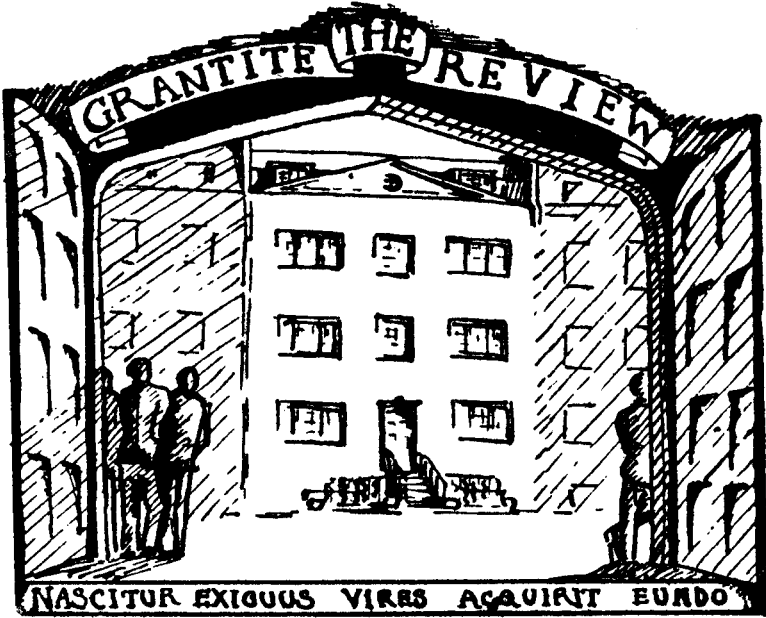


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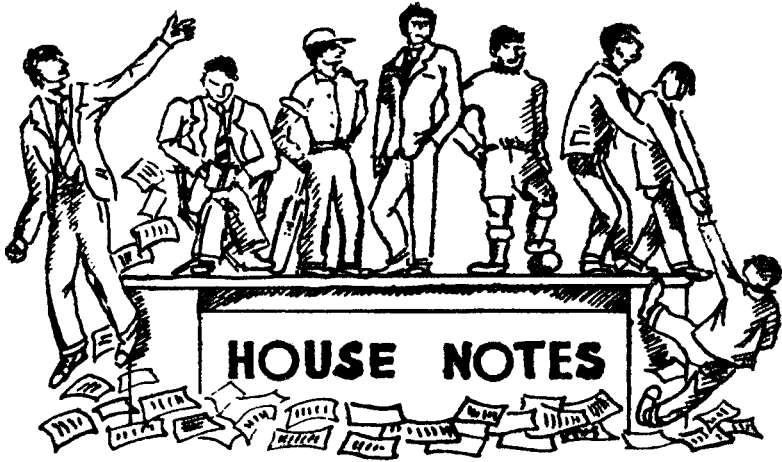
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## EDITORIAL

“The Press,” we are told daily; in our films, in our plays and in our novels; is a mighty weapon. Everybody can be presumed to know about the mighty, ignorant and immoral Press Barons, represented in fiction by Evelyn Waugh’s Lord Copper and in semi-fiction by the myth of Lord Beaverbrook.

The mighty organs of the Press are said to be perpetually ruining or exploding. Ruining the wicked Press Barons’ enemies and exploding injustices. Outside fiction this would appear to be a false picture. Examples are quoted by those who know, of two papers run by the same man and under the same editor which in the afternoon attack their morning relation. Most of the Press is therefore the domination of its public’s taste. What its readers want, that they must get.

*The Granite* is in a fortunate position. We are not owned by Lord Beaverbrook, we are not dependant on one section of our public at any rate. We can, therefore print what we like. When we censure it will be justly, when we explode it will be righteously. The mighty presses are as yet still tranquil but when the moment comes: fearlessly, honestly and nobly, we will speak!



There left us last term: J. S. R. Benson, G. S. Clarke, S. C. H. Douglas-Mann, C. L. Fisher, M. E. T. Holmes, D. B. Inglis, J. G. Lowenstein, G. J. Puxon, F. A. Warholm, P. B. Westoby. To Liddells: F. M. Cox, J. W. Grose, J. A. G. Harrop, D. B. Wilkins, T. C. Harris. To College: A. W. Evans.

We welcome this term: C. J. Alderson, G. R. S. Congreve, H. S. Davies, C. D. Gale, J. A. B. Heard, J. H. G. Langley, A. H. Sandford Smith, J. D. Seddon, D. S. Stancliffe. R. V. Aston becomes a boarder. M. A. Hall, C. H. Lawton, P. M. Hornsby as day boys.

Congratulations to: H. H. L. Phillips and J. F. Hewitt on their Pinks for Water.

and to: R. G. M. Spry on his Pinks for Cricket.

and to: J. C. Overstall on his Thirds for Water.

and to: M. D. Fairbairn on his Colts for Water.

and to: A. G. Cheyne on his Seniors for Cricket.

and to: A. E. Richmond Watson on his Colts for Water.

and to: J. K. Ledlie on his Junior Colts for Water.

D. Dewar is Head of House. C. W. Redgrave, J. A. Macfarlane and R. D. Leed are Monitors.

## HOUSE DIARY

P. R. BANNOCK

It is now two years since Bannock left Grant's. After this seemingly lapse of time it is fitting to write in these pages a brief tribute to him.

Bannock arrived in an Election term—the only boarder to enter the house. After two terms had elapsed nobody was quite sure when Bannock had come; he belonged neither to the year

before him nor to the year that followed him. This anonymity did not upset him, rather he flourished on it. For Bannock was a quiet well behaved child. This did not mean that he was never in trouble; he nearly always was. Masters and boys alike were never quite sure what Bannock looked like, but if anybody had lost his books, if anybody forgot to do his prep, if anybody was absent from school to attend a lecture on Anglo Saxon dialects, that person was Bannock.

He never did anything really wrong and after his junior years his petty offences went unpunished. He left the corps as soon as possible and taught in the P.E.T.S.; when he was able he left League Football (he was never given his juniors), and played an occasional game of squash. Bannock having come to the school at an odd time left equally unusually. There was no question of Bannock winning any sort of scholarship or award but he left in a play term. His last term was spent between the school library, Grant's and College Hall, for nobody bothered to teach Bannock any more.

People were always bumping into Bannock and saying "Good Lord, I thought you left terms ago." When he finally did leave, Bannock who had so little participated in school life when he was there, was never absent from Dean's Yard. The army of course would not take him, and he continued; dressed in his old school clothes with the addition of a very dark blue tie, to haunt the passages. Still people say, "Good Lord, Bannock, I thought you'd left terms ago."

So he has.

## THE SCHOOL REGATTA, 1956

Mr. Hamerton's prophecy has been doubly fulfilled. For the first time in the history of the Halahan, Grant's has won it for the second year in succession. This year, however, it was less of a surprise than last year, for Grant's looked strong, even on paper. It was the fours who won the regatta, for the standard of sculling was lower this year, than it has been for some time.

We must express our gratitude to Mr. Brian Harrison, Conservative M.P. for Maldon, Essex, who so generously gave up much of his spare time to coaching our Senior four. Mr. Hubert Ward, who has done much valuable coaching in previous years, has recently moved to Australia. Mr. Harrison coached the Senior four and combined with the fact that all the oarsmen were Pinks, and that three were of last year's four, enabled the crew to win the final by  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lengths, after leading nearly all the way, and also to beat the standing record by four seconds in the semi-final against Rigaud's.

The Grant's four represented the school in the Putney Inter-Schools' Regatta the following Monday, and beat the Royal School, Belfast, in the final by three lengths.

The Senior four crew was: J. F. Hewitt (bow), S. C. H. Douglas-Mann, H. H. L. Phillips, C. L. Fisher (stroke), A. E. Richmond-Watson (cox).

In the Junior-Senior fours, Grant's had an exceptionally strong "A" crew. In their first race, against Wrens, they beat the old record by seven seconds. Then, in the semi-final, they had a hard race against Busby's. Having been half a length down at the boat-house they pulled up to win by  $1\frac{3}{4}$  lengths. They met the Queen's Scholars in the final, whom they beat by 5 lengths.

Mr. Hamerton has recently bought two new tub fours, which were used in these races.

The Junior-Senior four "A" crew was: R. D. Creed (bow), J. C. Overstall, M. D. Fairbairn, M. E. T. Holmes (stroke), A. E. Richmond-Watson (cox).

The Junior-Senior four "B" crew, although lacking in weight, rowed well in the first round to beat Ashburnham easily. Unfortunately, this brought them up against Queen's Scholars, a heavier crew who beat them by five lengths.

The Junior Senior four "B" was: J. S. Ingham (bow), P. B. Westoby, N. M. Broadbridge, N. R. P. Heaton (stroke), D. H. Weigall (cox).

The Junior Fours had less success. The "A" four, having beaten Rigaud's "B" by half a length, lost to Rigaud's "A" in the next race by four lengths. The "B" four lost to Wren's in the first round. Both crews lacked practice and the "B" four lacked weight, but there are some promising watermen among them.

The Junior four "A" crew was: C. Macfarlane (bow), J. P. Pollitzer, N. M. W. Anderson, N. D. K. Evans (stroke), T. C. Harris (cox).

The Junior four "B" crew was: R. V. Aston (bow), A. M. Rentoul, F. M. B. Rugmen, J. A. Corcoran (stroke), M. B. Mc. Brown (cox).

The double sculls was a popular event again this year. Grant's entered three pairs, and again it was an all-Grant's final. They were the same pairs as last year, and after an extremely close and exciting race, the tables were turned. H. H. L. Phillips and M. E. T. Holmes, who won last year by six feet, were beaten by S. C. H. Douglas-Mann and C. L. Fisher by only two feet. Both crews beat the standing record by twelve seconds.

Grant's had a monopoly of senior scullers. Six entered and there were three in the semi-final. In another all-Grant's final, H. H. L. Phillips pressing S. C. H. Douglas-Mann hard, was beaten by one length after a good race.

In the Junior-Senior sculls, J. C. Overstall again sculled very well, and reached the final. Here he meet an old rival, M. S. Money

from College, who just managed to win by a length. M. D. Fairbairn also won a race.

Our weakness was in the Junior Sculls. Of the four entries, only N. D. K. Evans managed to win a heat, who was then beaten by A. L. Vogel, of Ashburnham, who reached the final.

If Grant's is to keep the Halahan next year, it will be largely up to the present Junior and Junior-Senior scullers. They should take every advantage to get all the practice they can before next July. There is a lot of truth in Steve Fairbairn's remark "Milage makes champions," for it is no use leaving it until a week before the regatta before going out.

The highlight of the finals day was when Grant's challenged the rest of the School to a race in eights. In a memorable race in appalling water, both eights gunwales awash, struggled over the Putney mile. Grant's showing superior oarsmanship, beat the School convincingly, amid cheers and abuse from the bank.

The final position of the Houses in the Halahan was: Grants', 1st, 74 points; Rigaud's 2nd, 34 points; Queen's Scholars, 3rd, 24 points.

Last term three good oarsmen left Grant's, but this should be an incentive to try harder. We hope that we shall have Mr. Harrison with us again next year, for with the rising opposition from Rigaud's, we must not spare any effort to build up a strong core of watermen in the House.

## CRICKET SENIORS, 1956

Grant's, though showing some improvement on last year, were unable to do better than reach fifth place, after a most encouraging start. The first match, against Wren's, was a great success, Grant's winning easily by nine wickets. Wren's were dismissed for 72, Cox taking their last five wickets for 4 runs. Against a three-man attack, Grant's never looked in trouble, passing the Wren's total for the loss of one wicket.

The second match against Busby's was less successful, Grant's losing by five wickets after scoring 116 against a good attack. Lowe scored a good 30.

Against Ashburnham there was a complete reverse. Grant's were put out for a low total, and Ashburnham, starting slowly, passed the Grant's total without the loss of a single wicket. The Ashburnham openers were never at a loss, and Grant's were thoroughly beaten.

By the fourth match it was clear that either Grant's or College would be eliminated at the end of the first round, together with Wren's, and it was unfortunate that Grant's were unable to defeat

College, who won by seven wickets, needing only a small total for victory.

The final match was played against Rigaud's, a strong side, and Grant's started well keeping Rigaud's down to about a run a minute. Unfortunately our batting once again showed itself to be very unstable, and we were unable to reach 50 before being all out. This meant that Grant's finished the season in fifth position.

Wilkins, in his fifth year as a member of the Senior's team, could always be relied upon to give a good performance whether batting, bowling or fielding. Cox, another all-rounder, played well throughout the season, and Cheyne, the wicket-keeper, was always quick and confident, giving very good performances. In the field Chinn was prominent for his efficient fielding, and of the younger players, Lowe, a determined opening batsman who scored a considerable number of runs, and Medawar, a leg-break bowler who often had the opposing batsmen in trouble, seemed the most promising. Abbott, Ball, Grose and Ledlie were regular members of the team and should do well next year. In general the fielding was keen if not skilful and everyone tried hard.

Throughout the season it was obvious that Grant's, although having several promising young players, was a very inexperienced side and apt to go to pieces after a sudden setback. Next season, with practically the same team, there should be a great improvement.

## C.C.F. CAMP

Anticipation often exceeds realization. This was true of this year's Army camp. All looked forward to a camp near civilization, for Folkestone and the sea were only three miles away from St. Martin's Plain.

We arrived as planned and found our lines next to Harrow County School and Dulwich College, but some distance from the dining tent. Fortunately the greater part of the tentage had been repitched after the violent storms of the previous week-end.

This year the weather and Colonel Nasser combined to upset the smooth running of the camp. The weather was unreliable and exercises had to be curtailed. Colonel Nasser's action in taking over the Suez Canal created an international situation which required us to leave camp one day earlier. We saw the R.A. permanent staff move out and the Royal West Kents replace them. Parents were surprised to receive official notice that their sons would be with them a day earlier than expected.

We welcomed this year the C.O.s of the Naval and Air Force Sections in the shape of Lieut. Kilvington and Flight Lieutenant

Shepherd. Whether they wanted to study army methods or merely to enjoy the sea breezes we never knew.

Perhaps it was act of barter for Major French and several cadets visited the R.A.F. camp in Germany immediately afterwards.

The food was of the normal standard at an army camp and reflected credit on the cooks who worked long hours on this very necessary task. Proximity to Folkestone enabled us to patronise restaurants varying from fish and chip saloons to the Devonshire Hotel. As the camp cinema was a casualty in the gale we visited those in the town for our evening's entertainment. Another popular feature was the fun fair.

Westminster was privileged this year to have a General watch one of its exercises. In it a platoon vaulted a five-barred gate and then advanced to capture a position. A Brigadier asked us for our personal impressions of camp. He thought that the Army was giving us too soft a time, as we had transport wherever we went and thus did very little marching.

Despite all these trials we were congratulated on our morale and it was undoubtedly a good thing to have had to contend with difficulties not normally met.

J. C. OVERSTALL.

## AWHEEL ON THE OPEN ROAD

How many fellow Grantites enjoy the pleasures and benefits of an outdoor holiday? Some have, no doubt been to camps, but how many, the absolute freedom of a cycling holiday. For several years now, a small party of Grantites has been touring various parts of the country. The holidays range from the Kentish Hills to Portland Bill, and Lincolnshire to the Isle of Wight. We first banded together over three years ago and we average about five hundred miles a holiday.

Youth Hostels have proved in all respects to be most satisfactory. It is not merely a question of price, for one of the fascinations of hostelling, is the varied type of person you meet there.

Hostels vary enormously from a converted barn as at Woodys Top near Lincoln, to a former guest house at Swanage with a splendid view of golden sands and rugged cliffs beyond. The Youth Hostels Association has also had hostels built to its own specifications. Norleywood, near Beaulieu in the New Forest is one of these.

The Youth Hostels provide an excellent three-course supper and an equally good breakfast for half-a-crown each. Where else can you get such value for money? Not even at a lorry driver's "pull



in." The beds, though varying in quality are usually wholly satisfactory and there is always a sufficient number of blankets available. The deciding factor, however, is always the warden.

Most fellow members are young, cheerful cyclists of both sexes. There is still a hard core of older walkers. One, whom we met at Litton Cheyney hostel, near Dorchester, said that to capture the true spirit of hostelling it was necessary to walk, and do your own cooking. This is possible at all hostels, if you wish, instead of having the provided meals. Another older gentleman whom we met, is a 70-year-old retired schoolmaster and at present, he is president of the Bournemouth group of the Y.H.A. He still cycles up to fifty miles a day and has a belief that cars make you fat and lazy. Another character we met at Norleywood. He rode a 1906 Sunbeam bicycle, with an original Phillips dynamo and headlamp! A similar person we met at Holmbury St. Mary, near Guildford, who was somewhat eccentric. He preferred to sleep outside in his own tent, constructed from an old barrage balloon, rather than in the comfort of a hostel bed. In the Isle of Wight we met a racing cyclist, who said that he had covered two hundred and twenty miles from London to Colwyn Bay in eighteen hours. He also competes every year in the London to Bath and back time race.

Youth hostels are not only for the cyclists, for at Maldon, on the Essex coast, there is a hostel extensively used by sailing enthusiasts. In the Lake District, there are many hostels, situated within easy walking distance of each other, as it is a good district for a walking holiday. Such hostels as Henley, Oxford and Charlbury are well situated for canoeists. Nevertheless, any hostel, whatever its position, suits a cyclist.

For our lunch, we discovered that lorry drivers pull-ins have adequate food at a moderate price. These are usually supplemented at cyclists pull-ins with "The Best Long Drink in the World." Tea is usually gone without, but Tizer gives you lots of Go!

Even with the present pressure of traffic on British roads, there is still room for the cyclists. In fact, today, more people cycle up to London than ever before, for they realise that in traffic, it is quicker and cheaper to cycle. President Eisenhower was advised by his doctors to cycle to keep fit. You, too, can enjoy a cycling holiday, "Awheel on the open road."

H. H. L. PHILLIPS.

## THE CONCERT

The concert in the summer term is always an eventful affair, with plenty of changing faces to delight the eye, though sometimes rather less good music for the discriminating ear. Most of the

individual performers played well, in particular Simpson, who sung very movingly Parry's "To Lucasta on going to the wars" aria, and Steen who played the piano competently and at times very well: there was a tendency at times to force the piece, rather than play it on its own merits. Bayard provided conclusive proof that the viola is a difficult solo instrument.

The main piece, "In Windsor Forest," a cantata taken from Vaughan Williams' opera "Sir John in love," which contains some very lovely music as well as some that is rather trite, was well sung by the choir.

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### OLD GRANTITE NEWS

The engagement is announced of Captain V. T. M. R. Tenison (1937-1940) to Jill, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Bradley, of Heathcroft, Weybridge, Surrey.

The marriages have recently taken place of Hon. J. A. DAVIDSON (1942-1947), P. C. PEARSON (1943-1948), Dr. R. E. NAGLE (1943-1949) and Hon. G. SOMERSET (1946-1949).

On October 3rd, 1956, a son was born to Aileen (*nee* Cobham) wife of D. F. CUNLIFFE, M.C. (1932-1937).

The following results appeared in the last Cambridge Class lists:—

Hon. M. W. M. DAVIDSON (1948-1953): a II. 2 in Part 1 of the Archaeological and Anthropological Tripos.

R. P. HARBEN (1946-1951): II. 1 in Classical Tripos, part 2.

E. J. W. OYLER (1946-1951): II. 2 in Economics Tripos, part 2.

T. H. STEWART (1947-1952): II. 1 in Historical Tripos, part 2.

C. H. PRINCE (1950-1955): II. 2 in Economics Tripos, part 1.

and at Oxford:—

J. BROSTOFF (1947-1952): a second in Physiology, and A. H. R. MARTINDALE (1946-1951) a second in History.

The following Old Grantites, it is thought, have gone up to Oxford this term: A. C. H. LATHE (1949-1954), Jesus; J. H. M. ANDERSON (1949-1954), Magdalen; M. G. DRAKE (1949-1953), Hertford; S. C. H. DOUGLAS-MANN (1951-1956), St. Edmund Hall; and to Cambridge: M. S. MAKOWER (1949-1954), Trinity; W. E. A. PHILLIPS (1949-1954), Pembroke; J. D. S. MACDOUGALL (1948-1953), Trinity.

Of recent leavers: A. C. B. HUNTER (1950-1955) is commissioned in the Hampshires; D. D. CAMELL (1951-1955) is now at Mons; M. E. T. HOLMES (1951-1954) is working with Harrods; J. G. Lowenstein (1952-1956) is making a good recovery from his illness;

G. S. CLARKE (1952–1956) is a cadet in the Electrical Branch of the Royal Navy; M. C. M. FRANCIS (1952–1956) is doing military training with the Guards at Caterham; S. B. WESTOBY (1952–1956) is training as an Agricultural Surveyor; G. J. PUXON (1953–1956) is working on a Colchester newspaper; D. B. INGLIS (1953–1956) has started training at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.