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QEGS goes co-educational

QEGS is to go co-ed. But, before you are roused to reach for a pen to form an Old Boys' liberation group — it will be limited to the sixth form, which has at present 220 boys.

The governors, after months of deliberation, decided to allow in a number of "suitably qualified" girls. The Headmaster Mr. D. J. Coulson says about 15 have applied for interviews. Places will be dependent on 'O' level successes and results will be known at the end of August.

Many of the girls whose parents applied for places are either sisters of boys already at the school or have recently moved into the dis-

BUT ONLY IN THE SIXTH

trict and want to carry on their grammar school education.

"Queen Elizabeth's has a good reputation for its sixth-form work and parents wanted the best for their daughters," says Mr. Coulson. "We are not looking for entries into the sixth-form, but if we are able to help, then why not?"

Pressure has been building up for a while from parents whose children are at other grammar schools in the district whose future is uncertain due to the abolition of the direct grant.

The governors

thought about the move for a while before making the decision. Limiting girls to the sixth form does not contravene the Sex Discrimination Act.

The Headmaster said: "I can see no difficulties in this venture. The boys should take it in their stride, I can see no reaction from them."

But girls in the sixth form will be nothing new to the boys because a few girls from Westholme have been learning German for a while. "The governors only made the decision after a great deal of discussion with

Westholme,"

"The girls were conscientious and hard-working. They may put the boys on their mettle."

"The boys will probably take the view: Why shouldn't the girls have the same chances?"

"The curriculum will not be altered. Girls will come to the School primarily for academic purposes, so sports will not be a problem. They are hoping to follow professional careers and are therefore coming because of the courses we already offer, so there is no need to change," said Mr. Coulson.

"The girls are at liberty to take advantage of the many leisure facilities."

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PETER JOLLEY

Mr Peter Jolley died in Singapore last October, aged 45. He had been headmaster of the Singapore International School for less than a year.

Mr Jolley, at School from 1941 to 1947, was the first headmaster of Pleckgate Comprehensive School, Blackburn, in 1968.

He left for Singapore in January 1975 to take over a comprehensive school with 1,200 pupils.



Mr Jolley

He obtained a BSc from Manchester University after leaving QEGS, then returned to teach at School for four years.

He moved to the Duke of York Military School, Dover and was then appointed Director of Studies at the International Atlantic College, West Glamorgan.

He leaves a wife, Nancy and three daughters.

The Provost of Blackburn, the Very Rev Lawrence Jackson, conducted a service in his memory at Blackburn Cathedral in January

Mr Tom Taylor gave an address. Prayers and thanksgiving were led by the Rev G. J. Cook, a former minister of Mr Jolley's church, Four Lane Ends, and Mr D. B. Sutcliffe, head of Atlantic College.

Deputy head dies at 63

Retired teacher Mr Eric Tattersall Thompson died in December aged 63.

He was former deputy headmaster at Billinge School, Blackburn, from 1949 until 1967.

He gained a BSc from London after leaving School. He attended King's College and Westminster College and obtained an associateship of King's College.

He returned to Blackburn and began teaching at St. Luke's school. Two years later, he became senior science master at the old Cathedral school.

He spent the war in the operations department of the Chemical Warfare Establishment, and was appointed head of the science department when Blackburn Technical High School opened in 1945. He became deputy head four years later.

He was a visiting lecturer specialising in organic chemistry and semi-micro analysis from 1945 to 1960 and wrote a laboratory manual about it.

He leaves a wife Hannah and a daughter.

ALLAN ORMEROD

Former director of Blackburn Looms Company Mr. Allan Ormerod (1904-09) died in Colwyn Bay in November after a short illness. He was 84.

Mr Ormerod, a widower, was the brother of Old Blackburnians Association's former president

Sir Benjamin Ormerod, who died in September 1974.

Mr Ormerod served with the Fourth East Lancashire Regiment in the first world war and moved to North Wales 30 years ago.

Obituary

GEORGE ARMISTEAD

Mr George Armistead, a life-long friend of the writer, died suddenly at his home in Mellor on 23rd 1975, aged 62.

He came to QEGS in 1924 and then proceeded to Cheltenham College where he qualified as a teacher.

George Armistead was an outstanding, highly respected and dedicated schoolmaster, meticulous in all he undertook and setting the highest standards of conduct and achievement. During the war he served in the RAF and his first headship was at St. Stephen's C.E. Junior School, Little Harwood. Subsequently he was appointed the first headmaster of Longshaw Junior School, a position he held for 23 years up to his retirement owing to ill-health, in 1973.

Throughout his life he was keenly interested in sport, particularly amongst the children. In his younger days he played football for the 1st XI at QEGS, then with the Old Blackburnians and had spells with Darwen FC and Northern Nomads. He was also a staunch supporter of Blackburn Rovers.

He was a former president of Blackburn Teachers' Association, a former chairman and treasurer of Lancashire Schools' Athletic Association and a past president of Blackburn West



Mr Armistead

Rotary Club and a past governor of Rotary District 119.

His abiding interest was music. He was a talented pianist and singer and this not only gave him much pleasure but also brought great enjoyment to many of his friends. He was a former member of the Cathedral Choir and a member of the Cathedral Old Choristers' Association.

George Armistead will be sadly missed for his integrity, warm personality and cheerful friendliness. We extend to his wife, his two daughters and their families our sincere sympathy.

H.K.

FRANK J. JONES

Chairman and managing director of Jones Textiles Ltd, Mr Frank J. Jones (1918-27) died suddenly at his home, Smithy Close, Brindle, in November.

He was 66 and had spent 48 years with the company, becoming managing director in 1950 and chairman 10 years later.

The 105-year-old textile machinery and equipment and woodworking firm was founded by his grandfather.

Mr Jones had been secretary of Blackburn Rotary Club for many years and was also a member of the Lancaster Boat Club and the Inland Waterways Association.

He worked in the management of Blackburn Ragged School, served on Blackburn District Council and actively involved in social work.

Mr Jones leaves a wife, Dorothy and two sons. A funeral service was held at Brindle Parish Church, prior to cremation at Pleasington Cemetery.

DR JACK LEACH

Dr. Jack Leach (1932-37) died at his Whittle-le-Woods home in December. He was 52.

He had been in practice with his wife Dr Sylvia Leach in Whittle-le-Woods for some years. He also leaves four sons,

and also

James Kenyon Hoyle (1924-27) on July 16, 1975.

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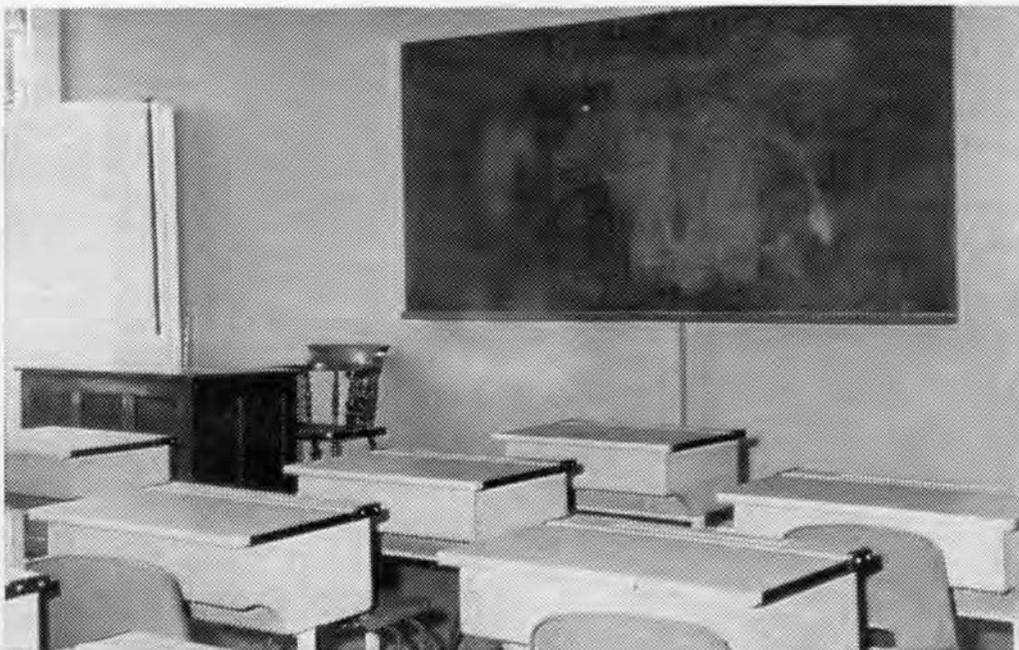
● ABOVE: A general view of Horncliffe and the new extensions.

● LEFT: One of the new classrooms.

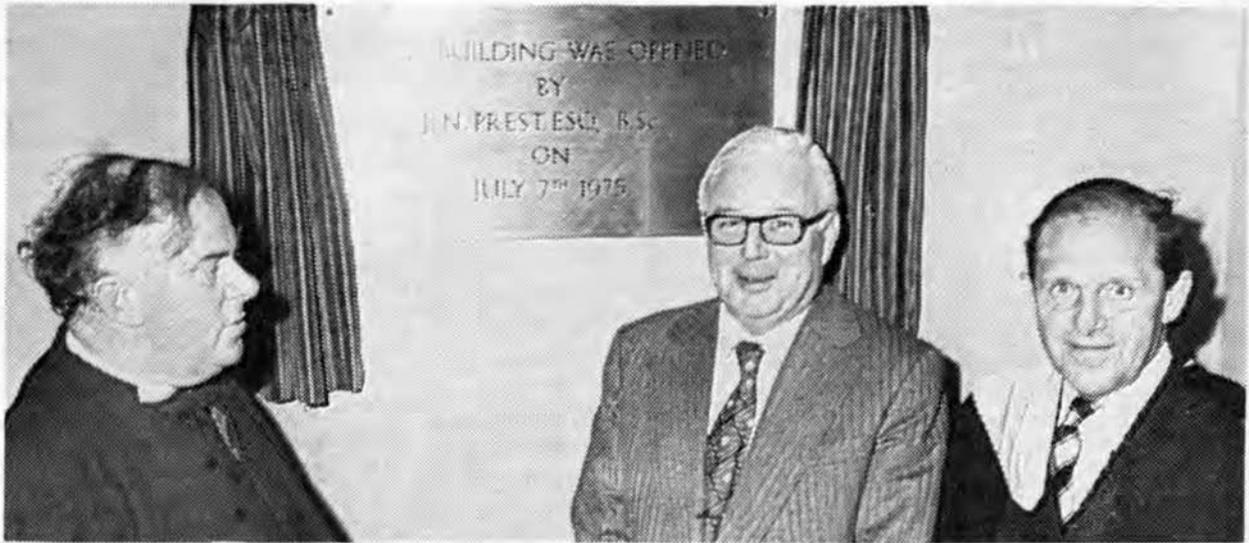
● OPPOSITE PAGE: ABOVE: Mr Joseph N. Prest opens the new building with the Very Rev. Lawrence Jackson, the Provost of Blackburn and a School Governor, the left, and the Headmaster Mr Douglas J. Coulson, right.

● CENTRE: The Headmaster of Horncliffe Mr Derek Holt.

● BELOW: The new library.



£115,000 EXTENSION OPENED



Junior school block is last building project

THE £115,000 Horncliffe extension was opened with the unveiling of a plaque by Mr Joseph N. Prest, chairman of the School's appeals committee, last summer.

The two-storey extension, linked to the old Horncliffe building, is the last major building project to be undertaken at School for many years. It marks the culmination of 20 years of development which should see the School properly prepared to meet the challenges of the next two decades.

The new block includes six classrooms, including two on the ground floor and four on the first floor. The old building, formerly a house, has been redesigned to accommodate a music room, a library, science and art rooms.

It took Blackburn builders William Livesey and Sons less than a year to complete the extension, built partly on steel stilts because of the steep slope. It includes a small car park beneath.

New equipment, costing £2,500, includes £150 of audio machines and 50 new desks at £15 each. But the same tried and tested teaching methods remain, says Mr Derek Holt, headmaster of Horncliffe.

When he took over as headmaster in 1958, there were 98 boys in four classes. Now there is a full-time staff of five for 125 boys, aged between eight and 11, in five classes.

The new building was completed five years after the major assembly hall scheme in the bottom quad which cost £120,000. Other big developments at School in the past two decades have included the Holden laboratories, opened in 1958 and the biology labs, and four classrooms of Ormerod House, named

after Sir Benjamin Ormerod, former president of the Old Blackburnians Association, who died in September 1974.

Ormerod House cost £46,000 and was opened in 1965. A remodelling of the old wood huts in the top quad and the new sixth-form centre opened in 1972. There have been other innovations at West Park Road in the past few years.

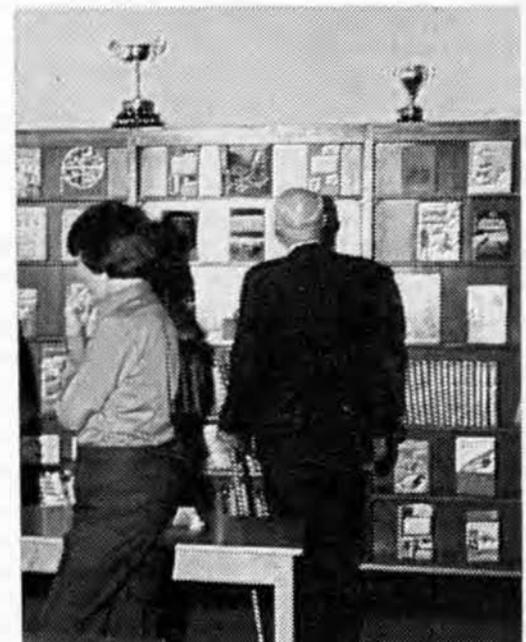
The total cost of these developments is £350,000, raised by contributions from parents, old boys and industrialists. The Horncliffe appeal included a £25,000 donation from the Harold Bridges Foundation.

Almost all the available space has now been used at School since the move to West Park Road in 1882 from Bull Meadow, Freckleton Street, near St. Peter's church, following a strongly critical report by the Schools Inquiry Commission.

Land was bought in West Park Road for £2,808 and included a house overlooking Corporation Park which was used as the headmaster's residence. The school premises were built for £950 and contained Big School as the assembly hall, two classrooms, a dining hall and another room intended as a boarders' dormitory.

A private house was bought in 1925 to house the junior school and be known as Horncliffe. Shortly afterwards, Hartley House was bought to be used by the arts sixth forms.

In 1953, a two-storey block of eight classrooms were built next to Hartley House, to be followed five years later by the monumental science laboratories.



SCHOOL NEWS



FORMER QEGS head boy Peter Slater is off to study in the United States in September.

He won an English Speaking Union scholarship which allows him free residence and study at a top American college.

He follows old boy Simon Lea, who gained a similar award last year to a school in Connecticut.

Peter is to go to Cambridge School, near Boston, Massachusetts, for a year to study American arts and literature.

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Sixth-formers Christopher Cooke and Philip Bell won RAF special flying awards which give them 30 hours flying tuition.

The award is designed for pupils at schools without an air training corps, and the boys

faced a rigorous three-day selection at Biggin Hill.

Both have now gained a private pilot's licence. Christopher wants to take a civil air-linac course when he leaves school and Philip wants to join the RAF.

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Blackburn Cathedral organist Mr John Bertalot described QEGS sixth-form student Ivor Bolton as "one of the most talented students I have ever had."

Ivor gave an organ recital at the Cathedral in September and was the youngest person to have had that honour.

He has been awarded an open organ scholarship to Clara Collaga, Cambridge.

Tribute to Harry King

Headmaster's Speech (cont. from back page).

Both our 1st XI cricketers and footballers are now in a "rebuilding period", but John Swanney played cricket for the Lancashire Senior Schools Under 19 XI; for the Lancashire Cricket Federation, and was also chosen as 12th man for the Lancashire County XI; and our Under 15 and Under 13 teams were each top of their respective Blackburn Schools Leagues, while Paul Moore toured with the English Public Schools Football XI in the Easter holidays.

Our Badminton team has had a splendid season and won the Lancashire Schools Senior Knockout Competition, and our captain David Gibson, is the Lancashire Schools Under 18 Singles Champion and also with his partner, Lancashire Schools Mixed Doubles Champion.

Those of you whose sons have taken part in our School play; in our Musical Evening and the splendid concert a fortnight ago in the Cathedral; in our Art and Craft Clubs activities, in our Carol Service, our visits to France, Germany and Italy; and particularly in our Community Service work will not need me to emphasise how much is done here to provide as many opportunities as possible for boys to widen their horizons and extend the range of their interests. May I say a word or two, especially, about the concern of boys at all levels of the School for those who may be in less fortunate circumstances.

The Community Service Committee has gathered together, by its collections and other efforts, money to buy coal during the winter for the elderly, and food for those in need at Christmas. It has sent money to the victims of the Guatemalan Earthquake Disaster; has decorated an old lady's home by voluntary evening work; has again entertained the Blackburn Disabled Group at a concert in Big School, and, in just over two years, in 4 sponsored swims, boys have raised over £2,000 for charity.

These are not matters about which we boast, or for which we seek any general publicity, but they are part of our corporate life of which I think parents should be made aware.

And I want, at this point, to pay tribute to the total and unqualified help and support that we at School enjoy from our parents. Their interest in all that goes on is abundantly clear — and greatly encouraging — in so many ways: in the attendance at concerts, Parents Evenings and Cathedral Services, and in the magnificent way in which they have responded to our recent Appeals for our various building projects. The latest — the Hornccliffe scheme — is now complete, and I hope that you will all go across and inspect this very fine Junior School during the course of the afternoon.

The teaching staff, of course, play a leading role in all this diversity of achievement. And if this is a leading northern school — as I believe it is — it is so, largely because of their complete involvement in, and commitment to, the life and work of the School, and I should like to place on record the appreciation of us all for all that they do and do so well. And no man more so than our Senior Science Master, Mr. Harry King.

This is not Mr. King's last term with us; but it is his last Speech Day, for he is retiring at Christmas, and I would like to try to express to him something of our thanks and appreciation for all that he has given to us over his many years as a member of our Staff. He came to us, as a boy, in 1923 and, after National Service with I.C.I. from 1940-44, returned to Queen Elizabeth's as a teacher of Chemistry in 1945. Since then, there is no sphere of school life which he has not both touched and adorned.

He is, of course, a stimulating teacher; but he has also devoted his lively energies to his House; to School Football (as well as to the football of a well-known town team); to the organisation of Speech Days; Cathedral Services; Royal visits; the Science Department; Old Boys functions and to many other things besides.

But above all, Harry King is, to me, the model and pattern of the very best kind of schoolmaster — first and fore-

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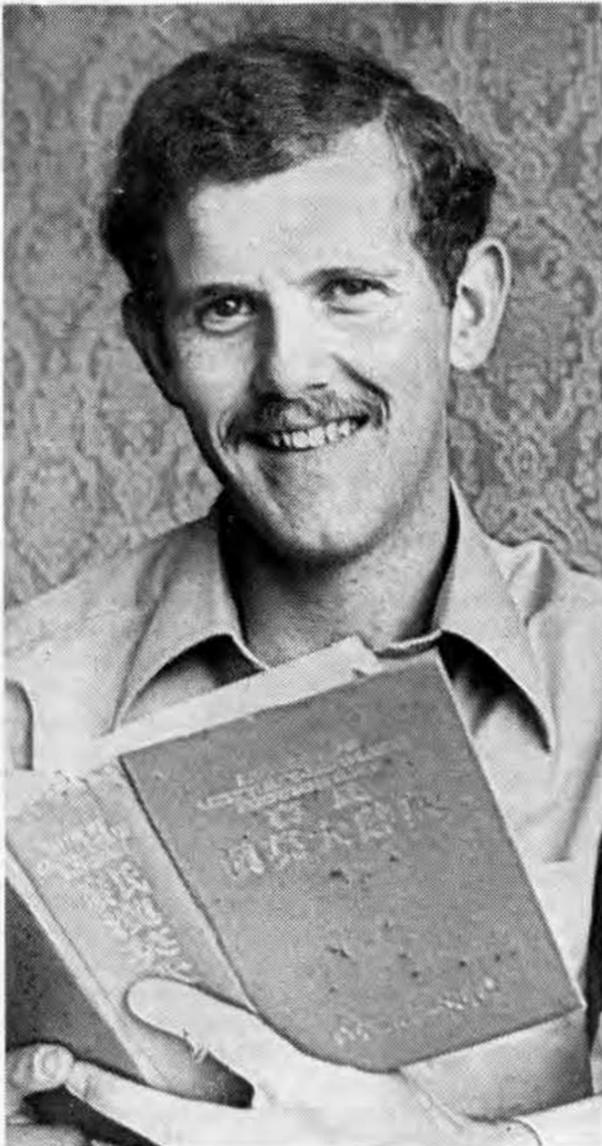
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OLD BLACKS AROUND THE WORLD



PEKING POSTING FOR STUDENT OF CHINESE

Howard Nightingale (pictured left) has a predilection for Chinese meals — which is just as well, for Howard is to study in Peking.

He has been awarded a British Council Scholarship to study at the Foreign Languages Institute for 10 months.

Only 15 scholarships were awarded, so it was quite an achievement for Howard, 22, of Whalley Old Road, Blackburn.

But then Howard is used to achievements. He was the first British student to graduate in Chinese and linguistics phonetics at Leeds University.

He will now be able to study the Chinese language, history, literature and politics at first hand — and sample the speciality dishes.

He should build up an appetite for food early on too, for he will be expected to rise at six in the morning for exercises!

Howard has often had a bit of fun at Chinese restaurants in Yorkshire by ordering the meal in Chinese, much to the delight and amazement, and often amusement, of the waiters.

Howard took up Chinese at university because he wanted to do "something out of the ordinary" after gaining 'A' levels in French and German.

He will start in Peking with five friends from Leeds, who have also been granted scholarships, in October.

Howard is already a seasoned traveller having hitch-hiked across Canada and North Africa, visited Scandinavia, most of Europe and Morocco, and worked during two summer vacations in Germany.

Lecturing on Island of the Swan

Island of the Swan is an appropriate place you might think for a lecturer in animal production.

But that is just where **Denis Fielding** (1956-62) is working at the University of Mauritius.

He was recruited by the Ministry of Overseas Development, which administers aid to developing countries.

He left OEGS for Newcastle and Reading Universities, then taught agricultural science at a secondary school in Sierra Leone.

He was lecturing in animal production at the North of Scotland College of Agriculture, Aberdeen, before the move to Mauritius, known as Island of the Swan.

Thanks

The Editor of Magister wishes to thank the Editors of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph and the Blackburn Times for their permission to reproduce pictures from those newspapers in this issue

AMBITION IS FULFILLED

When **Mr. Robert Koczot** (1963-64) played the organ in King George's Hall, Blackburn, last summer, he was fulfilling an ambition he has had since studying music.

Robert was not taught music at Queen Elizabeth's. It wasn't until he emigrated to Canada 11 years ago that he began to study it, but even then, he did not take lessons at school.

Now he is studying microbiology at Waterloo University, Belleville, Ontario. His ambition to play at King George's was set-off by happy memories of singing there in carol concerts while at School.

Brian goes Dutch

One could say **Brian Moty-neux's** future is a bit flat — one could say that, but it would be a bad pun for **Brian** is currently working in Holland.

Brian, manager of the wire department at Mullards, Blackburn, left for Eindhoven in January with his wife **Joan** and daughter **Alison** to gain further experience in wire manufacturing.

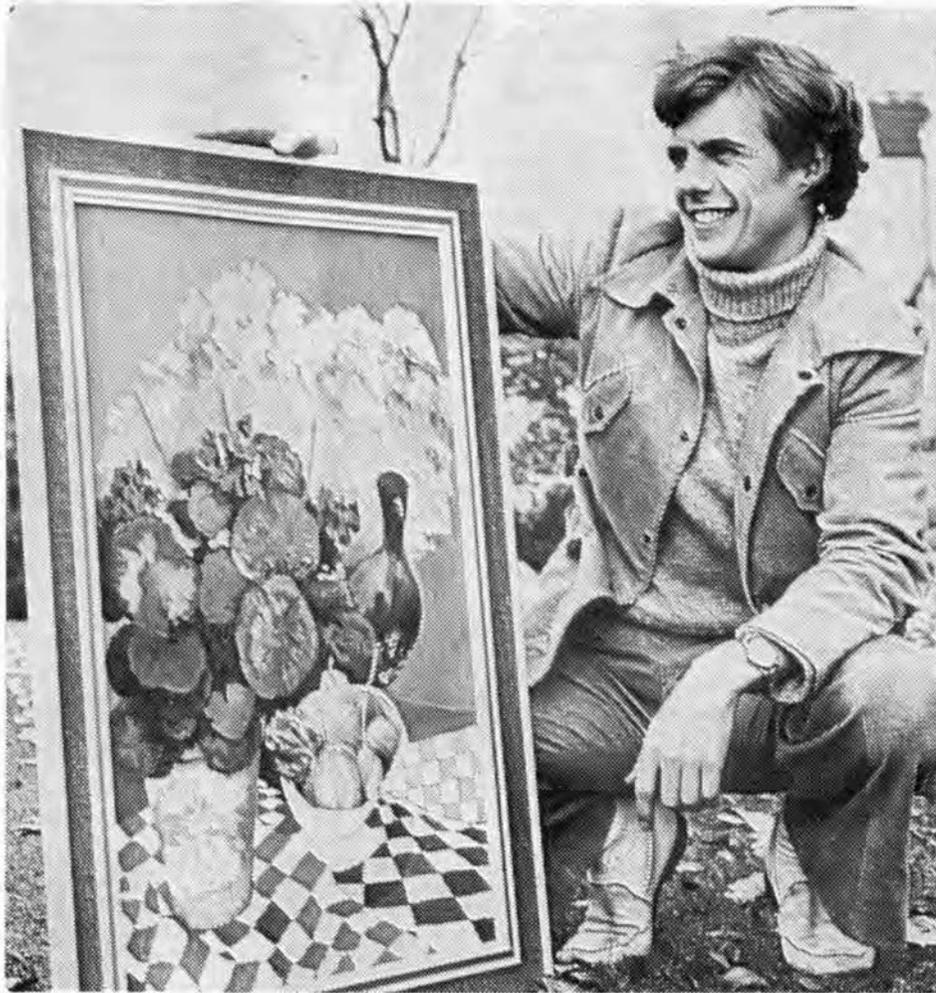
He is touring factories owned by **Philips** in and in and around Eindhoven and will return in October.

He says that **Philips** is an international organisation and likes its staff to work at various centres. Eindhoven is the headquarters of the group.

He has been to Eindhoven several times during his 23 years at Mullards but has never had much time for sightseeing. "I shall have more time to see the country this time," he said.

Brian (1941-47) did not speak Dutch, but he was given an intensive course in the language when he arrived *Good bezoek Brian!*

LAKES GIVE INSPIRATION FOR ART SHOW



John Duckworth with one of his paintings

MAGISTER Editor **John Duckworth** has been offered his first one-man exhibition of paintings in Edinburgh.

The exhibition, of about 30 paintings, will be held later this year at the Carlton Galleries.

John, 28, spent six months painting and sketching in the Lake District two years ago and most of the paintings date from this period.

The works include portraits and still-lives but are mostly landscapes.

He was commissioned to execute a painting of the School by the Carlton Gallery, Northgate, Blackburn. (See insert page).

John was at School from 1959 to 1965. "I found several sketches I had made of the School while in the sixth form and these helped me considerably," he said.

"I chose the South entrance because most Old Boys will immediately recognise it. The door is used by everyone in the school at sometime during the day and the column was aesthetically pleasing to complete the picture.

"With the new science block to the south, this area is pretty central in the School and that's what I wanted to portray, the main artery at the centre of things."

John is retiring as Magister editor after this issue because of pressure of work.

He took over from Mr Tom Sharratt five years ago and this issue is his sixth as editor.

"The job has been hard work but rewarding. It's worthwhile and absorbing and it has given me satisfaction to know that there has been something I could do to help the School," said John.

Conductor is appointed musical director

Those who remember **Graham Bond** (1959-65) conducting the School orchestra in a summer concert, will not be surprised that he has been appointed musical director and principal conductor of the London Royal Festival Ballet.

Graham, who was at School from 1959 to 1965, studied at the Royal College of Music and plays five instruments.

He was chosen from more than 100 world-wide applicants for

the final of young conductor competition organised in association with the London Symphony orchestra last year.

A versatile musician, he has been assistant conductor with the Festival Ballet for the last five years.

He was organist at St. Jude's Church, Blackburn, before moving to London and was a member of the Lancashire County Youth Orchestra while at School.

RED ROSE AT YORK

DAVID RIDING sporting a red rose deep in the heart of Yorkshire at the annual OBA Yorkshire branch Ladies Evening.

But the date was April 23, St George's Day, and David was commemorating England's patron saint rather than carrying the Lancashire "flag" across the border.

The dinner and dance was held at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate, and those present were:

Eric and Jean Beaumont, Douglas Coulson, Charles and Margery Harvey, Geoff and Kathleen Haworth, Ron and Kathleen Hunter, Harry and Margaret King, Ray and Jean Matthews, Bob and Noreen Mayo, Stephen and Ceila Nairsby, David and Betty Riding, Peter and Dorne Ranson, Guy and Tanya Shuttleworth.



Graham Bond

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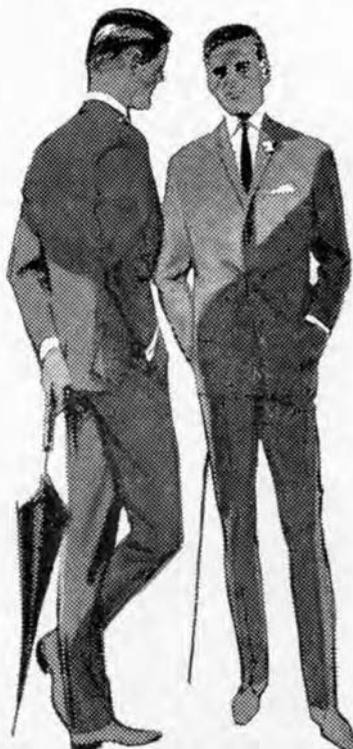
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Headmaster's Speech Day Address (cont. from page 6)

most a Christian, kind and understanding, loyal and completely devoted to the School and all that it stands for, and when he retires in December, the School will be much the poorer for his going. To him, today, we offer our warm-hearted thanks for the privilege of having him as a colleague and friend, and to Margaret his wife and to Harry we wish a long and happy retirement in their home at Mellor.

May I also record the thanks and gratitude of us all to two other groups of people. First, to the Lancashire Education Committee for its continuing interest in and support of the School; for once again, though the Direct Grant ceases in August, the Authority is to take up free places in the School in September. And second, to our Governors and, in particular, to the Chairman, Mr. Hare. This has been a year of important and critical decision making for the future of the School, and the care and thoroughness which the members of the Governing Body have given to these matters — and, indeed, to the constant welfare and well-being of the School, place all of us very much in their debt.

At the last speech day, strenuous efforts were still being made throughout the country to save the Direct Grant Schools. But all in vain. Since then, there have been further indications that independent education as we know it will continue to be under increasing pressure from the present Government.

There are already rumblings that our charitable status may be withdrawn; and the new Education Act, if it becomes law in its present form, will prevent local authorities from supporting children in independent schools. And less than a month ago, Lord Alexander, secretary of the influential Association of Education Committees gave a clear warning that the country faced the danger of becoming a dictatorship where parents were told how to spend their savings.

Writing in the Journal "Education" he described parents' right of choice as a

fundamental liberty", and said, "There is a real danger of our heading for a totalitarian state if, after meeting, in full, obligations for rates, taxes or other public commitments, we are to be instructed as to the limits which must apply in spending such monies as we have left."

No doubt you will also have read in your newspapers of continuing attempts by various organisations to water down to a colourless and almost meaningless level the public examination system in the country's schools.

In the face of all this, you — and many others — might sometimes be tempted to ask whether it is worthwhile struggling on to keep independent schools such as ours in existence. And my answer would be a firm and unqualified "Yes".

The abolition of the independent schools would establish a state monopoly in education. The many who advocate abolition are careful, of course to express, their aims less bluntly: they say that "all school needs will be met by public provision".

It is important, however, for you as parents and the public in general to understand, that in practice, this policy would mean that this would be the only country in the free world where the State would have a total monopoly of primary and secondary education.

It is not suggested that such a monopoly would be automatically abused; but once it had been established it would provide an instrument by which democracy and individual freedom could be undermined.

An independent sector of education, however small, is one of the safeguards against any movement towards totalitarian government. Such a movement may seem a remote possibility in this country, but that is all the more reason for keeping the safeguards.

The independent schools recognise the achievements of the maintained system, but an independent sector is a continuing reminder that public authorities, whether at national or local levels, do not always know best. And one of the reasons why parents choose independent schools is that they wish their children to be in a school that is directly responsible to the parents in a way that is difficult for a public authority to be.

OLD BLACKS CAPTAIN ENDS

8-YEAR RUN

QEGS teacher Brian Hardcastle has stepped down as Club Captain and First XI captain of the Old Blacks Football Club, a position he has held for eight years.

During that time, he has steered the first XI to four championship wins in the Lancashire Amateur League North Section and success in the Leincs Amateur League Challenge Cup.

He will still be playing and taking an active interest in the club and was elected clubman of the year.

It is a time of changes at Lammack for Football Secretary Bob Hornsby has resigned for 12 months for personal reasons and Peter Browne, bar chairman for several years, is to marry and felt he would not be able to give proper service as bar chairman for the time being.

He will carry on though as vice chairman and Gaolf Shepherd will take over as chairman.

Steve Tart takes over as Football Secretary for 12 months.

There were 25 members at the annual meeting held at the pavilion on May 19 with W. K. Forbes, president and Ernie Wilkinson, chairman.

The club had got off to a fine start winning the annual seven-a-side competition once again last August.

The league programme started satisfactorily but ended disappointingly with the first XI coming third in the Premier Division; the second team also ending third in their division; the thirds being relegated to Division 3B, although they reached the semi-finals of the Supplementary Cup competition and the fourth XI finishing fourth from the bottom of their division.

Last season, a lot of work and money was spent laying drains on the first XI pitch which was one of the main reasons for a loss of £1,205 on the end-of-year accounts.

The small pitch had remained in a good condition throughout the season, and no work was required on this. Again Vinca Chester was also thanked for his untiring efforts in carrying out necessary maintenance work on the pitches and in particular in cutting and fertilizing during

the summer months. The chairman also thanked the other members of the sub-committee for their efforts during the year.

SOCIAL:

The social activities of the club over the past 12 months had proved a mixture of new and old ideas. They commenced in the middle of last year with the golden jubilee celebrations, and in particular the cocktail party which was very successful. The club had got away from the disco dances which attracted the younger element, and now dances were being held by the ladies committee, the social committee, the football committee and the bar committee, this had proved quite successful because of the different ideas produced by the different committees. The usual cocktail parties had been held and also the idea of a Saturday night folk concert had recently been introduced, the first one

being held the previous week, and this proved most successful.

Geoff Shepherd was thanked for introducing the idea, and for his efforts in organizing it. Geoff Shepherd was also thanked for introducing and promoting the keen interest in table tennis which was now being shown in the club. He had organized two competitions and was currently running a ladder competition.

A ladies hockey team had also been formed and was playing various matches both home and away. Another new introduction had been a sports quiz, which had also proved successful, and would no doubt be repeated on a larger scale. The club had entered two teams in the Lancashire Evening Telegraph Sports Competition, but they had not fared too well. A football film show had also been organized and this had been an enjoyable evening.

The chairman recorded his thanks to Phil

social sub-committee and to all the others who helped to make the social activities a success.

The chairman referred to the bar accounts and showed that the takings had substantially increased over the previous year although the net profit was less.

FINANCE:

Again this committee had run satisfactorily and in particular Alan Blackshaw was thanked for the efficient manner in which the books of the club were kept. The chairman also thanked Eric Maddox who had taken over the football accounts in a very efficient manner. Thanks were also due to Peter Browne and Peter Ibbotson in connection with the bar accounts, to Steve Shepherd in connection with the subscriptions and to John Tattersall for auditing the accounts. Thanks were also recorded to Keith Sharples for his work in promoting the Christmas draw which as will be seen from the accounts had been very a successful event.

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Blackburn Rovers director Mr David Brown (extreme left) presents Roger Bessant with the Old Blackburnians player of the year trophy. Also pictured at the club's annual dinner are: Ken Forbes (president), Brian Hardcastle (clubman of the year), Ernie Wilkinson (chairman) and Wilf Crumblehulme

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LADIES COMMITTEE:

The Chairman once again reminded the meeting of the hard work and effort put in by the ladies in contributing to the finances of the club. During the last year they had probably been more successful than any other year, and had contributed the sum of £400 to the funds. He also thanked them for their efforts in providing coffee on Saturday afternoons.

CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR:

Following a ballot held at the previous committee meeting Brian Hardcastle had been elected Clubman of the Year. The chairman informed the meeting that the first ballot had in fact been a tie between Brian Hardcastle and Bob Hornsby and Brian had been successful on the second vote. However he did say that this was indicative of the difficulty in making this award, bearing in mind the efforts contributed by several people.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President W. K. Forbes was re-elected, Chairman E. Wilkinson was re-elected, Vice-Chairman P. Browne was re-elected, Secretary D. I. Forbes was re-elected, Treasurer A. Blackshaw was re-elected, Football Secretary S. Tart was re-elected, Press Secretary N. K. Sharples was re-elected, Auditor J. Tattersall was re-elected, Solicitor D. I. Forbes was re-elected. Committee, the following had one year to serve on the Committee: A. Pemberton, and E. Maddox. The following were elected to the Committee for two years. B. Hardcastle, D. Hopkinson, F. Riley, V. Chester, R. Masters, P. Sumner. The following were elected for one year: G. Shepherd, E. Papas, E. Jones, P. Heald.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Secretary informed the meeting that the question of subscriptions had been discussed at the recent committee meeting and it was generally felt that the facilities available certainly justified an increase in subscriptions. Also in view of the loss made during the previous season any increased revenue would be of assistance. The committee discussed the matter and by a majority had resolved to recommend certain increases to the annual meeting and the secretary then went on to propose the subscriptions for

the following year as follows: Full members £4, Social Members £4, Lady Members £2, under 18 Members £1. This proposal was seconded and carried. The secretary also informed the meeting that the committee had power to impose surcharge and give reductions in appropriate cases and this aspect would be considered by the committee.

● Chairman Ernie Wilkinson ended his playing career of almost 25 years with the Old Blacks with a goal in his last game.

He opened the scoring with his first kick of the ball for the fourth XI against Thornleigh thirds in the Lancashire Amateur League and the game ended 2-2.

GOLF

Former Lancashire county golfer Frank M. Whittaker (1937-43) has been elected president of the East Lancashire Golf Association.

He is a magistrate and director of an engineering and plant hire company and a former captain of Blackburn Golf Club.

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Wilpshire Golf Club was well represented at the annual Old Blackburnians' Association Golf competition held at Blackburn on May 27.

All the winners were members of the club. Eric Holding took the Judge Walmsley Cup with the best net score of 78-9-69 and the runner-up on a card play-off was David Hollen with 75-6-69.

The Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup for the best golf score was won by George Lumes with a 74. There were 27 entries.

Alan Gorse, of Wilpshire, had a memorable three two-shots at the shorter holes. Unfortunately for him he also took sixes at other holes.

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Wedding Bells

Assistant Cashier Gordon Henry Wilson (1948-53) of Colenso Road, Blackburn, married Miss Kathleen Parkinson of Salthill Road, Clitheroe, in September.



The Rt Rev Whitsey

MORE THAN 170 attended the annual dinner in Big School in December, when it proved to be its usual high success.

Old Boy, The Bishop of Chester, the Right Rev Hubert Victor Whitsey (1928-33) was the guest speaker. After dinner, he talked to everyone individually over a drink in the old gymnasium.

Earlier he had told old boys that the world was in a stage of transition quicker than at any other time. But, he said, as long as schools such as QEGS could provide men of integrity, there should be nothing to fear for the future.

The usual toast by the president Mr. J. R. Hindle to old boys in order of their years at School saw Lt Col John Whitaker the last to rise having been at School from 1905 to 1910.

President toasts Old Boy, 81

Gordon J. Entwistle (1900-00) proposed a toast to the School and, after the Cantelina had been sung to a vociferous "vivat", the headmaster Mr Douglas J. Coulson responded. Chairman of the Old Blackburnians Association Harold Burrows (1900-00) proposed a toast to the guests and the bishop responded.

He thought that the next 20 years should make no difference to Queen Elizabeth's and the tradition of the School produced the "fine gold" which helped to keep alive the standards of integrity which would not be eroded by politicians or the economy.

42 at South Lancs Ladies Evening

THE SOUTH Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association held their Annual Ladies' Evening on Friday, 14th May, at the Bowdon Hotel, Bowdon, Cheshire.

The loyal toast was proposed by organising secretary of the Branch, Mr. H. Ramsbottom. Dr. H. Morris welcomed the guests and the Headmaster, Mr. D. J. Coulson, replied. The Governors

were represented by Mr. J. N. Prest and the School and Parents' Association by Mr. D. J. Coulson, Mr. R. Hunter (Bursar), Mr. E. J. Kay, Mr. H. King and Mr. R. Whalley. The full list of those attending is: from Blackburn — Mr. and Mrs. J. Prest, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Coulson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kay, Mr. and Mrs. H. King, Mr. and Mrs. R. Whalley; from the branch: Mr. and

Pathologist quits NHS to lecture

A PATHOLOGIST has left the national health service, because he could see no future in it, and his new life as a lecturer will include work for Scotland Yard.

Dr John Torry (1956-64), resident clinical pathologist for Blackburn Area Health Authority, was spokesman for the district's 70 junior doctors in their dispute over contracts with the Department of Health and Social Security.

He returned to Blackburn after qualifying at St. Andrews' University, Scotland, and worked as a houseman in medicine, surgery and obstetrics. He moved to pathology in 1971.

John said he could see no future for himself in the NHS as it was today.

He has been appointed lecturer in forensic medicine at London Hospital Medical Coll-

ege. He will also lecture at the London Hospital, Whitechapel and The Royal Free Hospital.

He will also lecture to post-graduate students from all over the world who go to London hospitals for experience.

He has worked in most of Blackburn's health centres as a locum general practitioner during the past seven years and was appointed deputy police surgeon in 1975.

He was Blackburn Coroner's pathologist, part-time lecturer in the diploma of nursing course at Blackburn College of Technology and Design and divisional surgeon for St John Ambulance.

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Referee of the year

Peter Hargreaves (1951-58) was voted Referee of the Year in the Blackburn Combination.

Peter, a referee for many years, is secretary of Blackburn Referees Society and is treasurer of Blackburn and District Badminton Association. He works for the Midland Bank Ltd.

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Hospital director

J. W. Dewhurst, B.A., M.Sc. (1957-68) Appointed Programme Director, Morisset Hospital, New South Wales, Australia. Elected Associate of the British Psychology Society.

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Manager moves to new branch

David Bury (1947-51) has been appointed manager of the Trustee Savings Bank of Lancashire and Cumbria at their new Oswaldtwistle branch.

He moved from the Church branch which closed in the middle of May.

He joined S.S. Stott of Haslingden from School as a time and motion clerk, then moved to the treasurer's department at Accrington town hall.

He joined the TSB in 1956 after national service and was appointed manager at Church in 1970.

He is married with two children and enjoys caravanning, sailing and gardening.

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Editor in Scotland

A Burnley man has been appointed editor of the Edinburgh monthly literary and political review Blackwood's Magazine.

David Fletcher, who was at School from 1948 to 1954, joined Blackwood's 10 years ago and his appointment breaks a 159-year-old tradition of a member of the Blackwood family as editor.

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**COLLEGE PRINCIPAL
RETIRES AT SIXTY**

Doctor Hugh Pollard (1926-34) is to retire as principal of St. Martin's College, Lancaster. He was appointed principal of the Church of England teacher training college in 1962.

Dr. Pollard, 59, who was born in Simonstone, has a weekend cottage in Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

Last year he became the first person in England to be awarded the Swedish order of Vasa by King Carl Gustav XVI, to mark his work in promoting educational links between Britain and Sweden.

Dr. Pollard, a bachelor, gained an MA from Wadham College, Oxford, from School and later was awarded his PhD from Liverpool.

He was vice-principal at St. Mark and St. John College, Chelsea, before his move to Lancaster and has taught in America.

After the second world war, he founded and became first principal of the British Forces School, Berlin.



Dr Pollard

First post

M. Townson, B.A. (1961-69)
Awarded Post Graduate Certificate in Education, C. F. Mott College of Education, Liverpool. Appointed Assistant French Master at Bolton School.

New professor

Dr. G. E. Stanley (1937-39)
Appointed Rawlinson Professor of Anglo-Saxon, Oxford University.

Vice-master

Dr. H. F. Grundy, M.A., M.D. (1931-37) Elected Vice-Master, Trinity Hall College, Cambridge University

School inspector

G. H. Haworth, M.A. (1938-44) Appointed one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools.

Senior lecturer

C. L. Proctor, M.A. (1936-43) Appointed Senior Lecturer in Modern Languages, Blackburn College of Technology and Design.

Music move

Geoffrey S. Bridge (1945-55), Appointed head of woodwind teaching for Hampshire Education Authority.

Teaching German

A. Ashton (1954-61) Appointed Assistant Master, German Department, Arnold School, Blackburn.

Degrees and things . .

OLD BOYS SUCCESSES IN BRIEF

M. Abraham (1951-57) Graduated B.A., Open University, Physics and Mathematics.

P. R. Benson (1964-72) Graduated B.Sc. (C.N.N.A.) in Biology, Portsmouth Polytechnic. Appointed to Administrative post in the National Health Service.

A. Biggs (1965-71) Graduated B.Sc., Class 3 Hons. Mathematics. Manchester University. Appointed to a post with B.A.C., Warton.

M. J. Birkett (1965-72) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Ophthalmic Optics. Bradford University.

S. J. Bury (1965-71) Graduated B.A., First Class Hons. Modern History. Balliol College, Oxford University. Appointed to a post in the Education Library Service, Inner London Education Authority.

J. R. Bushby (1967-72) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. History, Kent University.

A. K. Charnley, B.Sc. (1959-68) Awarded Ph.D., Durham University.



S. M. Child, A.L.A. (1953-64) Graduated B.A., Social Science, History and English, The Open University.

P. N. Clitheroe (1962-70) Graduated B.D.S., Hons. Dental Surgery, King's College, London University.

D. Collison (1960-70) Awarded a Royal Institute of Chemistry Prize, Manchester University.

G. Crowther (1965-72) Awarded Certificate of Education, Doncaster College of Education.

W. T. Dawson, B.Sc. (1960-65) Awarded Ph.D., Organic Chemistry. City of London Polytechnic.

M. Day (1970-72) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Geography, Birmingham University.

C. I. Dewhurst (1964-72) Graduated B.A., Sociology, Economics and Administration, Hull University.

A. W. S. Dick (1962-71) Graduated B.Sc., First Class Hons. Chemistry, Liverpool University.

G. G. Dickinson (1965-72) Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Hons. Law, Queen Mary College, London University.

R. S. Dodds (1964-71) Graduated LL.B., Hons. Law, Leeds University.

A. C. Dyson (1965-72) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Economics and Financial Control, Lancaster University. Appointed Trainee Accountant, A. Young, McClelland Moores and Co., London.

R. A. Fielden (1961-69) Graduated B.Sc. (C.N.N.A.) in Engineering, Lanchester Polytechnic. Appointed an Assistant Work Study Engineer, G.E.C. Telecommunications. Coventry.

M. F. Fisher (1969-72) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons., Ceramics, Leeds University.

D. Fitzpatrick (1963-72) Graduated B.Sc., First Class Hons., Chemistry, Royal Holloway College, London University.

S. Fox (1967-70) Awarded M.B., Ch.B., Liverpool University.

E. G. Goodwin (1965-72) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons., Prehistory and Archaeology, Sheffield University.

R. Hargreaves, M.A. (1960-67) Awarded M.Sc. in Applied Sociology. Awarded a Diploma in Social Work, Jesus College, Oxford University.

M. P. Haworth (1966-72) Graduated B.Pharm., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Pharmacy, Bradford University. Appointed to a post with Boots the Chemists, Cardiff.

P. H. Heighway (1966-71) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Politics and Government, London Polytechnic School of Business Studies.

I. Holden (1965-72) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Chemistry, Nottingham University.

W. Holmes (1965-72) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Physics, Birmingham University.

R. P. Horton, B.A. (1962-70) Passed part 1 Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and awarded the "Hewitt" Prize as one of the three best candidates in the examination.

P. M. Houldsworth (1945-49) Appointed Manager of Barclay's Bank, Pudsey Branch.

B. D. Jones (1965-72) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Electrical Engineering, Salford University. Appointed to a post with NORWEB.

F. Konings (1970-72) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Economics, Exeter University.

P. E. Martin (1965-72) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Zoology, Sheffield University.

J. G. Newton (1946-51) Awarded Diploma in Safety Management by the British Safety Council.

P. Oldham (1965-72) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Economics, Exeter University.

E. B. Papaspiliotopoulos (1966-72) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Physics, Birmingham University.

A. J. Parker, M.A. (1958-63) Awarded Ph.D., Geography, Reading University.

J. D. Paul (1965-72) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Marine Biology, Liverpool University.

N. G. Plows (1965-72) Graduated B.Sc., Quantity Surveying, Trent Polytechnic.

G. W. Preston (1966-73) Awarded H.N.D., Business Studies, North East London Polytechnic. Appointed to a post with the Manpower Services Commission.

W. M. N. Proctor (1961-70) Graduated B.Sc., Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Leeds University.

J. Ratcliffe (1963-72) Awarded Certificate of Education, Goldsmith's College, London. Appointed Assistant Master, Catford School for Boys, London.

I. Rigby (1965-72) Awarded Higher National Diploma in Business Studies, Blackburn College of Technology and Design. Appointed a Trainee Cost Accountant, Edgar Pickering Ltd., Blackburn.

J. J. Riley (1965-72) Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Law, Leicester University.

Rev. W. D. Robinson, M.A. (1942-49) Appointed Honorary Canon, Blackburn Cathedral.

J. M. Rooney (1971-72) Awarded Higher National Diploma in Hotel and Catering Management. Elected Graduate Member of the Hotel Catering and Institutional Management Association.

C. Rostron, B.Sc. (1960-67) Awarded Ph.D., for research in narcotic analgesics Aston University. Awarded C.Chem. M.R.I.C. by the Royal Institute of Chemistry.

J. G. Scholes (1961-71) Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Business Studies, Aston University. Appointed to a post with Crown Wallcoverings International

G. J. Shaw (1966-72) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Mathematics, Leeds University.

C. Simm (1965-72) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Geography, Hull University.

D. N. Slack (1962-70) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. French, King's College, London University. Awarded the Rotheray Prize in French. Awarded a French Government Scholarship for study at the Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris.

H. C. Smith (1962-70) Graduated B.Ed., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. French and Education, Lancaster University and St. Martin's College, Lancaster.

A. Sourbutts, (1960-66) Ph.D., B.Sc., C.Chem., M.R.I.C., Graduated B.A. in Theology and Religious Studies. Ordained deacon and appointed curate at St. Peter's Church, Salesbury.

H. Tabiner, LL.B., M.Sc. (1963-70) Passed Part II of the Law Society's Examination.

R. M. Taylor (1961-70) Graduated B.Tech. Mechanical Engineering, Loughborough University.

A. G. Walsh (1962-71) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Hons. Jurisprudence, Magdalen College, Oxford University.

C. J. Whittaker, B.Sc. (1961-70) Awarded M.Sc., Manchester University.

R. Whittaker (1965-72) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Monetary Economics, London School of Economics.

J. R. Whitehead, M.Sc., M.A. (1961-67) Awarded Ph.D., in Statistics and Probability, Sheffield University.

J. A. Whittaker (1964-71) Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Mechanical Engineering, Lanchester Polytechnic.

D. J. Wilkinson (1965-72) Awarded Higher National Diploma in Business Studies, Blackburn College of Technology and Design. Appointed an Assistant Accountant, D. Thwaites & Co. Ltd., Blackburn.



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BARRISTER IS SPEECH-DAY GUEST

The Headmaster Mr D. J. Coulson welcomed barrister Mr Ernest Sanderson Temple QC as Speech Day guest on Thursday June 20. "As many of our Old

Boys are members of the legal profession, including three of our Governors; and as an increasing number of our present boys go on to university to read Law, we felt that it would

be especially appropriate, this year, if we could persuade an eminent barrister to come to Queen Elizabeth's on Speech Day as our Guest of Honour". Mr. Temple joined the

Northern circuit in 1946 after being called to the bar. He is a recorder and Honorary Recorder of Kendal since 1972. He was made a Queens Counsel in 1969.

Significant year for school

THIS is a significant year in the School's history and I should like to help you to take stock with me, as it were, of the School's present position and standing, and of what our aims must and will continue to be in the years ahead.

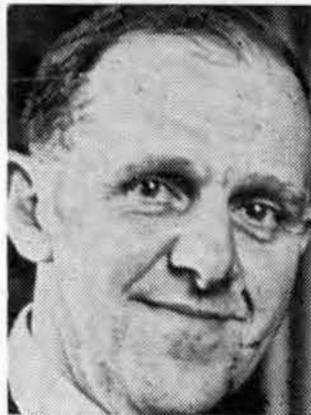
It is important, I believe, that you, as parents, and the general public at large, should know what the School's achievements are and what the present Government, by its unrelenting hostility towards the independent sector of education, has set out to destroy.

Let us consider, first, our academic achievements.

At Advanced Level of the G.C.E. last July we achieved a pass percentage of 79%, and at Ordinary Level, a pass percentage, on the old gradings, of 84%.

The 121 boys taking the Ordinary Level examination for the first time, averaged 7 passes per boy and, if one included additional passes gained by a few boys in the first year Sixth Form, the School had the impressive total of 930 Ordinary Level passes — new records for the School, and records which gave us all great pleasure and satisfaction. Furthermore, of the 120 boys who left the School last summer, 72 went on to Universities, including 10 to Oxford and Cambridge;

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MR COULSON

8 went on to polytechnics; 11 to technical colleges; 1 to a college of education; and 25 to direct employment in such widely differing courses as accountancy, the armed forces, the civil service and business studies, and 3 to other schools.

Again, it is pleasing to report that, of the 22 scholarships awarded this year by the Peel Trust, based on the competitive performance at Advanced Level of boys and girls in all Blackburn's schools, 13 were gained by boys at Queen Elizabeth's. To maintain high

academic standards is one of our foremost aims, and I hope that you will feel, as I do, that the past year has been one of real success in this field.

"The end of education" it has been said, "is a man, not a certificate", and the pursuit of excellence, in as many spheres as possible, is an objective on which we

place as high a value as that of academic distinction. That we do so is, I feel sure, obvious from the wide variety of activities — cultural, athletic, musical, dramatic and those based on Community Service — in which the School is involved.

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