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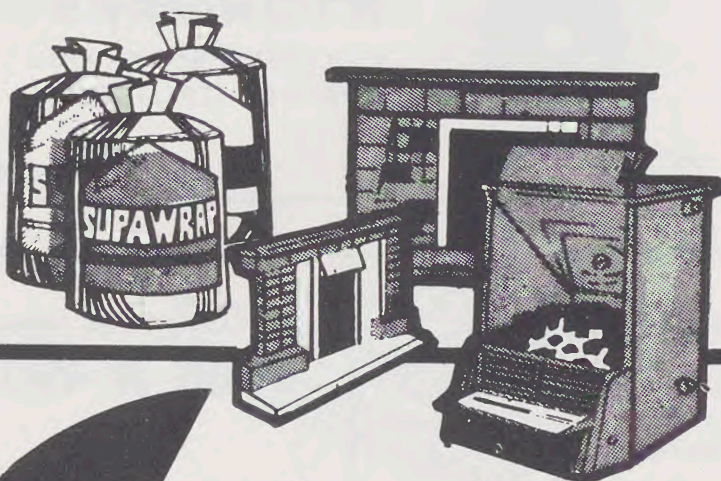
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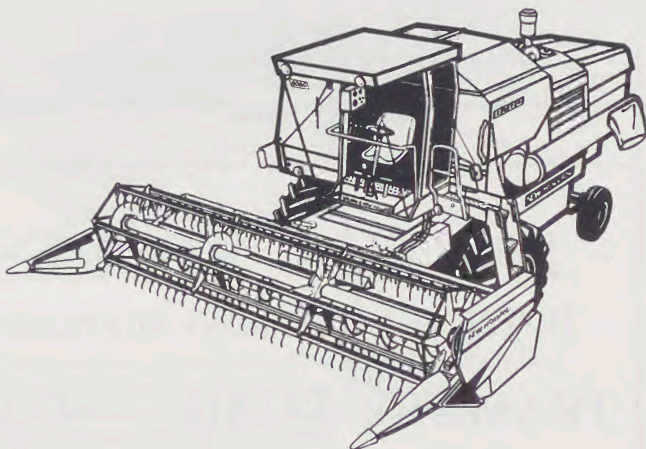
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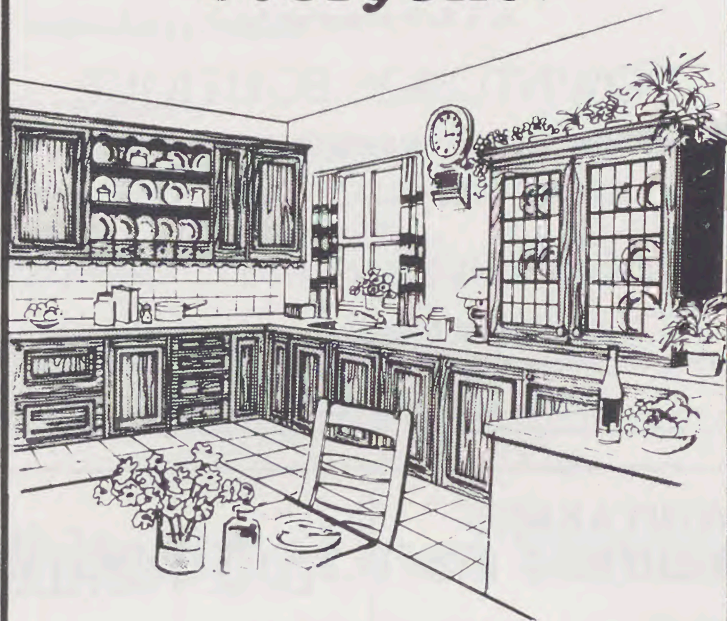
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EDITORIAL

IT IS late Autumn here in Midleton. The old chestnut trees by the cricket pitch are bare as the last of the rust-coloured leaves melt into the ground enriching it for new growth. Looking around the school I realise that Midleton has already gone through a slow but deep-rooted change that does not fit into a season, but one that has taken over two hundred years.

Sitting here in the schoolroom in one of the old desks, full of tell-tale scars of times gone by, recalls the days when the Classics were the foundation of education and the study of writers like Homer, Virgil and Cicero was a necessary ingredient for the well-educated young man. This was a time when schools like ours were aiming to produce gentlemen and when education was an end in itself.

Through the window across the yard I see the computer room, a symbol of modern education. We are now living at a time when the creation of a worker takes precedence. The pupil is educated for the purpose of becoming an efficient part of today's society, a society which no longer looks for persons of culture, but machines trained to carry out a function.

But Midleton has found a state of equilibrium in this modern educational dilemma. It has kept up with the changing times, but it has also managed to retain features of its traditional character, which leaves its mark on its pupils today. Midleton has developed into a modern school with science laboratories and other educational contrivances, and subjects like Economics and Biology have been introduced in the last twenty years. This careful nurture shows the enlightened educational philosophy which has always characterised this institution.

And so we, the Editors, leave you with this year's issue of the Midleton College Magazine so that you will gain for yourselves an appreciation of our ever-changing and developing community.

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HEADMASTER'S NOTES

MY retirement comes into operation officially on the 31st July, and I commend to you my successor, MR. BRIAN CAIRNS, who takes up duty officially on the 1st August, 1981 (*see page 5*).

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The school year has still a long way to go but I take this opportunity of placing on printed record my gratitude to all both past and present who have supported my endeavours over the last twenty years: staff involved in teaching, administration, household and maintenance, whose loyalty and service I have much appreciated; the many pupils so splendid in a wide variety of ways, whom it has been my pleasure to guide and help; parents whose co-operation and understanding have always been forthcoming; and all those past pupils and friends who have maintained an interest in the development and progress of the College.

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This Magazine I am happy to commend to you. Many people have contributed to its production and I thank especially the members of staff and school involved, and my secretary, Mrs. Courtney. I have always taken a controlling interest in the operation and over the years after the travail of correction, selection and collation, the end-product has given me considerable pleasure. Our advertisers (or perhaps sponsors would be a better word) have been marvellous in their support and I would like them to know that without their help it would not be possible to maintain the high standard of production.

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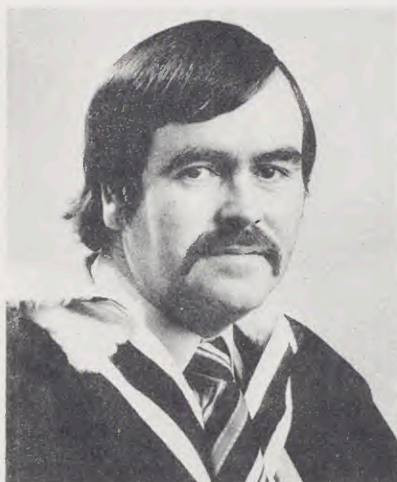
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THE appointment of MR. BRIAN D. CAIRNS, B.A. (Hons), DIP.ED., as Headmaster of the College from the end of the present school year was announced by the Board of Governors in September.

Mr. Cairns graduated at Queen's University in 1965. He is at present Senior Resident Master in Methodist College, Belfast, where he has been teaching for the past sixteen years. He is in charge of the boys' boarding section of the school and he is responsible for the welfare of its 120 resident pupils. His main teaching subject has been Geography and he has been head of that department for the past two years. He has had earlier experience as house master and form master. Mr.

Cairns and his wife, Katherine, are both natives of Ballymena and they have an eight-year-old daughter, Tracey.

Mr. Cairns is a keen sportsman with widespread interests embracing all our main games here. He has gained especial distinction in Hockey as an International umpire, as coach to his school's 1st XI and as an Ulster schools' selector. He has played Senior League Cricket for both Ballymena and Collegians and he was captain of Ballymena Academy in his final school year there.

He is a prominent member of AMMA – the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association – and has represented it on various councils and committees in both Northern Ireland and Britain. Mr. and Mrs. Cairns are no strangers to the South of Ireland, having spent many holidays here. His hockey activities have brought him to Cork as an international and inter-club umpire. He has had a close relationship with the examinations branch of the Department of Education in connection with the marking of Leaving Certificate geography papers.

Mr. Cairns comes to us with a fine teaching record, with a varied experience of school administration and organisation, and with a deep interest in games and recreational activities. His present school has a leading reputation – one of the finest in Ireland – for the scholastic, social and moral development of its students. We are fortunate that a person of Mr. Cairns' ability and talents will be at the disposal of the College for the years ahead. He has already indicated his pleasure at what he has seen and heard of Midleton and his avowed aim is to build on the foundations and traditions already established.

I know that Mr. Cairns can be assured of a hearty welcome from us all with the hope that his career will be a successful and rewarding one for him and that the College will continue to develop and prosper under his guidance and leadership.

— J. W. S.

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	L.	Art, Chemistry, English Literature, French, Religious Studies
L. J. Säflund	H.	English Language, English Literature, French
	L.	Art, Religious Studies
P. S. Boyle	H.	English Literature, Geography
	L.	Chemistry, English Language, Physics
Frances Deane	H.	English Language, Mathematics
	L.	Geography, Physics, Religious Studies
R. Prendergast	H.	French, Religious Studies
	L.	English Language, English Literature, Geography
Suzanne Kirk	H.	Mathematics, Physics
	L.	Chemistry, English Literature
S. E. Flanagan	H.	English Literature, Physics
	L.	Chemistry, English Language
P. L. Millen	H.	English Literature, Geography
	L.	English Language, Religious Studies
Patricia Casey	H.	English Literature, Religious Studies
	L.	English Literature
Una Cunningham	H.	English Language, English Literature
	L.	Spanish
Angelien	H.	English Language
Koenderink	L.	English Literature, French, Geography
H. D. Wilkinson	H.	Physics
	L.	Chemistry
R. P. O'Neill	L.	Art, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Geography
J. P. Coleman	L.	English Language, English Literature, Geography, Physics
Gillian McMullen	L.	English Language, English Literature, Geography, Religious Studies
C. Jermyn	L.	Chemistry, Geography, Physics
T. J. Kelly	L.	Chemistry, Geography, Physics
B. E. Abernethy	L.	English Language, Geography
C. P. Creagh	L.	English Literature, Geography
T. A. Crone	L.	Geography, Physics
Dorothy Jermyn	L.	Geography, Religious Studies
S. D. Lewis	L.	Art, Geography
June Beamish	L.	English Literature
N. R. Boyle	L.	Geography
Harriett Reardon	L.	Chemistry

H.—*Higher Attainment Level*

L.—*Lower Attainment Level*

THE MONK

He was big and burly and very gay
 He was jolly and unusual
 He nearly trod on my toe
 I said nothing and went on with my work.

He was a very nice fellow and very kind
 He had beads around his cloak
 He had a beard just like a fork
 He told us all sorts of things.

I liked the monk who came to see us.

Outstanding Pupils 1980

GUY STANSFELD had six honours in the Leaving Certificate including B grades in Mathematics, Chemistry and Art.

TARA MURPHY had five leaving Certificate honours with B's in French and Chemistry.

DECLAN CUNNINGHAM and **PADDY GOWEN** had four Leaving Certificate honours each. Declan had B's in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, and Paddy had an A in Chemistry and B's in Mathematics and Physics.

SAMIR NAJI and **MARK DWYER** had five honours each – all with C grades.

RAYMOND FITZELL and **SHARON MURPHY** gained nine G.C.E. 'O' levels at the June sitting. Raymond had A's in Mathematics and Physics and B's in Chemistry, English Language and English Literature. Sharon had B's in Chemistry, Physics and Religious Studies.

STEVEN HORTON and **BARRY GREENE** had eight 'O' levels each. Steven had five B grades – Chemistry, English Language, Geography, Physics and Additional Mathematics – and an A in Pure Mathematics. Barry gained A's in both Pure and Additional Mathematics and a B in Physics.

JANET HALES gained eight honours in the Intermediate Certificate. She had A's in Geography, Science and Art, and B's in Mathematics and History.

SALLY MARTIN gained eight Intermediate Certificate honours also with an A in French and B's in English, Mathematics, Geography and Science.

MARCUS BICKERDIKE (A in Science), **PATRICK JONES**, **ALAN PERROTT** (A in Science), **JANINE MILLER**, **LYSA MORRIS** all gained six honours in Intermediate Certificate.

STEPHANIE POYNTZ in her five Intermediate Certificate honours included an A in History and B's in French, Geography and Science.

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THE GOVERNORS' RECEPTION

ON November 27th, the Sixth Form had the pleasure of being invited to one of the happier events in the school calendar – the Governors' Reception. Having assumed various mantles of respectability they departed by coach for the Silver Springs Hotel, where they were greeted by the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Horace Kenworthy. With the aid of a few drinks (not too hard) the ice was quickly broken, so to speak, and the buzz of animated conversation soon filled the room. After dinner, the Governors were thanked by the Head Boy and the Head Girl on behalf of the pupils; and by the Headmaster and Mr. King on behalf of the staff. The Headmaster also presented a silver dish to Mr. Harold Johnson to mark his twenty-five years of service on the Board.

Later on, in the Opera House, we saw a performance of *H.M.S. Pinafore* which, while being pleasant entertainment, probably appealed more to some than to others. However, all in all, the evening was enjoyable and worthwhile.

—K. DORAN (FORM VI)

Prize List 1980

MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Guy Stansfeld.

WEBSTER MEMORIAL PRIZE: Tara Murphy.

INTERMEDIATE SHIELD: Janet Hales.

MIDDLETON SCHOLARSHIP: Sally Martin.

BISHOP HEARN MEMORIAL PRIZES: Patrick Gowen, Declan Cunningham, Janine Miller, Stephanie Poyntz.

J. H. BENNETT MEMORIAL SCIENCE PRIZES: Patrick Gowen, Marcus Bickerdike.

JAMES McNEILL WEST MEMORIAL MATHEMATICS PRIZES: Guy Stansfeld, Paul Sheedy.

TIMOTHY WEST MEMORIAL MATHEMATICS PRIZES: Tara Murphy, Patrick Gowen, Declan Cunningham, Mark Dwyer, Uwe Schiller, Mark Salter-Townshend, Wyon Stansfeld, Janet Hales, Sally Martin, Alan Perrott.

BAGWELL LANGUAGE PRIZES: Tara Murphy, Sally Martin.

ISAAC BUTT MEMORIAL HISTORY PRIZE: Philip Travers.

LINDSAY MAING GEOGRAPHY PRIZES: Ivy Jermyn, Janet Hales.

MRS. E. F. BENNETT MEMORIAL MUSIC PRIZE: Patrick Zuk.

DR. F. M. HILLIARD MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR 'O' LEVELS: Raymond Fitzell, Sharon Murphy, Barry Greene, Steven Horton, Edward Hanbidge.

MIDDLETON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION PRIZES: Patrick Jones, Kieran Guilfoyle, Marcus Bickerdike.

HEADMASTER'S PRIZES: Samir Naji, Mark Dwyer, Kiki Dwyer, Paul Sheedy, Paola Säflund, Lysa Morris, Miriam Naji.

WEBSTER PROJECT WORK PRIZES: Patricia Casey, Idris Naji, Robert Crombie, Eugene Healy.

SINGING PRIZES: Joakim Säflund, Richard Salter-Townshend, Alan Sherrard, Beth Haughton.

ENGLISH PRIZE: Ronald Gibson.

IRISH PRIZE: Alan Perrott.

ART PRIZES: Linda J. Moore, Janet Hales.

SPECIAL G.C.E. SUBJECT PRIZES: Raymond Fitzell (Science), Miriam Naji (Languages), Anne-Marie Taylor (English), Barry Greene (Mathematics).

DEBATING PRIZES: Ronald Gibson, Angela McHugh.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES:

Sixth Form: Patrick Collins, Uwe Schiller, Mark Salter-Townshend, Ivor Bryan, Nigel Hill (Best Effort).

Fifth Form: Anne-Marie Taylor, Orla Poole, Daphne Garde, Rory Conner, Joseph O'Flynn.

Fourth Form: Philippe Balz, Isobel Smyth, Brian Hill, Peter Good (Best Effort).

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZES:

Senior:	1st. Kees Wijnstekers	2nd. Katherine Mahony	3rd. Mark Dwyer
Middle:	1st. Angela McHugh	2nd. Eugene Flanagan	3rd. Alan Perrott
Junior:	1st. Aidan Langley	2nd. Robert Eadie and James Lynch	

SCRIPTURE PRIZES:

3rd year:	1st. Angela McHugh	2nd (tie). Heike Schiller and Faris Naji	4th. Paul Whiting
2nd year:	1st. Aidan Langley	2nd. Patrick Zuk	3rd. Eugene Healy
	4th. Elizabeth McHugh		
1st year:	1st. Audrey Boyle	2nd (tie). Thomas Molloy, Deirdre Martin, John Foley	

CLASS PRIZES:

Form III: 1st, Angela McHugh; 2nd, Alberta Pringle; 3rd, Caroline Smyth; 4th, Heike Schiller; 5th, Martina Nitzsche; 6th, Paul Brady; 7th, Alan Boyle; 8th, Edward Leahy and Paul Whiting; 10th, Faris Naji.

Form II: 1st, Patrick Zuk; 2nd, Robert Crombie; 3rd, Aidan Langley; 4th, Barbara Wallace; 5th, Eugene Healy; 6th, Elizabeth McHugh; 7th, Aidan Wall; 8th, Joy Bryan, Robert Eadie, Redmond Kelly

Form I: 1st, James Lynch; 2nd, Carol Thompson; 3rd, Jeroen Ijgosse; 4th, Jennifer Dignam; 5th, Joseph Ford; 6th, James Jeffrey and Thomas Molloy; 8th, Steven Wynhorst; 9th, Audrey Boyle and Alan Bryan

Preparatory: 1st, Jason Murphy; 2nd, Maxwell Tsu; 3rd, Harmen Witte and Andrew Shea.

College Development

THE main development of this present year is the building of a Headmaster's house. This will have two advantages for the school. Firstly it will provide the privacy of a separate residence with its own entrance and garden sited at the bottom of the cricket ground beyond the nets and the 'stone'. Secondly it will make available in the main building extra space on the ground floor for school administration, and on the upper floor for bedroom and sick-room accommodation. The proximity of the new residence, a bungalow of the Guildway range, to the crickets nets will entail their removal to another part of the grounds. With this in mind the whole of 'the hump' adjacent to the old distillery wall has been levelled and as well as accommodating the nets could provide space for tennis or netball.

The declining use of the old grass tennis courts especially in the sort of Summers we have been experiencing and with the greater popularity of the new hard courts has brought about our decision to remove the unsightly wire-netting surrounds and absorb their space into the cricket outfield.

These changes should improve the layout and appearance of the grounds considerably and will render them much more easily 'kept' with tractor and mowers. Our newly-planted cypress and poplar trees around the all-weather Hockey pitch and on the open sides of the Soccer field are growing rapidly and in a few years will provide a welcome shelter and demarcation for those areas.

PREFECTS 1980-81



Raymond Fitzell, Ivor Bryan, Jo Säflund, Eddie Hanbidge,
Joe O'Flynn, Mark Salter-Townshend, Kieran Doran,
Patricia Casey, Daphne Garde, Sharon Murphy, Miriam Naji

Hail and Farewell

AVE

The following have become students of the College since our last issue. We wish them happy and rewarding careers here.

Boys—R. R. MURPHY, H. K. LYNCH, M. FORDE, M. J. GLEESON, C. PHILPOTT, P. KENNY, J. R. FITZGERALD-SMITH, B. CLOOSTERIN, J. G. HEALY, C. D. BOYLE, R. BRYAN, J. B. BURCHILL, B. M. CORBETT, I. DALY, J. S. DEANE, P. G. FOX, T. N. HALES, M. E. KENWORTHY, G. G. MURPHY, K. J. POWER, J. F. STOTT, T. J. TINDALL, L. G. AHERN, D. E. GEARY, P. W. KELLY, G. J. KENNY, I. L. C. MACDONALD, F. V. O'DRISCOLL, L. P. O'RIORDAN, S. B. O'RIORDAN, J. W. ST. LEGER, D. J. O'SULLIVAN, D. F. W. LYNCH.

Girls—E. E. FORDE, S. E. JOHNSTON, G. Y. LYNCH, M. E. HETHERINGTON, K. J. BRISLEY, U. M. GLEESON, P. R. L. BEAMISH, E. R. D. BEAMISH, A. I. NITZSCHE, D. J. I. MACDONALD, K. A. PHILPOTT, J. BOYLE, E. A. HORNE, S. A. KENWORTHY, A. L. POMEROY, T. ROBARDS, U. A. SCARFFE-CODY, M. M. TAIT.

VALE

To those who have left us during the past year we wish happiness and success in their future aspirations:

TARA MURPHY (Engineering) and PADDY GOWEN (Dentistry): Trinity College, Dublin.

GUY STANSFELD (Architecture): University College, Dublin.

DECLAN CUNNINGHAM, MARK DWYER, SAMIR NAJI, KEES WIJNSTEKERS (Science) and PADDY COLLINS (Arts): University College, Cork.

UWE SCHILLER and WYON STANSFELD (Electrical Engineering): Cork Regional Technical College.

JACQUELINE NORTHRIDGE: Kildalton Horticultural College, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny.

ADRIENNE HALES: Domestic Science, St. Joseph's College, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary.

NIGEL HILL: Hotel Management, Dublin College of Catering, Cathal Brugha, Street, Dublin.

TONY GAY: AnCO Shipwright's course, Crosshaven and Skibbereen.

LESLIE STANLEY: AnCO Mechanical Engineering course from McKenzies Ltd., Cork.

ERIC MILCH: Cadetship, U.S. Air Force.

KARL FORT; Deck Officer Cadetship, B.P.

LYNDA P. MOORE: Trainee Nurse, North Down Health Group Hospitals.

NIGEL SWEETNAM: Clerkship with Hanimex (Ireland) Ltd., Little Island, Cork.

SALLY WALSH: Hotel Management, Metropole Hotel, Cork.

IVY JERMYN and REGINA MURPHY: Lee Commercial College, Cork.

LINDA J. MOORE and LISA WOLFE: Secretarial Course, Ashton School, Cork.

PHILIP TRAVERS: Trainee Manager, Read & Write Shop Ltd., Cork.

SIMON MEEHAN: Trainee Instrument Technician in Dublin.

LESLEY RYALL: Beautician Training course in Limerick.

RONALD GIBSON, KATE MAHONY, BRAIN MORIARTY, DEREK MARSHALL,
BERNADETTE FITZGERALD: Business.

JONATHAN BRADSHAW, GUY PERCIVAL, IAN MITCHELL, PETER HENDRICK:
Seventh year elsewhere.

JANET HALES, STEPHANIE POYNTZ, ISOBEL SMYTH: St. Moibhi's College,
Dublin, in preparation for Primary Teaching.

JOHN SWEETNAM: Family farm, Douglas, Cork.

RICHARD COOK, GRAHAM RYALL, ALAN SMITH, MICHAEL GRAVINA, IAN,
HASTIE: Other schools in Ireland.

EDMOND LEAHY, HEATHER and HELEN POPE: Returned to England.

GARY LEWIS: Returned to Scotland.

PETER HOPF: Returned to Germany.

DEAN and STEVEN WYNHORST: Returned to Australia.

"Et ego vixi in Arcadia"



Sally Walsh

Nigel Sweetnam

Jacqueline Northridge

Miscellanea

IT WAS with regret that we said good-bye to Miss RUTH GLEESON, who had been our very successful and popular teacher of Biology for nearly two years, and Miss MARGARET TAIT (Mrs. Rumley) who taught the Prep class last year. Both are much missed.

We welcome Miss DENISE MURPHY who is resident mistress in charge of girl boarders and teacher of Biology. She is a very popular and very effective newcomer to the staff.

We welcome back our past pupil, Mr. MARTIN PRESTON, also as a resident, during his H.Dip. in Ed. year in U.C.C. He assists in teaching some English, History, Geography and Mathematics, and we congratulate him on gaining a T.C.D. Moderatorship in History this Autumn.

Welcome also to Miss ESTHER KENNEDY, who teaches Art, and Miss DYMUNA WALSH, who takes some Junior English classes on Saturdays for her H.Dip. in Ed. course.

We congratulate Mr. LEVIS and Miss SHORTEN on their marriage in August last and we wish them every happiness as they take up residence in their new home in Aghada.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. MULLINS on obtaining his Master of Education degree in U.C.C. this Summer with first-class honours. This is a very notable achievement.

A visit from Dublin in February from PROFESSOR ALAN BROWNE, the famous Dublin gynaecologist, was much appreciated. He spoke to Forms V and VI on matters connected with sex education.

We were pleased to be able to put the gym and stage at the disposal of the East Cork Dramatic Society for their very successful performance of *Charlie's Aunt* last March.

Our Annual Charity Walk to Whitegate in May was in support of the effort of our past pupil, REV. KEN GOOD, in the resettlement programme for Chaco Indians in South America. A recent slide shown by Mr. Good has illustrated the work being done and the needs.

We acknowledge gratefully the presentation of a book – Séamus Heaney's *Preoccupations* – to the Library by Mrs. GWEN HILLIARD to perpetuate the memory of her late husband, Dr. F. M. HILLIARD. She now lives in Berkhamsted, Herts, but never forgets us as each Prize Day comes round.

CARPETS

Huge Selection – Keenest Prices

FURNITURE, BEDDING, ETC.

O'Briens of Midleton

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Hitting the Nail on the Head !

- THE HEAD: "Never mind the why and wherefore"—*Sir William Gilbert.*
- MR. KING: "That the king can do no wrong is a necessary and fundamental principle"—*Sir William Blackstone.*
- MR. JOHNSTON: "Punctuality is the politeness of kings"
—*Louis XVIII of France.*
- MR. LITTLE: "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife"
—*Jane Austen: Pride and Prejudice.*
- MR. LEVIS: "Loves ceases to be a pleasure when it ceases to be a secret"
—*Aphra Benn: The Lover's Watch.*
- MRS. LEVIS: "A woman seldom asks advice until she has bought her wedding clothes"—*Joseph Addison.*
- MR. MULLINS "When I want to read a novel, I write one"—*Benjamin Disraeli.*
- MR. HARRINGTON: "I was not born yesterday"—*Proverb: 19th century.*
- MR. LEOPOLD: "Being now come to the years of discretion"
—*Book of Common Prayer: Order of Confirmation.*
- MR. MORRISSEY: "My life is one demd horrid grind !"
—*Charles Dickens: Nicholas Nickleby.*
- MR. LYONS: "Whom God wishes to destroy, he first makes mad"
—*Latin proverb.*
- MR. DALEY: "I am not arguing with you – I am telling you"
—*J. M. Whistler: The Gentle Art of Making Enemies.*
- MR. MULCAHY: "The great dust-heap called 'history'"—*Augustine Birrell.*
- MISS MURPHY: "Come, come, come and make eyes at me"
—*Harry Tilzer: Song.*
- MRS. BURKE: "She just wore enough for modesty – no more"
—*Robert Williams Buchanan.*
- MISS FORAN: "Music has charms to soothe a savage breast, to soften rock or bend a knotted oak"—*William Congreve.*
- MISS POWER: "I hate ingratitude more in a man than, lying, vainness, babbling drunkenness"—*Shakespeare: Twelfth Night.*
- MR. PRESTON: "For I am young, a novice in the trade, the fool of love, unpractis'd to persuade"—*John Dryden: Palamon and Arcite.*
- ORLA and OTHERS

HARDWARE

KOSANGAS HEATERS & COOKERS

WALLPAPER – ELECTRICAL

HGW and BERGER PAINTS, ETC.

GIFTWARE – CHINA, ETC.

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Prize Day 1980

THE annual prize distribution took place in the College on Thursday, October 23rd. The Headmaster read his twenty-first and last report to a capacity audience that included representatives of Church, State and academic life.

As well as outlining the activities and successes of the past year, he also referred to the 60's and 70's as a period in which we have witnessed a general decline in standards of morality and behaviour, and of respect for life and property, as well as the increased pressures on home and family life, with which many people find it difficult to cope. And, young people, as well as those whose vocation it is to guide them, face the difficulties of fierce competition for places in life amid all the distractions and contraptions which the affluent society of the 60's and 70's has had to offer.

"These", he said, "are facets of the backcloth against which we work in a community such as this . . . where we endeavour to create an environment of stability and equality to meet the challenges of the age, and where we maintain, and develop, hopefully, an ethos and a philosophy which will carry those for whom we are responsible through the turmoil of modern life".

He went on to suggest that because of the broad and liberal base of our educational system here, parents had been encouraged to entrust their children to us in increasing numbers over the years, and he said, "we have often felt a sense of pride at the wide spectrum of society which has contributed to our happy blend of pupils".

Speaking of the Intermediate Certificate, he said, "the rôle of this examination has been questioned, for even as a predictor, it has proved unreliable, and in a school like this, where almost all pupils proceed to the fifth year, there may be a case for by-passing it". And, in relation to Irish, he outlined the efforts presently underway, in the school, to stimulate its progress, but he suggested that senior pupils who do not require it, as well as those who do not have an aptitude for the language, should be liberated from it.

Complimenting the teaching staff, the Headmaster said, "it has been a wonderful experience to have had men and women in whom one has had the confidence to let go on their own way, and to be largely justified in it". He also thanked the domestic and other staff for their services and loyalty.

On behalf of his wife and himself he thanked parents, both past and present, for their confidence and support; and referring to our pupils over the years, he said they have set a wonderful standard.

He praised the Board of Governors for their consideration and encouragement, in what he described as times of momentous change in the whole fabric, outlook and pattern of education.

Speaking of the headmaster designate, he said, "he comes with a wonderful record of involvement in organisation, teaching and games in one of Ireland's greatest schools. I trust you will give him the same co-operation you have always given me".

The Headmaster closed, by voicing his aspirations for the future: "May Midleton continue to maintain its standards and traditions in the years that lie ahead; it has a great past and is worthy of an even greater future". After delivering his report, Mr. Smyth received a standing ovation.

Our guest speaker this year, was the Rt. Rev. R. G. Perdue, former Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, who said, "the secret of successful community life is still, I believe, largely unknown in social, economic and political circles". He believed that it was the Christian faith, and nothing else, which brought harmony into a school, and into all social, religious and political life.

He paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Smyth's qualities of Christianity, leadership and wisdom, and he described him as "a truly great headmaster".

Mr. H. E. Kenworthy, Chairman of the Board of Governors, who presided, also paid high tribute to Mr. Smyth, as did Mr. R. H. Johnson, who proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop.

—J. B. MULCAHY



Dr. Perdue and The Headmaster with Tara Murphy, winner of the Webster Memorial Prize



Dr. Perdue and The Headmaster with the Dr. F. M. Hilliard Memorial Prize-winners – R. Fitzell, B. Greene, S. Murphy, S. Horton and E. Hanbidge

Christmas Concert 1980

THIS year's concert was most effectively shaped having the essential ingredients for successful light entertainment, variety of mood and pace. In the main it was determinedly humorous in intention and was much enjoyed by all.

The show began in a seasonal and colourful manner with the traditional playlet *The King and the Bishop*. Tradition was further acknowledged in the impressive display of *The Drummer Boys*. However, the cultural tradition took a 'hammering' as did the teachers in the satiric *The Seven Ages of Man*; this truly 'held a mirror up to nature'. The lively fun of Form IV's *Comedy on the Box* ended this opening sequence.

A more reflective period followed. The Choral Verse of Form III was well received but the highlight of the evening was the mellifluous performance of the Junior Choir tastefully directed by Miss Foran. This quiet interlude concluded with Patrick Zuk's stylish piano recital.

The concert now returned with zest to its comic direction. The delightful melodramatic farce *My Proud Beauty or Hearts and Flowers* presented by Senior pupils captured much of its producer's qualities! The Sixth Form mime *Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind* propelled us into the outer reaches of fanciful humour.

The night concluded with the gentle singing of a group of Form Six ladies leading on to the happy and vociferous finale. The overall production was a credit to the energy and commitment of Mr. Lyons and to his performers on the stage and behind the scenes.

—T. MULLINS

Singing

OUR church choir continues to prosper under the guidance of Anita Whiting with the help of Susie as accompanist. We owe a great deal to the selflessness of both as they dedicate their talents to this object with such enthusiasm and sincerity. They project a fresh and youthful image which is inspiring a great response from both juniors and seniors. The choir sang especially well at Confirmation and at the Harvest Thanksgiving, and a rendering of *All on an April Evening* last Spring was much appreciated. But the service that all enjoy most is the Carols on the last Sunday of the Christmas term. In 1979 the choir was enlarged to represent the whole school and we had a truly ecumenical occasion attended by the whole boarding fraternity. Impressive as soloists were Beth Haughton, Richard Salter-Townshend, Patrick Jones, George MacDonald and Eddie Leahy. This Christmas we hope to work along similar lines.

Our school treble choir drawn from Form I and Form II and directed by Miss Foran reached a high standard – singing at the Christmas Concert and later dividing into groups to take part in the Father Matthew Feis where one girls' group gained a second prize. This was a new venture which will be repeated next Spring. The work of Patrick Zuk as their youthful accompanist earned great commendation from the adjudicators.

Children love to sing given encouragement and opportunity and as these words are being penned on the last day of October strains of carols are already emanating from 'ad hoc' junior groups in after-dinner sessions in the gym – the 'Professor' and his carol group are warming up for Christmas.

—J. W. S.

Governors par excellence

TO GIVE over twenty-five years' service freely and graciously to any institution must be unusual. Mr. Horace Kenworthy and Mr. Harold Johnson have now exceeded the 'silver' mark as Governors of the College. Horace 'signed acceptance' on 4th May, 1951, and Harold on 17th May, 1954. A worthy record of which the photographer was unaware when he 'shot' them on Prize Day platform this year.



Mr. H. E. Kenworthy and Mr. R. H. Johnson

HEADMASTERS OF MIDLETON COLLEGE

1717 – 1750	Rev. George Chinnery, Senr., M.A.
1750 – 1775	Rev. George Chinnery, Junr., M.A., LL.B.
1775 – 1799	Rev. J. Reid, M.A.
1799 – 1812	Rev. R. Grier, M.A.
1812 – 1830	Not in operation
1830 – 1847	Mr. John Turpin, M.A.
1847 – 1863	Rev. E. P. Hodgens, Ph.D
1863 – 1881	Rev. T. Moore, M.A.
1881 – 1898	Rev. A. Burd, B.A.
1898 – 1901	Mr. R. Graham
1901 – 1912	Rev. G. S. Baker, B.D.
1912 – 1919	Rev. R. D. Parker, M.A.
1920 – 1928	Mr. A. E. Layng, Ph.D.
1928 – 1960	Mr. T. West, M.A.
1960 – 1981	Mr. J. W. Smyth, M.A.

Debating Society 1980

SENIOR

Easter Term

<i>Auditor</i>	RONALD GIBSON
<i>Secretary</i>	TARA MURPHY
<i>Committee</i>	KIERAN DORAN RAYMOND FITZELL SHARON MURPHY

Christmas Term

<i>Auditor</i>	KIERAN DORAN
<i>Secretary</i>	RAYMOND FITZELL
<i>Committee</i>	SHARON MURPHY JOE O'FLYNN JOE SAFLUND ANGELA MCHUGH

THIS year's debating has again been successful in its aim: the discussion of a varied and wide-ranging number of topics. The standard has continued to improve and, slowly but surely, new speakers have emerged from their shells.

Motions debated so far include: "Ireland should boycott the Olympics" (defeated); "Computers will be the ruin of mankind" (defeated) and "Ronald Reagan should be the next President of the U.S.A." (defeated). This year the motion for the debate against the Association was "Sport and politics cannot be separated" which was successfully proposed by the school team of K. Doran, R. Gibson and O. Poole. A. Allen, Lisa Cook and D. Doran opposed and lost by 42 votes to 33.

We would also like to mention the Christmas debate against U.C.C. Old Boys and Girls. This is a most welcome addition to our debating calendar. Last year, Peter O'Rourke, Archie Mackillop and Hugh Doran entertained us and won by a narrow margin – 39 votes to 34. Incidentally, this meeting was chaired by the auditor, Ronald Gibson.

The contribution of our chairmen, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Lyons, has been most important. They have been helpful and encouraging, as well as constructive in their criticisms and this attitude has been appreciated by all concerned with the Society.

—KIERAN DORAN (FORM VI)

JUNIOR

The year 1979 proved to be very successful for junior debating. After the newcomers found their feet they combined with the "oldtimers" and, as a result, we had some very interesting and entertaining debates. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Johnston and Mr. Lyons for their time, work and support throughout the year.

—ELIZABETH MCHUGH (FORM III)
Hon. Secretary

CHESS

THE school team played only two matches last year beating Ashton 3 – 2, but losing to Midleton C.B.S. 5 – 3. Barry Greene won the senior championship with Guy Stansfeld finishing runner-up. The junior title went to Andrew Pomeroy, with second place going to Redmond Kelly.

Club Notes

FLOWER ARRANGING

THIS is an activity which gives us all considerable pleasure and we would like to express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Garde who provides us with tuition and inspiration every Tuesday afternoon. We are also very grateful to Mrs. Thompson whose contribution of dried flowers was invaluable this year.

—JOY BRYAN (FORM III)

ELECTRONICS CLUB

THE club has about twenty-six members some of whom are, unfortunately, not very active. Perhaps they are worried by the theoretical side of our activities, which is, of course, quite important. However, the practical aspect is also essential and I have found that the only way to become proficient is to sit down and start taking equipment to pieces. When doing this, many of our members discover that old, and apparently useless, radios can be repaired quite easily.

The new radio station which began to operate last year, with more ideas than equipment, has become very popular. It provides a meeting-place for all age groups with the result that, at times, there is considerable congestion. However, both station and disc-jockeys continue to improve.

—HUGH WILKINSON (FORM VI)

STAMP CLUB

DESPITE a somewhat declining membership we have a close-knit and enthusiastic club. Some of the older members have produced fine collections and the newest aspirants are striving to follow this excellent example. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Headmaster who gets our supplies in Cork whenever necessary.

—BRIAN HILL (FORM V)

MODEL CLUB

THIS new club replaces the old Aero club, a change necessitated by the rapidly increasing price of balsa wood kits. There are fifteen members at present.

J. POWER and J. STANSFELD (FORM IV)

WOODWORK

WE would like to thank Billy Foley whose help and ideas are very much appreciated by the increasing numbers doing woodwork (over fifty at the moment including five girls). This year we are happy to single out Billy Sullivan and Craig Matthews for their fine work with the new people. Woodwork is hard work, but there is also much fun and satisfaction involved, as those who produced this year's selection of shelves, tables and letter-racks discovered for themselves.

—JOHN HALES and JAMES LOCKE (FORM V)

Educational Cruise 1980

ON Sunday morning, 20th July, Mr. and Mrs. Smyth and myself assembled with thirty-six pupils at the B + I terminal in Cork for the start of our fifth cruise. The weather was poor but half-way to Pembroke we ran into the good conditions which were to stay with us for the whole trip. We travelled by train to London and spent the night in a hostel, boarding the S.S. *Uganda* the following morning.

We sailed after lunch, explored the ship, had fire drill and an introductory lecture, then tea, a film, a disco and turn-in. After two pleasant days at sea, we arrived at Travemünde in West Germany. Reveille was at 04.40 and we were all on a special train for Berlin at 06.30. Shortly after we passed through the 'Iron Curtain' into East Germany. Security was strict. We were not allowed to bring bags or anything to read, and had to sit in our own appointed seats with passports ready. Grim-looking officials checked us whilst outside were wire fences and soldiers with savage-looking dogs. At 11 a.m. we reached West Berlin and boarded a coach which brought us to Checkpoint Charlie, the only gateway for non-Germans to East Berlin. We spent some time here while the bus was searched and our passports checked. Then we toured East Berlin stopping only to visit the very impressive Soviet war memorial. Apart from the churches this capital of East Germany has been rebuilt since the war. We passed along the street called *Unter den Linden* about which there is a saying: "So long as the trees bloom nothing can overcome Berlin". On returning to Checkpoint Charlie everything was searched again. They even had mirrors on trolleys which they used to look under the bus. Back in West Berlin we visited the Reichstag and Brandenburg Gate and looked over the wall into no-man's-land at the place where Hitler died in his bunker. We learnt about the airlift in 1948 and the building of the wall in 1961 because so many were trying to escape the Communist régime. We heard about daring escapes over the wall and saw the graves of some who did not make it.

We returned to the ship at 11 p.m. after a long but most interesting day, and sailed at midnight for Stockholm. We arrived at 9 a.m. on Saturday after a spectacular cruise between the thousands of pine-covered islands in the early morning sunshine. Stockholm was enjoying the height of Summer with brilliant sunshine and temperatures above 30°C. We strolled around the luxurious shops and arcades consuming cool drinks and ice-creams. A coach tour in the afternoon brought us to the palace and town hall in which we visited the gold room where they hold the Nobel Prize banquets. We saw the museum where the warship *Vasa* which sank three hundred years ago is now being restored. In the evening a water-bus collected us from the *Uganda* to bring us to a fun-fair. It was later agreed that Stockholm was the most popular place visited.

After another day at sea we arrived at Helsinki. They were having some of the hottest weather they had known. The morning was spent shopping and eating the beautifully ripe fruit on sale at the waterfront market. The afternoon coach tour brought us to a garden suburb in the pine forest which had fine parks, shops and a sports centre. We also stopped at the striking monument to the Finnish composer, Sibelius. Our interesting guide told us that although the Finns are not a rich people like the Swedes, they are happier despite some apprehension about their large neighbour to the east. It was hard to imagine

their long dark cold winters on that glorious summer day. The following afternoon we anchored off Visby, the capital town of the Swedish island of Gotland. This is one of the finest and best preserved examples of a medieval fortified city and is a summer resort with a warm and sunny climate. We spent a relaxing afternoon strolling around the town and beautiful gardens and found the people helpful and friendly. It was a complete contrast to the big cities we had visited.

The next evening we arrived at Copenhagen and were soon ashore walking along the impressive waterfront to visit the Little Mermaid. The following day we travelled into the country to see the magnificent Frederiksberg castle. The afternoon was mostly spent on buying presents and in the evening we visited the famous Tivoli gardens with their brilliant illuminations and all the fun of the fair.

The next two days aboard ship were fully occupied with lectures, games, films and the final evening disco where fond farewells were said to new friends. The coach from Southampton brought us to visit Salisbury cathedral and Stonehenge, then across the Severn bridge to meet the first rain we had seen in two weeks. At Pembroke we boarded the *Connacht* and next morning were back in Cork after a splendid holiday in which we travelled over four thousand miles, saw many interesting places, and had perfect weather.

—R. R. LITTLE

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CRUISE GROUP 1980



Midleton – A Cuspide Corona?

(1180 – 1980)

IN A.D. 529 St. Benedict moved to Monte Cassino where he established his famous monastery and put into practice his Rule based on prayer, spiritual reading and manual labour. Subsequently, many other Benedictine monasteries were founded, among them Molesme and Cluny itself. It was in the former in 1098 that the abbot, Robert, experienced the spiritual manifestations that convinced him that monastic practices had strayed far from the original ideals of Benedict, and that a return to the true simplicity of the Rule was needed.

Robert obtained permission to found a new abbey and departed with twenty-one monks from Molesme to Burgundy where he settled in a place called Citeau or Citeaux – hence the name Cistercian by which members of the order established by Robert are known today. As a result of a visit by St. Malachy to St. Bernard's monastery of Clairvaux in 1140, several Irish monks were sent there to be trained as Cistercians; some of them accompanied the French monks who arrived in Ireland in 1142, to build the abbey of Mellifont which was eventually consecrated in 1157. Meanwhile, the Cistercian ideal had taken hold to such an extent that several daughter houses had to be established, among them, in 1148, Monasternenagh, Co. Limerick, also called Maigue. Here, also, expansion was rapid and, in 1180, monks from the Maigue began new foundations in other parts of Munster, including the area known today as Midleton or, in Irish, Mainistir na Corann.

The Irish word *cora* means a weir and the Latin word *chorus* means a choir. Therefore, when we compare the name Mainistir na Corann with the full name of the abbey, that is, Monasterium de Choro Sancti Benedicti Beatae Mariae Virginis, we find in the poetic euphony of the latter a, perhaps not too subtle, play or pun on the word *cora* in the former. In old documents, the foundation is often referred to as Chore Abbey, an epithet also applied to the modern parish whose church is St. John the Baptist's, near which it is believed the ancient buildings once stood. Of these, to the casual observer, no trace remains; however, the reconstructed abbey of Holy Cross, once a sister house of Chore, is believed to be very similar in appearance since limestone blocks were used in the construction of each, and all Cistercian abbeys were built to a standard plan.

Apart from the fact that the first monks came from the monastery of Maigue, very little is known of the founders of Chore Abbey. Writers of the 17th and 18th centuries tended to ascribe its beginnings to either the FitzGerald or the Barrys; later authorities, however, feel that the foundation date is too close to that of the Normans' arrival in Ireland for the conquerors to have settled down to the rather peace-time task of opening religious institutions. The writer of the article on Imokilly in the *Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society* (1945) believes that the bishop of Cloyne, Matthew Ó Mongaigh, and the Uí Mac Tíre sept, chiefs of Imokilly, were the most likely and active elements in the foundation. From then, until its dissolution under Henry VIII, we obtain only occasional glimpses of life in the abbey de Choro Benedicti. Occasionally, abbots were subjected to investigation and litigation: in 1301 the abbot was summoned for ejecting unjustly an individual from his farm near Garryvoe and, in 1309, for diverting a watercourse, the abbot was fined one mark. In the 14th century the Black Death decimated the population of Europe

and, needless to remark, the clergy. Perhaps this explains why Nicholas Fitz-Abraham, although illegitimate, became abbot in 1363 on foot of a dispensation dated from Avignon pridie Idus Novembres.

At the dissolution the abbot, Philip FitzDavid Barry, was granted the abbey on lease "to hold for twenty-one years at an annual rent of £3 13s. 4d". The lease is dated 10 April, 35 Henry VIII. The abbey next passed to Sir John FitzEdmund FitzGerald and his descendants until the rebellion of 1641.

St. John Brodrick came to Ireland as a Captain of Foot and was actively involved in the suppression of disorders in Munster in 1641. In 1653 and 1659 he received large grants of land, including the present town of Midleton, and was knighted in 1660. He it was who built the town which has evolved as we know it today; also the first of the two Anglican churches that have occupied the site of Chore Abbey. With regard to this apparent religious munificence Bishop Bennett was nothing if not caustic, suggesting that Brodrick had already appropriated so many church lands that some restitution was long overdue. St. John Brodrick was the ancestor of the Lords Midleton. In 1670, the 22nd. of Charles II, Midleton received a charter of incorporation which granted that St. John Brodrick's estate should constitute the manor of Midleton with a seneschal, a court baron and a court of record. The corporation consisted of a sovereign, two bailiffs, twelve free burgesses and an indefinite number of freemen who had the right to send two members to represent them in parliament. This franchise seems to have been usurped by the superior of the borough, and the compensation (£15,000) for its destruction at the Union was paid to Lord Midleton.

The first Lord Midleton was Alan Brodrick, second son of St. John Brodrick. He was chosen Speaker of the Irish House of Commons in 1703 and again in 1713. In 1714 he became Lord Chancellor of Ireland and, in 1715, he was raised to the peerage of Ireland with the title Baron Brodrick of Midleton. In 1717 he was advanced to the dignity of Viscount. Also, in 1717, the Free School of Midleton which had been founded in 1696 by Elizabeth Villiers, Countess of Orkney, finally opened its doors. The first headmaster was Rev. George Chinnery and both Alan Brodrick and his brother, Thomas, were members of the original Board of Governors thereby establishing a connection which has survived until modern times.

Smith's History for 1750 in a description of "Middletown" remarks: "there is a public free-school, which is an elegant building, composed of one main structure and two returns, over which was lately a handsome dome"; and, "here is a fair market-house built with hewn stone and adorned with a clock"; and, in a reference to the church, "a neat structure and well pewed, and the steeple is capable of holding a ring of bells". All in all, a picture of educational, civic and religious stability.

In the 19th century many changes took place in Midleton, as in the rest of Ireland. School and church building was revived and new industries were set up. Fresh political ideas swept the land and denizens of the "hidden Ireland" re-emerged after years of cultural invisibility. However, when the bishop of Cloyne, The Right Rev. George Chinnery, who had succeeded his father as second headmaster of Midleton School, died in 1780 Midleton appeared to be firmly established as a typical ascendancy town, governed by the Protestant ethic and British garrisons alike. Few could have foreseen that the citizens would one day celebrate 1180 rather than 1670 as the year of foundation.

—M. O. LYONS

Rhymney Valley

SEVENTEEN members of our Form V undertook a geographical field project in Rhymney Valley, South Wales, over a period of three days at the end of the Easter holidays under the guidance of Mr. Morrissey and Mrs. Levis. We arrived in Pembroke on the morning of 15th April. The first day involved familiarisation with this area of South Wales, which included visits to Nantgarwe/Windsor colliery, Caerphilly – a historical town, Aberfan (where a disaster occurred fourteen years ago, killing 120 children and 16 adults), Merthyr Tydfil, and Ebbw Vale, formerly major centres of the iron and steel industry. That night at our guest house in Cardiff we began planning the main purpose of our trip, which was to study the mining towns in one of the many valleys, the Rhymney Valley. We were particularly interested in the decline of coal-mining, and its effects on the valley, with regard to industries, recreation, society and housing. The study involved the four towns of the Rhymney Valley, namely Ystrad Mynach, New Tredegar, Bargoed, and Rhymney.

Ystrad Mynach: Virtually all towns in the Rhymney Valley were created by the great coal era. However, one small town, Ystrad Mynach, existed before coal-mining had ever begun. Because of this, Ystrad Mynach did not place as much emphasis on coal-mining, and its workforce was not so dependent on it. When the coal-mining age came to a close (1965 – 1980), most other towns were so badly hit by recession that they died.

Industry developed in Ystrad Mynach due to its unique position, on the east–west route-way, crossing the coal-field. The valleys themselves all run in a north–south direction and the only other east–west route-ways in the area are along the ‘Heads of the Valley’ route to the north of the coal-field, or along the coastal plain to the south. This immense advantage enabled freight lorries carrying raw materials to gain easy access to the town. Industry grew independent of coal-mining, and now it is giving Ystrad Mynach the jobs, and the will, to survive in a dying valley.

Each year new industries are built in Ystrad Mynach, and it has the potential to grow into a large and prosperous industrial town.

New Tredegar: The coal-mine in New Tredegar closed in 1967, and resulted in the village declining. The only evidence of the coal-mine today is an old winder-house. The modern industries of New Tredegar employ mainly women, while the men go to other parts of the area to work, *e.g.* Cardiff. There are four modern industries. A West German firm ‘Penta Pack’ opened in 1974, and employs forty-six people. It packs sachets of sugar and powders for guest-houses and aeroplanes. L.C.R., started in 1967, makes plastic injection boxes, as well as electric capacitors used in making radios and record-players. Clarkes have a shoe factory, making boot and shoe uppers, in an old church. Beasleys produce ladies’ underwear, and employs 134 women.

There was a good variety of recreational facilities in New Tredegar, and it contained a large sports centre. The standard-of-living in the town is very low, and the social life is very poor, especially for young people. The result is boredom and vandalism. The housing is in a poor condition. Because of the urgent need for houses, many are built around the coal-mine, in long rows all

having the same design. Indeed the housing here is typical of the poor terraced type housing found in so many coal-mining districts.

Bargoed: At one time Bargoed was an important commercial centre, due to the introduction of mining in the early 1900's by the Powell Duffryn Association Coal Company. The town lost this, its main industry, in 1970, when the mine, which was deemed to be uneconomical, was closed down. The washery (separates coal from slack), remained open, however. To counteract this decline, housing and industrial estates have been set up in the neighbouring areas of Gilfach and Aberbargoed. This has delayed the decline that is characteristic of towns in the Rhymney Valley. A library, a sports centre, and a cinema have been built in an effort to prevent the younger generation from leaving the town. In reality, however, these efforts have failed. The only remedy, perhaps, would be the establishment of a major industry here to provide employment, and promote more spin-off industries.

Rhymney: The town of Rhymney is situated at the northern end of the Rhymney Valley. Iron-smelting and coal-mining started there in 1803, and ended by the late nineteenth century. The town's income is now provided by an industrial estate which comprises four factories, and employs 1,300 people. Living standards in Rhymney are average, and unemployment is small. Housing is the main problem with 450 people in need of rehousing. Rugby is the town's main recreation, and the most notable player that Rhymney has produced is Bob Evans, a Welsh International.

Many sportsmen from New Tredegar, have become nationally and internationally famous, the most recent being Johnny Owen, the British Bantamweight Boxing Champion, who died tragically after being knocked out in his bid to win the world title.

The final day in South Wales included a review of the previous days' study, and a trip to the Brecon Beacons, an area of natural beauty, in complete contrast to the spoilt landscape of the valleys, before returning to Pembroke for our night sailing, across the Irish Sea.

It is easy to see why South Wales has been designated a problem area, by the British Government. Towns which have depended entirely on coal-mining, such as New Tredegar, and Bargoed have suffered dramatically in recent years. On the other hand towns whose industries are more diversified, such as Ystrad Mynach and Rhymney, though fewer in number, would appear to be the growth centres which are vital to the future of industry in South Wales.

Our study proved very successful, and on behalf of the group, we would like to thank Mr. Morrissey and Mrs. Levis for the time they devoted to this trip.

EDWARD HANBIDGE, RAYMOND FITZELL,
DAPHNE GARDE, JOE O'FLYNN (FORM V)

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THE HEADMASTER AND MRS. SMYTH SEND
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS

to all connected with the College – pupils, parents, past pupils and friends.

They thank all who have made 1980 a successful year and
they look forward with confidence to 1981.

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Educational Tours

Form III travelled to Dublin this year on their annual historical tour of the city. After an early breakfast we set off on our journey, which was enhanced by the presence of a girls' school, also travelling to Dublin.

On arrival at Dublin we were taken on a guided tour of some of the historical sites and buildings by bus. After a surprisingly good lunch at the C.I.E. Club we set out for the Natural History Museum. This is a fascinating place, containing examples of every facet of Irish natural wildlife. Many of us would love to go back there again.

The highlight of our tour was the visit to Leinster House, organised by Mr. Paddy Hegarty, T.D.. We spent some time in the public gallery of the Dáil during question time, where we saw many familiar public faces. In the Senate, where we actually sat on the senators' seats, Mr. Hegarty explained how our Parliament works. After some photographs, we were taken to the members' restaurant, where we had afternoon tea.

From Leinster House, we went to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where our guide was exceptionally interesting and good-humoured.

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the tour, and on behalf of Form III we would like to thank Mr. Mulcahy and Mr. Johnston for an enjoyable and interesting day.

We would also like to thank Mr. Paddy Hegarty, T.D., who sent us a letter congratulating us on our good behaviour.

—TOM WALSH, PAUL BRADY (FORM III)

Form II departed for their annual educational tour on a beautiful morning last June. Our first stop was at Mitchelstown Caves, where we saw and explored some of the most unusual caverns in these islands.

From here we drove on to Cashel, where we saw the famous castle on the rock. At one time this was the seat of the Kings of Munster, and the most famous of them was Brian Boru, who later became High King of Ireland.

The most exciting part of the tour was our visit to the historic town of Kilkenny, where we visited first the castle and were taken on a guided walk around it. Later we visited the cathedral and a guide gave us a brief talk on its history. Before leaving, we took turns in climbing the high tower, from which we had a magnificent view of the surrounding countryside. We had tea in Clonmel, and then headed home, passing through the famous Vee Gap on our way.

We would like to thank Mr. Daley and Mr. Leopold for an enjoyable and memorable day.

—R. EADIE, J. McHUGH (FORM II)

Form I with mounting excitement at the prospect of a trip to Dublin, eagerly waited for the great day. It was a lovely day as we boarded the bus to take us to Kent Station in Cork. We had an enjoyable three hours on the train.

When we arrived in Dublin, a bus was waiting to take us to the city centre, and to our first stop of the day at the Natural History Museum. We were fascinated by the different types of animals which were to be seen there – luckily they were not alive.

After an enjoyable lunch at the C.I.E. restaurant, we set out for the Botanical Gardens. We were amazed to see so many weird and wonderful plants there. We never imagined that so many different shapes and sizes of plants existed.

Our last stop was at the zoo. I don't think any of us would ever tire of going there. We loved looking at all the animals, particularly the seals. Alas, all good things must come to an end, and finally we headed back to the station, and three hours later we arrived in Cork. Tired, but happy after such an exciting day, we tumbled into bed.

We would like to thank Mr. Morrissey and Mr. Little for their patience and good humour throughout the day.

—MICHAEL GRAY (FORM I)

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FEAR

If it were morn
I would gaze upon the battle fought.
In hushed fields a silver fleet
Forsaken lay.
The warriors fled in rich defeat,
An emerald bounty hid beneath our
Dark turned sods.

And if it were morn
I would dally down the narrow path,
Watch the dawn blush and bloom
A gentle warmth,
To wrap her weanling
Sweet and green in stilled delight
Softly gold its youth.

But 'now is morn' has yet to come
Once more a stray, I lie and wait
Till love brew another love.

A wet fern sweeps its pale back toward me
A rose shrieked through the window
I shake
I shake for all is gnarled and cold.

—SHARON MURPHY (FORM VI)

The Lizard

APPLES everywhere. The fragrant smell filled the air. Golden crisp leaves, lying there under the trees. I kicked them. As they floated down I imagined them as people, no longer able to hang onto a reason for living, their purpose fulfilled.

I walk on, conscious of the world buzzing around me. It was hot. I rubbed my eyes trying to wipe both the glare and the drops of sweat away. Tree after tree passed me until their branches and leaves no longer protected me. There it was – the trap. Laid down carefully the previous day, I was hoping to catch an animal. But as I came near to it, I saw it was not a warm approachable animal of any sort that lay imprisoned in the tiny space, but a lizard.

I lay down and watched. It was a small multi-coloured lizard with a sharp red tongue that shot in and out like lightning; it made quick jagged movements, causing its crimson streaks to glisten in the sunlight. It watched me with untwitching eyes. I picked up the cage and the lizard immediately froze as if waiting to be engulfed by a giant mouth. I walked slowly through the orchard towards home, the cage held tightly in my hands. But as I left the orchard I felt a sudden chill. I carried on. I looked at the lizard.

It hit me like a bolt and I began to run, but it wasn't forward I was heading but back the way I had come. The light dimmed suddenly by a thousand golden brown faces peering down at a frustrated figure zig-zagging through their world.

It was the eyes, it must have been. Like two drills they penetrated my brain. Then I put down the cage. It still watched me, those eyes. I opened the door and walked away.

—PATRICK JONES (FORM V)

As others see

NURSE: "It is no use crying over spilt milk"—*Howell, 1659.*

PREP: "Great God! this is an awful place"—*Robert Scott.*

GRACE: "You might have heard a pin drop"—*Proverb, 19th century.*

SENIOR GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM: "Birds of a feather flock together"
—*Proverb, 16th century.*

SENIOR CUP TEAM: "The mob has many heads but no brains"—*Fuller, 1732.*

COLLEGE DINING HALL: "Abandon hope, all ye who enter here"
—*Dante Alighieri: Divine Comedy.*

FORM VI: "Yes, thank God, we're normal"—*John Osborne.*

PUPILS TO TEACHERS: "Be content with your wages"—*St. Luke.*

NEW PUPIL TO HEAD: "Into thy hands"—*Psalms.*

PETER KING: "Like father, like son"—*Latin proverb.*

MASTERS' STUDY: "Where once we danced, where once we sang, Gentlemen"
—*Thomas Hardy.*

—O. J. POOLE & ASSOCIATES

Poets' Corner

FORM V

AUTUMN

The leaves turn brown
Slowly they begin to fall
To the green grass below
Always and all the days.

P. O'Galligan

LIFE

It moves with uncertain grace
Like a whisper not understood
You grasp it
Then it fades away.

P. Jones

AGE

For you who are running
It seems as if you'll never stop
For me who has run
It has already stopped.

M. Forde

STARS

Distant stars gleam
Unknown, unconquered,
But still on earth cause a loving glance
In the beholder's eye.

Yvonne Sweetnam

FEAR

I see it shining through the leaves
I hear a rustle the wind?
It moves slowly through the night
It makes my forehead glisten.

P. Millen

MANKIND

Big, small; fat, tall; pink, red
Gingerbread
Nice, bad; sane, mad
Which are we ?

M. Bickerdike

Mo Bhaile Dúchais

RUD a chuireann ionadh orm i gcónaí isea an tslí in ar éirigh le roinnt bailte nó dúichí áirithe ar fuaid na hÉireann, go mórmhór i gCúige Mumhan clú agus cáil a chaint amach dóibh féin seachas alán áiteanna eile. Cuirim i gcás Dún Chaoin agus An Blascaod Mór, a thug dúinn na scríobhnóirí clúiteacha, Tomás Ó Críomhthain, Peig Sayers, Muiris Ó Súilleabháin agus alán eile ina dteannta. Táim go cuimhneamh freisin ar Lios Tuathail i gCondae Ciarraí, baile a bhí agus atá fós i mbéal daoine mar ionad scríobhnóirí, drámadóirí agus filí, mar shampla, Séan B. Ó Catháin, Brian Mac Mathúna agus Monsignor A. Ó Rathaille. I gCondae Corcaí, sé mo thuairim nach bhféidir le haon baile nó ceanntair eile mo bhaile dúchais féin, Magh nAla (nó Mala mar a ghlaoitear níos minicí air inniu) a shárú ó thaobh scríobhnóireachta, staire agus oideachais.

Dá mbeadh am agam d'fhéadfainn cur síos ar iomaí fir cáiliúla ó Mhala mar Ardeaspag Tomás Cróch, a raibh páirt mór aige i mbunú Cumann Lúth-Chleas Gael; an Ginearál Cleburne a bhain clú amach dó féin san gCogadh Cathardha in Ameiriceá; Edbhard Ó Súilleabháin, K.C. a hoileadh i gColáiste Mhainistir na Corann agus i gColáiste na Trionóide i mBaile Átha Cliath; Nano Nagle a bhunaigh Suíracha na Toirbhirte; Tomás Ó Ruiséal, ceannaire clúiteach sna hÉireannaigh Aontaithe; Tomás Davis, dlíodóir agus scríobhnóir; Pádraig Canónach A. Ó Síocháin, sagart, file agus scríobhnóir; Liam Ó Bhriain, M.P., eagarthóir agus scríobhnóir agus mórán eile chomh maith. Tá mé cinnte go n-aontódh gach duine gur deacair Mala a shárú mar ionad scríobhnóirí, stairithe agus fear léannta eile.

Rugadh Pádraig Canónach Ó Síocháin i Sráid Nua, Mala ar 17ú Márta, 1852. Fuair sé a chuid oideachais san Scoil Náisiúnta an tSeomra Fhada, i gColáiste Naomh Colmáin, Mainistir Fhear Maí agus i gColáiste Mhágh Nuat. Chaith sé tréimse i Sasana ag sagartóireacht i dtosach. Ansin chaith sé seal i Mala agus i gCóbh. San mbliain 1895 tháinig sé go Dún ar Aill mar shagart paróiste. Idir 1895 agus 1910 scríobh sé cúig leabhair déag. Ghabh sé páirt mór i gConradh na Talún agus i gcúrsaí oideacais, freisin. Is dócha gurb é an chéad sagart Éireannach a d'úsáid an peann mar scríobhnóir agus a thuig tábhacht an fhocail cló-scríte. Deineann sé tagairt de Mhala i roinnt dá leabhair mar *Spoiled Priest*, *The Graves of Kilmorna*, *Glenanaar* agus *Moonlight of Memory*.

Saolaíodh Tomás Davis san bPríomh Sráid, Mala ar 14 Deire Fómhair, 1814. Bhain sé amach céim dlí i gColáiste na Trionóide, i mBaile Átha Cliath. Ghabh sé páirt le Dónall Ó Conaill ag iarraidh Acht an Aontais a chur ar cheal ach d'éirigh eatarthu, agus, dá bhrí sin, le Seárlas Gabhain Ó Dubhthaigh agus Seán de Bhláca bhunaigh sé 'Éire Óg' agus an páipéar nuachta, *The Nation*. Dhein sé sár-iarracht san bpáipéar nuachta sin Éireannaigh de gach cineál creidimh a dhlúthú le chéile agus sprid náisiúin a mhuscailt i measc na ndaoine go léir.

Rugadh Liam Ó Bhriain ar 2ú Deire Fómhair, 1852, ag Plás an Bhainc, Mala. D'oibrigh sé i gcóir *The Cork Daily Herald* go dtí 1869 agus i gcóir *The Freeman's Journal* go dtí 1875. Ansin tré mholadh Parnell d'éirigh sé ina eagarthóir ar *The United Irishman* agus taréis tamaill b'í an iris seo an iris ba réabhlóidí dá foilsíodh riamh. Cuireadh i bPriosún Chill Mainham é in éineacht

le Parnell, scríobh sé an *'No Rent Manifesto'* agus d'éirigh leis *The United Irishman* a fhoilsiú i Londain, Learpholl agus i bPáras agus tógadh é go hÉirinn go rúnda. Togadh Ó Briain mar M.P. i gcóir Mala sa mbliain 1882. Nuair a caitheadh amach Home Rule Bill de Gladstone sa bhliain 1886 thosnaigh Ó Bhriain agus Seán Ó Dillíúin *'The Plan of Campaign'* agus taréis scathaimh i gCeanada ag bailiú airgid cuireadh i bpriosún Tullaigh Mhóir é ar feadh sé míonna. Sa bhliain 1890 cuireadh comhcheilg i leith An Bhrianaigh agus An Dillíúnaigh agus theich siad go dtí an Fhrainc agus taréis sin go dtí Na Stáit Aontaithe. D'fhill Ó Bhriain taréis tamaill agus nuair toghadh é mar M.P. i gcóir Cathair Chorcaí sa bhliain 1902 d'oibrigh sé go dian i gcóir *'The Wyndham Land Purchase of 1903'* a chuir deire go deo le réim na dtiarnaí talún in Éirinn. D'oibrigh sé gan toradh chun na hAondachtóirí agus Lucht an Náisiúnais a aontú le céile. Sa bhliain 1918 chúlaigh sé ó shaol polaiticiúil. Chomh maith len a scríbhíní, *When We Were Boys, Recollections* agus *A Queen of Men*, scríobh Liam Ó Briain mórán aistí polaiticiúla.

Is léir ón geursíos gairid seo go raibh cúlfeith, éirim thar bharr agus mianach faoi leith ag baint leis na fir cháilúla sin.

—J. HARRINGTON (STAFF)

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UAIGNEAS NA H-OIDCE

Siosarnach na nduilleog sa leoithne,
Ulfartaigh an gadhair i gcéin
Agus glioscarnach glasa na réaltá
Sa spéir lasthuas.

Gióscán an luascáin sa garraí
Screachann an ulchabhán aonair
Agus fuaim an mheidhir luchairéach
Sa seomra lastíos.

—ALAN PERROTT (FORM V)

RUGBY

Rugby is a game we play
We play it almost every day,
In our matches we sometimes win,
But when we don't it's not a sin.

Some come off the field in patches
But they're the ones that win the matches,
They always try to kick their best
And for backs and forwards there's little rest.

The senior captain's name is 'Tad's',
He has experience leading the lads
And when it comes to play cup games
It's always victory that he claims.

Stephen Bradshaw (Form II)

Sports Diving

SPORTS DIVING is a hobby which is growing in popularity every year. You don't need to be a millionaire like Jacques Cousteau to take up diving, though I am sure we would love to have all his expensive extras; but seriously, once you have your equipment, if you look after it properly, you can enjoy yourself for a great many years exploring the various lakes, bays and inlets around the coast at a minimum cost to your pocket.

It is a sport which apart from enabling you to see marine life, inspires other hobbies like collecting shells, pretty rocks or seaweeds, all of which you can classify.

It is a very safety-conscious sport; as long as you know and respect the various safety rules you need never feel worried about failures in your equipment. You will have learned during your training how to deal with all situations that could arise due to such failures.

When I mention training I do not mean what you learn by reading about it and practising on your own although some people have done just that and developed into very good divers – there are others who have tried it and got themselves into serious trouble. The safest way and I think the most enjoyable is to join a Sub-aqua club. There you can meet people, who, because they have learned by their mistakes can help you master various techniques of diving and hopefully prevent you from repeating their mistakes.

If because of this short article you become interested in this sport the following information should be of use. The Cobh Sub-aqua Club train in the Blue Pool in Cobh on Thursday nights. If you live in Cork or thereabouts Daunt Divers meet in the North Monastery on Monday nights at 8.30. Do go along to one or the other of these and the other club members will tell you all you want to know.

—KIKI DWYER (FORM VI)

The Hunt

A GREY morning, yet with a cheerfulness, my liver-chestnut mount briskly pawed the cobbles eager to go. The Huntsmaster signalled and the dogs were let loose, twenty couples in all; they too were full of enthusiasm, the ground and air being just right for the scent.

One of the oldest and greatest traditions in Ireland and England is the mounted fox-hunt. Though still well supported it is a declining sport due mainly to soaring land costs. Farmers are disinclined to open their land for a day's hunting. The cost-of-living poses financial difficulties which have terminated many small hunts and caused the amalgamation of others.

But the mounted hunt is still alive and will go on despite these problems and the denunciations of critics who decry it as a blood-sport. This opinion of course is unsound, as one does not attend a hunt meet in order to kill a fox; one goes out for the pure enjoyment of horse-riding and to hear the hounds in full cry.

—RHONDA TSU (FORM VI)

Top of the Pops

THE HEAD: "Let me be your teddy bear".

MR. KING: "Carry that weight".

MR. LITTLE: "I want to ride my bicycle".

MR. JOHNSTON: "Like clockwork".

MR. LYONS: "Master Blaster".

MR. DALEY: "Breaking glass".

MRS. LEVIS: "Woman in love".

MR. MULCAHY: "Dreaming".

MR. PRESTON: "New kid in town".

MR. HARRINGTON: "Daddy Cool".

MR. MULLINS: "Confusion".

MISS MURPHY: "Diamond smiles".

MISS FORAN: "My old piano".

MISS POWER: "Spanish train".

MR. LEVIS, MR. MORRISSEY, MR. LEOPOLD: "The boys are back in town".

—O. J. POOLE and OTHERS

TEACHING STAFF 1980-81



Back row Mr. Mulcahy, Mrs. Moloney, Mr. Morrissey, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Preston,
Mr. Leopold, Mrs. Burke

Middle row Miss Foran, Miss Murphy, Mr. Levis, Mrs. Levis, Miss Power

Front row Mr. Mullins, Mr. Little, Mr. King, The Headmaster, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Lyons,
Mr. Daley

The Teaching of Economics in the E.E.C.

THROUGH the efforts of the Mr. R. F. R. Phillips of the Economics Association of the U.K., and Dr. W. G. Jansen of the University of Amsterdam, encouraged and supported by many others interested in the teaching of economics, a working conference on the teaching of economics at second level in the E.E.C. countries was set up.

The conference was the first step in practical co-operation in economics education amongst the nine E.E.C. countries. It was limited to four delegates per country and the E.E.C. agreed to help both financially and with other services.

The first conference was held in Antwerp University in September 1976, the second in University College Dublin in July 1978 and the third in University Bocconi Milan in September 1980.

I was privileged to be a member of the Irish delegation at both the Dublin and Milan conferences. These conferences are a very necessary and important aid to the teaching of economics as they help to bring teachers from the E.E.C. countries together to share their ideas on education as well as the place economics can take in the education of the future generations of Europeans.

The Milan conference concentrated mostly on methodology and in an evaluation of the most modern ideas being promoted in European education. In detail the application of these new methods to the teaching of economics and other business studies subjects was investigated. It was interesting to hear teachers from other countries raise problems and difficulties that one experienced oneself every day – the underfinancing of education, the problem of in-service training for teachers, the problem of bias in favour of certain subjects or groups of subjects in curricula.

Some time was devoted to discussing textbooks and the problem of teachers having insufficient time to devote to such a task. This led to a discussion on the general level of literacy and numeracy among second-level pupils at present. Some concern was expressed concerning the future trend of this problem and the difficulties it would pose for teachers such as economics teachers who had to assume a certain level of literacy and numeracy in order to cover adequately the courses laid out for them.

However, it was consoling to learn that Irish educational standards compared very favourably with our European counterparts. We would seem to have a fair representation of the problems of other European countries.

I found the conference an enlightening and an educational experience.

—M. J. DALEY

T. H. O'D IN 1946

Yes! the old joint one hears, has survived many years; they
say three hundred or more,

And many there are, both at home and afar, who are proud
to have entered its door.

Those years spent in 'Sparta' will ne'er leave the heart of
her fellows where'er they may be;

For their fondest affections, their old recollections all
centre around M.C.C.

AN ALTERNATIVE CHART

(as compiled by the Midleton Market Research Bureau)

1. "Don't stand so close to me"—*Headmaster investigating broken window.*
2. "Jumping Jack Flash"—*Mr. Lyons.*
3. "Scary Monsters and Super Creeps"—*Form VI.*
4. "What's Another Year?"—*Mark Salter-Townshend.*
5. "Leader of the Pack"—*Daphne Garde.*
6. "Cars"—*Brendan Abernethy.*
7. "Making Plans for Nigel"—*Nigel Boyle.*
8. "All Mod Cons"—*Philip Boyle.*
9. "Message in a Bottle"—*Ivor Bryan.*
10. "Breaking Glass"—*Jerry Coleman.*
11. "Super Trouper"—*Kieran Doran.*
12. "Thank God I'm a Country Boy"—*Raymond Fitzell.*
13. "It's still Rock-and-Roll to Me"—*John Gowen.*
14. "Hanging on the Telephone"—*Edward Hanbidge.*
15. "Do you want your Old Lobby washed down?"—*Steven Horton.*
16. "Blondes have more Fun"—*Suzanne Kirk.*
17. "Back in Black"—*Angeliën Koenderink.*
18. "Woman in Love"—*Gillian McMullen.*
19. "Baggy Trousers"—*Sharon Murphy.*
20. "Modern Girl"—*Miriam Nagi.*
21. "You'll always find Me in the Kitchen at Parties"—*Joe O'Flynn.*
22. "Casanova"—*Rory O'Neill.*
23. "Master-blaster"—*Orla Poole.*
24. "Army Dreamers"—*Jo Säflund.*
25. "On my Radio"—*Hugh Wilkinson.*
26. "Beautiful Noise"—*Form VI Common Room.*

MEMORIES

It's the time I like to remember
It's the time that I like best
Playing in the sandpit
In my old woolly vest.

Up to my chin in muck
For hours I would stay
Until my Mum would call to me
'My dear, it's too late to play'.

Sandcastles were my favourite
I'd try till I got them right
I'd be there from early morning
Until half-past-six at night.

It's childish now to think
How it gave me so much pleasure
But I loved it – it was my world,
My very own secret treasure.

—KATIE BRISLEY (FORM V)

A Tale of Two Worlds

I HAVE been out of Ireland twice in my life. Once during the summer of 1979 on the school cruise of the Baltic sea and again a few months ago, almost to make up for my lack of travel, to Australia. This journey took me approximately 11,000 miles each way (circumference of the world is 24,000 miles). An uncle of mine summarised the enormous journey as follows: "If you went any further you would be coming back". This journey took twenty-six hours from London to Sydney at a rate of approximately 600 m.p.h. on board a Boeing 747.

If you can picture two convicts stranded on Botany Bay in Sydney looking amazingly at the vast continent in front of them, then you may feel something of what my father and I felt on arriving there. The home we knew lay on the other side of the world while we were isolated, ignorant of the customs and life-styles of the Australian people. It was a strange sensation to realise that while dusk was settling in on Australia at 5 p.m. local time, my friends and family at home were yawning as they resentfully met another cold Irish morning at 8 a.m. their time. A difference of nine hours lay between us.

Once we were based in the heart of Sydney we gradually became more accustomed to the ways of the people. The difference of approach to life between the two countries was quite remarkable. The Irish 'live to work' while the more outdoor Australians 'work to live'. The hours are shorter but they are always very efficient in their business. And in their leisure hours there was a massive migration to the beaches and in particular to the magnificent Sydney harbour. Yachts and wind-surfers silhouetted against the blazing evening sun.

A frequent impression was that the country was very Americanised, notably in the large cities like Sydney and Melbourne. Cars were big and fast consuming petrol at a price equivalent to 75p per gallon. The Irish conventional sit-down cinema was a rare sight; instead drive-ins were all the go! Highways and fly-overs far surpassed the dual-carriageways at home. However, the country towns and cities were characteristically different from the large metropolitan areas. Saloon-type pubs and hotels offered a complete contrast to the skyscraper hotels in Sydney.

The countryside and climate differ markedly from Ireland. The heat extracted one from the body-hugging overcoat used in Ireland to the short-sleeved terylene shirt. An average temperature of 26°C reflected the drought conditions being experienced on the vast tracts of level land shortly to be harvested. Irish farms of 300 acres were plots compared to the almost infinitesimal plains of farms of 1,000 acres and larger. All were carpeted with swaying corn ready to be set upon by hungry twenty-five-foot-wide combines.

Everything apparent to the eye in Australia was bigger than one would ever see in Ireland. It was the sheer comparison in size between the two countries which struck me most and it would require much more time and space to do it proper justice.

—IVOR BRYAN (FORM VI)

Souk

MOROCCO is to me neither a Humphrey Bogart's *Casablanca* nor the Sahara desert, but a little seaside village on the Atlantic coastline -Moulay Bousleham.

Every Friday at the first streaks of dawn, the dusty red roads become a string of beads, lined with colourful donkey-carts trundling along piled high with watermelons and children. Their destination, the *souk* or market, a hive of colour and activity.

It is the climax of a week's preparations. The Bedouins set up and perfect their earthy stalls while watching the competition they might have. By midday the ground is splattered with varying coloured stands. The ringing of the water-vendor's bell is heard by the meat section, where flies are also active hovering around the inverted headless sheep and cows, fleeing from the swing of the knife or the wooden stump. Contrasting with this fleshy smell, the aroma of mint, garlic, onions and various types of spices is accompanied by the chattering and jingling of women, young and old, clad in jewellery. Men continually pass in a flurry of white occupied with the weekly shopping.

A few golden French people were seen among them, heavily perspiring, longing for Coca-Cola. They quickly search for the necessities and leave, glad to be in the car in spite of the scorching leather seats. Having gone, the tumult and confusion continues, as it always will.

—MIRIAM NAJI (FORM VI)

Canoeing in Ireland

IRELAND with some of the best rivers and beaches in Western Europe is an ideal place for canoeing and the sport is growing fast. Many clubs have been set up to try to cope with the demand.

The season normally starts about the middle of October and runs right into the following Spring. This time is best because the rivers flood thus causing weirs and rapids to overflow dramatically – ideal conditions for exciting and challenging canoeing. It is a cheap sport once started costing about £180 to buy the gear and a basic canoe. Club membership costs about £3 per annum. A fairly good secondhand canoe may be purchased for £8 or so.

Modern canoes are made of glass and reinforced plastic and they can be made from moulds reducing the cost by 50% with further discount for groups or clubs. There are three types of canoeing – long distance, slalom and white water. Most enthusiasts go for slalom because the canoes are stronger and more stable. There are also different grades of racing such as flat water, broken water and long-distance river-descent such as the Liffey.

Canoeing is an attractive sport. It has its rules and its safeguards. If these are not kept it can be dangerous and drownings have occurred. At present I am building canoes with the 'B' Cork Sea Scouts. If you are interested in any way it is worth going along to see a race and you will be fascinated with the skills involved.

—K. MULLALLY (FORM IV)

Sir, you take a Train

THE AIRPORT has gained for itself such a reputation that rightly or wrongly it is known as Thief Row. You take good care that your hip pocket does not appear to be crammed with £5 notes, and you try furtively to look unimportant enough to be disregarded. After retrieving my luggage from the Cork consignment (and my baggage always seems to be the very last to appear on the gravy train) I made myself as scarce as possible, only to re-appear from the depths of the earth on the concourse of Victoria Station. Here, after much heaving and pushing and waiting and queuing, not to say running, I succeeded in obtaining a ticket. At one of the gates I was confronted by the tall dusky figure of a Jamaican ticket-inspector, who made me feel a mere dwarf. I asked him how I could get to Canterbury. "Sir", he replied, "you take a train". If you ask a silly question you get what you deserve. Was I at Victoria only to read the adverts? Was I there simply to admire the dingy architecture of a London terminus, or to watch the milling crowds of Africans, Hindus, Americans, Irish, even a few British? Was that the reason why I was enduring the grime and the vulgarity and the varied odour of international humanity? I felt like the bridegroom in church, who, when asked the question "Wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife?", nearly blurted out "Whatever do you think I am here for?" To see the decorations or to hear the organ play? "Sir, you take a train". I contrived to appear thankful for the information, and, breathing heavily, found myself at Platform 7. When I had settled comfortably in my compartment I pondered over the answer to my question.

At least it was a polite answer and that surely is something in these crude post-democratic days. He did say 'Sir', did he not? He did have all the 18th century politeness of the West Indies. I should be grateful for that 'Sir'. Only a few minutes before I had been hustled on the Tube by a man who called me 'Mate', although I had never slapped eyes on him in my life. On the way to the barrier a fellow of my age at least trod on my toes and said "Sorry, Dad". I scowled at him. In the restaurant a waitress in green, who told me she came from Ireland, called me 'Dear', that cheered me up no end, and I smiled with some semblance of affection, although I had never seen her before either. Years ago when in Sheffield I was often addressed as 'Duck', and in Leeds the kind shop-assistants said 'Luv'. In Birmingham, rough, self-opinionated men would persist in calling me 'Jack'; I loathed that. Much further north it was 'Pet' or 'Honey', and in my native Northumbria, it is 'Hinney' from the ladies; the men will say 'Lad', that makes you feel years younger and it makes you feel accepted. You cannot beat the north, but the south 'Matey', that is hardly for me, except for those dark-skinned inspectors who know so much better.

Perhaps I should be thankful that I was only travelling to Canterbury, and not, for instance, to Australia where they have endless possibilities of address, and a gift for meaning to be friendly while seeming to be offensive. One of our bishops, attired smartly in dark clothing and with a bright purple stock, such as is worn by the best bishops today, rang for a waitress in a Sydney restaurant; when the waitress appeared you can imagine how overcome he was when she said, "Yes, and what does Robin Redbreast want for his dinner today?" How would that winsome girl have addressed me, smartly dressed entirely in black or hodden grey. No, I love America, but Australia fills me with foreboding.

Henceforth I must avoid Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth. I may make a slight exception when it comes to Adelaide, where they do appear to have a little of the decent civilities of Cheltenham, Bath, Harrogate and York. Now York, that is a civilised city if ever there was one, just like Canterbury.

In Dublin too they are nearly always friendly and full of smiles; there they make you feel that they really are glad to see you. In Belfast they can be a little forbidding at first, but underneath there is warmth and welcome. In Cork, if you are in clericals, they may flatter you by calling you 'Father', before begging for your money, or else they may be misguided enough to call you 'Reverend', and when they do that to me I bristle and snort and become suddenly totally deaf as well as in a mighty hurry to be out of sight. Not a dime for you buddy, not likely, if that is your tune! Even so there is much to be said for Cork. In Edinburgh strange to say, if you are a woman or a girl, the people in the shops will show their friendliness by conferring upon you the title of 'Hen', and in the school corridors the prefects will shout out something like 'Bay' when they want some poor little boy to do their chores. We would not wish that on Midleton College.

Jack, Dad, Matey, Hinney, Lad and Sir! well, after all that I look back to my friend at Victoria with admiration. Long live Jamaica, and long live the Jamaican ticket-inspectors who see that we do not go astray. As the train carried me through the hop fields of Kent I could think quietly about it all, and get it out of my system. Soon I was in Canterbury. There I spent one of the happiest fortnights in the whole of my life. It was like going back to the days of my youth, when I spent fifteen terms under the shadows of cathedral towers and spires; when the hours of my life were punctuated by the sound of bells, silvery and deep-toned, and when I listened to choirboys with the breath of heaven on their lips and the impishness of earth dancing in their eyes. Canterbury brings it all back once more. Whatever else you may do you really must find your way to Canterbury. It is worth enduring Thief Row and Victoria, the endless waiting and shoving, and everything else. Never mind, you will get there, and you will not be disappointed. Canterbury with her grey towers and antique streets will welcome you. Heaven will seem nearer and the pilgrim's load will be lifted from off your backs. Canterbury sounds like music on the ear. Canterbury is another story for another day, for the moment it is: "Sir, you take a train".

—JOHN K. S. RIDLEY-BARKER

FORM IV IN KERRY

LAST MAY, Form IV embarked on a geographical field trip to Killarney. Anybody who has travelled to it *via* Glengarriff and Kenmare must have been impressed by the magnificent scenery mostly carved out during the Ice Age.

It was these features of glaciation, and other aspects of physical geography which were of particular interest to us – the source of the Lee and Coomroe near Gougane Barra, the overflow channel at Keimaneigh, the glacial spillways at Moll's Gap and the Gap of Dunloe, the Lakes, an overall view from Aghadoe with the Macgillicuddy Reeks forming an impressive backdrop, and many others. In addition the human aspect was seen at Muckross House and at Kate Kearney's Cottage. Indeed one feels that a day in West Cork or Kerry surrounded by geographical reality is of greater benefit than a month in the classroom surrounded by geographical textbooks. —M. M.

Review Body (Corpse?)

Scene: Masters' Study – a meeting

MR. LYONS: "Where the hell is Little? He knows this meeting is to start at 2 o'clock".

MR. MORRISSEY: "He's in the dining-hall finishing his goody".

MR. LYONS: "Oh, grunge! He'll take hours".

THE HEAD: "Yeh, yeh. We can start without him".

MR. KING: "Hmm! I remember a splendid occasion, when Mr. Cuffe was late and".

MR. LEOPOLD (*with a click of the fingers*): "Settle it!
Right men, let's get started and cut the cackle!".

MR. DALEY: "Please, please, let's get started, please!".

MR. LEVIS: "Come on, old stock, please stop saying please".

*(Suddenly a flash of light burst through the door. Is it a bird? No!
Is it a plane? No! It's Mr. Little, alias the Silver Bullet!!!)*

MR. JOHNSTON: "Well, Little, you can bet your Barney that you are 5.96215 minutes late, precisely. You have got to put in a bit of effort. I can't be early for you".

MR. MULLINS: "Eeeee! Well, now there's a riot in the library and I want to read Séamus Heaney's *sensuous* book!".

MR. JOHNSTON: "Heh! I'll get the C.R.S. from France, heh!".

MR. HARRINGTON: "Ciúnas! Nach é seo an Staff Room? Tá sibh go léir níos measa ná Prep Formers. Anois, tá sé orm imeacht abhaile toisc go mbeidh an tae ullamh ag mo mbhean chéile (*wry grin*)".

MISS POWER: "O God, I'm bursting for a, not that, Johnston, you filthy sod, a fag. Gimme a match, Bruno,, magic!".

MR. MULCAHY: "Of course the directive from C.E.C. to Standing Committee makes a militant approach historically understandable in that the political parameters". (*Becomes enveloped in a cloud of smoke as everyone else stampedes to the library to consult the Shorter Oxford*).

—K. DORAN and J. GOWEN

HEAD BOYS and HEAD GIRLS

1960 – 61	Frank Cheatle	1973 – 74	David McGillivray and Jane MacDonald
1961 – 62	Gerald Murphy	1974 – 75	Ivan Wolfe and Susan MacDonald
1962 – 63	Gerald Murphy	1975 – 76	Sydney Nagle and Catherine Ronan
1963 – 64	Alan Dagg	1976 – 77	Trevor Levis and Avril Northridge
1964 – 65	Alan Dagg	1977 – 78	Trevor Levis and Alex Mackillop
1965 – 66	Duncan Moffett	1978 – 79	Philip Brownlow and Julia Jameson
1966 – 67	Clive Hutchinson	1979 – 80	Guy Percival and Tara Murphy
1967 – 68	Alan Tate	1980 – 81	Mark Salter-Townshend and Daphne Garde
1968 – 69	Tom Ferguson		
1969 – 70	Trevor Cave		
1970 – 71	Bert van Mourik		
1971 – 72	Kelvin Hitchmough		
1972 – 73	Russell MacMillan and Molly Ronan		

A Tale of Two Photographs

DEREK MARSHALL

DEREK MARSHALL was an unusual kind of person. He came to us as a very small boy in 1972 and he grew and developed into a six-footer before he left (probably reluctantly) last June. He had an avid appetite for Rugby football from the moment he first stepped on to a pitch. His diminutive size and knackiness suggested scrum-half and there he was to stay throughout his school career, adorning it with many fine displays. He looked deceptively casual with his long stride and easy lope – the style of a George Morgan rather than a Colin Patterson. He had sure hands, a fine pair of feet and a long accurate pass. The will to win was always there and others took inspiration from his prowess. Cricket came easily also to him – an excellent batsman and fielder – and he would have been an outstanding hockey player had he the time to give it.

Derek was placid in manner and in character. The girls seemed to like him but he remained unaffected by their blandishments, perhaps surprised at what they could see in him. He was never harsh, never boisterous, never crude – and beneath that manly frame still lies something of the eternal schoolboy.

1972



1980



RUGBY RECORD

- 1979 – 80 Munster Schools' Trial, Captain of Munster 'B' XV,
Cork Schools' XV, Captain of M.C. 1st XV.
1978 – 79 Munster 'B' XV, Cork Schools' XV, Captain of M.C. 1st XV
(Winners of O'Brien Cup and Mungret Cup).
1977 – 88 M.C. 1st XV.
1976 – 77 Captain of M.C. J.C.T. (Winners of the Mungret Shield).

Rugby Notes

Senior

SENIOR RUGBY in Midleton last season was like *Hamlet* without the prince. It is a tribute to Mr. Levis' work that the team still did quite well – but we are glad to have him back this year in full voice again !

The S.C.T. was not up to the standard of the previous year but it was still a team full of character as it showed in its cup matches. Derek Marshall was a good leader who was at his best in the tough matches. He gave great service to Rugby in his years in the school and was probably our best-ever scrum-half. Guy Percival supported him ably and was always in the thick of the struggle. He, too, always gave of his best. In the backs Jo Säflund was a promising newcomer to the team and Eric Milch was reliable and hard-working. The wingers Kieran Doran and Nigel Hill ran well and Simon Meehan was courageous at full-back. Mark Salter-Townshend was an intelligent and lively out-half.

In the forwards Percival was best supported by Ivor Bryan and Raymond Fitzell with a junior, Peter Good, showing immense promise. Declan Cunningham and Nigel Sweetnam always worked hard and Simon Kelly was promising. Travers O'Shea could, one feels, be a fine forward but he did not always last the full seventy minutes. Jerry Coleman had his moments too but needs to remember he is a forward and not an extra back !

In looking at this team it would seem that the problem was in a pack not quite sharp enough or mobile enough. A likely-looking back line did not receive enough good ball going forward especially from ruck and maul while we rarely won ball from line-outs. Despite these criticisms the forwards were tenacious and plucky and held on with great determination to beat Waterpark in the Senior Cup. We eventually lost 4–6 to Newtown in a replay, and gave probably our best display in doing so.

The preparation of a senior team would be impossible but for the many boys who are prepared to act as cannon fodder! The second XV get few matches and more kicks than halfpence but we are certainly grateful to them – indeed they typify the excellent team spirit that exists in the senior school. It is pleasant to see some of last year's 2nd's appearing on the senior team this year. If one names Brendan Abernethy, Ben Deane, Ian Mitchell, Joe O'Flynn, Philip Boyle and Barry Greene it is not to decry the merits of the others.

A word of thanks too, to all the Old Boys who at the drop of a hat gladly turn up to provide opposition in friendly matches. We are indeed grateful to them also.

In Mr. Levis' absence Mr. Morrissey ably acted in his place as selector for the Munster 'B' side and also travelled with the 1st XV. We are grateful to him for his help so cheerfully given. —R. I. K.

J.C.T.

Last year proved to be quite a successful one at under-15 level. Once the full panel became available and the most productive formation had been worked out, the side played some good rugby and jelled together well as a group.

Our first-round opponents in the Junior Cup were Waterpark, whom we beat comprehensively 16 – 0. We next confronted Ard Scoil Rís in Limerick. Here we hung on to gain a nil all draw. This was a more creditable result when one considers that it was achieved by sheer guts and spirit without any support, as our spectator bus broke down *en route* to the game. The replay in Midleton proved to be our undoing. After a disastrous first half, which saw us trail 12 – 3 at half-time, we came back strongly only to run out of time and lose the match 15 – 10. Ard Scoil subsequently went on to win the Mungret Shield.

The side was superbly captained by Peter Good, at number eight, a tremendous forward who led by example at all times. His infectious enthusiasm permeated the whole side.

The pack, in general, combined efficiently to form a solid workman-like unit. The front row of David Kelly, Don O'Driscoll and John Hales scrummaged well, and were rarely outscrummaged throughout the season. Don suffered an unfortunate injury during a practice match prior to our Junior Cup replay, and as a result has not played since. Paul Brady took over the hooking duties for that match and performed very adequately for a player who was thrown in at the deep end. In the second row Craig Matthews and Redmond Kelly, while lacking weight, gave of their best. Both proved to be more than useful line-out jumpers. The back row was a very lively combination. Peter Good showed what a good all-round footballer he is, while John Waterman and Des Gilsenan displayed admirable drive and aggression in the wing-forward position.

The half-backs, Louis Tsu and Paul Sheedy, developed a good understanding as the season progressed. Paul, at outside half, controlled the backline. A player of power and pace he was quite competent in a position which was not his best. If Paul had one fault, it was possibly that he over kicked, instead of relying on his more lethal asset – speed.

Tom Walsh turned in some very good displays at first centre. His tackling was excellent and place-kicking ability proved invaluable in many a tight situation. Donal Bernie, at second centre, while being inexperienced, gave of his best all through. The wing positions were occupied by Patrick Jones, Michael Barry and Brian Hill, at various stages of the season. While trying hard all three lacked the necessary strength and pace to be really effective. Alan Boyle was a good full-back, whose kicking, catching and tackling improved with each game. Peter Millen was a capable deputy at scrum-half whenever the occasion arose.

Panel: (*Backs*) A. Boyle, M. Barry, B. Hill, P. Jones, T. Walsh, D. Bernie, P. Sheedy, L. Tsu, P. Millen.

(*Forwards*) J. Hales, D. O'Driscoll, P. Brady, D. Kelly, C. Matthews, R. Kelly, J. Waterman, P. Good (*Capt*), D. Gilsenan, I. Thompson, K. Guilfoyle, E. Leahy.

—I. L.

'Under-14'

The under 14's had a poor season generally with too few matches being played. The pack, however, was promising at times gaining possession well, but the backs lacked the speed and ability to profit from this advantage. Tackling in particular was their weakest feature. Alan Boyle at out-half was the best back and captained the team well. John Foley appeared fast in the centre and Paul

Twomey at full back kicked well. Forwards Faris Nagi, Redmond Kelly, Peter Smith, Ivor Thompson and Paul Brady all worked well in rucks and mauls and showed eagerness for possession.

—R. R. L.

'Under-13'

Circumstances prevented the Under-13 getting as much attention as one would have liked. Many of the team were on the Under-14 and so benefited, but all, especially the new boys, needed more work on basic skills. One cannot emphasise too much the importance of the ability to pass the ball quickly and accurately. One cannot practise too often !

A strong pack in which Ivor Thompson and Faris Nagi were most prominent was the feature of the side. They were well supported by Andrew Pomeroy and Jamie Horton. Dermot O'Sullivan was a nippy scrum-half but he sometimes took the wrong option. John Foley ran strongly at centre but his passing was wayward. All in all a promising group.

—R. I. K.

RUGBY STATISTICS 1979/80

<i>Team</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Points For</i>	<i>Points Against</i>
S.C.T.	17	9	7	1	274	89
2nd XV	3	—	3	—	3	84
J.C.T.	11	7	3	1	137	38
'Under-14'	4	—	4	—	31	61
'Under-13'	6	3	3	—	47	59

Munster 'B': D. Marshall (*Capt*), G. Percival, J. Säflund.
Colours: D. Marshall, G. Percival.

STOP PRESS

AFTER a most exciting final on Wednesday, 3rd December, the O'Brien Cup has been regained by Midleton after a temporary absence of one year! Played this year on a two section basis, North and South Munster, Midleton won all their matches in the southern section while Glenstal won through in the north.

We went into the final at Musgrave Park quietly confident and very determined but conscious that the injuries to Ivor Bryan, Peter Good and Simon Kelly were a serious blow. However, their substitutes, Des Gilsenan, Brendan Abernethy and John Waterman, more than rose to the occasion and a splendid team-effort orchestrated by Mark Salter-Townshend, out-half and captain, saw us through by a Paul Sheedy try to a penalty.

Congratulations to Mr. Levis and the whole squad.

SENIOR RUGBY TEAM 1979-80



Back row Mr. R. I. King, T. O'Shea, D. Cunningham, J. Coleman, P. Good, N. Hill,
N. Sweetnam, S. Meehan
Front row E. Milch, R. Fitzell, G. Percival, D. Marshall, I. Bryan, M. Salter-Townshend,
J. Säflund
K. Doran, S. Kelly

JUNIOR HOCKEY SQUAD



Back row S. Bradshaw, E. Leahy, R. Kelly, P. Brady, D. Boyle,
A. Wall, Miss Power
Middle row A. Pomeroy, J. Horton, M. Sullivan, P. Twomey, P. Whiting
Front row J. Ijgosse, D. O'Sullivan, A. Thompson, R. Daly

Cricket 1980

Senior

A DRY, if cool, summer term meant quickish wickets and the best College side for many years used them to good effect and regained the Munster Schools' Senior Cup. This was a positive side with no passengers who played keenly and sensibly. The Cup is now played for on a league basis and we were successful in all our matches, winning by big margins in each case.

The batting was strong. Four of the first six batsmen reached double figures on five occasions and one of the others, G. Percival, had three innings of 58, 83, 42. Against Newtown we scored 173 for 4 in 35 overs, the third wicket putting on 105. The only really bad display was against Cork County at the Mardyke when we batted badly, bowled badly and fielded badly !

Ivor Bryan made a splendid No. 1. He always gets in line on the back foot but when coming forward he needs to get further across to balls on the off. With a good range of shots and a determined manner he could have a bright future. Philip Boyle did not always use his shots but with increasing confidence his determination not to be got out should lead to good scores next season.

Guy Percival, the captain, was at his best when the pressure was on. He is not a stylist but is forceful and determined and punished the bad length ball. Derek Marshall played straight but tended to drive rather much on the rise and had a weakness with a shortish ball on the leg stump. On his day, however, he could take an attack apart. Mark Salter-Townshend was intelligent in his approach but needs to use a full swing of the bat rather than be suspicious! Peter Good would seem to have a good future if he develops his concentration. He has a good defence and drives and hooks powerfully.

The spearhead of the bowling was Jo Säflund. A genuine fast bowler, he moves the ball into the batsman and attacks the stumps. He was well supported by Salter-Townshend and Ivor Bryan who bowled off breaks and kept the ball well up. More variation in pace, flight and line would be useful. Ian Mitchell could be quick but was often too short and Christopher Jermyn and Rory O'Neill were rather inconsistent. They must realise the importance of every ball.

The fielding was invariably good and sometimes very good but the close catching positions were only just filled! Here again concentration is important. Percival was a good captain and kept a tidy wicket! Over all a good team.

The 2nd XI as usual enjoyed their cricket even though they received little or no coaching. Karl Fort captained the side keenly and saw to it that all were involved. Peter Millen was a useful bat and some lusty smiting was done by John Sweetnam, Kieran Doran, and others. All bowled, one way or the other, but John Gowen and Tony Gay were the most orthodox! We are grateful to Mr. Morrissey for his managerial assistance à la John Lyall !

—R. I. K.

'Under-15'

The standard of cricket in the Under-15 League last season was very disappointing. The team played only three games resulting in two facile wins and a very commendable performance in beating Newtown School in a fine competitive game of cricket. Five players were selected on the Munster Under-15 team: Patrick Jones (batsman), Ivor Thompson (opening batsman), Raymond Wong (off-spinner/batsman), Eddie Leahy (opening bowler) and Des Gilsenan (all-rounder).

Ivor Thompson was the surprise packet of the team, scoring 79 runs in three innings. Although much to learn, he enjoys hitting the ball and has a good eye and temperament. Patrick Jones captained the team admirably and was the most accomplished batsman. He deserved to score more runs and with a little more confidence and strength promises much. Raymond Wong improved greatly as both off-spin bowler and batsman. He showed remarkable control of line and length and got most of his wickets by hitting the stumps. He also proved his class beyond doubt at inter-provincial level. Des Gilsenan surprised many with his performances with bat and ball. What he lacked in technique he made up for in competitiveness and his fielding was magnificent. Jamie Horton and Paul Twomey are two promising young players. Both exude confidence at the wicket but both need to work hard on their technique and concentration. Alan Boyle usually kept a tidy wicket but did not show the improvement we had expected. He has undoubted talent and with harder work has the making of a fine wicket-keeper/batsman. We were sorry to lose Eddie Leahy to Yorkshire schools' cricket. Technically, he was the most promising pace bowler we have had for some time. Although picked for Munster, he was unable to stay. Richard Salter-Townshend had a disappointing season. With more aggression and hard work he can look forward to next season with confidence. Paul Mooney, William Giesberts and Redmond Kelly were relative newcomers to the game. All were keen to swing the bat lustily if not always straight. Their progress, as with all other promising young players, depends on what they are prepared to put into their game.

—J. C. L.

'Under-13 – 14'

The early part of the summer weather was a vast improvement on the previous season. As a result a good deal of cricket was played and enjoyed amongst the Under-13 and Under-14 age groups.

The Under-13's were runners-up to Newtown in the Under-13 league, losing narrowly in the vital game in Waterford. Dermot O'Sullivan emerged as a very promising young batsman, who showed admirable patience and guile in accumulating his runs. Paul Twomey proved to be a valuable all-rounder – fielding well, bowling some useful overs, and eventually finding some form with the bat. He also gained some experience of captaincy, a difficult rôle for any youngster. Andrew Thompson and Richard Daly both played their part with bat and ball. Of the newcomers to a cricket team, Clive Deane, John Foley and Michael Gray all showed promise.

At Under-14 level, Jamie Horton bowled quite well but must learn to concentrate. Redmond Kelly showed potential as a hard-hitting batsman and a useful fielder. Ivor Thompson hit the ball very hard and scored some valuable runs.

—I. L.

CRICKET STATISTICS 1980

<i>Team</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1st XI	8	6	-	2
2nd XI	3	1	-	2
'Under-15'	3	3	-	-
'Under-14'	3	2	-	1
'Under-13'	3	2	-	1

Munster: G. Percival (*Capt*), D. Marshall, I. Bryan, P. Good, J. Säflund, M. Salter-Townshend.

SENIOR CRICKET TEAM 1980



Back row R. Gibson, S. Meehan, P. Boyle, I. Mitchell, E. Milch, C. Jermyn, R. O'Neill, Mr. R. I. King

Front row I. Bryan, D. Marshall, G. Percival, M. Salter-Townshend, J. Säflund, P. Good

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DORMAN BAND

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Tennis 1980

THE hard courts which were introduced the previous year were playing much better this year especially after re-surfacing when some defects were noticed. The courts were seldom idle in the summer term and there was a noticeable improvement in the standard of play. Some very keen boys and girls continued to play during the autumn and even in the winter when the weather was dry. It was very heartening to see such enthusiasm and of course the continuation of play will also improve their standard.

The grass courts and surrounds were prepared as usual early in the summer term by some boys especially Philip Travers, Tony Gay, Leslie Stanley, David O'Flynn, Brian Hill, Craig Matthews, Paul Brady and Eddie Leahy but because of many showery days in May and early June they weren't used very much.

We were very pleased again that Mr. Greg Morris, a Munster L.T.A. coach, visited the school weekly in the summer term and about sixty boys and girls benefited from his skilled and enjoyable coaching sessions. On his last visit to the school for the term he held an American Tournament for those boys and girls. He very kindly donated prizes to the winners, Mark Sullivan and Rosemary Smyth, and the runners-up, Karl Fort and Michael Barry. We hope that all those boys and girls who availed of his coaching sessions will continue to play regularly next year and enter the school championships.

The old rivals in the senior girls' championship continued their see-saw struggle for supremacy and this year it was Gillian McMullen who overcame Orla Poole in another typical close match in the final. Again the McHugh sisters seemed to frighten off the opposition in the junior championship and Angela retained her title though pushed to three sets this year by Elizabeth. Let's hope there will be a bigger entry for this championship next year.

In the boys' championships Jamie Horton just got the better of Redmond Kelly in the junior grade. Peter Good retained his intermediate title when defeating Stephen Horton who surprised many by reaching the final. Undoubtedly the best tennis was played in the senior grade especially in the semi-finals and final. Philip Boyle was a very deserving and popular winner when beating a somewhat erratic Philip Travers, the holder, in a very exciting three-set final.

Thanks to Philip Travers and Orla Poole for their help in ensuring that the championships were played on schedule and also for arranging the day-to-day programme of games for the courts.

—J. H.

Swimming

POOR weather and the high price of heating oil again limited the use of our pool last season. However, it was opened on most days for a while and some hardy people, mostly juniors, made good use out of it. There is much satisfaction in seeing some of the younger pupils gradually getting stronger in their swimming and this only comes with fairly regular attendance.

After ten years our pool cover has finally disintegrated and since it helps greatly to keep heat in at night any suggestions concerning suitable materials for a new one would be welcomed.

Hockey 1979–80

Senior Boys

IN many respects last year was very mixed as regards hockey. The all-weather pitch was settling and played better than the previous year. Nevertheless there were many days when hockey was impossible especially after Christmas when the various rugby commitments made it very frustrating not alone for organising hockey matches but even for practice and training sessions in the school. Thanks to Guy Percival, Ivor Bryan, Mark Salter-Townshend, Joe Säflund, Philip Boyle and Rory O'Neill especially for much time spent in regularly marking and brushing the pitch and putting up the goal nets on match days.

A league for school teams in Munster was run for the first time and matches were arranged for the Christmas term. We were unlucky to lose 2–3 in the last few minutes to Villiers School in our first Senior league match. Our matches with Belvedere and Bandon Grammar School were each twice arranged and postponed for various reasons. We eventually played Bandon after Christmas in conjunction with the cup match. A remarkable recovery was staged in our league match with Ashton School when after a disastrous start and being three goals down we drew 3–3.

Three friendlies were played with Old Boys' selections, two in the Christmas term and one just after Easter and as usual these occasions were very enjoyable not just for the hockey matches themselves but also for maintaining contact and for renewing friendships with our past pupils. Our Senior cup match against Bandon Grammar School in Bandon resulted in a 2–0 defeat which wasn't too surprising considering that most of our players were leg-weary having played a rugby match the day before.

The following received trials for the Munster Schools Team: Guy Percival, Ivor Bryan, Stephen Lewis, Mark Salter-Townshend and Derek Marshall.

Guy Percival captained the Munster team against the South-east in Waterford and also played on the combined Munster and South-east team against Leinster and also against Ulster in the interprovincial tournament in Banbridge, Co. Down, last March. He then played in the Final Schools' Trial and maintaining his excellent form he received the greatest honour by being chosen on the International Schools' Team. Early in April he played on the Irish Team in all three matches against England, Scotland and Wales in Edinburgh. This was a tremendous achievement on Guy's part and he brought great honour to the school as our first international since Chris Simpson in 1970. It was indeed a fitting reward for several years of dedication and of hard work spent in perfecting his skill. We are very proud of him not just because of this special honour but because of his contribution to hockey in the school while he was here.

Our best senior players during the year were Guy Percival, an inspiring captain and easily the most skilled player in Midleton for many years; Mark Salter-Townshend, a lively and hard-working inside-forward who was also our leading goal-scorer; Stephen Lewis, who started the year at inside-forward but later played well at right-half; Joe Säflund, played consistently well at left half; and Ivor Bryan, who had a spell in goal but later reverted to his normal inside-forward position.

Our Under-16 team played Bandon Grammar School also in the cup and drew 2 – 2 at home after extra time. Unfortunately, in the replay in Bandon several of our players didn't strike the same form. The team faded especially in the second half when Mark Salter-Townshend had to retire and eventually lost 3 – 1.

The best players in this group were Ivor Bryan, Mark Salter-Townshend, Joe Säflund, Peter Good and Ricki Prendergast. —J. H.

Junior Boys

This year the Under-14 team entered the Munster league at this level. They played four league matches in all, two away and two at home. The team fared very well in their two home matches drawing one and being narrowly beaten in the other. They were somewhat outclassed by a much more skilful and experienced side at Newtown who beat them convincingly, and who were the eventual winners of the competition. The cup campaign was a rather short one, as unfortunately we were beaten by Villiers in the first round. Despite the lack of trophies the boys always played in the best spirit, and enjoyed all their games, and they improved considerably individually and as a team as the year progressed. Mark Sullivan was an excellent captain and organised his men very well on the pitch. Jamie Horton played well as centre-forward and was always looking for that goal. Redmond Kelly and Paul Twomey were always solid in defence, and last but certainly not least, Andrew Pomeroy who was superb in goal. —M. P.

Girls

Having won the league the previous season, the first XI were promoted to a higher grade of hockey, from which we greatly benefited and even managed to finish in the top half. This team was enthusiastically captained by Kay Mahony, who served us well as a goal-keeper. It was a pleasure to work with players who always gave their best. Their shortcoming, however, was an inability to find the net, which is so important in competitive matches. On many occasions we lost the match having had seventy-five percent possession of the ball. Our chief goal-scorer was Orla Poole, who unfortunately missed many games due to mishaps of one sort or another! Eight league matches were played and four friendlies, two against Millstreet, one against Cobh and one against High School. Our bid for the Intermediate Cup provided three very exciting matches. In the first round we played Scoil Mhuire which resulted in a nil all draw, but played better in the replay to win by one goal to nil. In the next round we were unlucky to lose by one goal to nil against the eventual cup-winners, Mitchelstown. We owe a 'thank you' to the second team who were always willing to join in a practice and who played a friendly themselves against Youghal, drawing 2 – 2.

The junior girls played three friendly matches, and at this level it was encouraging to see talent and goal-scoring ability. We easily disposed of Miss O'Sullivan's School by seven goals to nil in the first round of the cup, but the next round saw the end of our dreams, when we were forced to field an under-strength side and lost to Ashton, 3 – 0. Best players at this level were M. Nitzsche, D. Frostrup and E. McHugh.

The minor girls played a few matches, but many fixtures had to be cancelled, mostly due to weather conditions. Most promising players were Deirdre Martin and Jacki Hosford. —R. L.

Table Tennis 1980

IN table tennis hopes of a league (second division) double, vibrantly alive with less than a month of the season remaining were dashed by defeats in the crucial closing games. Yet despite this anti-climax the season must be remembered as a successful one, since the runners-up position achieved at both senior and junior level meant promotion to the premier divisions of both leagues, in what was a first attempt by the juniors, and a second attempt by the seniors.

The senior side made a rather shaky but successful start, and it soon became obvious that the championship would be decided by their clashes with Rochestown College. With home advantage the first of these was won deservedly if narrowly, but following another close tussle in the return match defeat was to be our lot, necessitating a play-off for the title. Sadly this was marked by the poorest display of the year, and a heavy defeat which was not a true reflection of the team's ability. The cup draw gave the team an away fixture at Douglas (the 'Anfield' of schools table tennis) and although beaten somewhat unluckily 6-3, this was probably the best performance of the season.

The team was captained by Guy Percival whose leadership and frankness were invaluable, but whose own game suffered due to his commitment to so many aspects of school life. The outstanding players were Guy Stansfeld and Karl Fort. Guy's game was built on sidespin, which most of his opponents could not handle as evidenced by his playing sixteen matches (singles and doubles) before losing. Karl was a more aggressive and a better all-round player, and was capable of competing with the best. Ivor Bryan playing a defensive game filled a vital rôle as he relished in the task of winning crucial games by sheer doggedness and persistence. Philip Boyle, though not making full use of his ability reserved his best performances for the more important ties, a reflection of his cool temperament. Derek Marshall was a better player than his results showed, but suffered from a lack of confidence in his own ability. Our chief reserve was Eric Milch, and he, along with Simon Meehan and Mark Salter-Townshend guaranteed that cover for regular choices was never going to be a problem. This group was also responsible for the day-to-day running of the Activities Room, a task which they carried out efficiently.

The juniors had a somewhat strange season being far superior to most second division sides, but being crushed by an exceptional Coláiste Iognaid Rís side in a match which decided the title. In the cup they reached the semi-final where once again they faced Iognaid Rís, and once again lost heavily. Nevertheless their performance in gaining promotion augurs well for the future.

Louis Tsu was an inspiring captain whose ability allied to his competitive attitude made him a very formidable opponent. Alan Boyle was probably a better player technically, but lacked the killer instinct so obvious in Louis' game. Indeed one felt that a combination of the strengths of both would have made the ideal player. Paul Twomey displaying an ice-cool approach shows much promise especially since he is eligible at this level for another two years. Don O'Driscoll was our exponent of the defensive game at junior level, but should now work on his attacking play, and Peter Millen could be a very good player, but he is inclined to get upset too easily. The most improved player was Michael Barry, and the side was also well served by Richard Cook and Peter Good. The most promising newcomers were Stephen Perrott and Ronan Hennigan.

In internal competition it was very much a case of 'as you were'. Karl Fort retained the Senior Cup and also won the senior league defeating Guy Stansfeld in the finals of both competitions. This pair also retained their doubles title beating Eric Milch and Guy Percival. Louis Tsu consolidated his position as the top junior winning the Junior Shield following quite a battle with Stephen Perrott, the giant-killer of the championship. The league title went to Alan Boyle who beat Louis in the final, and these two combined to win the doubles championship from Michael Barry and Mark Sullivan. Katherine Mahony defeated Orla Poole to win the girls championship. This year saw a new and highly successful event in a mixed doubles championship, won by Alan Boyle and Angela McHugh who beat Mark Salter-Townshend and Linda J. Moore in the final.

Sports Day 1980

THE annual sports took place on Saturday, 21st June, which was a cool and showery day. However, the sun also shone at times and the various athletic and novelty events attracted large entries. It should be mentioned that the athletic events are handicapped so that everyone has a chance of winning. Mr. Fraser's gym class gave their usual polished display, after which everyone adjourned for tea. The prizes were then presented by Mrs. Percival, mother of the Head Boy.

The following were the main trophy winners:

Athletics	Senior	M. SALTER-TOWNSHEND
	Middle	T. WALSH
	Junior	J. FOLEY
Rugby	Senior	D. MARSHALL
	Junior	P. GOOD
	Minor	I. THOMPSON
	Greene	J. FOLEY
Cricket	Senior Batting	G. PERCIVAL
	Senior Bowling	J. SAFLUND
	Junior Batting	P. JONES
	Junior Bowling	R. WONG
	Minor Batting	D. O'SULLIVAN
	Minor Bowling	P. TWOMEY
Hockey	Senior	G. PERCIVAL
Gymnastics	Senior	N. HILL
Tennis	Senior Boys	P. BOYLE
	Intermediate Boys	P. GOOD
	Junior Boys	J. HORTON
	Senior Girls	G. McMULLEN
	Junior Girls	A. MCHUGH
Table Tennis	Senior	K. FORT
	Junior	L. TSU

SWIMMING RESULTS

Competitions were held near the end of the summer term giving the following results:

Under 12: 1st, S. Wynhorst; 2nd, A. Sherrard; 3rd, M. Gray.

Under 14: 1st, J. Ijgosse; 2nd, G. Koenderink; 3rd, R. Hales.

Under 16: 1st, D. Gilsenan; 2nd, C. Matthews; 3rd, P. Jones.

Senior: 1st, K. Wijnstekers; 2nd, J. Coleman; 3rd, S. Nagi.

Senior Girls: Orla Poole. Junior Girls: D. Martin.

Moore Trophy: K. Wijnstekers.

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THE ACTIVITIES for the year started with the Annual Dance held on February 8th at the John Barleycorn Inn. It was one of the best attended and most enjoyable function for a number of years. This was followed by the Annual General Meeting held on April 23rd which was very poorly attended. The Wine and Cheese Party was held at the later-than-usual date of May 9th and, as always, proved to be a very pleasant meeting of parents, Association members and friends of the College.

The Sports activities continue to flourish with the demand for inclusion on the Rugby teams outstripping available places. The Cricket match was one of the most exciting for many years with the final decision in favour of the College in doubt up to the last few minutes of play.

The increasing interest in sport over other activities could well be examined by future Committees as a means of increasing interest and participation in the affairs of the Association.

This year marks the end of a very notable chapter in the history of the College. Mr. Jim Smyth retires as Headmaster after twenty-five of distinguished service. The enormous task of expanding the College to its present size would have seemed impossible to most of us, but to Jim it was a challenge willingly accepted and mastered sometimes with apparent ease. All of us who know him well are fully aware of the total personal commitment he has had to make through those years. This commitment extended to the Association where his participation and guidance was very necessary in all our activities. We owe a great debt to Jim and Sally for the hospitality always extended to members who called to the College either on a casual or official visit over the years.

I would like, on behalf of the Committee and members, to wish Jim and Sally very many happy and active years of retirement.

We welcome all new members to the Association and look forward to seeing as many as possible at the various events listed on the circular.

My thanks to all the members of the Committee for their help during the year and to the members of the Dublin Committee for maintaining such an active Branch.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and good fortune for 1981. —G. DONOVAN, *President*

UNIFIL

The Irish Army Overseas

SINCE Ireland joined the UN at the time of its formation, our government has always been willing to send troops as observers and peace-keepers to the world's trouble spots. Irish officers and men have served as observers in the Middle East, Sinai and New Guinea and as peace-keepers in the Congo, Cyprus and at present in Lebanon.

On the current assignment in South Lebanon a 600-strong battalion is serving. It changes every six months and comprises troops from all the various corps and units of the Armed Forces except the Air Corps and the Naval Service. We in the Artillery have our own section of the battalion in the heavy-mortar troop. It consists of twenty-eight all ranks from varying bases – the 1st FAR (Ballincollig), 2nd FAR (Dublin), 4th FAR (Mullingar), Coastal Defences (Spike Island), 1st Air Defence Regiment (Kildare and Limerick) and the Depot Artillery (Kildare). That is just the present troop; there are other artillery corps around the country. We have Brandt 81 mm and 120 mm mortars as well as our personal weapons such as FN Rifle, Gustav SMG and BAP.

Our task will be to support any of the other battalions as well as IRBATT (the Irish Battalion) if they need fire back-up at any time. My own job is Signals NCO and Observation Post Survey Assistant. As well as us there are in the Lebanon other battalions from such places as Fiji, Nepal, Norway and Nigeria to name but a few.

People's reasons for wishing to go out there boil down to money, experience and honour. The majority go for the money; a single man stands to make IR£3,000 in the six months. Some go for the experience of what is as near to a war zone as can be found. The artillery is ready as in Irish situations but there is very little likelihood of field guns or mortars being called in to suppress a civil riot. Finally all in some small way wish to wear the Service Ribbon and Medal, which beside the Military Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal is second only to the Congo Medal.

By the time this is in print, I will have been in the South Lebanon as part of the Hvy. Mor. Trp. Recce. Coy., 48th Inf. Bn. UNIFIL (United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon) for some six weeks. I hope to be back in Ireland by May. So *Mael Salame* (Arabic for goodbye) till then.

—DES GARRETT, *Cpl. 1st Fld. Arty. Regt.*

Desmond informs us that he can be written to at the following postal address: 840548 Cpl. D. Garrett, Irish Contingent, U.N.B.P.O., Beirut Airport, Lebanon.

Special airmail postal forms for soldiers on UN Service are available at P.O.'s for 1p (including postage) and newspaper wrappers for 2p.

OBITUARY

JACK WHITE

(*Seán Bán*)

W. J. WHITE (more familiarly Jack) who died suddenly in Germany in April was one of our most distinguished past pupils of recent times. He had a brilliant scholastic career winning many honours in Trinity College, Dublin – Sizarship, Scholarship, 1st Class Moderatorship in Classics (1940), and LL.B. (1942). He was President of the ‘Phil’ and active in D. U. Players as producer, script-writer and actor.

His subsequent career was given to the media and it was equally divided between journalism and broadcasting. From 1942 to 1961 he was a member of *The Irish Times* editorial staff occupying various prominent positions – London correspondent, literary editor and features editor – and fulfilling many overseas assignments. Jack ‘cut his literary teeth’ in this magazine being its first editor when it was revived in 1935.

In 1961, he joined RTE and became widely known as broadcaster and deviser of current affairs programmes. In more recent times his work lay mostly in administration and he occupied a leading position in programme planning first as assistant (1963–74) and later as controller (1974–78). At the time of his death he was Head of Broadcasting Resources.

Jack was a great Midletonian and always took a keen interest in the College’s development. His distinguished career and his success as a writer of novels and plays brought us much honour and gave us much pleasure. He typified the university product of his day – the broad education based on the study of the classics embellished with less formal literary, oratorical and creative pursuits. He was the ‘full’ man – learned but never arrogant, sophisticated but never complex. That Dr. Garrett FitzGerald in a letter to *The Irish Times* saw fit to pay public tribute to Jack for the help and encouragement given to him in his early attempts at press articles on economics speaks for itself and indeed for us all.

To his widow and family our deepest sympathy.

CANON G. C. B. HILLIARD

CHRISTOPHER HILLIARD passed away in his native Killarney on July 24th this year after a distinguished ecclesiastical career. He was one of an older generation of past pupils whose connection with the College went back to schooldays during the First World War. After his ordination in 1928 he served a short period as curate in Derry and then volunteered for missionary work in India where he spent twenty-five years. On his return he successively held the Incumbencies of Corkbeg, of Fermoy and of Kilmoe in the far west of County Cork, from which he was made a Canon of St. Fachtna’s Cathedral in Ross. After his retirement he took up residence in Killarney and continued to work harder than ever during emergencies and vacancies in the Kerry area. His interest and activity in ecumenism also gathered momentum in these later years and the final tribute paid to him by all sections of the Kerry community was eloquent testimony to the respect in which he was held. His family has had a strong and continuing connection with the College and the Association. To his widow and other relatives we offer our sincerest sympathy.

GERALD SMYTH

GERALD SMYTH died on June 11th in Goole in Yorkshire where he lived. He attended M.C. in the thirties and on leaving entered the milling industry with the Rank organisation in County Cork. After the war he went to England and was heavily involved over the last thirty years in the construction and engineering side of milling and grain-handling. He worked for many years for Turners of Ipswich, covering for them the North of England and all Ireland. He loved visiting his native land and especially the familiar haunts of West Cork where he grew up in more leisurely times. In the presence of many friends of bygone years he was laid to rest in his home parish of Clonakilty.

To his widow and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Jottings

IAN ADAM phoned John West at his hotel in Bloemfontein during his visit to South Africa for the French-Springbok match. Ian is teaching in Johannesburg but unfortunately John through schedule commitments was unable to meet him.

NIGEL BAYLOR has completed his B.A. in U.C.C. and is now taking a 'sabbatical' in Virginia, U.S.A. before resuming studies in Dublin next year.

DAVID BLOOMER is Manager this year of the Connacht Hockey team. David is a Fire Surveyor with the Norwich Union in Galway.

ALAN BROOK, Headmaster of the High School, Dublin, is currently President of the Irish Schoolmasters' Association.

MARK CASEY has been appointed Organist at St. Mary's, Pope's Quay, Cork. He accompanied the Carol Festival of the East Cork Choral Society at the Midleton Community Centre last Christmas.

LISA COOK is to be congratulated on obtaining her B.A. in U.C.C. She is at present in London and no doubt will be exercising her acting talents soon again.

HUGH DORAN has obtained his B.Sc. at U.C.C. and now hopes to begin the study of Medicine which has always been his ambition.

DONALD EADIE is working for his Ph.D. in Co-ordinative Chemistry at the University of Victoria in Canada – a four-year course. He is involved also in lecturing and research. ANDREW is in the final year of his Diploma in Textile Technology at the Scottish College of Textiles in Galashiels – the only survivor of eleven who started the course.

We were very pleased to have a visit from one of our older past pupils, JOHN G. FLEWETT, (1909–13), former Brigadier in the Indian Army and recipient of the D.S.O. for services in the Far East during the Second World War. As he was the fourth brother of his family in M.C. he was known as 'Flewett Quartus'. On visiting the old dormitories he was surprised to find that his bed was now occupied by a girl, Beth Haughton. The years do bring changes !

DESMOND GARRETT, who is a member of the Irish Army and whose article we are pleased to publish (*page 57*) is now serving with the Irish contingent in Lebanon.

REV. KENNETH GOOD, who is chaplain to Ashton Comprehensive School in Cork, has during the summer visited parts of South America to study mission needs there. His especial interest is the rehabilitation of the native people of the Gran Chaco region in Paraguay/Argentina.

KELVIN HITCHMOUGH is a prominent member of Constitution R.F.C. and last season he was selected for the Munster Junior Interprovincial side.

DAVID HARTE has left for Antigua in the West Indies to work with a yacht-chartering concern as their skipper at a holiday base. He completed recently his shipwright's course at Tralee Regional Technical College.

ERIC HILL has been moved on promotion in A.I.B. from Bantry to Rush, Co. Dublin. The family are growing up – DAVID during his training as Marine Engineer with Andrew Weir & Co. of South Shields has been on a trip to the Far East for nine months and is now about to take his finals. NIGEL has been cast as hooker for Skerries R.F.C. Under-19's.

JOHN JERMYN has recently been appointed Registrar of the Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross, in succession to his father, a third generation appointment.

AMIR KHAMBALIA is doing a course in Industrial Engineering at Mohawk College, Hamilton, Ontario. IVAN WOLFE on a visit to Canada recently had the pleasure of renewing an old acquaintance.

TREVOR LEVIS is now a regular member of Dolphin R.F.C. 1st XV and he was picked for the South Munster Under-21 side last season.

PAUL LINNELL has been successful in gaining his National Diploma in Engineering (Industrial Electronics) after studying at N.I.H.E. in Limerick.

JOHN MOORE was Manager of the Munster Senior Hockey XI last season. PETER is now Managing Director of Latchford's in Tralee. DAVID gained his place on the Munster Under-19 Cricket XI last season.

GERALD MURPHY gained his first (we hope of many) Irish Cricket cap as batsman and wicket-keeper against Middlesex last season. He continues to prosper at Phœnix C.C. and on the North Leinster Guinness Cup side. PETER has retired from cricket but is still a great force in hockey – captain of Pembroke Wanderers this season and still on the Leinster panel.

TRACY MERRY has completed her B.Sc. in Marine Biology in U.C.G. and has obtained a scholarship to a university in Florida for further study.

It is a great record for one family to produce two Deans. HERBIE O'DRISCOLL (of whom unfortunately we have no recent news), Dean of Vancouver, has now been joined by PERCY who has been appointed Dean of Huron. He is Rector of

St. Bartholomew's, Sarnia, Ontario. We are glad to hear that he has not forgotten his Irish poetry !

PETER O'ROURKE has obtained his B.A. in Maths. at U.C.C. and has taken up an appointment in the Post Office in Britain.

MARTIN PRESTON, who has returned to the College for his H.Dip. in Ed. year, has graduated in T.C.D. with a 2nd class Moderatorship in Modern History. Well done !

JAN VAN DER PUIL has completed his Engineering Studies at U.C.C., and is now B.E.(Elect.), M.Eng.Sc. Congratulations.

We had a surprise visit from FRANCIS PEET, back on holiday from Canada. He is now in the real estate business in Edmonton, Alberta. BOBBY is in his final year of a Bakery Management course in Kevin Street School of Technology in Dublin and has been winning firsts all through his studies.

TREVOR PERROTT is now chief accountant with Irish Marketing Surveys in Dublin.

LIONEL PILKINGTON is now reading for his M.A. in English in U.C.C. Shakespeare is the subject. Lionel has been quite prominent in the theatre playing the lead in *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

NED PHILLIPS now living in Florida has gained his B.Sc. in the University of West Florida. He is at present studying for his Master's degree. Ned in a letter recalls happy days in M.C. and reflects on the many friends he made.

HENRY ROBINSON has been elected vice-president of the Association of Schools' Unions based in Dublin. This honour rotates among the various Past Pupils' Associations and it means that Henry will succeed as President next year.

TONY STIEBER has finished his two years with the German Voluntary Overseas Service in Ghana. He is now 'exploring' the Sahara and has written to us from Timbuktu in Mali. His contemporaries will be saddened to hear that he has down-graded himself from the 'bike' to the motor-bike !

TREVOR WEST pays us frequent visits in the rôle of Governor. In addition to his addiction for globe-trotting he is this year's President of the Irish Association, a body which fosters cultural exchange between the North and South of Ireland. JOHN has further enhanced his reputation as a Rugby referee, having since our last issue been honoured with charge of Scotland v. France at Murrayfield at the end of last season, and Wales v. All Blacks – the Centenary Match – at Cardiff and South Africa v. France at Pretoria this season. BRIAN has completed his intern year at St. James' in Dublin and is now working in the Pathology Department of the Dublin Federated Hospitals.

The WHITINGS continue to do us honour. ANITA has obtained her B.A. in U.C.C. and is now doing her Higher Diploma in Education while teaching in

Ashton. WENDY is in the last year of her Science course in U.C.C. SUSIE has entered U.C.C. to study Music having obtained an 'A' grade in her final Music exam in the Cork School of Music. She also won the coveted title of 'Cork Young Secretary of the Year' on the completion of her secretarial course at Ashton. PETER has recently been accepted by Warwick University for a course in Industrial Technology.

ENGAGEMENTS and MARRIAGES

WE CONVEY our best wishes to Niall Johnson, John Kingston, Michael Bolster, John Levis, Jan van der Puil, Ivor Smyth, Christopher Jennings, Basil Good, Keith Hunt, Albert de Cogan, Fern Allen, Patrick Cross, Kenneth Brookes, Stephen Ottman, Brian Nicholson, John Tait, Ivan Ryall, Trevor Perrott, Ned Phillips.

BIRTHS

WE CONVEY our congratulations to the following on new arrivals: Mr. & Mrs. Brian Levis, Mr. & Mrs. John Ludgate, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ross, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hosford, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dissen, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Hutchinson, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Ludgate, Mr. & Mrs. John Jeffery, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Jermyn, Mr. & Mrs. Robin England, Mr. & Mrs. Jan van der Puil, Mr. & Mrs. Trevor Lester, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ferguson, Mr. & Mrs. Ian Dalton, Mr. & Mrs. Maynard Forde (twins), Mr. & Mrs. Trevor Peare, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Northridge, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Cross, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Chapple, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Boyd, Mr. & Mrs. James Tait.

Sport

RUGBY K. Hitchmough, T. Lester, I. Wolfe (*Cork Constitution*), T. Levis, B. Lynch, P. Hitchmough, D. Hetherington, G. Fort, C. Woollam, Keith Chambers, M. Sweetnam, J. Whitaker, E. Noonan, M. Shorten (*Dolphin*), T. Levis, G. Kingston, G. O'Sullivan, James Tait, John Tait (*Midleton*), I. Shorten, W. Skuse, R. Chambers, G. Perrott, S. Kingston, M. Chambers (*Bandon*), C. Jennings (*Clonakilty*), G. Northridge, A. Northridge (*Lisgould*), S. Nagle (*Lansdowne*), G. Nicholson, J. Bryan (*Youghal*), J. Farrar (*Ennis-corthy*), Ken Chambers, P. Butler (*Tralee*), W. Hornibrook (*Muskerry*), A. Eadie (*Edinburgh*), J. Ludgate, S. Brownlow (*Crosshaven*), N. Hill (*Skerries*), B. Deane, J. McGillivray, Peter Gibson - Overseas.

HOCKEY G. Percival (*Avoca*), J. Moore, B. Hosford, J. Hornibrook, I. Leopold, G. Jermyn, T. Fair, C. Jones, P. Loane, N. Hickey, Keith Chambers (*Cork C.I.*), S. Egner, R. Allen, F. Allen (*Harlequins*), P. Murphy, A. Hickey, D. Moore, James Moore (*Pembroke Wanderers*), J. van der Puil, F. van der Puil, K. Allen, P. Newenham (*Brandon*), I. Wolfe, M. Lynch (*Ashton*), B. Levis (*Three Rock Rovers*), S. Ruttle (*Y.M.C.A.*), C. Sherlock, P. Butler (*L.P.Y.M.A.*), D. Bloomer (*Galway*), N. Johnson (*Cobh*), Allie Mackillop (*U.C.C.*), Julia Jameson (*Trinity*).

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Notices

MIDDLETON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION TIES are available through the School Office or from D. Matthews Ltd., Academy Street, Cork. Price £6.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION is on a life basis for a single payment of £15, reduced to £10 for those within a year of leaving. An expansion of the membership would be welcome and present members are requested to encourage others to join. Subscriptions may be sent to Hon. Treasurer, M.C.A., Midleton College, Co. Cork.

FORTY YEARS BACK

IT WAS 1940 and one does not have to finger the pages of the M.C. Magazine of that year to know that it provided the June of Dunkirk and to recall the catastrophic war events of that long hot summer.

Willie Daly, the Editor of that issue, wished the many serving past pupils 'the best of luck in their difficult duties'. Life at school went on with little obvious difference – rationing and austerity had not yet arrived. 'Red' White won an Entrance Scholarship to U.C.C. and Alfie Allen, as one would expect, gained honours in the Inter. Cert. The Cricket XI won the Cork and District Junior League having only one defeat in ten matches, mainly due to the fine bowling of Fred Smyth – 47 wickets at an average of 5.2 runs. Jack White was in Trinity and became a Scholar of the House and Willie Daunt (Waterrock) gained a Mod. in Philosophy.

The Rugby team that autumn had already made an auspicious start to winning the inaugural Schools' League and Lawson Cup – forerunner of the O'Brien of today – with skilful operators such as Bobby Peet, Francis Jermyn and Henry Smyth in the backs and Leslie Atkins and Harold Johnson the liveliest of the forwards.

The O.B.A. came into being and held its first Annual Dinner in the Metro-pole Hotel on 12th December. 'Prosperity to Midleton College' was proposed by a former Head, Rev. G. S. Baker.

The Concert provided the usual mixture – the Drummer Boys had established themselves already with George Perks starring. The plays were *A Military Engagement* and *Dr. O'Toole*; in the latter Bobby Peet using his Kerry accent to advantage as the Sergeant 'brought down the house'. Barry O'Neill had started his clowning antics and George Williams showed future promise in a 'polite recitation'!

And so 1940 was laid to rest.

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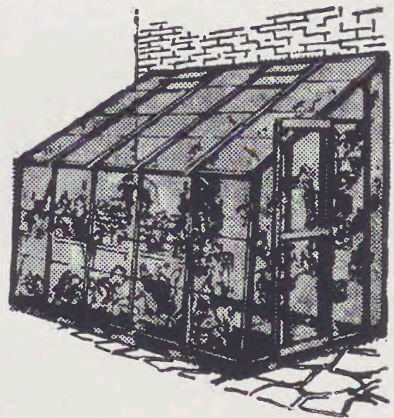
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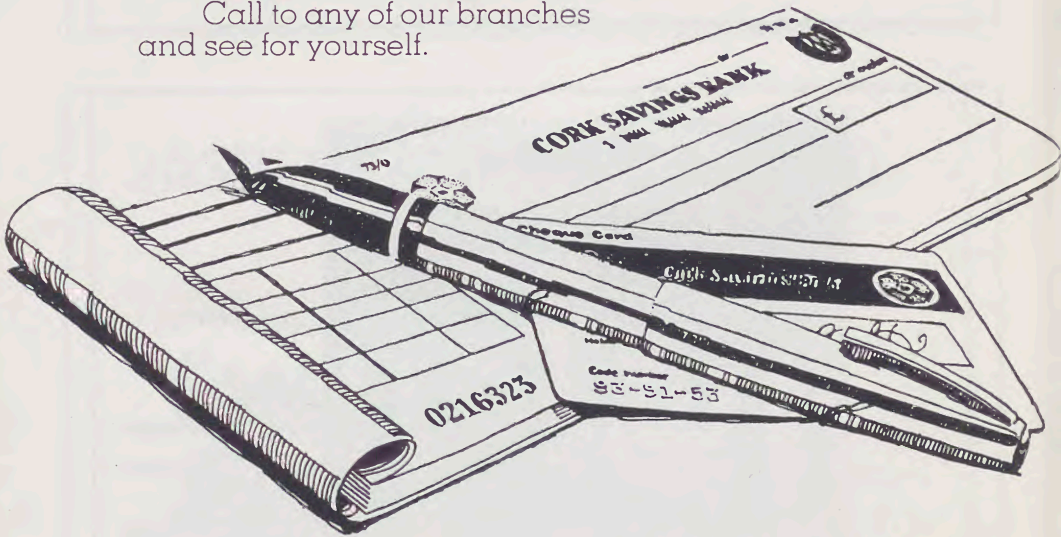
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