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GUILD'S at LORD MAYOR'S SHOW



GUILDS' PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN BO. WITH SPANNER.

Even as the sky grew darker above, and the rain clouds gathered, the scene in Moorgate became more picturesque and colourful as the floats for the Lord Mayor's Show arrived, and students dressed in gay carnival fashion took their places on them. An unknowing passer-by might easily have thought that the citizens of past ages had risen from their graves, and indeed the pages of history were turned back for a few hours. King's College and City and Guilds' College manned the floats. The theme "Wool through the ages" was illustrated by everyday vestment, and Colin Smith looked realistic enough in his Lieutenant Colonel uniform to be saluted by a regular private of the Royal Signals.

The procession was full of the colour and pageantry which has become so much a part of the Show. Headed by the Horseguards and the Royal Marines, the procession made its way through the City streets to the music of eleven bands, and the cheering crowds lining the route made it clear from the start that the persistent rain was not going to act as a damper. After the more austere pageantry of the Guards and the Cavalry, the Londoners who packed the pavement found light relief in the gaily-decked floats manned by even more gaily decorated students.

The main body of Guilds' - over 200 - travelled down by tube to Blackfriars. On the way, an elderly gentleman descended from train, called a porter, and explained that he had an "uncomfortable" journey. The porter entered the carriage, and was immediately ejected with a barrage of missiles of a non-lethal nature. When the Guilds' reached their destination, an inspector tripped over, and was un-



THE GUILDS' FLOAT SENDS BACK A HEAVY "BOOMALAKA"

able to collect tickets. At Ludgate Gardens another man hoisted the Guilds' Crest high up a lamp-post, and although rain was falling, it did not dampen the spirit of the College. King's College threw a certain amount of toilet paper, which will probably be put to good use in Guilds'. When the floats arrived, "Boomalakas" thundered from the crowd to them and back again!

The procession stopped just past the Aldwich where the students on the floats were given an hour's rest, meat pies, sandwiches, and coffee. On the return route, Guilds' passed an assembled mob of King's students. The cheers turned to boos when the latter viewed the former, but a stunned silence fell quickly as the Guildsmen doffed their multicoloured headwear in unison, turned to face Reggie (King's mascot), and placed them over their hearts in mock funeral reverence. This action was followed by a steady stream of orange peel which liberally covered the front ranks of the King's men, women and children.

Towards the end of the Show the floats were separated from the bands, and those upon them were asked to make their way back to the Hall in which they changed. They came upon a band marching in strict tempo - and joined it in an orderly fashion - much to the amusement of the crowds. And so ended the 1955 Lord Mayor's Show. The organisers, both



UNOFFICIAL! - MARCHING BEHIND THE BAND - TO THE OBVIOUS AMUSEMENT OF THE POPULACE.

paid and unpaid, deserve the populace's thanks for such splendour and gaiety. May we be privileged next year to take part in this joyous occasion



ROYAL SCHOOL OF MINES

THE MINES BALL
AYRTON HALL

Friday, 25th November, 1955

Dancing 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

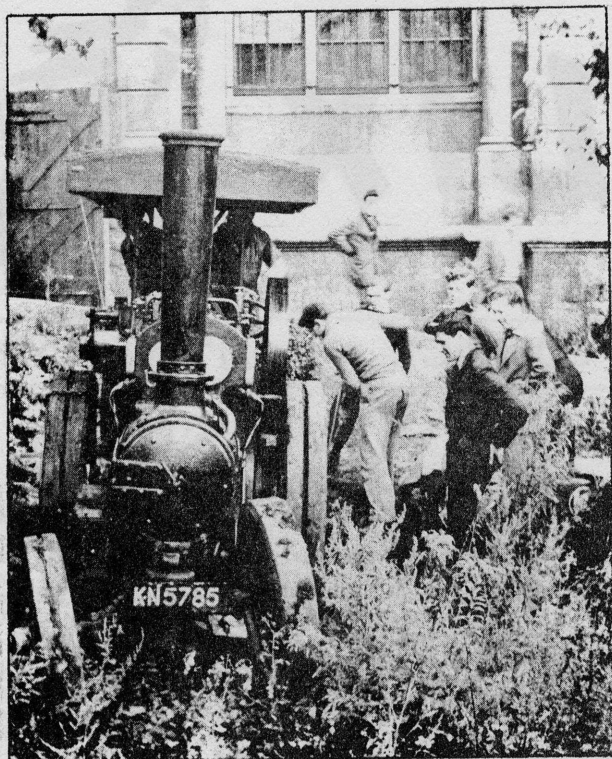
Evening Dress

15/- Double Ticket

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STUCK IN THE MUCK

CLEMENTINE BOGGED DOWN



PHOTOGRAPH BY J.M. TAGG.

Major repairs had to be carried out on the Mines Traction engine recently, and it was decided to move Clementine from the bomb site in Prince Consort Road to the Guilds yard.

Unfortunately the monsoons had softened the earth after the summer draught, and more earth was moved than the engine at the first attempt. The following day, a group of gangers, foreman, overseers, consultants, advisers, and even onlookers assembled to see Clementine leaning drunkenly to port contriving to flail the earth. Six hours later a rope was produced and the engine was pulled out quite easily without needing any of the wedges planks or pulleys recommended.

While resting on the rubbish dump in the Guilds yard, Clementine again developed a list to port. The angle of inclination shows the machine to have been under the weather, and it appears that its weight must be reduced or the parking sites must be strengthened if the engine is to maintain an even keel.

SCIENTISTS MEET TO DISCUSS NAMING

The first R.C.S. Union meeting of the year was held on November 1st, under the Presidency of Ernie Guthrie, and the Vice-Presidency of Miss Paddy Clarke. The minutes the last meeting were quickly disposed of by the Hon. Secretary, Alastair Fairbairn, and duly signed. Miss Clarke was then invested with her Robs Bonnet of office, loudly acclaimed by the appreciative Scientists.

On the subject of Murphy Day, it was decided that a party from the R.C.S. would travel down on a party ticket the fire engine was going down to Putney, (with or without spare big-ends), and the Union was reminded that a gentleman's agreement between the colleges forbade interference with each others' mascots.

Ernie Guthrie informed the Union that it was contributing £250 to the proposed Exploration Board. Guilds and I.C. Unions giving £250 and £500 respectively, Mines having no assets and therefore making no contribution. In answer to questions, it transpired that this was a sprat to catch a mackerel, in the form of large contributions from Societies such as the Geographical, however, once we had the mackerel, it would be bad form to ask for the sprat back. Several members of the Union expressed concern over its large financial resources, and the hopes that the money could be used more profitably.

The subject of the fire engine was again brought up, several suggestions for naming it being put forward, mostly relating to ancient and terrible monsters. The Union's decision, however, was postponed. The chairman of the Entertainment Committee asked for suggestion for the R.C.S. Smoking Concert, which is to be held in December. Anyone with ideas is asked to get in touch with him.

The meeting was closed with a hearty Kangella.

THE HARLINGTON HOP

Hundreds watch November 5th Celebrations

This year, like last year, Guy Fawkes' Hop was held at Harlington. The quiet Clubhouse was decorated with lanterns and streamers; two bars had been arranged to cater for the hundreds who would soon arrive, and soft music drifted soothingly from the loudspeakers as a last minute check of the programme was made. Out on the balcony a small group of men watched the rockets ascending from another celebration about a mile away till a loud report at their feet made them realize that someone was watching them. In a few seconds there was a battle raging between the men on the balcony and the men in the Car-park - terminated violently by Sxxk's Bombs and a Rocket-Launcher, which parted the hair of one man indiscreet enough to raise his head too high.

EIGHT BUS LOADS

The departure from the Union was without the customary discharge of missiles as those present with and without tickets were conserving their supply of audible pyrotechnics for later in the evening.

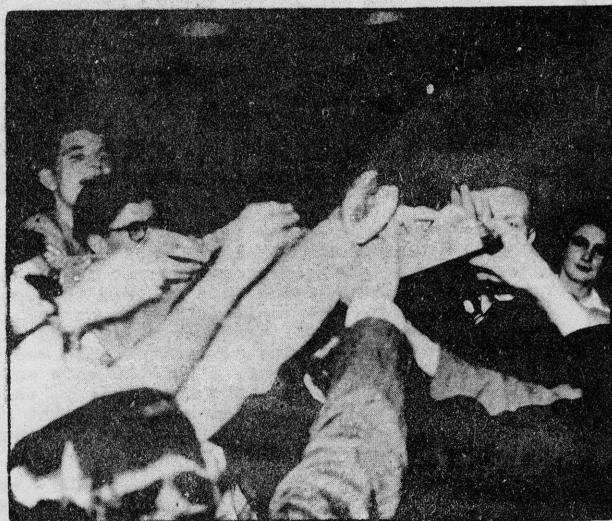
As the buses arrived the passengers were greeted by those already present with a vigorous bombardment from the balcony. Once inside, the new arrivals hastened to join the defenders. Good use was made of the bar which had fortunately been extended. Hot dogs were served by a scrum half who would charge the mob at the door with a tray loaded with sausages wrapped with bread rolls.

UP WENT THE SMOKE

At 8.30 what appeared to be a London Transport bus enveloped in flames turned out to be the bonfire. The guy, which had previously been hung from the Beit Building flag-pole by persons unknown, was soon consumed by the flames. A vigorous free-for-all firework battle followed, in which a few of the girls succumbed to shell-shock. Those seeking refuge and a vantage point in the buses were routed out.

WHIZZ - BANG - CRASH

The Official Firework display followed. The pieces ejecting missiles making a whistling sound were particularly appreciated, but the pieces were rather spread out along the rugger pitch, and seemed discontinuous. Dancing and celebrations continued until 11.30, and there was little of the foolish throwing of fireworks into the Dance-Hall. One gentleman, if he can be called that, succeeded in



ABOVE: A MAD SCRAMBLE FOR HOT DOGS, WHICH WERE SUPPLIED FREE BY THE UNION. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE GUY FAWKES HOP IS REAL VALUE FOR MONEY.

squirting an extinguisher in the crowded Bar - with the result that many of both sexes received an ill-timed douching.

The buses left from 10 pm onwards, but it was a pity that the earlier departures consisted mainly of girls - doing a Cinderella Act - who had to be in early. As many of the men were unable to buy tickets for their partners, it would have been better to limit the invitations to Colleges whose inmates are allowed to stay out till a late hour. The Dance was excellent for those wishing to take that form of exercise - in fact, all those people concerned; the Social Clubs, the Athletic Clubs, the I.C. Executive and the Entertainments Committee must be thanked for the excellent arrangements made.

Felix

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The editorship of FELIX will shortly be changing hands. To the new editor we say "Good Luck". To the readers, we say "Support FELIX by buying him". He is your forum and informant.

Photographs taken by FELIX are displayed outside the Bar. Anyone who feels that he has taken good photos should send them to the Editor - if these are published, acknowledgement will be made, and payment given.

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Ayrton Hall
2/- single **Tomorrow** - 3/6 double
I.C. Polish Society's Dance

Cabaret ~ Bar ~ Tickets on sale
at both Unions 1-2 p.m.

OLD CENTRALIANS' SHERRY PARTY

This year, for the first time, the Sherry Party given by the Old Centralians for those undergraduates in their third year was held in the Armourers and Braziers Hall, Moorgate. The Hall had the atmosphere of antiquity, for around the tall walls is a collection of weapons and the skill of craftsmen which would shame any museum. At this Party were the representatives of the Engineering professions - all of them Centralians - to help and advise future technicians of industry. It would be unfair to mention one firm in preference to another, for their "salesmen" were all persuasive. Most of the students who went were surprised by the co-operation which exists between the College and the Centralians.

The meeting lasted for two and a half hours, during which time a large quantity of beer and hot-dogs was consumed, and at least one person felt his qualms had been assuaged.

EXPLORATION BOARD MEETS

At the preliminary meeting of the Imperial College Exploration Board held on Thursday, 3rd. November, it became clear that there is an urgent need for publicity to be given to the fact that the Board is now ready to receive details of exploration schemes.

The Board will hold its first full meeting on Thursday 15th December, and students who have exploration schemes for consideration by the Board at this first meeting are invited to send details in writing to Mr. E. Fairhurst, Imperial College Office - before 1st December. The Board wishes to make clear that applications will be received at any time in the future for consideration at later meetings.

Applications should contain the following minimum of information set out in the clearest possible manner.

- (1) The proposed destination of the expedition.
- (2) The purposes and the results expected.
- (3) The number of members.
- (4) An estimate of the cost.

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Coming
Soon!

!!!! THE POOR MAN'S CARNIVAL !!!!

NELSON'S COLUMN

The Moscow Dynamos team spent the evening of November 5th walking around Kensington. It is interesting to speculate what their reactions would have been had they tried this on Guy Fawke's Day some years ago.

Meanwhile the police were as busy as ever in Trafalgar Square - but not with students; disturbing as this may seem, the mighty influence of Senate House does not seem to have penetrated to the teddy boys.

King's engineers recently built a bridge from their College to their Union to show the somewhat slow builders that it could be done. How about it Guilds? - this year's Engineers Ball in the second floor of our Union?

Selkirk Hall, in their rocket war with the nearby women's college, used a new-type weapon incorporating a war-head. The return broadside which came the next morning was even more effective - a bill for damage.

Ted Smith informs me that 2,852.5 gallons of draught beer were sold from the bar between Oct. 1st. 1954 and Oct. 1st. 1955. As there are 2,066 students at I.C., the arithmetic mean is not very inspiring, but the distribution would probably be astounding.

Mines appear to have encountered considerable difficulty in "de-bogging" their traction engine. The only solution I can offer is putting a cat under it and sending for the R.S.P.C.A.

The first awards listed in the King's News under the heading "Sports Awards" are for debating and chess. K.C.L. are obviously one up on us in these fields, but we hope the Debating Society had plenty of sport in their fixture with Bedford on Tuesday.

Passers-by last Thursday were amused to see R.C.M. flying their flag for the visit of the Queen Mother, and a guy hanging from the flagpole, over the Beit Building!!!!!!

R.C.M. sent a letter to Chem Tec. asking them to refrain from making too much smell; it is time we sent them a letter asking them not to make too much noise.

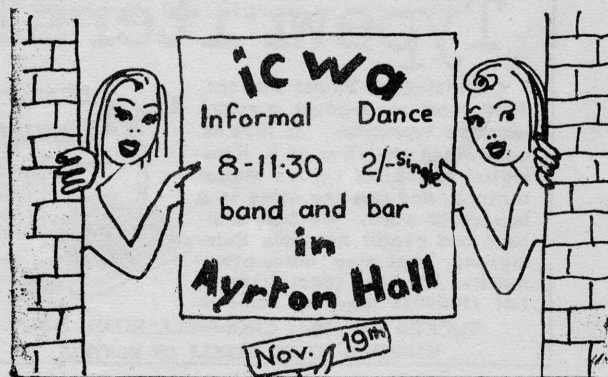
Readers of the suggestions book in the old Union will appreciate the contribution by Bugs Guthrie of a dirty spoon selotaped to the page. Should Mr. Mooney's answer be a clean spoon, this form of suggestion is likely to continue, much to the detriment of the book.

This December Q.M.C. intend to have a Charity Rag week much on the lines of those run by certain provincial universities. We will watch this innovation with interest as it may eventually grow to something involving the whole university.

DIG THAT CRAZY JAZZ

The temperature rose for a couple of hours in the Ayrton Hall on Friday Nov 4th. as the I.C. Jazz Group held its first practice session of the term.

Tertzy MacVee, a member of the old group, led an ensemble of piano, guitar, double bass, oboe, trombone, and drums. The latter, undismayed by a complete absence of conventional percussion instruments, performed brilliantly on a collection of old tin lids. After a few preliminary runs the group settled down and produced some passable numbers. The double-bass played well, but the noise ratio was too much dominated by the brass. If the group can find a pianist up to their standards and practice regularly we can look forward happily to many noisy hours at coming carnivals.



Letters to the Editor:

City & Guilds College

Sir,

Despite recent agitation in the Union on the subject we were badly let down at Harlington by a premature shortage of liquid refreshment.

At a relatively early hour brown ale, bitter, orange juice, cider and gin were unobtainable.

Please let us see an improvement in future.

Yours,
J.M. Tagg.

I.C. Union.

Dear Sir,

While I can appreciate to the full the organisation and efficiency of the FELIX Board and staff, in producing a mid-week supplement, I regret to say that in my opinion there are better ways of spending a penny.

The supplement had neither the point-ness of the editorial, nor the appeal of the petition, which it seemed to be, judging by the first few paragraphs. Another point is that although it criticised, the criticism offered could hardly be called constructive.

An alternative reason for publication could be (or would appear to be) that FELIX has become an unofficial organ of the Senate.

Yours faithfully,
K. J. Hopkins.

Editor's note: Since when has Senate House said, like we did, "we should have Rags"?

I.C. Union.

Dear Sir,

Two years ago I had the good fortune to be picked up by a mass X-ray unit. Having seen a little of tuberculosis I would encourage everyone to go for an X-ray when the unit visits I.C.

Please note that:-

1) Approximately one in five hundred students has T.B. (four in I.C.)

2) No symptoms may be apparent.

It often takes a couple of months in hospital to convince a T.B. patient that there is anything wrong with him.

3) The disease may develop quickly, in a few weeks, or slowly over a matter of years. If it is caught in the early stages the treatment required is much shorter.

4) The mass X-ray is quick and simple. No undressing is usually necessary.

The whole business of the X-ray is so easy and so much is at stake. Do take this opportunity and make sure that you are uninfected.

Yours sincerely,
D.C. Macdonald.

I.C. Hostel

Dear Sir,

The prestige of both Guilds and Mines was upheld in the best tradition when on the evening of Friday 28th. Oct. the Mines Hon. Pornographer gallantly accepted the challenge of Dead-Eye-Dick to a rendering of Eskimo Nell.

The result of this battle of verse was that a good time was had by both Guilds and Mines alike. The respective supporters present unanimously agreed that the poem's best when rendered and audience are well "conditioned", although

Chronological Forecasts

Friday Nov. 11th

Wine Tasting Society
Claret, Speaker Mr. Sichel.
New Lounge 5.15 p.m.

Monday Nov. 14th

Methodist Meeting.
Zoology Lecture Theatre 5.15 p.m.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday Nov. 17th - 19th

London University One Act Play Festival
Institute of Education Hall 7.00 p.m.
I.C. Play on Saturday.
Tickets at door or from J.L. Saunders Elec. II.

Friday, Nov. 18th.

I.C.S.C.M.
'Christianity and Race' - Mr. J. Fletcher.
1.10pm. Room 128 C&G.
Sandwiches on sale. All welcome.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday Nov. 18th - 20th

I.C.S.C.M. Study Weekend.
'Incarnation' or 'Christ on Earth'.
Cost 30/- inclusive.
For further details apply J.R. Bottom through
Union Rack as soon as possible.

Thursday Nov. 24th

I.C. Photo Soc.
"Forty Years in Fleet Street".
Lancelot Vining.
Mining Lecture Theatre 1.30 p.m.

Sir Arthur Acland English Essay Prize 1956

Essays for the 1956 competition must reach the Registrar not later than 14th January, 1956. The essays must not exceed 5,000 words on any subject, but a scientific or technological subject must be treated in a non-specialised way. The competition is restricted to undergraduates. Recent winning Essays were:-

1952 "An Excursion in Ethics".
1953 "The Problem of Progress".

For further details see Official Notice Boards.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Continued.

the latter did their best to fulfill the requirement, time did not permit the renderers to do justice to it.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Wallace for his support in providing a little light entertainment for both Guilds and Mines and also to point out to him that I learnt my original version of this poem from a Miner.

Yours etc.
J.D. LeButt

I.C. Hostel,
6th. November, 1955.

Sir,

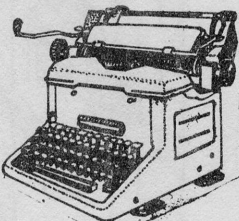
The standard of the refectory is deteriorating rapidly. This is mainly due to the ill manners and inconsideration among the students. Although we are eating in uncongenial surroundings, I do not think we should lower our standards so that our position becomes more invidious. Only a little effort is required, like returning dirty dishes, coming to meals correctly dressed and refraining from reading at meals other than breakfast.

I am voicing the sentiments of many students, and hope that in the future there will be a noticeable improvement.

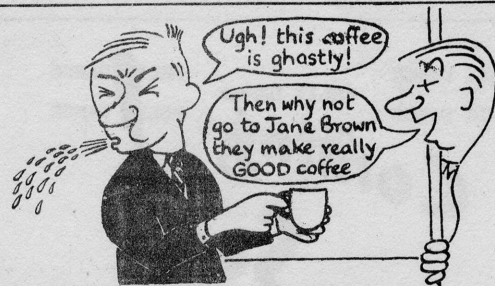
yours faithfully,
E. Stephen

Typewriters?

Christopher Sholes was the first man to produce a really workable typewriter. In 1873 he contracted the firm of E. Remington and Sons for its manufacture, and now the name is a household word. We buy, sell loan and repair not only Remingtons, but also many other makes. We have special terms for students and our name is



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CROSS-COUNTRY HOPES RISE

The results of our match against Lloyd's Bank and two other teams a fortnight ago are not to be taken at their face value. Although Imperial College finished 4th, six of our runners were participating in the U.L. v Cambridge match.

Our second team match against Westminster College. Last Wednesday, was lost by two points, even though Chas. Cotterill won the race whilst ostensibly "getting to know the course".

Last Saturday's race, on our home course, really gave an indication of our potentialities. Without Evans, Pain, Meller and Conway, we came within two points of beating Reading University, who are generally reckoned a powerful side. It is interesting to note that the first thirteen men home all broke thirty minutes, and many personal best times were set up. In particular, Webster is to be congratulated on a fine run which will easily earn him a place in the University second team.

L.S.E. were third in this match, I.C. 2nd team 4th., and Pearl Assurance Co. 5th.

I.C.W.S.C. SUCCESSES

Results:

HOCKEY	Royal Holloway 2nd. eleven	Drawn 0-0
	University College 2nd. eleven	Won 6-1
SQUASH	Westfield College	Won 4-1

The Hockey team is still unbeaten and the standard of play is high. Successful passing between players has been very noticeable this season.

The squash team played well against Westfield, the first string, Margaret Brown, being particularly outstanding.

SOCCER CLUB PLAY FOOTBALL

The 1st XI played their way into the second round of the U.L. cup with a 4-0 victory over University College Hospital on Nov. 5th. The standard of play was atrocious and it is obvious that further progress in the Cup will only be made by increased fitness and more constructive football. Goalscorers were Holgate (2), May (1), and McVeigh (1).

The second defeat in the U.L. league was suffered on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd., against King's, the score being 0-1. Once again play was very uninteresting.

The 2nd XI are having a moderate season, but have had two enjoyable games against local Grammar schools. Their record, at present, stands at:

P.8 W.2 D.2 L.4.

The 3rd XI have at last suffered their first defeat of the season, this being against South West Essex Technical College on Nov. 5th. Dab Baxter and his able men now have the remarkable record of:

P.8 W.7 D.0 L.1. Goals: for, 50; agst., 10.

TOUCHSTONE WEEKENDS

The first TOUCHSTONE weekend of the new session was memorable. Several new faces were welcomed and the fact that Saturday was November 5th did not impair proceedings; quite the contrary. . . . The speaker was Mr. M.R. Ridley, the visiting lecturer in letters to Imperial College. The subject, "Censorship" proved difficult and rather elusive. Mr Ridley delivered a stimulating talk in which he successfully directed the course of the ensuing debate and opened up interesting questions on all forms of censorship. The debate then opened and covered subjects varying from Japanese films, through the meaning of freedom to Horror Comics.

Later in the evening, nature provided her own Guy Fawkes display with a brilliant lightning storm; lightning struck the telephone wires and set fire to the switchboard. Several members of the party succeeded in sleeping through the arrival and departure of no less than three fire-engines. The following morning saw several groups doggedly defying the rain in their tours of the countryside. At lunch the discussion was heartily re-opened. The party returned to South Kensington at 5 o'clock and without exception all agreed that a very pleasurable and worthwhile week-end was spent.

"Vive Napoleon"

Guildsmen from the Engineering Society entertained two French students during Commemoration Week. The French Boys were introduced to London (1) and taken to the Ball at the Dorchester. Outside 10, Downing Street, on the opposite wall was scrawled "Vive Napoleon" - which they found hilariously amusing, much to the delight of onlookers! The visit is an annual one, and I.C. and L'ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées have an exchange system.

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS
Winter Championships

After a lapse of fifty years, the University of London Athletic Association have re-started the Winter Relay and Field Events Championships. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16th November at 2.30 in Mootspur Park. The College team will be relying on their old-stagers in some events, although in others everything must be left to the freshers. Our prospects in the Relay seem brightest. In the 880 x mile x 880 we have Bill Pain, John Evans and Les Locke; John Evans won the 1500 metres in San Sebastian; Bill Pain was last year's Captain of the U.L. Cross-Country Club; Les Locke is a promising pupil of Franz Stampfl.

In the throwing events we still have Phil Toynbee and are hoping that his strength has not waned over the close season. In the jumping events the freshers will be playing a leading part as Mike Browne will not be available for either the Longjump or Hop, step, and, jump and Terry Hyslop is no longer with us for the high jump. This meeting appears to be a very good idea as it will keep up interest in winter training which does tend to become tedious without any competitive running.



J.S. Evans (I.C.) and K. Gilligan (U.C.) winning the U.L. match against Cambridge University, two weeks ago.

JUDO PROSPECTS

Last year, with a total membership of twelve or so, the Judo Club won seven out of ten matches, beating Oxford University twice and Cambridge once.

This year, the club has seven of last year's members, and about twenty freshers. Some of the freshers have had previous judo experience, and so the prospects for this year are bright. The increasing interest displayed in the "gentle art" can be largely attributed to the skill of our instructor, Mr. T.P. Leggett (6th Dan).

The first match of this season will be fought against Cambridge University Judo Club, away, on Saturday, November 19th.

HOCKEY CLUB PLAY HOCKEY

First XI Results

Sat. Oct. 29th	v Vickers Armstrongs	- won 2-1
Wed. Nov. 2nd	v Queen Mary College	- won 4-3
Sat. Nov. 5th	v St. Catherine's College Cambridge	- drew 2-2

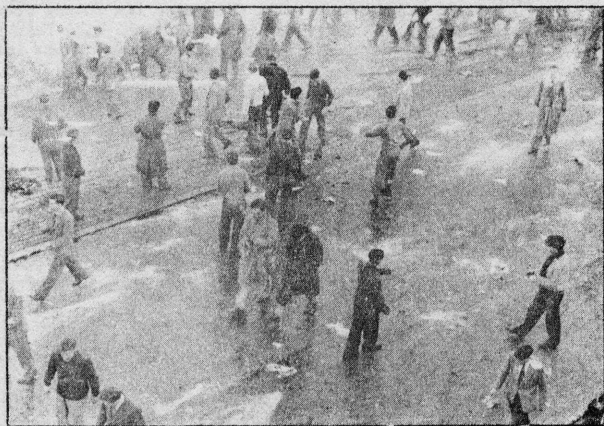
The first XI have improved since the beginning of the season, and if the forward line can play more forceful hockey, more goals should result.

We beat Queen Mary College in the first round of the University of London Cup, with only a few minutes to spare. The play was lethargic in the extreme until ten minutes from the end. At this stage we were two goals down, but three quick goals gave us victory. In the next round we are to meet University College, who beat Chelsea Polytechnic 15-0.

A hard, fast and thoroughly enjoyable game was played at Cambridge against St. Catherine's College. In spite of the fact that they play three or four times a week, we lasted the pace better and should have won, but for a goal scored in the last minute.

SPORTS NEWS

Fun at MORPHY DAY R.F.C. WIN ROUND OF U.L. CUP



PSUEDO FLOUR BOMBS AT PUTNEY. THE FUN LASTED A LOOOOOONG TIME!!!!

If you went down to the Morphy Day,
You were sure of a big surprise,
If you went down to the Morphy Day,
You should have gone in disguise.
With R.C.S. in a bit of a mess,
And Guilds all covered in water.

(Written by a Miner.)

The various colleges went down to Morphy Day prepared for SPORT. The Guilds arrived with "Bo" at Putney at about 1.30. Later the R.C.S. appeared led by the Fire Engine, on board which were effigies of the Guilds' and Mines' Presidents. In spite of the Guildsmen's and Miners' efforts, these were burnt outside the Boat House. The fight continued sporadically with squibs and fireworks, until the boats came in sight, when a truce was called. Keith Miller, President of the Guilds, in full regalia was ably defended by his supporters, except on two occasions when he and the spanner were rushed, nearly into the water, by miners. Others were not so lucky, and there were several casualties and duckings.

The Traction Engine hit a car, ran out of water several times, nearly blew its fusible plug and arrived as everyone was going home, with no water and no steam. The crowd four hundred strong, were escorted home by the police, and finally dispersed at S. Ken Station.

The Morphy Race.

Results of the draw gave Mines the Middlesex station, Guilds the centre and R.C.S. the Surrey shore. The sun had gone in, the water was choppy on the Middlesex side and the wind was blowing from the starboard bow.

The crews got off to a good start at Hamersmith Bridge, but by Harrods, Guilds led R.C.S. by $\frac{3}{4}$ canvas, with R.S.M. half a length behind. By Crabtree the distances were $\frac{1}{2}$ a length and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length respectively. Towards the milepost the R.C.S. cox was steering a zig-zag course and crowding the Guilds boat; they were warned several times by the Umpire. The time at the Milepost was 3 mins. 16 secs., and the positions were: C & G. - $\frac{3}{4}$ l. - R.C.S. - 4 l. - R.S.M.

Between the Milepost and the Football Grounds Mines spurred, moved into Guilds wash and nearly clashed with R.C.S. Guilds, however, were increasing their lead (to $1\frac{1}{2}$ l.), with Mines and R.C.S. level. The poor steering of the R.C.S. cox was causing further loss of ground. The positions at Craven Steps were C & G. - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ l. - R.S.M. - 1 ft. - R.C.S.; at the Brook, C & G. - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ l. - R.S.M. - $\frac{1}{2}$ l. - R.C.S.; and at the boat-house, C & G. - 2 l. - R.S.M. - $\frac{3}{4}$ l. - R.C.S. The time at the Finish was 8 mins. 15 secs., with Guilds winning by two clear lengths from Mines, who led R.C.S. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Had Mines been awarded half a length advantage by the starter, on account of their station, as the Umpire suggested, Guilds' lead at the Finish would probably have been only one length clear.

The Lowry Race.

The stations for the race were the same as for the Morphy. Thirty seconds after the start of the Lowry, Mines clashed with Guilds, and Mines' bow broke a blade. A new one was supplied from the launch, and the race was restarted.

From the start at the Milepost, Guilds went into the lead, and at the Football Grounds the positions were: C & G. - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ l. - R.C.S. - $\frac{3}{4}$ l. - R.S.M. AT further in the race, positions were: the Brook, C & G. - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ l. - R.C.S. - a canvas - R.S.M.; the Boat-house, C & G. - 2 l. - R.C.S. and R.S.M. equal; London R.C., C & G. - 2 l. - R.S.M. - 2 ft. - R.C.S., and at the Finish Guilds led Mines by three lengths, with R.C.S. three feet behind Mines. The time was 4 mins. 38 secs.

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During the opening phase of the game, King's kept on getting the ball but I.C. held out with good defensive work. Early on Hearn missed a long penalty kick at goal, but soon he had another chance, and this time there was no doubt. (I.C. 3 - 0). After a thrilling scrum in front of the King's posts, Hearn dropped a perfect goal. (I.C. 6 - 0). By this time I.C. were playing well together as a team - and then King's had the misfortune to lose one of their centres with a broken ankle. He later went to hospital. Hearn kicked two more good penalty goals before half-time, when the score was 12 - 0.

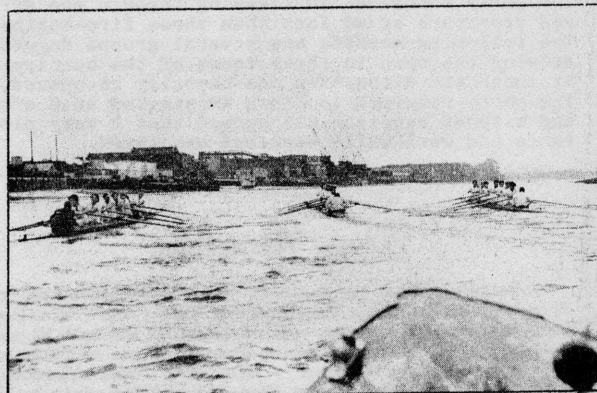
The I.C. pack had not had enough of the ball during the first-half; their scrummaging in the set-scrums was not good, although they were much better in the loose. Early on Doncaster dropped a magnificent goal to make the score 15 - 0, and this was quickly followed by another Hearn penalty: (18 - 0). At last the King's line was crossed, after a ball came to Palmer on the right wing (via Holman), and he scored in the corner. The attempted conversion failed (18 - 0). Shortly afterwards Doncaster kicked ahead, followed up, took the ball in the loose, and went over for a second unconverted try. This brought the final score to I.C. 24, King's 0. We had won the first round! There was over a score of I.C. supporters watching; Mrs Robinson enjoyed the game very much. Of the 1st XV, Tounbee, Hearn, and Dingle at scrum-half were stalwarts of the team.



KING'S GET THE BALL BACK. EVEN THOUGH I.C. WON, THE SET SCRUMS ARE WEAK.

MORPHY CREWS CELEBRATE

The Boat Club threw training to the winds when it held its 36th Annual Dinner in the Ayrton Hall following the day's racing. The usual festive spirit was undaunted by the prodigious length of the speeches and presentation of trophies; the Lord Desborough Memorial Medal being awarded to last year's Captain of Boats, Kim Ash. The proceedings were brought to a hasty close at 10.30 p.m. leaving just half an hour for the essential exercise of elbow and vocal chords in the bar.



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