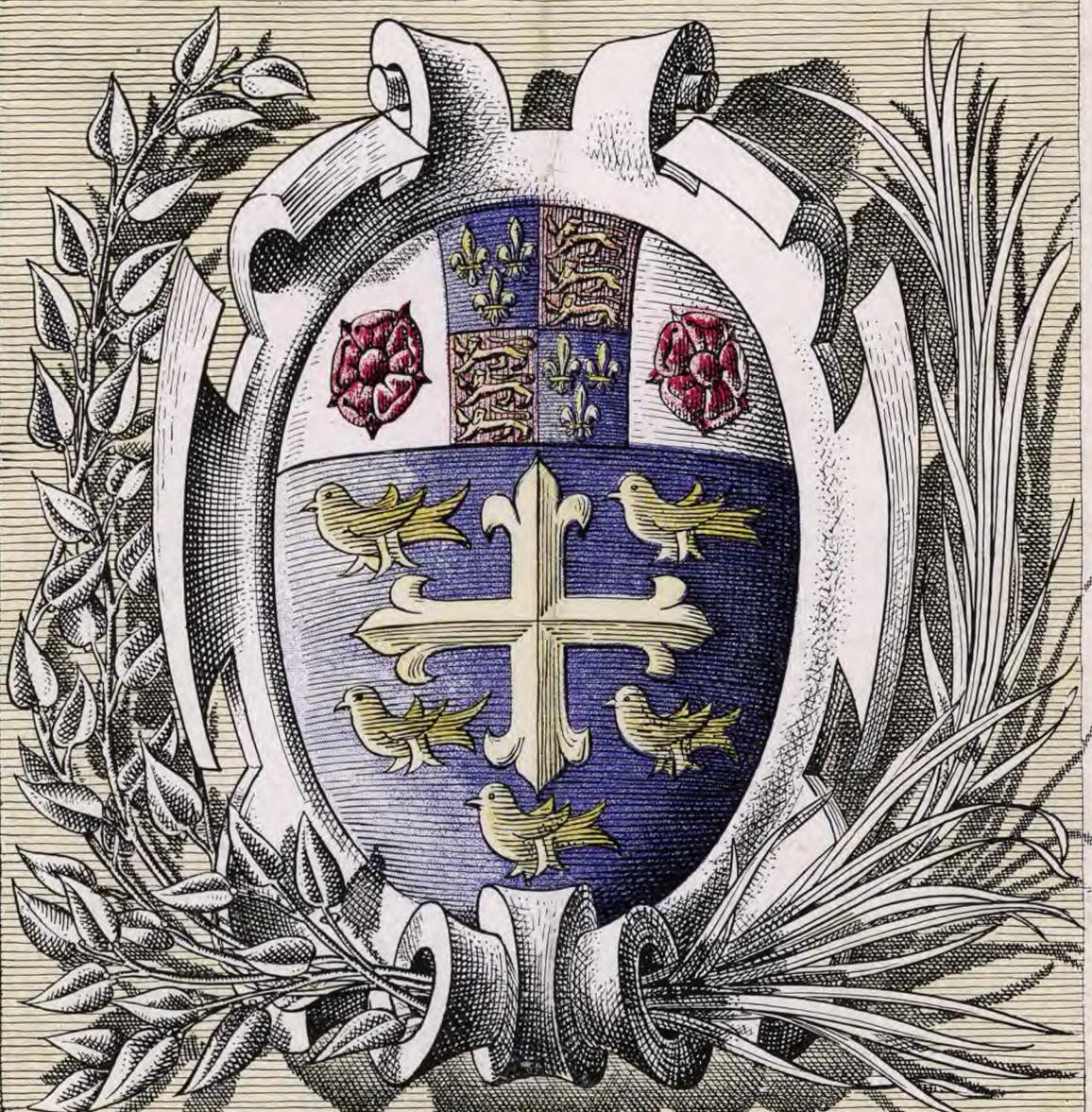


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## A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Another new oil boiler has been installed to serve Busby's and Ashburnham. It is situated underneath the way into Busby's.

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An attempt was made on the life of a distinguished Old Westminster, Persia's Premier Hussein Ala (1898-1900), in Teheran on November 16th. He was shot in the neck, but was not prevented from attending the Baghdad Conference the following day.

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The Headmaster has been re-appointed Chairman of the Headmasters' Conference.

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An Informal Concert was held up School on Monday, 28th November, at 5.15. The standard of execution varied considerably, Aufenast as usual redeeming some of the less competent performances with great artistry on the violin.

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### NEW MASTERS

Mr. C. G. Chapman who now helps Mr. Foster with the running of School Music, began his career at the Abbey Choir School. From there he went to Alleyns, Dulwich, where he took up the trombone. He got a musical scholarship to Cambridge, stayed four years and left with a Mus. Bac. He spent some time in the R.A.F. at Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, and then returned to Cambridge for a Teacher's Diploma. He has performed a solo act in public and writes revue music in his spare time.

Mr. M. J. W. Rogers went to school at Oundle. He was at Heidelberg University studying German Language and History in 1950 and then went to Cambridge to read Natural Sciences and History. He rowed there and was a member of the University Air Squadron. After he left Cambridge he worked for Henry Wiggin & Co.—a subsidiary of Mond Nickel Co.—till he came to Westminster where he now teaches science.

Mr. J. Burn, who is teaching part-time maths. and English, was educated at Charterhouse and the Royal Academy of Music, where he studied composition. For the last five years he has divided his time between teaching maths. and composing, two or three of his works have been performed in London and broadcast.

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### OLDEST LIVING OLD WESTMINSTER ?

It has recently come to our notice that during September of this year Cecil North Arnold reached the age of 97 years. This means that he is, in all probability, the oldest living Old Westminister. He came to the school in 1870, and left for Clare College, Cambridge, in 1876. He matriculated and was ordained in the same year, 1882, and became Curate of Stower-Provost in Dorset for five years. At the end of that time he became Vicar of Bulford (until 1908) and then of Ebbesbourne Wake, both in Wiltshire. In 1935 he retired from his living and has since lived not far from his old parish. His elder brother was also at Westminister, and had the honour of being the first Editor of *The Elizabethan*. We would be interested to hear from any rivals for the position of Mr. Arnold, whose birthday falls on September 23rd.

## COMMEMORATION

FOR the first time since the war, Commemoration was held this year at its traditional time of 8.30 p.m. The white tie and decorations of pre-war years (which, to be honest, always seemed a shade unsuitable to a domestic occasion) were no longer to be seen, and dinner-jackets were worn instead. To most Old Westminsters it was easy and agreeable to exchange a white tie for a black, but to their wives and daughters the change apparently presented formidable problems, and for a week beforehand the Bursar's telephone line was blocked with calls asking for sartorial advice. The admittedly unusual combination of an evening reception and a church service provoked uncertainty. Were hats essential? They were not; and the Bursar's secretary grew weary of explaining that in the 17 years since the last evening Commemoration Service this deviation from custom had been explicitly permitted by both the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Pope.

At 8.20 p.m. the Queen's Scholars entered the Abbey in procession, and, taking up their position in the Nave, awaited the entrance of the clergy from the Jericho Parlour. Then, to an organ accompaniment into which Mr. Howard Hollis ingeniously wove echoes from Parry's Coronation Anthem *I was glad* the procession moved eastward. Headed by the Cross of Westminster the clergy took up their positions in the Sanctuary, while the masters and Queen's Scholars went to their accustomed places in the Choir. The service followed the usual form. The Dean read the

Lesson, and during the ensuing hymn the Head Master, the Under Master and the College monitors were conducted to the Sanctuary. Then followed the *Commendatio*, read by the Head Master. Even his faultless and sonorous rendering could not prevent it from seeming a little long, and there is no doubt that it could do with some judicious streamlining before the next Commemoration is held. Is there any reason, for instance, why someone who contributed £50 to the school in 1906 should be singled out for special mention to a congregation many of whom have contributed ten or twenty times that amount to more recent Appeals?

While the congregation sang the hymn *Gloriosi Salvatoris* the Under Master and two College monitors went in procession to King Henry VII Chapel to lay sprays of roses on the tomb of the Foundress; the Precentor intoned more prayers, and the service concluded with a solemn *Te Deum* during which the clergy, grouped before the High Altar and wearing rich copes, made a splendid splash of colour.

A reception was held afterwards up School and in Ashburnham House. About 1,000 guests attended, many of whom found time to visit the small but interesting exhibition which had been arranged depicting various school activities, or the exhibition of drawings and photographs showing the changes which have taken place in the school buildings from the eighteenth century to the present day.

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## FOOTBALL

FOUR school matches have now been played, of which only one, in spite of the good form shown at the start of the season, has been won. Our opponents have shown little skill but have all been quicker and faster on to the ball. Football at Westminster is played with the emphasis on ball control rather than on "kick and rush", and school matches always result in deeply contrasting games.

The team started well in their first school match but two gift goals in the first half put

Aldenham right on top, a position they held and improved with the addition of two further break-away goals in the second half. Repton visited Vincent Square the following week and left winners by the same margin. Westminster failed to tackle firmly and gave away two goals in the first ten minutes, a setback from which they never recovered in spite of the efforts of the half-back line and J. Poole. Some vigorous training was put in during the few days before the match against Lancing. This was to great effect as we ran home

easy winners by two goals to nil. A large crowd of onlookers saw Westminster, whose defence looked sound for the first time, pierce the opposing defence time after time only to see their shots well saved. However, a good shot by D. P. Gordon finally beat the Lancing goalkeeper and this lead was further increased ten minutes before half-time when a shot by D. J. A. Delmotte found the corner of the net. Lancing would have had at least half a dozen goals against them but for some indifferent shooting on the part of the Westminster forwards in the second half.



Lancing stops a Westminster attack [Photo : L. H. Burd

With renewed confidence Westminster faced the match against Highgate. For the first fifteen minutes play was even, but then after a scramble in the goalmouth a Highgate inside forward forced the ball into the net. Westminster were still playing well and came near to equalizing several times. An error by A. G. Gordon in goal, who had been very safe, allowed a long shot to score. The side, however, still kept trying but just failed to get the ball in the net. There were signs in the first half, however, that the form of the beginning of the season was returning.

## FIVES

THE revival of interest in the game about which I spoke last year, has been continued throughout this season, and the general standard of play has been considerably raised. As yet the effects of coaching and other moves to increase the popularity of the game have only appeared among the Juniors, but within a year or two these should be more experienced and should form the basis of a sound team.

In the meantime we have been forced to rely upon more versatile players and the members of both the first and second pairs of the 1st VI have been in the side for at least three seasons. Once again lack of practice is a major worry, and though once a week footballers are rather grudgingly released from the hard discipline of training, this is not really good enough. The only solution seems to be to convince the Soccer die-hards that Fives is really quite an energetic form of exercise, but at the moment that is impossible !

The only match played so far has been a two-pair game against the Old Westminsters from which we can claim a rather dubious win on games. Unfortunately, the Old Westminsters field rather a weak side, unavoidably depleted by illness, business appointments and other such minor ailments, which for some reason or other always seem to plague Old Boys' sides. The first pair won relatively easily and though admittedly the ball was sometimes bouncing over shoulder height their opponents could not find much else to quibble about, and lost in three straight games. The second pair found themselves up against tougher opposition and after levelling at two games all eventually went down, fighting extremely hard, having some unlucky "edges" go against them in the deciding game.

As individuals, Farquhar-Smith, Cohen and Lauder are slightly above the rest, being that much quicker in anticipation and less likely to be flustered on the top step. Farquhar-Smith in particular has developed a most attacking style, commanding the top step from the pepperbox and volleying equally effectively with both hands. Many who favour the more subtle but less effective way of hooking the ball over their left shoulder, would do well to model themselves on him. Gordon is certainly powerful, but tends to snatch at the ball recklessly, thus opening the way for stupid mistakes. He must abandon the idea that the top step is some sort of glorified goal mouth and keep on his feet to be poised for the "kill".

The school matches, against Stowe, Lancing and City of London, take place within the next few weeks and we stand a good chance of victory.



*School being repaired*

[Photo : London News Agency Photos Ltd.]

## TEN YEARS AGO AT WESTMINSTER

**T**EN years ago the first term after the war was ending. It had begun on September 26th, but for long before that date boys and masters had been busy moving furniture back from Herefordshire and making Westminster habitable.

The school buildings had seen hard service during the war. Busby's had housed 90 National Fire Service men. Rigaud's had housed the London City Mission. Grant's had sheltered first some Army Signallers and then the Under School. College had sheltered no one, for since May 10th, 1941 it had been a roofless ruin. School was also a ruin, concrete-floored but open to the skies, majestic as Tintern or Fountains in the moonlight or the morning sunshine, and with the great rose-window of the South Transept rising dizzily above it. A use was found for it as the school rifle-range.

The north side of Little Dean's Yard was out of bounds. Ashburnham House still stood unscathed, and next to it was the class-room block, also untouched except for its burnt-out top floor. But the Churchill Club, which had occupied these buildings since 1943, had not yet left them, and

American officers and G.I.'s continued to pour in daily for lunch or dinner in Ashburnham dining-room and to gather in the little bar (where the School Store now is) to swap trans-Atlantic banter over an "old-fashioned" or a coco-cola. The Club was most friendly towards the school. It made several of the masters honorary members, it invited senior boys to its debates, and when it finally departed in December, 1945, it sold to the school on generous terms the carpets, curtains, and furniture which are now in the Library. But possession of one's own nest is preferable to finding even the friendliest cuckoo in it, and a touch of jealousy in those who surveyed the promised land from the upper windows of Grant's and Rigaud's was excusable. From the ground-floor windows no survey was possible, for the view was blocked by two large surface air-raid shelters, which together occupied roughly one-fifth of Yard.

Two more shelters stood in Green, blocking the view from No. 19 Dean's Yard (and No. 20), and in the north-west corner of Green sprawled what were termed, in the jargon of the day, two static

water tanks—unsightly containers of rusting steel, their contents covered with scum and empty cigarette cartons. The rest of Green formed a car-park for the delegates to the first post-war UNO conference which was then meeting in Church House. All day long, and far into the night, stentorian loudspeakers concealed in the trees demanded the delegates' cars, while the delegates themselves, fur-coated and gesticulating, stood on the Terrace watching the wheels spinning round in the mud.

Green, in short, was not available for football. Fields also was unusable, if so mild a term can be employed to describe the scene of desolation which met the eye in September, 1945. At the time of the Munich crisis shelter-trenches had been dug along the east and south sides, and a concrete barrage-balloon site had been constructed in the centre, adjacent to which was a huge concrete static water tank, excavated 12 feet down. The south-west area was a car-park for American Army trucks. Since the removal of the railings for scrap-iron during the war, anyone who liked to venture into that wilderness of concrete and raw earth had been free to do so, and the whole area had become a battle-ground for the children of the neighbourhood. The few remaining local police were powerless to check intruders or to prevent the Pavilion from becoming a partial wreck. To



School looking South

[Photo : J. D. Carleton]

restore Fields was a major operation ; and in December, 1945, its restoration was still in the distant future.

Imagine the School, then, as you know it to-day. Take away from it all the form rooms, the Library, the Busby Library, College, the Sanatorium, the Gymnasium, and School itself. Take away from it also Fields and Green ; and then begin to plan the school curriculum. You will find many baffling difficulties.

In 1945 the difficulties were solved empirically, for there was no time for planning. Latin Prayers were held in Abbey, and once a week—if the weather was fine—an assembly was held up School at which notices were given out. The end of term assembly was held in College Hall where, perched on window sills and sitting jammed together on the tables, boys listened to Orations. The School Concert, which had started in the 1860s in College Hall, was now held in South Kensington, at the Royal College of Music. Teaching took place in House Day Rooms ; Physical Training in Yard. By good fortune no sanatorium was needed, for there was no illness ; and little by little the school got acclimatized to what was left of its inheritance. "We all felt like new boys at the beginning of term", commented *The Elizabethan*, "at the mercy of the masters and the servants, who knew their way about".



College looking South

[Photo : The Times]

The school needed few masters at that time, for there were few boys. Alone of the present staff, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Burd and Mr. Foster returned from Herefordshire. Mr. Carleton and Mr. Rawes re-joined after war service, and Mr. Peebles returned in January, 1946. The number of boys who assembled for that first term was 135. They formed a forlorn, defiant band as they cheered King George VI on his entry to the Abbey for the christening of King Peter of Jugoslavia's infant son in October, as they wel-

comed the Archbishop of Canterbury on an unexpected visit to College Hall during supper one evening, or as they stood shivering up School during the Wednesday assembly. From the ruined buildings sprouted grasses and willowherb, and the miasma of financial deficiency hung in the air. But it would be wrong to give the impression that anyone was in any way despondent. It was impossible at that early date to foresee the rapid recovery of the School. It was also impossible not to believe in it.

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## THE WESTMINSTER HOUSE BOYS' CLUB

IT is, I think, some time since the readers of *The Elizabethan* had news of the progress of the Westminster House Boys' Club in Peckham, and I should like, therefore, to paint the present picture for them. The whole of the Club premises have now been rendered fit for use, and are being regularly used by the boys. The surrounding ground has been made level, and is now in use for games. This completes everything, and the Club is now a going concern. The financial position is not, however, quite so rosy. Thanks to the generosity of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey, we are given the Offertories at the Abbey on Election Sunday. We also get generous help from the London County Council and the London Federation of Boys' Clubs. But in spite of all this, we are not quite able to make both ends meet. We can nearly do this, but an extra £300 a year, in subscriptions, would enable us to do this completely, and to build up a small reserve fund for repairs and emergencies. I appeal, therefore, to readers, particularly to those who do not at present subscribe, and ask for their help.

I would also like to extend an invitation to any Old or present Westminster to visit the Club

between 7.30 and 10 p.m., and see for himself what we are doing. Our work at the moment is only limited by the number of voluntary helpers. We are blessed with a first-class Club Leader in Mr. Eric Chamberlain, but he must have help to look after the boys. We have never been absolutely without helpers, one or two young Old Westminsters, one or two local residents, and one or two who had previously been members of the Club, but we want more. Here is a first-class opportunity for anyone who wants to do a worthwhile job one evening a week or more often. Given more helpers, we can take more boys. We have over 100 boys at present and a waiting list.

The address of the Club is Banstead Street, Nunhead, S.E.15. The telephone number is New Cross 5879. The Honorary Treasurer is R. Plummer, the Honorary Secretary is W. R. Van Straubenzee. They, or I, will be delighted to give any information in our power. I hope that the response will be such that my anxiety for the future may be completely dissipated. This is not a very difficult objective, if those who can will help.

STUART HORNER,

*Chairman, Executive Committee.*

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## BUSBY'S PLAY

### YOUTH AT THE HELM

THE School has come to look forward to the high standard of the Busby's productions, and this, their seventh since the War, was in the same enjoyable, though perhaps not impeccable, tradition. The play, a translation of the German of Paul Vulpis by Hubert Griffiths, is a farcical comedy, a satire on the workings of a large bank, and of the inefficient credulity of its Directors. Randolph Warrender, ably played by N. B. Picarda, walks into a bank, invents a "Kubinsky Affair", and bluffs the Board of Directors into appointing him Managing Director of the new company which is formed by his invention. He

also manages to marry the bank Chairman's daughter.

That is the play as it stands. Unfortunately the Producer decided that the action of the play as it was intended—a straight satire—was not fast enough in some places, and interpreted the comedy to mean "slapstick" in order to liven up some of the more lengthy dialogue. This certainly did not detract from the play—indeed these additions were greatly enjoyed by the audiences—but they tended to take some of the meaning of the satire away. Nevertheless the two types of comedy mingled well, and the effect was not wholly displeasing.



*The Board Meeting and Interruptions*

[Photo : J. C. Bartlett

Among the individual parts D. B. K. Harrison's Fitch stands out. Fitch is a nervous, scrupulously tidy, and seemingly feelingless bank secretary. Harrison mastered him completely, hurrying back and forth across the stage in a flurry of nervous agitation, occasionally unbending to become human emotionally. Picarda, as Warrender the impostor, was by no means word-perfect, but always had the presence and manner to carry off his lapses without breaking the flow of his words. His diction was very good, as was that of the whole cast, a praiseworthy effort in view of the acoustics up School, and his actions were convincing and amusing. The two female parts were both played with reasonable success : J. D. S. Haworth as Dorothy, the secretary, having more scope for acting than S. J. H. Baddeley who played the Chairman's daughter, Yvonne. Haworth pursued Fitch very competently, and Baddeley's coolness was refreshing in the turbid atmosphere of the bank's office.

H. J. Lloyd took the part of the Chairman, and spoke his lines in the style of a popular radio character, but with an air of surprise and absent-mindedness which the audience appreciated. The three Directors were not a happy company, L. Hartland-Thomas and J. R. Andrews being purely amusing, and R. H. Cocke rather too melodramatic. None of the other spoken parts was

outstanding, for all were subjected to allow the main characters to appear. P. G. K. Saunders and R. F. Townend always raised a good deal of laughter in their "walk-on" parts, and well deserved it.

The scene throughout was the same—an office overlooking St. Paul's and London in general—and both the set and the backcloth were most realistic. As always the play showed that the best use had been made of the rather short time available, and that much care had been taken by the Producer, who is to be congratulated on adding another success to the list of Busby's productions.

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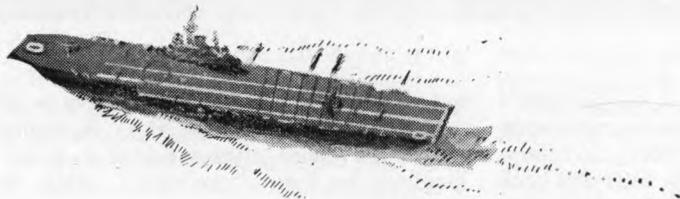
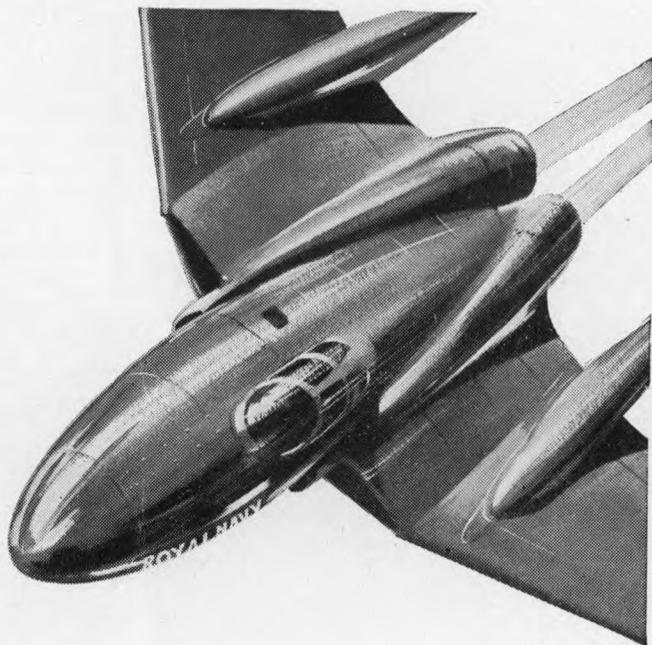
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## THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held at St. Stephen's Club, Westminster, on Monday, October 3rd, 1955.

The General Committee's Report and the Accounts for the year ended March 31st, 1955 were adopted.

Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe was elected President in succession to Sir Robert Wilkinson, and Mr. W. E. Gerrish, O.B.E. and Mr. A. C. Feasey were re-elected Chairman and Hon. Treasurer respectively. Mr. Raymond Plummer was elected Hon. Secretary in place of Mr. D. M. M. Carey, whose retirement from the Secretaryship was reported in the July issue of *The Elizabethan*.

Mr. F. D. Hornsby and Mr. J. A. C. Spokes were elected new Members of the General Committee.

### MEMBERSHIP

The following new members have been elected since January 1st, 1955 :—

- B 1951-54 ASHTON-JOHNSON, EOIN CHEINMAGHA, Abbey Lodge, Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex.
- W 1949-54 BANBURY, JUSTIN BRAY, 36, Corfton Road, Ealing, W.5.
- W 1950-55 BISCOE, DAVID LEE, 22, Egerton Terrace, S.W.3.
- R 1951-55 BRAY, ANTHONY DENNESS, 2, Cedar Road, Berkhamsted.
- G 1951-54 BROWN, CHARLES CLAUDE LIVERSIDGE, Holmer House, Llandenny, Usk, Monmouthshire.
- W 1949-55 BUTLER, NICHOLAS MARK ANDREW, 73c, Albert Bridge Road, S.W.11.
- C 1950-55 CAIRNS, ANTHONY SCOTT, Applecroft, The Warren, Ashtead, Surrey.
- C 1950-55 CHARLES, ROBERT HENRY GEORGE, 14, Ennerdale Road, Richmond, Surrey.
- G 1949-54 CHICK, GRAHAM ILLINGWORTH, 48, Kenilworth Road, Ealing, W.5.
- A 1950-55 CHICKEN, BRYAN WILLIAM OSMAN, 28, Grove Way, Esher, Surrey.
- G 1950-55 CLARK, ROBERT THOMAS JAMES ALEXANDER, Kenways, Eelsley Road, Tilehurst, Berks.
- R 1950-55 COWELL, ROBERT ADRIAN, Crowdleham House, Heverham, Kemsing, near Sevenoaks, Kent.
- A 1950-55 CRAIG, JOHN STEWART, 44, Ouseley Road, S.W.13.
- G 1949-54 CROFT, CHARLES JULIAN, Lexden, Hartley Avenue, Plymouth.
- A 1950-55 DANIN, CLEMENT PAUL, Yewhurst Lodge, Kidbrooke Grove, Blackheath, S.E.3.
- B 1951-55 DAVIES, BRIAN MICHAEL, Cotswold, 16, Lake Road East, Roath Park, Cardiff.
- W 1951-55 DE VERE GREEN, ROBIN HALDANE, 11, Devonshire Place, W.1.
- W 1951-54 DICKINSON, HUGH NOEL THOMAS, 27, Berwyn Road, Richmond, Surrey.
- B 1952-55 FARNFIELD, ANTHONY VERNON BASIL, Summercourt, South Cliff, Bexhill.
- R 1950-55 FRANCE, RICHARD, 8, Bromley Common, Bromley, Kent.
- R 1950-55 FRANCIS, GUY, Morden Lodge, Morden, Surrey.
- G 1951-55 FULLER, RODNEY FRANKLIN, 12, Thorpe Road, Peterborough.
- A 1951-55 GWINNER, PAUL DUDLEY VALENTINE, 11, Earl's Court Gardens, S.W.5.
- A 1950-55 HAMILTON, DAVID JOHN LOUDON, 42, Crediton Hill, N.W.6.
- B 1950-54 HARRIS, GRAEME CHARLES, 48, Brocklands Park, S.E.3.

- C 1950-55 HAY, RICHARD GORDON, Walton House, Stone, Staffs.
- B 1949-55 HAYWARD, SIMON EDWARD PASCOE, New Court, Temple, E.C.4.
- B 1949-54 HERBERT, PIERS MARINEL, 46, Canfield Gardens, N.W.6.
- W 1950-55 HIMSWORTH, RICHARD LAWRENCE, 13, Hamilton Terrace, N.W.8.
- A 1950-55 HOGG, CHRISTOPHER, Wootton, White Beam Way, Tadworth, Surrey.
- G 1950-55 HUNTER, ANTHONY CHARLES BRYAN, 26, Prince's Gate Court, S.W.7.
- W 1950-55 JAY, HOWARD, Hollywood, Ravenscroft Avenue, N.W.11.
- A 1949-54 KERR, IAN HENRY, Green Hedges, Capel, Surrey.
- W 1949-55 LAW, GORDON STUART, 8, Harvard House, Manor Fields, Putney Hill, S.W.15.
- B 1950-55 MACKEOWN, THOMAS JAMES BERNARD, Pengreep Hall, Ponsanooth, Truro.
- R 1951-55 MAGNUS, MICHAEL FRANK, Cheriton, 12, Dartford Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.
- W 1951-55 MARKS, LEONARD GEOFFREY, 13, Apsley House, N.W.8.
- C 1950-55 MARSHALL, MARK ANTHONY, 20 Princess Road, N.W.1.
- H 1912-16 MAUNSELL, FREDERICK GEORGE, Hillside, Bassett Row, Southampton.
- G 1954 MCKENDRICK, J. H.
- B 1950-55 METZ, GERALD LOUIS RICHARD, Little Didges, Chaldon Common Road, near Caterham, Surrey.
- A 1950-55 MILLER, IAN MICHAEL, The Cottage, 10, Highgate West Hill, N.6.
- W 1950-55 MONBIOT, RAYMOND GEOFFREY, 187, Queen's Gate, S.W.7.
- W 1951-54 MOORE, AIDEN HENRY PHILLIPS, 44, Sheen Common Drive, Richmond, Surrey.
- W 1950-54 PACKER, JOHN ANTHONY LEWIS, 89, Brook Green, W.6.
- G 1949-54 PHELPS-BROWN, NICHOLAS ANTHONY, 73, Fitzjohn's Avenue, N.W.3.
- R 1951-55 PILKINGTON, PETER, 4, South Drive, Cheam, Surrey.
- W 1950-54 PREBENSEN, CHRISTOPHER FONGNER, Royal Norwegian Embassy, S.W.1.
- R 1949-54 PRICE, SAMUEL ROBERT MARSHALL, 16, Buckland Crescent, N.W.3.
- G 1950-55 PRINCE, CHARLES HAMILTON, 1, The Old Pines, The Parade, Epsom, Surrey.
- R 1951-55 RELTON, MICHAEL WEBER, 6e, Hyde Park Mansions, Marylebone Road, N.W.1.
- C 1950-55 ROSS, GAVIN JAMES STIRLING, 64, Wildwood Road, N.W.11.
- A 1950-53 RUTHERFORD, IAN RICHARD, Mount Lee Lodge, Egham Hill, Egham, Surrey.
- G 1950-55 SALVI, JOHN UMBERTO, Park Gate, 125, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.
- B 1951-55 SHEPHERDLY, JOHN FREDERICK, Uxbridge Road, Hayes End, Middlesex.
- R 1951-55 STOUT, ANTHONY DAVID CORÈDON, 4, Clifton Gardens, W.9.
- C 1950-54 SYMMONS, ROBERT LAURENCE, Bluebank, Sycamore Road, Farnborough, Hants.
- B 1950-54 TAYLOR, GILES LEWIS, Magdalen College, Oxford.
- W 1950-55 TURNER, WILLIAM DOUGLASS JAMIESON, 65, Church Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.
- A 1950-55 WERTHEIM, CECIL JOHN, 29, Pembroke Square, W.8.

- C 1950-55 WILLOUGHBY, GEOFFREY DAVID MORTIMER, 36, Meadway, N.W.II.  
 G 1950-54 WOODFORD, JAMES SAMUEL, 19, St. Peter's Square, Hammersmith, W.6.  
 B 1951-55 WRIGLEY, JOSEPH, 12, Hamilton Terrace, N.W.8.  
 B 1950-55 YOUNG, IAN FERGUSON, Stuckey Farm, Winsham, near Chard, Somerset.

The Annual Dinner of The Elizabethan Club was held at St. Stephen's Club, Westminster, on October 3rd. The number attending, 85, was smaller than at some recent dinners, but the surroundings were congenial, which, together with the good organization and the high quality of the food and wine, contributed towards a most successful evening. The guests included the Dean of Westminster and the Head Master; there was also present a larger number of Masters than on any previous occasion.

At the conclusion of an excellent dinner, the toast of Floreat was proposed by the retiring Secretary, Mr. D. M. M. Carey and replied to by the Head Master in two most entertaining speeches. Mr. Carey paid a tribute to the Bursar's salesmanship and recounted how, when he was showing parents round the school, its buildings sometimes acquired all sorts of hitherto unsuspected merits and tended to show a high rate of variation in their age. This may perchance be the origin of the perhaps apocryphal story that at the time of the Coronation a boy was overheard pointing out to some Americans which parts of the school were built by Julius Caesar. In reply the Head Master said that though it was natural that all O.W.W. should regard any change as but a sad departure from the ideal conditions that prevailed in their own day, it was equally natural that a Head Master should always be conscious of scope for improvements. He regarded the rebuilding of Grant's as the principal achievement of his headmastership. He also took occasion to thank Mr. Carey for his very considerable services to the Club and the School during his term as Secretary.

Mr. John Carleton then proposed the health of the retiring President, Sir Robert Wilkinson, and expressed the gratitude of the Club for all that he had done for it. Sir Robert, in a brief but felicitous speech, thanked Mr. Carleton and then welcomed Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe as the newly-elected President.

#### THE WESTMINSTER BALL

The Westminster Ball was held at The Dorchester Hotel on Friday, November 4th, 1955, when Major and Mrs. R. C. Orpen were our Presidents. 470 Old Westminsters and their ladies danced to the music of Sidney Lipton's Orchestra.

We had the pleasure of entertaining the Head Master and Mrs. Hamilton and the Mayor of the City of Westminster and Mrs. Patrick Stirling. The Dean of Westminster and Mrs. Don were unfortunately unable to attend and we missed the Bishop of Chester and Mrs. Ellison.

The gratitude of Old Westminsters goes to Mr. E. R. B. Graham, The Hon. Secretary of The Entertainments Committee, for all the trouble he took in organizing such a successful evening.

#### GAMES COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting held on July 13th, 1955, Mr. P. G. Whipp, Mr. W. J. Gerrish, and Mr. N. P. Andrews were re-elected Hon. Secretary, Assistant Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer, respectively.

The Meeting also elected Mr. C. P. Smith and Mr. P. J. Morley-Jacob as University Secretaries at Oxford and Cambridge respectively.

The following have been appointed Hon. Section Secretaries:—

FOOTBALL :	M. W. THOMPSON
CRICKET :	J. D. STOCKER
GOLF :	A. C. GROVER and I. S. PETHERICK
SQUASH RACKETS :	R. E. PLUMMER
FIVES :	W. J. GERRISH
LAWN TENNIS :	B. PERONI
BOAT CLUB :	J. A. C. SPOKES
SHOOTING :	R. R. DAVIES

#### FOOTBALL

The 1st XI were narrowly defeated 1-2 by the Bank of England in the 1st Round of the A.F.A. Senior Cup, and 1-3 by the Pearl Assurance in the Surrey A.F.A. Senior Cup. The "A" XI entered the A.F.A. Junior Cup but were defeated 3-7 by a strong side from the Iraq Petroleum F.C.

The 1st Round of the Arthur Dunn Cup will be played on Saturday, December 17th, 1955 against Lancing Old Boys at Lancing College.

The results of the other matches played to date are:—

<i>1st XI</i>	
<i>v.</i> Old Westminster Citizens	2-5 Lost
<i>v.</i> Wellingborough School	2-1 Won
<i>v.</i> Westminster Hospital	6-4 Won
<i>v.</i> National Physical Laboratory	2-2 Drawn
<i>v.</i> Charterhouse	0-2 Lost
<i>"A" XI</i>	
<i>v.</i> Old Westminster Citizens Reserves	0-7 Lost
<i>v.</i> Liverpool Victoria Insurance 3rd XI	4-1 Won
<i>v.</i> Charterhouse 2nd XI	1-5 Lost
<i>v.</i> Christ Church, Oxford	1-6 Lost
<i>v.</i> Trinity College, Cambridge	2-5 Lost

#### CRICKET

A welcomed reduction in rainfall and an increase in playing membership enabled the Club to complete a full season of matches. In the earlier games the Club suffered defeats by Oaklands Park, Henley and Wimbledon, but won at Northwood and at the School.

The School game was a high scoring match, K. J. Gardiner and D. G. Higgins giving a fine exhibition in hitting off a formidable school total.

Against Esher, the Club saw K. A. H. Hinge in the unaccustomed rôle of bowler, a factor which did not entirely account for the very rapid rate at which Esher scored to win in the last minute of the game.

The results of the Fortnight at Vincent Square were:—

<i>v.</i> Old Cliftonians.	O.W.W. 288 (G. Ll. Law 79, D. G. Higgins 57) and 225-5 (G. Ll. Law 95). Old Cliftonians 307-9 and 120-6 (R. Whittington 4-42).
<i>v.</i> Refreshers.	O.W.W. 218 (G. Ll. Law 79). Refreshers 166 (A. F. Taylor 5-40).
<i>v.</i> Lancing Rovers.	Lancing Rovers 249. O.W.W. 76.
<i>v.</i> Old Cholmelians.	Old Cholmelians 223 (Garcia 4-35). O.W.W. 169-9.
<i>v.</i> Eton Ramblers.	O.W.W. 266-6 (E. de T. Longford 63, R. Hillyard 55, D. Schnotte 53 n.o.). Eton Ramblers 177-9.
<i>v.</i> Adastrians.	Adastrians 202. O.W.W. 118.
<i>v.</i> Dragon Flies.	Dragon Flies 249-9. O.W.W. 171 (D. G. Higgins 77).
<i>v.</i> Old Citizens (12 a side).	O.W.W. 200 (C. J. Lummis 82). Old Citizens 172 (C. J. H. Davies 6-80, J. Blume 5-31).
<i>v.</i> An Old Malvernian XI.	O.W.W. 260-8 (K. J. Gardiner 88, K. A. Hinge 57). Old Malvernians 140-8 (R. Whittington 6-25).



**Careers in the Coal Industry.**—Modern Coalmining is very largely a new industry. More accurately, it is an old and vital industry which is being reconstructed to serve the present and future needs of the nation. While other forms of energy will help, the main source of power in the foreseeable future will continue to be coal.

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**Other Careers.**—There are also good careers in the Board's Scientific Department and in administrative posts. Young men and women of good educational standard (who have preferably spent some time in the sixth form or have attended a university) are also needed in such fields as marketing, finance and labour relations.

*Full details can be obtained from any Divisional Headquarters of the Board or from the National Coal Board, Hobart House, London, S.W.1.*

## GOLF

The Autumn Meeting of the O.W.W.G.S. was held at Swinley Forest Golf Club on Thursday, October 20th, and was attended by 26 members. The results were:—  
Sutherland Challenge Cup and Captain's Prize presented by G. S. Blaker—

D. E. Ryland 76-9 = 67 nett.

Scratch Prize—R. T. Robinson 75.

Gerrish-Leighton Tankards (Bogey Foursomes)—  
A. C. Grover (3) and F. N. Hornsby (15) 1 up.

A member of the Society, T. J. Davies, represented Wales in the International Matches at Royal Birkdale Golf Club. The same player had earlier won the Welsh Amateur Golf Championship at Harlech.

## LAWN TENNIS

For the first time for many years the O.W.W.L.T.C. entered a side for the D'Abernon Cup. The Club won a good match against the Old Sherburnians to reach the quarter finals, when it met a strong Old Carthusians side who eventually won a most enjoyable match.

The Club beat the School 5 matches to 4, and Roehampton 9 matches to nil.

## BOAT CLUB

An Annual General Meeting was held at Henley on July 1st, 1955. R. N. Edwards and J. A. C. Spokes were elected Captain and Hon. Secretary respectively.

At Marlow Regatta in June, J. Kay Mouat and J. A. C. Spokes rowed for the Club in the Double Sculls, being beaten by one length in their heat by the winners of the event.

## FIVES

The following fixtures have been arranged:—

January 14th	Old Citizens.
January 19th	Highgate School.
January 26th	Old Reptonians.
February 9th	The Masters, Westminster.
February 15th	Westminster School.
March 3rd	Charterhouse.
March 15th	Old Cholmelians.
March 29th	Old Citizens.

The Club is always anxious to receive new players, and it is sincerely hoped that any Old Westminster, whatever his standard, will either come along to the practice which takes place on the school courts every Tuesday night, or contact the Hon. Secretary, W. J. Gerrish, "High Beech", Castle Road, Otlands Park, Weybridge, Surrey. Telephone: Weybridge 2543.

## FOOTBALL CLUB PARTY

On Friday, October 14th, 1955 the O.W.W.F.C. celebrated their 75th Anniversary. The President, Mr. E. R. B. Graham personally invited the Officers and playing Members of the Club to a Sherry Party. Twenty-two, many of whom were veteran playing members, also attended and stayed to supper afterwards.

A special cake was prepared for the occasion by Mr. R. W. P. Hare bearing the School crest, footballs and other suitable adornments.

## OLD WESTMINSTERS BIRTHS

- ARGYLE—On November 6th 1955 to Ann, wife of M. V. Argyle, a daughter.  
CAREY—On November 7th 1955 in London to Ruth, wife of D. M. M. Carey, a son.  
FRAMPTON—On October 14th 1955 at Westcliff-on-Sea to Mary, wife of John Frampton, a daughter.  
HICKS—On November 12th 1955 at Barrow-in-Furness to Agnes Mary, wife of the Rev. E. J. Hicks, a daughter.

HOGG—On November 6th 1955 at Farnham to June, wife of R. W. Hogg, a daughter.

HOWE BROWNE—On November 6th 1955 to Sheila, wife of J. M. Howe Browne, a daughter.

MANGEOT—On November 15th 1955 at Cheltenham to June, wife of F. J. A. Mangeot, a son.

RIVAZ—On October 24th 1955 at Basingstoke to Pamela, wife of John Rivaz, a daughter.

SPAULL—On October 14th 1955 at Epsom to Josephine, wife of L. C. Spaul, a daughter.

CUNNINGHAM—On October 1st 1955 in Edinburgh to Molly, wife of A. D. Cunningham, a son.

## MARRIAGES

BRIDBURY: LOVE—On October 21st 1955 at Ealing, A. R. Bridbury to Hilary Clare Love.

CUNLIFFE: COBHAM—On October 22nd 1955 at Holy Trinity Church, Montevideo, D. F. Cunliffe to Aileen Rose, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Ralph Cobham and Mrs. Cobham.

LAWSON: SALMON—On October 12th 1955 at the West London Synagogue, Nigel Lawson to Vanessa Mary Addison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Salmon, of Ham Common, Surrey.

MUNRO-FAURE: CLARIDGE—On October 8th 1955 at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, C. A. Munro-Faure to Irene E. Claridge.

## DEATHS

AITKEN—On October 28th 1955 in London, J. D. Aitken, A.R.S.M., aged 60.

LANE-CLAYPON—On October 9th 1955 at Plymouth, E. W. Lane-Claypon, aged 69.

WINGATE—On October 5th 1955, M. M. F. Wingate, aged 47.

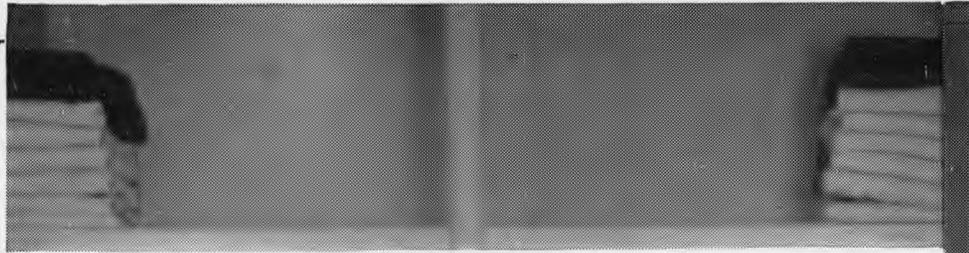
WOODHOUSE—On March 5th 1955 in London, S. C. Woodhouse, aged 84.

JAMES DOUGLAS AITKEN, who died recently in a London Nursing Home, was at Westminster from 1910 to 1913. During the first war he held a commission in the Middlesex Regiment and in the Machine Gun Corps. He became an Associate of the Royal College of Mines, and a member of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, and was employed with the Hyderabad Gold Mines Company.

EDWARD WILLIAM LANE-CLAYPON was admitted as a Queen's Scholar in 1899. From Christ Church he went to Ely Theological College, and was ordained in 1909 to a curacy at Wigan. In 1912 he was appointed Rector of Ayot St. Lawrence. In 1918 he enlisted in the R.A.S.C. and received a commission in the same year. He resigned his orders under the Clergy Disabilities Act, and was for many years a bulb grower in Cornwall. He married Eleanor Frances Studdy of Paignton.

MICHAEL MELVILL FENTON WINGATE was admitted in 1921. He took his A.R.I.B.A. in 1932 and was in practice in London. The School owes to him a debt of gratitude for his services to the swimming. For some time now he has given unstintingly of his time and skill to build up this department of the School's activity, and such success as has so far been achieved is in large measure due to him. His sudden and premature death will be deeply felt.

SIDNEY CHAWNER WOODHOUSE entered the School in 1883 and was elected into College in 1885. At Christ Church he gained a first in classical honour moderations and became a schoolmaster in Dorset. He was a sound and industrious scholar and was the compiler of an English-Greek Dictionary.



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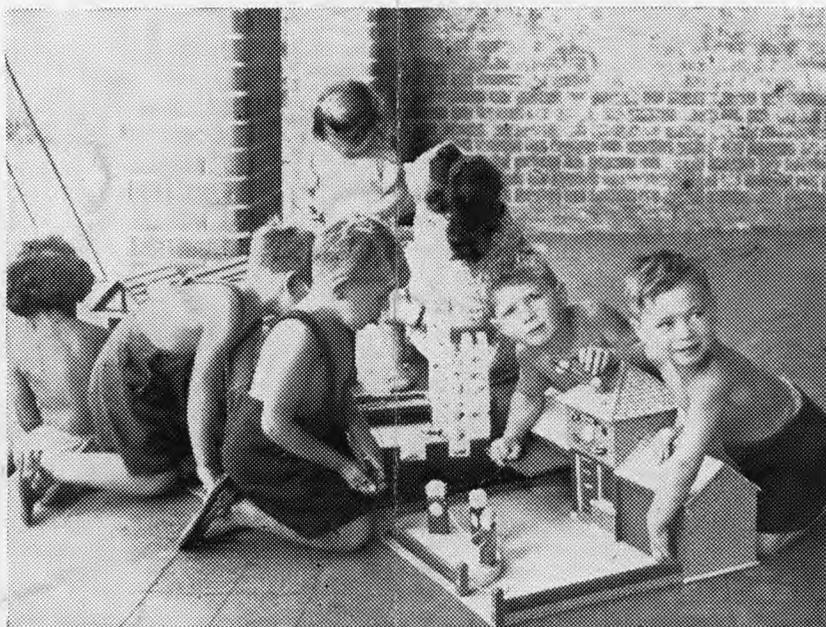
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