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## A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Dr. H. F. Garten, a master in modern languages at the School, has recently written a book on the German dramatist, Gerhart Hauptmann. The book is published by Bowes and Bowes in the series, "Modern European Literature and Thought".

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The Gilbert and Sullivan Society is now busily rehearsing "H.M.S. Pinafore" for a performance next term. An orchestra is also being assembled and rehearsals will be taking place in earnest next term. Also being rehearsed is Moliere's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme", produced by Dr. E. Sanger, which is to take the place of the usual school play.

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### APPOINTMENTS

N. A. Phelps-Brown has been appointed a School Monitor.

T. A. Williams has been appointed Editor of *The Elizabethan*.

On Foundress Day, November 17th, a shortened form of the Commemoration Service was held around the tomb of our Foundress, Queen Elizabeth I. After Sung Compline in Henry VII's Chapel the Queen's Scholars proceeded to the tomb where the Service was held by candlelight. The service was attended by the Dean, the Headmaster, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, and some others connected with College. After several rehearsals the standard of singing was fairly high.

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*A tanker refuelling College's oil-consuming boiler*

[Photo - L. H. Burd]

## FENCING

IT will be a great shock to many Old Westminster fencers who have fenced under Mr. Brock as Master in Charge to learn that he is retiring from this official position. It is to be hoped, however, that relieved of these official responsibilities he will be able still more to give his invaluable advice and experience. He is replaced by Dr. Sanger, to whom we wish the best of luck, and a successful term of office.

This term we have had a number of interesting matches of varying standard, beginning with "A" team matches against Whitgift and Dulwich, these were won easily, and provided useful practice. In the Winchester match, both teams were inexperienced, and we narrowly lost 13-14 in a very enjoyable and amiable match. After losing 8-19 to City of London, who had the more effective team, the team went up to Oxford. The Oxford team

included two O.W.W., J. L. Lee as captain, and I. R. Cameron fighting epee. The match provided excellent practice against skilled fencers, and we did well to win sabre 5-4, but their epee team was too strong for us, and we lost 1-8, losing the whole match 10-17. The Second team has done well to win all its matches, and the outlook for the future is promising.

This term being of necessity one of training and practice, a great burden falls on the instructors, Professors Harmer-Brown and Zabielski. Tribute should therefore be paid to them both, who, not only by their infallible knowledge of fencing, but also by their personal interest in the club, have produced last year's Public Schools team, and this year are showing great enthusiasm for the future. We wish them for the future the success which they undoubtedly deserve.

## FIVES

THIS term, under a new arrangement, Fives practice has precedence on Wednesday afternoons, and many more boys, particularly juniors, are playing. This is promising, though the standard at present is very low, except for the leading players. N. N. M. Cohen, the captain, has worked tremendously hard to make Fives a success, but unfortunately put his left shoulder out badly, and has had to play with his right hand only.

In the only school match so far we drew with Lancing, each side winning one, and the second pairs going on so long that Lancing had to stop and catch their train. T. J. M. Farquhar-Smith

and J. A. Lauder beat a strong first pair in three straight games—the walls were very slippery and fast, and most cuts were coming at a great pace into the bottom left-hand corner. Cohen, one-handed, and I. F. Young held their second pair, catching up from 0-1 and 1-2. The third pair and the Colts lost. After the match Lauder was awarded his Half Pinks.

Against the City of London we could not quite secure a victory; the first pair had their chances to lead early on but failed to take them. The most encouraging sign was the good play of N. Brenchley and A. Naylor-Smith in the Colts pair, which provided the best struggle of the day.

## INFORMAL CONCERT

THE first term of a school year brings with it the need to take stock of what talent remains in the school to carry us through the year. This and the unexceptional standards of musical ability among us combined to make an earlier Informal Concert impossible to prepare; but in most cases steps were taken early to produce items for the November concert.

As an experiment the Concert was given up School, mainly because it is important that a performance of this kind, relying largely on the use of piano, should be provided with a good instrument. It must be agreed that this advantage considerably outweighed the slightly less luxurious but equally informal setting arranged at the end of

School. Two lively piano duets started the programme, and were followed by an excellent performance of the round "O Absalom, my son", sung by the audience. An acceptable degree of informality detracted a little from some pieces, but failed to spoil the general standard. M. M. Aufenast and G. G. Bell gave a hastily-practised but effective performance of Schubert's Sonatina for Violin and Piano; and mention must be made of the College madrigal singers who were successful in achieving precision and variety. R. L. G. Flower brought the concert to a close with two well-chosen piano solos, in which he displayed his technique to the full and ended the programme with the necessary fillip.

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# SCHOOL SOCIETIES

## POLITICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY

**A** MOST promising beginning to the season's activities was made on October 25th, when the Hon. Sir Patrick Devlin, Justice of the High Court, addressed the Society on the subject of "Laws : their theory and practice". Sir Patrick's talk, notable for its clarity in dealing with a decidedly knotty subject, was concerned principally with the connection between law and moral law, and the need for re-interpretation of laws from one generation to another. He stressed especially the progression from Common Law, based on custom, to the law of Equity, which calls in principles of justice against too great an observance of precedence, and statute law, when new laws are created by a legislative body such as Parliament. In answering questions Sir Patrick found himself dealing also with the problems of the jury system and the now extremely limited functions of the special jury. The main point about the jury would seem to be that it represents the lay approach in an atmosphere of professionals ; because of the waste of both time and money which its use involves, the jury is now employed less and less in civil cases. Towards the end of the meeting the Chairman happily raised the subject of Debating for which Sir Patrick, a past president of the Cambridge Union, had valuable advice : whether a speech is distinguished for its style or for its matter, presentation, he declared, is its first requisite.

Owing more to unavoidable difficulties encountered in arranging the term's programme than to the pressure on members of other commitments, the next meeting was not held until November 19th, when Mr. Geoffrey Gorer came to speak on "The Aims of Social Anthropology". Mr. Gorer, who has himself done important field-work, especially in Sikkim, as well as writing a survey of American national character, outlined the development of anthropology from its real origins early in this century, when it was still considered a "waste-paper basket" for the sciences and humanities, up to the present day, when it is recognised to be a science in its own right not only in academic circles but also for the purposes of colonial administration and government delegations. Anthropology, the science which distinguishes the physical types of human beings and, as "social anthropology" studies the customs and manners of these types as the effect of psychological and physical peculiarities, cannot properly claim Herodotus as its "father" (for nobo'dy until, perhaps, Herder based conclusions of an anthropo-

logical kind upon the realization that human nature is diversified and not uniform). The analysis of national character and its gradual emergence in the child was a subject that could not be explored before the methods of psycho-analysis had been developed, and the part played by heredity in its formation had been proved insignificant compared with that of education—and Mr. Gorer made some interesting remarks about semantics, the effect of language on the thought and concepts of a society. If any theoretical justification is to be advanced for anthropology, he suggested, it is that in indicating human potentialities it helps to control Utopianism : a valuable comment.

We were delighted to welcome on November 26th a public figure well known in Westminster circles—Mr. A. J. P. Taylor ; this was his second visit to the society, and at once we were assured of a thoroughly successful meeting. To some extent his talk might be said to have followed up *The Struggle for Mastery in Europe* ; Mr. Taylor's chosen theme was "Two Wars in a Lifetime", in which he suggested that a very distinct change in the general attitude to war had come about in the last thirty or forty years, and he began on the slightly unexpected note of contrasting the freedom of movement enjoyed by our fathers, or rather grandfathers, with the restrictions on travel, and indeed almost every plane of private life, typical of the present day. Phrases so current nowadays as "freedom" or "the democratic way of life" serve only to show how little these ideals are to be found in practice. (Mr. Taylor was at no pains to conceal his hearty contempt for the Civil Service.)

Before the 1914-18 War most people lived in the belief that all was for the best in a world whose tendency was towards the breaking-down of all restrictions on individual freedom. (It is perhaps not wholly unfair to detect in Mr. Taylor's talk a curiously *laissez faire* tone.) Soldiers even more than civilians came out of the war—precipitated, like the Second World War, by German miscalculation—with a sense of utter disgust : and this abhorrence of war, as well as a conviction that this had indeed been, in Wells' memorable phrase, "a war to end war" was consummated in the 1928 Kellogg Pact. As late as 1938 Sir Winston Churchill who, like Mr. Taylor, had realized what was the only proper course for this country, was probably the most unpopular man in the country. The Second World War may have shattered many illusions ; it also brought back a population thinking that war was a great nuisance,

no doubt, but a natural part of human behaviour, and that fighting was a fine thing for a young man to be doing. Whereas the 1914-18 war went to show that people were tough and could fight, the 1939-45 war proved that people are just so many sheep, easy going, and easily put upon. Since the last war there have been none of the popular demonstrations against national policy which were a feature of the country's life after 1918. Mr. Taylor rounded off a gratifyingly well-constructed talk by urging his audience not to sigh for the blessings of Edwardian England: we wouldn't really have liked it at all.

Mr. Taylor's methods are too well known to need comment here: it is enough to record that his highly individual approach did not fail to provoke dissent, and there were moments when it was difficult to resist the suspicion that the brilliant generalization is often an irresponsible judgement. It was clear, however, that though at times he appeared to antagonize his Westminster audience, Mr. Taylor was as good for them as he must be for the sheepish body of Socialist opinion of which he would perhaps, in spite of everything, claim to be a representative.

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## THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

FOR the first meeting of the term, the Society welcomed Monsieur René Varin, le Chef des Relations Culturelles a Londres, who gave an enlightening and interesting talk in French on "Le Roi Soleil" and life at court in the seventeenth century. His large, sumptuous picture-books of the palace of Versailles met with much appreciation. M. Varin has already spoken at the Political and Literary Society.

On November 1st the Society met to read "Orphee" by Jean Cocteau, which is one of his first surrealist plays; although it is difficult to understand it was enjoyed by all present. On another evening, Dr. Garten introduced and conducted some popular German folk-songs, and played records of a few of Schubert's Lieder, together with another entertaining record, a German version of "Oh, Susanna!" from a pre-war musical comedy in Berlin.

The highlight of the term was, however, the French Cabaret, organized by the committee, which brought to Westminster the gay, continental atmosphere of the Rive Gauche and St. Germain-des-Près; the audience of sixty gladly joined in the student songs of the Sorbonne and greatly enjoyed the typically-French refreshments.

During the last week of the term there will be the traditional "Liederabend", which never fails to attract a large audience from all parts of the school. Non-members of the society are always very welcome on such occasions, and they have frequently in the past taken a leading part in the singing.

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## THE CHESS SOCIETY

WITH so many demands on their time, Westminsters can never devote much time to serious chess, and the School team is inexperienced through lack of practice. Two matches have been played so far this term, at St. Paul's and at Merchant Taylors. St. Paul's, with a strong team, defeated us 1-5, M. A. Marshall, the Captain, and G. J. S. Ross playing draws on the first two boards. At Merchant Taylors the teams were better matched, and although we lost 2½-3½, we lost no games on the first three boards. More fixtures have been arranged for this term and next, and the team, which includes our American visitor, T. A. Williams from Hotchkiss, hopes for better results. An individual tournament for the Barton Cup is now in progress.

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## THE DEBATING SOCIETY

THE Society's activities this term have, in a way, been disappointing. There have been few new members, and the attendance at debates has been meagre. Nevertheless, the two debates that have been held have both been moderately successful; and if there are no outstanding speakers, the general standard of debating has been reasonable enough. The first debate, on the motion that "Man is Nature's Sole Mistake", drew spirited speeches from N. J. B. P. Picarda and J.-P. A. Gross, and a brilliant epigram from R. G. Monbiot. It was, moreover, evident that, though the motion held out perhaps few opportunities for interesting speaking, the Society enjoyed the meeting. For the second meeting a more topical motion was chosen, that "This House deplures the present kill-joy attitude to Horror Comics", in the hope of bringing out an enthusiastic response. But, alas! the attendance was pitifully small, and, apart from J. B. Banbury's hellfire preaching, the speaking suffered accordingly. But there is no need to be despondent: there is ample promise for the future. Phoenix-like, the Society will rise again.



# FOOTBALL

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## EARLY PROMISE UNFULFILLED

**W**ESTMINSTER has so far had a season which has certainly been more satisfactory than last year, if it has not fulfilled our highest hopes. With only four Pinks remaining, the team was expected to be inexperienced, but in fact they soon settled down as a team. The season started with a new and most useful fixture with Tottenham Hotspur Juniors and Westminster were not unexpectedly beaten by a team which included four schoolboy internationals.

Amends were made however with a convincing 3-2 win over Westminster Hospital. As so often in the past, fortune was unkind to Westminster, for P. G. K. Saunders dislocated an ankle, which meant that he could not play for the rest of the term. A problem now arose over his replacement and constant changes were necessary.

With the encouraging results of the last few matches reading : Won, 3, Lost, 2, Westminster faced their biggest hurdle in the form of the first School match. A somewhat inexperienced defence comprising R. T. J. A. Clark, T. J. B. Mackeown, and G. D. M. Willoughby, had an able pivot in J. A. Lauder who was showing great promise in his new position at centre half. W. D. J. Turner played with his usual enthusiasm and led the team to a sound 4-2 victory over Aldenham.

It was soon seen that the removal of D. J. A. Delmotte to the forward line paid dividends, and inside forward became his regular position. This weakened the defence considerably, but of several right halves A. J. Griffin proved his worth, showing keenness and determination for what he lacked in natural ability.

The visit to Repton was disappointing without being demoralizing. Repton produced a team including eight old colours which would have rivalled that of Highgate last year in skill and fitness ; it was not therefore surprising that we lost 4-0. The next week the 1st XI met Elizabeth College, Guernsey up Fields and confidently defeated them by four goals to one. The forwards

showed at first a reluctance to shoot which, though they overcame it towards the end of this match, was to have serious consequences in the rest of our matches, and in fact this was the last School match to be won this term. Lancing beat us 5-0, an entirely unnecessary margin. Despite this defeat the School put up a spirited performance on the familiar Highgate quagmire, and did well to lose only 1-3 against a strong side.

And so to Charterhouse, the match of the season. The result, 0-2, was undeniably disappointing, disappointing especially to Turner who set an example which, had it been followed by more of the team, might well have altered the outcome of the match. As it was Charterhouse were quicker on to the ball, and made better use of the field, in spite of its condition. And so Charterhouse remains unbeaten by Westminster for twenty-seven years.

The 2nd XI, captained by I. F. Young, beat Forest 4-3 up Fields in their first match—a lively game in which Westminster just held on to their lead. The following week the eleven, now including many Colts, met the Old Bradfieldians and lost 2-3. The next school match was against Aldenham, away ; and Westminster played badly on a ground different from their own to lose the match by one goal to three.

In contrast to their last performance they beat the Old Cholmelians 2-0 with the best football they had produced hitherto, but lost 0-3 to the Old Malvernians after an even game. Very creditable was their 2-0 victory over Highgate at home, both goals being scored in the last five minutes.

The Colts side is perhaps the best Under 16 side Westminster have produced since the war. They are unbeaten at home and have lost only one of their seven matches. Outstanding have been D. B. Wilkins, the captain, G. H. C. Turner, and N. C. Roope. The team have scored 24 goals while conceding only 8.

# AN APPEAL

*by*

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## COLLEGE IN 1827

THROUGH the kindness of Brigadier A. C. E. Devereux (O.W.) we print below two letters relating to Richard James Francis Thomas, who was at Westminster in the 1820s.

Thomas was the only son of Richard Morris Thomas, of St. Marylebone, and was admitted, aged 11, in 1824. In the Record of Old Westminster he is stated to have been elected K.S. in 1827 and to have matriculated at Christ Church on July 6th, 1830, and there is no hint that there was anything out of the ordinary about his career in College or his entry to the University. In fact the reverse was true, and these letters throw an illuminating light on the state of the school in that period. External evidence suggests that they were both addressed to Charles Abbot, Lord Colchester, who had been Speaker of the House of Commons from 1802 to 1817. The first, written by Thomas himself, is dated from Manchester Buildings, June 16th, 1828.

My Lord,

It is indeed with feelings of the deepest gratitude that I beg leave to return to your Lordship my *sincerest thanks* for your kind exertions on my behalf in procuring for me an *admittance into Christ Church*. For this am I very grateful. Yet how much more ought I to be indebted to your Lordship for *endeavouring to obtain for me, what my Father himself never thought of asking at your hands*, and which I could have only hoped to obtain through my own exertions at the University.

As after my leaving Westminster, a *new prospect* seems to attend me, I beg leave also gratefully to thank your Lordship for all those marks of kindness which your Lordship has shown me whilst I remained there—and I should hope that with the exception of the step which I took last year (a step which all my Friends have considered if not highly culpable, at least precipitate) I have not caused your Lordship any regret at thus having kindly noticed me at School.

Having *mentioned my leaving College*, I trust it will not be deemed impertinent in me here, to state to your Lordship the *reasons which induced me to take that step* :—indeed I feel it incumbent upon me, as a duty, so to do ; as your Lordship has always taken so kind an interest in my welfare. When I was standing out for College, I experienced many marks of the *King's Scholars ill-will* ; but the cause of such a disposition

towards me, I do not, even at this present, know—yet discouraging as this was, I continued to stand out, and at the end, I was admitted into College. *My reasons for not continuing in College afterwards were these* : In the *first* place, I could not bear to see boys who were inferior to me in strength and whose only power to molest me consisted in their higher station in College, tyrannizing over me, without my being able to procure redress. *Secondly*, I felt persuaded that no application to the Master would avail ; because if any complaint had taken place, the feelings entertained by the boys towards me, could never have been abated by such a proceeding. *Thirdly*, I was apprehensive, and with so many examples before me, I think I had reason to be so, that as, in my Junior years, I had been tyrannized over, and treated as a slave, in my Senior ones I should myself in turn be a tyrant ; that, as the authority possessed by my superiors was exercised towards me with brutal indulgence, so would I, when I rose in College, have in the same manner despised the dictates of humanity.

These, my Lord, were chiefly *my reasons for quitting College*, and if ever the events of my future career through life, should cause me to look back with regret at the deserted advantages which might have attended me in going to the University from College, I may indeed lament that I have prevented myself from enjoying the benefits of so well-intended a foundation, but never, that I have escaped from the temptation of those constant opportunities and pernicious examples which College unfortunately affords, to pervert the well-disposed mind and corrupt good principles.

I feel that I have trespassed greatly upon your Lordship's time, and therefore, with every feeling of sincere gratitude and esteem for your Lordship's continued goodness towards me,

Allow me, my Lord, to subscribe myself,  
Your Lordship's Very Obedient and  
Obliged Servant,

R. J. F. Thomas.

The second letter is subscribed "S. Smith" and is certainly from Samuel Smith, son of the Head Master, who was Dean of Christ Church from 1824 to 1831 when he exchanged the Deanery with Thomas Gaisford for the Golden Stall of Durham.

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Candidates with certain educational qualifications may be exempted from the written examination. Details from the Secretary of the Admiralty, N.C.W. Branch (Cadets 54), Queen Anne's Mansions, London, S.W.1.

My Dear Lord,

(Mr. R. J. F. Thomas shall be admitted about the time you mention. I suppose it is wished that he should begin his residence in Michs Term, 1830. I have made a memorandum to that effect.)

Our year is coming to a conclusion. Ch. Ch. and Westr. has the English Verse Prize, Rugby the Latin Verse, Eton the Latin Essay and Winchester the English Essay. I do not hear any great praise of the compositions. Our Collections are after the University Commemoration and the place will be cleared by the 25th.

Ever My Dear Lord,  
Yr. sincere and Obliged,  
S. Smith.

In the top left-hand corner of the letter there is a note in Smith's hand: "16 June. Sent Extract to Mr. Thomas".

After this stormy start, Thomas's career was unexceptionable. Taking Orders he became

successively Curate of Hammersmith and Head Master and Chaplain of Bancroft's Hospital, Mile End Road, and in 1855 he was appointed Vicar of Yeovil. He died in 1873.

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How suitable that Elliston, last year's second witch, should be this year's shady nerve specialist; and there were remoter echoes still. Metz, the soothsayer from *Julius Caesar*, sensing Ides of March as General Mackenzie. Harrison, once Lady Teazle's maid, changing sex like Virginia Woolf's Orlando, and appearing two centuries later as the model manservant, and *Macbeth* himself returning, as he did for the *Phormio*, as maker-up in chief.

It must have been some compensation for Picarda, deprived through illness of being a murderer in *Macbeth*, to have committed murder on such an enormous scale so soon afterwards, though Andrews as Vera had the satisfaction of eluding him on this occasion, which he would not have had as Lady Macduff.

From the opening words of the nursery rhyme, finely spoken by Miss Rawes, to the mad scene at the end, when two under school boys were overcome and had to leave, the production never flagged, and our eyes became glued to the little men on the mantelpiece in a frenzy of apprehensive arithmetic. Agatha Christie allowed no survivors in her novel—luckily for our nerves the play allows us a couple in a surprise ending.

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Canon Dewar, principal of Bishop's College, Cheshunt, has been appointed rector of Much Hadham.

The Rev. E. de T. W. Longford has been appointed precentor and sacrist of Ely Cathedral.

Wing Commander J. F. Davis has been appointed to the Air Ministry for service in the Department of the Chief of the Air Staff.

Mr. R. E. Ball has been appointed a Master of the Supreme Court of Judicature, Chancery Division.

Mr. T. J. Davies has been playing golf for Wales.

Dom Anselm Hughes is a member of the editorial board of the *New Oxford History of Music*, and contributes several chapters to Volume II, the first to have appeared.

Mr. P. C. Petrie has passed the examination for the Foreign Service.

Mr. W. Cleveland Stevens, C.M.G., Q.C., has been appointed Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn for 1955.

Mr. J. R. N. Stone has been elected to the P. D. Leake Professorship of Finance and Accounting at Cambridge.

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*The British Soldier* by Col. H. de Watteville has been published by Messrs. Dent & Sons.

## BIRTHS

BANNERMAN—On November 1st 1954 in Florence to Franca, wife of Dr. Robert Bannerman, a daughter.

JOHNSON—On November 9th 1954 in London to Peggy, wife of H. D. Johnson, a son.

NEAL—On October 29th 1954 in London to Joy, wife of Stewart Neal, a daughter.

ORBACH—On November 16th 1954 to Munko, wife of John Orbach, a son.

PLUMMER—On November 15th 1954 in London to Susan, wife of Ronald Plummer, a daughter.

WAINWRIGHT—On October 25th 1954 at Worcester Park to Helga, wife of L. E. Wainwright, a daughter.

WILLSHER—On October 16th 1954 at Bickley to Shirley, wife of J. P. Willsher, a daughter.

## OBITUARY

EDEN—On December 5th, 1954, in London, Mr. G. E. M. Eden, aged 90.

MILLIKEN - SMITH—On October 22nd 1954 in London, R. B. Millikin-Smith, aged 53.

Guy Ernest Morton Eden was the elder son of Charles Henry Eden. He was at the school from 1880 to 1883, and was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1901. Later he was attached to the legal branch of the Board of Education, and from 1914 to 1918 was at the Direc-

torate of Military Intelligence at the War Office. He was the author of two novels and the librettist of several operas and many songs. He married in 1897 Ethel, daughter of William Holman, who survives him together with three sons and a daughter.

Reginald Bruce Milliken-Smith was at Westminster from 1914 to 1917. He became a member of the Stock Exchange. In 1929 he married Ethel Maud, daughter of Richard Coupland. During the last war he served in the Royal Army Pay Corps.

## MARRIAGES

WILLIAMS : MUNDY—On September 28th 1954, G. J. H. Williams to June Margaret, daughter of Mr. C. S. Mundy, O.B.E., of Purley, Surrey.

MANGEOT : MURRAY—On November 20th 1954 at St. Gregory's Church, Cheltenham, F. J. A. Mangeot to Erica June Leslie, daughter of the late Group-Captain E. Murray and Mrs. Murray, of Seaford, Sussex.

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## THE OLD GRANTITE CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club, held in Ashburnham Library on December 9th, the following appointments were made :—

*President* : Mr. W. Cleveland-Stevens, C.M.G., Q.C.

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Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, D.C.L., F.S.A.  
The Lord Rea, O.B.E.  
Mr. L. E. Tanner, C.V.O., V-P.S.A.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mr. R. Plummer, F.C.A. (1924-1928)

*Hon. Secretary* : Mr. W. R. van Straubenzee, M.B.E. (1937-1942)

*Members of Executive Committee* :

Mr. R. O. I. Borradaile (1935-1940)  
Mr. S. G. Croft (1946-1951)  
The Hon. Andrew Davidson (1942-1947)  
Mr. C. J. H. Davies (1947-1952)  
Mr. F. D. Hornsby (1945-1950)  
Mr. F. N. Hornsby (1916-1921)

The Annual Dinner will be held up House on April 1st.



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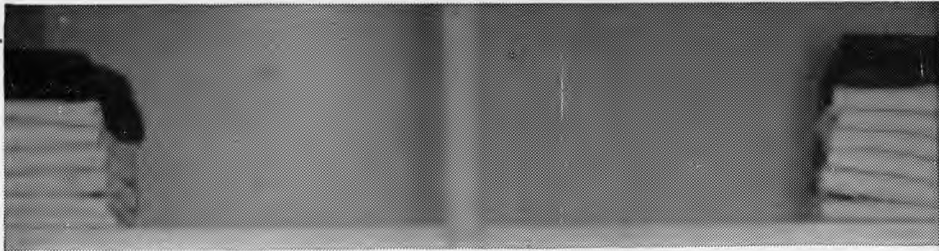
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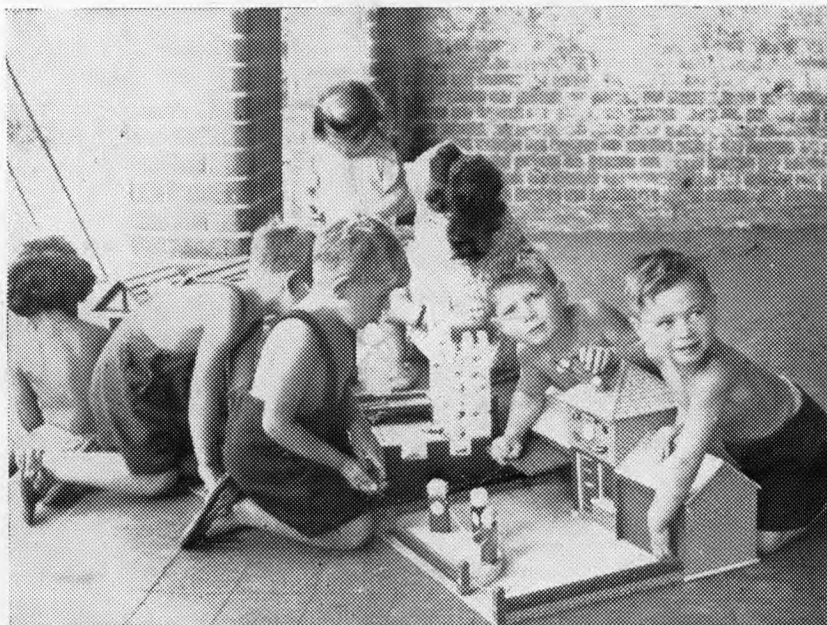
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