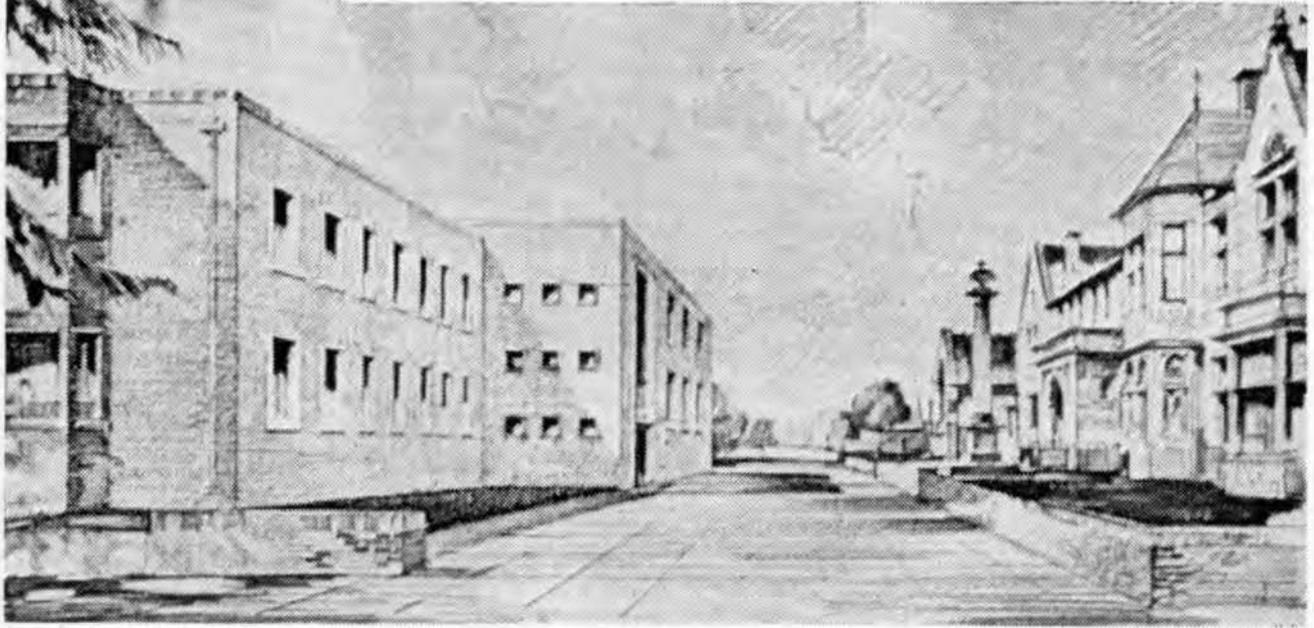


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QEGS goes independent

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Fees would increase again if the direct grant was withdrawn now and the School received no more support from the Government, but they would not go up by more than £120.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 not available 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 Tribunals 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 1963 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 1983 when he opened the block of classrooms and biology laboratories which bear his name — Ormerod House.



A PORTRAIT OF SIR BENJAMIN BY MRS J. PANNETT

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 mem-

ber of the London Branch of the Association and regularly attended the Annual Dinner 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 treasurer 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.

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 Finan-

cial 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 influenced by his wider activities such as Housemaster 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 his 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 untidy 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 R. (1945-54), and we offer them our deep sympathy. We assure them that he will be long remembered.

F.B.

HAROLD PETERSON

Mr. Harold Peterson (1928-33), Northern sports editor of the Sunday People, died on his way from work to his home in Beardwood Brow, Blackburn, last May. He was 58.

He had been Northern sports editor at the newspaper for almost 30 years and was known to journalists, football managers and footballers throughout the North.

He joined The People just before the war, in which he served in the RAF.

He was a founder director of a plastics company, Woodside Products (Darwen) Ltd. He leaves a widow and two sons, Clive, a teacher, and Ian, an accountant.



MR KENNEDY

R. HARFLEET

MEDICAL student Raymond Harflett (1962-68) died at his home in North Bank Avenue, Blackburn, in September.

Blackburn Coroner Mr. George Graham recorded a verdict that Raymond had taken his own life while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

Raymond's father, Mr. Ernest George Harflett, said his son had been depressed for some time and had given up his studies to work in insurance because of this.

Thomas Taylor

Thomas Taylor (1922-30), a contemporary and personal friend of the writer, died in hospital in London on 13th 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.
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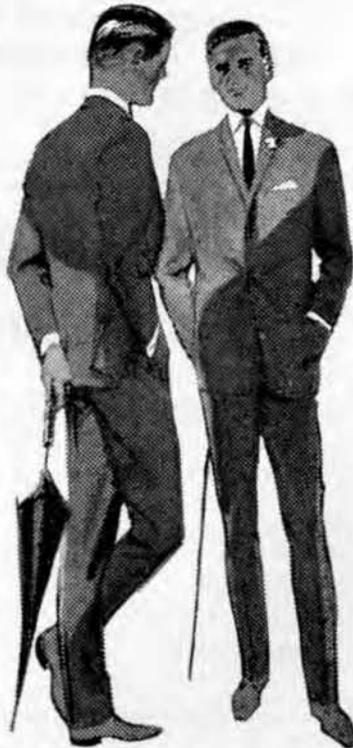
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DENNIS SHAW

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 Liverpoolian, 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 modern 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.

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HARRY MERCER

Former Headmaster of St. Alban's primary school for boys, Blackburn, Mr. Harry Mercer (1919-24) died in March at Our Lady of Compassion nursing home after a brief illness.

Mr. Mercer, of Ramsgreave Road, Blackburn, had taught at St. Alban's primary and secondary schools for 45 years, after training at St. Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, and teaching for a short time in London.

He was a prisoner of war in Italy and Germany during the war, after being captured when a destroyer, on which he was serving during convoy escort to Malta, was sunk.

After the war he returned to St. Alban's higher grade as deputy headmaster until 1949, when he was appointed headmaster of the boys' primary school.

He retired in 1972 and was appointed manager of Holy Souls School, Blackburn.

Mr. Mercer was past president of the Blackburn Athletic Association and the Blackburn branch of the National Union of Teachers.

He leaves a widow, two sons and eight grandchildren.

Consultant Surgeon

Peter Wilding (1943-52), a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and graduate of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and London Hospital, has been appointed consultant surgeon to Orpington Hospital, Kent.

He was senior surgical registrar at St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, London.

Controller

Norman Dorricott (1940-45) has been appointed Register Controller for the Tayside Area Health Board in Dundee.

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.

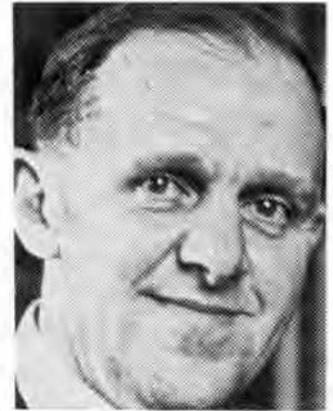
Again, of the 26 Scholarships awarded this year by the Peel Foundation, based on the competitive A Level performance of boys and girls in all Blackburn's schools, 13 were gained by boys at Queen Elizabeth's.

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 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 Centaurs, 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



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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 kindness 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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SCHOOL NEWS



QECS won the East Lancashire inter-schools under 16 boys' 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 Rhyddings sports hall, Oswaldtwistle, and beat Southport Technical School 4-3 in the senior boys' final.

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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.

QECS 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.

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QECS chess team won the senior title of the East Lancashire Chess Association, schools section, for the second year running, beating Burnley Grammar School 3½-2½ in the final match.

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QECS, holders of the Public Schools Six-a-Side trophy, failed to find a fourth success in the competition, going down 3-2 to Wolverhampton G.S., losers to Bolton in the final,

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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. Prentice 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 would seem 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 production 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.

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PURE NEW WOOL
FOR MAN ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTRY

Director gives up job to study for degree at 49

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.

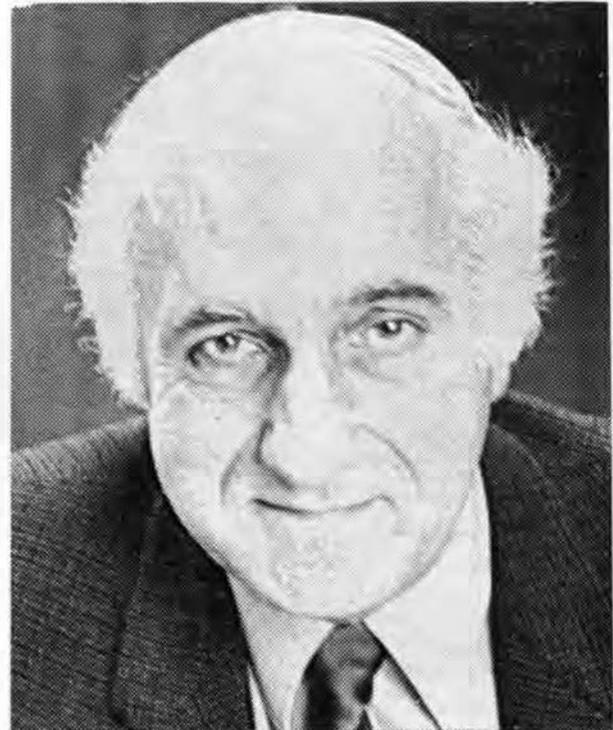
When I left QEGS in 1940 I little thought that 35 years later, with the thinning thatch showing signs of an early winter, I would be back at school alongside a crowd whose earliest recollection of anything political, for instance, might be, with luck, the 1964 General Election. As one who can vaguely 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 naive, 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 bolted 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



MR HODSON

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 dayglo 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.



MR. HARTY

Harty interviews in a book

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.

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



MR BOND

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.



MR COPE

overseer in the composing room of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph, he was presented with a gold watch for 40 years' service last year.

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 Mullaard'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.



SUPT HOWARTH

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.



MR BEAUMONT

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AND 'DRIVE-IN' AT PLECKGATE ROAD, RAMSGREAVE

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, has 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 Klarwill's Hut at 13,650 ft.

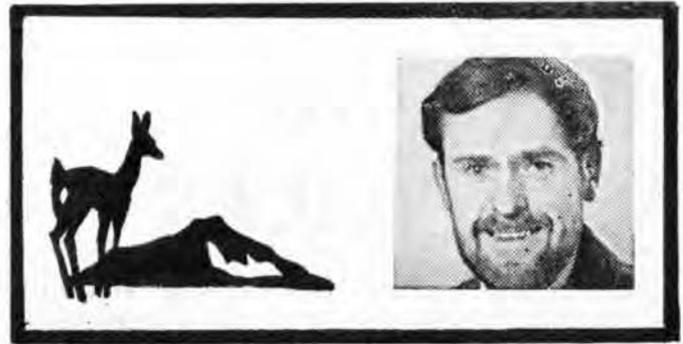
When you go, stay at the Teleki Hut, it has windows in and is much better. On the way up, we saw signs warning us to give way to elephant, rhino and buffalo, and one

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 hydrax rats around our camp fire diverted his attention. We ate our tinned supplies of corned beef and rice pudding and smuggled 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

Albert Eastham



in East Africa

Kennedy's formula of d in miles = $\sqrt{1\frac{1}{2} + h}$ in feet = visibility of about 150 miles. Then we bombed down the valley to the Naro Moru Lodge, an easy descent.

Eccentric mountaineers climb Kibo and Kenya within 24 hours, just as the Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon summits excite some folk. We hitch-hiked and enjoyed the experiences. To climb from the Kenyan side is shorter and there are fewer walkers to stumble across, so we made for the Outward Bound School at Loitokitok, started in 1953 and had to close last summer because the Ugandans and Tanzanians were not paying their contributions. Nestling under the shoulder of the enormous dormant volcano, it is in a splendid position. Permission to climb was given by the frontier guards at Tarakea. Oh! we met 5ft 9in D., a young American female doctor in Nairobi and accepted her on her personality and looks. For the three of us we had three porters and one porter cum guide. Starting off at 6,000 ft, we strolled through the jungle to dry limestone basalt caves at 12,000 ft; only 12 miles and pleasant rain to cool one down. We made fires and dried our clothes, had a good meal and slept peacefully under the stars. Then another easy day to the Outward Bound Hut just below 16,000 ft, and the coldest night imaginable—the water in our bottles froze and it was impossible to sleep with all one's clothes on, and inside a Black's Icelandic bag. Consequently, we were eating at 01.30 and by torches were picking our way to the summit. D. was very ill and sick several times; altitude affects most people. The real killer on this climb is the horrid 2,000 ft of scree at 38° up to Gillman's

Point, and many mountaineers collapse here and give up. One could here Bill Proctor quoting from Henry V, "set the teeth and stretch the nostrils wide", so we left D. with the porter-guide who was also suffering and plodded on up to 18,600 ft. D. and the guide eventually made it to this spot. Magnificent panoramic views, beautiful glaciers and good visibility through the swirling clouds. The summit, formerly Wilhelm Kaiser Point, is now called Uhwu Point and is only 1½ miles and 900 ft of ascent = 1½ hours. My guess is that half the walkers stop at Gillman's and never do the last stretch. At 11 a.m. were signing the book on the summit, taking photographs and feeling dead chuffed to be the tallest men in Africa. Then we charged down the slopes to base camp, completing the 18 mile descent in nine hours, and avoiding a herd of wild buffalo on the way. Feet were tired and aching, and we felt rather constipated from all the wretched iron tablets, but otherwise we were fine.

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.

BLACKBURN DINNER

**MORE BOYS
APPLYING
FOR PLACES**

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 purposetul 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 all 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.



JAMES ROTHWELL

Toasted Guests

Gold Awards

Six past and present pupils of QEGS were presented 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 Key, of Cravens Avenue; and Howard Cook, of Ramsgrave 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 Netlon 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 Netlon Ltd., was to receive the Muliard Award.

The Royal Society's annual Muliard Award is made for outstanding scientific or technological achievement that has also contributed substantially to the national prosperity of the United Kingdom.

Dr. Smith said the invention was a totally new way of making an essentially textile material.

Mr. Mercer's personal ingenuity had created an entirely new product and his drive had exploited it, not only to his gain but also to that of the country, said Dr. Smith.

**ACCOUNTANT
AT MIDLAND**

The Midland Bank Ltd. has appointed John Kenyon (1955-60) accountant at the Congleton branch.

He joined the bank at the Burnley branch from School and served at many East Lancashire branches before becoming assistant accountant at the King Street branch, Manchester.

Mr. Kenyon, who is married, is moving from Worsley to Congleton.

Aquamarine?

John Bolton (1967-73), reading mathematics at Merton College, Oxford, has been awarded a Blue for water polo.

**Works boss
spearheads
U.S. firm's
marketing**

HEAD of American-owned Singer's tufting machine works, Blackburn, Robert Spedding (1934-39) has been appointed marketing director of the industrial products international division of the company.

He will be based in London and be responsible for sales in Russia, Eastern Europe, China, the Middle East, the Third World and parts of the Far East.

Mr. Spedding, who has been head of the Blackburn machine manufacturing plant for 11 years, last year led a team which secured a £6,000,000 tufting machine order from Russia—the industry's largest single order.

He joined a Blackburn firm of accountants from School



MR SPEDDING

and remained with them for about 20 years before moving to Singer as accountant at Blackburn in 1960.

He was appointed managing director of the Singer Company (UK) Ltd. tufting machinery division four years later.

He will still remain on the board of Singer UK and is to retain his links with the Blackburn operations and tufting machinery manufacture.

**Student becomes
Liberal Agent**

John Leston (1966-72) has been appointed Liberal agent for Blackburn. He has been a party member since 16 and belongs to the Union of Liberal Students.

Unfortunately he had to suspend studies for a while in politics, philosophy and economics after two years at Magdalen College, Oxford, because of ill health.

OLD BLACKS MAKE £3,800 BAR

THE ANNUAL meeting was held in the Lammack clubhouse 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 current year was the fulfilment 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 the other members 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 backfog of fixtures at the end of the season, caused 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

PROFIT

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 licked 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 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 £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 manning 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

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Guest speaker Mike Stevenson, right, presents the Lancashire Amateur League Cup to captain Brian Hardcastle at the Old Blackburnians' FC dinner at the clubhouse last June.

Old Blacks

AGM (cont.)

auditing the accounts. However, the chairman did emphasise that the committee and members could not afford to sit back on the efforts of 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 panelling 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 again, 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 had of course 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 over 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, will 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. Witkinson was re-elected; vice-chairman, P. Browne was 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. Sharples was re-elected; hon. auditor, J. Tattersall was re-elected;

hon. solicitor, D. I. Forbes was re-elected.

Committee

The following had one year to serve on the committee: P. Sumner, V. Chester, F. Ritey, E. Jones, G. Shepherd. The following were elected to the committee for two years: R. S. Ormerod, S. Shepherd, P. Hargreaves, R. Ranson, E. Maddocks, A. Pemberton, B. Hardcastle was also elected to the committee and to conform to the rules of the club, he generously agreed to accept election for one year.

Subscriptions

It was resolved that the annual subscription should remain the same as last year, i.e. full members £2, social members £2, lady members £1, under-18 members £1, new members £1. Due to petrol increases, the committee was forced to increase match subscriptions to 40p last season and it was resolved that such figure be continued for the forthcoming season subject to any further increases.

Before the meeting closed, Keith Newton proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and the committee for its efforts during the past year and in return, the chairman then thanked the members for their attendance and in fine style invited those present to have a drink on the club. The meeting lasted an hour and 10 minutes.

Diary Dates

June 13: Annual Club Dinner.

June 27: Golden Jubilee dance.

June 29: Golden Jubilee cocktail party at the clubhouse, Lammack. By Invitation.

Old Blacks XI v Blackburn Rovers XI.

Old Blacks Veterans XI v Lancs Amateur League Veterans XI.

Old Blacks XI v Lancs Amateur League XI.

August 30: Old Blacks Sevens at Lammack.

October 11: Ladies' Committee Dance.

THE 1975 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 25, AT LAMMACK AND THE ANNUAL DINNER ON DECEMBER 20, 1975.

OLD Blackburnians' Association Football Club celebrates its Golden Jubilee this year after 50 years of continuous football, being re-formed in 1925 after a previous club had disbanded in 1920 owing to a lack of playing accommodation.

We are indebted to Mr. Kenneth Forbes, the president, who has been connected with the club for all of its 50 years, for the recollections below.

11,500 watched 'Blacks' game

AFTER its formation the club played its first match on September 19, 1925, and beat the St. Philip's Club 6-2. W. T. Whewell, subsequently a Cambridge blue, captain of Corinthians and captain of the England Amateur International side, led the team.

Following friendly games in 1925/26 the ensuing two seasons were spent in the Blackburn & District Combination. 1928/29 saw three teams playing club games once more and also an entry in the Lancashire Amateur Cup with a quick 3-2 exit to Liverpool Odyssey in the preliminary round.

A desire to play League Football saw Ken Forbes (by now club chairman) persuading the Lancashire Amateur League to form a Northern section. The successful outcome of this meant that the Old Blacks were founder members and played until 1939 when the league was closed down owing to World War II.

Regular Easter tours began in 1928, a year of progress. All tours were to the Isle of Man with the exception of 1934 when an invasion of North Wales was mounted. Easter tours in those days were no picnic either. Arrive Douglas 6 a.m. on Good Friday after a night of celebration on the boat. Play two games each on Friday, Saturday and Monday, then catch the four o'clock boat home. Total return fare 19/6d, if you survived.

In 1931 the tradition of Boxing Day matches started with initially opposition selected by W. T. Whewell which included many amateur internationals and attracted hundreds of spectators.

The Lancashire Amateur League resumed after the war in season 1945/46. From this period the Old Blacks were at their best.

In 1946/47 the club won the Lancashire Amateur Cup after playing Blackburn Tech at Ewood Park. The first game, a 3-3 draw, was watched by a crowd of 5,000 and the replay which was won 2-0 drew a crowd of 11,500. Out of these two matches £191/3/9d was added to club funds. The club also won this trophy again in

1949/50. Up to season 1973/74 the honours list reads 1st Division Champions nine times, 2nd Division six times (i.e. 2nd XI), 3rd Division five times (3rd XI). Aggregate trophy for the best combined 1st and 2nd XI performances, seven times. The League Benevolent Cup and the League Challenge Cup, once each. Throughout the years many players have been selected for the League XI and also the Lancashire County Amateur XI.

From 1929 various sites for a permanent home had been investigated. During this time pitches belonging to the School, Cherry Tree Cricket Club, Mellor Sports Ground and the Corporation were used. In October 1946 the present ground of 5½ acres was purchased for £1,400 and after an ex-RAF hut was converted for £1,000 as changing rooms the ground was officially opened by Lord Clitheroe on Boxing Day 1950 although the pitch had been used since the 1948/49 season.

Ken Forbes, the president, opened a £5,000 extension in August 1967 which also signalled the start of the Old Blacks Sevens for the Tommy Whewell Trophy. In May 1974 the president opened a further £17,000 extension which replaced the RAF hut changing and washing facilities and also doubled the lounge bar area.

The present season sees the Old Blacks as members of the New Premier Division of 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. Sumner, 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 goalscorers were: P. Greenhalgh 19, J. Whitehead 19, P. Lawson 17, 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 thoroughly deserved the award, having kept the Old Blacks' and QEGS pitches in pristine condition since 1956.

It is the fourth year the award has been made and it is presented to the person who has played the biggest part in the club's activities.

GOLF

30 entries at Wilpshire

This summer's competition was held at Wilpshire Golf Club on June 5 at which there were thirty entries and the winner of the Judge Walsley Cup for the best net score was E. Wilkinson of Wilpshire with 85-20-65. The runner up was D. B. Hollen with 73-6-67.

The winner of the Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup was G. Looms with 69.

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The annual golf competition was held on June 6, 1974, at Blackburn Golf Club, when there were 36 entries. The Judge Walsley Cup was won by M. J. Walsh, of Blackburn, with a return of 82-13-69 and the runner-up was H. E. Asplin, of Wilpshire, with 83-11-72.

The Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup was won by G. Readett with a gross 76.

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Alan Gorse (1948-54) was elected captain of Wilpshire Golf Club at the annual meeting in December. Proprietor of a Blackburn photographic shop, he is also a keen motor sport enthusiast.

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Pleaslington Golf Club's annual open foursome competition, the Pleaslington Stag, was won by Old Boy Frank Whittaker (), of Blackburn Club, partnering Mr. Ian Woolley, of Pleaslington. They had a combined net score of 144. The pair scored 84:6-78 on the first round, following it with a fine second round of 72:6-66.



Vince Chester, right, receives a set of cut glass tumblers as Old Blackburnians' Clubman of the Year, from Mr. Will Crumblehulme at the Old Blacks' dinner.

Final figures

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1st XI	26	14	4	8	52	35	32
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OLD BLACKS AROUND THE WORLD

A warm welcome fades out

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 OEGS 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.

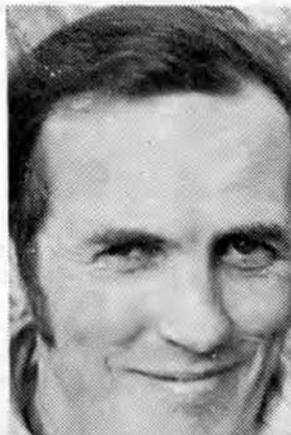
"We continue to enjoy charming neighbours, who surround us—two ex-Hong Kong, two Belgian, two Danish, two Canadian and two Liverpool-

lians are our immediate neighbours.

"We miss, however, the special quality of conversation which occurs in the staffroom of OEGS, 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 Maitby (1948-53), Bob Darwent (1947-53), Roger Pilkington (1950-58), Roy Ashcroft (1945-52), and Hugh G. Macklin (1908-10).



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 assistance 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.

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 Whitby (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 exam-

ination 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.

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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, 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 and distinguished Old Boy, Sir Benjamin Ormerod. The secretary had written to Sir Benjamin's relatives and the association had been represented at the memorial

service in the Cathedral in October.

In conclusion I should like to thank all the officers and committee who have given their help during the past 12 months and in particular Mr. Bury who is due to vacate the office of chairman, for his ever present and invaluable interest in the association.

MAGISTER

Mr. John Duckworth was on holiday at the meeting but Mr. Bury again reminded members of the excellent edition of Magister produced earlier in the year and referred to Mr. Duckworth's sterling efforts in producing Magister, despite his increased commitments at work. Mr. Bury reminded the meeting that Mr. Duckworth would be grateful for any items which might be suitable for Magister.

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. The other co-opted members were again co-opted onto the committee. The committee now comprises: Messrs. G. Birtwistle, B. Brown, D. J. Coulson, J. Duckworth, W. K. Forbes, E. G. Hunt, N. Jepson, F. J. Jones, H. King, J. King, E. C. Marsden, I. D. Newton, K. V. Newton, P. T. Pearson, W. H. Procter, J. S. Read, T. Riley, J. E. Sagar, T. E. Sharratt, R. Smethurst, J. Warner and E. Wilkinson. The co-opted members are W. E. T. Walsh, E. J. Kay and R. Smith.

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, 116 Dales Road, Ipswich.

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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.

M. J. Ashlon (1965-71), Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Biochemistry, Lancaster University.

S. W. Atherton (1964-70), Graduated B.A., First Class Hons. Mathematics, Magdalen College, Oxford University.

R. F. Barker (1965-71), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Natural Sciences, Downing College, Cambridge.

P. R. Barton (1965-71), Awarded Diploma in Environmental Health, Salford College of Technology. Appointed Environmental Health Officer, Hyndburn Borough Council.

P. J. Baltrick (1962-71), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. History, Lancaster University. Appointed Administrative Trainee, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

S. F. Beardsworth (1961-69), Graduated M.B., Ch.B., Liverpool University. Appointed House Officer, Sefton General Hospital, Liverpool.

F. Beggs (1968-71), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Manchester Polytechnic.

A. J. Bishop (1964-71), Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Leeds University. Appointed to a post with Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd., London.

R. P. Bolton, B.A. (1961-68), Graduated M.B., B.Ch., Balliol College, Oxford University. Appointed Junior House Officer, Oxford Group of Hospitals.

J. R. Brocklehurst, B.A. (1962-69), Awarded Certificate of Education, Leeds University. Appointed Assistant Teacher St. Augustine's S.M. School, London.

P. M. Brocklehurst (1964-70), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Agricultural Plant Sciences, Leeds. Awarded a National Environmental Research Council Studentship for research at Leeds University.

A. H. Brown (1964-70), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Economics, Hull University.

C. R. J. Bury (1964-74), Awarded a place at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

R. Carruthers (1941-49), Appointed Manager, Granville Road Branch, Blackburn Trustee Savings Bank.

A. J. Child, B.A. (1961-69), Awarded post graduate Certificate in Education. Appointed Assistant Teacher in the Faculty of English Studies, Morecambe Grammar School.

B. Clark, B.Sc. (1960-68), Awarded Ph.D., Biochemistry, Glasgow University.

S. O. Clarke (1963-70), Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Chemistry, Leeds University.

C. S. Clay (1964-71), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Biochemistry, Bristol University.

S. J. Counsell (1962-70), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. German, University College, London.

P. G. Cowburn (1959-70), Graduated B.A. (external), Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. English, French, Geography, London University. Awarded Certificate of Education, Borough Road College, Isleworth. Awarded the E. W. Kent Prize for English Studies, Borough Road College. Appointed Assistant Master, English Department, The Harrow County School for Boys.



M. R. Croasdale (1964-70), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Mathematics, Balliol College, Oxford University.

P. F. Davidson (1969-71), Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Physics, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

J. H. Duckworth (1960-71), Graduated B.Sc., Hons. Chemistry, Kent University.

P. M. Duxbury (1963-70), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Hons. Photography, Manchester Polytechnic.

J. F. Forbes, M.Sc. (1951-61), Awarded Ph.D., Civil Engineering, Swansea University.

M. Garbutt, B.A. (1962-69), Graduated Master of Philosophy, Leeds University.

J. J. Gillam (1963-71), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Geography, Ulster University.

S. P. Gosden (1965-71), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Engineering Science and Economics, Hertford College, Oxford University.



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.

G. R. Hacking (1936-41), Appointed Manager, Barnsley Branch of the Yorkshire Bank.

D. J. Halstead, B.Sc., Ph.D. (1957-65), Appointed a Biological Engineer, J. & E. Sturge Ltd., Selby.

D. R. Haymes (1961-71), Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 2 (London external) Hons. Law, Trent Polytechnic.

D. J. Hewitt, B.Pharm. (1959-67), Appointed Production Pharmacist, Geigy Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

P. E. M. Jarrett, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., D.(Obsl.)R.C.O.G. (1952-60), Appointed Senior Surgical Registrar, St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

P. E. Jenkinson, B.A. (1956-63), Appointed Head of the Language Department, Pleckgate School, Blackburn.

C. M. P. Johnson, M.A., Ph.D. (1940-45), Elected to the Council of the Senate, Cambridge University.

S. C. C. Keenay (1966-71), Awarded Certificate of Education, Trinity and All Saints College, Horsforth, Leeds.

I. F. L. Kenyon (1965-68), Awarded Higher National Diploma in Business Studies, Blackburn College of Technology & Design.

S. Lassey (1964-71), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Hons. Bacteriology, Edinburgh University. Appointed Marketing Management Trainee, Burroughs Machines Ltd., Edinburgh.

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J. R. Lord, B.Sc. (1959-69), Graduated M.B., Ch.B., Liverpool University. Appointed House Officer, Ormskirk and District General Hospital.

C. D. Lund, B.Sc. (1961-68), Graduated M.B., Ch.B., Dundee University Medical School. Appointed House Surgeon, Perth Hospital.

I. I. McMahon (1966-73), Commissioned from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, into the Intelligence Corps.

P. J. Mitchell, M.A., M.Sc. (1960-67), Awarded D.Phil., Oxford University.

P. Moizer (1963-70), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Chemistry, Merton College, Oxford University. Appointed Graduate Trainee, Price, Waterhouse & Co., Chartered Accountants.

D. E. Mycock (1960-71), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Classics, Leicester University.

L. J. Pennell (1964-71), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Chemical Engineering, Newcastle University. Awarded the Airwork Trophy for the best all-round cadet, Northumbrian Universities' Air Squadron. Commissioned in the R.A.F. as a pilot.

M. Pickles (1963-69), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Business Studies, Lanchester Polytechnic.

R. K. Read (1964-70), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Botany, Pembroke College, Oxford University.

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. Sharples (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.

N. A. Shilcock (1963-71), Awarded Certificate of Education, C. F. Mott College of Education, Liverpool. Appointed Assistant Teacher, Wharton County Secondary School, Prescott.

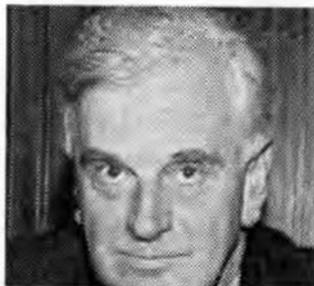
R. J. Slater (1963-71), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Biochemistry, Leeds University.

J. N. Sowerby (1963-70), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. English Language and Literature, Magdalen College, Oxford University.

J. R. Taberner (1965-72), Awarded Higher National Diploma in Computing, Blackburn College of Technology and Design.

P. W. Tattersall (1963-71), Graduated M.A., History and Political Science, Dundee University.

M. J. Walker (1963-70), Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Botany, Magdalen College, Oxford University. Appointed Assistant Master, Manchester Grammar School.



W. E. T. Walsh, LL.B., (1924-30), Elected President of the Blackburn Incorporated Law Association.

A. R. Whalley (1962-70), Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science.

J. R. Whitehead, B.A., M.Sc. (1961-67), Appointed Lecturer in Statistics and Probability, Chelsea College, London.

F. M. Whittaker, B.Sc. (1937-43), Elected President of the Association of European Machine Tool Merchants.

R. P. Wilding, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (1943-52), Appointed Consultant Surgeon, Orpington Hospital, Kent.

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 Mrs. M. 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.

Director of finance



THE ROCKWARE Group Ltd. has appointed their group finance controller Anthony Hargreaves finance director.

Mr. Hargreaves, at School from 1941 to 1947, was chief accountant and assistant company secretary of the Garston Bottle Company Ltd., of Liverpool, when it was acquired by Rockware in 1966.

He moved to the head office in Middlesex as management accounting officer and became chief accountant in 1970, joining Rockware's glass executive as finance director in 1971.

Mr. Hargreaves lives with his wife and two children in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Accountant gains highest result

David Boardwell (1961-70) won the Ft. 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A. J. Campbell, Open Scholarship (The Mackinnon Scholarship) in Natural Sciences at Magdalen College, Oxford. Also University Studentship, Post Office Telecommunications.

C. W. Kinder, Open Exhibition in Modern Studies at Magdalen College, Oxford.

E. J. Tomlinson, Open Scholarship (Postmastership) in Natural Sciences at Merton College, Oxford.

S. J. H. Lea, English Speaking Union Scholarship (The Hotchkiss School, Connecticut).

F. J. Parkinson, Courtauld's University Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering.

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, Ewood, Blackburn.

"I used to feel a bit cheated at not being able to get a job after about six years' studying. I suppose my trouble was that I had more qualifications than the man over me and most firms don't like that.

"I applied for about 60 jobs but didn't get any", said Alan. But now, with a wife and a job and a new life, things are starting to look up for him . . .

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.

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Bursar of Casterton School, Keith Wightman (see Magister 16) married Miss Alexa Kershaw at St. Bartholomew's Church, Barbon, last July.

Keith (1949-54) is a member of Morecambe Rifle and Pistol Club and is a keen mountaineer. His bride is a music teacher.

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Retail fruiterer Peter W. J. Stephens (1964-70) married cook supervisor Miss Yvonne Blahuta at St. Peter's Church, Salesbury, in September, before a honeymoon in Scotland.

Father makes wedding cake for son

QEGS domestic bursar Mr. Derick Lund revived his old skill as a confectioner to make and ice his son Robert's wedding cake.

Derick, 52, last tried his hand at wedding cakes 20 years ago, but he had no problems mixing the prize-winning recipe over three months ago, then taking four hours to sculpt on the lace-like 5lbs of icing sugar over the three-tier cake.

Robert (1960-69), a bank clerk, married Miss Christine Mercer at Leamington Road Baptist Church, Blackburn.

Lecturer wrote music for wedding

Music lecturer David Smalley wrote the music for his wedding at St. Oswald's Church, Fulford, York.

Mr. Smalley, who lectures at Preston Polytechnic, married Miss Alison Seles, a physical education teacher at John Rigby School, Blackburn. Mr. Smalley is a former Blackburn Cathedral chorister.

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Frederick Beardsworth (1961-69), a doctor at Sefton General Hospital, Liverpool, married Miss Susan Lloyd, a nurse, at St. Wilfred's Church, Davenham, Cheshire, in May.

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Computer programmer Philip Gosden (1964-71) married librarian Miss Olwen Carol Hopwood at Zion Pentecostal Church, Blackburn, in August.

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Peter Michael Brocklehurst (1962-69) married teacher Miss Marie-Antoinette Baron at St. Stephen's Church, Blackburn.



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, steel and similar industries.

Tom Matthews,
24 Rue Charles Laffitte,
92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine,
France.

OLD BOYS GET TOGETHER OVER DRINKS

Michael Shepherd, currently reading physics at Queen Elizabeth College, London University, tells us that at least half a dozen Old Boys, who are undergraduates in London, meet for a drink and a chat once a week.

They are Alan Parkinson (Queen Mary) reading aeronautical engineering; Phil Aldred (Imperial) reading physics; Graham Preston (North East London Polytechnic) taking Higher National Diploma in business studies; Ian McIntosh (LSE) reading economics; and Kevin McDonald (Bedford) reading botany. Dave Barnes, working for Kodak at Harrow, also joins them in the sessions.

Umpires exam

Ralph Marsden, who retired from ICI three years ago to teach at Ashville College, Harrogate, has passed the written examination of the Association of Cricket Umpires.

He says in a letter that it may be some time before he dares venture on the more fearsome and stiffer oral examination, with its 80 per cent necessary for a pass.

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MIKE HEADS LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

FORMER QEGS French teacher Mike Sharples (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.

CHALK MARKS

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 crit 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 Abingham School in April.



MR. MORRIS



MR. WINDERS

Headmaster of primary school

ASHLEIGH county primary school's new headmaster in January was Old Boy Collin Henry Cronshaw.

Mr. Cronshaw (1947-53) had been deputy head of Hoddlesden Church of England primary school for 10 years.

He trained at the City of Leeds Training College after leaving QEGS, then taught for three years at the now demolished Park Road county primary school, Blackburn.

He then taught at St. Luke's Church of England primary school for a further three years before moving to Hoddlesden.

A past president of the Blackburn branch of the National Association of Schoolmasters, he is married and lives in Pote Lane, Darwen.

He has a daughter and son, Robin, 13, who is following his father's footsteps at QEGS.

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.

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 1936. 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 (1949-58) has been appointed headmaster of Waddington and West Bradford Church of England primary school.

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.

HEAD STARTS A SCHOOL TRADITION

HEADMASTER of St. Silas's juniorschool, 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 OEGS, 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 is married with three daughters and lives in Preston New Road. Mr. Duckworth, 32, returned to St. Stephen's, the primary school he attended, as deputy head seven years ago.

He had previously taught at Longshaw Junior School, Blackburn, for three and a half years.

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 Ashlon (1954-61) recently joined the German department of Arnold School, Blackpool, and is now living at 16 Second Avenue, Blackpool.

Head of Biology

Peter Eastttam (1961-68) has been appointed head of biology at St. Mary's College, Blackburn.



MR. McLELLAN



MR. DUCKWORTH

Children buy head a clock

Children at St. John's school, Great Harwood, saved their pocket money to buy headmaster Ronald Gaskell (1944-50) a clock to mark his leaving.

He had been at the school for eight years and is now head of Chorley Parish School.



MR. GASKELL

Teaching in Harrow

Peter G. Cowburn (1959-70) has obtained a teaching post at Harrow County School for boys after receiving a B.A. degree in English, French and Geography from London University (external).



MR. SMALLEY

Certificate for lecturer

John Richard Smalley (1957-62) gained the certificate in advanced education with distinction at Oxford University before being appointed lecturer at Kesteven College of Education, Lincolnshire.

John spent a year at the International Sixth Form College, Wales, after leaving OEGS, and after graduating in English at Cambridge, taught at Pleckgate School, Blackburn.

He met his wife Irene when they were both teaching at the International School, Singapore.

Head of academy over the border

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 Cholomdesley 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. Coulson.

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.

But it was a different story for the annual meeting and dinner, arranged for March 14 at the Regimental Room of the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly.

It was hoped that the good attendance at the cocktail party might be reflected at the meeting but there was such a poor response that the AGM had to be cancelled.

Michael says the reasons are not clear; "perhaps the date was inconvenient for many members, perhaps the venue was not liked, one can only hope that when a future date is arranged, the response will be better.

"It is most disheartening when effort and money are spent, that the response is so poor. With costs rising so much and so quickly, it is becoming more imperative that people do respond and continue to support the branch with their subscriptions."

Michael asks members who have not received circulars and information from the London Branch in the last year, perhaps because of moving, to contact him at 129 Mayfield Road, Dagenham, Essex.

"I think one area in which we fall is when Old Boys move to London after studying elsewhere. Many Old Boys probably study elsewhere and either keep in touch with Blackburn or join a branch in the area of their studies.

"After having finished their studies, they move to London but do not get in touch with the London Branch. The greatest threat to the association is apathy."

Michael, who studied drama, is now working as linkman for BBC

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, Marton Srael, Oxford.

The event was organised by Mr. Chris Bambar who presided. Following the Loyal Toast, the chairman proposed the toast to the School to which the Headmaster briefly replied. Other speakers were Mr. N. Jepson, vice-chairman of 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. Bambar, I. Tranter, R. Hargreaves, A. Walsh, H. H. Cook, P. Cardwell, P. Ramage, R. K. Read, M. Walker, P. Mitchell, S. Atherton; from Blackburn — the Headmaster, Mr. N. Jepson (vice-chairman of the Governors), Mr. E. C. Marsden (Governor), Mr. R. Hunter (school bursar), Mr. H. King; others — Mr. H. L. Scholllick, Rev. T. L. Walsh, Rev. S. Blirtwell, Mr. J. Lee, Mr. N. 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

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 liking 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 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. Scholllick from Oxford and Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilkinson who have recently moved North. Mr. Wilkinson was an active member 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 Ramsbottom.

The full list of those attending is: from Blackburn — Mr. and Mrs. W. Hare, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Coulson, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kay; Mr. H. King; from the branch — Mr. H. L. Scholllick, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bainbridge, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Liversedge, Mr. H. Bradley and guest, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. 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. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ramsbottom.

H.K.

Yorkshire

The Yorkshire Old Blackburnians' Ladies' Evening was held on Friday, April 25, 1975, at the Celrns 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 McCerroll, Stephen and Cella Nalsby, David and Betty Riding, Peter and Dorrie Ronson, Guy and Tanya Shuttleworth, Keith and Carol Williams.

The event was organised by Mr. 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, QEGS'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 pub, 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 1966 as Squadron-Leader with a bad leg injury.

It was just after the war that Joe topped his soccer travels 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 elected an associate member of the Institute of Housing Managers.



GEORGE IS G.B. ATHLETICS TEAM COACH

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



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BACK TO SCHOOL AS CHIEF GUEST

CHIEF GUEST at the School Speech Day on Thursday, May 8, was Old Boy and Chief Executive Officer of Hampshire, Keith Robnson (1931-38).

Mr. William Hare, chairman of the governors, introduced Mr. Robnson and said about him: "He took his degree at Manchester University. During the war, he was a navigator with the RAF and a squadron leader.

"His step-father was a former town clerk of Blackburn and no doubt he used his powers of persuasion to induce Keith to enter local government services so effectively that Mr. Robnson became town clerk of Stoke-on-Trent in 1966 and was appointed chief executive officer of Hampshire in 1974."

Mr. Robnson was featured in "Town Hall Round-up" in Magister 18. He was appointed junior assistant solicitor in

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. Robnson 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. Robnson 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.

QEGS fees may be £550 a year

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, but the Secretary of State announced in the House of Commons on the 7th April last that such Authorities will be free to continue to take up places in independent schools. I hope that the Lancashire Authority will continue to do this for the foreseeable future and this will make a considerable difference to our financial budgeting, because we shall know what the maximum number of boys will be coming through to the School in September of each year. We shall of course work out precise figures and by the time boys

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, which we have asked for, but have yet to be confirmed by the Department of Education, are £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.

The junior school fees now charted at £418 may not need as large an increase as the main school.

CONFIDENCE

In assessing the whole situation, the Governors had to make an act of faith. We must have the confidence to expect that not only will people continue to send boys into this school, so long as the fees remain reasonable, in proportion to their income, and also in coming to our decision, we have to have the confidence that this present state of affairs, where the dice is

loaded so much against the direct grant schools, will not continue for ever. Some day, somehow, the people in authority will see the error of their ways. They will say in abolishing the direct grant schools, the only thing they are doing is giving a diluted standard of education to the children of this country at a highly inflated cost. What is more tragic, that in our present economic circumstances, than the Government's refusal to accept a contribution from parents towards their children's education, just because the type of education we provide is mainly geared towards the pupil who can best take advantage of an academic education.

DISCIPLINE

We at Queen Elizabeth's do not contend that the giving of this academic education is the sole purpose of our existence, indeed we have always said that we also provide a pattern of education for boys at this School, for a limited period of general education, for those who ultimately wish to take up a craft or trade.

We are selling a form of discipline which it is becoming apparent is not available elsewhere. We are selling a pattern of behaviour which is not available in many of the State maintained schools. We are selling a tradition which we think ought not to be abandoned.