Dr. A. H. Macklin, was surgeon to Sir Ernest Shackleton's South Polar expeditions. The book "Shackleton's Last Voyage" is based on the detailed diary kept by Dr. Macklin.

Mr Macklin centre with, from the left, Dr. Frank Tyler, Dr. J. R. Maltby, Mr Roy A. Ashcroft and Mr Bob Darwent, at a dinner in Calgary on Friday, October 1st, 1971.

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EX-HEAD DIES IN AUSTRALIA

Mr Tom Chadwick, former headmaster of Ribblesdale School, Clitheroe from 1946-60, died in Australia last year, two years after he and his wife, Mona, emigrated.

He was at QEGS from 1914-19 and went to Ribblesdale School after spells as head at Heyhouses Endowed School, St. Annes, and St. Mary Magdalen C.E. School, Accrington.

He was a former Chairman of Lancashire Schools' Athletics Association and for many years was treasurer of Lancashire County Teachers' Association.

He had four books on history published. Five years after his retirement, Mr and Mrs Chadwick moved to Lytham St. Annes and later to Desmore, New South Wales, Australia, where sadly, he spent most of his time in hospital.

Move from F.O. to sports firm

Mr J. Bryan Houldsworth (1941-46) after a distinguished Foreign Office career has now joined Admiral Sportswear, a company which manufactures all types of sports equipment.

He joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1947 and was later posted to Nigeria. He also worked in Uganda with the British High Commission and from 1970-74, he was in New York with special responsibilities for textiles. Since returning from the USA, he has been on secondment from the Foreign Office to the Department of Trade and Industry in Nottingham, as senior export officer responsible for textiles.

Neil is new YC chairman

Mr Neil L. Chambers, A.C.A. (1962-69) is the new chairman of Blackburn Young Conservatives. He is also Treasurer of the Blackburn Conservative Association and Vice-chairman of Blackburn Conservative "Arrow Group".

Mr Chambers is a chartered accountant. After spending several years with a firm of accountants interspersed with one year as Assistant Group Financial Accountant for the Leyland Paints and Wallpaper group, he has now gone into practice on his own in Blackburn.

Graduate weds

D. I. Cassidy (1971-73), who is now taking a post-graduate course at Sheffield University, married last July.

Pass on a copy

It is evident from our correspondence that quite a number of OBA members are in touch with other old boys of the School who are not members of the Association.

May we suggest that if you know any old boy who is not a member of the Old Blackburnians’ Association, you pass on to him your copy of Magister (when you have read it) and tactfully invite him to join the Association. Subscription details are on the leaflet accompanying this issue of Magister.
Several miss meal in huge rush for tickets

THE ANNUAL dinner continues to be a tremendous success. Last year, 206 sat down in a packed Big School and annexe and several had to be turned away.

Chairman of the OBA, Mr Tom Hindle said at the annual meeting, it was unfortunate that those who missed tickets included several members, but it showed the importance of booking early.

Mr Harry King, who put in sterling work organising the evening, said ticket applications had come in much earlier than usual because notices of the OBA annual meeting had been sent out a fortnight earlier to comply with the standing orders for a change of rules.

The earlier replies could have been one of the reasons some regulars missed tickets.

There were two breaks at the dinner one after the meal and another mid-way between speeches. The speeches ended about 11 p.m.

It was a long evening, said Mr King, but he assured members of the OBA committee it would not go on as long again.

An extra fish course lengthened the dinner slightly. The meal was a great success especially for the caterers from Clayton-le-Moors who used the school kitchens to prepare the meal on their first occasion at West Park Road.

Once again, the football section staffed the bar and donated £30 towards the cost of bar fittings, contributing greatly to the success of the dinner.

Our late president, Mr Jack Hindle, who was, again, chairman for the evening, donated £15 for flowers for the top table and wines for the VIPs. The dinner made a profit of almost £29.

Accrington dentist, Mr Nigel Bramley-Haworth, proposed a toast to the School. His father Mr George Bramley-Haworth personnel manager for the Lancashire and Cumbria Trustee Savings Bank, at Blackburn, also attended as did his mother, Mrs Nen Bramley-Haworth the only the second woman to attend an OBA dinner in 51 years.

She attended as Mayor of Blackburn and made it a real family affair for the Bramley-Haworths.

I cannot help but feel that for my father and I, one of the last bastions of male chauvinism has come crashing around our shoulders, joked Nigel.

Perhaps he overlooked the act that Blackburn MP Mrs Barbara Castle was the first woman to attend the dinner in 1965.

The dinner followed the associations' decision to defer allowing membership to girls, who were admitted full-time to the sixth form last year for the first time in the School's 410 year history.

The chains of male chauvinism did fall away however with the presentation of a bouquet to the Mayor by the president Mr Hindle.

There was another deference to the presence of the lady Mayor — a display of flowers on the top table.

Col. John Whitaker (1905-10) stood alone, as the oldest old boy present, to drink with the president who, as usual, saluted old boys in the decade they left School.

The evening was tinged with sadness as many of the speeches ended with a display of flowers paid tribute to Mr D. J. Coulson.

Mr William Hare, chairman of the Governors, replied to Mr Bramley-Haworth's toast — the speech which Mr Coulson had so proudly given for more than 10 years.

Mr Coulson was dedicated to the School and would have been pleased that Queen Elizabeths had created a record of academic achievement this year, said Mr Hare.

There were 88.5 per cent pass in 'O' levels, 82.8 per cent in 'A' levels, 12 Peel Awards for the best 'A' level results in Blackburn, seven scholarships to Oxford, and one to Cambridge.

The first XI football team had not lost a match.

People are paying heavily to send their children here and this is our shop window. If we achieve results at the top, then other results must be all right, said Mr Hare.

He told diners the Coulson Memorial Fund had raised £700 and would go towards a portrait to be painted by old boy Mr Garth Edwards, of Lammack Road, Blackburn. The balance would be used for a scholarship in the name of Mr Coulson.

Mr Bramley-Haworth had said he was sure Mr Coulson would have preferred the association to look to the future with the same confidence he had shared and to put all their faith, trust and loyalty behind the new headmaster.

Mr Hare said there had been 87 applications for the position of headmaster and Mr Johnson, 41, had been a unanimous choice.

Mr Hare coupled the School Bursar and Clerk to the Governors, Mr Ron Hunter, with Mr Coulson in praising their loyalty and dedication to helping the

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Dinner is a family affair!

THE Mayor of Blackburn attended the annual dinner in Big School in December and made history.

The Mayor was Mrs Nen Bramley-Haworth and she attended with her husband, Mr George Bramley-Haworth, who was at school from 1928 to 1937.

To cap it all — her son, Nigel (1958-67) proposed a toast to the School and made the evening a family affair.
Ex-teacher carves new career in industry

Walter Sharratt (1948-54) writes:

“I was particularly pleased to have the June edition of Magister and most interested to read of the School going from strength to strength although at the same time it was sad to read the obituaries of so many ex-members of staff — quite the ending of an era.

I left the teaching profession in 1968 and have subsequently carved a career in industry. My current post is Administration Manager with Avon Cosmetics Ltd. The scope of my job includes personnel, accounting, transport, security and communications with quite a large staff.

I am delighted that QEGS has weathered the educational storms which have been so disastrous for many fine schools over the last years. I look forward to receiving Magister in the future and send my very best wishes to the School.

House Master has happy memories of School

MR J. B. Vent (1936-44), who is a senior House Master at Coventry School, which comprises two schools — Bablake School and King Henry VIII School, writes:

“I have very many happy memories of QEGS and although I have not lived in Blackburn for many years, having been at King Henry VIII since 1949, I still keep up a regular correspondence with old school friends, so I don’t miss much. We began to take girls in 1975 and this Easter I am taking my 25th annual trip to Paris. My party consists of 17 boys and 16 girls, plus a few colleagues, and after 24 such trips with boys only this is quite an occasion. We always have a fortnight’s camp in Guernsey at the end of the summer term and this will be our 28th when we shall have a party of about 48 boys. I run a couple of junior rugby sides (after soccer at QEGS too!); the junior cricket teams, act as business manager and treasurer for the dramatic society and music societies as well as chair the Old Boys’ Committee and act as branch treasurer for the A.M.A. Yes and I teach as well I French and Spanish as so many products of Leo Collier have done in the past.”

He concludes by offering his good wishes to Mr John- ston, adding “please be assured of my constant support of the School.”
MR Harry Brogden, a retired headmaster living in Hove, celebrates his diamond jubilee of entering School, with an account of the place at the end of the first world war.

Canon moves to seaside

The Rev. Canon Thomas Roderick Wilson, M.A. (1938-45) has been appointed Vicar of St. Christopher's Church, Bare, Morecambe.

Canon Wilson, who has been Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, since 1958, graduated in the Honours School of English at St. Peter's Hall, Oxford and trained at Salisbury Theological College before being ordained at Blackburn Cathedral.

He was appointed Rural Dean of Burnley in 1970 and was made Honorary Canon of Blackburn Cathedral in 1975.

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Dr. Christopher D. Lund, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.R.C. Obst., G., elder son of Mr. Derrick Lund, the School’s Domestic Bursar, has emigrated to Hong Kong where he is Medical Officer in charge of Community Health Project at Kwun Tong. Dr. Lund, who was at School from 1961-68, took his medical degree at Dundee University Medical School.

Nice one, Cyril!

Older readers of Magister will be interested to have news of Mr. Cyril A. Smith who was a member of the staff at QEGS from 1928-55. He was senior Classics master and Housemaster of Grenville. He now lives in Sunderland and in a recent letter to a friend and former colleague he wrote “I am still teaching Classics in a good private school here, lecturing for the University of Durham and writing in the Sunderland Echo.” You are speculating how old he is — he is 77! Nice one Cyril!
SCHOOL NEWS

12 PEEL SCHOLARSHIPS

The School was awarded 12 of 20 scholarships by the Trustees of the Peel Foundation Scholarship Fund. They are awarded for the best achievement at G.C.E. Advanced Level and are for students beginning their academic courses in September 1977. The successful QEGS students were: William C. Chadwick, Eli Heyworth Memorial Scholarship; Martin C. Cooper, Eli Heyworth Memorial Scholarship; Steven J. Davies Daniel Thwaites Memorial Scholarship; Richard A. Ryden, Daniel Thwaites Memorial Scholarship.

Other Peel Scholarships go to: Tariq Ahmad, David T. Brown, Graham R. Foster, Graham M. Gubbett, Clifford J. Garratt, David A. Holland, Peter J. Richardson and Steven Wright.

Scouts win first-aid shield

QEGS scouts won a place in the Lord Derby Ambulance Competition, beating five other teams from East Lancashire in a first-aid competition at Audley Range United Reformed Church, Blackburn, last month.

The scouts had to deal with a camping accident in which a girl had been stung by a bee and another had been scalded.

The trophy, above, was presented by Mr Alan C. Smith, St. John Ambulance County Commissioner for East Lancashire.

The scouts and their instructors, pictured above, are from the left, Mr C. Oversby, David Taylor, team leader Stuart Banks, Andrew Taylor, Mark Coward and Derrick Lund, School Domestic Bursar and assistant county director of St. John Ambulance.

Record nine open awards

THE School has gained a record of nine Open awards in last December's examinations.

The awards go to: Andrew Aspin, Open Scholarship (Demyship) in natural sciences at Magdalen College, Oxford, to study medicine.

Rachel Bagga, Open Scholarship in natural sciences at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, to study medicine.

Michael Bushe, Open Scholarship in natural sciences at University College, Oxford, to study biochemistry.

Roger Highton, Open Scholarship in natural sciences at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, to read chemistry.

In addition seven further places have been obtained at Oxbridge, to Gillian Belsham, at St. Hugh's College, Oxford, to study law.

Philip Duckworth at Magdalen College, Oxford, to study physics.

Michael Meadows at Balliol College, Oxford, to study mathematics.

Michael Winterbottom at Balliol College, Oxford, to study English.

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Organ Fellow

John Longstaff, eldest son of Mr Jack Longstaff, senior music master at QEGS has added another achievement to his long line of musical successes by passing the examinations to become a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists. John, a pupil at School, has just taken his G.C.E. Advanced Level Examinations and hopes to go to Cambridge.
GOVERNORS LAUNCH BURSARY APPEAL

As members of the Old Blackburnians’ Association will know, the School became Independent from September 1976. The Governors made this decision, consequent upon the Government’s action in withdrawing financial support to children at the Direct Grant Schools — the alternative was to be swallowed up in the local authority’s comprehensive structure.

For many years the School has been able and glad to open its doors to children with parents of limited means, through the availability of local authority free places and the national Direct Grant system of reduced fees. The Government’s action has now closed this door.

The Governors, therefore have launched an Appeal to enable the School to continue to provide assisted places. These will be awarded on academic merit and according to need and will keep the doors of Queen Elizabeth’s open to able children whose parents could not normally afford the full fee.

The Governors and Headmaster are determined that a substantial Bursary Scheme is made available to enable the School to remain both a local and national school of high academic reputation. It has, therefore, been decided to use the services of Richard Maurice Ltd, a firm of consultants with a wide experience in working with schools such as ours.

The School is most grateful for all the help it has received in past years and we confidently anticipate that members of the association and Old Boys generally, mindful of their own debt to the School, will contribute generously to this Scheme which is so important to the future well-being of the School. The Headmaster is on record as saying “The future of Queen Elizabeth’s is literally in your hands.”

Annual Dinner

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The president thanked Mr Derek Lund, the School’s domestic bursar who was a guest of his son after 21 years as toastmaster at the dinner. Old boy Mr Gordon Birtwistle, a member of the OBA committee who proposed a toast to the School two years ago, took over as toastmaster and introduced the speakers.

Blackburn auctioneer Mr John Singleton, a school governor, proposed a toast to the guests and chairman of Lancashire County Council M. J. Fitzherbert-Brockholes, replied:

He said the county would not be taking up any more places a Queen Elizabeths but added: “Who knows, at some future unspecified date, we may be able to help.”

He said he was disappointed at the narrow and doctrinaire approach to what where direct grant grammar schools.

I have no doubt though for the future of this School if only for the thriving old boys’ association which is concerned that the school should survive with excellence of teaching and academic success.

The spirit was summed up by Mr Bramley-Haworth: “We look back with nostalgia and look forward with confidence.”

OBA interest provides half fees for one boy

THE £2,000, lent interest-free to the School by the Old Blackburnians’ Association, will provide half a bursary for a boy who would not otherwise have been able to attend QEGS.

The headmaster, Mr Johnston said the interest only was being used and the capital was being left as far as inflation allowed.

The money, raised over four years, was lent, free of any instructions to its use, to be repaid on demand.

Fees for main school are £690 a year.

Mr Johnston told a meeting of the OBA committee last month at Lammack that 293 had taken the entrance examinations for 120 places at School.

Mr Johnston said he did not want to make cheque books an over-riding factor in having a boy at School. In view of this, the governors had agreed to accept 30 more boys this year, making a first-year of 150 boys.

This had meant the School was “bursting at the seams” but otherwise it would have meant missing 30 boys who were worthy of a place at QEGS.

Local firms had been generous in providing bursaries and Scapa had provided a bursary in the name of their former chairman Jack Hindle, our former president who died earlier this year (Obituary, Page 2).

Several committee members have contributed towards a bursary.

The Headmaster said £5,000 had already been raised this year which would help 32 boys entering School in September. This amount would need to be continued throughout their school life and be available for successive intakes.

Thirty-two boys, mostly from Blackburn, were benefiting from grants. We tried to help as many as we could”, said Mr Johnston. “One Horncliffe boy’s father was a disabled pensioner; another boy’s father had a lowly shopfloor job and his mother scrubbed floors to keep the boy at School.

A brochure and letter will be sent to old boys. “If we don’t get it across that bursaries are more important than the buildings which old boys and parents had generously contributed towards in recent years, then we could be in the position of other public schools which have only Arab oil sheik sons”, said Mr Johnston.

“We have one of the strongest academic first years for a long time. We have boys from Gisburn to Preston. We have to go outside the confines of Blackburn to survive. I regret this, but it is necessary. We have taken on six new members of staff — four from Oxford, two from Cambridge.

“There will be five streams with the extra 30 boys included mainly to keep faith with old boys. It has, even so, been more difficult to get a boy into the School this year, than at any other time.

E. W. GRAHAM (1928-33)

In the 1977 issue of Magister (No. 21) we recorded the death of Walter Graham. We have now received from his mother some further details of his career which we gladly print.

“He had a spell in the Scots Guards then joined the Civil Service and went on to Scotland Yard. The war came and he sailed for Calcutta at Christmas 1941 serving as an Investigation Officer in the Military Police. He returned home in 1945 as a Major and was awarded the M.B.E. and became an executive of the Transport Trading Board.”

Walter Graham was a friend and contemporary of Victor Whitsay (1928-33) now Bishop of Chester.
WHEN BOTTOM DROPPED OUT OF LOOTING!

Mrs Johnston teaches sixth-form mathematics and divinity. She doesn't just want to be a housewife, both wish to lead a life in the community. "I don't know what my wife will do yet but she will act as the school's hostess", said Mr Johnston.

Their daughter Virginia, 12, is interested in painting and music. She won an 11-plus scholarship to Boston High School. Their son, Andrew, eight, will go to Horncliffe in September after passing the entrance examinations.

PILLAGING
Andrew, who has a flair for woodwork and engineering, is keen football enthusiast — but he won't be following one H. King to Ewood, Manchester City is Andrew's team.

Andrew's father, however, has found Ewood connections. A former pupil from Boston, Simon Garner, is on the Rover's staff and Mr Johnston, had been at Barnard Castle School for five years. It is a boarding school, was direct grant and is represented on the Headmasters' Conference. As Mr Johnston says: "I have had associations with direct grant schools from my education until now. It is a tragedy the direct grant has been abolished."

"I am interested in keeping the grammar school for Blackburn and the surrounding area — including fund raising by bursaries for boys whose families could not normally pay £672 — from homes where fee paying is unusual."

"When the bottom dropped out of robbing and looting, we went into the Lancashire Cotton industry", said Mr Johnston with a smile.

Well — when a man with such an impressive academic record in history tells you that — are you going to disbelieve him?

'We'll gain ability if fees kept keen'

MR JOHNSTON became headmaster of Boston Grammar School exactly eight years to the day before taking up his appointment at West Park Road. He was aged 33. He took on a school with a longer history than QEGS.

The school received its charter in 1327 and existed purely as a souvenir. The stick which broke his nose and is used for corporal chastisement — it is kept keen' — for school discipline. QEGS has a reputation for first class academic with sharp wit

WHEN you enter Mr Johnston's study, it is quick to point out the lacrosse stick on the wall beside his desk is not used for corporal chastisement — it is the stick which broke his nose and is there purely as a souvenir.

He has a down-to-earth wit for an academic.

He keeps in touch with the popular and keeps his feet planted firmly on the ground — firmly that is, for a man whose interest has been in the clouds.

Mr Johnston spent his national service in the RAF where he finished as flying officer, although his eyesight was not good enough to actually fly.

His study includes paintings of planes by a member of the RAVR in Lincoln, of which he was Squadron Leader.

He left Boston with a few pangs. He was very happy there and well liked and respected. He was presented with a silver tea service from the school and a silver salver from the Old

Academic with sharp wit

Bostonians' Association. Another OBA!

Yet another side to this many-faceted man is his interest in religious education. He was a Diocesan reader in the Church of England and represented the diocese at Lincoln on the Diocesan Council. He was one of five Lincolnshire laymen in the House of Laity on the Synod and was on the standing committee of the National Society for Promoting Religious Education. This committee has Blackburn connections in that its chairman is the Bishop of Blackburn and its treasurer is the Ven. C. W. Carroll, a canon of Blackburn Cathedral.

Mr Johnston has also been connected with religious work for Tyne Tees television's epilogue.

With his background, it is not surprising to find Mr Johnston interested in Industrial archaeology. His fascination for local history and the industrial revolution should present him with a bonanza in and around Blackburn.
Shoe designer weds

Shoe designer, Mr Robin Walton Taylor (1959-65) married Miss Marjorie Dullenty, a teacher, at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, in July.

The couple went to Greece for a honeymoon and are living in Church.

£41 FOR MATS

Following the announcement in the 1977 issue of Magister that School-crested place mats would be made available for purchase by members of the association we are pleased to report that a total order of 236 was received.

The discount received as a result of this exercise amounted to £41, a useful addition to the general fund of the association.

We are most grateful to Mr Paul Price, our London Branch Chairman, who supplied the mats and who so generously gave the association nearly 300 mats for use at the annual dinner of the association, and used for the first time at the 1976 dinner.

Magister editor marries teacher

Staff award leads to job

John Thompson (1965-74) on leaving QEGS proceeded to Liverpool University and soon became involved in the production of the University’s Guild and City Gazette, becoming deputy news editor, news editor and finally editor. During his editorship, the newspaper was awarded first prize in a national student newspaper competition organised by the Daily Express.

He graduated last year, Hons. B.A. in politics and his part-time journalistic activities have led to a decision to make it his full-time career. He has been appointed to the staff of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph.

Mr Peter William Hobkirk (1951-58), a Life Member of the Old Blackburnians’ Association, and managing director of William Hobkirk and Son (Sewing Machines) Ltd married Christine Strutynski at Blackburn Register Office earlier this year.

Mr Gordon Askew (1958-68) and Miss Gillian Duncan were married at Christ Church, Quinton, Birmingham in August 1977. Mr Askew is a schoolmaster and the son of Mr F. L. Askew. Mr F. L. Askew is a dental surgeon in Blackburn, also an Old Boy (1929-39) and a member of the OBA.

Mr Colin Douglas Turton (1963-72) and Miss Christine Angela Bridge were married at Pleasington Priory in the summer of 1977. Colin is a bank clerk with Lloyds Bank Ltd.

Mr Richard Paul Horton (1962-70) and Miss Linda Garton were married at Christ Church, Bridlington in August 1977. Mr Peter Moizer (1963-70) was best man.

Mr Horton, who is a chartered accountant, and his wife have set up home in Nairobi, Kenya where they will stay for two years during which time Mr Horton will be working for his Manchester-based firm.

Mr Peter Allen, who was on the staff of QEGS from 1971-74 writes: “Yes, the rumours are confirmed I am married, very happy and spending much spare time converting two cottages into one.” Peter and his wife Sue live at 7 Grange Lane, Flockton, Wakefield.
SUBSCRIPTIONS are to rise. The whole Committee agreed that subscriptions, last raised in 1970, should go up — but it was split almost equally over the size of the increase.

There was some discussion on subscriptions, particularly bearing in mind the ever increasing cost of Magister which was what members in the main received for their subscription. There was no dissent within the meeting that the subscriptions should be increased, the only problem being the administration involved. However, it was plainly obvious that the subscriptions could not remain static indefinitely and the administration would have to be faced sooner or later and better it be sooner.

Annual fees were agreed at £2 — a rise of £1. It was proposed that life membership be raised to £20 from £15 but this was defeated by 14-12 in favour of an increase to £25.

Mr Carl Marsden expressed a wish, previously put forward with fair success the last time fees were raised, that life members who had taken out membership when subscriptions were lower, might like to “top-up” their subscriptions now.

Following the recommendation from the annual general meeting held the previous year, a further interest free loan of £500 had been made to the School on the same terms as the previous loan.

The bursary sub-committee had been unable to make any positive recommendation to the full Committee until the Governors’ proposals were known. It did however recommend that more positive action be taken to persuade school leavers to join the association and suggested a meeting at which a representative of the Association could talk to the school leavers. The Association had also written to the School advising it of its wish to assist in connection with a bursary.

Mr Hare, on behalf of the Governors, reported that the question of bursaries was very uppermost in the Governors’ minds and indeed assisted the School places already being advertised. A survey had been arranged for February 1978 with a view to considering fund-raising schemes for this purpose and he felt that it would be appropriate for the Association to consider the matter further when the outcome of the survey was known. It was agreed to adopt this course.

The treasurer presented the accounts, a copy of which appears below, and reported a profit of £3.01. He explained this was more or less totally due to the increased cost of Magister which had gone up by £26. He felt the Committee should consider whether or not the cost of Magister should be pruned in view of the increase in cost which would no doubt continue to increase. The association was still in quite a healthy financial position and again it was felt appropriate to request the committee to consider making a further loan of £500 to the School. The meeting then adopted the accounts and thanked the treasurer and the auditors.

OLD BLACKBURNIANS’ ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31st, 1978
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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 31st July, 1977.

(Signed) KENNETH H. MARSDEN, F.C.A.
WILLIAM HARE, F.C.A.

November, 1977
Call to cut Magister costs at annual meeting

MAGISTER came in for some scrutiny. Following the large cost of the last issue, the treasurer Mr Fred Bury asked if the committee could look into some way of reducing costs.

Mr John Duckworth, editor of the magazine, said a rise in labour costs and general costs of printing had caused the increase.

Suggestions over advertising and the size of the magazine were mulled over but the consensus was that the quality of Magister should not be lowered — it was after all, the main tightrope between economy and the magazine, said a rise in tribute to Mr King who, since for an excellent edition of quality.

Mr Duckworth was thanked for an excellent edition of Magister last year and he paid tribute to Mr King who, since retiring, had taken to the fourth estate with relish and success.

Any success last year was due to Mr King's enthusiasm. He wrote most of the news which gave Mr Duckworth more time to edit the magazine.

The following were unani­mously re-elected: The President, Mr Jack Hindle; the vice-Chairman, Mr Jim Warner; the Hon. Secretary, Mr David Forbes; the Hon. Treasurer Mr Fred Bury; the Hon. Auditors, Mr W. Hare and Mr K. H. Marsden.

Mr Bury indicated his desire not to be as involved with the treasurer's job as in the past and it was agreed that the Committee should consider the appointment of an assistant to Mr Bury.


The committee was at first split equally over the matter when it was first seriously raised last year, but gradually the majority swung in favour.

A sub-committee, set up to look into a change of rules allowing girls into the Association, was due to report at last year's annual meeting in November.

"Why should we change the rules just for a few girls?" asked Dr. Tom Riley.

Mr Marsden again raised a technical objection but denied being a male chauvinist: "I want to see equality wherever possible, if only to prevent their air of superiority!"

Mr Harry King tactfully suggested the girls form their own association. "There has been one application to join from a girl in the sixth form who is leaving this year. I have taught many of the girls and have high regard for them but I still do not think the association is ready to admit girls. Inevitably, there will have to be an association combining all former pupils. Old boys who have worked with these girls may later have a different opinion but old boys at the moment may not be ready for this step. The present time and structure of the association are not yet appropriate.

Mr King said about a dozen girls were leaving in September.

It was suggested that if several girls joined, they might like to arrange their own annual dinner.

Mr W. E. T. Walsh reported that the rules revision sub-committee had met and had put forward proposals. Mr Ken Forbes had proposed a change of rules, which had been circularised a fortnight before the meeting, to admit girls to the Association.

Mr Carl Marsden proposed that no change be made because of the strict letter of the rules which allowed for no amendments to circularised proposals to be put at the meeting. There then followed some heated discussion.

A suggestion by the chairman, Mr Tom Hindle, that the matter be referred back to the sub-committee, was agreed. It was also resolved that the committee consider the rule concerning notification for the alteration of rules — after Mr Forbes had queried this rule.

On January 10th at a meeting at School which the Headmaster, Mr Johnston attended, the question was raised again.

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The chairman, Mr Tom Hindle said the main purpose of the Association was to help the School and if admitting girls was going to help the headmaster, he should have the OBA behind him.

Last year, a woman was present for only the second time in the Association's 51 years — see Page 7.

Peter A. Atherton (1966-74) who graduated as a pharmacist from Manchester University is following a family tradition. Peter's father David Atherton (1943-51) gained a similar degree, B.Sc. (Pharmacy) from Manchester University in 1954, and his grandfather is a retired pharmacist.

Peter took up a position in Bolton prior to joining the firm of Atherton's Chemists Ltd. David, pictured above with Peter, was elected captain of Rishton Golf Club for the 1977-78 season.
OLD BOY PRESENTS SPEECH DAY PRIZES

SPEECH Day was held on May 11th when Old Boy Mr James Pomfret (1933-40), principal of Stranmillis College, Belfast, presented the prizes.

Mr Pomfret, who obtained a B.Sc. from London, an M.A. at Cambridge, and a M.Ed. from Manchester, taught at QEGS, Bedlington and Salford before being appointed first headmaster of the co-educational Cannock Grammar School, Staffs, in 1955.

Mr Johnston told parents: “I believe the cane and Bible are still appropriate symbols in our School crest and are not outdated as some people think.”

He said he had already had cause to use the cane and intended to continue doing so.

He said he intended to make himself “distinctly unpopular” over school uniform and asked for the parents’ co-operation to ensure high standards of dress among pupils.

“I put more store in students’ individuality being dependent on personality and character rather than extremes of fashion or an unempt attitude to clothing which often reflects an unempt attitude to studies.”

He made an “unashamed attack” on parents who allowed their children to take part-time jobs. He strongly disapproved of pupils, particularly sixth-formers, working at nights or weekends.

Holiday jobs to pay for little extras was permissible though, he said. It was a regular job he disagreed with. “There are employers ready to exploit youngsters and parents must resist such exploitation.”

Tom hurt in Bangkok crash

WE send our regards and best wishes to Tom Southworth (1948-54) who is recovering from a car crash near Bangkok, where he is British vice-consul in Thailand.

Tom, who has been featured often in Magister, was two months in hospital with head injuries and broken bones, including collar bone and ribs.

He was closely involved with the case of Rita Nightingale, the Blackburn nurse who was jailed for 20 years over a drugs offence. Miss Nightingale returned home in June.

Captain is vice-principal at college

Captain Harold Hirst (1929-36) has been appointed Vice-Principal at the College of Air Training, near Southampton. On leaving school Captain Hirst worked in the Borough Treasurer’s Department at Blackburn Town Hall. At the outbreak of the Second World War, he joined the Royal Air Force and became a flying instructor. In 1946, he joined British European Airways and after the merger with British Overseas Airways Corporation, he was promoted to Flight Operations Planning for British Airways. His wife Sheila (nee Harwood) is a former student of Blackburn High School for Girls.

Gold medal award for Dr Mercer

Dr. F. B. Mercer (1939-44), the inventor of Netlon and founder and president of Blackburn based Netlon Ltd has been awarded the Prince Phillip Award of the Plastics and Rubber Institute. This gold medal award was instituted in 1973 but has been presented only once previously. Dr. Mercer, who received the degree of Doctor of Technology at Edinburgh University last year, has received this award for the originality of his invention and for its remarkable development and application.

Dr. John M. Torry (1956-64), at present a lecturer in forensic medicine at London Hospital Medical College, has been appointed consultant pathologist with the Wigan Group of Hospitals. He was recently elected a member of the Royal College of Pathologists.

Tom Southworth is the vice-principal at college.

Lecturer appointed consultant pathologist


S. H. Goudie (1967-74), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Aeronautical Engineering, Bristol University. Appointed Graduate Engineer (Aerodynamicist), Bristol Aerospace, Warton.

C. J. A. Hargreaves, M.A. (1939-46), Appointed Chief Executive Officer for the County of Cleveland.

N. J. Harrison (1972-74), Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Warwick University.
ERIC KAY IS NEW HEAD OF SCIENCE

Mr Eric J. Kay (1937-43), above left, a member of the Old Blackburnians Committee, has taken over as senior science master at Queen Elizabeth's from Mr Harry King.

Mr W. Ellis Metcalfe (1948-56) is now head of the chemistry department at School.


Mr Eric West in welcoming the guests, made special reference to the new Headmaster, Mr P. F. Johnston and Mrs Johnston, who were attending for the first time.

The Headmaster, in his reply, paid tribute to the late headmaster Mr Douglas Coulson and gave news of the School and of the academic and other successes achieved during the past years. He also referred to the appeal launched by the Governors for the provision of bursaries to help children of parents of limited means, who might otherwise be unable to take advantage of the School's education.

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H.K.

Navy Career

Former head boy of the School, David W. Kemp (1966-77) has gained entry, by examination, to the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. He commenced his studies there last September.

Branches hold ladies nights

THE Cheshire and South Lancashire branch of the OBA held its annual Ladies' Evening on Friday, May 12th in the Cheshire Suite of the Bowdon Hotel, Bowdon, Cheshire.

The event was organised by the secretary of the branch, Mr Harold Ramsbottom, who proposed the Loyal Toast.

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THE Yorkshire Ladies Evening was held in Harrogate in April.

ALTHOUGH the evening was tinged with sadness by the loss of Douglas Coulson since the event last year, nevertheless everybody enjoyed the evening. We were especially pleased to greet the new Headmaster and Mrs Johnston, and also to welcome old friends from Blackburn, Ken and Madeleine Forbes. Mr Johnston gave us news of the School, including the splendid idea of setting up a bursary fund to help finance deserving students to come to QEGS.

Those present were: The Headmaster and Mrs Johnston, Desmond and Rosemary Carr, Ken and Barbara Chadwick, David and Joan Cunliffe, Ken and Madeleine Forbes, Charles and Marjory Harvey, Ron and Kathleen Hunter, Harry and Margaret King, Bob and Noreen Mayo, David and Betty Riding, Colin and Margaret Riley, Peter and Dorrie Ronson, Guy and Tan Shuttleworth.

Alex and Elizabeth McCarroll joined us later in the evening.

GMS

Captain reviews air cadets

Captain Colin McKeand Little, A.F.C., R.N. (1933-41) was the Reviewing Officer at the Annual Inspection Parade of the East Lancashire Wing of the Air Training Corps. held at Witton Park, Blackburn, last summer.

Captain Little had only just returned to this country from a Far East tour, where he was recently appointed naval attache to Japan and South Korea. He is a member of the Engineering Branch of the Royal Navy and was, for some years, a test pilot.

George is M.D.

The joint managing director of the progressive firm Northern Heat Treatment on the Whitebirk Industrial Estate, Blackburn, which is planning to extend for the third time is Mr George Wade, who is a member of the OBA and was at School from 1947-52. The company's main work is stress relief of large metal fabrications.
Old Blacks ‘seconds’ win title

By STEVE TART

OLD BLACKS Second XI carried the honours at Lammack this season, winning the Reserve Premier League.

In the Blackburn and District Table Tennis League, Old Blacks' First team won the second division championship by 20 points.

The Old Blacks Sevens again proved to be an excellent curtain raiser to the football season. However, after playing extremely well throughout the competition, the First XI were defeated in the final by Old Smithillians.

In contrast, the First XI performed poorly in the opening matches in the league, collecting only one point from the first five fixtures, but by mid-season, they had recovered well and were in a challenging position. Unfortunately they ran into a bad streak and slipped down the league, but they pulled themselves together and a good run took them well clear of the relegation zone, ending the season safely in tenth position.

The second team fared much better, getting off to a tremendous start and remaining unbeaten until December. With the enthusiastic leadership of Alan Pemberton keeping everybody on their toes, the side maintained its form to the end of the season and deservedly ended the season as champions of the Reserve Premier League.

The third team also enjoyed a good season running neck and neck with Broughton Amateurs at the head of Division 3A but in the end, Broughton proved to have that little extra consistency and the Old Blacks' challenge fell away.

Inconsistency proved to be the undoing of the Fourth team which never seemed able to put two good performances together but the signs were there for next season and high hopes are held for the Fourth's chances next year — as indeed they are for all the teams.

Table tennis

THE football club's second year in the Blackburn and District Table Tennis League has proved to be even more successful than last year.

The highlight of the year has been the First team winning the second division championship by 20 clear points. Unfortunately, they could not retain the knockout cup they won last year but the club did put up a good showing with the B team being beaten by the eventual winners in the semi-final.

The club enjoyed several individual successes particularly at junior level with S. Derbyshire beating A. Anson in the final of the Under 16 Championships, both of these being Old Blacks players. They combined later in the year to win the Blackburn League Handicap Doubles. The best senior performance was by Geoff Malloch who was the beaten finalist in the Blackburn League Handicap Singles.

The Long Search by ex-teacher

The recent 13-part TV documentary "The Long Search" was made by Mr Ronald Eyre who was on the staff at QEGS from 1952-54. It took him four years, swept him 150,000 miles around the world into 20 countries and cost nearly £1 million.

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Tops in table tennis league

GOLF

A thunderstorm sent golfers running for the safety of the bar in the Old Blacks competition on the evening of June 1st at the Blackburn Club.

About six had managed to complete a full round in the afternoon but thunder, lightning and heavy rain washed out any hopes of finishing.

The competition was switched to June 8th. Thirty-two entered.

Ian Warburton, from Blackburn, won the Judge Walmesley Cup for the best net score with 76-13-63.

The runner-up was Arnold Sharpies (1946-52), vice-captain at Blackburn, with 78-14-64.

Peter Street, from Wilpshire, broke the hold of Blackburn members to take the Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup with a best gross 76.

The Old Blacks 1977 Annual Golf Competition was held at the Wilpshire Club and David Dunn (1941-50), captain of the home club, won the Judge Walmesley Trophy, the runner-up was David Hollen (1946-51). The Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup for the best gross score went to George Looms (1939-44).
Chaplain meets former pupils after 20 years in Australia

OXFORD BRANCH DINNER

A MOST welcome visitor at the annual dinner of the Oxford branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association was the Rt. Rev. Peter Mayhew, who was a member of the teaching staff at QEGS from 1932-34. After spending over 20 years in Australia, he returned to England in 1974 and proceeded to do a B.Litt. at St. John's College, Oxford. He lives in Magdalen Road, Oxford and is Chaplain to an Anglican convent.

He was pleased to renew acquaintance with two of his former pupils who were also at the dinner — Mr. J. Lee (1928-33) and Mr. R. G. Ryden (1932-37). It was a doubly pleasant occasion for Mr. Lee who travelled from Blackburn, because his two sons were present Richard (New College, Oxford) and Derek (Peterhouse College, Cambridge).

The dinner was held on Friday, March 3rd in the Oscar Wilde room, Magdalen College, where about a dozen OEGS undergraduates are in residence.

The event was organised by Mr. David Watson who presided following an excellent meal. Mr. Simon Lea proposed the loyal toast. The President then welcomed the guests — particularly the new Headmaster — and proposed the toast to the School. Mr. Johnston, in his reply said how pleased he was to be invited (the dinner had been postponed from November to enable him to attend) and gave some details of his background and mentioned the fact that he took his first degree at Cambridge before proceeding to St. Peter's College, Oxford, and it was the latter "cap" he was wearing that evening. The President finally invited Mr. King to say a few words in the course of which he brought greetings and good wishes from the Old Blackburnians' Association. During the evening tributes were paid to the memory of the late headmaster, Mr. Douglas J. Coulson. Those attending were: from the University — D. J. Clark.

J. Lee, M.A., F.I.P.M. (1925-33), Elected President of the Aularian Association — the graduate association of his former college, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford University.

Representing the Cambridge undergraduates — D. J. Ryden

From Blackburn — Mr. P. F. Johnson (Headmaster), Mr. E. C. Marsden (Vice-chairman of Governors), Mr. R. Hunter (School bursar), Mr. E. J. Kay (staff), Mr. H. King and Mr. R. G. Ryden.

Resident in the Oxford area — Mr. H. L. Schollick and the Rev. P. Mayhew (former member of staff 1932-34) and from London — Mr. Jack Lee. (see below)

Personnel expert elected president

Mr. Jack Lee (1925-33) has been elected President of the Aularian Association — the graduate association of his former college, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.

Mr. Lee, who is an industrial relations expert, graduated in honours Modern Languages from St. Edmund Hall in 1936 and has held several important posts in industry, including employee relations adviser with Shell International, overseas adviser for industrial and human relations to Imbucon Ltd., President of the Institute of Personnel Management, Committee Member of the Overseas Employers Federation, Council Member of the Industrial Society and Director of the Working Together Campaign set up in 1972 under whose auspices he visited Blackburn in 1975 as chairman of a seminar for members of the Lancashire-based Cotton Training Board.

He is keenly interested in football and gained his Soccer Blue at Oxford, playing in the Varsity matches of 1934, 1935 and 1936. He played for the Corinthian Football Club for whom he was cup-tied in 1935-6 and of which he is still a member.

He also played for three years as an amateur for Blackburn Rovers, including the famous cup-tie against Accrington Stanley in 1937.

Cheshire 'stag' party

FIFTEEN members and guests attended the Cheshire and South Manchester branch annual "stag" party on Friday, November 25th 1977, in the executive suite at the Bowdon Hotel, Bowdon, Cheshire.

At the beginning of the evening, the company stood in silence in memory of Mr. Douglas Coulson who regularly attended these functions.

The Loyal toast was proposed by secretary of the branch, Mr. H. Ramsbottom, who also welcomed the guests.

Mr. E. J. Kay, senior science master at School replied on behalf of the guests.

Those attending were: (from Blackburn) Messrs. Ron Hunter, Eric Kay, Fred Raby and Harry King; (from the branch) Messrs. Brian Batey, Ian Batey, Herbert Marsden, Harold Mayo, Dennis Martin, John Mosci, Harold Ramsbottom, Eric Taylor, Eric West, Dr. Stanley Hindle and Dr. Herman Morris.

VISIT TO LAW COURTS

DURING the summer, 35 old boys and guests of the London branch visited the Middle Temple of the Law Courts.

The visit was organised by courtesy of Mr. Peter Murphy, and a splendid evening was rounded off by attending the local pub for the remainder of the evening.

Since then we have held two informal pub evenings at "The Old Chesterfield", Mayfair. These were "come-if-you-can" evenings, the only obligation being to keep up with the others when drinking! On the first of these evenings, Oct. 20, 15 members attended, did a great deal of drinking and talking, then staggered off into the rain at closing time.

We held the second pub evening on Jan. 19, and although there were one or two members less than in October, the evening was none-the-less most enjoyable and intoxicating.

Needless to say, it is hoped to hold more similar pub evenings in the near future.

Michael Stirrup
The convener, Dr. Roger Maltby, sent us the mouth-watering menu, together with the wine list on which each member present had recorded a brief message.

Dr. Maltby wrote: "We have enjoyed an excellent QEGS Old Boys dinner at the above named restaurant ... Mr Bob Darwent cryptically said: 'Wish you were here — they have just brought the bill'. Golfer Dr. Ian Oates of Edmonton, able to attend for the first time, and banker Mr John Morris both said how much they had enjoyed this meeting of OB's whilst Dr. Roger Pilkington referred to his visit to School two years ago when we invited him to address the School Scientific Society. Amongst Mr Roy Ashcroft's other remarks was an inquiry about the 'old huts'. The original huts have now been replaced, of course, by a more substantial building, but they were certainly there when Roy visited us at School several years ago, and took some photographs around school.

Mr Ashcroft has been elected Councillor Ashcroft of Trochu — congratulations!

Unfortunately the oldest and one of the most regular members, Dr. Hugh Macklin, was unable to attend. Dr. Macklin, we regret to say, died a few days later. He was in his 85th year and Dr. Maltby has written about him on Page 5.


In his Christmas letter written in December Dr. Maltby referring to the weather wrote, 'We are in the middle of a second cold spell in three weeks and the countryside looks very Christmassy. The thermometer dipped to —30°C last night and the day temperature is not much higher although with a light covering of snow and a clear blue sky it looks very pleasant from indoors.' He went on to refer to the annual "Blackburn" evening for all-comers, not just OB's which this year was held at Bob and Meena Darwent's home. Old Boy Dr. Alan Lomax (1949-56) flew down 600 miles from Fort St. John to attend.

Mr Raymond Etherington (1939-43) has accepted the challenge of his life and has gone off to live and work in Saudi Arabia. He is part of the team of experts Norweb has recruited to work on the £5 million electricity supply project which it has won in Saudi Arabia.

Mr Etherington, who was in the drawing office at the Jubilee Street, Blackburn, offices of Norweb, is likely to be away two years, but he will be able to make frequent visits home.

Kevin Wiggins (1960-69) has earned himself the title "super-salesman". He was a member of the team from commercial vehicle manufacturers, Hestair Dennis Ltd, of Guildford, Surrey, which won a £10 million export order for municipal vehicles from Libya. He read Spanish at Sheffield University, then went to Stoke-on-Trent Polytechnic. He speaks French, Portuguese, Spanish and Italian.

Lance J. Pennell (1964-71) an Honours B.Sc. graduate from Newcastle University, who was commissioned in the R.A.F. as a pilot three years ago is now from an RAF station in Germany. He has also successfully completed a course at the RAF Winter Survival School in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps, near Oberammergau.


E. G. Godwin, B.A. (1965-72), Appointed an Inspector of Police in Hong Kong.
Recollections of School — 60 years on

Off to O.B. dinner in the Rockies...

Mr Eric I. Whittle, Careers Master and Master in charge of General Studies at School visited his brother in Calgary during the Easter holiday and looked up some of our Canadian members. He has kindly written the following for Magister.

Perhaps most OB’s dinners include follow-up invitations to other events, a natural corollary to the meeting of old friends who haven’t seen new developments, but I doubt if any has ever before included an invitation to go to a cattle ranch. That, however, is exactly the offer which occurred during the dinner at the Lake Bonavista Inn, Calgary, Alberta on Saturday, March 25th, 1978.

The dinner had been arranged by Dr. Roger J. Malby (1948-53) after he had heard that my family and I were to holiday in Western Canada over Easter. At first the arrangements were tentative and by long-distance air mail; once we were in Canada the dinner list of guests were confirmed by telephone. This apparent leaving until the last minute was necessary because of the great road-distances some had to travel and the difficulty of such travel had the Canadian winter snows not loosened their very fierce grip. In fact the day couldn’t have been finer, even though the temperature was well in the minuses.

Prior to the dinner in the clear cold sunshine of the afternoon, my whole family was invited to Roger Malby’s home for tea. The journey there took us out to the prairie along a country dirt-road North West of Calgary itself. Once we had been welcomed and had taken off our shoes... a civilised Canadian habit to save the wear (and colour) of carpets... we were shown into a lounge a window of which created another picture, but in its case not of home-reminding streets in Blackburn or Darwen; not even of fond views of the English Lake District; but of the real, vast and breath-catching splendour of the Rockies. What a view! — What a splendid setting in which to take afternoon tea... such a foreign habit to Canadians; and what a considerable way, especially when one is a stranger 6,000 miles from home, to preamble an OB’s dinner.

GLORIOUS VIEW

Perhaps it was because of the afternoon’s events that we weren’t the first to arrive at the Lake Bonavista, for already there were Charles R. Darwent (1947-54), now in private practice as a barrister and notary public in downtown Calgary, and John Morris (1960-67) who is the Assistant Administration Manager with the Royal Bank of Canada in the sky-scraper block also in Calgary. During the introductory drinks we were joined by Roy A. Ashcroft (1945-52) who had stolen time off from his veterinary practice in Trochu some hours distant and — chiefly because I am an Old Boy of Preston Grammar School (a really ancient foundation, but now, alas, no more) — Roy had brought with him Harold Jepson ex-P.G.S. but now a Superintendent of Schools in Didsbury, Southern Alberta.

The two or three highlights of the evening were the glorious view over the flood-lit but solidly frozen lake; the pleasant competitive banter concerning two schools, one of which no longer existed, in far away England; and the way that, as the clock ticked on, these new Canadians allowed their voices to slip into the flat tones of North East Lancashire. Perhaps this was a luxury only affordable after the dishes had been ordered just to avert the difficulties which would most certainly have arisen, if the waiter had not received his orders in the usual drawl.

BELLOWSING

It was at drinks after the meal in one of those over-darkened rooms so beloved across the Atlantic (its rumoured that this over-use of the dimmer switch is so that customers cannot see just how little Rye Whisky is lurking amongst the boulders of ice in the glass) that Roger gave me the invitation to take my children to his cousin’s ranch on the following Tuesday. The main object of this proposed visit to the rolling land south of Fish Creek was to see newly-horn Hereford calves. With this mention of cattle, Roy Ashcroft picked up his ears, obviously aware that, despite the lateness of the hour, he should be back in Trochu plying his trade among the bovine livestock of his customer ranchers.

So it was that with the bellowing of ghostly cattle in our ears and with the sun well and truly set in the west, that the Calgary reunion dinner of 1978 came to an end. I’ve no doubt, however, that were any OB to decide to go Calgary-way in the rest of 1978 that a second reunion could speedily be arranged, especially since it just couldn’t occur in the calving season.
Old Boys’ Successes

A. Allsopp, B.A. (1964-70), Graduated M.B., B.S., University Hospital Medical School, London University.

B. Birtwistle, LL.B. (1950-57), Appointed Chief Legal and Liaison Officer, Central Lancashire Development Corporation.

J. R. Bradburne (1967-74), Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Law, University College, London University.


R. J. Carpenter (1967-74), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Accountancy and Commerce (Social Sciences), Southampton University. Appointed with a Southampton firm of Accountants.


Andrew E. Cowgill (1969-76) is training for a year as an evangelist, having successfully completed a year’s basic theological training at Cliff College, Sheffield. He was elected college chairman for the first half of the college year.

F. Crawford-Grundy, B.Sc. (1957-64), Graduated Master of Business Administration, School of Management Studies, Cranfield Institute of Technology.

D. M. Comberbach (1967-74), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Biochemistry, Manchester University.

P. S. Crozier (1972-76), Awarded an organ performance diploma, Royal College of Organists.


C. Eccles (1965-74), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Pharmacy, Manchester University. Appointed trainee with Boots the chemists.


M. A. Gorton (1967-73), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons English Language and Literature, Hartfield College, Durham University.

Stephen P. Gosden (1965-71) is studying for two years for his Master of Business Administration degree at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, Boston, USA, on a Teagle Fellowship.

Now I’ve seen everything, said Harry King...

"NOW I’ve seen everything!" was Harry King’s reaction. Everyone else applauded or just stared in amazement. The cause of the sudden lull in the conversation was the entry, in full regalia, of a Scottish Highland piper who was leading four waiters bringing in the main course of the Dinner of the London Branch of the Old Blackburnians’ Association. The setting was the Domino Room of the famous Cafe Royal in London’s West End on Friday, April 21st, 1978, when 28 members and guests met for the AGM and Dinner of the branch. Before sitting down for the meal the company stood in silence in memory of Douglas Coulson, former Headmaster. It was, as usual, a friendly, lively, and liquid evening which was en-
OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES cont.


P. C. Olsen, B.A. LL.B (1954-60) who now lives in South Wales has become articulated with the firm of Myer Cohen, Mallia and Wigley of Barry in South Glamorgan.


D. Pugh (1964-71), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Humanities (French and English), Huddersfield Polytechnic.

P. F. Ramage (1967-73), Graduated B.A., First Class Hons. English Literature, Corpus Christi College, Oxford University.


G. H. Riding (1967-74), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Chemistry, Bristol University.

N. J. Riley (1964-74), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Joint Hons. Geology and Zoology, Bristol University.


V. Robinson (1968-73) Graduated B.A., First Class Hons. Geography, St. Catherine's College, Oxford University.

Policeman Michael Schofield (1960-65) has been promoted to sergeant with the Lancashire Police Force. Sergeant Schofield is a traffic officer and will continue to be on mobile patrol in the Blackburn area.


Chief Inspector N. B. Woodend (1943-47), Promoted Superintendent of Police, Blackburn sub-division.


Dr. A. J. Whitaker, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (1961-68), Awarded the Fellowship of the Faculty of Anaesthetists, Royal College of Surgeons. Appointed Senior Registrar in Anaesthetics, South Trent Training Rotation.

B. G. Whiteley (1968-74), Graduated B.Sc., Hons. Agricultural and Environmental Science, Newcastle University.


Don't forget...

Let us know of your appointments, retirements, weddings, degrees, moves.

Don't rely on others

Tell us now — write to School and send us an up-to-date photograph — we'll return it.

Thanks to all

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 them all.

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The Lord H. Woolley, C.B.E. (1915-17), Accoded the title of County President by the National Farmers' Union for outstanding service to agriculture nationally and internationally.

H. Yates (1934-38), Ordained priest in Liverpool Cathedral and appointed Honorary Assistant Curate at Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth, Warrington.
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READY FOR COWHEEL AND BLACK PUDS!

OUR headmaster is a Northerner, born at Burnage, South Manchester and has family links with North East Lancs, through a third cousin who was a vicar in Oswaldtwistle and came to the area during the war.

Mr Johnson's wife, Cynthia, who studied mathematics at New Hall, Cambridge, comes from Sussex. They were active in the Christian Union, where they met. Mr Johnson hopes to introduce his wife to cowheel, black puds and mushy peas when the family moves to Blackburn this summer!

New head chosen from 87 names

MR PHILIP Frederick Johnston, M.A. (Cantab.), B.A., B.Litt (Oxon.) took up his post as Headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's in succession to the late Douglas Coulson, on January 1st this year. There were 87 applicants for the post and he was selected from a short list of ten candidates.

He was Headmaster of Boston Grammar School, Lincolnshire, a boys' grammar school dating back to the fourteenth century, with nearly 600 pupils. He attended Manchester Grammar School where he was a Foundation Scholar and from which he was awarded a quasi-Exhibition to Christ's College, Cambridge. There he graduated in the Honours History Tripos and then proceeded to St. Peter's College, Oxford, where he obtained a Bachelor of Letters degree by research for the Faculty of Theology, and also his Post-Graduate Certificate of Education.

He has taught at Wolverhampton Grammar School where he was a sixth-form master and prior to his appointment as Headmaster at Boston in 1970, he was head of the history department at Barnard Castle School, County Durham.

He was a half-blue in lacrosse at Oxford and is interested in country life and hill-walking. He is a Rotarian, a member of the Council of the Historical Association and an active churchman; he is a Diocesan Reader, a member of the House of Laity of the General Synod of the Church of England and was a member of his Bishop's Council.

He is married with a son, Andrew, and daughter, Virginia and his wife, a Cambridge graduate, is a sixth-form mathematics teacher.

He was a keen supporter of the Old Bostonians' Association and showed an active interest in the Old Blackburnians' Association when he attended a committee meeting of the OBA on the evening of his first day at QEGS. The Association welcomes him to QEGS and pledges its loyal support.
The splendid portrait of the late Headmaster, Mr Douglas J. Coulson, was unveiled in Big School by Mrs Coulson, accompanied by her son John and other relatives, on October 26, 1978.

The portrait was painted by an old boy of the School, Mr Garth W. Edwards (1935-40) who very graciously waived his fee.

As a result of Mr Edwards' generosity the whole of the Coulson Memorial Fund, amounting to nearly £800, will go to the School's Bursary Fund to provide a scholarship in the name of Mr Coulson. (See page 17).
FORMER COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, JOHN SMITH, M.B.E., J.P.

WE regret to record the death of another very old boy. Mr John Smith, a popular and respected citizen of Longridge, died last December, a month after his 80th birthday. He was at school from 1910-16 and was Head Boy of his year.

His death brought to an end a life of dedicated service to the area in which he lived and to his native county.

He was first elected to the Longridge Urban District Council in 1940 and was the Council’s chairman over a number of separate periods. He was a Justice of the Peace and received the M.B.E. in the Honours List of January 1968, for public services.

He was also one of Her Majesty’s Commissioners of Income Tax. He held many public offices as well as serving on several committees.

In business he was a cotton manufacturer in the forefront of his trade, being a director of the firm of Messrs J. W. Smith & Sons Ltd. of Longridge.

He had great regard for the school and helped in the appeals to raise funds for the new buildings.

He was an ardent golfer and a former captain of the Royal Lytham St. Annes Golf Club and had a national reputation as a bridge player.

IN addition to those already mentioned, the following names of old boys who have died since the last issue of Magister, have come to our notice:

Richard A. Monk (1919-23); John Holden (1922-27); John Bolton (1924-30); Lawrence Taylor (1941-47); James Sharples (1915-18); Rev. Philip K. Challen (1912-15); Joseph King (1938-45); Gerald T. Holden (1920-28); Robert H. Sagar (1922-25); Leonard Ryden (1904-09); John Hoyle (1923-25); Mark H. Swinn (1969-78); George R. Slater (1931-37); Albert Lomax (1921-26); Fred Haworth Perkies (1915-20) of Hesketh Crescent, Swindon, who died April 13, aged 74. James Hunt (1935-40) of Parsonage Road, Blackburn (May 18).

Dr. Ben Holden


DR. Benjamin (Ben) Holden, who was in general practice at Macclesfield died on 22nd June after a heart attack the previous day during his customary attendance at Royal Ascot. He was 70.

Ben Holden was at school from 1920-26 before going to Queens’ College, Cambridge. He studied medicine at Cambridge and Guy’s Hospital and after graduating M.B.B.Chir. and taking the F.R.C.S.Ed. in 1935 he became a general practitioner at Macclesfield and built up a large practice.

Until 1973, he was also assistant surgeon at Macclesfield General Infirmary. During the war he was a surgical specialist with the rank of major and was mentioned in despatches.

He was active in medical politics and administration and nationally very highly appreciated. His obituary in the British Medical Journal records that he was “urbane, kindly and always courteous, he was indefatigably skilful in committee and negotiation, always appearing at ease and enjoying every moment, constantly working for the good of the profession and the interests of his colleagues and for the welfare of patients and public.

He will always be a model for those who met him, worked with him or were served by him.”

He is survived by his wife Lucy who also came from Blackburn (nee Hargreaves), and their daughter.
Lt.-Col. John Whitaker

WE regret to record the death of Lt.-Col. John Whitaker, one of our oldest old boys who was at school from 1905 to 1910.

He was knocked down crossing the road near his home in Mottingham, London, on September 3, 1978. He was taken to Queen Mary's Hospital but died on the way.

John Whitaker was a familiar figure at Old Boys' dinners both in Blackburn and London. He was a regular attendant at the Annual Dinner of the Association, travelling from London, often in difficult weather conditions.

For several years he was always the last to remain standing at the Annual Dinner during the short ceremony when old boys take wine with the President, signifying that he was the oldest old boy present. He was president of his First World War Old Regiments Association and each year, until 1977, he organised a parade and re-union in Preston.

FRANK SHORROCK

MR Frank Shorrock (1931-34) died suddenly on December 18, 1978, aged 58. He was taken ill at the Department of Health and Social Security where he was assistant manager. He was secretary of Blackburn Golf Club and well-known in golfing circles throughout East Lancashire.

HARRY COOK

IT WAS in July 1978 that news reached us of the death of Mr Harry Cook, on 1st November, 1977.

He was at QEGS from 1923-28 and on leaving school was articled as a solicitor with Mr Harold Marsden of Richmond Terrace, Blackburn.

He passed his finals in March before his 21st birthday in April and was spoken of in the press as the youngest solicitor.

In 1935, he went into local government in Reigate, moving to Crewe in 1936 as Deputy Town Clerk. From Crewe he went in 1943 to Abergavenny as the youngest town clerk in the country.

In 1946 he moved to Pontypool as town clerk where he stayed until he retired in 1971.

He then returned to private practice for a few years until he reached 65. He lived in Crosscyceiliog, Gwent.

W. KENNETH ELLISON

MR W. Kenneth Ellison died just as we went to press last year, after being taken ill at work. He was 50.

A native of Preston, he was at QEGS from 1939-46, and graduated B.Sc., Honours Chemistry, at King's College, Newcastle (University of Durham).

He joined the Staffordshire County Analyst's staff in 1955 became senior scientific officer with the former Trent River Board.

In 1962 he was appointed chemist with the former Lancashire River Authority.

Following re-organisation of the water industry in 1976 Mr Ellison joined the former Lower Ribble and Wyre effluent treatment unit as scientific manager.

He was appointed Divisional Scientist for Western Division when divisions were formed, the position he held at the time of his death.

JACK HAYMES

MR Jack Duncan Haymes, the agent of Lord Alvingham's Woodfold Estate and who lived at Alum Scar, died suddenly on 7th May 1978. Mr Haymes, who was at school from 1934-42 succeeded his father as agent of the estate, having previously worked with the district valuer's office in Blackburn and with Lancashire County Council highways and bridges department.

REX MAUDSLEY


Mr Maudsley who was at school from 1928-32 was trained at Durham University and Oak Hill Theological College and on ordination in 1940 became curate of St. Jude’s Church, Blackburn, where he remained for two years.

During the next ten years, he served in various parts of the country and then joined the staff at Lancaster Priory and was in charge of St. Anne’s Church, Lancaster.

Later he was Vicar of St. John’s Coppull for nine years, then Vicar of St. Jane’s, Darwen, before moving to become incumbent of Wray with Tattum Fells, near Lancaster where he remained until his appointment to Hoghton last year.

Arthur 'Monty' Montagnon

MR Arthur Montagnon (better known as “Monty”) who taught Mathematics at QEGS from 1919-24 died on 25th July, 1978, aged 85. He was for many years Head of the Mathematics Department at Leeds Grammar School.

His obituary in The Times records that “although latterly very infirm, he retained a keen mind, philosophical attitude and sense of humour.”

We were delighted to see him a few years ago at one of our London Branch Annual Dinners.

Eric B. Field

MR Eric B. Field who was at QEGS from 1915-19, died on 31st August, 1978, aged 71. He was deputy gas engineer and manager of Blackburn gasworks until 1945 when he moved to Rotherham. Later he returned to live in Wilshire. He is survived by his wife Ella.

WILLIAM SIMM

MR William Simm, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, has died aged 73.

Mr Simm was at School from 1919 to 1925 and read mathematics at Queens College, Oxford.

At School he was a prefect and as a member of the first XI he was a fearless goalkeeper, later playing for the Oxford Centaurs.

He joined the Civil Service and was a former manager of the Labour Exchanges at Blackburn and at Great Hannon.

He moved to Bristol in 1949 as assistant controller in the South Western Division of the Ministry of Labour.

He retired ten years ago and leaves a widow and son.
MR Frank Tyson (1924-31) was awarded the M.B.E. in the 1979 New Year's Honours List, for services to aircraft design.

Frank, who read mathematics at Pembroke College, Cambridge, graduating in 1934, retired at the end of 1978 after a life-time of service in the aviation industry. He was House Captain of Raleigh and School Cricket Captain in 1931 and he has maintained his interest in cricket ever since, continuing to play in local cricket until he was 50. He now takes his exercise on the village bowling green.

CHAIRMAN
He began his professional career in the design office of Fairey Aviation and subsequently worked for several aircraft firms, the major part of his career being spent with Handley Page, where he became Deputy Chief Designer.
He then was appointed Chief Engineer of Jetstream Aircraft Ltd before moving to Scotland in 1972 as Chief Designer, British Aerospace, Scottish Division, who have retained his services as part time Design Consultant.
He is also continuing his membership of the Royal Aeronautical Society Structures Committee on which he has served for more than 20 years being chairman for four years.

J.P. appointed deputy chairman
DR. T. E. Tomlinson (1939-46) has been appointed Deputy Chairman of the Bench (Forest Bench of Magistrates) and Chairman of the Juvenile Court Panel.
Dr. Tomlinson, a former School vice-captain and State Scholar, read chemistry at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he was awarded a Colonial Office Scholarship. He gained his Ph.D. in 1953.
He has worked for ICI for many years and is now Research Station Manager and lives in Wokingham.

MR Jeremy D. Paul has been awarded a research fellowship by the Royal Society under its European Science Exchange programme.
Jeremy, who was at School from 1965-72, married biochemist Hilary Grimes earlier this year.
He met his wife while both were students at Liverpool University where Jeremy graduated B.Sc. Honours Marine Biology in 1975.
He has recently been awarded his Ph.D. on the biology of the queen scallop at Liverpool University's marine laboratory at Port Erin, Isle of Man.
He is spending a year at the Instituto Espanol de Oceanografia, La Coruna, Spain, studying the cultivation and ecology of a species of mussel in the Galicia region of North-west Spain.

MR Eric Boyes (1954-61), deputy director of transport for Blackburn, has been appointed passenger transport manager at Portsmouth, in charge of the municipal bus fleet.
Darryl at the double

Darryl David (1957-67), now Danny Lester, cabaret artist and once half of the glamorous song and dance double-act known as "Milk and Honey".

He and his partner, raven-haired Gretchen Griffith, are preparing to leave their temporary haven of Blackburn for a three and a half month Mediterranean and Black Sea cruise on "The Odessa" as entertainers.

Darryl trained at the Drama Centre, London, for three years and concentrated on acting during the early part of his career. He gradually gravitated to the lighter side of his profession and appeared in several musical plays.

He and Gretchen, a trained ballet dancer and singer, met while both were working for a year with the Black and White Minstrel Show and teamed up two years ago. Since, they have enjoyed a great deal of success, working alongside many of the big names of show business and most recently have returned from a season of cabaret work in Northern France and Luxembourg.

BROTHERS RALLY ROUND IN LAKES

Two brothers, Nigel and Tony Worswick are making a name for themselves in motor rallying. Earlier this year Nigel confounded Britain's top club rally drivers on the Lakeland Stages events.

Against sponsored, factory-assisted teams, Nigel (1965-75) took a flying lead in his Escort Mk.I nicknamed the "Old Rat", after starting at the lowly number of 57. Unfortunately he slipped off the road trying to pass a slower car on one of the stages and the time he lost getting the car back on to the road deprived him of the win his brilliant driving deserved. He finished in eighth place.

His more experienced brother Tony (1964-71) was also in the rally with his new Escort Mk. II after winning three events in a month. He was out of luck this time when he caught a rock at 80 mph when he was lying fourth.

This, together with a punctured radiator, holed by a flying stone, ended his brave attempt.

Both Nigel and Tony are Life Members of the Old Blackburnians' Association.

Physician is made Fellow

Dr. Adrian Eddleston (1951-58) has been made a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. Dr. Eddleston proceeded to St. Peter's Hall, Oxford, on leaving School and completed his medical training at Guy's Hospital, London.

He is an honorary consultant at King's College Hospital, London, and this summer he is spending two months in Australia as Visiting Professor of Medicine to the University of Australia, Perth.

Best Student

J. J. Riley, LL.B. (1965-72) who obtained Second Class Honours with three distinctions in the Law Society's Part 2 Examinations and was awarded the Judge Coventry Prize for the best student on the Northern Circuit, was admitted a solicitor in June 1978 and has now joined his father in partnership.

DOCTORATE FOR RESEARCH ON NOISE

Kenneth H. Heron, who was at QEGS from 1954-61, has been awarded a Ph.D. by Southampton University for research on boundary-layer induced noise.

After graduating B.Sc., Honours, Mathematics, at Bristol University in 1964, Dr. Heron joined the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, where he has remained, as a research scientist working on noise and vibration control in aircraft.

His wife is also a Bristol University mathematics graduate. Mr and Mrs Heron have two children and live in Aldershot.
THE annual dinner of the Yorkshire Branch of the Old Blackburnians’ Association was held on Friday, May 4, at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate.

The largest Blackburn contingent for many years made the journey to join us, and it turned out to be one of the most successful and enjoyable evenings.

We were pleased to welcome the Headmaster and Mrs Johnston, and enjoyed hearing about recent events concerning the School.

We were also delighted to meet the OBA treasurer, Fred Gillibrand, and his wife, Freda.

We have met at the Cairn for a number of years now, and we have often considered moving to another venue. During the evening this was discussed, and although there were one or two in favour of trying somewhere else, the majority felt that, on balance, we should continue at the Cairn.

For those who might care to join us in the future, the dinner is held either on the last Friday of April or on the first Friday in May. Please get in touch with Guy Shuttleworth, 1 St. Peter’s Grove, York Y03 6AQ, tel: 0904 22450, if you would like to be put on the mailing list.

Those who were present this year were: Philip & Cynthia Johnston, Desmond & Rosemary Carr, Ken & Barbara Chadwick, Ken & Madeleine Forbes, Fred & Freda Gillibrand, Charles & Marjory Harvey, Ron & Kathleen Hunter, Harry & Margaret King, Bob & Noreen Mayo, Peter & Dorrie Ronson, Guy & Tan Shuttleworth, Charles & Gloria Sloan.

G.M.S.

Double for father and son

W. (Bill) Gillibrand-Stephenson (1934-39) has been elected a Fellow of the Plastics and Rubber Institute.

His son George W. Gillibrand-Stephenson (1967-77) who proceeded to the National College of Rubber Technology on leaving school has passed his final examinations to become a Licentiate of the National College and has also passed the examinations set by the Plastics and Rubber Institute to qualify as Licentiate of the Plastics and Rubber Institute.
When the cameras came to QEGS

An opening shot of Big School window and morning assembly brought QEGS to millions in a Granada TV series on three types of school.

The 15-minute film on “Look North” in April showed how School emphasises the importance of academic achievement but encourages practical work.

It gave a clear and fair view of School and contained an assessment by a parent.

Shots included a maths class; fencing, with Mick Walker, and climbing in the new gymnasium; the sixth-form common room; an engineering class and a rehearsal of the musical “Oliver”.

Miss Felicity Goodey interviewed the Headmaster, Mr Johnston; Mr Ellis Metcalf in the labs; and Mr Derek Holt, head of Horncliffe, at lunch in the Radcliffe Room.

The programme was recorded on a £600 video-cassette recorder, bought for the School by the Sixth Form Club Committee’s soft drinks and biscuits profits over two years.
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Our new treasurer, Mr Fred Gillibrand, appeals to old boys...

Where are they now?

AS THE new treasurer of the Old Blackburnians' Association I have been asked to pen these few words in an attempt to obtain a more definitive and up-to-date membership roll.

Will all members who pay by banker’s order please ascertain that they have instructed their bank to pay their subscription of £2; preferably as early in August of each year as possible. Many members have still not instructed their bank of this higher subscription and still merrily contribute the old amount of £1 and even in some cases 7/6d. (37p)

To those members and newer leavers who personally forward their subscriptions may I ask them to consider the benefits of the regularity of making out a banker’s order.

To all members especially the younger ones and more especially those who will have to change their instructions, as above; what about life membership? — a once and for all payment at the very reasonable rate of £25.

Life Memberships greatly assist your association in building up its reserves which, at present, are aimed at giving some financial assistance to future, worthy entrants to the school by way of the bursary scheme.

On the other side of the coin, the association is enthusiastic with regard to keeping in touch with its members and being able to contact them. Many members contribute annually by banker’s order, but still we find when distributing Magister or any other information quantities are returned to us “no longer at this address”.

I appeal to you members who are reading this to inform other members you will be friendly with or in contact with who may happen to fall into this category to let myself or Mr King know of new details. Any communications sent to the school in this respect will be collected but as you will be aware the School office has much work of its own to process.

It is probable that in due course individual members will be contacted and personally asked to increase to the present rates. Should the end result not be rewarding some control may have to be exercised in reducing the membership roll to those who have made an effort to keep up-to-date.

To those who may be contacted even though they are themselves up-to-date, my apologies, but it will all be part of the long-term aim of achieving a reliable Old Blackburnians’ Association Membership.

May I thank you all, on behalf of the committee, for your help and your continued support.

Training manager moves to Bolton

Philip Roscoe (1940-46) who has been manager of the Burnley Training Service Division, part of the Government’s retraining programme, has taken up a similar appointment at Bolton.
Old girls and a new treasurer at AGM

THERE was plenty to occupy members at the 50th annual meeting of the Old Blackburnians’ Association.

The questions of “old girls”, a new treasurer, dearer Magister, bursaries and the dinners were dealt with at the meeting on Nov. 21 at the Lammack Club.

The chairman, Mr Tom Hindle, and 20 members voted for a new rule — 12, which allowed for girls to become members of the OBA.

Mr Keith Wightman objected. He alone voted against the idea and was later elected to the committee.

The Headmaster, Mr Johnstone, reported on the bursary scheme. Members agreed to recall a £2,000 loan from the Association to the School, then immediately loan £2,500 — on the terms that the governors be asked to direct it to be an accretion to the School Governors’ Bursary Fund and an amount approximately equal to the interest from investment to provide a bursary or bursaries to be known as the Old Blackburnians’ Association Bursary or Bursaries.

Mr Harry King reported another successful Dinner with an attendance of 213 and a surplus of £101.99. The new caterers had proved very successful. Mr King recorded his thanks to the football club for running the bar and for its donation of £30 towards bar fittings. Mr King was again thanked for his very hard work in making this event such a success.

Mr John Duckworth, Editor of Magister, reported that earlier in the year the committee had imposed an expenditure limit of £800 for Magister. He had just managed to keep within this limit.

Once again, he thanked Harry King for his considerable help in supplying material and generally assisting in publication. In thanking Mr Duckworth, the chairman commented that he thought it had been the best edition for some time.

Mr Duckworth thanked Mr Holgate, a teacher at the School, for organising the advertising in Magister and the secretary was asked to write to Mr Holgate with the Association’s thanks.

Mr Duckworth informed the meeting that the cost of production would increase 19 per cent the following year and said the size would be reduced, if this was possible, without impairing the quality. It was agreed that a price of 70p should be printed on the front of Magister.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr Eric Sagar; Chairman, Mr Jim Warner; vice-Chairman, Mr Eric Kay; Secretary, Mr D. I. Forbes (re-elected); Treasurer, Mr Fred Gillibrand; Auditors, Mr W. Hare was re-elected and Mr R. B. Holden was elected in place of Mr Marsden, who retired.

Our thanks to Fred

THE Association takes this opportunity of placing on record its sincere appreciation of the loyal service rendered by Mr Fred Bury, our Treasurer for the past 18 years and a former chairman.

Mr Bury sent his resignation to the AGM in November 1978 and it was with great regret that the meeting accepted it. The meeting expressed the thanks of the OBA for Mr Bury’s devoted work and asked the secretary to write to him, accordingly.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31st, 1979

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For the last four years Chris Holden (1957-65) has been working for the Manchester office of Arthur Andersen and Co., a worldwide partnership of chartered accountants. About eighteen months ago the firm was asked to assist a new textile company, Blue Nile Spinning and Weaving Company Limited, in developing accounting and other control systems at a recently constructed factory. Chris was assigned to the project and has spent about a year in the Sudan, in two separate visits. The “letter” below was compiled from a series Chris wrote to his colleagues in the Manchester office during his second trip.

£5 for butter, and beans are a luxury!

IT is 4 o’clock in the afternoon and I am lying back on the verandah with a brilliant clear blue sky overhead and the bright green, freshly watered trees blowing gently in the breeze.

Before you get carried away with jealousy, this morning I was working in about 85 to 90°F with sweat dripping down my nose because the electricity power cut had stopped the fans (air conditioning being unheard of, of course). I have returned to the same house I lived in before. However, during the months I was back in England it had been inhabited by nothing but the desert and a few sparrows.

The sparrows are now dead and litter the floor and it has taken the house-boy several days to restore the rooms to a habitable condition; the dust of the desert pervades everything.

The lock on the front door looked suspect and the personnel manager from the factory insisted that a new lock be installed. This proved rather difficult as the termites had eaten all the wood, and all that was left was the paint.

At the Blue Nile Spinning and Weaving Company factory nothing was greatly changed; the capacity of the printing and dyeing shed is now approximately 30 million metres of cotton or cotton/polyester fabric, operating efficiency up to around 75 per cent on the good weeks when we have a continuous supply of electrical power and furnace oil. At present we are using mainly imported grey cloth, that is woven but unbleached. However, our new 600 loom cotton weaving shed has recently been commissioned to add to the existing 200 loom cotton/polyester shed and the 400 looms of Wad Medani Textiles Limited, which is a sister company to ourselves, will enable us to become self-sufficient using locally grown and spun Sudanese cotton in perhaps 18 months time. A contract has recently been signed with an East German company for the construction of a 35,000 spindle spinning mill on the Blue Nile site which will give a completely integrated textile factory turning locally-ginned cotton into finished fabric on one site. This will clearly take some time as we face all the usual problems of a modern technology factory in a developing country, e.g., shortage of foreign exchange for essential raw materials, lack of skilled labour, shortages of power and fuel oil, lack of a distribution system for finished goods and a people with a culture which finds responding to the demands of the 20th century very difficult.

Sudan is a country of approximately one million square miles and the largest in Africa. While size is not everything (and it is by no means enormous in comparison with other continents) when the infrastructure is undeveloped this imposes serious strains on the development of the country. I have just returned from a visit to Port Sudan which is the country’s only port. It is on the Red Sea almost opposite Jeddah and is approximately 800 miles from Khartoum. However, that is 600 miles of inhospitable desert without a tarmac road and connected at present only by a single track railway built by the British back in the 19th century. With a shortage of rolling stock and locomotive power, trains have a maximum speed of approximately 25 miles per hour; so it is not surprising that at the docks of Port Sudan there must be literally billions of pounds of equipment waiting transhipment to projects in the interior. It is difficult to see how the development of Sudan can be speeded up until the “problem” of Port Sudan can be solved. The Sudanese are well aware of the problem and believe they have solved it. However, all they really solved was the congestion of the ships waiting to unload at the port. This was achieved by marking out areas of desert as extra storage areas and there are now acres of desert covered by Datsun and Toyota pick-up trucks and Meccano kits for giants.

On the way back to Wad Medani I stopped off in Khartoum, the “international” capital! Khartoum is a mixture of buildings from the British era and modern concrete monstrosities. However, nothing can remove the beauty of the languid Blue Nile and the more urgent White Nile as they meet by the tree-lined avenue leading to General Gordon’s Palace, a superbly preserved example of the power of the British Empire.

COME TO LADIES DINNER

FOLLOWING the success of the 1978 Ladies Dinner (see page 19), it has been decided to expand this year’s event to a Dinner and Dance which will be held at the Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe, on Friday, Oct. 5, 1979. The meal is booked for 8 p.m., following which the Derek Maurice Four will play for dancing until 1 a.m.

The optimum number of guests is 100 and early application for tickets is advised. Please refer to the loose paper insertion elsewhere in this magazine for your ticket application form.

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Buffet goes with a swing at the pub of the year

THE London “pub evenings” expanded at the end of last year when 40 members met for a Buffet Evening.

The venue was the Old Ship at Hammertown, which was awarded the accolade of London’s Pub of the Year last year by the Press — and they should know!

The evening started slowly at 6.30 p.m., when a small group of Old Blacks commenced consuming a large quantity of liquid refreshment. This group was led by our senior citizen Ray Vipond, who was standing in for our chairman Scott Allen who either had forgotten his wallet or his car had broken down in central London.

He arrived two hours later and quickly made up for lost time.

GUSTO

During the evening our numbers gradually swelled as the whole range of our membership was represented including three young lady members (there has been no discrimination here in London).

At nine o’clock those still standing demolished a wonderful buffet meal with good old Blackburnian gusto.

By closing time, most of us were staggering our ways home, well fed and suitably tanked up.

E.R.

WHEN OLD BLACKS TOURERS SAW OFF THE RUGBY LADS...

AN Old Blacks’ footballer and committee member for 23 years, Mr Michael T. J. Bolton (1947-52), formerly of Vicarage Lane, Wilsden, has been appointed manager of Williams and Glyn’s Bank, Chorltoncum-Hardy.

Mike, now living in Altrincham, was delighted to find an opportunity of keeping up with his doorstep, at the South Manchester and Cheshire branch of the Old Blackburnians’ Association.

Mike first started playing for the Old Blacks before he left the school, in the Old Blacks fifth team, and was later team secretary and vice-chairman.

Mike, now living in Altrincham, was delighted to find an opportunity of keeping up with old school activities virtually on his doorstep, at the South Manchester and Cheshire branch of the Old Blackburnians’ Association.

At a dinner, at the Bowdon Hotel, Bowdon, Cheshire, he had plenty of footballing memories to recall, like the time he scored seven goals against Fulwood, in a third team away game. “My team could hardly believe it, let alone the opposition”, said Mike.

TOURS

The club’s old Easter tours to Cockermouth, for a weekend of footballing and golf, usually included a few other activities as well. “One year”, said Mike “we saw off both Sale and Leeds rugby clubs at bar games. We had a team of such legendary characters as Bill Lazenby, Don Appleton, Des Ranson and others, who paled the rugby lads into insignificance.”

Mike’s wife, Pat, and six-years-old son, Ashley, are both Old Blacks’ club members, and Mike is also a member of the Old Blackburnians’ Association.

He has been with Williams and Glyn’s for 26 years. His last post was senior assistant manager at Wigan and he has worked in Chorley, Bolton, Preston, Bamber Bridge, Jersey and St. Ann Street, Manchester, and he was also assistant manager in Blackburn for seven years.

We should like to take this opportunity of reminding Old Boys up and down the country that we have active branches in Yorkshire, South Lancashire and Cheshire, the London area and at Oxford and Cambridge. They provide a variety of activities and most of them have a Ladies’ Evening.

They are all keen to widen their membership and we invite those who are interested to contact the appropriate secretary whose name and address is given below.

Yorkshire Branch: Mr Guy Shuttleworth, 1 St. Peter’s Grove, York.
Tel. York 0904-22450.

South Lancashire and Cheshire Branch: Mr Harold Ramsbottom, 157 Chester Road, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.
Tel. 099-67 3344.

London Area Branch: Mr Eric Race, 9 Willowmead Square, Marlow, Bucks. SL7 1HP Tel. 06284 2757.

For the university branches at Oxford and Cambridge please contact Dr. Roger Maltby for further information. His address is: Box 59 Site 2553, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T3C 3N9.
THE school had another successful year in the Oxbridge Scholarship examinations. As a result of last December’s examinations, nine Open Scholarships were obtained and a further eight pupils gained places.

The awards go to:
- Peter Banks, Open Scholarship in Mathematics at Christ Church College, Oxford, to read Mathematics.
- Anne Chippendale, the Govett Scholarship in natural sciences at New College, Oxford, to read Chemistry.
- John Longstaff, Open Organ Scholarship, Girton College, Cambridge, to read Music.
- Graham Lewis, Open Exhibition in Mathematics, Magdalen College, Oxford, to read Mathematics.
- Timothy Masterton the Lubbock Scholarship in natural sciences, Balliol College, Oxford, to read Engineering Science.
- David Pickup, Open Scholarship in History, Wadham College, Oxford, to read History.
- James Fowler, Open Scholarship in Modern Languages, Exeter College, Oxford, to read Modern Languages.

The places, all at Oxford, go to Philip Duckworth, Oriel College, to read History; Andrew Evans, Balliol College, to read Engineering Science; Bryan Lea, St. John’s College, to read History; Simon Rayner, Wadham College, to read Medicine; Michael Ryan, Merton College, to read Chemistry. Jennifer Sutcliffe, St. Anne’s College, to read Modern History; Chris Slinger, St. Peter’s College, to read Engineering Science; Michael Rutter, Oriel College, to read Geology.

**Peel Awards**

Fifteen of the 22 scholarships awarded by the Trustees of the Peel Foundation Scholarship Fund have been won by QEGS pupils. The scholarships are granted annually to students with outstanding GCE Advanced Level results. The successful QEGS pupils were:
- Matthew J. Almond, Eli Heyworth Memorial Scholarship; Roger J. Highton, Eli Heyworth Memorial Scholarship; Robert J. Lambourn, Daniel Twaites Memorial Scholarship; William J. Rout, Daniel Twaites Memorial Scholarship. Other Peel scholarships went to:
  - Andrew J. Aspin, Rachel C. Baggage, Michael R. Busheri, Gillian Campbell, Michael J. Meadows, Fiona Spens, Graham N. Walley, Thomas P. Walsh, Paul H. Williams, Michael Winterbottom and Robert Wright.

**Other Awards:**

- Andrew J. Aspin—Merit prize in Biological Sciences from the Biological Council.
- Chris W. Slinger—Student Apprenticeship with Marconi Communications Systems Ltd.
- Peter J. Warren—Courtaulds Textile Scholarship.
- Stephen M. Taylor—Imperial Chemical Industries Scholarship.
- Keith C. Cowburn—British Aircraft Corporation Scholarship.

**Soccer team carries all before it**

**15 WIN PEEL AWARDS**

**Nine Oxbridge Scholarships**

THIS season QEGS soccer team has had probably its most successful season ever, winning all but one of its 21 games, in a season badly hit by the weather. The one blemish in an otherwise immaculate season was a 2-2 draw in the usual closely contested derby against St. Mary’s College.

The standard of football throughout the season has been a delight to watch and their magnificent record resulted from an ideal combination of a rock-solid defence, a workmanlike and often inspired midfield, and an attack which had flair, speed and an ability to score goals.

The record speaks for itself — only 17 goals conceded and well over a hundred scored. There were many memorable moments but the one game in which all the separate elements combined most consistently and convincingly was the 9-1 thrashing of Bury G.S. in the penultimate match of the season.

This game provided the yardstick against which the overall standard of the side could be measured. Bury had three England Public School players in their team and had enjoyed a successful season, losing only a handful of matches. Yet they were annihilated by a superb exhibition of sustained attacking football which provided a fitting end to a memorable season.

In December, QEGS also won the Public Schools six-a-side competition at the National Westminster Bank ground in London. This continued a remarkable sequence of success over the last few years. Since winning the competition in 1971, QEGS have now won the Corinthian Casuals Challenge Cup on three occasions and the Plate competition twice.

In the morning 32 teams were divided into eight groups. The winners of each group then reaching the quarter-finals and the knockout stages. In the group games QEGS gave early warning to all other teams by scoring 14 goals and conceding none.

The group results were a 4-0 win over John Lyon, Harrow, a 5-0 win over Carmel College and a 5-0 success over Aldenham College.

In the quarter-final, Millfield College provided strong opposition and scored a shock goal in the first half. They managed to retain this lead until two minutes from the end of the seven minute second half. Gradually, however, the QEGS pressure began to tell and two late goals took the side into the semi-final against King’s School, Chester. After hovering on the brink of defeat, QEGS were now in no mood to take any chances and won 3-0.

In the final they beat surprise qualifiers Hampton G.S. much more convincingly than the 1-0 scoreline would suggest. The winning goal came deservedly from Craig Mann who was the most consistent player throughout the season and provided the ideas and inspiration from midfield.

Ian Johnson, the captain, also had a superb season leading a marvellous team effort.

B. A. Hardcastle
David Brunton, captain of the School cricket team, is chaired after the lads won the trophy at the Oval. On the far right is Kevin Hayes who scored an unbeaten 85 out of 118 and has been registered as a player by Lancashire CCC — even though he was born in Yorkshire.

QEGS WIN TOP CRICKET TROPHY

FROM an entry of more than 1,400 schools, QEGS won a cricket competition which took two years to complete.

It is called The Lords Taverners-Cricketer Colts Trophy Competition and is run on a county basis for third-year teams, and the county champions play in a national knockout competition.

This means it was sponsored by the Lords Taverners and "The Cricketer" (which is a cricket publication).

The 1978 season started with the deferred county final and an overwhelming nine-wicket victory over Lancaster RGS.

The first national round was an away game with Repton and yet another victory by nine-wickets. QEGS then had a home tie with the Yorkshire champions Honley High School. This gave them possibly the most satisfaction in that Honley scored 145 and QEGS recorded an eight-wicket victory which included a stand of 144 for the second wicket between the two county U15 players Kevin Hayes and Paul Cocker.

The quarter and semi-finals were both very close-run matches. In the quarter final, Barnard Castle were defeated by five runs and Birkenhead School by nine runs in the semi-final.

The final at the Oval was against King's School, Worcester who had won through from the Southern section of the competition. Both teams were accommodated overnight in London, and a visit to Lords was included in the itinerary.

In front of an enthusiastic crowd — 95 per cent of whom were from Blackburn (six coach loads) QEGS, captained by David Brunton made an excellent start reducing Worcester to 32 for 6. Worcester however made a very good recovery reaching 115 for 8. After losing two wickets at 29, QEGS went on to pass Worcester’s score for the loss of just one more wicket, with Kevin Hayes finishing on 85 not out to record his fourth half century in the competition and to finish with top score in every round. This should not detract from the overall team performance. In spite of Kevin's brilliance QEGS were not a one-man team.

In the early rounds, every one of the bowlers took five wickets or more, and it was the performance of the lower-order batsmen in the semi-final which, with Kevin's 51 gave QEGS a winning total.

Mr E. W. Swanton, the cricket writer, presented the trophy and Mr C. Howland, chairman of the co-sponsors, The Lords Taverners, presented T-shirts and records to all the players.

Kevin Hayes went on to captain Lancashire Boys and the North of England, then played for England against Scotland. Paul Cocker, who is a year younger than the rest of the team, played for Lancashire Boys and England Public Schools.

Paul has, in fact, led his year's team to the Lancashire final again and has been selected for this year's English Schools squad.

The School also has three boys who have represented Lancashire at U13 level.

B.W.
Prof. Manley is awarded honorary degree

FIFTY years after he became the first lecturer and head of the geography department in Durham University, Professor Gordon Manley has received an honorary degree, D.Litt, from that university.

Professor Manley was at QEGS from 1910-18, and has been a governor of the school since 1963. During the 11 years he spent in Durham up to the outbreak of war, he established an international reputation as a climatologist based in part on his work on the university’s meteorological records dating back to 1847.

From 1939 to 1948, he was demonstrator and lecturer in geography and in 1943 won the Buchan Prize of the Royal Meteorological Society. He was president of the Society in 1945-46 and is now an Honorary Fellow.

In 1948, he became the first professor of geography at Bedford College, London, and six years later he achieved another first when he was appointed to the chair of Environmental Sciences at Lancaster University.

Since his retirement, Professor Manley, an author of many publications, has served on a number of ministerial committees concerned with meteorology. The Professor and Mrs Manley live in Cambridge.

PhD for biochemist

Robert J. Slater (1963-71) has been awarded a Ph.D. in plant biochemistry by Nottingham University.

He has also been awarded a three-year post-doctorate fellowship to continue his research in plant biochemistry at Cardiff University.

LAWYER BECOMES LECTURER

PETER W. Murphy (1959-63) has left practice at the Bar to take up a principal lecturership at the Inns of Court School of Law, the body responsible for training barristers for their professional and vocational course and the Bar final examinations.

Peter graduated in law from Downing College, Cambridge, in 1966, and lives in London.
SIMON'S EPIC RUN RAISES £800

Fell runner, Simon Moyle raised almost £800 for cancer research when he ran 72 miles covering 42 Lake District peaks in 24 hours.

Simon, boss of Tiger Lily fashion stores, is a member of Clayton-le-Moors Harriers and lives in Clitheroe. He was at school from 1951-56.

The peaks were all more than 2,000 feet — so that run was a great achievement. He followed the Bob Graham route, named after the runner who first achieved it in 1932.

Police chief is guest as dinner makes £126

THE annual dinner was held in Big School on Saturday, Dec. 16 and showed a surplus of £126.

Every member of the Old Blackburnians' Association who applied for tickets, received at least one, unlike last year when several had to be disappointed because of the massive demand and their late application.

Tickets were a very reasonable £5 and, as usual, there was a huge rush for tickets — with very few left after a week. They were all taken within a fortnight.

The chief guest was Mr Albert Laugharne, the Chief Constable of Lancashire.

After standing in respect for former pupils who had passed away in the previous year, Norman R. Haworth proposed a toast to the school.

PROGRESS

Norman, who was at School from 1938-43, is an accountant and lives in Blackburn. He took a potted look at the Elizabethan seadogs, after whom the School houses are named, and found more mongrel than pedigree among them.

The only one who wasn't a pirate or a rogue was Sir Richard Grenville. Norman's house was, by the way, Grenville.

The Headmaster, Mr Philip F. Johnston, replied with an account of the School's achievements and progress over the previous year.

Neil Chambers proposed a toast to the guests and Mr Laugharne replied. OBA committee member, Gordon Birstwistle, was toastmaster.

The Football Club gave £30 towards bar costs and staffed the bar, as usual, in the old gym. They were thanked officially at the OBA meeting in January for their usual generous help.

Harry King was also thanked for his sterling work in organising this annually successful event and, of course, led the toasts by the president Mr J. E. Sagar to the old boys by decades at School.

J.F.D.
All-in schooling!

School was never like this! Sixth-formers get to grips with fund raising in a rugby match at Lammack for disabled children.

GOLF

The Old Blackburnians’ Golf Competition was held at Wilpshire on June 7.

There were 36 entries and the Judge Walmysley Cup for the best net score was won by John Riley of Blackburn with 77.15.62. The runner-up was John Mossop of Blackburn with 76.14.62. Mr Riley won by half a shot on a card play-off but generously suggested each should hold the cup for six months.

Mel Lee of Blackburn was third with 77.10.67.

The Sir Gilbert Gerard Cup for the best gross was won by Gary Readett of Blackburn with 75.

Derek N. Rushton was appointed Captain of Blackburn Golf Club at the AGM.

Raymond B. Smith was appointed Hon. Secretary on Dec. 22 on the death of Frank Shorrock.

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No superstitions in Cheshire

THEY aren’t superstitious in Cheshire and South Manchester — the date for the branch dinner was Friday, 13 Oct.

We haven’t heard of anything serious going wrong at the Bowdon Hotel, Bowdon, Cheshire, so we presume the fates smiled kindly on the C and SM Branch!

Sixteen members and guests attended. The Loyal Toast was proposed by the secretary of the branch, Mr. H. Ramsbottom, who also welcomed the guests and introduced several new members — David J. Wharton, Simon A. Cole, Peter F. Singleton, Michael T. J. Bolton and Harold Ramsbottom.

The ladies’ evening, as usual was held in May.

Andrew wins scholarship

Andrew I. Evans (1971-78) has been awarded a Walter W. Ross Memorial Scholarship by the American organisation Beta Sigma, Phi, of which his mother is a member.

The awards are open to members and their families but competition is pretty fierce from all over the world. Andrew was one of only ten people to receive a grant this year — and the only person in Britain — the other winners are from America and Canada.

Andrew is going to Balliol College, Oxford in October to read engineering science.

UNILEVER PHYSICIST ELECTED TO TOP JOB

MR Kenneth Durham, B.Sc. has been elected a vice-chairman of Unilever, joining a three-man special committee which co-ordinates the running of the group’s world-wide business.

He was at OEGS from 1935-41, served in the RAF and graduated at Manchester University with first class honours in physics and was elected to a Hatfield Scholarship.

He joined Unilever Research Port Sunlight, in 1950 as a physicist, and became a director of Unilever in 1974.

Prior to his new appointment he was co-ordinator of Unilever’s animal feeds and meat product businesses.

Cadet is commissioned RAF Pilot

PHILIP J. Bell (1969-77) has been commissioned a Pilot Officer in the Royal Air Force.

At the graduation ceremony held at the Officer Cadet Training Unit, RAF Henlow, he was congratulated by the reviewing officer Air Vice-Marshall D. Harcourt-Smith, Commandant of the RAF College, Cranwell.

Philip, who gained the bronze, silver and gold Duke of Edin-

burgh Awards at School holds a private pilot’s licence and won a special flying award in 1975.

He began his flying training on Jet Provost aircraft at RAF Linton-on-Ouse.
It's Commander Lund

MR Derrick Lund, the School’s domestic bursar, who is chairman and treasurer of Blackburn’s St. John Ambulance, has been awarded one of the organisation’s top honours.

Last September he was invested to the rank of Commander of the Order by the Lord Prior, at a ceremony in the Order’s Grand Priory Church, Clerkenwell.

MR Lund has been an active worker in the St. John Ambulance for 25 years and is Assistant County Director for East Lancashire.

Vicar is appointed Cambridge Chaplain

THE Rev. Keith Maudsley (1962-69) has been appointed Chaplain of Girton College, Cambridge combined with the curacy of Great St. Mary’s, the University Church of Cambridge.


He studied at Ripon Theological College, Oxford, for three years before taking his first curacy at St. Andrew’s Church, Rugby.

Before moving to Cambridge, he was Vicar of St. George’s Church, Rugby.

Ann wins trip of a lifetime

QEGS sixth-former, Ann Chippendale, has won a two-week trip-of-a-lifetime to California as one of 10 winners from 17,000 entries in a writing competition organised by Lloyds Bank.

Ann, who has just gained an open scholarship to read chemistry at Oxford, won £250 for the School and £40 to spend in the USA.

Old boy, Eric West (1933-39), Lloyds Regional Manager, presented her in June with tickets for the August trip. We hope to have an account of the trip from Ann in the next issue.

Hip operation

OBA president, Eric Sagar, 1919-25, is making satisfactory progress in Our Lady of Compassion Hospital, Blackburn, after a major operation on his hip.

MR MARS DEN IS NEW CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS

MR E. C. Marsden has been appointed chairman of the school governors in succession to Mr. W. Hare.

Mr Hare (1920-29), who will remain on the governing body, has been chairman for the past 18 years, during which major extensions to the school have been made, including Ormerod House, the new Hall complex, which he himself opened, the Sixth Form Centre, the Horncliffe extensions and the new classrooms adjoining the gymnasium.

Mr Hare, who worked with three headmasters, inspired the Appeal Funds for financing the new buildings and it was during his term of office that the school celebrated its Quatercentenary, and more recently, following the withdrawal of the Direct Grant, became an Independent School.

His father was chairman of governors from 1945 to 1949.

Mr Marsden (1921-31) also follows in his father’s footsteps.

His father, Mr J. W. Marsden was chairman during the period 1919-36.

Mr Marsden is a member of the OB Committee and a former chairman of the Old Blackburnians’ Association.

His position as Vice-chairman of governors is taken by another old boy, Mr J. S. Singleton, whose father, Mr G. F. Singleton was also a governor of the school.

£220,000 for bursaries

MEMBERS of the Association will be pleased to know that at the time of going to press, the Appeal Fund has reached the splendid sum of £220,000.

The Governors, Headmaster and the Old Blackburnians’ Association are most grateful to the many old boys who have contributed so generously to the Appeal.

The Appeal Fund will remain open and we feel sure that there is quite a number of Old Boys who have not yet subscribed but are still willing to make a donation or enter into a Deed of Covenant.

We should be pleased if those Old Blackburnians who wish to contribute would contact me direct or Mr Hunter, the School Bursar. Either of us would be glad to receive donations or send the appropriate Deed of Covenant.

H.K.

Scientific Officer awarded M.B.E.

Mr A. W. Cresswell was awarded the M.B.E. in the 1979 New Year’s Honours List. He was at QEGS from 1933-38, and served in the RAF during the war before joining the Royal Aeronautical Establishment at Farnborough.

John plays squash for Britain

JOHN H. Duckworth was one of Britain’s representatives at squash matches held in Nigeria earlier this year.

John is an outstanding squash player and is the Greater Manchester champion.

Ranked 16th in Great Britain he has won the Scottish Masters Tournament in Glasgow as well as other tournaments at Crewe and Wrexham.

He was at School from 1960-71 and proceeded to Kent University where he graduated B.Sc. Honours Chemistry. He is now a financial director in Manchester and lives in Didsbury.
MR Eric H. Brindle head­master of St. Matthews C.E. Primary School, Blackburn, retired at the end of last summer term.

Mr Brindle, who was at QEGS from 1926-33,* trained at Saltley College, Birmingham and began teaching in 1939 at St. Peter's Secondary School, Blackburn.

During the war, he saw active service in Normandy and North West Europe with the East Lancashire Regiment, winning the Bronze Cross of the Netherlands for the role he played in the liberation of Holland.

He returned to St. Peter's in 1945 and became deputy head in 1950. Two years later, he was appointed head of Emmanuel Primary School, Blackburn, where he served for 21 years before going to St. Matthews.

He was head of St. Peter's Evening Institute between 1950 and 1961 and has been secretary and also president of the Blackburn branch of the National Association of Head Teachers.

Mr Brindle is actively associated with St. Gabriel's Church, Blackburn, and is a member of the Blackburn Deanery Synod.

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Headmaster presents award at Oxford

THE Oxford branch held two dinners last year. The first, in March, had been postponed from the previous November to enable the Headmaster Mr Johnstone to attend.

A full account of this dinner appeared in Magister 22.

The second function was held on Nov. 24 in the Oscar Wilde room, Magdalen College, where about a dozen undergraduates are in residence — the largest contingent from any one school, we are told.

The event was organised by Mr Clifford J. Garrett, who presided.

Following an excellent meal, Mr Taqi Ahmad proposed the loyal toast. The President then welcomed the guests and proposed the toast to the School.

The Headmaster in his reply said the school was in good shape, mentioned the events, activities and successes achieved since his earlier "state of the union" report the previous February.

At the close of his speech, the Headmaster presented the commemorative trophy awarded to Andrew J. Aspin by the Biological Council for outstanding merit in the 1978 biological sciences examinations (Advanced Level) of the Joint Matriculation Examining Board.

Mr Aspin, who left School in July 1976, won an Open Scholarship in natural sciences examinations (Advanced Level) of the Joint Matriculation Examining Board.

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Those attending were:

Representing the Cambridge undergraduates: G. M. Gabbett.

From Blackburn — Mr P. F. Johnstone (Headmaster), Mr E. C. Marsden (Vice-chairman of Governors), Mr E. J. Kay (staff), and Mr H. King.

Resident in the Oxford area — Mr C. P. Waring, Mr A. Eastham and the Rev. P. Mayhew (former member of staff), and from further afield the Rev. T. L. Walsh (Cumbria).

London honours treasurer

THE Annual Dinner and AGM of the London Branch was held on Friday, March 30 at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, London.

Fifty-four members and their ladies attended including, from Blackburn, the Headmaster, attending for the first time since his appointment, Mr H. King, Mr W. E. Metcalfe and Mr H. Burrows. Also present was Mr B. H. Kemball-Cooke, Headmaster of the School from 1956 to 1965, now retired and living in East Grinstead.

The meal comprised hors d'oeuvres Cafe Royal, epaule de mouton farcie Oscar Wilde, haricots verts au beurre, pommes boulangere, souffle Vesuvius aux cerises noires, and coffee.

The chairman, Mr Scott Allen, proposed the Loyal Toast, then, in a characteristic speech he proposed the toast to the School and guests, to which the Headmaster replied in a splendid "state of the union" speech in which he recalled the highlights of the year at QEGS.

Mr King, having been "instructed" to sing for his supper, reported on the activities of the OBA and Old Boys in general.

After the speeches, came the annual meeting at which Mr Ray Vipond was made a life president of the London Branch for his services to the branch over many years.

The following officers were re-elected: Mr J. S. Allen chairman; Mr E. Race, secretary, and Mr R. Vipond, treasurer.

Mr Roger Duckworth, who is in the civil service and recently moved to London was elected to the committee.

Miss Clare Stevens, an undergraduate at Queen Mary’s College, and Mr Mark Richardson, a post-graduate student at Queen Elizabeth’s College, were also elected.

Next year’s dinner and AGM has been fixed for Friday, March 7, 1980.

Anyone interested in the various activities of the London Branch is invited to get in touch with the Honorary Secretary, Mr Eric Race, of 9 Willowmead Square, Marlow, Bucks. SL7 1HP. Tel. Marlow (06284) 2757.

E.R./H.K.
Chris Holden in the Sudan

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Despite being amongst the poorest countries in the world, having an average per capita income of around 50 dollars a month, the people are remarkably happy and there are very few beggars even in Khartoum. Those beggars that there are come from the poorest countries in the world, Eritreans from Northern Khartoum. People are happy and there are very few beggars even in Khartoum. Those beggars that there are come from the poorest countries in the world, Eritreans from Northern Khartoum. People are happy and there are very few beggars even in Khartoum. Those beggars that there are come from the poorest countries in the world, Eritreans from Northern

As I arrived back in Wad Medani I made the usual round of the shops where there is the occasional possibility of acquiring some European style food at black market rates. It was a good day, as I was able to scoop a kilo of butter for £5 and several tins of herrings (a gift from the West German government) selling for a mere £1 per tin. Heinz baked beans are regarded as the ultimate among the expatriate community as they seem to be a barometer as to the supply of other "luxury foods". However, these have not been seen for several months. We look to these imported food stuffs as a little bit of a luxury although in fact the locally grown food is excellent. The Nile makes the areas around Wad Medani very fertile and all manner of fruit and vegetables are available, e.g. water melon, aubergines, courgettes, bananas and the most enormous grapefruits imaginable.

A major topic of conversation among expatriates at the moment is the proposed laws to ban alcohol. This is widely regarded as a sop to Saudi Arabia, with its stronger Muslim beliefs, upon who Sudan is dependent for money to fund many of the development projects. Sudan, due to its enormous size, is Muslim in the North but Christian or pagan in the South and accordingly the law looks like being a hodge-podge in the best Arabic tradition. They propose that Muslims will be ineligible either to buy, sell or drink alcohol but that non-Muslims may buy, sell and drink provided Muslims are not involved. As, however, many Muslims are strong drinkers the general effect is likely to be an inflation in prices as alcohol becomes more scarce.

It's now time to think about closing this letter. The sun is dipping behind the mosques to the west and it's time to go to the Club and take the daily infusion of alcohol which makes it possible to get to sleep despite the unceasing heat.
THE Rev. Dr Alan Sowerbutts (1960-66) of St. Peter's Parish Church, Salesbury, married Miss Jill Hamer of Burnley. The wedding took place last August at St. Peter's and the Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt. Rev. Robert Martineau officiated at the ceremony.

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IAN Sadler (1966-73) was married last November to Miss Barbara Rone of Ramsgate, who he met at Charlotte Mason College of Education, Ambleside. Ian and his wife are living and working in Ambleside.

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MR John David Garside (1958-68) was married in August

Mr Thomas W. Edwardson (1960-70) was married to Miss Lynne Roney of Great Harwood, in January 1979. They live in Dukes Brow, Blackburn.

1978 to teacher Miss Margaret Ann Stephenson, at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Pirbright, Surrey. David is a chartered engineer with ICI.

Mr Andrew R. Churchill (1960-67) was married in April 1978 to Miss Jenny Adams of Johannesburg.

Andrew who graduated in 1970 at Christ Church College, Oxford, with first class honours in Physics, is now in South Africa working for the South African Atomic Energy Board. He and his wife live in Pretoria.

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Alec J. Simpson (1965-72), married Miss Stephanie J. Crawshaw at St. Leonard's Church, Sandridge, St. Albans.

Alec, is a former member of Blackburn Cathedral choir and is now a scientific officer at Thetford, Norfolk. On leaving school, he studied at Hatfield Polytechnic where he gained an honours B.Sc. degree in Applied Biology.

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Mr Graham Dickinson, LL.B (1965-72) was married in August 1978 to Miss Anne Elisabeth Andrews of Bradford. Graham has recently qualified as a solicitor and is practising in Birmingham.

Mr Peter S. Hartley (1965-72) married Miss Christine M. Bury at St. Gabriel's Church, Blackburn, in April. They live in Kestrel Close, Blackburn.

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Mr Brian R. Nelson (1964-74) was married earlier this year to Miss Susan Brown, of Dalkeith, at Kirkcaldy Old Parish Church, Scotland.

Brian, graduated Honours B.Sc. in Ecological Sciences at Edinburgh University last year, where he met his wife. They will live in Camperdown Park, Dundee. Brian is a naturalist and ranger.
Old Boy's Successes

NEWS IN BRIEF


P. Ainsworth, M.A., B.Sc. (1961-66), Appointed Lecturer in the Social Administration Department, Manchester University.


F. G. Askew (1958-68), Appointed Deputy Headmaster, Birchwood C.E. Primary School, Warrington.


D. J. Baldwin (1967-75), Graduated B.Sc., Quantity Surveying, Trent Polytechnic. Appointed Quantity Surveyor, Crudens Ltd., Warrington.


S. J. Barnes (1969-75), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Food Science, Reading University. Appointed Trainee Manager, Express Dairy Co. Ltd.

M. W. Barton (1968-74), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Occupational Psychology, University of Wales, Cardiff.

I. C. Batey (1947-52), Appointed Assistant Manager, National Westminster Bank, Crewe.


K. F. Blackshaw (1943-49), Promoted Financial Director on all boards of Dorman Smith Holdings.

E. R. Blackshaw, M.A. (1945-54), Appointed Manager of Computer Services, Nottingham City Council.


R. W. Bury (1968-75), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Physiology, Manchester University.

A. Butler (1968-74), Graduated B.A., Hons. Classics, Leicester University.


M. A. Churchill (1968-74), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Medical Studies, Guy's Hospital, London University.


P. B. Clayton (1956-63), Appointed Deputy Head, Wellington Middle School, Leeds.


A. J. Conway (1967-75), Graduated B.Sc., First Class Hons. Civil Engineering, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. Appointed graduate Civil Engineer, Fairclough Civil Engineering Ltd.


N. A. Dickinson (1969-75), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Hons. Chemistry, Queen Mary College, London University.

Dr. G. N. Entwistle (1953-61) Appointed Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Warrington General Hospital.

C. R. Flintoff (1966-72), Appointed Horticultural Officer, Metropolitan Borough of Rochdale.

D. N. Fordyce, M.A. (1955-66), Appointed Production Director, Perrite Ltd., Chorley, rubber and plastic manufacturers.

C. J. Foster (1968-75), Graduated B.A., Hons. Architecture, School of Architecture, Liverpool University.

B. D. Heaton (1940-46), Appointed Manager of the Bridgend Branch of Midland Bank Ltd.

R. H. Helm, B.Sc. (1967-73), Graduated M.B., B.Ch., Medical School, Liverpool University.


P. W. Hobkirk (1951-58), Re-elected to serve on the em" players' section of the Manpower Services Commission. Elected President of Blackburn Chamber of Trade. Mr Hobkirk is managing director of William Hobkirk and Son (Sewing Machines) Ltd. and a life member of the OBA.
OLD BOYS’ SUCCESSES cont.

I. Holden, B.Sc. (1965-72), Appointed to a post as Research Chemist, Radiochemical Centre, Amersham.


Rev. K. Maudsley, M.A. (1962-69), Appointed Chaplain of Girton College, Cambridge, combined with the curacy of Great St. Mary’s, the University Church of Cambridge.


G. Oldham (1968-75), Graduated B.Sc., Hons. Biology, Leeds University.


P. M. Pratt, B.Sc. (1967-74), Passed the final professional examination of the Opthalmic Joint Board, British Opthalmic Association, Spectaclemakers’ Company and the Scottish Optical Association.

G. W. Preston (1966-73), Appointed to a post with the Commission of the European Communities in Brussels.

S. M. Richardson (1974-75), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Cell Molecular Biology, King’s College, London University.


I. S. Ross (1968-75), Graduated B.Sc., Hons. Zoology, Nottingham University.


J. Swanney (1968-75), Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Law, Sheffield University. Appointed to an Accrington firm of Solicitors.

J. E. Tabor (1968-74), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Physiological Sciences, Trinity College, Oxford University.

M. Thompson (1945-49), Appointed Treasurer of Scapa Group Ltd. also appointed President of the North West Society of Chartered Accountants.

S. Thornley (1965-75), Awarded Higher National Diploma in Business Studies, Bolton Institute of Technology.

R. Townsend (1968-75), Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Manchester University.


D. A. Verity (1965-74), Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Leicester University.


N. A. Worswick (1965-75), Awarded Higher National Diploma with Design Module, Mechanical Engineering, Preston Polytechnic.

M.Sc. in chemical Engineering

Mr D. Martin Comberbach (1967-74) has been awarded an M.Sc. degree in chemical engineering at University College, London. He graduated B.Sc. Honours Biochemistry at Manchester University in 1977 where he is now reading for his Ph.D. in corrosion sciences.

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DAME Rosemary Murray, DBE, M.A., D.Phil., deputy vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, will be chief guest at School speech day at King George's Hall on Sept. 28. Dame Rosemary, 65, is president of New Hall College, Cambridge. She graduated in chemistry at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

The Old Blackburnians' Football Club, which was banned on April 18 from selling drinks for 12 months, had the ban lifted on Appeal at Preston Crown Court on June 26.

The club had its registration certificate cancelled by licensing magistrates in April. A police raid on the club last year resulted in three members of the committee being fined in January for illegally supplying intoxicating liquor.

Chairman of the club, Mr. Steve Tart, said “It should be understood that the three club members convicted were charged in their capacity as bar committee members and none of them were on the premises.

Judge William Openshaw said at the appeal it was clear there had been breaches of the law and Blackburn magistrates had been right to cancel the registration but, he said: “We must look at the effect of the cancellation.

“The first thing which comes to mind is that this is the type of club which should be encouraged.

It does good work for charity and provides opportunity for healthy recreation for other people. They must have other means of raising money other than from subscriptions.

One way is a licensed club.

He said the ban would probably have meant the end of the club. He lifted the ban but allowed the cancellation to stand because it was essential that the magistrates “should have proper control over the club in future.”

Club treasurer, Francis Riley, told the judge bar takings had fallen considerably after the police raid in 1978 and the club would probably have folded if the ban had remained.

Dr Gordon Bland, president of Brockhall Special School Appeal Fund told the judge how the club had raised hundreds of pounds for the school.

He felt the club should have had “civic recognition” rather than find itself banned from functioning.

SPORTS REPORT
Season 1978-79 proved to be fruitless for the Old Blacks AFC, but a greatly improved season was enjoyed by the first XI.

After losing the first league fixture of the season and losing to Nelson in the first round of the FA Vase, the first XI remained unbeaten until the middle of March, and were contending with Burnley Belvedere for the Premier Division leadership. However a poor run of results around Easter saw the team fall away and they finished with a playing record of:

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They also had a good run in the Lancashire Amateur Cup, eventually losing to Heywood Old Boys after a replay in the quarter finals.

Due to the particularly adverse weather during December, January and February, and consequently the high number of postponed fixtures, the League Management Committee decided that, with the exception of first teams, all other sides would complete fixtures only until the end of April, and many fixtures have to remain unplayed.

In this situation, a run of three consecutive defeats for the club’s second eleven ended any possibility of them retaining the Premier Division Reserves Trophy they won last year.

They finished the season strongly, and are optimistic of recapturing the cup next season. Their final playing record was:

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The third eleven enjoyed a good season but were never quite in the hunt for prizes after drawing a considerable number of their early fixtures, but having only lost two matches all season, this was probably their best year for some time, and were a match for any side in their division.

The fourth team players enjoyed their season immensely despite being unable to achieve a single victory until the very last match of the season.

The playing records of the 3rd and 4th teams were:

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A notable honour for the Club was the selection of Brian Hardcastle as Captain of the L.A.L. representative side for all their fixtures this season.

THE Rev. Donald Rydings has been chosen “Gentleman of the Year” by Women’s World magazine and Southern Comfort, the drinks firm.

Mr Rydings, who was at QEGS from 1946-52, is the Vicar of Great Missenden, Bucks. He was entered for the competition by his wife Judith, who said: “People are always saying how kind he is. He always has time to listen.”
OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION

Dinner & Dance Ticket Application

A Dinner and Dance will be held by the Association at The Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe, on Friday, 5th October, 1979.
The Derek Maurice 4 will play for dancing.
Tickets are priced at £6.50 per head and applications must be restricted to 100 persons.
Please submit your application as soon as possible to:

Roger Smith
102 Yew Tree Drive
Blackburn BB2 YDJ

A stamped addressed envelope will be appreciated

Please send me tickets for the Dinner Dance on Friday, 5th October, 1979, at £6.50 each for which I enclose remittance of £.............. (cheques should be made payable to Old Blackburnians' Association).

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