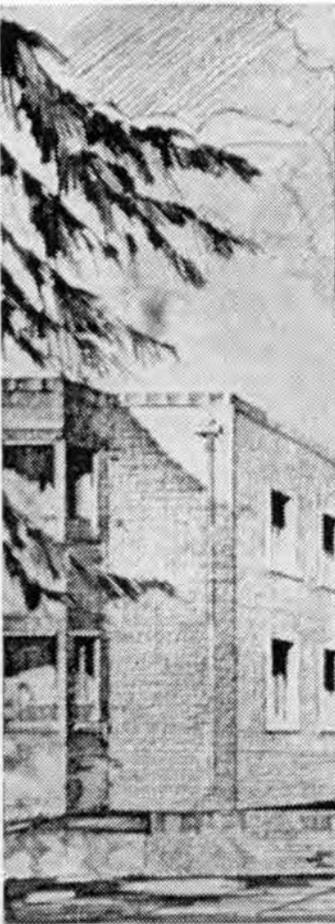


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Our first woman governor

WHAT is happening to the old School? First, girls in the sixth form and now our first woman governor.

Mrs. Edna Arnold made history by becoming

MOTHER ON BOARD

the School's only woman on the governing board in 410 years.

The Sixth form was opened to girls last September. This year, Blackburn Borough and the County nominated two representatives to the governors.

They were Councillor Mrs Arnold and Councillor The Rev. A. E. Bland—both of Feniscowles.

Chairman of the Governors Mr William Hare said: "As one might expect, this monastic institution can hardly resist any

longer the appointment of a woman to its governing body, since it now undertakes the task of educating a select number of girls in its sixth form."

The board of governors has seen plenty of activity this year as the milestone fell.

At the governors' meeting on Feb. 9, Mr Norman Jepson retired as vice-chairman.

He was appointed on Feb. 5, 1964, when he succeeded Mr C. R. Davies. (see page 00).

Chairman of the Governors, Mr William Hare, writes: The vice-chairman of Governors

has a special responsibility, in that he has to be prepared to take the chair at any meeting of governors if the chairman cannot be present, and in this respect he must be well acquainted

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School's new governors

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with all current matters relating to the School in case any item of particular significance falls to be dealt with.

"Mr. Norman Jepson was not only fully versed in all matters relating to Queen Elizabeth's, which would normally fall for consideration by the Governors, but he also has a special ability for dealing with technical and commercial matters of which he can be rightly regarded as an expert.

"To this extent, he gave valuable support to the chairman, and on many occasions made his task much easier by reason of his help in many of the complicated issues that were bound to arise during a period of thirteen years.

"As an old boy of the school, he has a particular loyalty to Queen Elizabeth's and this always was evident during the debates which took place at meetings. He also has a keen sense of humour which he used to advantage.

"Fortunately Mr. Jepson is not retiring as a Governor, so the School will still have the benefit of his advice in the future."

The new vice chairman of Governors is Old Blackburnian's Association committee member Mr. Carl Marsden.

Mr. Marsden, who was at School from 1921 to 1931, was appointed a Governor on Nov. 9, 1960.

His father, Mr. J. W. Marsden was chairman of the Governors.

● More about Mrs. Arnold and Rev. Bland on page 7.

Psychologist is youngest to gain top scholarship

Mr. John Wroe Dewhurst who attended the School from 1957-68. has become the youngest person ever to gain a top health service degree scholarship in New South Wales, Australia. After leaving school Mr. Dewhurst went to Leicester University, graduating B.A., in Psychology and joined the Manchester Regional Hospital Board as a Clinical Psychologist. He was seconded to Birmingham University where he graduated M.Sc., in Clinical Psychology and later was appointed Clinical Psychologist at Walton Hospital, Liverpool.

He went out to Australia in 1974 on a three-year health service contract and has been awarded an open scholarship by the New South Wales Health Commission to study for the Master of Health Planning Degree at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. Until his secudivent to the university Mr. Dewhurst was programme director at Morisset Hospital N.S.W. in charge of all non-drug therapy.

O.B. President is chairman of Scapa

Mr. Jack R. Hindle (1932-36), President of the Old Blackburnians' Association and a Governor of the School has taken over as executive chairman of Scapa Group Ltd. He was formerly group managing director.

Another old boy Mr. James Haythornthwaite (1941-49) is also a member of the Company and has been appointed a managing director. He lives in Canada and directs the group's North American interests.

Law degree

John F. Coulson (1965-67) Graduated Hons.LL.B., London University 1976. Appointed to the staff of Lawrence Prust Ltd., London.

Our thanks

We would like to thank the editor of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph for permission to use their pictures in this issue.

Obituary

LEO COLLIER



MR. COLLIER

R. W. McVity

MR. ROBERT Wilson McVity (1923-28), a former hospital administrator at Ashton-under-Lyne, died on 28th November, 1976. He was 65.

He graduated B.A.(Admin.) at Manchester University and after appointments in Blackburn and the Fylde moved to Ashton in 1936 as assistant to the clerk of the Ashton Area Guardians' Committee and three years later became the youngest guardians' clerk in the country. When the National Health Service came into being in 1948 Mr. McVity became the first secretary of the Ashton, Hyde and Glossop Hospital Management Committee and held this post until his retirement in 1967.

He was a Fellow of the Institute of Hospital Administrators and a member of the Ashton Rotary Club.

Robert Jackson

Former deputy engineer and manager of the Calder Water Board, Mr. Robert Jackson, died in Queens Park Hospital, Blackburn in September 1976, aged 69.

Robert Jackson was at QEGS from 1919-26 and graduated from Manchester university. He was a prominent Freemason and held the Calder Water Board post from 1963 until his retirement in 1968. Previously he had been chief water engineer and manager of Accrington District Water Board.

MR. LEO Collier died suddenly at his home in Braeside, Blackburn on 2nd September, 1976, aged 68.

Leo Collier joined the Staff of QEGS in 1935 and held the post of Senior Modern Languages Master from 1948 until his retirement. He was educated at St. Edward's School, Birmingham and St. John's College Oxford, obtaining a scholarship to the university of Madrid. He had two books published "Everyday Spanish" and "Historietas", and edited the School Old Boys' Newsletter from 1957-65.

During the war he was commissioned in RAF intelligence. He was captured by the Japanese in 1942 and held prisoner of war in the East Indies until 1945, during which he suffered extreme deprivation which subsequently left its mark on him.

Old Boys will remember his open-air classes on the lawn outside Hartley House, his cubby-hole under the stairs which served as his office and, above all, his friendship and hospitality.

He was in charge of the School Dramatic Society for many years, directed eight Shakespeare productions and he was responsible for the fabrication and design of many of the costumes.

He spent many of his summer holidays on the island of Minorca and should have been flying there, with his wife, the day before he died.

In his will be bequeathed his hip to the world famous centre for hip surgery at Wrightington Hospital, where a few years previously he underwent a total hip replacement operation.

Mrs. COLLIER

SADLY, Mrs. Mary Collier, Leo's devoted wife, died equally suddenly, on 5th November, 1978, less than a month after Leo's death, also aged 68. Mrs. Collier, a graduate of Bedford College, London was on the staff of QEGS from 1951-51. She was a Blackburn magistrate and a former chairman of the old Blackburn National Health Executive Council and President of the YWCA with which she was connected for many years.

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MR. MARCHANT

Obituary

I. G. W. Marchant

EARLY in the new year the sad news reached us of the death of Mr. Ivan G. W. Marchant, in Malaga, Spain, writes Harry King.

Jack Marchant as he was known to most of us, was born in Southampton and graduated B.Sc. Hons. Economics at the London School of Economics, subsequently obtaining his teaching diploma at Cambridge in 1936. See *Magister* 18 and 19.

Prior to the outbreak of war he taught Geography in several schools including a spell at the City Freeman's School, Southampton. When war broke-out Mr. Marchant joined the Royal Artillery. He was sent to Halifax Nova Scotia; the West Indies; Cape Town and on to India. From India he was drafted to Singapore and it was here in 1942 that he was taken prisoner when the Japanese over-ran the Malay Peninsula. Here he suffered, like so many others in these circumstances, extreme deprivation in indescribable conditions. At the end of the war liberation came and he returned to England with his health seriously impaired which later necessitated the removal of a lung. After a spell in a rehabilitation camp he came to QEGS in 1946 to teach Geography and subsequently took charge of the Art Department.

On retirement Mr. and Mrs. Marchant, already seasoned globe trotters, visited Malaya and Singapore in a Dormobile before settling down to spend the winter months in Southern Spain and returning to their home on Haslingden Moors for the spring.

Former accountant dies at 88

Reginald Haworth was born in Blackburn in 1888, fifth in a family of six boys; his father was a manager of the Leeds—Liverpool Canal. He attended Queen Elizabeth's in 1898 with his brothers but later transferred to Merchant Taylors School, Crosby, when his family moved to Liverpool.

He became a chartered accountant with a firm in Liverpool and then served in the Liverpool Rifles in France during the 1914—18 war.

He remained overseas, working in France and Belgium with the then Imperial War Graves Commission, whose business it was to provide suitable cemeteries and memorials for the war dead.

He was married in 1936 and remained in France until war was once again declared. He was instrumental in successfully evacuating many of the IWGC personnel from Northern France in advance of Dunkirk. There is an unpublished manuscript in which he wrote of this adventure, called "Flight from Flanders".

He retired shortly after the war but always remained extremely active, assisting in Civil Defence work and in the running of a local branch of the National Trust; he was a keen fisherman and golfer, a good watercolour painter and photographer.

Reginald Haworth was always immensely proud of his family association with Queen Elizabeth's and he and his daughter were very pleased when the Haworth Medal was instituted in 1961. He was very glad that his return to the North of England allowed him to attend several Speech Days in recent years.

He died on 15 November, 1976, aged 88.

MAX RILEY

Mr. Max Riley who came to QEGS in 1937, died in hospital on 22nd March, 1977.

Mr. Riley was a dental surgeon graduating B.D.S. at Queen's University, Belfast. He left school in 1942 and during the war he was a pilot in the RAFVR.

Dr. Frank Tyler

DR. FRANK Tyler died in Blackburn Royal Infirmary, on 27th February, 1977, following a seizure a few days earlier. He was 69. He joined the Staff of QEGS in 1931 after research and teaching at Leeds University and became Senior Physics Master.

He was appointed Second Master on the retirement of Mr. E. Towle in 1946 and succeeded Mr. W. R. Elliott as House Master of Frobisher the following year. He became Senior Science Master in 1957 on the retirement of Mr. A. R. Earle.

He was involved in many School activities and for seven years was Commanding Officer of the School's ATC squadron. He was a prolific writer of physics textbooks—nearly twenty—and an examiner for the Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board for twenty-five years.

Since his retirement in 1970 Dr. Tyler's chief hobby had been extensive globe-trotting—America, the Near East, the Far East—you name it, he had been! He had a passion for golf—a late developer in this field—and was a member of Pleasington Golf Club.

Following a service in Blackburn Cathedral conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. Lawrence Jackson, the interment took place at St. Peter's Churchyard, Salesbury. **H.K.**

ALBERT EDWARD BRISCOE

ONE of our oldest old boys, Mr. Albert Edward Briscoe (1904—06) died in a Southport nursing home on 21st November, 1976, after being in failing health for some time. He was 85 and a bachelor.

Mr. Briscoe was a director of C. T. Briscoe & Son Ltd., electrical engineers of Preston New Road, a company founded by his father and which closed a few years ago.

He served in the Royal Navy for three years in the first world war and in the second war Lieutenant R.N.V.R., and an officer in Blackburn Sea Cadets.

He was well known in Freemasonry, a past master of his Blackburn Lodge and in the United Grand Lodge of England held the rank of past Grand Standard Bearer. Until it was demolished, he worshipped at St. George's Presbyterian Church.



DR. TYLER

DR. FRANK RIDEHALGH

RISHTON-BORN Dr. Frank Ridehalgh (1919—26) died at his home in Oxford, on 7th January, 1977.

He was House Captain (Howard) and school Vice-captain. On leaving QEGS he went to King's College, Cambridge moving on to Charing Cross Hospital where he was awarded an open scholarship in pathology. He collected two degrees at Cambridge, one at Oxford and became an FRCP.

He was a former president of the British Tuberculosis Association and served as Senior Chest Physician at the United Oxford Hospitals. He was also a university of Oxford lecturer in chest diseases.

Governor dies at 68

MR. Charles Ronald "Ronnie" Davies, a governor of the School since 1951, died at his home in East Park Road, on 19th January, 1977, aged 68.

He was an old boy of Accrington Grammar School, and a gifted cricketer and amateur footballer in his younger days.

Mr. Davies was registrar of the High Court and County Court for the Preston group of courts, covering courts at Blackburn, Blackpool, Preston and Chorley. He retired at the end of 1976.

He was a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire, a member of the central council of the Magistrates' Courts Committee, chairman of Lancashire Magistrates' Courts Committee and also of Blackburn Magistrates.

Recently he was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire

He was president and senior director of Blackburn Rovers, a Vice-president and former treasurer of Lancashire County C.C., a life-member and former president and chairman of the Lancashire League and president of East Lancashire C.C.

During the war as a Territorial Army Officer, he served in France and was in the evacuation from Dunkirk, serving later in West and North Africa, the Middle East and Greece. He reached the rank of major and was awarded the Territorial Decoration.

E. W. Graham

We have just heard, as we go to press, of the death of Eric Welter Graham, M.B.E., 9th May, at Harrow-on-the-Hill, aged 60. He suffered severely from a rheumatoid condition. He was at School from 1928 to 1933 and was a Life Member of the Association. He leaves a widow and daughter.

DR. RALPH MARSDEN

We have just learned, as we go to press, of the death, after a short illness, of Dr. Ralph Marsden of Harrogate.

Dr. Marsden, brother of Mr. Carl Marsden who is a governor of the School, was at QEGS from 1919-28. On leaving school he proceeded to Manchester University where he graduated B.Sc. with first class honours in chemistry and obtained his M.Sc. the following year. He then went on to New College, Oxford where he was awarded his D.Phil. for research in chemistry.

He spent the whole of his career as a research chemist with Shirley Institute, North British Rayon Ltd. and ICI Ltd. When he retired some five years ago he took a teaching post at Ashville College, Harrogate. He turned his attention to cricket and passed the written examination of the Association of Cricket Umpires. He was also a keen amateur painter.

ALAN CARPENTER

IT WAS sad indeed to hear of the death of Alan Carpenter in autumn last year.

Known to everyone as "Ping", though I never heard of a good reason for it, he and I were thrown together by circumstances in spite of his being a year ahead of me at school (1929-38). We both wandered down to town for our lunch and, in time both saved a few coppers a day by buying biscuits instead, Alan to buy jazz-records and radio parts . . . I went to Ewood Park. We were appointed joint Vice-Captains of School in 1937 and stood side-by-side, clothed only in brick-dust as Indian Braves as a back-cloth to *Hiawatha* on Speech Day that year.

In 1938 Alan went to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge with an Open Entrance Scholarship in Natural Science. Successful academically always, he joined the Applied Psychology Research Unit in Cambridge (part of the M.R.C.) in 1947 and worked there until his illness. Radio remained his main interest and although it was not his particular responsibility, all the electronics and design in the Unit were done through him. The Head of the Unit tells us that Alan was very much liked and respected. Married three times, he leaves a grown-up family, many friends and, such was his nature, not an enemy in the world.

F.B.



C. R. DAVIES

Henry Southworth

Mr. Henry Southworth, a life-member of the Old Blackburnians Association died in hospital on 11th March, 1977. He was at school from 1918 to 1924, travelling in from his home at Withnell. On leaving school he joined Robert P. Watson and Company, Blackburn, Incorporated Insurance Brokers, became a partner in 1945 and sole proprietor in 1960. He lived in Wilworth Crescent, Blackburn.

Accountants assistant retires

Eddie Dean (1923-28) has retired as an accounts assistant after working for 48 years with the North Western Newspaper Co Ltd, Blackburn.

The company produces the Lancashire Evening Telegraph and the Evening Star. Eddie, 63, was presented with a suitcase by his colleagues.

He joined the firm as an office boy and messenger from School and was transferred to the cash office in 1930.

He served in the Navy during the second world war and returned to the firm in 1945. He was appointed accounts assistant special projects in 1973.

On the line

Well known sportsman, Peter Hargreaves (1951-58), a prominent member of the Blackburn Referees' Association, is now on the Football League list of linesmen.

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OLD BLACKS FOOTBALLERS FADE OUT AT THE FINISH

THE OLD Blacks season opened on Saturday August 21 in what is now the traditional manner with the Old Blacks Sevens Tournament.

On a fine afternoon, 16 of the best teams in the Lancashire Amateur League produced some excellent football, the home club going out in the semi-finals to eventual winners Whalley Range, who beat Burnley GSOB 4-3 in the final.

This season saw the introduction of an extended league programme for the first and second elevens each team having to play 30 games.

With new captain Phil Sumner installed and doing very well, the first team fought their way to the top of the Premier Division with only three weeks of the season remaining, but two draws and two defeats in the last four games saw their challenge fade and eventually

they had to settle for fourth position.

With the discontinuation of the League Cup Competition, there are now only two Cup Competitions in which the Club competes; the Club's participation in the F.A. Challenge Vase was very brief, for after receiving a bye in the first round they went down 3-1 away to Corinthians in the next round. A promising run in the Lancashire Amateur Cup ended with a 4th Round 5-3 defeat at the hands of Prescott B.I. after earlier victories over Ainsdale and Old Chaddertonians.

The second eleven proved to be the draw specialists of the Club, tying 13 of their 30 fixtures and finishing in mid-table with 29 points. Alan Pemberton has built a useful side with excellent team spirit which promises much for next season.

The third and fourth teams have also enjoyed a good season, the thirds in particular showing great promise on oc-

casions, but the notable feature has been the undying enthusiasm of the players in these teams, which has been reflected in much improved results from last season.

Representative honours for the Lancashire Amateur League were gained by three players, P. Sumner, B. Hardcastle and D. Partington, another indication of the current playing strength of the Club.

This year's award for the Club's 'Player of the Year' has gone to Eric Maddox, who has done especially well after converting himself into a full-back from being a left winger, establishing himself in the second eleven and would surely have gone higher but for the continued good form of veteran defender Roger Horrocks in the first team.

The Club's leading goal-scorer was Roger Masters with 20 goals followed by Craig Hindle (15), Tony McNamee (14) Peter Lawson and Mick McNamee (13).

Although the Old Blacks did not pick up any trophies this year, the Club has enjoyed a good season and looks forward to next year with confidence and anticipates continued improvement in the performances and results of all four teams.

GOLF

Mr. David H. Dunn (1941-50) has been elected Captain of Wilpshire Golf Club. Mr. Dunn was Vice-Captain of the School, Captain of Grenville House and Captain of School Football. He attended St. Peters Hall, Oxford University and was awarded his Blue for Association Football. He graduated B.A. in 1953 and joined the family business, Shopfitters (Lancashire) Ltd., Oswaldtwistle. He has been Chairman of the Company since 1961.

Neil is made Freeman of London

Neil D. Margerison (1929-1934) (Raleigh) was notified on the Queen's Birthday that he had been made a Freeman of the City of London. A war-time Lieut. Colonel, Mr. Margerison is the national Chairman of the Guild of Master Craftsmen of whom Mrs. Margaret Thatcher MP is the Patron. He is also managing director of a firm of international consultants. He served previously in Hong Kong as the chairman of the Far East sector of a merchant-banking group.

Chance to obtain place mats

THOSE members of the Association who attended the Annual Dinner in Big School last December will recall the use, for the first time, of the splendid new place mats for the dining tables, which are a gift to the Association by the chairman of our London Branch, Mr. Paul N. Price.

The Association wishes to place on record our grateful thanks to Mr. Price for his most generous gift which is greatly appreciated.

So impressed were the members with the mats that several inquiries have been received regarding the possibility of their being available for purchase and the Committee of the Association accordingly took the

matter up with Mr. Price who expressed his willingness to co-operate. The mats are approximately 8½ inches by 7½ inches, in melamine, finished in the school blue colour with school crest, in white, as the centre motif. Further details and prices are in the advertisement on the loose inset in this issue of *Magister*. Please note that orders cannot be accepted after 30th September.

Mr. Price points out that we would need a total order of at least 100 mats to enable him to proceed and orders will be subject to this proviso. Mr. Price has also very kindly agreed to offer a discount to the Association on the total order.

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New governor is a former nurse

'Concerned about people'

THE SCHOOL'S new governor, from Blackburn District, Councillor Mrs. Edna Arnold, is a former nurse who is keen on comprehensive education.

Mrs. Arnold, chairman of Blackburn District Transport Committee and vice-chairman of the social service committee, was born in Liverpool.

Her family moved to Heswall and she attended school in North Wales at Panros College, Colwyn Bay.

She began nursing at the Northern Hospital, Liverpool and married in 1959.

Mrs. Arnold, 40, has two boys, Mark, 14, and Julien, six. Mark attends Darwen Vale High School, Darwen, and Julien goes to Feniscowles County Primary.

Mrs. Arnold went into politics four years ago because she was "concerned about people. I found I could do more for people as a councillor than as a nurse and I was happy to do so."

Her husband Kaith, Tory Agent for Blackburn, had become interested in politics about three years before and has been an agent in various parts of the North West for about seven years.

Mrs. Arnold is a governor of many schools in Lancashire and usually helps to select governors for schools in Blackburn.

She was pleased that Alison Lord won the metalwork prize and hoped to see more girls gaining academic successes.

Mrs. Arnold, who is also vice-chairman of Blackburn Education Committee, wants everyone to have freedom of education — whether to choose comprehensive or direct grant.

Raise standards

"Both types of schools have their use in society and I am keen on comprehensive education, providing it strives for excellence. These schools need not lower standards but could raise them," she said.

"I don't think my son Mark would benefit from moving to QEGS, but I hope Julian may reach the standard later," she said.

One person who has no worries about his son's education is the County choice for Governor, the Rev. Albert Edward Bland of Immanuel Church, Feniscowles, who lives just down the road from Mrs. Arnold, of Langdale Ave.

Mr. Bland's sons, **David Edward** (1951-57), a lecturer in economic history at Sheffield University, and **Paul Howard** (1956-62), a barrister on the North Manchester Circuit, are both old boys.

Royal Artillery

Mr. Bland, 54, was born in Walton-le-Dale, and, after attending Farington Endowed School and Preston Technical College, served in the Royal Artillery during the war.

He was a manufacturer's agent for 14 years before studying for the priesthood at St. Michael's Theological College, Llandaff.

He was ordained deacon at St. Stephen's-on-the-Cliffs, Blackpool in December 1962, and a priest at Blackburn Cathedral a year later.

He served his title at St. Cuthbert's, Darwen, and was appointed vicar of St. John's, Darwen, in 1965. Two years later, he moved to Feniscowles.

He married Lilian Simmonds just before the war and has been a councillor for eight years, serving first on Blackburn RDC for Livesey and Pleasington from 1969-74 and then on the County's Darwen Div. 3 since 1973.

Lastly — a word from our first woman governor, which may lead us to expect more women in the future. "A lot of women in Blackburn would have given their eye teeth to be a governor — I am honoured that I was chosen and hope to add a few ideas when I become more acquainted with the running of the school."



MR. HARGREAVES

Records man retires from newspaper

ONE of *Magister's* main "men-behind-the-scenes", **John Hargreaves** (1926-28), of Beechwood Drive, Blackburn, chief librarian at Lancashire Evening Telegraph, is to retire in October.

He joined the composing staff of the Northern Daily Telegraph from School, then moved to the Blackburn Times in 1954 to become deputy overseer of the linotype department.

He returned to the Telegraph in 1958 to become head reader. He was appointed chief librarian in 1962.

His main hobby is music, having been organist and choir-master at several churches in Blackburn and district, including St. Barnabas', Blackburn, and St. John's, Great Harwood. He held similar post at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, for the past three-and-a-half years.



OBA vice president Jim Warner (1943-48) has been promoted superintendent in command of the Blackburn Sub-division of Lancashire Constabulary.

Break with tradition at Ladies Evening

The Yorkshire Branch Ladies Evening was held at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate on Friday April 22.

Breaking with the tradition of no speeches, tributes were paid to Harry and Margaret by several old boys, who felt the occasion of Harry's retirement from School, but certainly not the O.B. Association, should not pass without some few words of praise and thanks for all that Harry has done and does for the School and the Association, and especially for the links which have been forged between the Yorkshire Branch and the School.

Harry replied in his inimitable breezy manner, very reminiscent of the Annual Dinner occasion, and Douglas Coulson, as Head Master, spoke of the successes and the continual prosperity of the School, and generally put us in the picture about what was happening in West Park Road.

Those present were: Douglas and Betty Coulson, Harry and Margaret King, Ron and Kathleen Hunter, Ken and Barbara Chedwick, Charles and Marjorie Harvey, Noreen Mayo, David and Betty Riding, Peter and Dorrie Ronson, Guy and Tanya Shuttleworth, and Eric and Betty West.

G.M.S.

THE Cheshire and South Manchester Branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association held their Annual Ladies' Evening on Friday May 13th at the Bowdon Hotel Bowdon Cheshire.

The Loyal toast was proposed by Mr. H. Ramsbottom, secretary of the branch and Mr. H. S. Liversedge welcomed the guests. The Headmaster, Mr. D. J. Coulson and Mr. H. King replied on behalf of the guests.

The full list of those attending was: From Blackburn: Chairman of Governors, Mr. W. Hare and Mrs. Hare, the Headmaster Mr. D. J. Coulson, the School Bursar Mr. R. Hunter and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Kay, Mr. & Mrs. H. King and Mr. & Mrs. F. Raby.

From the branch; Mr. D. Appleton and guest, Mr. & Mrs. C. Bainbridge, Mrs. & Mr. B. Batey, Mr. D. C. Bradley and guest, Dr. T. S. Hindle, Mr. & Mrs. P. L. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Liversedge, Dr. and Mrs. H. Morris, Mr. & Mrs. H. Ramsbottom, Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Taylor and Mr. & Mrs. E. West. **H.K.**

'A kindly man'

Dinner cont. from
Back Page

He has worked very hard on the reporting side and deserves all our thanks for the production of this issue.

He left the diners in no doubt that he will not be retiring from the Association.

Harry became a life member of the Association in 1930 when his father paid the three guineas fee.

He was given a pair of binoculars by Association president Mr. J. R. Hindle as "an interim presentation and token of esteem", on behalf of the old boys, and a standing ovation from those present.

Mr. King hoped he would find "some small part to play in the continuing success and prosperity of the School."

Mr. Hindle said he had never experienced a reception like the one for Mr. King — a measure of the esteem in which he was held by the old boys.

The Headmaster Mr. Douglas J. Coulson said generations of pupils would remember Mr. King as "a kindly man, a virtue all too rare these days".

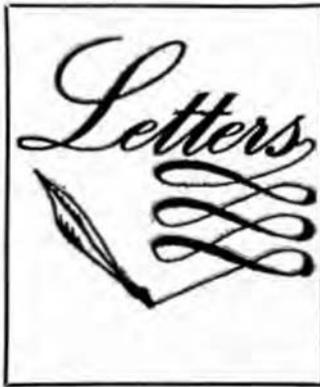
The School had gone from strength to strength since independence. There were more than 1,000 pupils including 13 girls in the sixth form.

Eleven hundred GCE passes with 85 per cent at 'O' level was a record. The School was in a happy and flourishing state not only academically but culturally and in sport. A moral and Christian outlook gave a disciplined framework to provide the ability to reach goals and create a worthwhile society. A sponsored walk for Help the Aged had raised £500.

QEGS was making a worthwhile contribution to the establishment of educational achievements and could afford to build with confidence for the future.

Col. John Whitaker was once again the oldest old boy at the dinner, toasting the president for the years 1900-1910.

Mr. Eric West (1933-39) North West regional manager of Lloyds Bank proposed a toast to the School. Mr. Coulson replied, Blackburn estate agent David B. Hollen proposed a toast to the guests, to which the Provost replied. Mr. Derek Lund, School domestic bursar was toastmaster.



David Fletcher (1948-54), editor of the Edinburgh monthly literary and political review *Blackwood's Magazine*, writes below about his time at school with memories of former teachers.

MY subject was geography — that is, I was reasonably good at it — but I cannot bring the name of a single teacher of that subject; there seemed to be a succession of teachers. I recall only one by his nickname: "Es ne Nez" — which was entirely appropriate!

My interest in literature was encouraged by Pecker Eastwood — chiefly for his reading of *Puck of Pook's Hill* — and Tom Crehan. More than anyone else, Killar Watson was responsible for giving me some self-confidence. I failed miserably at French, but he made German blindingly simple. N.S.T. Benson never made much sense of Latin for me, but that piercing gaze has stayed with me. He has now been ordained. A former co-director, a retired Group Captain, served with him as a flying instructor.

As I write, the names of other staff come back to me. I remember a woodwork master, Mr. Treen — another appropriate name.

Incidentally, I went to QEGS on the recommendation of Randolph Pilling — an architect by day and a double-bass player at the Astoria, Rawtenstall by night. His father had preceded mine as the manager of the District Bank at Padiham.

I hope to have the opportunity of looking round the School, I know my wife would welcome the chance.

I would be pleased to receive information about the Old Boys' Association, I seem to remember Philip Hacking asking me to join, but I regret to say I did nothing about it.

David Fletcher

University of Salford
Department of Biology

Dear Sir,

I was an assistant biology master at School from 1936 to 1946, when I left to take up a post as Lecturer in Education at the University of Manchester. After a period in the Department of Zoology of the university, I came to Salford and a few years ago, took a chair here and am now Chairman of Department.

In the 1940s I helped one of the students at Queen Elizabeth's namely Mr. Trevor Villiers, to obtain his "O" and "A" levels in biology. After graduating from the University of London he obtained a Ph.D degree for research and he has been Professor of Biology in the University of Natal for the last ten years or so. I think you will be interested to know that Prof. Villiers is joining me here at Salford as a professor in botany on August 1st. (See page 16)

I think it says something for the School that both of us have had associations with it. I find there are in Salford quite a number of "QEGS" old boys on the staff and also among our students. I hope that this is indicative of the good relationships which will develop between the School and this University especially in this department in the years that lie ahead.

I think that most of the members of staff when I was there have now left, with the exception possibly of Mr. Ingham. (See page 16).

Yours faithfully
E. J. Popham

Diploma for plant manager

Plant manager **Geoff Newton** (1946-51) has been awarded the diploma in safety management by the British Council.

Geoff, of Metropolitan Flexible Products, Great Harwood, was among 90 to receive the diploma at a ceremony in Goldsmith's Hall, London.

The diploma course gives a comprehensive training in industrial safety and advanced safety techniques.

O.U. degree

D. R. Mathews (1946-54) Graduated B.A. with the Open University in sciences and educational psychology.

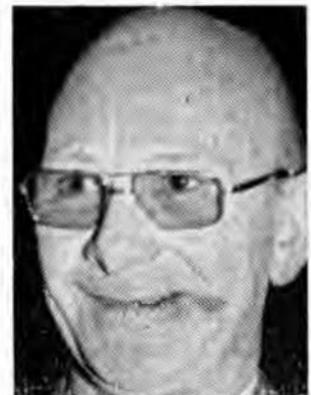


MR. BATEY

NEW MANAGER AT BANK

Mr. Brian Batey, at present assistant manager at the Midland Bank, Warrington, has been appointed manager of the bank's branch at Skelmersdale.

Mr. Batey, who was at School from 1940-44, joined the Midland Bank at Darwen on leaving school, and has served in several branches of the bank in Lancashire. He is an active member of the South Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the OBA.



Mr. Bert "Joe" Mercer, who attended QEGS from 1928 to 1931 and one of Great Harwood's best known sporting personalities has joined the Board of Great Harwood Football Club. A squash and hockey player for the County in his time and hockey player for the Mr. Mercer has driven for Healey's in the Monte Carlo Rally and other big races. Joe lives in Cornwall and owns a pub *The Four Ways* in St. Minver; he commutes between Great Harwood and St. Minver every fortnight. See *Magister* 19.

Science head

D. M. Martin, M.A., Ph.D. (1958-65) Appointed Head of the Science Department, Hyde Grammar School.

OLD BLACKS AROUND THE WORLD

Tom is appointed acting consul in Bangkok

BRITISH EMBASSY
BANGKOK
THAILAND

Dear Sir

I received last year's 1976 issue of *Magister* and was most interested as ever to read of the School going from strength to strength and to see news of old friends.

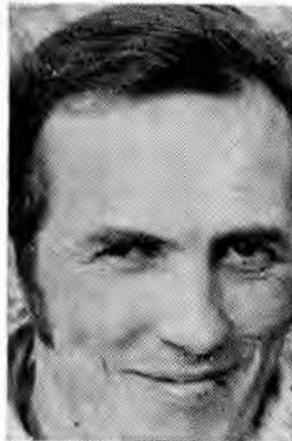
The wide-reaching effects of *Magister* were proved to me only last week when I received a letter from Calgary. A contemporary at QEGS during the same period as myself had noticed my name in a former edition of the magazine at the time of my transfer to Thailand.

Having business with the Embassy here who better to approach than a former school fellow! At the same time he gave me news of other Old Blackburnians in Calgary whilst in my reply I was able to tell him that the Managing Editor of the "Bangkok Post" was also at school with us. (Graeme Stanton (1949-55)—See "Magister 16"—page 10.

I note the increasing cost of production of the magazine and am enclosing a small contribution towards my copies.

I cannot recall whether or not I have written to the editor since my substantive appointment as British Vice-Consul in Bangkok in March 1975. See *Magister* 19.

Last April HM Consul in Bangkok left the country for six months and HM Ambassador saw fit to appoint me Acting Consul and Information First Secretary for the period of his absence, whilst a Vice-Consul was sent out to cover my position. In July last year I was asked to become Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Bangkok Consular Corps, the International organisation of diplomats responsible for consular affairs in Thailand. I shall hold the post for the foreseeable future. In



MR. SOUTHWORTH

January 1976, I was honoured to be elected President of the Bangkok St. George's Society.

Should any Old Blackburnians visit Bangkok on business or pass through on their way to other countries I should be very pleased to hear from them.

Yours faithfully

T. K. Southworth (1948-54)

(Editor's note: Bob Darwent 1947-54), Dr. Roger Maltby (1948-53) and Dr. Ian Oates (1948-55) are members of the Canadian branch who were contemporaries of Tom Southworth.) See *Magister* 16.

Doctor emigrates to New Zealand

Flat 4 Middlemore Hosp.
Auckland
New Zealand

Dear Sir,

I have recently emigrated to New Zealand where I shall continue to practise medicine (at present I am medical registrar in the above hospital.)

For the sake of simplification I would now like to become a life member of the Old Blacks and enclose a cheque for fifteen pounds.

Please continue to send *Magister* to my parents address so that they can be forwarded. I always enjoy reading about the School.

Kind regards
Michael R. Wilkinson

Coincidence in Calgary Contact

Dr. J. R. & Mrs. Maltby
Box 59-Site 2-S.S.3
Calgary Alta. Canada
T3C-3N9
April 1977

Dear Sir

Old Boys seem to be flooding into Calgary these days, one at a time to a total of two! Roger Pilkington phoned me to say Chris Nash (at QEGS in the 1950s) was in town on business—he is now with IBM in Toronto. I had known Chris slightly from scout camps when I went as assistant scout master with Geoff Tate when I was at university. We got Bob Darwent rounded up and all met for dinner. As bad luck would have it a business meeting had been re-scheduled and Chris had to leave early but at least we got together.

The other contact is one of those odd coincidences. We were visiting the Darwents a few weeks ago, and Bob's mother had written saying a former neighbour's nephew was now in Montreal and what about inviting him over sometime. Montreal is 2000 miles from Calgary, so Blackburn is almost as close! Anyway, I took his name and address (David Whalley 1955-63) as Bob is not a noted letter-writer and wrote to see who and what he was. Imagine my surprise to get a phone call a few days later to say he is also an

anaesthetist and was interested in a consultant post that we in Calgary have vacant. He has applied for the position and we hope to see him later this month for interview. We haven't seen Roy Ashcroft recently, it is his busy season as a vet. His wife was here last weekend and we had their two boys to stay with us while she went to a convention for two nights. Hugh Macklin has not been well all winter, in and out of hospital with heart failure, but he is as alert as ever and will be 84 in June. Alan Lomax has been down the 600 miles from Fort Saint John twice and is settled there. He got his FRCS (Canada) last December.

We were all very sorry to hear of Doc Tyler's death, at the same time most grateful for all he did for us in his vigorous life. We talked at the dinner of him and of Spike Kennedy, Pecker Eastwood, Leo Collier who contributed so much during our school years. We even got around to Disce Prodesse—the masters at QEGS certainly set a fine example of living that motto.

Contrary to what you may have heard of a hard north American winter, here in the west we had one of the mildest on record and very little snow.

Everything still looks dead but within the next month everything will suddenly turn green.

Looking for trainees ?

THE SCHOOL'S careers master, Mr. E. J. Whittle, is trying to draw up a register of possible employment outlets for those boys who leave school either after taking "O" level or after "A" level and are looking for immediate employment rather than full time further education.

Mr. Whittle is anxious to emphasise that he is certainly not seeking any special favours, but would appreciate that any Old Boy whose firm or business does from time to time have employment openings suitable for the two categories named above, would contact him by supplying the name of the business, a description of the type of job(s) that might be available, a telephone number and the name of the personnel officer or other executive to whom he should make initial overtures.

SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Secr'yester

Sec'yüngeer



Chairman hits at trade unions

CHAIRMAN of the Governors Mr. William Hare rebuked trade unionists who wanted to see the abolition of the Charity Law to reduce the number of independent schools.

"Some trade unions have expressed the view that too many former pupils of independent schools obtain the highest positions of responsibility in industry and the professions, and they react by demanding that such schools should be abolished. Such schools should be abolished.

"They overlook the fact that the main reason why those pupils do so well is because their academic record proves that they are capable of doing the task which their employers wish them to do.

"They have not succeeded in their career simply because they have been to an independent school, but because they have proved by their examination results, by their application, hard work and self discipline, that they have the competence to face the difficult tasks which will later be assigned to them."

Mr. Hare accused the trade unions of trying to abolish the charitable status for independent schools in an attempt to reduce their numbers. More brighter

pupils would be forced into the state system because their parents would no longer be able to afford the fees.

Fees would have to be increased if the charitable status was withdrawn.

He said that if brighter pupils were forced into state schools, they would not automatically achieve the "same degree of educational success they would have hitherto achieved in the independent sector.

"Some of them, of course, would. Those who were fortunate enough to be transferred to the successful and disciplined schools in the state system would, no doubt, make the grade.

"But my complaint against the trade unions' attitude is that they are wanting to destroy what already succeeds, for purely political motives and not for motives of education.

"Because surely, if the independent schools are already producing the pupils who are capable of doing the job, then why prevent them from continuing to do so?"

He said it was "most heartening" to hear of Lancashire Education Committee's proposals for "return to really meaningful testing of children in Lancashire schools at various stages."

HEADMASTER'S SPEECH

Unqualified success in exam results

THIS HAS been a significant year in our history, for, with the Government's ending of the Direct Grant system last August, 1976-77 was to be our first year as an independent school.

I am delighted to be able to tell you that it has been a year of quite outstanding and unqualified success. (See bold panels).

Of the 18 scholarships awarded this year by the Peel Trust, based on the competitive performance at Advanced Level of boys and girls in all Blackburn's schools, nine were gained by boys at Queen Elizabeth's. It is imperative, I believe, that schools such as ours should have, as one of their principal objectives, the setting and maintaining of the highest possible academic standards, and I hope that you will feel, as I do, that in the past year we have done that — and done it convincingly.

We hope to continue this successful pattern in the years ahead, for the School is full; each year, including this year, we are recruiting large numbers of boys of real ability — and girls, too, at sixth form level — so that, in spite of the present Government's unremitting hostility towards independent

Thirteen boys will be going to Oxbridge in October. Of 120 boys who left School last year, 69 went to universities and polytechnics; 13 to technical colleges; 31 to employment and four to other schools.

schools; in spite of inflation and the economic situation, the School's future seems bright and full of promise.

The reasons for this, I suppose, are not far to seek. Firstly, the School is a caring community and parents in general appreciate that we are concerned, not only to teach boys and girls chemistry and mathematics, English and classics to the full extent of their capabilities, but to develop and nourish as many



MR. COULSON

talents and interests as a boy or girl may possess.

Those who come to our musical concerts and plays; to our parents' evenings and swimming galas and Cathedral services; who hear of the fine work that our community service organisation carries out term by term in so many different spheres of activity; who come to support our scouts and our cricketers and footballers and fencers of all ages will know, for yourselves, how well we are able to succeed in this most vital aspect of education.

Secondly, the School is a community that seems to inspire the greatest goodwill and support from its many parents. Consider our annual appeal to the parents of boys, new to the School, for our Horncliffe Building Schema; this year, for example, in November, we asked these parents to aim for a new target of £15,000. By the end of February, the figure had already exceeded £20,000.

Year by year this close and generous co-operation between home and school is something that gives both strength and encouragement to my colleagues on the staff and to myself; together with a sense of involvement and participation that is of immense value to the School!

We are fortunate too in that we have as you all know a staff whose commitment to Queen Elizabeth's needs no elaboration from me. Hard-

HEADMASTER'S SPEECH (cont.)

working and dedicated they have the good of the school at the centre of their work and approach to teaching and I know for example of many boys who have cause to be thankful for the extra concern, the extra half-hour's teaching in the dinner hour or after school that is always unstintingly given. I should like publicly to acknowledge my thanks — and yours — to them for all that they do.

There are two further groups of people to whom I would like to express my thanks and those of the School — first to the Lancashire Education Committee for its continuing support of the School through the free places which it is again offering this year and the greatly appreciated assistance in the matter of sixth form fees. Second to the Governors who under the tireless and energetic leadership of the Chairman Mr. Hare play so vital a part in shaping the School's destiny.

The past year, however, has not been without its darker shadows. We have lost one of our liveliest and most enthusiastic Governors in the death of Mr. Ronnie Davies who served on the governing body

School produced 1,101 passes of 'O' level on the old gradings representing 85 per cent pass rate, a new record.

Seven boys won Open awards to Oxford in the November Oxford and Cambridge Entrance and Scholarship examinations — a record for the School.

for 31 years. We have lost, too, not only Dr. Tyler, who taught here with distinction for 39 years, but also Mr. Collier who was a leading member of the staff for 32 years; and Mrs. Collier; and Mr. Marchant, who recently retired after teaching at the School for 29 years. The total number of years which they all spent in working for the good of Queen Elizabeth's gives real meaning and significance to the phrase "loyal and devoted service." (See Obituaries — Pages 3 and 4).

It has given me great pleasure to have been able to present a report that contains so much of excellence — an excellence that is not a matter of opinion, but a matter of fact. As you have heard me say before, and I make no

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Genius of the blowlamp

Although blowlamp beauty Alison Jennie Lord is not yet an "old boy", she is the first girl pupil to be featured in *Magister* — and deservedly, for Alison, 17, of Sawley Lodge, Sawley, won the School metalwork prize this year.

Alison began metalwork as an alternative to sport. Instead of wet cross country runs to the Spread

Eagle, she concentrated on making a silver butterfly and rings.

There are seven girls studying metalwork and teacher Mr. Barry Brown says Alison shows a fair degree of dexterity and skill to say she has just started.

She collected her prize at Speech Day — a blowlamp.

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HEADMASTER'S SPEECH (Cont.)

apology for repeating it, the pursuit of excellence in all its forms must be the foremost aim of schools such as ours.

But now that the Great Debate on education has been launched, it would be well for you in the home and us in the schools to clear from our minds some of the current humbug and cant that are already being brought forward under the guise of serious thinking. Clear thinking on education is hampered by the use of jargon, slogans and the deliberate prostitution of individual phrases. Phrases such as "the pursuit of excellence" and words such as "selection" and "elite" are now being used not in a precise way but to represent a whole range of prejudices. Schools such as ours are now automatically and always accused of being "elitist". "Elite" has been deliberately made a dirty word in our society. But what after all does "elite" mean when stripped of the

develop. Can anyone in his right mind favour chance?

I do not believe that an education system based on the deliberate extinction of the grammar-school tradition can succeed in identifying and developing this necessary kind of elite at all. It may encourage desirable social attitudes (though even that is open to question) but a nation on the rocks is not going to be saved by fraternity and social equality alone. A poor struggling country needs every available talent developed to the highest pitch. It is no good moaning about poor management in industry, for example, and how often we hear *that* cry these days, unless we accept that to train good management is to train properly selected groups of the ablest people for the job.

The test of the nation's education system is whether it can develop and produce this elite. Nothing in the pursuit of this aim implies that some members of society are more valued than others: on the contrary the creation of an elite obeys both the Christian and Lenin principle that society requires from each the best of which he is capable.

And that is why in my view schools such as ours which aim continuously at the pursuit of excellence are vital to the country's needs and why it is imperative that you and I should continue to say so with vigour and conviction whenever we have the opportunity to do so.

Fees will rise next year, but careful budgeting had kept down increases to £24 for the upper school and to £6 for the lower school, said Mr. Hare. Fees for 1977 will be £624 in upper school and £456 in lower school.

overtones of guilt and envy and prejudice that it has acquired in the recent years of egalitarianism? It simply means that in every human endeavour there are individuals who promise more than others; not better men but better mathematicians or better managers or violinists or athletes.

Of all the children in this country at present under the age of 11, there are some, for example, whose innate ability and personality will qualify them to play key roles in the nation's economic recovery in the next century. No one is suggesting that they will have first claim on places in Heaven — simply that they will emerge, as the best men and women for a particular task that needs to be done. Their country needs them.

Are we, then, going to leave it all to chance and hope that these children with special abilities will emerge of their own accord? Or are we going to try to identify this and other abilities at an early age and encourage them to



Mr. Colin Parmley, who has been regional director of the Midland Bank's Preston Region since 1968 retired at the end of February, after 42 years service with the Bank.

Mr. Parmley, who lives in Lytham, was at school from 1928-34.

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Peter flies to USA to find memory

PETER ODDIE, of Kingsway, Church, was given a massive overdose of a new antibiotic drug, Ceporin, when he was admitted to Accrington Victoria Hospital with a mild form of meningitis.

Cathedral choir sings at wedding

It left Peter, who was at School from 1966 to 1972, with brain damage and he was awarded £85,000 damages at the High Court, Manchester.

He was unable to remember anything for more than a minute and specialists told his parents Mr and Mrs James and Mary Oddie that Peter's condition would not improve.

But Peter's parents would not give up and they took him to faith healers and doctors all over the country for four years. Then last year, an American doctor read about Peter in a magazine and rang up his parents about a new treatment.

Peter travelled to New York with his parents and was treated by Dr Albert Laverne, chairman of the Carbon Dioxide Therapy Unit.

He breathed a mixture of 70 per cent carbon dioxide and 30 per cent oxygen and now his memory is getting better.

Peter had recorded his life in notebooks. He could not go out because sometimes he forgot where he lived. He also suffered epileptic attacks. Now he can play chess and watch television, and his memory is getting much better.

* * *

Secretary retires

Mr R. Edgar Dixon (1914-21) has retired after 27 years as secretary of Blackburn Master Bakers' Association.

He was secretary of Blackburn Chamber of Trade for 32 years until 1968; secretary of Blackburn Retailers Association for 30 years until 1961; secretary of East Lancashire branch of the Electrical Contractors' Association until 1974 and secretary of Blackburn and District Scouts' Association for some years.



MR. and MRS. CROWTHER—Picture by Wally Talbot and Sons

Mr. George Neil Crowther married Miss Janet Heald at St. Silas' Church, Blackburn last July. Both are teachers, and Neil (1965-72) recently joined the Hornccliffe staff at QEGS after graduating with a B.Ed. degree from Sheffield university and Doncaster College of Education.

Mr. Colin Simm (1965-72), a Government Officer, married Miss Mary Lewrenson at Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church, St. Helens, in August.

Mr. Peter Matthewman (1958-66) married Miss Rachel Sheile Thickett at St. Chad's Church, Tushingham, Shropshire, in October.

The Vice-chairman of the Old Blackburnians A.F.C. **Mr. Peter Jones Browne** and Miss Joyce Thompson were married at St. Paul's Church, Huddlesden in October. Peter was at school from 1956-65.

Mr. Stephen W. Atherton (1964-70) was married in January in Capetown, South Africa, to Miss Roberta Staples of Capetown.

Mr. John F. Mead, who teaches physics at the school, was married to Miss Jennifer Alison Read, also a teacher, at Holy Souls Church, Blackburn in December. A small choir of boys from QEGS led the singing.

Engagement

The engagement was announced in January between Mr. John R. Weeks of Malvern and Senior English Master at QEGS and Miss Jane Coulson, daughter of the Headmaster Mr. D. J. Coulson, and Mrs. Coulson. (They will be married on August 6th in Blackburn Cathedral.

The choir travelled to Durham and Cathedral organist Mr John Bertalot composed an anthem especially for the couple.

A reception was held at the Royal County Hotel, Durham, before a honeymoon in Bath. The couple are now living in Chorley.



Dental Surgeon, Nigel Bramley-Haworth (1961.67) married Miss Sonia Ryley, an office manager, at St Silas's Church, Blackburn.

Mrs Bramley-Haworth is Blackburn's present Mayoress. Nigel has recently opened a surgery in Manchester Road, Accrington and is the son of Councillor George Haworth (1928-37) leader of the Conservatives on Blackburn District Council and Mrs Nen Haworth, the present Mayor of Blackburn.

A reception was held at the Spread Eagle, Sawley, and the couple, above, will live in Accrington.

O.B.A. MAY MAKE SECOND £500 LOAN TO SCHOOL

THE 48th ANNUAL meeting of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held at the Lammack pavilion on 23rd November.

The secretary reported that two committee meetings had been held during the past twelve months on 13th January at the School and 4th May at the football club. The usual sub-committees had been elected at the January meeting and again, for the same reason as last year, no social sub-committee had been elected. The 1975 annual dinner had been its usual success and had realised a profit of £40. The football club had donated £30 towards the cost of the bar fittings obtained by the association.

Following the recommendation of the previous annual meeting the committee had resolved that the association make an interest free loan of £500 to the School, repayable on demand.

The treasurer presented the accounts, a copy of which is shown below, and reported a profit of £173.57. He explained that this was largely due to the reduction in expense of producing *Magister* and also the reduction in general expenses which had been unusually high last year because of the cost of the bar fittings.

In spite of the fact that £500 had been loaned to the School, the Association was in substantially the same financial position it had been twelve months previously and it was felt that a further loan of £500 could be made to the School, and it was resolved that the committee should consider this. The meeting gave a vote of thanks to the treasurer and the auditors.

A lot of thought and work had gone into attempts to find a replacement for Mr. John Duckworth as Editor of *Magister* but so far without success. One or two recently retired people in the Press world had been approached and inquiries were still being made.

Mr. King reported that Mr. Duckworth could probably be prevailed upon to edit one more *Magister* but he assured the meeting that whatever happened a publication in some form would be produced.

The usual branch activities had been held at Oxford, South Manchester and Cheshire and York but the London function had been cancelled due to the lack of response. It was, however, hoped that this would be reorganised in the near future. It was hoped that a branch at Cambridge would soon be formed.

The following officers were elected: President: Mr. Jack Hindle re-elected; Chairman: Mr. Tom Hindle elected; vice-chairman: Mr. Jim Warner elected; Hon. secretary: Mr. David Forbes re-elected; Hon. treasurer: Mr. Fred Bury re-elected; Hon. auditors: Mr. W. Hare and Mr. K. H. Marsden were re-elected. The following were elected to the Committee: G. Birtwistle, H. Burrows, D. J. Coulson, J. Duckworth, W. K. Forbes, E. G. Hunt, N. Jepson, E. J. Kay, 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, R. Smith and W. E. T. Walsh. Mr. B. Brown and Mr. E. Wilkinson had tendered their resignations.

Mr. King reported that he had again received a donation of £25 from the president. Mr. E. C. Marsden suggested that, as there seemed to be a fairly regular flow of income from new life members, this income could remain intact and possibly be utilised for or towards the payment of fees for one boy at the School. It was agreed that this would be considered by the committee.

The meeting was reminded that the School was now accepting female pupils and it was queried whether or not girls leaving the School would be entitled to apply for membership of the Association. It was felt that this would probably necessitate a change of rules but that in principle there could be no objection.

Mr. H. Burrows was thanked for his work for the Association over the past two years while chairman.

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1976 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	£	p	£	p		£	p	£	p
General Expenses	10.00		118.00		Subscriptions 1975/76	489.00		507.00	
Postages	76.00		46.00		Released from Life Membership Fund	21.00		26.00	
Magazines	13.00		9.00		Interest on Investments (less tax)	76.00		83.00	
Magister	378.00		457.00		Blackburn Savings Bank Interest	47.00		21.00	
Corporation Tax	28.00		18.00		War Memorial Ground Rent	5.00		5.00	
Balance and Profit					Profit on Annual Dinner	41.00		31.00	
Accumulated Fund	174.00		25.00						
	<u>£ 679.00</u>		<u>£ 673.00</u>			<u>£ 679.00</u>		<u>£ 673.00</u>	

BALANCE SHEET

	£	p	£	p		£	p	£	p
Life Membership Fund					Lammack Ground at cost less sales ..			1208.00	
Balance at 1.8.75.	2348.00				Investments: 4% Consols				
Additions	420.00				(Market value £315) ..			1161.00	
	<u>3268.00</u>				8½% Barclay's Bank Stock			583.00	
Deletions	21.00				(Market value £396) ..				
			3247.00		British Electric 3½% Gtd. Stock 78/79			282.00	
War Memorial Fund	1208.00				(Market value £347) ..				
Creditors: Printer			398.00		Loan to Q.E.G. School			1000.00	
Inland Revenue			28.00		Cash at Banks				
Accumulated Fund					Lloyds Bank Ltd.	92.00			
Profit at 1.8.75.	455.00				Blackburn Savings Bank	1008.00		1100.00	
Profit on 1975/76	174.00				Cash in Hand			176.00	
	<u>629.00</u>							<u>£5510.00</u>	
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Honorary Auditors' Report

We hereby certify that we have examined the Accounts of the Old Blackburnians' Association as above set forth, together with the books, and vouchers relating thereto. In our opinion they represent a true and correct record of the transactions of the Association during the year ended 31st July, 1976.

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

There's a branch near you

We should like to take this opportunity of reminding Old Boys up and down the country that we have active branches in Yorkshire, South Lancashire and Cheshire, the London area and at Oxford and Cambridge. They provide a variety of activities and most of them have a Ladies' Evening.

They are all keen to widen their membership and we invite

those who are interested to contact the appropriate secretary whose name and address is given below.

The Yorkshire Branch:
Mr. Guy Shuttleworth
1 St. Peter's Grove
York

Tel. York 0904-22450

South Lancashire and Cheshire Branch:
Mr. Harold Ramsbottom,
157 Chester Road
Hazel Grove, Cheshire
Tel. 099-67-3344

London Area Branch:
Mr. Michael Stirrup
83A Reynolds Avenue
Chadwell Heath
Romford
Essex.
Tel. 01-597-3618.

For the university branches at Oxford and Cambridge please contact Mr. H. King, Shenstone, Whitecroft Lane, Mellor, Blackburn, who is the liaison officer between the branches, all Old Boys, the parent

association and the School.

Old Boys will also be interested to know that we have an active group of members in Canada who meet regularly in Calgary. Old Boys in Canada should contact Dr. Roger Maltby for further information. His address is:
Box 59 Site 2 553
Calgary
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Two heads at London dinner, AGM

The Annual Dinner and AGM of the London Branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held on Friday, 25th February, at The Royal Society of Medicine, London W1. Dr. N. T. Holden, a member of the Society, was our sponsor.

It was originally hoped to hold the Dinner in November 1976, but there was a very low response to the invitation, so it was postponed until February.

On the evening there were 23 members and guests present.

Annual meeting

The Headmaster, D. J. Coulson, and Harry King travelled from Blackburn to attend. It was rather interesting that there were two Headmasters of the School present, as Mr. Coulson's predecessor, Mr. B. H. Kemball-Cook, attended with his wife.

Following the initial meeting and drinking, we settled down to a pleasant three-course dinner at 7.45 p.m., following which the Headmaster gave a report on some of the School activities over the last year. Harry King, who retired in December, then made a short speech reminiscing on his career and his retirement, and a brief report on some of the

current and ex-members of staff.

The Chairman opened the AGM at 9.30 p.m. This was followed by the usual business of an AGM, such as the Secretary's report, Treasurer's report and the election of the Committee and its Officers. There was much discussion as to how the branch can have a better response to its circulars and Harry King offered to go through the

full list of members of the Association held at School, and to send an up-to-date list of members in the South, so that an effort can be made to encourage new members of the branch. We are very grateful to Harry for his kind offer.

The meeting closed at 10.15 and was then followed by the usual socialising over liquid refreshment.

GOLDEN JUBILEE AT OXFORD

The Annual Dinner of the Oxford Branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association was held on Friday, 12th November, 1976, at the Bleu Blanc Rouge Restaurant in the High Street, Oxford.

Mr. S. H. Lea presided and proposed the loyal toast and welcomed the visitors. The Headmaster, Mr. D. J. Coulson in his reply on behalf of the guests referred to the impending retirement of Mr. King, who was then prevailed upon to say a few words. Mr. Hare, Chairman of Governors, himself an Oxford graduate, brought the formal proceedings to a close mentioning the fact this was probably the 50th Oxford OB's dinner.

Those attending were:

Undergraduates: H. Cook, A. J. Campbell, D. J. Foster, S. H. Lea, D. M. Watson, R. Winterbottom, E. J. Hawkes, A. G. Jackson, C. W. Kinder, I. C. Moore, I. E. Tabor, R. B. Brookes, P. W. Duckworth,

D. J. Clark, K. C. Collis, S. A. Kay, P. R. Parkinson, R. D. Wilkinson, M. J. Whittaker.

Visitors: Undergraduates from Cambridge:

P. Walmsley and D. Ryden. From Blackburn: The Headmaster Mr. D. J. Coulson, The Chairman of Governors Mr. W. Hare, Mr. E. C. Marsden (Governor), Mr. R. Hunter (Bursar), Mr. H. King, Mr. F. Bury, Mr. T. E. Sherratt, Members resident in the Oxford area: Dr. N. T. Holden, Mr. C. P. Waring and the Rev. T. L. Walsh who travelled from Cumbria.

Footnote: It was later established that the first Oxford OB's Annual Dinner was held on 6th November 1926, when at the instigation of Henty Schollick the five OB's in residence at Oxford met at the Clarendon Hotel and invited Mr. J. W. Marsden—Chairman of Governors at the time to be their guest. For the record these five were: H. F. Brookes, J. B. Ellison, A. Scales, H. L. Schollick and W. Simm.

JOURNALIST RETIRES

Mr. William Westall, sports editor of the *Blackburn Times* retired at the end of January this year after over 49 years with the newspaper. He came to QEGS as a "scholarship boy" in 1922 and immediately on leaving school in 1927 joined the staff of the *Blackburn Times* as a reporter. As a sports writer he has covered Blackburn Rovers matches for close on 40 years. During the war he served in the Loyal Regiment and Royal Corps of Signals in India. He also played cricket with the East Lancashire club and other local teams.

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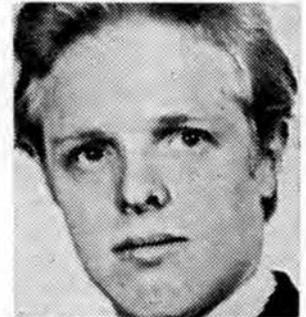
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£110,000 for research

Two major EEC grants totalling £110,000 have been awarded to **Dr. James Houghton** who is carrying out research into radiation and genetics at University College, Galway, where he is a lecturer in the Department of Microbiology.

Mr. Houghton attended OEGS from 1955-62 and proceeded to Liverpool University where he graduated Honours B.Sc. in zoology and genetics and later received his Ph.D. at Liverpool.

The grants have been placed with Dr. Houghton by the EEC agency, Euratom, as part of a Community-wide study of the



DR. HOUGHTON

biological effects of radiation and its risks to man. He received the awards after submitting details to Euratom setting out his work so far and his plans for the future.

Harry Ingham to retire

MR. Harry Ingham (1929-37) retires from teaching at the end of the summer term after 29 years in the modern languages department of the School.

As a boy at School, he was Captain of Raleigh House and Vice-Captain of School Cricket. He graduated Hons. B.A. in modern languages at Wadham College, Oxford in 1940 and later was awarded his M.A.

During the war, he served from 1940-46 with the Army in India and Burma.

He was a master at Taunton's School, Southampton for two years before joining QEGS in 1948.

During the last two years, he has been in rather poor health and following a recent set-back he decided that he must take things more easily and announced his impending retirement.

T. P. Beaumont, B.Sc., A.R.I.C. (1947-54) Appointed Deputy Principal Burleigh Community College, Loughborough.

Professor appointed at Salford

Professor Trevor Angus Villiers has been appointed professor of biology in the biology department of Salford University. Professor Villiers who attended the School from 1942-47, graduated Hons. B.Sc. in Botany and later obtained his Ph.D. at London University. After lectureships in botany in this country he spent two years lecturing at Makerere University, Uganda. In 1961 he returned to the UK to take up a two year ICI fellowship at University College, Aberystwyth. Three years later he went to Natal University, Durban, as a senior lecturer in biological sciences. He became professor of plant biology in 1966 and was made head of the biological sciences department in 1972. Since 1975 he has been Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University.

Professor Villiers' chief research interest is seed physiology and he has published papers on this subject and also on marine biology as well as a book entitled "Dormancy and the Survival of Plants".

OLD BLACKS' ANNUAL MEETING

Bigger profit for Lammack Club

THE football club held its annual meeting at the pavilion, Lammack, on 25th May.

The president, W. K. Forbes, and chairman S. Tart and 15 members were present.

Last year saw Geoff Shepherd's table tennis section get well off the ground and it had had a very successful season in its first year. First and second teams finished well up in the league and the first team won the league Handicap Knock-out Cup. This was a knock-out cup for all the teams in the league.

The chairman reported that a great deal of time and effort had been put into improving the pavilion during the past year and in particular, near enough the whole of the inside of the pavilion had been painted and decorated. Ian Brown had organised the general clean-up of the club very satisfactorily and on many occasions had been the only one to put in the time and effort. The services of a new cleaner had been obtained during the past year. During the year, proposals had been put forward for the improvement and extension of the kitchen and following some quite lengthy discussion at committee meetings, it was ultimately resolved that the expenditure contemplated was not justified, bearing in mind the other items of expenditure which would be cropping up during the following year and also the comparative lack of use to which the kitchen was put.

Under its new Chairman, Geoff Shepherd, the bar committee had again functioned more satisfactorily during the past year and had produced excellent figures and an improved profit.

The chairman said moves were being made to obtain the services of another brewery. There would probably be some sort of sharing basis with the existing suppliers.

During the year the club had obtained the services of a groundsman, Mr. O'Hara, who was doing the job very satisfactorily both in marking out the pitches and in cleaning the changing rooms after use on Saturdays.

The pitches had stood up well

during the past season and the further improvement included one or two new drains in the bad patches on the first XI pitch and also the introduction of a further perimeter drain at the top left hand corner of the small pitch. The past year had been yet another year of varied and enjoyable social functions.

Geoff Shepherd and his wife Denise, had organised some excellent folk concerts: the Christmas dances had gone particularly well, raising £550 and the social committee was thanked for its efforts and also congratulated on its ticket allocation system for these very popular dances.

The chairman also mentioned the Thursday folk nights which were as popular as ever and which brought in valuable revenue to the bar.

Alan Blackshaw presented the accounts which were very satisfactory. Unfortunately Alan had expressed his desire to resign as treasurer which was reluctantly accepted.

Keith Sharples was thanked for promoting the Christmas Draw, which had realised £301.

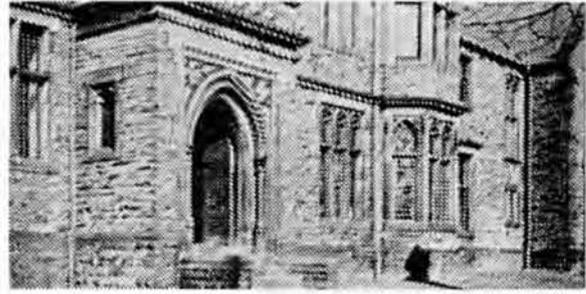
A fruit machine had been installed and was proving to be quite profitable.

The ladies committee donated £450 to the general funds of the club. Very regretably at the ladies committee last meeting, it had been decided that the committee should be disbanded. The ladies felt that they had ceased to prove a worthwhile function in the running of the Club and there also appeared to be differences of opinion among its members. The Chairman hoped it would not be long before the ladies committee, in some form or other, was reformed.

Steve Tart and Geoff Shepherd had tied for Clubman of the year. After a show of hands, Steve Tart was elected Clubman of the Year 1976/77.

The chairman thanked Pete Browne who had taken over the chairmanship in the middle of the year due to the unfortunate circumstances in which the chairman's seat had been vacated by Mr. Ernest Wilkinson. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, Peter Browne had to

SCHOOL NEWS



THE School gained a record number of seven open awards in the Oxford Scholarship examinations last December. The successful pupils were:

W. C. Chadwick. Open Exhibition in Mathematics, St. John's College.

M. C. Cooper. The Michael Ashcroft Open Scholarship in Mathematics, Magdalen College.

S. J. Davies. The C.E.G.B. Open Scholarship in Natural Science, Keble College.

G. R. Foster. Open Exhibition in Natural Science, Wadham College.

C. J. Garratt. Open Scholarship in Natural Science, Magdalen College.

A. D. Goudie. Open Exhibition in Natural Science, Exeter College.

G. T. Swift. Open Exhibition in Natural Science, Balliol College.

Mr. Norman Jepson (1918-22), Vice-Chairman of Governors of QEGS, a magistrate for 21 years, retired from the Bench in June, 1976. He was Chairman of the Friday Bench of Blackburn Magistrates.

The following QEGS boys won Peel Foundation Awards for some of the highest "A" level results in the town's schools: K. G. Bagot, R. B. Brookes, D. J. Clark, K. C. Collis, P. W. Duckworth, P. J. Scambler, I. J. Smith, R. D. Wilkinson and R. J. Wilson.

South Lancs. dinner

The South Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the Old Blackburnians' Association held their Annual Dinner on Friday, November 19th, at the Cotton's Hotel, Knutsford, where old boy Derek Bradley is "mine host."

As usual, we were right royally wined and dined in a most convivial atmosphere.

Mr. Harold Ramsbottom organised the event and presided. After the loyal toast, proposed by the Chairman, Mr. Roger H. Pearson welcomed the guests and Mr. William Hare, chairman of Governors, replied. He concluded by inviting the company to drink a toast to Mr. Harry King, who was retiring at the end of the Autumn Term. Mr. King suitably replied.

Those attending were: Members: Messrs. F. Banford, B. Batey, I. C. Batey, D. C. Bradley, P. L. Jones, H. S. Marsden, J. C. Pearson, R. H. Pearson, J. A. Redman and Doctors J. S. Hindle and H. Morris, W. Hare, H. King, E. J. Kay and R. Hunter.

Diary Dates

OBA AGM: 22 November at Lammack.
Annual Dinner: 17 December at School.

resign as chairman and Steve Tart had taken over.

The following officers were elected: President: W. K. Forbes, re-elected; Chairman: S. Tart elected; vice-chairman: R. N. Hornsby elected; Secretary: D. I. Forbes re-elected; Treasurer M. Beaumont elected; Football Secretary: R. N. Hornsby elected; Press Secretary: A. Pemberton elected; Auditor: J. Tattersell re-elected; Solicitor: D. I. Forbes was re-elected. Committee: B. Hardcastle; D. Hopkinson; F. Riley; V. Chesters; R. Masters; P. Sumner; G. Shepherd; E. Pappas; R. Dean; S. Shepherd; A. Blackshaw; P. Heald.

After some discussion it was resolved that the subscriptions should be £5 for full members and social members; £3 for lady members and £2 for members under 18 years. Subscriptions for county members should be £2.

Old Boys' Successes

NEWS IN BRIEF

P. Ainsworth (1961-66)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Psychology, Lancaster University.

P. M. Aldred (1966-73)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Physics, Imperial College, London University.

C. D. Bamber (1966-73)
Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Geography, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford University.

R. M. Barnes (1966-73)
Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Geography, Portsmouth Polytechnic.

D. G. Beaumont (1965-72)
Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Psychology, Manchester University.

N. P. Beaumont (1966-73)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Management Sciences, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. Appointed to a post with Automotive Products Ltd., Manchester.

R. Blackshaw (1937-41)
Appointed Production Controller Edbro Ltd., Hydraulic Engineers, Bolton.

I. Bolton (1969-76)
Awarded the London Royal Academy of Music Diploma. Awarded the highest marks ever in the Advanced Examination for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists.

Dr. R. P. Bolton (1961-68)
Admitted to Membership of the Royal College of Physicians.

J. D. Brookes (1966-73)
Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Medical Sciences, Downing College, Cambridge University.

A. H. Burns (1965-72)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Applied Biology, Liverpool Polytechnic.

D. T. Bury (1947-52)
Appointed Manager of the Oswaldtwistle Branch of the Trustee Savings Bank.

Dr. P. M. A. Calverley (1961-68)
Elected Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

D. I. Cassidy (1971-73)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Soil Science and Biochemistry, Bangor University. Appointed Management Trainee, Brown Brothers Corporation.

S. M. Child, B.A., A.L.A.
(1953-64) Appointed Deputy, District Librarian at Burnley.

S. R. Clegg (1965-72)
Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Social Sciences, York University. Appointed Trainee Social Worker, Sheffield.

A. J. Colbert (1961-64)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Hons. Textile Technology, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

D. Collison (1960-70)
Graduated B.Sc., First Class Hons. Chemistry, Manchester University. Awarded prize for the best student in the year, and prize for the best student in Organic Chemistry.

W. J. Cunliffe (1964-71)
Graduated M.B., B.S., Medical School, Newcastle University.

C. R. Derwent, LL.B., B.A.
(1947-54) Passed the Canadian Bar examinations. Practising in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

R. S. Dodds, LL.B. (1964-71)
Called to the Bar at Greys Inn, London.

C. W. Duckworth (1967-72)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Hons. Biochemistry, Liverpool University.

D. O. Edwards (1964-71)
Graduated B.Ed., Lancaster University.

S. P. Foster (1966-73)
Awarded Higher National Diploma in Computer Studies, North Gloucester College of Technology.

F. E. Geldeard (1937-42)
Appointed Deputy Director of Finance, Blackburn Council.

M. C. Graham (1966-73)
Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Hons. Law, Hull University.

J. M. Griffin (1962-69)
Graduated M.B., B.S., University College Hospital Medical School, London University.

N. Guard (1965-72)
Graduated B.Tech., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Aeronautical Engineering and Design, Loughborough University. Awarded the Royal Aeronautical Society Prize for the best final year project. Appointed a Graduate Apprentice, BAC, Preston.

N. Hargreaves (1962-72)
Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Chemistry, Merton College, Oxford University, Appointed Trainee with Whinney Murray & Co., Chartered Accountants, London.

R. A. Haydock (1964-73)
Awarded Higher National Diploma in Business Studies, Blackburn College of Technology and Design. Appointed to a post with Shaw's Ltd., Darwen.

A. Holliday (1956-66)
Elected a Fellow of the Library Association. Appointed Area Librarian, Farnworth, Bolton.

F. Horsfield (1965-72)
Graduated Hons. B.Ed., Sheffield University.

D. B. Ingham (1971-73)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Electronic Engineering, Bolton Institute of Technology.

I. Leaver (1965-72)
Graduated B.A., Class 3, Hons. Business Administration, Loughborough University.

J. C. Leston (1969-72)
Graduated B.A., First Class Hons. Politics, Philosophy and Economics, Magdalen College, Oxford University.

M. A. Loat (1968-74)
Passed Ordinary National Diploma in Construction, W. R. Tuson College, Preston.

A. I. MacIntosh (1966-73)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Economics and Accounting London School of Economics. Appointed to a post with Stoy Hayward & Co., Accountants, London.

Professor G. Manley, M.A., D.Sc. (1910-18)
Elected Honorary Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society.

P. E. Martin, B.Sc. (1965-67)
Graduated M.Sc., Ecology and awarded a post graduate Diploma in Ecology, Bangor University.

F. B. Mercer (1937-44)
Awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Technology, C.N.A.A., at Edinburgh University.

D. J. Miller (1966-72)
Graduated B.A., Class 2, Engineering Sciences, Magdalen College, Oxford University. Appointed a graduate Civil Engineer with Brian Colquhoun & Partners. Consultant Engineers, London.

D. K. Milligan (1965-71)
Graduate B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Electronics, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

S. J. Monk (1954-61)
Graduate B.A., Geology and Chemistry, Open University.

J. W. Morton (1963-73)
Graduates B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Civil Engineering, Imperial College, London University. Appointed a graduate engineer with A. Monk & Co., Civil Engineering Contractors.

G. W. Munroe (1971-73)
Awarded Ordinary National Certificate in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Graduated in the rank of junior technician RAF and received the Phillip Sassoon Flying Award, RAF Coningsby.

S. Mycock (1968-73)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Geology, Leicester University.

R. J. Nelson (1966-73)
Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Medical Sciences, Christ's College, Cambridge University.

P. C. Olsen, B.A. (1954-60)
Graduated LL.B., Class 2, Hons. Law, University College, Cardiff.

Dr. H. M. Pollard (1926-34)
Awarded O.B.E., Queen's Birthday 1976 Honours List.

Scapa ad manager

The Blackburn-based Scapa Group have appointed David Ward group advertising manager.

David, at School from 1952 to 1958, was managing director of Lee and Nightingale Advertising, Liverpool.

He studied commercial art and advertising at the Harris Art College, Preston, after leaving School, then spent four years in the advertising

department of Walpamur, Darwen.

He moved to Dutton's Brewery Ltd, Blackburn as assistant advertising manager before being appointed advertising manager at Owen, Owen, Coventry.

He is married with one child and lives in Tarleton, near Preston. His interests include motor sport competition in a Lotus 22.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES cont.

R. B. Prest (1962-72)
Awarded Diploma in Rural Estate Management, Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. Appointed to a post with E. G. Hothersall & Sons Ltd., Preston.

G. H. Redman, M.A., Ph.D. (1957-64) Qualified as a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries.

J. J. Riley, LL.B. (1965-72) Awarded second class honours in part two of the qualifying examination of the Law Society.

C. Robinson (1967-71)
Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. English, Downing College, Cambridge University.

G. J. Robinson, B.Sc. (1944-51) Appointed to the Board of Feed Services (Lifestock) Ltd., Corsham, Wiltshire.

D. J. Rowland (1959-65)
Awarded the J. W. Rafferty Memorial Prize and the A. E. Walker Prize in the Savings Bank Institute qualifying examination.

R. J. Sansbury (1964-72)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Building, Salford University. Appointed to a post with Henry Boot & Co. Ltd.

P. J. Searle (1966-73)
Awarded Certificate of Education, Gloucestershire College of Education.

A. J. Simpson (1965-72)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Applied Biology, Hatfield Polytechnic.

I. J. Smith (1965-73)
Graduated B.Sc., Pharmacy, Leicester Polytechnic.

A. Sowerbutts, B.Sc., A.R.I.C., Ph.D. (1960-66)
Ordained deacon and appointed curate at St. Peter's Church, Salesbury, Blackburn.

S. Todd (1964-72)
Graduate B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Building Technology, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. Appointed to a post with Middletons Building and Engineering company.

I. Tranter (1966-72)
Graduated B.A., First Class Hons Engineering Science, Balliol College, Oxford University. Awarded the college Jenkyn's Prize for the best final year project and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers Prize for Engineering Science. Appointed to a post with the Ministry of Defence Radar Establishment, Malvern.

S. P. Walker (1966-73)
Awarded Higher National Diploma in Business Studies (Marketing) and the Diploma in Marketing of the Institute of Marketing, West Bromwich College of Commerce. Appointed Publicity and Promotions Officer, Automotive Products Ltd, Manchester.

A. G. Walsh, B.A. (Oxon.) (1962-71) Graduated B.A., Class 2, Div. 1, Hons. Law, Cambridge University.

Rev. P. G. Wignall, B.A. (1960-68) Appointed a Minor Canon and Precentor of Durham Cathedral.

M. J. C. Wilcock (1964-72)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 3, Hons. Economics and Sociology, Bristol University.

I. Whittaker (1965-73)
Graduated B.Sc., Class 2, Div. 2, Hons. Management Sciences, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

J. Whittaker (1966-73)
Awarded Higher National Diploma in Hotel and Catering Management, Blackpool College of Technology and Art. Appointed management trainee with Vaux Breweries.

J. A. Whittaker, B.Sc. (1964-71) Elected a graduate member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

P. Yates (1966-73)
Awarded Certificate of Education, Charlotte Mason College of Education, Ambleside.

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Harry King retires after 42 years

HARRY KING stood up at the December dinner in main School and almost regretted having retired a few days before.

It was the advent of 13 girls in the sixth form which had Harry joking that he had thoughts of staying on to prove there is life in the old dog yet.

But in 42 years of teaching, he had had his "money's worth", he said — not the least in telling boys how much better they were than their fathers.

The rolls will now be reversed as former pupils will surely tell their sons how good Harry King was as a Teacher, House Master of Grenville and an outstanding worker for the Old Blackburnians' Association.

As guest speaker the Provost of Blackburn, the Very Rev. Lawrence Jackson said: "Chemical formulae may be forgotten — but not Mr. King.

The Provost, a Governor of the School, stepped in for County Councillor Jack Ashton, chairman of Lancashire Education Committee, who was involved in a minor car accident, to reply on behalf of the guests.

He had the 170 diners in stitches with his witty replies and humorous anecdotes as he had as guest three years ago. The night was more a "benefit" for Mr. King, he said, than an annual dinner.

Mr. King was the type of teacher who was needed these days — one who gave himself to the job and his pupils — one who lived and enjoyed being a teacher.

Mr. King retired the week before the dinner after 32 years at QEGS.

He entered School as a pupil in 1923. He represented the School at football, was a prefect

and captain of Frobisher. He left in 1930 to read chemistry at Manchester University. He graduated in 1933 and gained a teaching diploma a year later and began teaching with Lancashire County and then at Blackburn.

He spent the war years with ICI in the Chemical Warfare department of the Ministry of Supply and joined QEGS Staff in January 1945.

He became assistant house master of Grenville and House Master in 1956. He was appointed senior chemistry master a year later.

He was appointed senior science master on Dr. Tyler's retirement and first chairman of the Staffroom committee in 1970.

He has been in charge of the scientific society throughout his career at QEGS.

He has been a life-long member of St. Barnabas's church, Blackburn, and was Sunday school superintendent for 35 years.

He is vice chairman of the parochial church-council;



Mr. King with the cassette-radio he received from colleagues

manager and treasurer of the day and Sunday schools and a former warden.

He has also worshipped at St. Mary's, Mellor since moving from East Park Avenue, Blackburn, to Whitecroft Lane, Mellor.

He was the first lay chairman of Blackburn Deanery Synod and is vice chairman and treasurer of Blackburn and District Church

Schools Association.

Mr. King has been president of Blackburn Schools' Sports Association, chairman of Blackburn Schools' F.A. and a judge at Lancashire Schools' annual athletics meeting.

He is a member of the science advisory committee of Blackburn College of Technology and Design and a former president of Blackburn Philosophical and Scientific Society.

He is, of course, also a very keen follower of Blackburn Rovers and for which he deserves all our sympathy!

Although Harry has retired — he has been kept very busy with his church affairs — but most of all with the compilation of *Magister*.

School is hoping to start a bursary scheme next year. The basis of the award would be linked with parental income but initially, there would be no more than 10.

A fee remission scheme is operating for direct grant pupils and will continue at a reduced level initially. "We hope to build up an endowment for the School so that the number of bursaries may be increased over the years", said Mr. Hare.

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