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COLLEGE OFFICERS.
Autumn Term, 1961.

Senior Prefect—H. E. Gough.
Group Leaders and Prefects—R. P. S. Harrison, J. M. Webb,
P. B. Heppleston, C. Richardson.
College Workman—R. J. Parnell.
†Public Workman—R. A. D. B. Laws.
Music Warden—P. B. Heppleston.
Music Librarian—D. G. Griffiths.
Choir Librarians—R. J. Edy, D. J. Maberley.
Q. P. Concerts—R. A. D. B. Laws.
Pictureman—J. R. Marshall.
Lampmen—J. A. Goodborn, G. S. Bartlett.
Church Ushers—J. R. Marshall, J. C. Malpass.
Church Collections and Deck Chairs—A. J. Cattermole.
Stage Men—J. A. T. Goodborn, M. C. Jones, D. G. Griffiths,
J. Mitchison, S. Shellswell.
†Furniture Committee—J. C. Malpass, J. Mitchison, R. J. Parnell.
Librarians—P. B. Heppleston, S. Greenlaw, T. C. Bass, C. B. Stillwell.
Manual Foremen—J. A. T. Goodborn, K. H. Stimson, R. S. Lowe,
J. Mitchison.
Notices Men—K. H. Stimson, A. J. Cattermole.
† General Meeting Elections.

GENERAL MEETING OFFICERS.
Autumn Term, 1961.

Chairman—R. P. S. Harrison.
Secretary—K. H. Stimson.
Games Captain—H. E. Gough.
Vice-Captain—J. M. Webb.
Games Committee—J. T. Wood, G. S. Bartlett.
Boys' Banker—P. B. Heppleston.
Meeting Banker—T. C. Bass.
Senior Shopman—M. F. Ashe-Jones.

Shopmen—F. R. Glennie, J. F. Harris.
 House Committee Treasurer—N. C. Creffield.
 Games Committee Treasurer—S. H. Shellswell.
 Record Committee Treasurer—D. J. Maberley.
 Financial Advisory Committee—H. E. Gough, R. J. Parnell,
 C. C. Richardson.
 Finance Committee—P. Little, W. A. Thompson.
 Finance Committee Treasurer—P. L. Hughes.
 Auditors—R. P. S. Harrison, J. R. Rawlings, D. J. Tovey.
 Entertainments Committee—M. A. Gooding, R. A. D. B. Laws,
 T. G. W. Pettigrew, R. J. Edy, C. J. Webb.
 Christmas Party Committee—S. Greenlaw, D. G. Griffiths,
 D. A. N. Hogarth, R. S. Lowe, K. A. Walker.
 Cycle Committee—A. D. Heppleston, D. A. N. Hogarth, N. S.
 Whatmough.
 Classical Record Committee—M. H. Ferguson, D. G. Griffiths,
 L. de V. Wragg.
 Light Record Committee—J. A. T. Goodborn, J. R. Marshall.
 Amplifier Technicians—J. A. T. Goodborn, J. R. Rawlings.
 Breakages Man—R. D. Dale.
 Paperman—R. A. Sewell.
 Drying Room Committee—D. J. Henderson, J. J. Schwarzmantel,
 L. A. Webb.
 Billiards Committee—J. C. Malpass, T. G. W. Pettigrew,
 D. J. Thomasson.
 Sledge Committee—C. G. Cattermole, R. D. Dale, S. D. Richards.
 Magazine Committee—H. E. Gough, J. C. Malpass, M. C. Jones.
 Chairman of Groundstaff—M. C. Jones.
 Senior Groundstaff—K. J. Fowler, R. J. Hayes, C. B. Stillwell,
 L. de V. Wragg (temporarily).
 Junior Groundstaff—D. J. Henderson, B. R. Ferguson.
 Tennis Groundsman—R. S. Lowe.
 Cricket Groundsman—D. J. Thomasson.
 Rugby Games Wardens—E. Taylor, L. A. Webb.
 Tennis Games Warden—R. J. Edy.
 Cricket Games Warden—F. R. Glennie.

Badminton Games Warden—B. R. Ferguson.
Rugby Secretary—T. G. W. Pettigrew.
Hockey Secretary, 1962—D. J. Thomasson.
Cricket Secretary, 1962—D. J. Tovey.
The Council—T. C. Bass, H. E. Gough, R. P. S. Harrison, L. de V.
Wragg, P. B. Heppleston, C. C. Richardson, K. A. Walker.
Rule Committee—C. B. Stillwell, K. A. Walker, C. J. Webb.
Nominations Committee—T. C. Bass, H. E. Gough, R. P. S. Harrison,
C. C. Richardson, C. B. Stillwell.

GENERAL MEETING NOTES.

Summer Term, 1961.

The meetings this term were notable for their brevity. Earlier in the term much of the time was spent discussing our financial security and negotiating with the College over a suitable system for safeguarding our loose cash. It was decided to keep this in the College safe.

The times for “continuation meetings” were settled during the term and this should prove convenient to both the College and the Meeting. In order to avoid numerous re-elections of unsuitable officers the status of Chairman, Nominations Committee, and Financial Advisory Committee, was altered to “Other Offices.”

The term was marred by the loss and maltreatment of games material, and strenuous measures had to be taken to prevent this. Towards the end of term a move to increase the formality of meetings was rejected because the Meeting thought that this would discourage younger members from speaking.

It is pleasing to note that the new amplifier equipment bought last term is now in use.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Summer Term, 1961.

We extend a warm welcome to our new Headmaster, Mr. Anthony Quick, who came to Rendcomb during the summer vacation to take up his appointment here. We hope that Mr. and Mrs. Quick and their two young children will be very happy. (See Vol. 12, No. 2, p. 4.)

We welcome P. V. Rayner, whose brother was at Rendcomb some years ago.

We bid farewell to Mr. G. Lloyd Williams who leaves us to take up an appointment at Millfield School, Street. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Williams every happiness in their new environment.

We said goodbye also to Mr. D. Williams with real regret. In a single year he became very much part of the place and contributed a great deal to the College. It was characteristic of his generosity that on leaving he presented to the College a delightful Turner print. Mr. Williams has joined St. Andrew's College, Minaki, Kisarawe, Dar-es-Salam, Tanganyika.

We are grateful to Lord Wigram for the very kind gift of four tickets for the Lords Test Match which gave great pleasure to those who received them.

We acknowledge receipt of *The Wycliffe Star*.

Miss Hermione Lee-Browne, daughter of the late Headmaster, was married at Stratton Parish Church on Saturday, September 23rd, to the Reverend John Thornton. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Thornton every happiness in the future.

Form VI visited the Memorial Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon, on May 11th to see a performance of "Much Ado About Nothing."

A Grand Dance was held at the College on July 22nd and we were glad to welcome a number of ladies for the evening.

Those who attended were entertained in the refreshment interval by a fine performance from "Trev's Trio." Their playing rewarded them for the long hours they had spent practising. The personnel were as follows:

Michael Bryant (clarinet), Hugh Gough (piano), John Goodborn (bass) and Trev Benbow (drums). Bryant's clarinet was always very melodic and he has a good tone. He played a fine low register solo in "Two-tone Blues." Gough's piano work was of a high standard throughout, both harmonically and melodically. His solo in "Don't Get Around Much Anymore" was the highlight of the performance. The rhythm, though sometimes heavy, on the

whole provided a sturdy backing. Goodborn's bass, at its best in "Lonesome Road," was very driving and his soloing unusually melodic for this instrument. The leader's drumming was always solid and reliable, despite over-use of the cymbal. He too provided some good solos. "St. Louis Blues" provided each soloist with a chance to prove his ability. The longer solo undoubtedly favoured them and this was a fitting climax to a fine performance. It is a great pity that two of the members have now left Rendcomb.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION.

Summer 1961.

"O" Level:

- M. F. Ashe-Jones—English Language, English Literature, History, French, Mathematics.
- G. S. Bartlett—History.
- S. H. Creffield—English Language, English Literature, History, Mathematics, Biology.
- R. B. Denny—French, Physics.
- M. H. Ferguson—Woodwork, Physics.
- K. J. Fowler—English Literature, History.
- M. A. Gooding—English Language, English Literature, History, French, Biology.
- S. Greenlaw—English Language, English Literature, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- D. Griffiths—English Language, English Literature, History, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- R. J. Hayes—History, Latin, Mathematics, Biology.
- A. D. Heppleston—English Language, English Literature, History, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- D. A. Hogarth—English Literature, History, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- R. C. Jones—English Language, English Literature, History, French, Biology.
- R. A. D. B. Laws—Art, English Literature, History, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- M. E. Morris—Woodwork, English Language, English Literature, History, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.

J. R. Rawlings—English Language, English Literature, History, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
 D. J. Thomasson—English Language, English Literature, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
 D. J. Tovey—English Language, English Literature, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
 T. Tucker—English Literature, History, Biology.
 C. J. Webb—English Language, History, French, Mathematics.
 J. Shaw—History.

“A” Level:

T. L. H. Benbow—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 †*H. E. Gough—French, History, English.
 *R. P. S. Harrison—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 P. B. Heppleston—Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
 S. D. Hicks—English.
 *J. C. Malpass—French, History, English.
 R. J. Parnell—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 J. Shaw—Physics, Chemistry.
 D. M. Tucker—History.
 *J. M. Webb—French, History, English.
 M. Whittering—English.
 † State Scholarship Award. * County Major Award.

FOUNDER’S DAY, 1961.

It was inevitable that Founder’s Day on July 8th should be something out of the ordinary. In the first place it followed the long illness and death of the Headmaster, who had for thirty years guided the School; for the same reason it was being held after an interval of two years; and then we were expecting to meet the Headmaster-designate—only the third to hold office since the School’s foundation.

The number of guests was, no doubt for those reasons, larger than usual and in comparison with many of these functions in the last dozen years it seemed outstanding for warmth, life and interest.

Colonel Godman, the Chairman, lengthened his normally brief opening speech; he referred to the fact that the College

was for the first time on a Founder's Day "meeting in its own house" having purchased the building and part of the Estate from the Founder's family who had been most generous in the matter; he referred also to the magnificent gift of the Swimming Pool. Finally he performed the double duty of paying one more tribute to the late Headmaster and recording the deep appreciation of the Governors of the "holding operation" for which Mr. James and the Staff had been responsible over a long time.

When Mr. James rose to make his report he was given a welcome which should be recognised for what it was—an endorsement of all that the Chairman had said about his work and keen expectation of a report which would be worthy of a unique occasion. Having two years to cover, and they more than normally full, he expressed his alarm that his report might appear a mere catalogue. But to lovers of the subject matter a catalogue can be a feast of enjoyment, and this was certainly a report one would like to hear again. Staff changes, the work and life of the school, future developments, thanks to the Governors and tributes to the Staff—all these received their proper attention. Time was found for a reference to values which are or should be implicit in the policy of such a school as Rendcomb, before Mr. James ended by making his own introduction of Mr. Anthony Quick, the Headmaster-designate. Of all the developments foreshadowed by the report, perhaps the most immediately satisfying was the construction of the swimming pool made possible by the generosity of the Dulverton Trust and Major David Wills. Of even greater potential significance for the future was the announcement of the token expansion in numbers by five per cent, for the next school year; this arouses hopes that the school is going to grow to that level which is quite possible—say an increase of one-third—which will add to its efficiency and capacity for service without loss of its distinctive sense of community. In his closing sentences Mr. James expressed his profound thanks to Colonel Godman, whose wise counsel—over the past two years especially—had meant so much.

The distinguished guest, Field-Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, then rose to speak and was warmly received. His speech was fully reported in the press at the time and clearly deserves much more than the summary that can be given in such an account as this. He addressed himself as he said, primarily to the boys, and here his forthright manner made an instant appeal. He urged on his hearers the life of adventure, saying that "safety first" was the worst of all mottoes except when crossing a road;

yet adventure must be fused with service and so he commended the plan of a year's voluntary service overseas; he emphasised the present need for Englishmen to learn and respect and understand the men of various races who made up the Empire, pointing out how frequently we are too slow to offer them a ready sympathy. Finally he closed his testament of what made up the pattern of worthwhile living by claiming that he could think of nowhere better to work this pattern out, than by service in the forces of the Crown.

After Major Birchall had, in a felicitous speech, thanked the visitor, Mr. Quick made a brief self introduction in which he invited parents to lose no time in calling on him once he had taken up his duties—and the formal hour was then followed by tea on the lawns.

The fine day, much better than was promised, made it possible for the activities after tea to go on as planned—the P.T. display and the visits to the hole in the ground which is one day to be a swimming pool. Indoor events included an impressive performance of orchestral music in the gymnasium and a display of art and woodwork in the music room. There was a new look about the woodwork, which showed how versatile this activity can be, but it was still essentially woodwork—doing things that can only be done, and one hopes will long be done, in wood.

Altogether a most satisfying day; one visitor at least went to Rendcomb with the liveliest expectation for many years; he left deeply reassured in his faith that the College will grow and prosper.

(The above account was furnished by the parent of an old boy of the College.)

FOUNDER'S DAY MUSIC.

This was the first public appearance of the College Orchestra; there have been concerts fairly regularly for some years but the audiences have always been drawn from the school with, perhaps, some parents of members of the orchestra; essentially domestic occasions. This was also the orchestra's first appearance with boys playing in every department, wind, brass and strings. Since our last concert, which happened to be over three years ago, Mrs. Margot Jeens has joined the visiting music staff to teach 'cello and double-bass. This means a boy can now learn any symphonic instrument from the piccolo downwards—downwards in pitch.

As already mentioned the wind and brass were played by Rendcombians except for the welcome assistance of David Griffiths O. R. and of Mr. Roberts who taught them all. We are also very grateful to the players who came as guests to swell our strings, both in numbers and in sound.

The programme began with three pieces from Warlock's "Capriol" Suite, played by the strings only. Then came what for many was a highlight, and not only of this programme: Michael Bryant's playing of the slow movement of Mozart's Clarinet Concerto. Bryant's musicianship is of professional standard, every note whether quick or slow was important to him, and without exactly knowing why, many members of the audience were aware that they had listened to something exceptional at a School Concert.

After the Mozart the orchestra ended the short programme with a very good performance of Schubert's Fifth Symphony (first movement).

As this journal is a Chronicle of events at Rendcomb rather than a magazine, perhaps it ought to be reported that doubts about the wisdom of performing this programme in public preyed on the musicians' minds from about half-term. It was not helped by the comments of the trapped audience who had to listen to rehearsals (after all the terraces outside the music room are well populated on a summer evening), and the players began to wish they were actors whose gaffs in rehearsal, however appalling, are known only to the producer and cast, whereas an out-of-tune oboe or fluff on the trumpet or horn in the Music Room is only too audible on the Flying Field!

In the event, anxiety was dispelled. It was an excellent concert, and we hope it showed those music lovers whose thirst is quenched by Leak Hi-Fi Amps (there are no less than three in the building) and superb recorded performances that they should not pre-judge a school performance by early rehearsals.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DISPLAY, FOUNDER'S DAY, 1961.

The efforts of those who worked so hard on last year's performance and the experience gained from it helped to achieve a more worthy display on Founder's Day this year: there was more variety and polish to entertain us.

A group of six seniors began. They performed a series of individual agility routines on mats.

Twelve juniors then gave us an agility display in pairs. The routines, which they had worked out for themselves, were lively and well executed. The same group continued with group work which, for finish and accuracy of timing, was a great advance on last year's performance.

The show closed with a display of work on the box by the senior group. The vaulting was varied and the interest of the spectator was further maintained by the boys' coming to the box from different angles all the time. Here, again, carefully rehearsed and neat movements between vaults added much to the value of the display.

THE HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION, FOUNDER'S DAY, 1961.

The exhibition attracted a great deal of interest from the many guests at Founder's Day.

It is pleasing to see pieces of work which rarely appear from school workshops. A garden aviary, an upholstered settee in mahogany, a guitar, and an artist's folding easel, must surely be an uncommonly wide range.

A record cabinet in mahogany with interior fittings in sycamore was another well finished exhibit, and a coffee table of unusual folding design was of handsome appearance. The clean, sturdy lines of a garden table and chair in varnished deal caught the attention, while a similar piece of work was a well constructed garden bench nearing completion.

The many other items included miscellaneous occasional tables; an elegant signboard in oak with the carved lettering "Rendcomb College" which we hope to see soon prominently displayed; stools and a selection of work by the younger craftsmen to whom we look for future exhibitions.

Altogether there was plenty of evidence of many hours of enthusiastic craftsmanship of a high standard.

THE ART EXHIBITION, FOUNDER'S DAY, 1961

This year's exhibition contained rather less material than in recent years, but the general quality was of a higher standard, and the material shown was suitably varied.

It was pleasant to see an increase in the amount of oil

painting, a medium often somewhat neglected in schools. There was also more drawing from life this year, especially of heads, and several of these works were very well executed.

Sculpture has been encouraged at the College for many years, and it was satisfactory to see this continuing. In the present exhibition there were several good heads and bas-reliefs.

THE J. H. SIMPSON MEMORIAL.

Five fine prints suitably framed, each frame bearing a silver plate with the name of the print and the words "J. H. Simpson Memorial," have recently been hung in the school. These are the first gift from the Memorial Fund collected by Old Rendcombians in Mr. Simpson's memory. Only those who live in the building from day to day can realise what a great difference these fine prints have already made. The prints are as follows:

"Le Port D'Audierne," by Marquet, in 2in. canvas and white. "Le Lapin Agile," by Utrillo, framed in 2in. canvas, and white. "Rue Ordener," by Utrillo, framed in 2in. cream wood.

"Canal and Factories," by Lowry, framed in 2in. canvas and white.

"The Hay Harvest," by Brueghel, framed in 3in. green and gold.

THE NEW SWIMMING POOL.

Another milestone in Rendcomb's history has been passed. Through the generosity of the Dulverton Trust and the Major David Wills Trust the College has now an open-air swimming pool. It has been built on the terraces to the west of the College, and the bather while contemplating his plunge into the water of an almost Mediterranean blue, has at the same time, a fine view over the Churn valley. The swimming pool was inaugurated on Sunday, October 15th, when the sun broke through the fog for a short period in the middle of the day. Despite the autumn nip in the air over half the school went in and two hardy members of the staff—though according to some accounts their dip was not intentional! It is from every point of view a major addition to the resources of the College and has a very pleasant appearance. We now look forward to the day when every Rendcombian can swim. Rendcomb is very grateful to the Dulverton Trust and Major David Wills for so valuable a gift.

CONCERT.

An informal concert was given by members of the College in Saul's Hall on Wednesday, May 17th, and provided a pleasant entertainment. The programme was as follows:

OPENING MOVEMENT, MINUET AND TRIO

from Symphony No. 103 in Eb *Haydn*

George Chapman and Mr. D. Williams.

ALLEGRO from Eine Kleine Nachtmusik *Mozart*

Nigel Whatmough and Sebastian Greenlaw.

OPENING MOVEMENT from Sonata in C *Mozart*

Sebastian Greenlaw.

ALLEGRO from Sonatina in F *Beethoven*

Peter Little.

SUITE for Horn, 'Cello and Piano

Prelude, Air and Gigue *E. P. Bartlett*

Guy Bartlett, Marcus Bartlett, Mr. D. Williams.

CRICKET REPORT, 1961.

1st XI: Played 9, won 4, lost 5.

"A" XI: Played 3, won 3.

Saturday, May 13th

"A" XI v. St. Stephen's C. C. 2nd XI. Home. Won by 4 wickets.
St. Stephen's 48 (R. P. S. Harrison 6 for 20, J. C. Malpass 2 for 4).

Rendcomb 50 for 6 (P. B. Heppleston 26).

Harrison bowled well with support from Malpass. Heppleston batted well for Rendcomb although the remainder of the "batting looked weak.

Saturday, May 20th

1st XI v. St. Stephen's C. C. 1st XI. Away. Won by 8 wickets.

St. Stephen's 69 (Harrison 4 for 23, C. B. Stillwell 3 for 6).

Rendcomb 71 for 2 (G. Taylor 21, H. E. Gough 23 not out).

St. Stephen's batted first on a good wicket but did not last long against accurate bowling by Harrison and Stillwell. Rendcomb needed an hour for the requisite total.

Thursday, May 25th

1st XI v. Dean Close "A" XI. Away. Lost by 29 runs. Dean Close 128 (Stillwell 5 for 26, Harrison 5 for 32). Rendcomb 99 (Harrison 53 not out).

On an excellent batting wicket Dean Close made 128 after a good start. Again Harrison and Stillwell bowled well. Very poor batting by Rendcomb enlivened only by some powerful strokes by Harrison off the slow bowlers, lost us the match.

Saturday, May 27th

1st XI v. King's School, Gloucester. Home. Lost by 14 runs.

King's School 66 (Harrison 5 for 21, Stillwell 3 for 31).

Rendcomb 52 (Taylor 17).

Harrison bowled enterprisingly and deserved his success. Stillwell bowled economically for a long spell and King's School were dismissed for a low total. Rendcomb surrendered meekly when a determined effort would have won the match.

Wednesday, May 31st

"A" XI v. Kingham Hill 1st XI. Away. Won by 5 wickets.

Kingham Hill 28 (D. J. Tovey 6 for 17, Stillwell 4 for 11).

Rendcomb 29 for 5.

Kingham Hill lasted only 50 minutes on a fiery wicket against some lively bowling by Tovey and Stillwell. The Rendcomb batting was weak and 5 wickets fell before the meagre target of 29 runs was attained.

Saturday, June 17th

1st XI v. Sir Thomas Rich's 1st XI. Away. Lost by 92 runs.

Sir Thomas Rich's 163 for 8 declared (Malpass 3 for 38).

Rendcomb 71 (Gough 34).

Rendcomb bowled badly and fielded poorly. Only Malpass and P. J. Callaghan maintained any accuracy against powerful batting. Rendcomb again collapsed despite a sound innings by Gough.

Saturday, June 24th

1st XI v. Cheltenham College 2nd XI. Home. Won by 51 runs.

Rendcomb 77 (Gough 46, T. C. W. Pettigrew 19). Cheltenham 26 (Callaghan 6 for 17, Stillwell 4 for 9).

Rendcomb began their innings well and reached 70 for 3 due mainly to a fine stand between Gough and Pettigrew. We then collapsed. Cheltenham were swiftly accounted for, most of their batsmen looking for ruts in the wicket which did not exist. Callaghan bowled aggressively and with accuracy and was ably assisted by Stillwell. The fielding was splendid and six catches were taken in the innings.

Saturday, July 1st

“A” XI v. Dean Close 2nd XI. Home. Won by 88 runs.

Rendcomb 168 for 5 declared (Gough 56, Harrison 50 n. o.).

Dean Close 80 (Harrison 5 for 27, Pettigrew 3 for 11).

Rendcomb batted aggressively on a placid wicket and made the runs in under 2 hours. Gough and Harrison thrashed the bowling in a stand of 72 for the fourth wicket. Dean Close scored 80 against intelligent bowling by Harrison and Pettigrew.

Monday, July 10th

1st XI v. North Cerney C. C. Home. Won by 25 runs.

Rendcomb 98 for 2 declared (Tovey 55 not out, Heppleston 27).

North Cerney 73 (Harrison 4 for 20).

A fine opening stand of 79 between Heppleston and Tovey formed the core of the Rendcomb innings. Tovey batted with power and resolution. North Cerney wickets fell steadily and they were dismissed in 80 minutes.

Wednesday, July 12th

1st XI v. Cheltenham Grammar School 1st XI. Away.

Lost by 10 wickets.

Rendcomb 52.

Cheltenham Grammar School 53 for 0.

Rendcomb appeared mesmerised on a slow wicket and surrendered meekly. The ease of the wicket was demonstrated by our opponents who scored 53 without loss.

Saturday, July 15th

1st XI v. Old Rendcombians. Home. Won by 6 wickets.

Old Rendcombians 120 for 9 declared (Stillwell 4 for 23).

Rendcomb 121 for 4 (Gough 38 not out, Harrison 44).

This was the most enjoyable match played in an atmosphere of keen but friendly rivalry. The Old Boys batted with enthusiasm against very sound bowling by Stillwell, who could easily have had more wickets had catches been held. Rendcomb batted aggressively against a keen and varied attack, Harrison in particular batting with immense confidence. The game was actually far more evenly matched than the result suggests and we are very grateful to the Old Rendcombians for the fixture, and express every hope for its continuation in the future.

Saturday, July 22nd

1st XI v. Marling School 1st XI. Away. Lost by 101 runs.

Marling 204 for 8 declared (Stillwell 5 for 73).

Rendcomb 103 (Gough 23 not out, Tovey 39).

Marling took only two hours to score their runs in spite of good bowling by Stillwell, who bowled throughout the innings, and by Malpass. Malpass would have had more wickets had the catching been better. As it was the fielding was atrocious. In the Rendcomb innings Tovey batted excellently and Gough dourly. J. M. Webb connected with some fine swings but the rest of the batting was weak.

Rendcomb Cricket this year was vigorous and energetic with much interest shown in the upper part of the school. This was indicated by the success of the second eleven. This year was unique in two respects. First, not one match was cancelled because of bad weather and second, there was not a single drawn game. We are grateful for both these blessings.

The First XI played nine matches and lost five. The losses were chiefly due to the failure of the batting to adopt itself to the situation and to the extraordinary indifference with which some batsmen surrendered their wickets. Greater application is required.

The fielding was good except for the Marling match and although seven people bowled for the 1st XI only two of them achieved any appreciable success.

Eight players played in all the matches.

The opening batsmen were D. J. Tovey and P. B.

Heppleston, a partnership which was finally decided on after several permutations. Heppleston has so much promise in his batting that it was very disappointing to see it fail so often. His technique is suspect to bowling of a full length, largely because he allows the bottom hand to slip down the handle, thus limiting his hitting off the front foot. A lower position in the batting order might bring better results. His fielding was at all times a joy to watch and a great example to others. A safe catcher—one incredible effort against North Cerney will long remain in the memory—a quick mover to the ball and a beautifully fast low throw; it is difficult to imagine a better schoolboy fielder.

Tovey began the season as an opening bowler, a post he will have to fill next year. As the season progressed his batting improved and he became a good opening bat, scoring many runs, chiefly off the back foot. His slip fielding was also an asset to the side.

The vice-captain and wicket-keeper, H. E. Gough, was also our best batsman. After a poor start to the season, he batted with power and confidence. His wicket-keeping was good and his stumping technique impressive. The small number of catches behind the wicket this season was due to the nature of the bowling.

T. G. W. Pettigrew batted at number four at the start of the season but his style makes him vulnerable to fast bowling, and after being moved lower down he was more successful. He strikes the ball hard but must discipline himself to play down the line of the ball until he has gauged the pace of the wicket if his innings are to last for an appreciable period. He opened the bowling during Stillwell's absence but tends to bowl short. His fielding was good and he saved the side many runs as well as achieving several run outs.

R. P. S. Harrison provided the only real penetrative bowling but he suffered, as do most leg spinners nowadays, in that once he was hit for a few fours he was immediately taken off. He has a tendency on slowish wickets to bowl too short and rather wide of the target. His batting made immense strides, his innings against Dean Close showing what a stout heart and strong arm could achieve. He is a player who knows his batting limitations but who plays with great resource and confidence within those limitations.

One of the biggest successes of the season was C. B. Stillwell who bowled a third of the total number of overs at a

very economical rate. He took 26 wickets in eight matches. During the season he and Harrison took 47 wickets out of 72 which fell to the bowlers for under a third of the runs. This year Stillwell's fielding improved enormously.

As a result of the success of Harrison and Stillwell, J. C. Malpass bowled only 30 overs this year for the 1st XI. These he bowled accurately, turning the ball sharply and maintaining a good length. As a batsman he filled the number 10 position with dignity.

J. M. Webb was played because of his ability as a hitter. Unfortunately he succeeded only once, enjoying a brief moment of glory at Marling. His fielding is effective in the deep but uncertain near the wicket.

P. J. Callaghan developed his fast left arm bowling throughout the season and merited his inclusion in the side. Against Cheltenham College he was formidable but often sacrificed his accuracy in the quest for speed. His batting is fundamental and his fielding somewhat leisurely.

R. A. Sewell hit the ball hard in front of the wicket but needs to improve his technique against the fast bowlers. He has a good prospect for the future. His fielding was good at the end of the season and his throw prodigious.

J. Shaw played in only three matches for the First XI. He also captained the Second XI on two occasions with much success. His batting technique is good but he lacks confidence. His fielding sometimes reveals unexpected flaws.

J. R. Marshall hit the ball very hard and played some good innings for the Second XI.

D. J. Thomasson obviously has great potential. He bats and fields well and bowls slow off breaks with some success. At the moment, however, he is too lackadaisical a cricketer to be very effective.

Until injury deprived us of his services, N. J. Price showed much ability. His bowling was fast, if erratic, and his fielding was sound.

A. D. Heppleston and S. H. M. Creffield both played for the "A" XI. Heppleston has great potential and will probably have to shoulder much of the cricket burden at Rendcomb in future years.

Geoffrey Taylor captained the side with enthusiasm and

much shrewdness. His direction on the field was at all times positive and he demanded and got instant response. From a personal standpoint he had a disappointing season with the bat, his old fault of hitting across the line too early in the innings proving his undoing on more than one occasion. In a year, too, when there was relatively little good bowling, it is a pity that he seemed to distrust his own bowling capabilities which would have given much needed variety to the attack. His approach to the game, however, was so aggressive and his personality so infectious that his tactical handling of affairs in the field was worth far more to his side than mere runs or wickets.

2nd XI

Saturday, May 20th

2nd XI v. Cirencester C. C. 2nd XI. Lost by 66 runs.

Cirencester 159 for 8 declared (J. R. Marshall 3 for 21).

Rendcomb 93 (D. J. Thomasson 33, M. A. Gooding 21).

This was a new fixture and our opponents were obviously too strong for us. Further, we lost the services of G. S. Bartlett when he injured a leg and so was unable to bat. Good performances were produced by Marshall, both with bat and ball, and by Gooding and Thomasson, who both batted well.

Saturday, June 3rd

2nd XI v. Dean Close 3rd XI. Won by 102 runs.

Rendcomb 125 for 7 declared (J. T. Wood 32, Marshall 38).

Dean Close 23 (N. J. Price 2 for 2, A. D. Heppleston 3 for 5, P. S. Callaghan 4 for 15).

Wood and Marshall batted vigorously and shared in a stand of 60. The later batsmen gave themselves up looking for quick runs. Dean Close collapsed against accurate pace bowling. Callaghan bowled the last three batsmen with successive balls.

Wednesday, June 25th

2nd XI v. Cirencester Grammar School 2nd XI. Away. Won by 6 wickets.

Cirencester 104 for 9 declared (Callaghan 5 for 35, T. G. W. Pettigrew 4 for 16).

Rendcomb 107 for 4 (Pettigrew 45 not out, J. Shaw 25 n. o.).

Both teams were strengthened for this match. Callaghan bowled throughout the Cirencester innings and Pettigrew took

some quick wickets at the end. Shaw and Pettigrew both batted well in a stand of 56 in making the necessary runs.

Shaw captained the team in the last two matches and made good use of his experience. J. T. Wood, M. A. Gooding, N. C. Creffield and C. J. Webb all showed promise with the bat, while J. Mitchison continued to improve behind the stumps.

Junior XIs

Saturday, May 27th

“Under 15” XI v. Cheltenham College Colts. Home. Lost by 32 runs.

Cheltenham College 101 (A. D. Heppleston 7 for 22).

Rendcomb 70 (D. J. Thomasson 34).

Wednesday, May 31st

“Under 14” XI v. Kingham Hill “Under 14” XI. Away. Lost by 60 runs.

Kingham Hill 107 (R. A. Sewell 3 for 23).

Rendcomb 47.

Saturday, June 17th

“Under 15” XI v. Sir Thomas Rich’s School “Under 15” XL
Away. Lost by 150 runs.

Sir Thomas Rich’s 190 for 6 declared.

Rendcomb 40.

Wednesday, July 12th

“Under 15” XI v. Cheltenham Grammar School “Under 15” XI.
Away. Lost by 5 wickets.

Rendcomb 65 (A. D. Heppleston 25).

Cheltenham Grammar School 66 for 5.

Saturday, July 22nd

“Under 15” XI v. Marling Grammar School Colts. Away. Lost by 5 wickets.

Rendcomb 93 (A. D. Heppleston 28).

Marling 96 for 5 (Heppleston 3 for 18).

Although all the matches were lost there was obviously much talent in the Junior teams. Outstanding all-rounders were Thomasson, A. D. Heppleston, Creffield and Sewell, who all

played for more senior teams. R. S. Lowe and Mitchison also played for the Second XI and the latter is developing into a good wicket-keeper. D. Little and S. H. Shellswell are both good all-rounders. Promising among the juniors are R. J. Edy, F. R. Glennie, B. R. Ferguson, J. A. Dow and W. A. Thompson.

We extend our gratitude to the scorers and groundsmen and also to the Staff who have a demanding task. Mr. G. Lloyd-Williams is leaving us and thus deprives us of an enormous source of experience and knowledge. Mr. K. J. Knapp and Mr. R. J. Dennis are fortunately still with us and will continue, no doubt, in their extremely valuable work.

TENNIS REPORT, 1961.

We were fortunate in having an extremely dry summer and the standard of play in both junior and senior schools was noticeably high. Tradition this year was broken and a match was arranged against Marling School 1st VI. Rendcomb played very competently, although helped by the wear of the courts and our opponents' inexperience on this medium, and won by five games to four. Our team was: M. C. Jones and P. B. Heppleston, R. P. S. Harrison and J. M. Webb, C. C. Richardson and S. D. Hicks.

P. B. Heppleston's play improved rapidly during the season and he more than justified his inclusion in the 1st VI.

R. P. S. Harrison, though tending to be slow about the singles court, proved an admirable doubles player, especially at the net.

J. M. Webb was undoubtedly our best player, displaying confidence and skill on the court.

C. C. Richardson has improved since last season and became a reliable member of the team.

S. D. Hicks after overcoming a tendency to hit the ball too wildly, played very well.

M. C. Jones captained the side efficiently and played well.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

We congratulate M. D. Richards, who obtained First Class in the Final Honours School of Physics at Oxford.

We congratulate also R. F. Stimson who gained First Class Honours in Physics at Queen Mary's College, London.

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M. J. Miles, who joined the Commercial Union Group Insurance, is doing very well and is now in the Philippines.

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We congratulate Flying Officer James Bolton-King on his engagement to Miss Ruth M. B. Griffiths, of Buxton, Derbyshire.

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The team for the Old Boys' Cricket Match on July 15th was as follows (see also the Cricket Report on page 16):

J. W. J. Reed. R. A. Cockrell, J. M. Astill, H. A. Gough, E. Davis, K. A. Statham (capt.), R. W. Alder, R. D. Comley, R. A. Powell, R. F. Stebbing, A. R. Tenty.

NATURAL HISTORY SUPPLEMENT.

December 1961.

Miscellaneous Notes, May 1st to August 30th, 1961.

Typically unsettled April weather gave way to a dry May with cool winds often from the east. Severe late frosts on the nights of the 26th and 27th, accompanied by cold northerly winds did much damage to young shoots. There was the inevitable loss of potato, *Dahlia* and runner bean shoots and the new growth on small saplings of ash, beech and white beam was also damaged. The injury occurred mainly within five feet of the ground and even affected tender young shoots of yew and cherry laurel which soon turned orange-brown in colour. Bracken fronds were killed outright.

Cold weather was prevalent to the end of May, but June proved a dry and sunny month. July started similarly but the latter part of the month was unsettled and August turned out to be rather wet except for a sunny last week.

The spring was an early one (see Vol. 12, No. 3, pp. 18-9) and the effects of this were still clear during May. On May 2nd several Twayblade Orchids (*Listera ovata*) had flowers and a Bird's-nest Orchid (*Neottia nidus-avis*) in Conigre Wood bore two open blooms. Honeysuckle (*Lonicera periclymenum*) was blossoming in profusion by May 11th. On North Cerney Banks the Chalk Milkwort (*Polygala calcarea*) was likewise in full flower. In the same locality a large plant of the Early Purple

Orchid (*Orchis mascula*) carried an enormous flower-spike measuring 8½ inches in length and bearing thirty-eight blooms.

The continuing clearance in Conigre Wood has let in much more light than of recent years and no doubt this year's free flowering by Butterfly Orchids (*Habenaria chlorantha*) and Herb Paris (*Paris quadrifolia*) was largely due to this.

On p. 19 of the last issue of the Rendcomb College Chronicle we noted that a Grey Squirrel had young in a hole in a great beech tree recently felled in Conigre Wood. Shortly afterwards a pair of Nuthatches took over this hole and reared young in it. The birds were watched and photographed from a hide.

Kingfishers again bred along the River Churn: a family was seen below the College in May and again in July. Other birds of special interest included the Hobby and Fieldfare. One of the former flew over the College on May 15th and one was also seen catching insects on August 28th. The Fieldfare was found at Marsden by Mr. Ben Legg on June 9th, an extraordinary date for a bird normally a winter visitor. It was in good plumage but very thin and apparently ill, for it died soon afterwards. There are very few British records of this species in June.

C. M. Swaine.