



THE SANAWAR NEWS-LETTER

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During the last few years there has been a growing demand from old Sanawarians for a School paper which will keep them posted with news of Sanawar and their former School friends. In response to this demand we have revived the publication of a monthly news-letter. We hope the Sanawar News Letter, as it appears in its new guise, will give parents and our old boys and old girls an idea of what we are doing here in Sanawar.

School News

The Term opened on March 9th. We have had a large number of new admissions this year and the total strength of the School to-day is 462.

It was with deep regret that we said good-bye to Mr. Carter and Mr. Cowell who left us at the end of last year. Over many years they gave unremittingly of their time and energy to the School and helped it to tide over the critical post-partition period. They, more than anyone else, made Sanawar what it is to-day. Our good wishes go with them.

We welcome Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Mckie, Dr. Sakhuja and his family, Mr. Gopinathan, Mr. Sinha, Mr. Atma Ram, Mr. Gupta and Mr. Khanna to the School and hope their association with us will be a long and happy one.

During Mr. Bhalerao's absence from School, Mr. G.B. Wad will look after the Art School and take Art classes.

Mrs. Kemp is now Mistress-in-charge Prep. School.

Mrs. Bedi and Mrs. Gidwani are the new Housemistresses for Himalaya and Siwalik. In the Prep. School Mrs. Thomas is Housemistress for Himalaya, Mrs. Lyall for Siwalik and Miss Sen for Nilagiri.

We were very happy to see Mr. Carter again when he paid us a visit last month. He was here from March 19th to March 26th and, by taking Assembly on Thursday 22nd, recalled old times. Mr. Carter is now the Headmaster of Bishop Cotton School, Simla.

A party of 36 boys and 3 masters from the Sainik School, Dehra Dun arrived in Sanawar on

the morning of March 31st. Mr. Vyas took them round the School and Housemasters and Prefects had lunch with them. In the evening, after having Tea with the Headmaster, the visitors left for Simla.

On March 31st, the School saw a performance of "Pygmalion" by the Shakespeareana Company in Barne Hall.

We are very grateful to the British Council for a gift of 41 gramophone records on English Language.

The Cricket Season began earlier this year and was ushered in by a Festival Match played on Barnes on March 20th. An account of the match appears elsewhere in this News-letter.

The boys have House Numbers which will apply to them individually and will be theirs till they are in the School.

The boys now prep in their Houses under the supervision of their House staff.

Appointments

BOYS SCHOOL

Head Boy ... Bhupinderpal Singh

School Prefects

Himalaya ... K. M. Verma

Nilagiri ... { H. S. Brar
K.S. Dhami

Siwalik ... Naresh Bahadur

Vindhya ... Bhupinderpal Singh

House Prefects

Himalaya ... { V.K. Mariktala
A.S. Grewal
Gurpratap Singh

Nilagiri ... { S. Mullick
V. K. Soi

Siwalik ... Richard Mountford.

Vindhya ... { M. S. Shergill
Pradeep Rao.

M. I. Prefect ... K. M. Singh.

GIRLS' SCHOOL

Head Girl ... Yogindra Dhillon

School Prefects

Himalaya ... Suman Mala Yadunath

Nilagiri ... Yogindra Dhillon

Siwalik ... Venita Dubey

Vindhya ... Rina Charan Singh

M. I. Prefect ... Asha Dhawan.

House Prefects

Nilagiri ... Asha Narang

Siwalik ... Gul Sahani

Vindhya ... Satinder Kaur

Himalaya ... Jaya Rani Krishan

Congratulations

On passing their J. S. W. examination :

G. S. Lamba	H. Gidwani
B. S. Malhans	Ramesh Pratap
Sarbjit S. Sandhu	Bhupinder Pal
K. S. Dhama	K. M. Verma.

On their success in the School Certificate Examination :

1st Division

Yash Paul Choudhry	Parikshat Sahani
Indru Lakhani	G. S. Lamba
Parvez Kumar	Balbir Singh Bhasin
Sudhir Singh	Harish Gidwani
	Usha Rani Choudhry

2nd Division

H. S. Bedi	Birinder Singh Malhans
K.K. Soi	Devendra Pratap Singh

3rd Division

Asha Sircar	S.P.S. Gill
Harinder Gill	Mira Koregaokar.

There were no failures.

Old Sanawarian News

Ashok Deshraj, Birinder Singh Malhans and Sonia Thadani visited the School last month.

Sita Bhai has joined the J. J. School of Arts, Bombay.

Gita Bery and Sonia Thadani are in their first year in Miranda House.

Reena Thadani has joined Lady Irwin College, Delhi.

Parvez Kumar has left for the U. K.

Kulbhushan Deiswal, who visited the School on March 28th, is in the Military College Dehra Dun and will be passing out in June.

Harinder Gill will be joining Shantiniketan in July.

M. V. K. Sharma (O.S.) has changed his name to Vishnu Bhagwat.

Cricket

The season opened with a Festival Match on March 18th between a Staff XI and the First XI. Mr. Saleem Khan won the toss for the Staff XI and sent in Mr. Mukherjee and Mr. Gore to open the innings. Mr. Mukherjee was back in the Pavilion before we had settled down. He was out for a duck. Mr. Mehta who went in next was unfortunately run out just as he was getting into his stride. Meanwhile wickets had been falling regularly at the other end. Mr. Gore, Mr. Saleem Khan, and Mr. Vyas were out in quick succession. Worse was to follow. Mr. Gopinathan, Mr. Bhupinder Singh and Mr. Sinha came back without scoring. More than half the side was back in the Pavilion and things looked very black indeed for the Staff XI. But all was not lost. Mr. Kemp was still at the wicket. And he was in an irresistible mood. Hitting all round the wicket with tremendous power Mr. Kemp virtually pulled the Staff XI out of danger. He made 60. With the exit of Mr. Kemp the batting folded up and the innings closed at exactly 100.

The First XI also did not start very auspiciously. They lost three wickets rather cheaply. But their skipper Bhupinder Pal Singh and Sangram Singh Gaekwad coming together for the fourth wicket put on some very valuable runs. Repeatedly lifting the ball to the long-on boundary Bhupinder Pal Singh collected a hectic 38. Sangram was more cautious and made 63. He was the picture of confidence and treated the Staff XI bowling with great respect. After he left, the innings finished quickly. The First XI were all out for 140. Mr. Mehta took 5 Wickets for 53 runs and Mr. Saleem Khan 5 for 57.

The Staff XI went in for their second knock and it was the same story all over again. Wickets started falling in quick succession. But Mr. Mehta refused to be intimidated and went on placidly to collect a splendid unbeaten 78. Playing copy-book cricket Mr. Mehta impressed us with his clean shots. He made his runs rather slowly but he made them well. Mr. Kemp assisted him with a hard hit 24. Mr. Saleem Khan made 19. None of the others reached double figures. The Staff XI made 149. Bhupinder Pal Singh captured 5 for 39. Set to make 110 runs for victory in less than an hour the First XI decided to play it safe. Richard Mountford made 25 not out. At stumps the First XI had collected 53 runs for the loss of 3 wickets.

M.P.G.

E. G. Carter

Mr. E. G. Carter came to Sanawar in 1922. During his long stay here he served the School in many ways. He established a very fine reputation as a teacher and although his special loves were History and English he taught every subject with confidence and skill.

In conjunction with his excellence as a teacher, Mr. Carter was invaluable to the School as a Cricket coach and under his untiring supervision the Cricket XI provided stout opposition to our old rivals—B. C. S. Later on Mr. Carter occupied the posts of Secretary and Headmaster and proved a wise and able administrator. He was particularly useful to the School during the difficult days of '47-'48, when the present Sanawar emerged out of the difficulties of transition. It is indeed impossible to think of Sanawar without noticing Mr. Carter's influence in the activities of the School. Under his able direction the A. D. S. won many laurels and one learns that he is himself an actor of repute. With Mr. Carter one always remembers Mrs. Carter under whose wise guidance the Girls' School developed into a very important part of Sanawar. Mr. and Mrs. Carter have proved good friends of the School over the years and will never be forgotten for their untiring devotion and loyalty to Sanawar.

R.C.

S. C. Cowell

Sanawar Quiz Question: "What place is known as 'Tiger's Mouth'?" Small Boy: "Mr. Cowell's House".

'Tiger's Mouth' is a spring on the Kalka Road and is a source of precious water for the villages nearby. Mr. Cowell too has been a spring albeit of a different kind, and his contribution has been no less precious. Generations of old Sanawarians remember his unstinted selfless devotion, nay dedication, to this hill-top which he loved so all-absorbingly and which to him was Home. He came here first as a School-boy in the early years of the first World War, and left as Headmaster after forty years of close association with, and deep experience of, all phases of our life. He was Assistant Master, Housemaster, Senior Master and Headmaster, and his contribution in each capacity redounded to Sanawar's strength. He and Mrs. Cowell have been in Sanawar and of Sanawar for so long that Cowell and Sanawar are almost synonymous. We miss them greatly. We miss their generosity, their affection, their sincerity, their inspiration. We hope that wherever they may be, whatever their Fates provide, they will be happy in the thought that the solid foundations they have helped to lay support a great and glorious structure which the elements will buffet in vain.

Au Revoir, and God bless you both.

T. K.

Shakespeareana's "Pygmalion"

[While going towards the dining-hall after seeing the play, I heard two boys talking about Mr. Shakespeare (Mr. Shakespeare, incidentally, is Mr. Kendal according to 'The Statesman'). "Mr. Kendal made a more convincing Mr. Higgins (I mean Prof. Higgins) than Prof. Macbath (I mean Mr. Macbeth)" said one.

"Quite right", said the other boy.

"Quite right", said I, poking my nose into their business.

Two years ago, the Shakespeareana International Theatre Company performed 'Macbeth'. Mr. Kendal played the difficult male role and Miss Liddel played opposite him. This year they staged 'Pygmalion' which was the more popular of the two.]

Mr. Kendal as Prof. Higgins dominated the performance. Miss Doolittle (Miss Liddel) was superb, first as Miss Doolittle, the flower-girl from the gutter and then with a considerable change in accent, as Miss Doolittle the sophisticated duchess.

Mr. John Day gave a commendable performance as Col. Pickering, Prof. Higgins's partner in crime (phonetics). Mr. Kellet, as usual, was excellent.

Mr. Bromilow as Freddy Eynsford-Hill, Mr. Mirza and Mr. Murch as bystanders, Mr. Wheatley as Rev. Eynsford-Hill, Miss Jennifer Bragg as Miss Eynsford-Hill and Mrs. Pearce, Miss Wendy Beavis as Mrs. Higgins and Mr. Mirza as the Butler acquitted themselves very well on the stage.

Throughout the play, a fast tempo was maintained and the audience was held spell-bound.

"She's going to marry Freddyha, ha, ha, ha, ha. She's going to marry Freddy-ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha".

(Laughter and loud cheers)

Suresh Mullick.

Films

Oscar Wilde's brilliant comedy "Importance of Being Earnest" was shown in Barne Hall on March 10th, 1956. Despite frequent interruptions caused by over-inquisitive rats, the film was enjoyed by all present.

March 17th 1956: A light comedy, The Affairs of Sally, provided great fun for the children, who split their sides laughing at the antics of Lucille Ball.

[On March 24th, for the first time, a Hindi film was on show. A moving story from the pen of Sharat Chandra, "Chota Bhai", was a touching film.]

"Jagriti" (March 25th) is a 'must' for both the teacher and the taught. It is the story of the reformation of a wayward boy. A moving film, it was appreciated by all.

We thank Mr. A. C. Jalan of Filmistan Distributors, for allowing us to screen this picture free of cost.

New Admissions

BOYS

Swaraj Kumar
Deepak Mahey
Udesh Sharma
Sidharath Deshray
Lachhman T. Kripalani
Hiroo T. Kripalani
Jatinder Singh
Duleep Jayant Pradhan
Naresh Kumar Acharya
Manjit Singh Gill
Darshanjit Singh Grewal
Amarpal Singh Somal
Bhupinder L. Singh
Dharamvir Singh
Sanjay Varma

Mohinder Pratap S. Dhillon
 Ragbir Singh Dhillon
 Sanjeeb
 Arun Kumar Pandaya
 Amarjit Singh Butalia
 Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
 Harcharan Singh Sandhu
 Ajit
 Mehtab Singh
 Kuldeepinder Singh Parvez
 Rajan Anand
 Baljit Singh
 Haripreet
 Chand Karan Ahuja
 Deepak Kumar Samal
 Suresh Kumar Madan
 Chand Suneel Ahuja
 Bhagwati Prashad
 Sharan Khanna
 Charanjit Bhalla
 Subash Jayaswal
 Kamal Dev Singh
 Balraj Singh Takhar
 Ranjit Singh Randhawa
 Vidya Sagar Rao
 Th. Yogendra Singh
 Th. Niranjana Singh
 Ravinder Singh Bath
 Jagjit Singh Ghungesh
 Dalip Gambir
 Kuldip Chand Aggarwal
 Yash Pal Aggarwal
 Suman Sehgal
 Kanwaldip Singh Walia
 Chandru Ramchandani
 Anil Kumar Khanna
 Lalit Kumar Bhardwaj
 Shanti Saroop Bhardwaj
 Ravinder Singh
 Guriqbal Singh
 Gurkirpal Singh
 Jitendarpal Singh
 Jagmohan Malhotra
 Brij Mohan Sabharwal
 Anil Mahyera
 Laj Wadan Bhagat
 Mrinal Kumar Dass
 Avinash Bahadur
 Amarjit Singh
 Amar Nath Dutta
 Arup Kumar Dutta
 Dinesh Kumar
 Ananta Dipak Chhetri
 Debabratamaya Mitra
 Biswanath Chakraborty
 Raj Kumar Daw
 Ajit Kumar Bhargawa
 Arun Kumar Gupta
 Yogesh Kumar
 Bheesham Seereeram
 Kamal Malhotra
 Upinder Fotodar
 Dilip Kumar Bose
 Harjans Singh Nagpal
 Mukesh Chandra Sehgal
 Rakesh Nath Passi
 Deepak Varma
 Sanjive Varma
 Harpreet Singh Sandhu

GIRLS

Lalit Dhawan
 Kanchan Mohini
 David Emanuel
 Sylvia Asha
 Priti Dhawan

Romola Rani Krishen
 Amita Sobti
 Ramilaben S. Patel
 Anitta Thomas
 Virendra Kumari Chauhan
 Sunita Gadi
 Suniljit Butalia
 Asha Mangat
 Usha Mangat
 Anjana Thadani
 Rumu Israni
 Renuka Dhanda
 Nila Deva
 Savita Puri
 Aruna Bal
 Rupam Bal
 Anupam Bal
 Neera Bal
 Deepa Bhattacharya
 Kumari Kalpana S. Sharma
 Champa Rani Mukerji
 Rita Sehgal
 Roop Kaur Malhans

Holidays for 1956

- (a) From 1 p.m. on May 11th to 5 p.m. on May 20th.
 (b) From 1 p.m. on July 27th to 5 p.m. on August 5th.
 (c) From 1 p.m. on October 6th to 5 p.m. on October 11th.

The New Look in Sanawar

A number of changes have occurred over the winter. In the Prep. School new wash-rooms with hot and cold showers, an additional dining hall, a new quarter for a matron, new rooms attached to each House dormitory for the use of visitors, an additional playground for the K.G. children, a new stock room, brighter class-rooms through the use of Perspex sheets in the roofs, have greatly improved the Prep. Department.

The precincts of the Parents' Rooms have also received attention, and now look much more attractive.

The Nursery has been moved to the plot in front of the Mistresses' Common Room and the area behind Birdwood School is now used for cocoa during "Milk Break". A circular "Cocoa Bar", faced with marble chips, has beautified this portion of the estate.

The lavatories behind Birdwood School have been re-built and equipped with modern sanitary fittings.

No. 10 (Nilagiri House B.D.) now has a "Blue Bath-house" where the old wash rooms used to be.

Acknowledged with thanks

Modern School Sandesh, Doon School Weekly, Y. P. S. News Bulletin, Daly College News, Lawrencian, Scindia School Review.



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School News

The Senior English Society held its first meeting on Saturday, April 7th, in Barne Hall and debated the motion "Co-education in Sanawar is a hindrance to its progress as a Public School."

Mr. and Mrs. Advani and Mr. Carville of Bishop Cotton School, Simla, visited us during the course of last month.

On April 15th, Foundation Day, the Senior School went on a picnic to Dagroo and the Prep. School to Eagle's Nest.

The first Mark Reading was held on April 18th.

We welcome to the Staff Mrs. Gill who has joined us as a Matron.

The Durrant Society was addressed by Mr. C.A.F. Dundas of the British Council on Sunday, April 22nd. Mr. and Mrs. Dundas were taken round the School by the Headmaster on April 23rd.

Mr. G.B. Wad held an exhibition of his paintings in the Art Room on Sunday, April 22nd. Outstanding among the exhibits was a mural which Mr. Wad has very kindly presented to the School.

Mr. Bhalerao returned to us on April 19th. We are happy to see him here again.

D.S. Chowdhry (Siwalik) has been appointed a House Prefect.

Needle-work and Cookery have been introduced as two new subjects for the girls.

The first performance of the year of the Saturday Club was given by Siwalik House (B.S.) in Barne Hall on Saturday, April 28th.

During the holidays this month it is hoped to take a party of girls and boys to Naini Tal, apart from the normal programme of hikes beyond Simla and the camp at Dagroo.

Trainees of the Govt. Craft Training Institute, Subathu (Simla Hills) visited the school on the 25th April, 1956.

We congratulate Bhupinderpal Singh on his appointment as Cricket Captain for 1956 and Virendrapal Singh, Richard Mountford, Ashok Marwaha, Amarjit Singh Grewal, Balwant Roy Patel,

Vijay Gauba, K. M. Verma, and Preminder Singh, on having been awarded their Cricket Colours.

As a result of an epidemic of measles, the School hospital is almost full at the moment.

Mr. D.C. Gupta addressed the first meeting of the Senior Hindi Society in Barne Hall on April 29th.

The Junior Hindi Society also met for the first time on April 29th.

The first round of the Girls' School Inter-House matches was played on Monday, April, 30th. Nilagiri beat Vindhya (1—0) and Himalaya beat Siwalik (1—0).

Old Sanawarian News

Gurkirpal Singh writes from the National Defence Academy, Kharakvasla:

"All the Sanawarians here are in high spirits. Pardaman Singh is a Battalion Cadet Adjutant. Nanda is a Corporal. Sodhi is doing well here. V.R. Chowdhri, M.V.K. Sharma, Vinod, Shamsher Singh, Sighat, Bhakri and Khorana are giving a good account of themselves. I was very happy to know that a number of Sanawarians will be coming here next term. The Academy is closing on May 26th for the Summer break and I am definitely paying a visit to good old Sanawar".

Sudhir Singh wrote to say that he had returned from Nainital and is planning to go to the U.K. for further studies.

Indru Lakhani plans to join the Delhi Polytechnic in July for the pre-Engineering course.

Ashok Nehru was awarded the Annual Trophy for the best Cadet (N.C.C.) in St. Stephen's College.

Ramesh Chand has been elected Athletics Secretary of St. Stephen's College for the coming year. He was also elected Secretary of the Science Society.

Vikram Soni represented Delhi in the National Games at Patiala. He also got his college colours. Vikram's middle-distance running has improved considerably.

Asha Sircar will join Indraprastha College in July and do an Honours course in English.

Usha Rani Choudhry hopes to join Lady Irwin College in July.

Sudarshan Sehgal visited the School on April 21st.

Harish Gidwani arrived here on April 13th.

Miss Rudra writes from London: "Anne Carter and I went to the Rhinds in Edinburgh for a week by coach. We had a glorious time there. The Rhinds have a lovely flat and it was nice meeting them again."

Devendra Pratap intends to do his F. Sc. from the Banaras Hindu University which he will join in July.

K.K. Soi writes from Calcutta that he has joined St. Xaviers College. He and P.S. Mangat often get together and reminisce about the good old days in Sanawar. He met Mr. Bhatia once or twice.

Yash Paul Choudhry is joining St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

Bill Colledge (in the C. & I. Dept.) wrote from Hongkong. "Wrote" is a euphemism,—he "splurged". For the general edification of our public we publish his letter in toto.

Commerce & Industry Dept.,
Hongkong.
6th April, 1956.

The Editor,
"The Sanawarian",
The Lawrence School,
Sanawar.

Dear Sir,

The 'Sanawarian' for December 1955 has just been delivered and in spite of present troubles and tribulations I have found it really delightful reading and hasten to extend my hearty and sincere congratulations to you, the publisher, and all who had a hand in turning it out. It was intriguing in places and the juxtaposition of the cuckoo and Mr. Cowell began a spell of chuckles that soon spread into laughter, loud and long.

I am minded, however, to lodge a complaint and do so. You have shorn me of a good many years by stating that mine was a 1930 vintage. Joe Soap was a soldier then,—1920 would have been more accurate! Forgiven.

Have contacted one Old Sanawarian since returning to Hongkong who is Capt. Mitchell of the Royal Signals; used to blow what little brains he had down a clarinet; also in 1920. Haven't seen him yet as domestic arrangements are held in abeyance till Phyllis comes out of hospital. Her nervous breakdown has persisted since our departure from India. William flourishes as any young Sanawarian should. His diary is an eventful one. December 1955,—broke both bones in his right fore-arm: plaster for six weeks. March 1956,—developed septic throat with high fever for ten days, regretted it was on the last day of school term. April 1956,—cracked his head open after tripping over a wire in his bedroom and knocked a dent into the steel frame of his bed. Very sorry for damaging the bed,—government property! All three longing to return to the "everlasting hills," and pretty certain that two will if they are made aware of the date of Founder's Week for 1956!!! (And Soon).

The best part of the 500 feet colour film is the part taken in Sanawar although the whole film is wonderful. I managed to attend the screening of the films that won the prizes in the Hongkong Amateur competition and came away with the impression that if mine had been entered they would have swept the

board in the 8 m.m. class. However, sickness in the family prevented the standard of editing that the film should receive and it will be entered next year—you bet.

A 'Tilley' is joining our department this month from U.K. but from his record I do not think he is connected with the Sanawarian Tilleys. When Mitchell and I meet I will discuss the formation of a local O.S.S. and have prepared a printer's block of the badge for insertion in the press notice, should we decide to form one. (Lunch break is over so I'll bund karo!)."

Yours in all sincerity,
Bill Colledge.

Bill sent us a cable for April 15th. It was handed in at the Hongkong P.O. at 14-15 on the 13th, and was received here at 8-00 a.m. on the 14th.

"AFFECTIONATE HOMAGE FOUNDATION DAY HILL HOMES HABITANTS HERITAGE PROUDLY OURS HELD IN REVERED MEMORY OF WHAT IS FOR EVER SANAWAR NEVER GIVE IN"

COLLEDGE.

My Impressions of Sanawar

I had imagined Sanawar to be quite different from what it really is.

I thought it would be just one or two huge buildings, newly white-washed, looking clean and spruce. At the same time I was prepared for a tired yet cheerful, bedraggled stampede of girls.

As I came round a bend in the road not far from the school gates, I saw the red, picturesque castle-like roofs of Sanawar peeping through the flowering trees and evergreens, almost shyly, so that as soon as I had passed the bend, they seemed to hide themselves from my view, and I was left to my reflections.

I reached the cemetery which was surrounded by fir trees bowing and swaying reverently in front of the graves as the wind blew and whistled through them.

I reached the School finally, and nearly all my hopes were justified, for it was just as picturesque as I had imagined it to be.

My new friends took me to the dormitory from where one can get a magnificent view of the snow-peaked mountains beyond Simla

The girls in Sanawar seem to be much friendlier, happier and healthier, than most of the girls in other boarding schools.

While we were having lunch, the girls told me about their games and societies and I was surprised at the number of activities they have over here.

By this time, I was longing to see the school-hall and classrooms, but when I saw the outside of the building I was rather disappointed, for I had imagined it to be rather impressive and majestic looking; but I liked the well-kept school-hall and classrooms immensely.

As the sun set, I could see the slender trees silhouetted against the bright sky, and later on when the sun had gone down completely, I looked at the

lights of Kasauli twinkling away in the velvet blackness of the night, and I knew I was glad to have come here. Though I had liked Sanawar from my first glimpse of it, as the days passed I came to love it and feel proud of it as well. And though sometimes I missed the gaiety and confusion of Delhi, I liked the peacefulness of Sanawar.

But, of this I am certain, that wherever I go, I shall always think of Sanawar as the place where I spent the happiest school-days of my life.

Romola Krishen.

Art Exhibition

Mr. G. B. Wad, a talented Indian artist from Poona, visited our School and stayed here for about a month. The School children benefitted greatly by his stay, especially by the Exhibition of his paintings held on the 22nd April, 1956, in the Sanawar Art Gallery.

The Exhibits, thirty-seven in number, were mainly water-colours. As a "water-colourist" Mr. Wad has genuine talent which while following the path of tradition, is enhanced by his own interpretation. He is especially interested in Landscapes, because they provide unlimited scope for his imagination. His Kashmir scenes are vibrant with colour. His sense of atmosphere and his skilful handling of his brush are evidenced in his 'Dal Lake' and his "Holy man," both of which were a delight to view.

Mr. Wad's paintings possess a genuine feeling of pictorial invention that is unusual in the work of an artist under thirty.

A. B.

Dagroo

As an Old Sanawarian I cannot be expected to say that the Dagroo picnic this year was any better than the ones we have had in the past, but I will concede it was not such a bad show.

The one really noticeable change was in the "swimming tank". Whereas in previous years it has often been full of rubble, this year, except for a miniature island-cum-sandbar across the centre, the water was comparatively clear. The boys seemed to consider the pool their domain and they certainly held out against the girls. The latter put up a fairly good imitation of a bathing beauty contest, but all to no avail. Shiv Mehra and his staunch supporters were not to be overpowered by such wiles. The girls, therefore, retired with all the grace they could muster. The enthusiasm of the boys was somewhat dampened by the presence of crabs which seemed to take an immense liking to them. So, with the approach of lunch, they too retired from the field of battle.

The lunch this year was not up to the expected standard but the pudding was good. The worst part, however, was the plate-cleaning. As one of the new boys later wrote in his essay:—

"We had to clean our own plates. I thought it would be so amusing. But ugh! the grease did not want to leave the plate."

One thing that struck me was the lack of exploratory spirit. I don't think anyone went more than a furlong or so upstream or downstream, though

some boys did go to inspect the site of last year's camp.

After a good tea, we returned to Sanawar. On the return journey, the girls seemed to make up for whatever loss of pride they had suffered at the pool by easily outstepping the boys after what was almost a challenge to a race.

Harish Gidwani.

Prep. School Picnic

We went on the fifteenth of this month for a picnic to Eagle's Nest. We had the picnic on that day in memory of the Foundation Day of our School.

We played lots of games and we also went to Doom's Pond. After going for a walk we climbed up the Eagle's Nest. We had our lunch then which was very nicely prepared.

After lunch the girls sat on the green grass while we boys made bows and arrows and played with them. Then after tea we returned to school in the evening.

I must say that we had a grand time.

Suman Singha.

Report on the Durrant Society

On Sunday, April 22nd, the Durrant Society had great pleasure in welcoming Mr. C. A. F. Dundas of the British Council. He based his talk on an abstract subject: How to think. He spoke of "the transmitter" and "the receiver". The transmitter encodes the idea to be conveyed. The receiver decodes the idea by an internal process of individual interpretation. Mr. Dundas was of the opinion that due to various agencies like the press, the radio and television, there was mass encoding in modern times. This had hampered decoding which is essentially an individual process.

After the speech, Mr. Dundas invited questions from members of the audience. Suresh Mullick asked whether there was any difference between Indian and English Public Schools. Mr. Dundas replied in the negative. Baljit Singh wanted to know if the relation between teacher and taught was "more intimate" in English Public Schools. Mr. Dundas replied that it was more intimate now than it had been twenty or thirty years ago. In answer to Mr. Vyas's question as to whether there was criticism of Public Schools in England Mr. Dundas admitted that there was, but added that a great deal of it could be avoided if the standards were maintained.

It was an interesting evening and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Rina Charan Singh.

The English Society Meeting

The first meeting of the Senior English Society was held on Saturday, the 7th April. We had a debate, the subject being "Co-education in Sanawar is a hindrance to its progress as a public school".

There were two main speakers on either side. Suresh Mullick speaking for the motion, convinced the House that co-education should be discontinued. Putting forward his arguments politely, he stressed that even Eton and Harrow, the world's greatest

Public Schools were not co-educational. "We do not come here to love other people's sisters,—but to study".]

Yogindra Dhillon in opposition, emphasized that co-education leads to good behaviour. Boys and girls form a habit of behaving when they have to do so, in each other's presence. "Girls and boys mix everywhere, at home, in trains, in cinemas, why should n't they mix at school?"

[K. M. Singh spoke lucidly with points on his finger-tips. "Boys and girls below the age of fourteen tend to hate each other." He was of the opinion that "girls are inferior to boys in their mental make up. The presence of the girls, of course, adds colour to the gloomy classroom. It also makes it difficult for the boys to follow problems in Maths."

R. Mountford pressed that co-education fosters a healthy atmosphere and the angularities of both sexes are rounded off. "The girls shed their undue shyness, and the boys learn to behave with decorum in the presence of girls."

When the debate was thrown open to the house, a number of boys and girls spoke. Mr. Mukerjee was the first to speak among the staff. Mr. Kemp's arguments were not only sound but also interesting. In the end, the majority of the house was not in favour of co-education. The motion was carried by 110 votes to 54.

Subash Dua.

Saturday Club Performance

April 28th, 1956—Barne Hall was packed to capacity. The occasion was the first performance of the Saturday Club put up by Siwalik House. The evening's programme began with the National Anthem. The Hindi Play "Adikar Ka Rakshak" directed by Mr. M. V. Gore was presented. It was a most entertaining piece of acting. Special mention should, however, be made of Naresh Bahadur and Yeshvir Singh Kadan. Ghanshyam Dass Sood acquitted himself well in a difficult female role. After the Hindi play D. S. Choudhry gave a mouth organ solo, followed by Yogesh Kumar who put on a magician's dress and went through a monologue. The next item was the English play: "Barmy meets Joe". Richard Mountford as Captain Barmy and Kenneth Maharaj as Joe Peterson revived memories of last year's classic performance. Both of them displayed unusual histrionic talent for boys of their age. Yeshvir Singh Kadan again sent everyone into fits of laughter with his uninhibited performance. This play, written, produced and directed by the boys themselves, was a creditable performance. The "Siwalik-ans" by putting up the first (and may I prophesy, the best) show of the Saturday Club proved themselves worthy of the privilege bestowed on them.

Devender Singh Choudhry,

बाल सभा

रविवार दिनांक २८ अप्रैल को सायंकाल ६-४५ बजे बाल सभा की प्रथम बैठक सुसंपन्न हुई। छात्राओं द्वारा श्री सोहन लाल द्विवेदी की कविता "मातृ वंदना" के पाठ से कार्यक्रम हुआ। इसके उपरांत "क्या बनोगे" शीर्षक से बालकों ने अपने जीवन के आदर्श पुरुषों के बारे में विभिन्न कविताएं प्रस्तुत की। विशेष रूप से दिनेश कुमार, सुभाष चोपड़ा और सुरेश कुमार द्वारा पठित क्रमशः "मैं गोपाल बनूंगा," "नेता जी बोस" तथा "मैं इन्सान बनूंगा" उल्लेखनीय थीं। इसके उपरांत संयोजक श्री आत्मा राम ने बच्चों को कालिदास की जीवन गाथा सुनाई। राष्ट्र कवि

श्री मैथिली शरण गुप्त रचित "हिंदी प्रेम" कविता के सहपाठ के साथ कार्यवाही समाप्त की गई।

हिन्दी परिषद्

हिन्दी परिषद् का प्रथम सूत्र २८ अप्रैल सन् १९५६, को श्री व्यास जी के सभापतित्व में प्रारम्भ हुआ। इस अवसर पर श्री दिनेश चन्द गुप्त ने हिन्दी साहित्य के इतिहास पर प्रकाश डालते हुए अष्टछापी कवि सूरदास पर एक तर्कपूर्ण भाषण दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि वास्तव में हिन्दी साहित्य के अन्तर्गत चार सूरदास हो गये हैं। प्रायः विद्वान गण चारों सूरदास की जीवनी को लेकर अष्टछापी सूरदास पर घटित करते हैं, जो सर्वथा न्यायोचित नहीं है। श्री गुप्त ने कहा कि इस विषय पर आज भी नये अनुसंधान की आवश्यकता है। सूर के वात्सल्य रस तथा उनकी बाललीला पर प्रकाश डालते हुए बताया कि संसार में जब तक मानव हृदय में वात्सल्य रस का संचार होता रहेगा तब तक सूर के बाललीला के पद गाये जाते रहेंगे। भाषण के अंत में विद्यार्थियों ने सूरदास संबंधित कुछ प्रश्न भी पूछे।

Films

"Tarzan and the Green Goddess" was screened on 14th April, 1956. This particular Tarzan adventure was below the usual standard. Tarzan fans sorely missed Johnny Weissmuller.

Walt Disney's full length cartoon film "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", a perennial favourite, was shown on April, 21st.

On April, 29th the Senior School went to Kasauli to see "Jagadguru Shankaracharya".

Calendar

May 1st —3rd	...	Girls' School Inter-House Hockey Matches
May 5th	...	Geography Society
May 6th	...	Barne Memorial Festival Cricket Match
May 7th	...	Hockey XI leaves for Jullundur to witness the National Hockey Championship Matches.
May 9th & 10th	...	Cricket: School XI vs. Northern Railway H Q. XI
May 11th	...	Second Mark Reading Summer Holidays commence. School parties leave for Naini Tal, Rampur-Bushair and Kulu Valley.
May 12th	...	School Parties leave for Baghi, and Kufri
May 13th	...	Boys' School leaves for camp in Dagroo.
May 20th	...	Summer Holidays end. Cinema
May 24th	...	Cricket: 2nd XI vs. B. C. S. (Home)
May 26th & 27th	...	Cricket: XI vs. B. C. S. (Away)
May 29th	...	Inter-House Cricket Matches commence.

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School News

The Inter-House hockey matches in the Girls' School were played early last month. Congratulations to Nilagiri House on winning the Cup. Mrs J. C. Chatterji presided and gave away the trophy. The results of the matches played on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd May are as follows: Nilagiri beat Siwalik (2-0), Vindhya drew with Himalaya, Vindhya beat Siwalik (1-0), Nilagiri drew with Himalaya.

Mr. M. S. Sinha gave a talk on the Second Five Year Plan at a meeting of the Geography Society, on May 5th.

The Second Mark Reading was held on May 11th.

Siwalik House, (B.D.) held a farewell party for Mr. S. P. Sharma on May 11th.

Mr. N.K.S. Rao, who has been away on study leave, returned to us on May 13th. Mr. S.P. Sharma, who handled the Biology classes during Mr. Rao's absence, left on May 18th.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Bhalerao on his marriage on May 17th.

Our congratulations to Mr. Bhupinder Singh and Mr. Jagdish Ram on their being promoted to the rank of 2nd Officers in the N. C. C.

The various school parties which had gone on trips and hikes during the May holidays returned on May 19th. Reports appear elsewhere.

During the holidays, the Headmaster went on a short visit to Delhi.

Mr. Sequeira of the Daly College, Indore, arrived on a month's visit, on May 20th.

The School Cricket 2nd XI played against the B.C.S. 2nd XI on May 24th, and lost.

Mr. & Mrs. Raja Ram of St. Stephen's College, Delhi, visited the School on May 24th.

Mr. Carter, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cuzen and Mr. Paul arrived on May 24th to witness the Cricket 2nd XI B.C.S. vs. Sanawar Match. They went back to Simla the following day.

The Senior and Junior Hindi Societies met on May 27th.

The School Cricket XI played against the B.C.S. XI in Simla, on May 26th and 27th, and lost.

Mr. & Mrs. S.C. Sircar paid us a visit on May 29th.

Congratulations to Mrs. Grollet on her marriage to Mr. Trutwein on May 30th. Our good wishes go with her.

A. I. R. Delhi broadcast a vocal performance by our Music Master, Mr. Vasant Thakar, on May 31st.

The Headmaster left for Lovedale on May 31st to attend a meeting of the Board of Governors.

We are happy to have Miss Sudarshan Sehgal, an Old Sanawarian, on the Staff. She joined us last month and is working as a matron in the Prep. School.

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. N.K. S. Rao on his success in his examination. (All members of Staff, their families, and friends, are invited to a party on Sunday, the 17th June.....Ed.)

Old Sanawarian News

Harish Gidwani is doing his I. Sc. from St. Edmunds College, Shillong.

Parikshat Sahni intends to join St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

Kul Bhushan will be passing out from the Military College, Dehra Dun in June.

Lionel V. King, who left the School in 1929, writes from Brentford, England and asks how the School is faring.

Rajinder Sondhi has joined St. Stephen's College, Delhi. Though he has been out of touch with Sanawar, he says that his interest in Sanawar and Sanawarians is as great as it used to be when he was here. He met Mr. Evans: "That man will never change".

Indru Lakhani and G. S. Lamba write from "Sanawar Bagh", Srinagar:—

"We have been on plenty of sight-seeing trips and are having a swell time. A fortnight ago we visited Gulmarg. From Gulmarg we trekked to Khilin Marg. We also went to Chasma Shahi and

climbed the Shankaracharya Hill which reminded us of the good old days when we used to climb Monkey Point."

K.K. Soi visited the School last month.

Asha Sircar, who is spending her summer holidays at Kasauli with her parents, spent the afternoon of May 29th at School.

Vijay Nanda arrived here last month.

Congratulations to Raj Sircar and Vikram Soni on passing the B.A. Hons. examination.

Our congratulations to Ranjit Bhatia, R. K. Sircar, Aruna Vasudev and Sudarshan Sehgal on their success in the B.A. examination.

Karamjit Singh is appearing for the Military Wing Exam. this year. He writes and says that he can "never forget the good old school days at Sanawar".

Cricket

On May 6th the Barne Memorial match was played. Batting first the School XI made 131. For the Staff, Mr. Mehta bagged 4 wickets for 45 runs. The Staff XI replied with 177. Displaying a wide variety of strokes, Mr. Kemp top-scored for the Staff with 87. Mr. Salim Khan put the Staff ahead with a hard hit 34.

On May 9th and 10th the School first XI played a match with the Northern Railway H.Q. XI. Going into bat first, the visitors scored 107. Richard Mountford took 5 wickets for 20 runs. The School made 112, Bhupi making a powerful 34. In their second knock the Railwaymen collected 142. Dhambi bowled inspiringly to take 8 for 47. Set to get 148 runs for a win the School fared badly and were all out for 87.

On May 24th the School second XI played their annual fixture against B.C.S. Put into bat first the School second XI found themselves in trouble. Wickets fell rapidly and even a courageous knock of 26 by J. P. Singh was of no avail. They were all out for 90. The visitors too did not fare very well. Their ninth wicket pair added an invaluable 48 runs and gave B.C.S. a first innings lead of 19 runs. Ajit Gaekwad and Kenneth Maharaj took four wickets each for the School. Going in for their second knock, the School made 103 runs. Left to get 92 to win, B.C.S. made the required runs for the loss of five wickets all of which were taken by Ajit Gaekwad.

The first XI fixture against B.C.S. was played in Simla on May, 26th and 27th. B.C.S. won the toss and Sanawar went out to field. The crowd was silent as Bhupi measured out his bowling run. With his first delivery Bhupi bowled their opening batsman. Three runs later the other opening bat fell, also a victim to Bhupi. After the initial setback, the B.C.S. batsmen played themselves in and took their team out of danger. The B.C.S. innings closed at 148. Bhupi was the most successful bowler, claiming 6 wickets for 54 runs. Sanawar went into bat next and little did we know what was in store for us. Wickets fell regularly and soon Sanawar were all out for 52 runs. The B.C.S. spinners found our batsmen easy prey and it was with difficulty that we averted the follow-on. B.C.S. collected 145 in their second effort. The Sanawar second innings was a repetition of the first innings. The batsmen treated the bowling with

undue respect and made it look more hostile than it really was. Dhambi was the only exception and treated the bowling with confidence. Sanawar were all out for 75 runs thus giving B.C.S. a comfortable win.

Suresh Mullick.

Dagroo Camp

After an early breakfast on the morning of May 13th, we set off to our camp-site at Dagroo. After a tiring walk in the broiling sun, we found ourselves in a fix. We did not know the exact location of the tents. We knew they were upstream but there our knowledge ended. However, with the Sanawar motto in mind, we pushed on upstream.

Half-an-hour later one of my companions sighted something white against the green background. We had found the tents!

We were hot and tired by then, and, after a hearty lunch, settled down to a welcome afternoon siesta. The rest of the day was spent in exploring the hill-side and, as there was no campfire that evening, we went to bed after an early supper.

The next few days were spent in climbing, swimming and hiking. The close of each day, found us assembled round a campfire. These campfires were great fun. Songs were sung, poems recited, dances performed and skits enacted. The day before we struck camp, some Preppers came to spend the afternoon with us. They had tea and supper with us and delighted us with their lively dances round the campfire.

On May 18th we packed our belongings and left for a final swim. After tea the tents were pulled down and we started for Sanawar. As the sun sank low in the West, its ruddy glow fell on a bunch of tired but happy boys straggling back to School.

Karm Sheel Oberoi.

Narkanda

It was twilight when we arrived at Narkanda, and much to our disappointment the snow-mountains were obscured by mist. However, the next morning dawned clear and bright, and the village was explored and the scenery admired. The origin of the name "Narkanda" was also discovered. Apparently the original name was Nagkanda, because of an ancient snake idol discovered there: "Nag" meaning snake, and "Kanda" meaning high place.

The high-light of our stay in Narkanda was a hike to Hattu Peak, the highest peak in Himachal Pradesh with an altitude of 11,500 feet. Though it was a gruelling climb of about four miles uphill, the superb view (and tea) were more than enough compensation.

It was there that a rather amusing incident with an old hill-woman occurred. One of the girls, dressed in jeans, was mistaken for a boy by her, and she enquired whether the supposed boy was married. The girl's answer is left open for conjecture.

On returning to the rest-house that evening, weird, funereal music could be heard. It turned out that this was being played because of a religious rite which was held once or twice a year. The music

continued through the night and into the next morning; on the day of our departure it could still be heard.

On the return journey, our bus broke down between Fagu and Kufri. While we were waiting by the hillside a busfull of Sanawar boys, all appearing highly amused at the situation, stopped and made enquiries before continuing. Even though we had to miss our lunch and tea, the four-hour wait was enjoyed by the majority of the girls. At last the long-awaited bus arrived, and we reached Simla with enough time to make up for the meals we had missed, before proceeding to Sanawar.

The last lap of the journey was made at night. We reached Sanawar at about midnight, and concluded our thoroughly enjoyable trip to Narkanda.

Jaya Rani Krishen.

A Trip to Naini Tal

The long-awaited May 11th arrived, and Sanawar saw us waiting impatiently for the bus which was to take us to Kalka. We clambered into it when it arrived and set off, singing merrily all the way. At Kalka we were joined by the boys, who constituted a separate party and together we did the rest of the journey to Kathgodam.

It was a sadly bedraggled and subdued group of girls which boarded the bus at Kathgodam. The train journey had been tedious and had taken toll of our energies. However, the last lap of our journey along the winding road between Kathgodam and Naini Tal was very exhilarating. Our spirits rose and soon we were sitting forward expectantly, waiting for our first glimpse of Naini Tal. At last we turned a corner and were greeted by a whiff of cold air. We had arrived at our destination.

The scene that confronted us, left us speechless. The lake, fringed by weeping willows and bright flower-beds, was beautiful. The tall pensive hills, covered with stately firs, came down to the very edge of the bean-shaped lake and made an impressive picture.

As it was getting rather late, we hurried to the Y.W.C.A. where we were to stay. It had a beautiful garden and commanded a magnificent view of the lake.

The next morning we roamed about the town and places of local interest were pointed out to us. In the evening we went to the cinema and a Handicrafts Exhibition. The latter was very interesting. A picnic was planned for the following day. We walked to Snow View and had our lunch in a private garden. After spending the afternoon there, we returned to the Y.W.C.A. in time to see another film that evening.

Each day of our stay there brought its own pleasures and diversions. Long walks were undertaken and a great deal of boating enjoyed. Some of the more enterprising youngsters went riding. A great many presents had to be bought for parents and friends and so, whenever we had a few minutes to spare, we haunted the shops.

We spent one particularly interesting evening at the Y.W.C.A. when a German gentleman showed us a film on flowers and views of Naini Tal and Sat Tal. Unfortunately, the lights failed after the third reel and our pleasure was thus abruptly cut short.

We said good-bye to Naini Tal on May 18th and returned to School after a truly memorable holiday.

Gul Sahani.

Naini Tal

We left Sanawar on the 11th evening. From Kalka we travelled along with the girls who were also going on a trip to Naini Tal. At Ambala we were caught in a sand storm. Escaping with little or no damage, we left Ambala the same night. De-training at Kathgodam, we proceeded on the last lap of our journey by bus.

As the bus turned a corner, we caught our first glimpse of Naini Tal. Before us stretched the lake with Cheena Peak in the background. Even the unwelcome rain could not mar the beauty of the place.

Next day we wandered around and saw most of the places of importance. In the evening we saw "Mogambo" and after that we visited the U.P. Handicrafts Exhibition. The next day we visited the Birla Vidya Mandir. We were taken round the school. Many of the methods adopted there, were purely Indian. While returning we visited "Snow view". That day we saw a picture "Guru Ghantal". On the morning of the 16th we set out for Cheena Peak. It was steep climbing all the way and after an hour's toil we at last reached the top. The view from the top was breath-taking.

The next day we called upon the Governor, Shri K. M. Munshi and the Chief Minister Dr. Sampurnanand. We left Naini Tal on the morning of the 18th.

Vijay Khanna.

Rampur and beyond

Quite wisely our driver at Simla held his earlobes and muttered "Om"; for in the tortuous journey that followed, the rear wheels of our bus became well-acquainted with the sight of cliff bottoms. One can imagine therefore our relief when we broke journey at Narkanda for the night. The next morning we resumed our nerve-wracking travel. For five hours we travelled on; then our bus refused to have anything more to do with this risky business. We walked the remaining six miles to Rampur.

Rampur with the dirty Sutlej raging beside it, kindles no dreams of paradise. It is a small village with no pretensions to cleanliness. From Rampur we hiked to Gaura. Gaura indeed was a pleasant change and proved to be a picturesque spot. Leaving Gaura behind we hiked to Sarahan. Sarahan with its bracing climate afforded a splendid view of the lofty Himalayas. During the four days we hiked, we covered nearly sixty miles. It gave us an opportunity to see some really splendid scenic spots. When the time for return came we were sorry because all of us had enjoyed every minute of our venture into the mountains.

Baljit Singh Ahluwalia.

Baghi

Leaving Sanawar on the 12th morning we travelled all day and reached Baghi at night. From Simla the road curved and zig-zagged ceaselessly, thus

adding a dash of danger to our journey into the unknown. At Baghi we stayed in the dak bungalow. We had to descend quite a bit every day to reach the mountain stream in which we used to have our wash. Baghi is at an elevation of nearly 9,000 feet. The climate was very cold and the rains often interrupted our hiking programme. The place abounded in natural scenic splendour. From the top of every nearby peak we climbed we could see a vast panorama of snowclad mountains, deep valleys, and terraced fields. The mountain folk we came across lead a strenuous life. They fight with nature in the raw and eke out a precarious existence. We also came across many Tibetans with herds of sheep on their way to some distant trading centre. Of all the peaks we climbed, the Chambi Peak was the highest. It was about 11,000 feet. The view from the top of this peak was marvellous. We also visited two village schools near Baghi.

The short time we spent in this small mountain village was not easy and the immense amount of hiking we did added considerably to our fatigue. All the same when the time came to leave our hearts were sad. Our short sojourn in the mountains was indeed a pleasant interlude.

Subash Dua.

(Accounts of the Kulu Valley and Kufri trips have been held over for the next issue.....ED.)

हिन्दी परिषद्

हिन्दी साहित्य परिषद् की दूसरी बैठक गत रविवार ता० २८ मई १९५६, को सायंकाल ७ बजे हुई। परिषद् के द्वारा आयोजित कवि-सम्मेलन के सभापतित्व का भार श्री जे.के. काटे ने ग्रहण किया। सनावर के इतिहास में यह प्रथम कवि-सम्मेलन था जिसमें कि हमारे स्कूल के छात्रों ने अपनी २ काव्य रचना के द्वारा श्रोताओं को रसास्वादन कराया। कुछ बालकों की कविताएँ तो विशेष रूप से सराहनीय थी। श्री नरेश बहादुर, मानिक ताला, योगेश कुमार, तथा पी. के सनोजा की कविताएँ अत्यधिक मनोरंजक सिद्ध हुईं। छात्रों के पश्चात् हमारे स्कूल के कुछ अध्यापक गण ने भी अपनी कविता का रसास्वादन छात्राओं को कराया। कवि सम्मेलन के इस अवसर पर लखनऊ की कु० रमा सिंह, अध्यक्ष, हिन्दी विभाग, महिला कालेज, लखनऊ ने भी अपनी कविता का पाठ किया।

सभापति के आसन से श्री काटे ने कहा कि मुझे यह जान कर बड़ी प्रसन्नता हो रही है कि हमारे स्कूल के छात्रों में भी काव्य-रचना की शक्ति है। अंत में उन्होंने बाहर से आए हुए अतिथि को धन्यवाद दिया।

हिन्दी बाल सभा

रविवार दिनांक २७ मई १९५६ को सायंकाल ६-४५ बजे सभा की दूसरी बैठक सुसंपन्न हुई। “घरेलू जीवन, छात्रावास के जीवन से कहीं अधिक अच्छा है” यह प्रस्ताव वाद-विवाद के लिए रखा गया था। पक्ष और विपक्ष की ओर से छात्र-छात्राओं ने कई जोरदार तर्क-उपस्थित किए। व्यक्तिगत वक्ताओं में विपक्ष का पलड़ा

भारी रहा। परंतु बहुमत से प्रस्ताव सम्मत किया गया। घरेलू जीवन के पक्ष में स्वतंत्रता, रोग की देखभाल, प्रेम से शिक्षा व अनुशासन, माता पिता की देखरेख, तथा आनुवंशिक संस्कारों द्वारा उपजीविका की प्राप्ति आदि मुख्य तर्क थे। विपक्ष की ओर से छात्रावास के पक्ष में अनुशासन, कूट की बीमारियों से बचाव, आत्म-निर्भरता, समय की पाबन्दी, स्वास्थ्य की रक्षा, खेलों में निपुणता, कठोर जीवन सहने की शक्ति, शिष्टाचार, तथा पढ़ाई में अधिक संलग्न होना आदि गुणों की परिवृद्धि होती है, यह तर्क प्रस्तुत किए गए। विशेष रूप से दिनेश कुमार, बसंत उषा कटोच, अमरजीत सिंह पूनिया, हरिन्दर सिंह विक्र, सचीन्द्र नाथ गुप्त, शंभु दयाल के प्रयास प्रशंसनीय रहे। राष्ट्र कवि श्री मैथिली शरण गुप्त की रचना “हिंदी प्रेम” पठन के साथ सभा की कार्यवाही समाप्त हुई।

Films

The best selling novel “From here to Eternity” brought memorably to the screen, was seen by the School at Kasauli on 7th May.

The Preppers saw “Cinderella” on May 14th.

The School went to Kasauli to see “Roman Holiday” on May 19th. Gregory Peck was “tops.”

“The Cruel Sea” on May 20th. Nicholas Monsarrat’s saga of the Second World War was impressive in its stark realism of the horrors of war.

On May 25th a number of educational shorts were shown. Outstanding among them was “The Land of Enlightenment” which dealt with the life and teachings of Buddha.

“Peter Pan” was screened on May 26th. James Barrie’s immortal story of the boy who never grew up is yet another Walt Disney masterpiece.

Calendar

June 2nd and 3rd ...	Cricket School XI vs. Y.P.S. (Home).
June 9th ...	Senior Hindi Society Junior English Society
June 10th ...	Inter-House Cricket matches end.
June 16th ...	Saturday Club (Vindhya).
June 17th ...	Senior English Society. Junior Hindi Society.
June 19th ...	Soccer Season Commences.
June 22nd ...	Third Mark Reading.
June 23rd ...	Cinema.
June 24th ...	Scientific Society.
June 30th ...	Cinema.

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THE SANAWAR NEWS-LETTER

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School News

A party of School children from the Senior Model School, Chandigarh, visited us on May 31st.

The annual cricket match against Yadavindra Public School, Patiala, was played on June 2nd and 3rd and resulted in a win for the School.

Mr. Rathin Mitra was here on a week's visit last month. He is now working in the Doon School, Dehra Dun.

G/C S. K. Walia from the Military College, Dehra Dun, Roop Agnihotri, Ashok Kashyap and Farouk Jung paid a visit to the School on Thursday, June 7th. It was pleasant having these four young men up for the day, and we hope they took back happy memories of their short stay.

The Junior English Society held its first meeting on June 9th. The office bearers for the year were elected. The subject for the day was "If I were a Prefect".

Miss Rama Singh, of Mahila College, Lucknow, addressed the Senior Hindi Society in Barne Hall on June 10th.

An Exhibition of Australian Child Art was held in the Art Gallery on June 10th, and was opened by Mr. Rathin Mitra.

The Inter-House Cricket matches concluded on Monday, June 11th. Congratulations to Siwalik House on winning the Cup.

The second performance of the Saturday Club was given by Vindhya House (B. D.) on June 16th.

Mr. Kate returned from Lovedale on June 16th.

At a meeting of the Senior English Society on June 17th, scenes from Shakespeare's plays were read.

The Junior Hindi Society met on June 17th.

The Third Mark Reading was held on June 22nd.

Congratulations to Mrs. Gidwani and Miss Sehgal on their successes in their examinations.

The School played a Soccer match against the Staff on June 19th and lost (1-3). Three Old Sanawarians, Gurdev Singh Purewal, Dilleshwar Singh Rarewala and Vijay Singh Yadav, played for the Staff side.

The Inter-House Tennis matches in the Girls' School were played on June 19th, 20th and 21st. Congratulations to Vindhya House on winning the Cup.

The Scientific Society met on Sunday, June 24th, when Dr. A. K. Thomas, of the Central Research Institute, Kasauli, gave a talk on "Snake bite and its cure".

There was a recital of Eastern and Western Music on June 28th in Barne Hall.

Old Sanawarian News

G. S. Lamba writes from Srinagar: "Indru Lakhani has left. Ashok Kumar Bakhri, Parikshat Sahni and Jagatjit Singh Bibra are here."

Harinder Gill and Vijay Nanda have joined St. Bede's College, Simla.

Ravi Bhatia is preparing for his pre-medical examination. He won his college trophy for the best cadet in the N.C.C.

Kamlesh Mehra, Raj Sircar, Vijai Singh Yadav, Dilleshwar Singh Rarewala, Kulbhushan Deiswal, Ranjit Bhatia, Sarabjit Singh Sandhu, and Gurdev Singh Purewal visited us last month.

Birinder Singh Malhans is holidaying in Kashmir. He met Mr. Rathin Mitra there.

Bhupinderpal Singh and Kuldip Singh Dhama heard the news of their final selection towards the end of the month. We wished them a 'happy landings' in a small ceremony in Barne Hall during the Senior Social. Both of them were "tossed" mightily. Some of you O.S. will remember the thrills of blanket tossing.

V.S. Bedi was looking as handsome as either or both the tigers pictured with him, in a recent issue of "The Times of India". Apparently man-eating tigers are more vulnerable when Verinder Singh is about: professional shikaris had tried in vain to rid the district of these two particular specimens.

Congratulations V. S.! Here's wishing more power to your trigger finger. We are feeling proud of you.

Congratulations to Devinderpal Singh on passing

his F. Sc. in the First Division. He has now joined Kharagpur for an Engineering course. P. Patnaik and H. Gidwani should write to him at 121 B. Patel Hostel, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, S. E. Rly.

Cricket

The School played and won against Y. P. S., Patiala on June 2nd and 3rd.

Dhami won the toss and elected to bat. The beginning was disastrous for Sanawar. The opening pair, Gauba and V.P. Singh, were soon back in the pavilion. Marwaha and Dhami fell to Gurbhagat who was bowling steadily. Things looked black for Sanawar and the score board read a gloomy 14 for 4. Then Sangram decided to take matters into his hands. Anything short of a length was despatched to the wires. With his cousin, Ajit Gaekwad, he put on 54 valuable runs for the 5th wicket. Ajit left after making 19. Amarjit came in next and, with Sangram, put on another 74 runs. Amarjit compiled a painstaking 20. By now Sangram was in his element. He pulled and hooked fiercely. With perfect timing, he pierced the predominantly leg-side field, time and again. With Preminder he added 49 runs for the 7th wicket. He reached his century in two hours and left at 191. His 120 was a masterpiece of powerful stroke play. Mountford and Gurpratap added a breezy 32 runs for the last wicket. Sanawar's 1st innings closed at 227.

Y. P. S. too started disastrously. Except for their 4th wicket pair who added 51 runs, they did not offer much resistance. Spinners Ajit Gaekwad and Balwant Patel bundled Y. P. S. out for 89 and took 3 wickets each.

Following on, at stumps, Y.P.S. were 29 for 7. Once again the Sanawar spinners, Ajit and Patel, forced Y.P.S. into a tight corner. On the second day, rain interfered and play was resumed only after lunch. Manjit Inder's courageous 59 was of no avail. Y.P.S. were all out for 105 runs, leaving Sanawar the victors by an innings and 33 runs. If it was Sangram who pulled the Sanawar chestnuts out of the fire and put his team on top, it was the spinners, Ajit and Patel, who forced home the advantage and gave us a handsome victory.

Suresh Mullick.

Saturday Club Performance.

The Vindhya House boys staged their Saturday Club Show on the evening of June 16th. The show was a success and was very much appreciated by all present. The first item was a short Hindi play, "Behre Baba se Bhaint", written and produced by Mr. D.C. Gupta. Pradeep Rao as the "Behre Baba" made it delightful. The play was followed by a folk-song, a solo on the mouth organ and an English song by Ravi Khanna. Then came a skit in Punjabi, "Apna Kam Apne Aap". Opinderjit Singh, the determined, hung up a picture after hurting himself and upsetting the household. The last item was a one-act play in English: "The Bishop's Candlesticks". This was the highlight of the evening's programme. Baljit Singh Ahluwalia's portrayal of the escaped convict was outstanding and Avinash Bedi, as the Bishop's elderly sister, interpreted a difficult role successfully. The Bishop's last words ring true in my ears, "Remember, my son, that this

poor body is a temple of the living God".

Arun Maira.

English Society Meeting

The Senior English Society met for the third time on Sunday, the 17th at 6-30. The evening's programme consisted of play-readings from Shakespeare.

The curtain lifted to reveal the forum scene in 'Julius Caesar'. Baljit Singh Ahluwalia read Antony's part with much power. Next was a scene from 'The Tempest', which showed Caliban on a drinking spree with Trincula and Stephano. It was droll and drew peals of laughter from all of us. This was followed by the ghost scene from 'Hamlet', and the scene of Duncan's murder from 'Macbeth'. Suresh Mullick and Asha Narang, as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, deserve special mention. The street scene from 'Romeo and Juliet' was performed with much vigour by Kenneth Maharaj Singh, Richard Mountford, Ajit Bhatia, and Sonny Mehta. The final scene was from 'The Merchant of Venice' where Shylock demanded his pound of flesh. Mullick gave a convincing rendering of Shylock's role.

It was a very interesting evening, and the play-reading impressed us all.

Virendra Pal Singh.

Music Recital

A pleasant diversion from our usual mode of entertainment was the initiation of an evening devoted entirely to music. These recitals used to be a regular feature of our life in previous years and Thursday's function was a very welcome revival. The young artists faced their unnerving tasks with a considerable amount of self-assurance and, I am certain, they have gained a great deal by this their first public appearance.

Western music was represented by 12 piano recitals and the themes varied from Schubert to 'Coming Round the Mountain'. All the solos, duets and quartettes were highly appreciated and enjoyed by the audience. The young performers had, obviously, practised intensively and knew their pieces by heart. 'Sweet Smiles' (D. Lyall and J. S. Gill) resulted in broad smiles when half way through the performance Danny realized that the music book was upside down. Navina Sundaram and Shabnam were particularly impressive. The longer items, 'March Militaire' by Miss Paranjoti and Miss Albuquerque and 'The Burning of Rome' by Miss Albuquerque, gave a finishing touch to a polished performance.

The Indian programme was more varied. Ranjana Debnath's sitar solo showed that this talented artist has great promise. The chorus 'Bahujan Hitay, Bahujan Sukhay' was well rendered and the delightful little dance 'Aplam Chapalam' called for an encore. The rhythmic movements of the Tagore dance, by the Senior School, were a treat to watch.

Miss Albuquerque, Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Thakar deserve our congratulations and sincere thanks for organising this musical entertainment.

V. V.

Kulu Valley

Our bus was whining up the Simla road, the day was May 11th and our holidays had begun. At Simla we had a nice time. We dined at Kwality's and stayed at B.C.S. We started rather late the next day and reached Mandi that evening. The next morning we had our first view of "The Valley of Gods".....the Kulu Valley. It is the valley of the Beas. The Beas had clean sparkling water, of a greenish hue, which gave a beautiful effect to the scenic setting.

On to Kulu we went, with the waters of the Beas thundering and foaming on its rocky banks. We saw many waterfalls also, some falling from more than a hundred feet. We spent a night at Kulu. There we saw many sheep and horses which are taken to the Lahul Valley, beyond the Rohtang pass, to be sold. In Kulu we saw a school founded in 1857. The people in Kulu are experts with the wool. The shawls we saw there were wonderful.

We proceeded the next day to Manali and from there we spied the distant snowclad peaks. Our next stop was Koti. At Manali we had seen the snows but at Koti we were among them. The Beas roared down below us in the canyon and around us towered the mountains. The scenic grandeur has to be seen to be believed. From Koti some members of the party climbed the Rohtang pass and the adjoining peaks.

It was too good to last and soon we started on our return journey. We reached Sanawar on May 19th.

Arun Maira

Kufri

Climbing precariously up a narrow winding mountain road, we left Simla behind and reached our destination, Kufri, at lunch time. The Kufri dak bungalow, where we stayed, was picturesquely situated on a hilltop surrounded by fir-clad mountains. To one side of our bungalow stretched the vast forests of the catchment area. On a nearby hilltop was perched the Kufri village. We paid a visit to the Potato Research Institute in the village. The Institute grows disease-free potatoes which are distributed to other research stations all over India. In the evening we went up the skiing run. Kufri is a centre of winter sports. The view we got of the surrounding countryside from the top of the skiing run was astonishing. As far as our eyes could see an immense panorama lay spread out before us. The rays of the setting sun added splendour to the scenic grandeur.

We went to Simla, wandered around, lunched at Kwality's and saw "Ek hi rasta". The following day found us again in Simla. That day we saw "We are no Angels".

We also visited Mashobra, the site of the Sippi Fair. The President's orchard, on the way to Mashobra, proved too much of a temptation for us. Luckily for us the President was away in Delhi!

All good things must come to an end and soon the time came for us to pack up and leave. The holidays are over but the happy memories are still with us.

Sonny Mehta.

Schools I have attended.

I had a very sketchy schooling from the age of four to seven. When I was five, we were transferred to Moscow. The only schools there were Russian, and so out of the question for me, though there was an idea of putting me in the school in which Stalin had studied! We went and saw the school and I, only six then, still retain a hazy picture of the masses of children speaking what sounded like gibberish. However, the school was decided against, much to my relief.

When I returned to India, after a short stay in Russia, we were again transferred: this time to Kabul. There also I did not work because of the lack of a good school. These were my last days of freedom, on returning to Delhi, I was put in a convent where for two years I did solid work.

After two years' stay in Delhi, we were again posted abroad, and we were excited to hear that it was to Berlin. Secretly I was hoping that Berlin would have no good schools, and that I could again loaf around and enjoy myself! But much to my disgust, I was sent to an English boarding-school in the South of England. I disliked the School intensely especially as it was such a contrast to the convent. The only things I remember to have enjoyed were the lovely rambles that we had which allowed us to wander around the country-side in comparative freedom. I started clay-work and lessons in Art; for both I developed a liking that still remains.

When the official capital of Germany was shifted from Berlin to Bonn, making the journey from England to Germany much longer, I left the school. I made the trip across the Channel alone, much to my excitement, and, via Brussels in the dead of winter, returned to Germany and Bonn.

In Bonn there was an English co-educational school which I attended. I learnt a bit of German, and participated, for the first time, in games such as cricket and rounders.

I was also a boarder for a short while. We used to have a great deal of fun and one incident stands out clearly in my mind. The boys' matron had once acted as a cowgirl in a film and knew how to lasso. The boys insisted on being taught and, much to the indignation of the girls, practised lassoing them in their free time!

When my father was posted to Rome, we were sent to the American International School over there.

The girls and boys had almost complete independence, and we voted for what we wanted and managed the various societies. We even drew up our own rules and made a constitution signed by all the members of the class and based on the Constitution of America.

Girls and boys played base-ball together and chivalrous allowances were made for the girls' mistakes and misses

On being posted from Rome to Prague in Czechoslovakia, we were put in a private school in the American Embassy. However, the standard of studies was poor and not at all satisfactory. I became a boarder in a Swiss School called Chatelard, situated high up in the Alps. Full attention was given to studies as well as sports, and even though I missed the winter season and the accompanying skiing and skating, I had a wonderful time.

Mid-term, the news came that at long last we were posted back to India. I stayed in Chatelard till the term was over and then flew back to Bombay.

On arriving at Delhi we were once more put in the Convent. After six months there, because of the danger of a transfer before I had done my School Certificate, it was decided to put me in a boarding school. The school which was the most highly recommended by all, and which was finally decided upon, was—Sanawar.

Jaya Rani Krishen.

हिन्दी परिषद्

हिन्दी साहित्य परिषद्की तीसरी बैठक गत शनिवार ता० ६ जून १९५६, की सायंकाल को श्री केम्प जी के सभापतित्व में प्रारंभ हुई। इस अवसर पर महिला कालेज, लखनऊ के हिन्दी विभाग, की अध्यक्ष, कु० रमा सिंह, ने हिन्दी साहित्य के इतिहास पर प्रकाश डालते हुए, महाकवि तुलसीदास और उनके काव्य पर एक तर्कपूर्ण भाषण दिया।

उन्होंने कहा जिस समय तुलसी ने जन्म लिया था उस समय भारत की सामाजिक तथा धार्मिक दशा अत्यधिक शोचनीय थी। ऐसी परिस्थिति में तुलसी ने अपने काव्य द्वारा लोगों के मन में धार्मिक विचार एक बार पुनः उत्पन्न किए। उन्होंने कहा कि राम चरित मानस के अतिरिक्त तुलसी की विनय पत्रिका भी अति प्रसिद्ध है और तुलसी ने राम के साथ साथ कृष्ण पर भी कुछ पद लिखे। तुलसी की कृष्ण गीतावली वैसी ही बनी जैसे सूर की राम कथा। उन्होंने कहा जहाँ तुलसी ने रामचरित का आश्रय लेकर जीवन की अनेक परिस्थितियों तक अपनी पहुँच दिखलाई है वहाँ सूर के कृष्ण चरित में उतनी व्यापकता नहीं है, पर सूत्रमदर्शिता में सूर अपना जोड़ नहीं रखते। इसलिए तुलसी और सूर की तुलना करना कठिन है।

प्रदीप सुनेजा

हिन्दी बाल सभा

रविवार दिनांक १७ जून, १९५६ को सायंकाल ६-४२ बजे आयोजित, सभा की तृतीय बैठक में कहानी पाठ का कार्यक्रम रखा गया था। विभिन्न श्रेणियों के विद्यार्थियों के उपयुक्त कहानियाँ चुन कर छात्रों को दी गई थीं। कहानी पढ़ने का एक अपना ढंग होता है, जिससे श्रोता कहानी के वातावरण में समरस हो जाए। अधिकांश छात्र इस ध्येय तक पहुँचने में प्रयत्नशील रहे। सभा का संपूर्ण कार्यक्रम अत्यंत मनोरंजक रहा। सर्व श्री कनुभाई पटेल (माधो बनिया), कल्पना शर्मा (काव्य रूपक "बुद्धू की कहानी"), प्रदीप वर्मा (खांड के साथ) और शबनम सहानी (भाग्य और भिखारी) द्वारा पठित कहानियाँ उल्लेखनीय थीं। "हिन्दी प्रेम" कविता के पाठ के साथ सभा की कार्यवाही समाप्त की गई।

To

The Editor,
Sanawar News Letter.

A number of us Old Sanawarians have visited Sanawar this year and have found the Sanawar hospitality as cordial as ever. We are very grateful to the School for the generosity shown towards us, but I personally feel that, with the growing number of Old Sanawarians, the School is going to find it difficult to provide accommodation free of charge and I suggest that a nominal charge be made towards the cost of food etc. It does seem a bit awkward to 'sponge' on the old School.

I am sure many Old Sanawarians will agree with me.

Ranjit Bhatia.

Films

On Saturday, the 23rd June, the Senior School saw three educational films in the morning. In the evening, the School saw "A Day at the Races"—a hilarious comedy starring the Marx brothers.

On Sunday, the 24th June, some boys and girls went to Kasauli to see "Sabrina".

The Senior School saw two educational films on the morning of Friday, June 29th.

Calendar

July 1st	...	Senior Inter-House Debate (English)
July 7th	...	Saturday Club (Girls' School)
July 8th	...	Junior Inter-House Debate (English)
July 14th	...	Senior Hindi Society Junior Hindi Society
July 15th	...	Cinema : Androcles and the Lion
July 16th	...	Half-yearly Examinations commence
July 21st	...	Cinema : The Story of Robin Hood
July 26th	...	Inter-House Boxing Finals (B. S.)
July 27th	...	Fourth Mark Reading Monsoon Holidays.

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School News

Vindhya House (B.D.) stood first in the Inter-House Senior English Debate which was held on Sunday, July 1st. The subject for debate was "that India's foreign policy is a contribution to world peace".

The Indian Revival Group gave a performance in Barne Hall on July 5th.

The girls staged their Saturday Club show on Saturday, July 7th.

The Badminton matches in the Girls' School were played on July 8th. Congratulations to Vindhya House on winning the Cup.

The Inter-House Junior English Debate was held on July 8th. The motion for debate was "that health gives more happiness than wealth". Himaya (B. D.) was adjudged the winner.

Shri Panna Lal provided a novel "mathematical entertainment" for the Senior School in Barne Hall on the morning of Thursday, July 12th.

We offer our congratulations to Yogindra Dhillon on her winning the Tennis Championship in the Girls' School.

The following appointments have been made:—

Head Boy ... Naresh Bahadur

House Prefect ... R. S. Virk
(Nilagiri)

Our Congratulations.

The Senior and Junior Hindi Societies met on July 24th.

On 24th July an Art Exhibition of sketches done by the children whose ages ranged from 7 to 16 years, was held. The main subjects of these exhibits were the scenes of different places visited during the May hikes. The landscapes and studies in watercolour which were on view earned a good deal of appreciation. Also on show were the numerous entries for the School Tie design competition. It was decided that the design for the School Tie would be selected from these exhibits.

Mlle. Giselle Guillaume gave a Piano Recital in Barne Hall on the evening of July 25th.

A series of practice matches were played by the School soccer teams during July. The results are as follows:—

July 1st ... Colts XI vs. Occasionals (3—0)
Colts XI vs. A. V. School (3—2)

July 7th ... School XI vs. Staff XI (3—0)
Colts XI vs. A.V. School (3—2)

July 8th ... School XI vs. Kasauli XI (3—1)

July 13th ... School XI vs. High School,
Dagshai (3—1)

July 15th ... Colts XI vs. A. V. School (3—1)

July 21st ... Colts XI vs. A. V. School (1—0)
School XI vs. C. R. I., Kasauli
(3—1)

July 22nd ... School XI vs. Kasauli XI (1—2)

July 24th ... School XI vs. Kasauli XI (2—5)

July 25th ... School XI vs. C. R. I., Kasauli
(1—5).

Old Sanawarian News

Parikshat Sahni visited the School last month.

Harish Gidwani wrote from Shillong, bemoaning the plentitude of rain and earthquakes. He tells us that K.K. Soi has taken up body-building "and has definite intentions of walking away with a couple of amateur titles.

Harkrishen S. Guron has passed with honours from Loughborough (England) and has taken up a post with Imperial Tobacco. He will serve an apprenticeship of 15 months in the U.K.

Ranjit Bhatia left us in the first week of July. We were happy to see him and made full use of his stay here. He taught in the Prep. School twice. Ranjit wrote from Delhi. "The Nehrus returned last night. They rang up early this morning and wanted to know all about Sanawar. From the moment of my arrival here, I have done nothing but answer questions as to how Sanawar was getting on. I was happy to tell them that Sanawar was doing fine."

I went to College to find out how many Sanawarians were joining us. The list shows—Balbir Singh Bhasin and Avinash Kirpal for Physics Honours, Yashpal Choudhry for Maths. Honours and Parikshat Sahni for English Honours”.

Vikram Soni paid us a short visit in the second week of last month. It was good to see him again. He sports a respectable moustache and smokes “rolls” nowadays. Vikram wrote to the Headmaster from Simla “This is to thank you for your hospitality while I was in Sanawar. I had a really wonderful time. I shall be leaving Simla for Delhi and will go on to Calcutta from there. Thanking you once again, sir and wishing the School all the best of luck in 1956”.

Kuldip Singh Sighat sent us what he called “a bolt from the blue”. He wrote from N. D. A., Kharakvasla—“Dear Sanawarians, Vinod, Pardaman, Gurbirinder and Nanda passed out in May and will be getting their pips soon. We are happy to have about twelve Sanawarians coming in this term”. Kuldip added an interesting postscript. Those of us who know Gurkirpal were not surprised. “P. S. Gurkirpal who has been here only one term has managed to lose his breeches. He was here just now, trying to borrow mine. I had to disappoint him, because—er—er”.

H.S. Bedi has joined the Khalsa College, Amritsar. He writes “There are a number of old Sanawarians here. There is Gurdip Singh Kalyana for one. Then there is Prithvi Raj Sood who was in Nilagiri. Others here are Amarjit Singh Bal and Harjinder Singh Makkar. Now that we have a merry gang of Old Sanawarians, we are planning to form an O. S. Association. Many a time we get together and talk about the “good old days” in Sanawar.

Devender Pratap has joined the Central Hindu College, Banaras. He is with us “spiritually”. He hopes to get into the College Cricket XI. We are sure Devender’s bowling (off the wrong foot) will see him into any college Cricket team. We will be looking forward to hear more of him. His address is 76, A. B. Hostel Kamacha, Banaras.

The Senior Inter-House Debate

The English Society met for the fourth time in Barne Hall on the 1st of July for an Inter-House debate, “India’s foreign policy is a contribution to World peace”. The speakers were as follows:—

Mohinderjit Grewal and A. K. Chawla of Himalaya; S. Mullick and A.K. Nehru of Nilagiri; S. Dua and R. Mountford of Siwalik and P. Rao and B.S. Ahluwalia of Vindhya. All of them spoke with great enthusiasm and vigour.

S. Dua, speaking for the motion, stated that India plays a very important part in reducing the constant tension between the two power blocs.

R. Mountford speaking against the motion, compared India to a charming lady, who is at the same time trying to play with both her ‘lovers’ but would soon grow old and lose her charm and eventually be abandoned.

S. Mullick, who was the next speaker, spoke with great gusto, referring to the Kashmir and Goa issue as being handled on the basis of “Ahimsa”.

A. Nehru stressed the point that political

situation in the twentieth century cannot be remedied by ‘mere rose water surgery’ and that the “Ahimsa” policy followed by India is superficial.

P. Rao also speaking for the motion gave his well-laid out points with a blending of humour.

The final results were as follows:—

Vindhya, Nilagiri, Siwalik and Himalaya.

Vinod Chopra

The Junior Inter-House Debate

The Second meeting of the Junior English Society was held in Barne Hall on 8th July.

The subject for the day was that “health gives more happiness than wealth”. Each house was represented by two speakers.

The first speaker for the motion was K. S. Oberoi, of Nilagiri. He said that wealth can be regained if lost but one cannot regain health. Against this, J. S. Dhillon of Himalaya argued that wealth can purchase happiness. Speaking next Ravi Khanna of Siwalik said that one cannot enjoy one’s wealth without health. Ajit Maira of Vindhya illustrated the old saying “Every Man has his price” to prove that anything can be purchased if one was wealthy. Jitender Pandit of Vindhya was of the opinion that it was better to be poor and happy than to be rich and unhappy. Opposing this Ranjit Mehra of Siwalik said that the rich man holds all the trump cards in life. S. N. Gupta of Himalaya, the last speaker for the motion said that the greed of a rich man has no limits. S.S. Bhasin, the last speaker against the motion argued that it is wealth which makes man plunder and loot.

The final results were as follows:—

Himalaya, Vindhya, Siwalik and Nilagiri.

Ravi Khanna.

Saturday Club Performance.

On the 7th July the Girls’ School presented a variety entertainment show, which commenced with the singing of the School Song. The announcements were made throughout the show by “Punch and Judy”, who were portrayed by two girls wearing comic masks. The purpose of “Punch and Judy” was not only to announce but also to entertain and amuse the audience between scenes which they did most successfully.

The first item on the programme was a Temple Dance, performed by Malti Verma. The lighting was most effective for only the shadow of the dancer could be seen, and this gave an original effect. The next item was a mouth-organ solo played by a supposed guest artist, complete with turban, flannels and beard, who was introduced as Ustad Saleem Khan. She, or rather he, gave a lively rendering of ‘the Shoemakers Shop’, and ‘the Merry Widow Waltz’. Then the curtain drew back once more to reveal the setting for an English play, “The Warming Pan”. This play was hilariously funny for the actors seemed almost to live their parts, and kept the audience continually amused.

The play was followed by an interval after which the curtain drew back to disclose a scene set

in Virginia during the days when slave-trading was popular in America. A group of plantation slaves could be seen gathered round a fire, and after a short dialogue, they sang a much-appreciated version of "Swanee River". This tableau was followed by a short dance and song performed by two girls dressed in the picturesque costumes of a Dutch girl and boy. Their highly realistic actions caused a general laugh and certainly did not prepare the audience for the next and final item, a Hindi play called "Darwaza". For this the stage was illuminated with a soft blue glow which, with a lantern hung high up, gave enough light to show three figures sitting in dejected misery. Throughout, the play was extremely moving: from the pathos of the blind mother to the final reunion of the poverty-stricken family with the long-lost son who returns home a rich man. It was well-acted and added the final touch to a thoroughly enjoyable evening which concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Jaya Rani Krishen.

An Artist Visits Sanawar

Wednesday, the 25th July, 1956, Sanawar was honoured and privileged with the presence of Giselle Guillaume, a distinguished French pianist, who gave us a piano-recital containing works of the Great Masters. It was a memorable day for all music-lovers.

The programme started with Beethoven's Sonate in G Major OP. 79. The great depth of feeling so inseparably Beethoven was brought out to the full with marvellous ease and style.

Five of Chopin's most popular followed next. Here again, the artist gave to Chopin what was his due. The brilliance of the Valse in A flat Major, the touching theme of the Etude in E Major, Op., No. 3, the fairy-like agility of the Etude in G Major, Op. 25 No. 9, the soothing dreaminess of the Berceuse in D flat Major awakened by the massive chords of the A flat Major Polonaise (which received special applause), testified to this.

The artist's rendering of 'Un Souspiro' and Libstraum by Liszt showed interpretation of no mean degree.

Weber's Moto Perpetuo deserves special mention. This piece, difficult from point of technique was well under the pianist's fingers.

Though not a foreigner on foreign soil, the artist was most at home in her motherland. This was proved by the rendering of Debussy's Claire de Lune which depicted musically the soft romantically magic light of the moon, through clever nuances in tone and shade.

The Cadiz from Suite Espagnole and the Tango in D Major by Albeniz even had the characteristic lilt.

Etude En Forme Valse by Saint-Saens was a fitting climax of the whole. The intricacy of design, massiveness of chords, finger-dexterity in the sums were all put to the test and won loud acclaim.

Everyone was brought down to earth with the sudden reality that the programme had come to its close. But that was not to be. The artist was brought back to the stage by continuous applause to play the Blue-bells of Scotland with variations.

Still not content, a second encore gave us a rendition of Brahms Lullaby which reminded us of bed-time.

Words fail to express the sadness, when all was over. The programme seemed all too short. But these lines struck me with sudden force at the close. 'Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle'.

This was most aptly applicable to the playing of the pianist-artist, Giselle Guillaume.

J. A.

Boxing

On 26th July, the Inter-House Boxing finals were held. For a fortnight Sanawar had been in the grip of Boxing fever. Every evening the Gaskell Hall had been packed to capacity as 179 contestants in 14 different Weights battled it out in the ring.

For the third Year in succession, Himalaya won the Cook House Cup. They amassed 76 points and were far ahead of other Houses. The fact that 13 out of 28 finalists were from Himalaya speaks volumes of the superiority which Himalaya enjoyed over the others. As for individual performances, Harag Bans Singh (Atom Weight) was a veritable spit-fire. He won his weight with ease. Maninder Singh Bhagat (Midget Weight) with a sprained right wrist managed to win his weight. Another victory for Himalaya came when Jitender Pal Singh (Fly Weight) outlasted fellow-Himalayan Y. P. Sharma. Ashok Seth (Bantam Weight), last year's Best Boxer displayed more experience and bagged his weight. Yet another Himalaya win came when K. M. Verma (Feather Weight) warded off the Vindhya challenge. Kamaljit Singh (Light Weight) received a walk-over to complete the tally of Himalaya victories.

Vindhya House came second with 56 points. C. K. Mahajan (Gossamer Weight) and Tajinder Shergill (Paper Weight) won their weights handsomely. Both of them packed powerful punches. Arun Maira (Mosquito Weight), perhaps the brainiest boxer in the whole tournament, exhibited clever ring-craft to win his weight. Baljit Singh Ahluwalia (Welter Weight) punched his way to victory and won his weight easily. He also won the cup for the Best Boxer. O.S. Sandhu (Light Heavy Weight) received a walk over. Among the Vindhya losers mention must be made of Shyam Kak (Bantam Weight) who fought his way to the finals only to lose to a more experienced opponent.

Siwalik with 52 entries had staked a powerful claim for the boxing crown. Anjon Mehra (Gnat Weight) had an easy passage to the finals and won his weight convincingly. Richard Mountford (Middle Weight) defeated Naresh Bahadur in one of the best bouts of the tournament. Kenneth Maharaj (Heavy Weight) retained his title. Of all the boys who fought for Siwalik special mention must be made of Yogendra Singh (Bantam Weight). He displayed a very pleasing style and showed commendable skill. Appropriately enough, he won the prize for the Best Loser.

Nilagiri came fourth with 38 points. Nilagiri was the only house which did not win a single weight. It does not in any way detract merit from the sporting effort they made. N. P. Dube (Mosquito Weight) and Tejpal Choudhry (Midget Weight) reached the finals but were outclassed by superior opponents.

Taken as a whole the boxing fare provided during the fortnight was wholesome if not delicious.

at times. Occasions were not few, when boys displayed courage and determination in the face of heavy odds. Our congratulations to all the winners and our thanks to Mr. Jagdish Ram who was the guiding spirit behind this "Boxing Gala".

M.P.G.

हिन्दी बाल सभा

सभा की चतुर्थ बैठक मंगलवार, दिनांक २४ जुलाई, १९५६, सायंकाल को विभिन्न पदाधिकारियों के चुनाव से आरंभ हुई। बहुमत से अध्यक्ष, उपाध्यक्ष और मंत्री के पद के लिए सर्व श्री शंभु दयाल, बसंत उषा कटोच तथा जितेन्द्र पंडित चुने गए। इसके उपरांत "सिकन्दर और पुरु", "भामशाह की स्वामि भक्ति" और "कंजूस की थैली" नाटकों का छत्र-छात्राओं ने पाठ किया। कंजूस के रूप में रेहाना खुशीद का पाठ प्रशंसनीय था।

इसके अलावा विजय प्रताप पुरी (पुरु), रणजीत मेहरा (राणा प्रताप), सुरजीत सिंह भसीन (भामशाह) और उर्मिला कुमारी (विरजू की माँ) के नाम उल्लेखनीय हैं। "हिन्दी प्रेम" कविता पाठ के साथ सभा की कार्यवाही समाप्त हुई।

हिन्दी-परिषद्

हिन्दी-परिषद् की चतुर्थ बैठक दिनांक २४ जुलाई १९५६, सायंकाल को श्री व्यास के सभापतित्व में हुई। आयोजित सभा में 'अतीत काल आधुनिक से अच्छा है' पर वादविवाद हुआ। वक्ताओं ने वादविवाद में एक अत्यन्त जोशपूर्ण वातावरण उत्पन्न किया। सभा के अन्त में श्री व्यास ने इस विषय पर अपने विचार प्रकट करते हुए आधुनिक युग को अतीत से अच्छा बतलाया।

नरेश बहादुर

Letters to the Editor

Sanawar,
15th July, 1956

Dear Mr. Editor,

May I use the columns of the News-letter to request all old Sanawarians to give us their views on Ranjit Bhatia's proposal in the last issue of the News-letter, and to make any suggestions of their own. The Old School is always happy to welcome old boys and girls. We are always on the lookout for ways and means of making their stay with us more comfortable. We would welcome suggestions.

I would like to put forward a point of my own. I feel that all old Sanawarians should subscribe not only to the annual "Sanawarian" but to the monthly News-letter as well. I suggest a subscription of Rs. 5/- per annum to cover both heads. This would enable us to recover the cost of paper, postage and labour and perhaps help us to engage an extra hand in the Printing Office to cope with the extra work. Perhaps your readers would like to comment on my proposal.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on a very well got-up and serviceable News-letter.

Yours faithfully
T. C. Kemp.

Sylvan Hall,
17th July.

To
The Editors,
Sanawar News-Letter.

Let me at the outset congratulate you on the wonderful work you are doing. The News-Letter has made a very welcome return, and through it, we Old Sanawarians are not only kept in touch with our Old School friends but also kept abreast of school news.

With reference to Ranjit Bhatia's letter (suggesting we Old Sanawarians should be charged a nominal sum for our stay in Sanawar), I don't think it is possible for us all to pay. I mean there might be some Old Sanawarians who would like to come to Sanawar but might not be able to afford it however nominal the cost might be.

On the other hand I agree with Bhatia that we don't like sponging on the old school.

I would, therefore, like to suggest that the School should have a system of voluntary payment and the sum thus collected be used for the welfare of the servants. By this system the Old Sanawarian saves his self-respect and the School still remains a home away from home.

In conclusion, I would like to wish the School all the very best of luck for the year.

Hoping to see you all at Founder's. 'Ye Old Sanawarian'.

Vikram Soni.

Films

On 7th July eight educational films on Soccer were shown.

Two instructional shorts on Boxing were shown on 14th July. The same day, Gabriel Pascal's screen adaptation of Bernard Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion" was also shown.

Walt Disney's "The Story of Robin Hood" was screened on 21st July in the Barne Hall.

Calendar

August 5th	...	Monsoon Holidays end. Cinema (Chacha Choudhary)
August 9th	...	Soccer 2nd XI vs. B. C. S. (Away)
August 11th	...	Soccer 1st XI vs. B. C. S. (Home) Cinema (Behave Yourself)
August 15th	...	Independence Day
August 18th	...	Cinema (Happy Time)
August 19th	...	Science Society
August 23rd	...	Swimming Sports
August 25th	...	Senior English Society Mock Parliament
August 28th	...	Hodson Run finals

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School News

During the Monsoon Holidays, the girls who had stayed back went on a picnic to Jabli on 1st August. On the same day the boys went on a trip to Chandigarh. On their way they visited the Pinjore Gardens.

On 7th August, a special Assembly was held to commemorate Tagore Day. Mr. J. K. Kate, Officiating Headmaster, gave a talk on Tagore's life and works.

The School Soccer 2nd XI played against the B. C. S. 2nd XI in Simla on 9th August and lost. The First XI played against the B. C. S. First XI on 11th August and won.

On 15th August, the School celebrated Independence Day in a fitting manner. A report on the day's activities appears elsewhere.

The Inter-House Swimming Finals were held on 15th August. Our congratulations to Nilagiri House (B. D.) and Himalaya House (G. D) on winning the cups.

An Exhibition of paintings on loan from the British Council was held in the Art Gallery on 15th August.

The Inter-House Soccer league matches were played on the 13th, 14th and 15th of last month. Congratulations to Siwalik House on winning the Trophy. The results were as follows:— Siwalik beat Vindhya (2—1), Siwalik beat Himalaya (2—0), Siwalik beat Nilagiri (2—0), Himalaya drew with Nilagiri (2—2), Himalaya beat Vindhya (2—0) and Nilagiri beat Vindhya (4—2).

The Science Society met on 19th August in the Barne Hall. Mr. U. P. Mukherji gave a talk on "Nuclear Fission".

Our Congratulations to Naresh Bahadur, D. S. Choudhry, Virendra Pal and K. M. Verma on their passing the J. S. W. Examination.

A Swimming Gala was held on 23rd August.

The Senior English Society held a Mock Parliament on 25th August.

The School Colts XI played against the Y. P. S. Colts XI on 25th August and won. On the same day, the First XI played against the Y. P. S. First XI and lost narrowly.

The Hodson Run Finals were held on 26th August. Ranjit Mehra (Under 11), Anjon Mehra

(Under 13), Richard Mountford (Under 15) and Nitya Nand (Open) all from Siwalik House came first in their different age-groups. Our congratulations to Siwalik House on winning the cup for the fifth year in succession.

A party of 7 girls and 11 boys left Sanawar for Lovedale on 27th August to participate in their Founder's celebrations. Miss Chatterji and Mr. Bhupinder Singh accompanied the party.

We welcome Major R. Som Dutt, our new Headmaster and his wife Mrs. Som Dutt to Sanawar. The School lined the route and gave them a rousing welcome on their arrival on 22nd August. The next day the School welcomed the new Headmaster officially at Assembly. Mr. Kate, Officiating Headmaster introduced him to the Staff and the students. Major Som Dutt thanked the School for the hearty welcome it had extended to him and his wife. A holiday was declared and a Swimming Gala was held in the afternoon. In the evening after supper the Senior School held a Social in the Barne Hall.

We congratulate K. M. Verma on his appointment as Soccer Captain for 1956. Our congratulations also to Richard Mountford, Ashok Marwaha, Vijay Gauba, G. D. Sood, Kamaljit Singh, Kuljit Singh Sethi, Ashok Seth and Naresh Bahadur on having been awarded their Soccer Colours.

With effect from the last week of August, words of command in the N. C. C. are being given in Hindi.

Old Sanawarian News

B. S. Malhans writes from Mhow to say that "he is going to.....and.....and....." but also adds, "Just do me a favour, please don't advertise all this in the Newsletter as this is only for you". We are happy to do this small favour for B. S. but do not agree with him. We feel that he ought to tell "the family" everything. Inquisitive O. S. may write to him c/o Brigadier Joginder Singh, Infantry School, Mhow.

Balbir Singh Bhasin struck a nostalgic note in his letter. ".....we had a wonderful time at Sanawar.....happy memories.....the spirit that pervaded there, is not to be found anywhere else.....wish I was back in those lovely hills.....the fun, the comradeship....." And he closes: "The best of luck to Sanawar in everything. I hope to see you all at Founder's". We also hope the same.

Ajit Angrish and Devinderpal ask all O. S. living in Bengal to contact them at 209 B, Nehru Hall, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur,

in order to form the nucleus of an O. S. Society. (K. K. Soi, this is an order, jump to it).

Anoop Singh Bedi and his brother H. S. (mozzy) paid us a visit on their way down to Amritsar on 8th August. Anoop is in Khalsa College and was looking very fit. H. S. has been across from Kasauli quite often and proves to be as chirpy as ever. He is trying to persuade his parents to send him to Loughborough, England.

J. Bhardwaj writes: "I wholly associate myself with Mr. Kemp's suggestion of a 5 Rs. levy per annum for the Sanawarian and the News-Letter". He continues: "I have just returned after attending a work camp in the High Ranges of Travancore-Cochin. Wild elephants and still wilder leeches were numberless. I shall soon be resuming my studies in Radio Mechanics".

Sudhir Singh left Jullundur on September 3rd and is flying from Bombay on the 10th. He will be joining Loughborough College in the U. K. We send him our very best wishes. Bon Voyage.

Bhupinder Pal writes from N. D. A., Kharkwasla: "All the Sanawarians are doing fine. Our heartiest congrats to the Soccer First XI on beating B. C. S. I read Bhatia's views on the stay of O. S. at Sanawar and I for one think he is dead right. O. S. should pay something for their stay at Sanawar".

Major Som Dutt

The Sanawar News-Letter takes this opportunity to extend to Major Som Dutt and his wife Mrs. Som Dutt, a most hearty welcome. Major Som Dutt had his schooling at the Colonel Brown's School, Dehra Dun. From there he went to Cambridge where he took History Honours. At Cambridge, he was at Fitzwilliam House. He represented his college in Hockey and boxed for the University. He graduated from Cambridge in 1933. Three years later he was admitted to the M. A. Degree. Returning to India he served for some time as Cantonment Executive Officer in the Simla Hills. In 1942 he joined the Armed Forces. He saw active service with the Machine Gun Battalion, the Dogra Regiment in the Middle East and later with the famous 5th Indian Division on the Burma front. After the War he transferred to the Army Educational Corps. He took over as Commandant of the K. G. R. I. M. School, Ajmer. Later he was posted as the head of the K. G. R. I. M. School, Jullundur. In 1949 he was appointed to the National Defence Academy, Dehra Dun as the Head of the English Department of Studies. He served there till 1955. Before joining Sanawar, he was serving as Staff Officer (G) (Edn.) at the Head Quarters, Eastern Command. He brings with him a vast store of valuable experience which is bound to prove useful for the School. We hope his association with the School will develop into a long and fruitful partnership.

M. P. G.

Independence Day

The ninth anniversary of India's Independence was fittingly celebrated on the fifteenth of last month. In the morning there was a special Assembly which began at 10 a. m. and went on for the major part of an hour. The Assembly began with the singing of hymns in Hindi. After a short prayer in English, Mr. Kate unfurled the National Flag. Then Yogindra Dhillon, Head Girl, read a choice passage in English. It was an excerpt from Pandit

Nehru's speech on Independence Day, 1947, and was a call to the nation to unify and improve the welfare of our mother-land. Next Naresh Bahadur, Head Boy, read a passage in Hindi from one of Dr. Radhakrishnan's speeches. The Assembly concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. After Assembly, some boys did tree-planting while the girls distributed sweets to the children of the estate menial Staff. Lunch was followed by the Inter House Swimming Finals, the report of which appears elsewhere.

In the evening, a music-cum-dance performance was held in the Barne Hall. The programme commenced with the School Orchestra playing the "Garba Dhun". This was followed by the Girls' choir singing "Bharati Jai Vijai". "The fishermen's folk-song" rendered by the Boys' choir was lively and amusing. The Prep. School Choir gave an earnest version of "Chanda hai ham sab ka mama". Of the dance items, the Santhal dance by the girls was particularly impressive. Aruna Bal's "Chodoji chodoji" was also highly appreciated. A surprise element on the evening's programme was the items by some Staff members. Mr. D. C. Gupta and Mrs. Vyas gave superb performances. Mr. Mehta and Mr. Bhalerao also took part and acquitted themselves well. The festivities were rounded off with special supper in all the three departments. Personally I feel that this was the most interesting and enjoyable Independence Day celebrations, I have taken part in Sanawar.

Ashok Sehgal.

A trip to Kashmir

A party of 3 masters and 8 boys left Sanawar on 27th July—destination Kashmir. Reaching Kalka by bus, we proceeded to Pathankot by train. From pathankot we travelled upto Banihal by bus. Spending the night at Banihal, we reached Srinagar on the morning of the 29th. On our way from Banihal, we saw the Verinag Chashma, the source of the River Jhelum and the ruins of Avantipur. At Srinagar, we stayed at the house of Mr. Khurshid Alam Khan who helped us a great deal during our stay in Kashmir.

We visited the famous Dal Lake. as also the Nehru Gardens. On the same day we went for a shikara ride. During our stay in Srinagar, we paid a visit to the Kashmir Emporium. There we had a glimpse of the beauty and variety of Kashmir Handicraft products. Our shikara rides on the Jhelum gave us a splendid view of the old town on both the banks of the river. From Srinagar we went to Gulmarg. Upto Tanmarg we proceeded by bus but from there we went on horse-back. The rain deprived us of fully enjoying the scenic grandeur. We also visited the Nishat and Shalimar Gardens. These gardens are famous for their symmetrical, well laid-out terraces. On 4th August, we said good bye to Kashmir, truly the play-ground of the East.

Abhey Yograj.

Soccer Versus B. C. S.

The annual soccer 2nd XI fixture was played this year in Simla on 9th August. Just before the match started there was a heavy downpour. Consequently the match was played on a water-logged ground. We had not put in any serious practice for a fortnight and the muddy state of the ground added to our difficulties. Early in the first-half the Cottonians shot in two rapid goals. They were not finding

any difficulty and successfully adapted themselves to the poor conditions. On the other hand we were finding it tough going and missed many chances due to the slippery conditions. In the second half the game grew more exciting and occasions were not few when we held the upper hand. But our opponents pressed hard and netted two more goals. It would be invidious to mention names because all our boys did their best. But our efforts were not good enough and we lost to a better team.

After the defeat sustained by our second string, we were all looking forward to a better performance from the First XI. The conditions in which the game was played were very much like those which prevailed in the Second XI fixture. The only advantage we had was that we were playing on our home-ground. The game was played at a cracking pace in spite of the slippery conditions. The B.C.S. pressed hard but our defence rose to the occasion. When the whistle for half time blew, neither side had scored. In the second half the game took on a different complexion. Vijay Gauba, our left winger had a shot at the goal and his effort was rewarded. This goal seemed to inspire our team and they kept the B. C. S. defence busy. But playing conditions were so poor that attempts at scoring were thwarted. Suddenly Richard Mountford, centre forward, dribbled in and sent in a marvellous shot which beat the B. C. S. goal keeper hands down. Now the game was ours and even the last minute goal off a free kick by the Cottonians could not snatch the victory from us.

Shyam Kumar Kak.

Soccer Versus Y. P. S.

On Saturday 25th August, the Colts as well as First XI matches against the Y. P. S. were played. In the Colts match, which was played first, Sanawar took the initiative early in the game with a fifth minute goal. It was an opportune effort on the part of Anjon Mehra. Two minutes later a long left from Hazuria deflected off the goal post to give Sanawar a comfortable two-nil lead. Mann's broken wrist, following a heavy fall, spoiled some very clever moves on the Sanawar left wing. Undeterred by this setback Sanawar continued to attack. After changing sides, Sanawar increased the lead when Anjon Mehra headed in beautifully. Y. P. S. pressed hard in a desperate effort to save the game. But when the final whistle blew, Sanawar had achieved a creditable win with a 3—1 lead.

The First XI match which was played next, produced some very good soccer and provided plenty of thrills. Sanawar forged ahead when Richard Mountford netted the ball in the twelfth minute. This early setback made the Y. P. S. fight hard. The game grew more exciting as it progressed and just before half time Y. P. S. equalised after a goal mouth melee. After half time Y. P. S. were on the offensive. Their forwards initiated several good moves. As a result of stepping up the pace, Y. P. S. went ahead with a 2—1 lead. Richard Mountford set the scales even for Sanawar when he converted a superb centre from G. D. Sood. With the score even, a terrific struggle for supremacy ensued. Both the teams fought hard to get the decider. A few minutes before time, a long range shot beat the Sanawar defence and bagged the match for the visitors.

Subash Dua.

Swimming

The Annual Swimming Sports were held on 15th August. The programme for the afternoon began with a ceremonial march past. Mr. Kate, Officiating Headmaster took the salute. The first event was One Length for Boys under 11. Suman Sehgal (Vindhya)

came first in 16.2 seconds. This was followed by One Length for Boys under 13 in which M.S. Bhagath (Himalaya) came first with 16.9 seconds. D. J. Pradhan (Nilagiri) returned a fast time of 13 seconds to win One Length for Boys under 15. Anil Nehru (Nilagiri) with a still faster time of 11.2 seconds won the One Length for Boys Open. Next came the Girls' One Length events. Navina Sundaram (under 11), Andy Kemp (under 13), Neena Dubey (under 15) and Venita Dubey (Open) came first in their different age-groups. The timings naturally were not as good as those by the Boys. Then came the events for the Preppers. The longer races came next. Suman Sehgal (Vindhya) again came first in his age group to win the Two Lengths. M.S. Bhagath (Himalaya) did the "dog paddle" successfully to win the Two Lengths for Boys under 13. Himmat Singh (Vindhya) came in strongly to finish first in the Three Lengths for Boys under 15. Naresh Bahadur (Siwalik) beat all-comers in the Three Lengths Open. The Girls' Two Lengths events were a repetition of the previous One Length events. Navina Sundaram, Andy Kemp, Neena Dubey and Venita Dubey again won first places in their age-groups. Navina Sundaram again returned the fastest timing. The Boys' Diving which followed was won by Viney Soi (Nilagiri) who gave an impressive display. Naresh Bahadur (Siwalik) was a close second. The Girls' Diving went to Jaya Krishen. The Girls' House Relay was won by Vindhya House in "record" time. The Boys' House Relay had an extremely close finish with Nilagiri House first and Siwalik House second. The time taken was 60.2 seconds.

Himalaya won the Cock House Cup in the G.D. with Siwalik second, Vindhya third and Nilagiri fourth. In the B.D. Nilagiri won the Cock House cup with Vindhya a close second. Siwalik was third and Himalaya fourth.

Anil Nehru

Senior English Society

On Saturday 25th August, the Senior English Society held a mock-parliament. The proceedings began with questions and answers. The questions were mostly light-hearted and received replies in the same vein. One question sought an explanation from "the Prime Minister" for wasting his valuable time in the company of his girl-friends. Another question demanded the establishment of diplomatic relations with the neighbouring village of Garkal. "The Prime Minister" and the his "cabinet" colleagues warded off all "Opposition" efforts to browbeat them. Plenty of supplementary questions were put by the "Opposition" members. These too were parried deftly by the "Treasury Benches." During question-time, the two "Communist" members staged a protest walk-out which lend a considerable touch of realism to the proceedings.

After a lively half hour of questions and answers, "Prime Minister" Suresh Mullick moved a bill which sought to ban moustaches. He argued that for the prosperity of India and the maintenance of inter-national peace everyone should shave off his moustache. He attributed the downfall of Nazi Germany to the moustache which Hitler sported. Kenneth Maharaj, "Opposition Leader," who spoke next, was of the opinion that the phenomenal progress which Soviet Russia had made after the Revolution was solely due to Stalin's moustache. If Stalin had wasted his time shaving daily in order to present a moustache-less countenance to the world, then he would not have found time to mastermind Soviet Russia's Five year Plans. He maintained that shaving was a mere waste of time and money. Subash Dua, "Finance Minister," was the next speaker. In a speech which was minister-like in its statistical content, he showed how the Iron and Steel industry would stand to benefit from the increased consumption of blades. Baljit Singh, "Communist," countered

this argument with the suggestion that the iron and steel wasted in the manufacture of blades could be utilised to set up heavy industries. This according to him would ameliorate the condition of the Indian working class whom he represented. Asha Narang, "Health Minister" put forth the hygienic aspect of the issue. According to her, a clean shaven face would go a long way in improving the health of the nation. Richard Mountford, "Communist," criticised the bill as yet another Government effort to suppress the Indian working class. He cited the example of Soviet Russia where every one was free to keep whatever length of moustache he desired. "The Prime Minister" rounded up the debate and answered the various points brought up by the "Opposition". Then the Bill received its First Reading, after which "Speaker" Naresh Bahadur declared "The House" adjourned sine die.

M. P. G.

Founder's Programme

We give below the provisional programme for Founder's for the information of all Old Sanawarians:—

Wednesday, 3rd October.

School Concert	...	...	6-00 p. m.
Founder's Eve Dinner	...	...	8-00 p. m.

Founder's Day, Thursday, 4th October.

Assembly	...	...	9-00 a. m.
Art & Crafts Exhibition	...	...	9-30 a. m.
Parade	...	...	10-00 a. m.
Speeches	...	...	11-30 a. m.
Athletic Meeting	...	...	3-00 p. m.
Tea	...	...	4-00 p. m.
Prizegiving	...	...	5-00 p. m.
A. D. S. Play	...	...	8-00 p. m.

Friday, 5th October.

O. S. Society Meeting	...	...	9-00 a. m.
Tennis, Past vs. Present (Girls)	...	...	10-00 a. m.
Fête	...	...	2-30 p. m.
Torchlight Tattoo	...	...	8-00 p. m.

Saturday, 6th October.

Hockey, Past vs. Present (Boys)	...	...	10-00 a. m.
Gymkhana	...	...	2-30 p. m.
O. S. Dinner & Dance	...	...	7-15 p. m.

We take this opportunity to extend to all Old Sanawarians a most hearty welcome. O. S. who intend attending Founder's celebrations should intimate us at their earliest, in order to facilitate the necessary arrangements.

Lovedale Centenary

We reproduce below the letter from the Headmaster, Lawrence School, Lovedale:—

"Dear Mr. Som Dutt,

Many thanks for your letter of the 24th instant, enclosing a cheque for Rs. 250/-, being your children's contribution to my Centenary Fund. Please tell them it is difficult to describe how much I have been touched by this unsolicited gift. It is heartening to see the bonds of friendship between the two Schools growing firmer. I assure you that the money will be well spent. Our official receipt is sent herewith.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- K. I. THOMAS.
Headmaster.

Warriors' Grove

While coming from the green gate to the Boys' School, many visitors pass the gate of Warriors' Grove, but few have ever ventured beyond the gate. Amongst all the other gardens, Warriors' Grove is the least mentioned in the history of Sanawar. But beyond that wicket gate lies a little world with a charm of its own.

To most of us Warriors' Grove is nothing more than a grove of oak trees, the only grove of oak trees in Sanawar. It is also a memorial to those heroic souls who fell in the First World War. We think of those gallant young men when we pass the Memorial near the Herbert-Edward Porch. But I wonder how many of us think of them when we walk past Warriors' Grove.

I still remember how, as a small boy, years ago, I used to creep to it on a Sunday afternoon with gramophone, records and books. I remember also the pleasant hours I spent there with my friends. That little wooden bridge used to transport us into Japan, that cluster of oak trees reminded us of a quaint English village, the fountain would take us to a corner of Florence and the firs would remind us of the Swiss Alps. Thus, in that small garden were gathered, in childish imagination, the distant places of the earth. That small corner of Sanawar was for us a world in miniature.

But now, alas, the fountain plays no longer. The oaks and the firs carry us no longer anywhere. Warriors' Grove seems to have lost its magic touch. Perhaps it is we who are no longer children and have lost our magic sensitivity.

Harish Pal.

Films

"Chacha Choudhry" a biting commentary on this mad world of ours, was shown on 5th August in the Barne Hall.

On 7th August two educational shorts on Physiology and Health Science were screened in the morning.

On 11th August three films on Geography were shown. In the evening "Behave Yourself" was screened.

On 18th August "Springfield Rifle", a saga of the American Civil War with perennial favourite Gary Cooper in the leading role, was on show.

Calendar

September 1st	...	Saturday Club (Nilagiri)
September 2nd	...	Senior English Society Junior English Society
September 8th	...	Cinema
September 14th	...	Fifth Mark Reading
September 15th	...	Inter-House Debate (Hindi) Seniors-Boys and Girls
September 22nd	...	Cinema
September 23rd	...	Inter-House Debate (Hindi) Juniors-Boys and Girls
September 29th	...	Dress Rehearsals for Founder's

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School News

Mr. Guy Montin gave an illustrated account of his travels to the Senior School on August 31st in Barne Hall.

The fourth performance of the Saturday Club was given by Nilagiri House (B.D) on September 1st.

The Senior and Junior English Societies met on September 2nd.

The Headmaster and Bursar attended the Founder's Day celebrations of the Bishop Cotton, School, Simla, on Saturday, September 8th.

The School party to Lovedale returned to Sanawar on the evening of September 10th. An account of the trip appears elsewhere.

The girls played two tennis matches against the Staff on September 13th. The results were: Yogindra and Suman Mala lost to Mrs. Bedi and Mrs. Thomas 1-6, 2-6, Rina and Harvinder lost to Miss Chatterji and Mrs. Kemp 2-6, 1-6.

The fifth Mark Reading was held on September 14th.

The Inter-House Senior Hindi Debate was held on September 15th. Nilagiri House stood first, Vin-dhya second, Himalaya third and Siwalik fourth.

Miss Gladys Owen spoke on Japan at a meeting of the Durrant Society on September 16th, at which Mrs. Chatterji presided.

His Excellency, the Soviet Ambassador, accompanied by his daughter, visited Sanawar on September 23rd and was taken round the School by the Headmaster. In the evening he witnessed a rehearsal of the Torchlight Tattoo on Peacestead.

Two army athletes gave demonstrations to the Senior School on Barnes on September 24th.

A. I. R. Delhi will broadcast a vocal performance by Mr. Thakar on October 7th.

Old Sanawarian News

Yashpaul Choudhry has been awarded the Nellie Lovell Prize for 1956.

Ajit Angrish writes from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur: "It was a pleasure to read the Newsletter.....and remember the good old days we spent in Sanawar". He continues: "I agree with Mr. Kemp's suggestion that Rs. 5/- should be levied

as annual subscription for the Sanawarian and the Newsletter."

Indru Lakhani was waiting for something to happen so that he could write to us about it. Well, something did happen. He writes:".....two solid bricks feel on my head the other day.....I saw the whole mysterious universe spread before me.....and birds chirping too! Now I am quite "normal" except for an egg-shaped lump on my upper storey." He continues: "I can't quite decide whether to come to Sanawar or not, although the Founder's programme is quite tempting.....Founder's Eve Dinner..... chicken curry, fried fish.....yum! yum!! A. D. S. play.....Mr. Kemp in skirts.....oh boy!..... and (in a whisper) the O. S. Dance.....ahem!" About Ranjit Bhatia's suggestion that O. S. should pay something for their stay in Sanawar, Indru says: "I agree with the idea but it should not be compulsory. If it is voluntary, very soon it will grow into a tradition and every O. S. will pay".

Gurdev Singh Purewal writes from Ranchi, Bihar "Mr. Kemp's proposal for a Rs. 5/- annual subscription to cover the expenses of the "Sanawarian" and "the Newsletter" is extremely good. I hope all other O. S. will agree to it." He met Dugal, an O. S., who is now a lieutenant in the Artillery. He also met Mrs. Callaghan who is working in a school in Ranchi.

Our rather belated congratulations to Pritam Singh on winning the sword of Honour at the Passing Out Parade held at the Air Force College, Jodhpur.

Desraj expects to be here at Founder's along with S.P.S. and Harprit. He is "persuading" other O. S. to accompany him. We need not say that a hearty welcome awaits them all.

J. Bharadwaj writes to say that he is going to make a "desperate" attempt to be with us at Founder's.

Parikshat Sahni writes from Delhi: "Here we old Sanawarians are looking forward very eagerly to a good time at Founder's. I have taken up football as my game and till now I have been playing right out, in the literal sense of the term. Yash Pal has started tennis and has just finished learning the rules..... The other day Desraj and Surinderpal Singh Gill turned up at the St. Stephen's playground. S.P.S. Gill has put on a few maunds and can be called 'colossal' without much exaggeration..... I was thinking of changing over to History Honours but have changed my mind and am sticking to English".

Saturday Club Performance.

The evening of September 1st saw us in Barne

Hall. The occasion was the fourth Saturday Club performance of the year by the Nilagiri House boys.

The first item was "Rory Aforesaid", a one-act play in English. Anil Nehru's portrayal of the unhappy owner of the killed sheep and Bulbul's portrayal of the solicitor for Mullick, the suspected killer, were particularly convincing. Mullick did well to grasp his solicitor's idea of bleating like a sheep whenever he was questioned in the court. Even "Miss" Chopra's evidence in a strident, feminine tone did not help Anil to win the case. Bulbul patted himself fervently on the back and said, "Well, Rory we've got the case". "M-M-eh-eh-eh-eh" was the straightforward reply.

It was followed by a piano solo by Harish Pal. The Programme said, "Artiste's Life" and "?" Harish was probably shy to tell us that he could play "Anna". The shadow-play, depicting two scenes from the Ramayana, was quite a novel idea for the Sanawar stage. The beautifully-projected shadows on the yellow curtain came to life with the melodious back-ground music.

Highlighting the evening's programme was the Hindi Play, "Lamp Aur Chandni". Set on the sidewalks of a small town, the play had a touch of realism not to be found in the skits and humorous plays so typical of the Sanawar stage. Bulbul conducted himself well as the professional beggar while Chopra, as the beggar's son, deserves special mention.

Giving the final touch to a polished performance was a fisherman's folk-song, "Audh Nagariya Door Re", sung with much enthusiasm.

Subhash Dua.

Senior English Society

The Senior English Society met on 2nd September and debated the motion "that Newspapers are good for the country". The arguments were heated and there was an earnest air about all the speakers. This debate was a step forward and it is heartening to note that debating is both appreciated and enjoyed by everyone at Sanawar.

Kenneth Maharaj who spoke first said that newspapers as purveyors of news from all parts of the world, were indispensable to the progress of a country. According to him newspapers act as a deterrent to Government maladministration. Baljit Singe Ahluwalia argued that newspapers by giving varying versions and contradictory opinions only helped to foster disunity. Newspapers confused the minds of the people and clouded their judgment. Richard Mountford agreed with Baljit Singh and claimed that newspapers corrupted public opinion. He quoted the saying "when a dog bites a man it is not news; but when a man bites a dog it is news" to show that newspapers were always after sensationalism rather than impartial coverage of news. Yogindra Dhillon and Subash Dua were vehement that newspapers acted as the mouth-piece of the people and kept the government informed about public opinion. Asha Narang was of the opinion that newspapers were worse than gossiping old women and spread malicious rumours which only disrupted national unity. The motion was put to vote and declared carried.

Asha Narang.

The Durrant Society

Miss Gladys Owens, a close associate and disciple of Mahatma Gandhi, gave a very interesting talk on "Japan-Past and Present" to the Durrant Society

on 16th September, 1956. Introducing Miss Owens, Mrs. Chatterji who presided on the occasion, mentioned the keen interest which Miss Owens had shown in India's freedom movement for more than eighteen years.

At the outset, Miss Owens paid a tribute to the scenic beauty of Sanawar. She said that we were indeed lucky to live and learn in such beautiful surroundings. Miss Owens visited Japan in 1954, to attend the International Pacifist Conference. She was in Japan for nearly seven months and was able to study the country and people closely. She described her stay in Japan as fascinating and the people charming. She found the people polite and courteous. She mentioned the elaborate Japanese custom of bowing many times when meeting each other. She was of the opinion that the Japanese as a nation were hard-working and industrious. From the ruins of a war-torn empire, Japan had risen to become the most industrialised of all Asian nations. This was entirely due to the Japanese capacity to work hard. She found the people artistic and sensitive to beauty. Japan was a beautiful land and the people were great lovers of beauty. She concluded by saying that the Japanese looked to India a great deal for spiritual leadership. The Japanese wanted to know all about India's achievement of freedom through the path of non-violence. Everywhere she went, she was welcome as the spokesman and representative of India-a country for whom Japan had great respect and admiration.

Kenneth Maharaj Singh

The Lovedale Trip

The long awaited day, the 27th of August, dawned at last. A party of seven girls, eleven boys and two members of Staff, Miss Chatterji and Mr. Bhupinder Singh, left at 9 a.m. in the School truck. The day was not very auspicious being rainy but our high spirits disregarded this. We had a pleasant journey upto Ambala, where we were due to catch a train.

We were in Ambala at 12-45 p.m. After having lunch we waited for the train which was half an hour late. The book stall was raided by the boys and girls. On the arrival of the train we got into one compartment. We played cards, sang songs and made a terrible din.

We arrived at Delhi at about 8-30 p.m. Most of our parents and relations were waiting for us at the station. Those of us who went out, on returning at 9-30 found that four ladies had occupied two berths of our compartment. In spite of all our efforts, they refused to move out. So we had quite an uncomfortable night. Anyhow by the morning all of them had gone away. The journey was very pleasant after that and we enjoyed ourselves. Throughout the day we were making a noise. At night our sleep was disturbed by our having to break journey at Manmad. It was cold and had been raining. We got into another train and reached Aurangabad at 5 a.m. There Mr. Liaquat Hussain escorted us to his house in a bus. We lay down for a while and after that had breakfast (Hyderabadi style.) After that we all packed into the bus and left for the Ellora Caves. These are situated some Sixteen miles from Aurangabad. The caves of the Buddhist, Brahmin and Jain religions are really wonderful. The carvings on the walls and the statues make one wonder how such excellent sculptors existed so many thousand years ago.

We then went on to Fort Daulatabad which is situated on the top of a hill. It is the ruins of the Fort Daulatabad built in the thirteenth century and is one of the biggest forts in India. It has a big tank known as "The Elephant Tank". The climb upto

the fort itself was tiring. We had to go through dark passages, being very careful not to fall into holes 500 ft. deep. There were many guns but particular mention must be made of the one known as "the Rams Head". In the area of the fort there was a big tower known as "Chand Minar" which is not as high as the Qutub. We climbed up this as well.

That night we slept somewhat comfortably on the floor. The next day, after an early breakfast, we left by bus for Ajanta. The Ajanta caves are 60 miles away from Aurangabad. We were there at about 10-30 a. m. The Ajanta caves were half way up a hill. In Ajanta the caves are only of the Buddhist period. In the first cave there was a huge statue of Buddha, which had been made in such a way that its expression changed with every change in the angle from which it was viewed. The paintings on the walls of these caves were beautiful and it seemed miraculous for the colours to have lasted for so long.

We returned to Aurangabad in the evening after visiting a lot of tombs. At Aurangabad we saw "Bibi Ka Makbara", this is meant to be a copy of the Taj Mahal. Another place we went to see was "Panchakki," a watermill. After visiting the highlights of Aurangabad, we reached home and, after dinner, left for the station.

We arrived in Bombay on the 31st morning and set out in a hired bus. We visited the Museum, the Jehangir Art Gallery and the Taraporevala Aquarium. We also went to an Indo-Japanese exhibition, Malabar Hill, where we saw the famous hanging gardens, and the Kamla Nehru Park. Lunch was very kindly provided by Avinash Singh Bedi's aunt, after which we went back to the station via Andheri. At 5-10 p. m. we boarded the "Deccan Queen" for Poona. This was the best train journey we had on the trip.

On arriving at Mysore on the morning of September 2nd, we collected our luggage and got into three buses which took us to the Dasa Prakash Hotel. This was an orthodox type of hotel. At first they expected 20 people to sleep on 6 beds, but later on we managed to get better accommodation. Here we had South Indian dishes which were a novelty.

Later we got into three buses which were of a yellow that hurts the eyes, and went to Jaganath Temple on top of Chamundi Hill. On the way to this the Maharaja of Mysore passed us in his car. On our way back from the temple we went to see the statue of Nandi, the sacred bull. This was very big and made of black stone. We also visited Lalita Bhavan, the Horse stables, and the zoo, all of which were most interesting.

It was decided that we should next go to the Maharaja's palace. This was a gorgeous palace and the throne room was the main attraction. The palace is so big that one was apt to get lost in it. Seringapatam, Tippu Sultan's Fort, was also visited. This was situated some 12 to 13 miles away from Mysore. Here we saw the ruins of the fort, the dungeons, Tippu's summer palace and Tippu's tomb.

From Seringapatam we went to the Brindaban Gardens. We arrived at the Brindaban Gardens just as twilight was deepening into night. We had cold drinks at an hotel and then went on to the gardens themselves. A lake formed because of a dam nearby, was glistening with a thousand lights as we walked past it to the gardens. The garden itself with coloured lights and fountains made it seem as if the gates of Fairyland had opened to us. The effect on the whole was glorious and after walking through this veritable paradise of lights we came to a miniature lake where it had been arranged, we were

to go boating. On the way to and returning from the Brindaban Gardens, we had to pass over a beautiful bridge which spanned the dam.

The journey to Ootacamund was over in a surprisingly short time, probably because most of us had fallen asleep on the way up. The weather grew colder and colder as we travelled up, and we felt the change keenly. The vegetation also changed as we wound our way through the Nilagiri Hills, and became not unlike the vegetation in the Simla Hills.

We arrived at Ooty to be welcomed by a drizzle of rain and about ten Lovedale girls and boys and their master, Major Blasy. We were escorted to a bus and after introducing ourselves mixed freely with the Lawrencians, some of whom had come to Sanawar the previous year and so were old acquaintances.

On arriving at Lovedale we found that we, the girls, were to stay in the Girls' dormitory, but that the boys were to stay in a guest house. We noticed how much larger Lovedale is than Sanawar though in many ways it is as we later found, similar to Sanawar. Everywhere we found bright yellow mimosa flowers, which we were told were called "Founder's Flowers" as they only bloomed during Founder's.

After the Founder's supper in the boys' dining room that evening we adjourned upstairs to a hall reminiscent of Barne Hall though, much larger. The band, composed of boy and girl musicians, of whom Lovedale is very proud, struck up a tune to start off the evening. Dance followed dance with scarcely any pause and there were very few games. The music was very good and made us realise that Lawrencians had good reason to be proud of it. At about 11-30 the last dance was announced. However, the Sanawarians were requested to go to the Headmaster and ask for an extension. This was granted and the dance continued till 12-00, and we returned to the dormitory very tired as we had got next to no sleep the previous night. We found during the dance that most of the boys and girls were friendly and anxious to know of our impressions of Lovedale as compared to Sanawar.

The next morning we woke early and learnt we were to visit the Government Gardens. There we saw the lovely lawns and gay and colourful flowers. We also saw, and were very much interested in, the Toda huts and looked curiously at the very low doors characteristic of these huts. The Toda women we noticed wore their hair long and in ringlets, and their clothes were homespun. The men were tall and looked slightly Aryan in appearance. At our request three Toda women sang a song in their language. Weird and guttural, the sound—we could not distinguish any words—seemed to issue from the nose and throat, for they hardly opened their mouths.

After this we went to a lake where boating had been arranged for us. We all enjoyed ourselves though we got slightly wet because of the amateur rowing we attempted. Most of us got back safely to dry land, but there was a minor mishap. One boat containing three Sanawarians lost one of its oars and a rescue party had to bring them back safely.

Upon returning to Lovedale we went to the Prep. School where we had a very good lunch. We spent the afternoon seeing the various buildings of Lovedale. After having tea in the Girls' School we dressed for the Staff play called "Arsenic and Old Lace". Amusing in the extreme and very well acted, we all enjoyed it a great deal. Straight after the play we went to the Headmaster's house for dinner. The blazing fire there made us all warm, for the cold weather had not improved at all. After the dinner

we were entertained by various songs and fine solos played by the Lovedale boys. The time passed so quickly that it was 1-00 a. m. before we went to bed.

The next morning, our third day in Lovedale, was spent in Conoor where the weather was lovely and warm compared with Lovedale. We visited Sim's Park and then the Rabies Institute near-by. We also saw a silk farm with mulberry trees growing around it.

Lunch was to be eaten at a tea estate, so there we went immediately after the silk farm. We saw how the tea was cut, dried, ground and packed and then had a delicious lunch of Gujerati food. After a while we returned to Lovedale and arrived in time for tea.

After tea we were taken to see the Prep. School Show. The costumes were very quaint and the story based around the thievery of the tarts by the Knave of Hearts, was well acted. Now came the highlight of the evening—what every one had been eagerly waiting for—the School play, a comic opera entitled "Aladdin and Out".

It was something novel to most of us, since the whole play was acted out in song instead of speech. The play based on the renowned story of Aladdin was made very amusing, so that every body enjoyed it. The costumes and the lighting effects were very good. After the play, since we were scheduled to have dinner with the cast, we went to the Boys' School.

The next and last day dawned bright and slightly warmer than the other days we had spent there. It was 6th September and the Founder's Day of Lovedale.

After breakfast we went to the Parade which was held on the large Lovedale games field. They gave a magnificent display and the band was excellent. Then we went for coffee and biscuits which we had on the School lawn. We also saw a Model Aircraft exhibition.

Then we went to their Hall for Assembly. After a short speech made by the Headmaster in which he acknowledged and thanked donors, among whom he mentioned Sanawar, for the donations made towards their centenary plans, Dr. John Matthai made a speech. After this various prizes were given out to the best Houses and best pupils. This was followed by the opening of the Art Exhibition where most of the exhibits were examples of Modern Art.

After lunch at the Girls' School, we left, however reluctantly, to begin our return journey to Sanawar. This time we were going back the whole way to Sanawar solely by train.

We arrived at Madras early the next morning and noticed the bottle-green taxis—a pleasant change from the glaring yellow taxis of Mysore. Piling into three taxis we drove to the residence of a Mr. Nanjappa, uncle to one of the boys, who had very kindly agreed to accommodate us for our short stay in Madras. We found that the huge and stately mansion (it can be referred to by no other name) was situated right next to an inlet of the sea, and that the sea metaphorically and literally was on the back doorstep.

We spent the whole morning in Madras doing shopping, while the boys went to the lighthouse some distance away. After a lovely lunch at the Chinese Restaurant we did some more shopping and then after tea returned to the house to do some sailing. Mr. Nanjappa then left us by the Aquarium and adjoining hotel to enjoy ourselves for the rest of the evening. Supper was eaten by the sea in a place overlooking the harbour lights. Since we could not catch a bus after supper we walked back to the house which was quite a distance away and fell asleep almost immediately.

The next morning, though it was planned that we should go to the beach, we unfortunately overslept. So after breakfast, having packed, we went sight seeing. After having a quick look at the lighthouse and other buildings, we went to the station to start for Delhi. We spent two days and nights on the train and arrived at New Delhi to find ourselves three hours later than scheduled. However all was well, for in the end we got into a first class compartment at Old Delhi and completed the rest of our train journey to Ambala in comfort.

At Ambala the School truck was waiting to escort us back to Sanawar. Half asleep and very tired, we all stopped at Kalka to have our last out-of-school supper, and finally arrived at Sanawar late that evening.

Asha Dhawan

Jaya Rani

हिन्दी-परिषद्

हिन्दी-परिषद् की बैठक गत शनिवार ता० १५ अगस्त १९५६, को श्री व्यास के सभापतित्व में सम्पन्न हुई। परिषद् की ओर से आयोजित अन्तर-छात्रावास वादविवाद प्रतियोगिता में छात्र और छात्राओं ने भाग लिया। वादविवाद का विषय था राष्ट्र-भाषा को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए विद्यार्थियों को कक्षा के बाहर हिन्दी में बात चीत करना चाहिए। विषय के पक्ष और विपक्ष दोनों ही ओर से सुन्दर तर्क दिए गए। निर्णायकों ने सर्व सम्मति से नीलगिरी प्रथम, विंध्या द्वितीय, हिमालय तृतीय और सिवालिक को चतुर्थ घोषित किया, मेजर सोमदत्त, श्री काटे तथा श्रीमती निर्मला काटे ने निर्णायक का स्थान ग्रहण किया।

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I feel that club drill should not have been dropped from the Founder's Tattoo Programme for this year. It was a very successful and quite an impressive item last year and dropping it this year in favour of Lazium is nothing short of a "Himalayan blunder." Oil for the clubs would not have cost as much as the Laziums.

Another point I would like to raise is about the Hodson Course. In my opinion the 'Opens' should run two 'long-backs', the under fifteens 1½ 'long-backs' and the under thirteens one 'long-back'. This will help us to improve our staying power and we will be able to last out our opponents on the soccer field. It will also improve our athletic timings.

Yours etc.

Suresh Mullick.

Calendar

October 2nd	... Gandhi Jayanti
October 4th	... Founder's Day
October 6th—11th	... Founder's Holidays
October 11th	... Cinema
October 12th	... Hockey Season commences
October 13th	... Science Society
October 20th	... Cinema
October 21st	... Junior Hindi Society
October 27th	... Inter-House Debate (Girls).

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School News

A special Assembly was held at 9 a.m. on October 2nd to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti. Mr. Saiyadain, Chairman of the Board of Governors, spoke on the life of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Founder's Day Celebrations lasted from the afternoon of October 3rd to the evening of October 6th. An account of these appears elsewhere.

Congratulations to Naresh Bahadur Singh and Yogindra Dhillon on their being awarded the President's Medals.

The Hockey Season began with a Staff versus students Festival Match on October 16th.

The Inter-House Junior Hindi Debate was held on October 21st. Siwalik House and Nilagiri House stood first respectively in the Boys' School and the Girls' School.

Mr. Rawat and Mrs. Bedi attended the Assistant Masters' Conference at Jaipur from October 23rd to October 26th.

The Inter-House Senior English Debate (Girls) was held on October 27th. Siwalik house stood first and Verita Dubey was considered the best speaker.

There was an organ recital in the chapel on October 28th. Some Christmas Carols were also sung.

We are very grateful to H H. Maharani Shanti Devi of Baroda for the gift of a movie camera and to the following for their generous donations to the School:—

Shri Brindaban Mehra
Shri B. N. Seth
Shri B.M. Sharma
Shri G.R. Chopra
Brig. Rajinder Singh
Shri M.S. Deva
Shri A.B. Maira
Shri S. Sehgal
S. Durlab Singh
Mrs. Sahani
Mrs. Nagrath
S.B.S. Bala
Shri C. Gambir.

Old Sanawarian News

All Old Sanawarians are requested to send Rs. 5/-, being the subscription towards the Sanawar

News Letter and Sanawarian. It will be presumed that those who do not send the amount by the 15th November, 1956, do not wish to have the copies of these two periodicals and their names will be struck off the mailing list.

Surinder (Storky) Kalaan wrote a newsy letter from Poona. He regrets very much not having been able to come up for Founder's. He has joined a college in Poona, and is studying(?) very hard. Young Storky—Rajinder—is in Khadakvasla.

We reproduce one of the many letters received from O.S. present during Founder's. No names, no pack drill! Let us merely say that we were happy to see them, happy that they enjoyed themselves, happy that they expressed their appreciation.

" I want to thank you for the best Founder's I've been to since I left School . . . years ago. Although I was there only . . . days, I'm not exaggerating when I say I never enjoyed a Founder's more or had reason to think more highly of Sanawar.

"It's strange that I should have enjoyed it so much considering that most of the staff and the girls and boys that I knew have left School and it's changed considerably, but in some indefinable way, I think it all the better for the change. May be it's the atmosphere, may be it's only because I hadn't been to Sanawar for two years (though I don't think that was the only reason).

But whatever it was, it was wonderful—and thank you"

Vikram Soni has had his posting orders. He reports for duty on November 1st to the Chokanand Tea Estate, in the high ranges of Travancore-Cochin State.

Parvez Kumar's address is 89, Guildford Street, London W.C.I. He wrote a newsy letter which we are holding back for publication in the "Sanawarian". He ended it: "And now, Sir, please convey my sincere wishes and the best of success to the Sixth in their forthcoming exams".

The second prize in the O. S. Raffle was won by Ticket No. 111. The prize has not yet been claimed.

O. S. Meeting

An Old Sanawarian meeting was held on 5th October, 1956, at 9-00 p.m. in the Headmaster's house.

25 Old Sanawarians and 9 members of Staff were present.

The meeting framed a number of rules, the details will be published in the "Sanawarian". In summary, it was decided that an Old Sanawarian is one who:—

- (a) finishes his Senior Cambridge in Sanawar;
- (b) spends at least two years in the School in Upper IV and above;
- (c) goes into any service which accepts a standard one year previous to the Senior Cambridge, provided he fulfills the requirements of (b) above.

The meeting unanimously agreed that nobody should be deprived of the privilege of becoming an Old Sanawarian if through force of circumstances he was unable to fulfil the requirements of membership; hence it was proposed that all who prior to 1956 do not qualify for full membership, should be classed as Honorary Members of the Society. Honorary O. S. would have all the privileges enjoyed by full members but would not be entitled to vote.

It was further decided by the meeting that:—

- (a) all serving Staff are ex-officio Honorary Members;
- (b) Staff with at least 7 years' service in Sanawar are automatically full members;
- (c) Staff leaving Sanawar may be elected Honorary Members;
- (d) 15 full members should form a quorum for all meetings;
- (e) A membership fee of Rs. 2/- per annum should be charged and this fee would include the despatch of the monthly News Letter.

Those present at the meeting were:—

Jitendra Bhardwaj (50—52)
 Rattan Kumar Kaul (49—54)
 Dileshwar Prit Singh Rarewala (48—53)
 Mohinder S. Guron (48—49)
 Narendra Singh Yadav (50—54)
 Vijai Singh Yadav (51—54)
 Surinderpal Singh Gill (48—55)
 Harish Gidwani (50—55)
 Daljeet S. Chowdhry (51—54)
 Brijinder Singh Bala (48—54)
 Devinderjit Singh Panu (52—55)
 Anoop Singh Bedi (51—53)
 Amarjit Singh Bal (52—53)
 Manjeet Singh Choudhary (51—54)
 Indru P. Lakhani (52—55)
 Harinder Singh Bedi (49—55)
 Harprit Singh Gill (49—55)
 Parikshat Sahni (53—55)
 Gurdip Singh (48—54)
 Ashok Kumar Nehru (51—53)
 Vikram Soni (49—52)
 Ashok Deshraj (50—54)
 Aditya K. Nehru (52—54)
 Gita Bery (51—54)
 Aruna Vasudev (50—52).

The General Meeting held during Founder's was unanimous in agreeing that one active Old Sanawarian was worth a dozen or more somnolent ones.

All past members of the School can now qualify for membership of the Society even though the

membership be honorary. The idea behind the proposal was that those interested in their School should not be denied the privilege of continued association.

The question of a membership fee led to some lively argument before a decision was taken. The main objection seemed to be the feasibility of sending a small sum annually. The President clinched the matter by saying that a record would be kept in the office and forgetful Old Sanawarians would have their children held to ransom every ten or twenty years, until their dues were paid—or words to that effect. However, a new start is to be made from March, 1957, and a new mailing list is being prepared. All O. S. are hereby requested to send in their names (and their membership fee of Rs. 2/-) as early as possible in the new year.

The question of 'paying one's way' on visits to Sanawar was not discussed at the meeting, but the general opinion seems to be that O. S. should make some contribution towards the cost of their board. The Headmaster has decided that O. S. visiting Sanawar during Founder's will be guests of the School and so the question of payment does not arise. Visits on other occasions will cost O. S. three rupees eight annas a day. The suggestion that the amount paid be left to the judgement, conscience and discretion of Old Sanawarians did not seem to win popularity on the ground that these subjects had not been included in the teaching time-table when the O. S. were in School.

Twenty-six Old Sanawarians were present during Founder's. B. S. Malhans was not able to stay longer than a day, but we were happy to see him none the less. Bill Colledge and Mrs. Colledge came all the way from Hong Kong to be with us, but unfortunately arrived on Sunday 7th. Bill missed something, but we didn't. We were entertained right royally while he was here, and he gave us the first public showing of the film he took last year and which he intends to enter in an international competition. Sanawar scenes and activities occupy almost half the showing time of this film and all of us were happy to see it. We wish Bill the very best of luck with his entry: to us it was 'super', and though we are a prejudiced audience, we are certain he has a winner.

T. C. Kemp.

Founder's

Sanawar celebrated its 109th Founder's Day on October 4th 1956.

The celebrations started with the Prep. School Concert on Wednesday, 3rd October, at 2-30 p.m. Taking about an hour and a half, its items varied from a doll dance to a puppet play. In the evening was the Founder's Eve Supper attended by a large gathering in the former Gymnasium. This was followed by the A.D.S. Play, "The Private Secretary", which kept its audience amused till long after 11 p.m.

The morning of Founder's Day, 4th October displayed black clouds over Sanawar. However, the day began with a solemn Assembly taken by the Headmaster in Barne Hall. The Art and Crafts Exhibition was opened by Mr. Ashfaq Husain shortly afterwards. The Arts Section displayed works in oils, water-colours, pastels, and lino-cuts by the Sanawar children. Some works of the Photography Society were also on show. The Crafts Section displayed needlework pieces by the girls. This was followed by the Speeches in Barne Hall. Before a large gathering, Maj. Som Dutt reviewed the activities of Sanawar over the last year. After the award of the President's Medals, Mr. Ashfaq Husain, Secretary, Ministry of Education, made his speech.

The afternoon of Founder's Day saw Barne Hall packed as never before. The occasion was the presentation of the School concert. Entertaining the crowd for a good two hours the items included were dances, musical entertainments and the Hindi Play "Charumitra".

At 8-00 p.m., amidst a slight mist, was presented "The Sanawar Tattoo" on Peacestead. The first item, the Mass P.T. brought repeated applause from the audience. The horse-work, ground-work and lazium displays were equally fascinating. The two folk dances "Ghir, Ghir Aaye Re" and "Ab Machal Utha Hai Darya" were very well put up. Dressed in folk costumes with the flowing music of the Sanawar orchestra and singing groups coming from the background, the girls deserve special congratulations on their excellent show. Keeping the audience from falling asleep was the last item, "Figure Marching". In the pitch blackness of the night the red and green torches forming various figures, presented an unforgettable sight. The Figure Marching made "Founder's 1956" and the Tattoo concluded with the singing of the School Song.

The celebrations the next day started with the Combined Athletics Meet. It was a fine morning and we had to wait for some time to let the track dry up. H.H. the Maharani of Baroda took the salute at the competitors march-past. In the course of the meet, no less than 13 records were broken. Siwalik House won the Boys' Cock-house Cup and Vindhya won the Girls' Cup. Siwalik annexed the "Defence Cup" also.

After lunch the Parade, which had been scheduled for Oct. 4th and had to be cancelled because of inclement weather, was held. Mr. Ashfaque Husain inspected the N.C.C. troops and also took the salute. The Fête following immediately was a complete swindle for all who attended. One very interesting feature, however, was the Scientific Exhibition.

In the evening the Old Sanawarians Society Meeting was held at the Headmaster's bungalow.

The next morning saw the Past vs. Present matches. In the Boys' Hockey, the Past won 3-2. In the Girls' Tennis, the Present doubles pair won but in the singles the Past were able to hold their own. In the afternoon the Pagal Gymkhana on Peacestead was responsible for a great deal of lively fun and hilarity.

Our Founder's celebrations concluded with the O. S. Dinner at 7-00 p. m. and Dance which continued till midnight.

Subhash Dua.

Senior English Society

At the last meeting of the Senior English Society on Saturday October 27th the girls debated the motion "that women's place is in the home". There were two speakers from each House, one for the motion and the other against it. The standard of debating was high, and the speakers presented their arguments with fluency and conviction.

Indra Sachdev of Himalaya House spoke first for the motion. She stated if women were career-minded and neglected the home, there would be no security and order in the latter. She cited Sita as an example of a good wife and mother. The next speaker, Jaya Krishan of the same House opposed the motion. She emphasised that it was brain and not brawn that counted.

Yogindra Dhillon of Nilagiri House said there

was just as much honour won in looking after a home as in working in other fields. Asha Narang quoted Tolstoy to stress her arguments: "Women are labouring under the hypnotic influence of men. If they would realise the strength of non-violence, they would not be called the weaker sex".

Venita Dubey of Siwalik House was of the opinion that as women were of a more delicate structure than men, they could not hope to rival or equal the latter. Neena Dubey argued her opponent's point with "women are not ornaments meant to adorn the home, nor are they meant to be wrapped up in cotton wool and kept in glass cases for show".

Satinder Kaur of Vindhya House declared that the roots of a good country lie in the happy homes of its citizens. Rina Charan Singh, the last speaker, said a woman does not insist on equality with man in all fields.

The results of the debate were announced shortly afterwards. Siwalik House was declared the winner and Venita Dubey (Siwalik) the best speaker.

Suman Mala.

Organ Recital

On the 28th of October, Sunday, an organ recital was held in the School Chapel, organised mainly by some lady members of the Staff who also formed most of the choir. The church was decorated with ferns and blossoms, and, as one of the audience later said, "effectively candle-lit, which gave it an impressive air".

The recital opened with the choir singing "O Come all ye faithful" and then "Hark! The herald angels sing", two great and highly appreciated hymns. There were, during the course of the recital, many solos given severally by the ladies of the choir, upon the organ or vocally, of hymns concerning mainly the Infant, Christ, and the Mother, Mary. The choir then sang, to remind us of the proximity of Christmas, "The first Nowell" and, for the youthful audience, "Good King Wenceslas". A last hymn and one which all had been waiting to hear, "Silent Night, Holy Night", brought a beautiful and moving recital to a close.

Baljit Singh Ahluwalia.

Athletics

On 5th October the Annual Athletic meet was held. The results of the various events are given below:—

Boys' Events

Open

1500 metres Suresh Mullick (N) 4m. 56.5 sec.
800 metres Suresh Mullick (N) 2m. 15.8 sec.
400 metres Gurpratap (H) 57.6 sec.
100 metres Gurpratap (H) 11.4 sec. (Record)
110 metres Hurdles Gurpratap (H) 16.4sec. (Record)
Long Jump Amarjit Grewal (H) 17ft. 11ins.
High Jump Amarjit Grewal (H) 4ft. 10ins.
Shot Put H. S. Brar (N) 32ft. 1in.
House Relay Himalaya House 1m. 48sec.

Under 15

800 metres R. Mountford (S) 2m. 15.1sec. (Record)
400 metres R. Mountford (S) 54.6secs. (Record)
100 metres R. Mountford (S) 11.1sec. (Record)
110 metres Hurdles R. Mountford (S) 15.5sec. Record
Long Jump R. Mountford (S) 17ft. 2³/₇ins. (Record)
High Jump O.S. Sandhu (V) 4ft. 8ins.

House Relay Nilagiri House 1m. 52sec.

Under 13

200 metres B.S. Bala (V) 28.5sec. (Record)
100 metres B.S. Bala (V) 13.3sec.
80 metres Hurdles B.S. Bala (V) 13.6sec. (Record)
Long Jump B.S. Bala (V) 13ft. 9½ins.
High Jump B.S. Bala (V) 4ft. 5ins. (Record)
House Relay Vindhya House 2m. 7sec.

Under 11

200 metres Ranjit Mehra (S) 30.5sec. (Record)
100 metres Ranjit Mehra (S) 14sec.
Long Jump Narottam Singh (S) 12ft. 2½ins.
High Jump B.P. Kent (S) 3ft. 9ins.
House Relay Siwalik House 2m. 8.5sec. (Record)

Girls' Events

Open

200 metres Harvinder Kaur (V) 31.5sec.
100 metres Harvinder Kaur (V) 15sec.
80 metres Hurdles Harvinder Kaur 16sec.
Long Jump Yogindra Dhillon (N) 11ft. 7½ins.
High Jump Harvinder Kaur (V) 3ft. 11ins.

Under 15

200 metres Asha Nanda (S) 32.5sec.
100 metres Anupma Singh 14.8sec.
80 metres Hurdles Asha Nanda (S) 16.4sec.
Long Jump Lila Kak (S) 13ft. 4ins.
High Jump Kum Kum Batra (V) 3ft. 8ins.

Under 13

200 metres Kanchan Mohini (H) 31.9sec. (Record)
100 metres Kanchan Mohini (H) 14.4sec.
Long Jump Kanchan Mohini (H) 12ft. 3ins.
High Jump Malti Verma (V) 3ft. 9ins.

Under 11

200 metres Manju Soi (N) 35sec.
100 metres Rupinder Randhawa (S) 16sec.
Long Jump Rupinder Randhawa (S) 11ft. 2½ins.
High Jump Rupinder Randhawa (S) 3ft. 2½ins.
Girls' House Relay Vindhya House 62.9sec.

Altogether 13 new records were set up during the meet. Special mention must be made of R. Mountford (Siwalik) who broke five records.

In the Boys' events Gurpratap (Himalaya), R. Mountford (Siwalik), B.S. Bala (Vindhya) and Ranjit Mehra (Siwalik) won the Championships in their age-groups. In the Girls' events Harvinder Kaur (Vindhya), Asha Nanda, (Siwalik) Kanchan Mohini (Himalaya) and Rupinder Randhawa (Siwalik) won the championships in their age-groups. Her Highness the Maharani of Baroda presided over the meet and gave away the prizes.

In the Cock House competition Siwalik House with 116 points and Vindhya House with 35 points came first in the Boys' School and Girls' School respectively. Siwalik House also won the "Defence Cup" with an aggregate of 149 points.

हिन्दी बाल सभा

ता० २१-१०-२६ को सायंकाल ६ बजे सभा की ओर से अंतर-छात्रावास-वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन था। श्री दिनेश चंद्र गुप्त ने अध्यक्षपद सुशोभित किया। वादविवाद के लिए विषय था, "शारीरिक दंड का विद्यालयों में सर्वथा निषेध होना चाहिए"। बालक और बालिकाओं के अलग विभागों में से कुल १६ प्रतियोगियों ने भाग लिया। दोनो पक्षों ने बहुत ही तर्कपूर्ण एवं मनोरंजक ढंग से अपने मतों का प्रतिपादन किया। बालकों के विभाग में शिवा-

लिक छात्रावास एवं बालिकाओं के विभाग में नीलगिरि छात्रावास विजयी हुए। व्यक्तिगत वक्ताओं में सर्व श्री सुभाष चोपड़ा (शिवालिक) दिनेश श्रीवास्तव (नीलगिरि), बसंत उषा कटोच (नीलगिरि) तथा मंजु सोह (नीलगिरि) ने विशेष योग्यता का परिचय दिया।

विषय के पक्ष में बोलते हुए बसंत उषा कटोच ने कहा कि मनुष्य एक बुद्धिमान प्राणी है और बुद्धिमान को इशारा काफी होता है। दूसरे, भारत संसार को शांति और अहिंसा का पाठ दे रहा है। परंतु शारीरिक दंड बचपन में ही बच्चों में भय और घृणा की भावना भर देता है। शारीरिक दंड एलोपैथिक इलाज की तरह है जो बीमारी की जड़ तक नहीं पहुंचता।

दिनेश श्रीवास्तव ने कहा कि जनमत इस प्रथा के विरुद्ध है। बच्चों के कोमल शरीर पर छड़ी का प्रयोग सर्वथा हानिकारक है। अगर दंड आवश्यक ही है तो मानसिक दंड देकर भी वही काम कराया जा सकता है।

विरोधी पक्ष की ओर से सुभाष चोपड़ा ने कहा कि मार खाने में भी एक तरह का मज़ा आता है। दूसरे बातों के भूत बातों से नहीं मानते।

शंभू दयाल (नीलगिरि) ने संस्कृत की कहावत "दंडः गुरुणाम् गुरुः" का निर्देश किया। उसने कहा कि जैसे सैनिक को तलवार, डाक्टर को दवाई, जैसे ही शिक्षक को डंडे की आवश्यकता है। मंजु सोह ने कहा कि दंड ईश्वरीय विधान है। अगर ईश्वर इससे नहीं चूकते, तो हम आखिर मनुष्य ही हैं।

वादविवाद के अंत में चलचित्र जगत् के सुप्रसिद्ध कलाकार श्री बलराज सहानी ने वादविवाद के स्तर के बारे में संतोष प्रकट किया। निर्णायकगण एवं अध्यक्ष महोदय के प्रति धन्यवाद प्रकट करने के बाद हिन्दी बाल सभा की अंतिम बैठक की कार्यवाही समाप्त हुई।

जितेन्द्र पंडित

Films

On the 13th October, Mr. Colledge, showed some films he had taken during his visit to Sanawar last year.

The School saw "The Beast from Twenty Thousand Fathoms" on October 14th.

On the 27th October, after the Senior English Society meeting, a short on the Forum Scene from Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" was screened.

Calendar

November 2nd	...	Diwali
November 3rd	...	Hockey vs. Y. P. S. 1st XI and Colts (Away).
November 4th	...	Inter-House G. K. Quiz
November 8th	...	Hockey vs. B.C.S. 2nd XI (Home)
November 10th	...	Boxing vs. B.C.S. (Away)
November 11th	...	Hockey vs. B. C. S. 1st XI (Away) Cinema
November 17th	...	Cinema
November 18th	...	Guru Nanak's Birthday
November 20th	...	Promotion Examinations commence
November 21st	...	Cambridge Examinations commence Weighing and Measuring G.D.
November 22nd	...	Weighing and Measuring B.D.
November 23rd	...	Weighing and Measuring P.D.
November 24th	...	Cinema

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School News

The School reopened on 8th March. The Sanawar Newsletter extends a most cordial welcome to all the new girls and boys. The total strength of the School today is 502 as compared to last year's 462.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Jones of the British Council visited the School in the first week of March.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Miss Eileen Paranjoti, Miss T. P. Annamma, Miss Romola Sen, Mrs. J. M. Jacob, Mrs. J. Thun, Mrs. P. M. Saguna, Mrs. J. Mckie, and Mr. Mehta who left us at the end of last year. Miss Paranjoti has joined the Welham Preparatory School, Dehra Dun. Mr. N. K. S. Rao who is on a year's leave, and Mr. M. J. Mehta have joined St. Paul's School, Darjeeling.

We welcome Miss Uma Sant Singh, Miss Usha Varma, Miss V. Muthu, Miss J. V. Massey, Miss E. Masih, Mrs. Cherian, Mrs. Ratna Devi, Mr. U. A. Mundkur, Mr. Wad and Mr. S.S. Joshi and hope that their association with us will be a long and happy one.

Miss Sant Singh is the new House Mistress for Nilagiri House. Miss Albuquerque will remain as the House Mistress for Himalaya till Mrs. P. Bedi returns in May.

Mr. M. S. Rawat has been appointed House Master for Siwalik House.

During the winter holidays Mr. O. P. Sharma attended the Outward Bound Camp organised by Mr. Gibson of Mayo College and Mr. Arnold Brown of the Hyderabad Public School at Ajmer. With Mr. Rawat he attended the training camp conducted by the Amateur Athletic Federation of India at Ajmer. Mr. Sharma qualified as an honorary coach of the Federation.

Our hearty congratulations to Mr. U. P. Mukerjee and Mr. M. S. Sinha on the happy occasions of their marriages during the Winter holidays.

There was a Poetry Recital in Barne Hall at 6-30 p. m. on March 23rd.

The Senior English Society met for the first time on March 25th and debated the motion that "Comics should be banned in Sanawar". A report on the meeting appears elsewhere.

The Headmaster left on March 27th to attend the Headmasters' Conference at Bikaner.

Mr. Mitra and Mr. Kunzru of the Doon School, Dehra Dun paid us a visit at the end of March. Mr. Mitra was formerly our Art Master.

The Girls' School netball team played a match against the lady members of the Staff on March 28th. The girls won decisively. After the match there was a special tea in Parker Hall.

The girls played two tennis matches against the boys on March 29th and lost both of them.

The Senior Hindi Society held its first meeting in Barne Hall on March 31st.

We are very grateful to the Prime Minister for a gift of paintings done by Soviet children.

Mr. Thakar will be on the air from A. I. R., Delhi at 8-00 a. m., 6-15 p. m. and 9-30 p. m. on Monday 8th April.

Congratulations to the following on their success in the School Certificate Examination :—

First Grade	Second Grade
A. K. Chakravarti	D. S. Choudhary
S. C. Dua	K. M. Verma
Suresh Mullick	Rina C. Singh
Naresh Bahadur Singh	Gul Shahani
Virenderpal Singh	
Pradeep Soneja	Third Grade
Yogindra Dhillon	Venita Dubey
Asha Narang	

There were no failures.

Appointments

BOYS' SCHOOL	
Head Boy	... Malvinder Shergill
	<i>School Prefects</i>
Himalaya	... V. K. Maniktala
Nilagiri	... H. S. Brar
Siwalik	... { Richard Mountford Kenneth Maharaj Singh
Vindhya	... { Malvinder Shergill Pradeep Rao

House Prefects

Himalaya	...	{ A. S. Grewal Ashok Seth Ashok Chawla Kamaljit Singh M. S. Grewal
Nilagiri	...	{ V. K. Soi Rajeshwarpal Singh Sangha Gurvinder Singh
Siwalik	...	{ J. P. S. Soin Nitya Nand Singh
Vindhya	...	{ Baljit Ahluwalia Vijay Kumar Nair Shyam Kumar Kak Ashok Marwaha
M. I. Prefect	...	G. D. Sood

GIRLS' SCHOOL

Head Girl	...	Suman Mala
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School Prefects

Himalaya	...	Suman Mala
Nilagiri	...	Asha Dhawan
Siwalik	...	Usha Nihal Singh
Vindhya	...	Jaya Rani Krishen
Games Prefect	...	Harvinder Kaur

House Prefects

Himalaya	...	Anupma D. Singh
Nilagiri	...	Neena Dubey
Siwalik	...	Asha Nanda
Vindhya	...	Kum Kum Batra
M. I. Prefect	...	Satinder Kaur

School holidays.

The School will have holidays from July 19th to August 18th this year instead of the three short breaks of ten days each in May, August and October.

Old Sanawarian News

Vikram Soni writes from Chokanad Estate, P. O. Munnar, High Ranges, Kerala State, "Well I suppose I must tell you something of my life here—there's precious little to tell though. It is an outdoor life on these tea plantations; no desk work at all and the company looks after us well. On the debit side: it is a hard and lonely life without any social contacts. I am rather lucky as I am on an estate which is next door to the club and quite near the township of Munnar. Munnar bears a remarkable resemblance to Kasauli". About his work, Vikram writes, "The work is interesting and not too difficult. The tricky part is when one has to deal with the labour. I have to be out at eight in the morning and start on my rounds to see whether the work is being done properly". Vikram concludes, "You know it is rather surprising that though I am so far away from Sanawar and Sanawarians, I still am a staunch Sanawarian and my thoughts often go back there. Wishing Sanawar a rather belated happy New Year and all the best for 1957—Take the boots off B.C.S!"

B. S. Malhans writes from Jammu Cantt. that his exams will be starting on April 9th and will go on for nearly two months. Our best wishes to B. S. Malhans in his efforts.

Surinder Kalaan writing from Poona disagrees with the suggestion that O. S. should pay for their stay at Sanawar. He writes, "This suggestion is okay for the O. S. who are already earning. But it might prove difficult for those O. S. who are still studying. We pay a visit to Sanawar not to enjoy ourselves merely but to meet the members of the Staff who have taught us and made men out of us, to see the old dormitories, class-rooms, dining halls and playing fields and to re-live the past. This is how I feel and I hope other O. S. feel the same. It is not that we do not want to contribute—it is because of the force of circumstances". He continues "This Sunday I went to the N.D.A. and met most of the Old Sanawarians gathered in Gurkirpal's cabin and we held a two-hour chat on the good old days. There was a lot of speculation on the latest style of Mr. Kemp's moustache. No bets were laid as no one was sure what its present shape would be. Most of the O. S. were saying that they are planning a visit to Sanawar during the summer. How many of them will actually come up, remains to be seen".

Bill Colledge writes from Hong Kong that the "short" of the Hong Kong customs making a raid which he had shown to us last year, has won a Certificate of Honour at a recent Film Festival. "We're thinking of Founder's already and I have booked a fortnight's leave to be confirmed when I know definitely when Founder's is to be celebrated. Don't let me down this time, Sanawar!"

Surinder Kalaan sent us a list of Sanawar boys who have been or are in the N. D. A. since 1951. They are:—

Sowaranjit Singh	Krishan Kumar Khorana
Pritam Singh	G. S. Lamba
K. C. Carriappa	Yog Raj Palta
Hardev Singh	Sarbjit Singh Sandhu
K. S. Dhami	Shamsher Singh
Kulbushan Deiswal	Karampal Singh Sidhu
Pardman Singh Kochar	Kuldip Singh Sighat
Vinod Raj Kumar	Harinder Singh Sodhi
Gurbirinder Singh Sandhu	Gurkirpal Singh Somal
Ashok Kumar Bakhri	Arun Kumar Gautama
Gurcharan Singh Bath	Gurdip Singh Uban
Bhupinderpal	Naginder Dutt Dashmana
Chatrapath Singh	Vishnu Bhagwat
Amarjit Singh Chonkhar	Naresh Bahadur
Vijay Rattan Chowdhry	Kanwal Mohan Verma
Harbans Singh	Jagjit Singh Bibra
Rajinder Kumar Kalaan	

Bhupinderpal recently wrote to us conveying his best wishes for "a very happy and successful new year" for Sanawar. He cut short his letter saying that we must be busy "with all the new boys running around like idiots and all the older chaps trying their very best to act superior".

Mira Koregaokar has left for the U. K.

Suresh Mullick writes from New Delhi "The shortest five hours I have ever spent were last evening at the Delhi Railway Station. After the "Sanawar Special" left, I felt absolutely lost—this was the first time I had seen a Sanawar party off." Suresh is waiting eagerly for his S.C. results to come out. He writes "If I get a first—I'll probably feel secure about

my future—the part where it concerns a Lambretta Scooter. If ever my dream of a scooter materialises I propose to paint the Sanawar crest in front and a warning sign to cars at the back—“Hit someone your own size.” Suresh concludes on a nostalgic note “Sanawar is a wonderful place and I miss it terribly. I cannot get over the feeling that I am now an old Sanawarian”. He goes on “Every morning, I go for a run so that I may look like a human being when I come to Sanawar”. Suresh is practising the chemistry he learnt at Sanawar. He writes “The other day my mother was a little surprised to find half her bottle of nail-polish remover missing—I had broken my spectacles again! This is one thing in chemistry I will never forget at least as long as my spectacles keep breaking! Au Revoir”.

Subash Dua came up for a couple of days during the middle of last month to put his cousin into School.

Devender Singh Chowdhry paid a flying visit to Sanawar on March 17th, on a similar mission but without success.

Asha Narang is learning French, shorthand and typing.

Rina Charan Singh has joined St. Bedes in Simla.

Harinder Gill is doing very well at St. Bedes and has been made the Admiral.

Rina Thadani visited the School last month.

Promila Seth will join Miranda House after appearing in the High School Examination in April.

Mr. N.K.S. Rao (St. Paul's School, Darjeeling) sends his best wishes to Sanawarians, Siwalikans and Sixth Formers. He is feeling “home-sick”.

S. P. S. Gill writes from 42, New Hostel, Government College, Ludhiana, to say that he was very pleased to see the latest “Sanawarian”. He has been selected for the Military College, Dehra Dun. He also sends his very best wishes to all Sanawarians.

Cricket

The Cricket season began on 16th March, with a Festival Match played on Upper Barnes. The scores were:—

Staff XI—115 (Mr. Saleem Khan 37, Mr. 1st innings Mundkur 37, Patel 7 for 22)

School 1st XI—187 (Sangram Singh 104, Mr. 1st innings Mundkur 4 for 66)

Staff XI—57 for 9 wkts (Mr. Kemp 30 not 2nd innings out, Amarjit 6 for 27)

The match was drawn.

A Staff versus First XI match was played on 24th March. The Scores were:—

Staff XI—88 (Mr. Saleem Khan 37, Ajit 1st innings Gackwad 7 for 10)

School 1st XI—147 (Preminder 64, Sangram 41, 1st innings Mr. Mundkur 5 for 46, Mr. Saleem Khan 4 for 43)

Staff XI—63 for 4 wkts (Mr. Gopinath 45) 2nd innings

The match was drawn.

The School First XI played a practice match against the C. R. I., Kasauli on 31st March. The scores were:—

C. R. I. 80 (Patel 3 for 10) 1st innings

School 1st XI 238 for 2 wkts declared. 1st innings (H. S. Kochar 106 not out Sangram Singh 100 not out)

C. R. I. 76 for 3 wkts. 2nd innings

The match was drawn.

Senior English Society

The Senior English Society held its first meeting of the year on the 24th March. The subject for the evening's debate was that “Comics should be banned in Sanawar”. The subject provided ample scope for debating but those speaking for the motion, knowing that they would lose, treated the subject in a very light-hearted manner. Those speaking against the motion having less points were more serious in their approach.

Kenneth Maharaj Singh initiating the debate, set about the topic justly and described the mounting bad influence of comics. Vijay Nair opposing the motion set forth the entertainment value of comics. Pradeep Rao, speaking for the motion, twisted his opponent's points and entertained us with his ready wit. Neena Dubey high lighted the harmful effects of comics on young minds while Jaya Krishen argued that comics were good entertainment within the financial limits of a school boy or girl. Baljit Ahluwalia was of the opinion that comics inculcated in the young mind a feeling to grow up like the hero in comics. Gurvirinder in characteristic manner proved that comics incited the young mind to rebel against society. Vinod Chopra and Arun Maira were the other speakers. The debate was then thrown open to the House after which the motion was put to vote and declared lost.

Arun Maira.

An African Holiday

The sun slunk furtively behind the Mgong hills as we neared Nairobi. The sky was sprinkled with brilliant colours which were rapidly fading as dusk slowly set in; but behind this film of darkness the skyline of Nairobi could still be seen.

Next morning we rose early, and were just in time to see the dawn breaking. That was our first real view of Nairobi.

We spent the next month touring, sightseeing and getting used to Kenya. The ‘colour bar’ though

very slight, made one feel odd, but in spite of this Nairobi is a very sociable place.

I liked Mombasa even better. It had a friendly and almost intimate atmosphere, and parts of it were really very beautiful. We spent most of our time boating, surf-riding, picnicing, swimming and getting pinched by crabs. It was too hot there to stay more than a week, so we left Mombasa and a calm turquoise blue sea, this time for the Murchison Falls.

We saw hundreds of animals on the way there including a huge husky elephant.

We reached our destination "Parra Lodge", and we made as much as we could of our two days stay. There were many animals such as crocodiles and 'hippos,' but throughout our stay I only saw one rhinoceros. Our second night was spent in a permanently open tent, and we were constantly afraid that an animal would walk in. The lightning which played about the sky cast strange grotesque figures on the ground, but nevertheless I fell fast asleep. On the way back I tried to take a picture of an African woman, but she shouted and gesticulated and used such evil sounding words that I refrained from my action.

We were glad to get back to cool Nairobi and we spent the rest of our holidays there. Eventually we said goodbye to Nairobi too, and as the aeroplane headed towards the sea I thought I would never forget our wonderful holidays in Africa.

Romola Krishen

New Admissions

BOYS

Rajesh Rattan	Baldev Dua
Arvind Bery	Gopal Narain Bhatia
Vinod Pandya	Indardaljeet Singh
Amrit Kapur	Manharjeet Singh
Sanjiv Stokes	Ajai Singh
Vinay Kumar Sayal	Virendra Singh
Daljit Singh	Biresh Bahadur Singh
Kulsher Avtar Singh	Vijaykumar Ram Parkash
Dharam Veer S. Bishoni	Arun Luthra
Dilraj Singh	Vinit Chandra Raswant
Haripal Singh	Asad Amir Ali
Anil Thadani	Vimlendra Gupta
R. T. Wadhvani	Vinod Chandra Chadha
Harsh Som Dutt	Manjeet Hari Singh
Krishanpal Singh	Vikram Singh Sondhu
Rohit Mahyera	Sanjiv Dugal
Ravindra Singh	Satjiv Singh Chahil
Amarendra Singh Talwar	Yoginder Singh Chibh
Bhupinder Singh	Jitender Singh Chibh
Siddarth Kak	Amritpal Singh Nakai
Anil Kumar Kak	Mehtab Singh Gill
Gurmeet Singh Dhillon	Sudhir Bhatnagar
Sarvjit Singh Chahal	Parveen Sharma
Ranjit Bhatia	Pradeep Raj Suri
Inderjit Singh Chima	Zafarullah Khan
Charanjit Singh Chima	Ashok Katoch
Rakesh Mann	Ranjit Singh
Anil Lyall	Inderjit Singh
Naresh Kumar Bareja	Brijendra Singh
Ashok Kumar Sehgal	Gobind Singh Pathania
Rajan Bhatia	Amitabha Paul

GIRLS

Kanwaljit Kaur (Bholi)	Meenakshi Khanna
Devika Sehgal	Arti Bhatia

Sangeet Sakhuja	Shahnaz Menon
Veena Kumari Sabharwal	Madhuri Lekhraj Mahtani
Shalini Gobinder Singh	Ambika Devi
Amrita Gobinder Singh	Meenakshi Biswas
Manjula Badhwar	Rikyanti Nongpiur
Madhu Badhwar	Anita Babbar
Mira Harkirat Singh	Sonali Moitra
Sunita Narendra Nath	

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I shall be grateful if you will please publish this letter in the Sanawar News-Letter.

While the members of the staff, the children and I welcome visits paid us by old Sanawarians, I feel that the following points deserve serious consideration.

Firstly, I feel that all visiting old Sanawarians should inform the Headmaster of their intention to visit the School, if only to enable him to receive them and to accommodate them properly. It will be appreciated that when the strength of the School reaches its absolute maximum, as it has now done, accommodation presents serious problems.

Secondly, I feel that when in Sanawar, old Sanawarians should subscribe, as far as possible, to the rules of the School. While it is not my intention to limit their activities in any way, I can hardly be expected to welcome any act of omission or commission or behaviour which is likely to upset the even tenor of the School.

I am convinced that the vast majority of old Sanawarians do, in fact, pay every regard to both these points, and I am equally convinced that those few who have failed to do so have meant well but have acted without sufficient thought.

Yours sincerely,

R. Som Dutt,
Major

Films

"Father's little dividend" was screened on 9th March. Spencer Tracy was tops as the expectant grandfather.

On 16th March an educational short on Traffic Control and reels on Founder's were shown.

The film "Cowboys from Texas" and a side-reel on sports were shown on March 30th. Many appreciated both and so the evening went off well.

Calendar

April 6th	... Junior English Society
April 7th	... Junior Hindi Society
April 12th	... First Mark Reading
April 13th	... Social
April 14th	... Cinema
April 15th	... Foundation Day Picnic
April 20th	... Saturday Club: Siwalik House
April 21st	... Science Society
April 28th	... Music Society

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School News

The Indian Revival Group gave a dance performance in Barne Hall on April 3rd.

The Junior English Society met on April 6th and the Junior Hindi Society on April 7th.

The first Mark Reading was held in Barne Hall on April 12th.

The boys organised a Social in Barne Hall on the evening of April 13th.

April 15th was a holiday on account of Foundation Day. The Senior School went for its annual picnic to Dagroo and the Prep. School to Eagles' Nest.

Mr. S. S. Joshi left on a month's leave on April 6th. Mr. Vijay Chand Katoch has very kindly agreed to look after Mr. Joshi's classes during the latter's absence. Mr. Katoch joined us on April 18th.

Mr. Kothandraman, Joint Secretary, Planning Commission and Mr. K. L. Joshi, Director of Education, Planning Commission, visited the School on April 19th.

The first performance of the year of the Saturday Club was given by Siwalik House on April 20th.

Mr. & Mrs. Graham Jones paid us another visit last month.

Mr. Rao, Member of the Law Commission and Mr. Rama Bhadrans, Judicial Commissioner (Himachal Pradesh), were taken round the School by Mr. Kate on April 22nd.

The Science Society held its first meeting of the year on April 27th.

The Music Society held a music and dance recital on Sunday April 28th.

We offer our heartfelt sympathies to Mr. U.P. Mukerji on his recent bereavement.

Old Sanawarian News

Bhupinderpal writes from N. D. A., Kharakvasla, "I must say the results are jolly good". He

wonders whether this year's results will be better still. Bhupi informs us that Dhama is in the Military Hospital. He writes "It must be something fairly serious as Dhama has been gone for well over three weeks". We wish Dhama a quick recovery.

Harish Gidwani writes from Shillong, "Sanawar has done it again! Congratulations on the terrific results". Harish seems to be greatly worried about the whereabouts of K. K. Soi. "That guy seems to have vanished clean off the map. Devinderpal has been sending him frantic missives from Kharagpur so as to try and form the nucleus of an O. S. Society in this part of the world. But Devinderpal has received no reply as yet. I also wrote to K. K. Soi a couple of months back with the same result". Wake up, K. K. Soi.

K. K. Soi seems to have woken up with a start. He sent us a very long letter which began with an apology for his silence. He writes, "My congrats to the S. C. batch of last year on their brilliant results. I think they were very nice (the results and not the boys) and I hope this year's batch will do better still." K. K. Soi agrees with Surinder Kalaan's arguments against O. S. paying for their stay at Sanawar. "We do not come to Sanawar to spend a summer holiday. It is not a hotel, it is a home to us or rather was a home. Why should an O. S. pay, whether earning or not? If an earning O. S. becomes too rich, let him donate something to the School. At the same time, if a fellow comes and pesters the School for a long time, then either he should be asked to remove himself or pay up".

Vijay Nanda paid us a visit during the Easter holidays.

Promila Seth has changed her mind and will now join Indraprastha College in July.

Yogindra Dhillon hasn't still got over the shock of getting a first division. She writes "I still can't believe it is true". She continues "How I miss the good old school and the wonderful time I had while I was there. I still have not got used to the idea that I am no longer a School girl. How time does fly!"

Pradeep Soneja writes to convey his congratulations to the Staff on the excellent results. He hopes to join St. Stephen's College, Delhi and take up Physics Honours.

Suresh Mullick writes to say that he was thrilled at the results. "After making that chutney with my titration, I was really dejected and was prepared for the worst in Chemistry. How I landed up with a 'C' in Chemistry is a mystery". He adds "Delhi is becoming a blast furnace. Life without frigidaires and fans is unthinkable. Delhi, which first underwent a spell of Rock 'n Roll and then a cold spell of Shiver 'n Shock, is now undergoing a spell of Hot 'n Rot". Suresh concludes rather nostalgically "Sanawar must be very pleasant nowadays and the hillsides carpeted with multicoloured flowers".

Subash Dua writes from Meerut to thank "all of you at Sanawar who have taught me during my seven-year stay in the best School of all". Subash hopes to take up Engineering.

Vishnu Bhagwat sends his best wishes to the School.

Asha Narang is planning to take a course in Interior Decoration at the Delhi Polytechnic Institute.

We were happy to hear from Mr. I. Ross who wrote to us from Rajpur (Dehra Dun) "I entered the School in May 1886 and left it in August 1898. I then entered the Thomson Civil Engineering College, Roorkee. Passing out from there, I joined the Irrigation Branch of the P. W. D. After serving for 31 years in January 1932 I retired from Government Service. Since then I have been living in Rajpur".

Cricket

The School First XI played a practice match against the Staff on 14th April. The scores were:—

Staff XI—200	(Mr. Saleem Khan 89, R. Mountford 6 for 48)
1st innings	

School 1st XI—108 for 7 wkts.	(Sangram Singh 70)
1st innings	

The match was drawn.

The School First XI played another practice match against the Staff on 28th April. The scores were:—

Staff XI—329	(Mr. Saleem Khan 83, Mr. Kemp 89, Mr. Katoch 44, Mr. Mundkur 25, Mr. Sinha 20)
1st innings	

School 1st XI—82	(Mr. Salim Khan 5 for 6)
1st innings	

School 1st XI—99 for 9 wkts.	(Sangram Singh 72, Mr. Mundkur 6 for 45)
2nd innings	

The match was drawn.

The Dagroo Picnic

Foundation Day was observed as usual on 15th April. The Senior School hiked to Dagroo, about five miles from Sanawar and had an enjoyable picnic in scenic surroundings.

We got up early in the morning and made hasty preparations. After a quick breakfast we started walking. The road was down hill most of the way and we proceeded singing merrily and chattering gaily. It was a pleasant, sunny day and the walk was not at all tiring. Being a new girl, this was my first picnic at Dagroo and naturally I was eager to see the place. As we turned the last bend in the road, a beautiful sight met my eyes. A mountain stream flowed in the valley and nearby was pitched the tent. I rested there, listening to the ripple of the stream as it meandered over its rocky bed. The stream wound leisurely down big boulders and sometimes miniature waterfalls created a rushing sound. The boys swam around and we went paddling in the shallow pools. After a delicious lunch we went exploring. We climbed some nearby hillocks and played hide and seek in the very lap of Mother Nature. In the evening, tired but happy, we traced our way back to School. It was an enjoyable picnic—one, I shall remember for a long time to come.

Meenakshi Khanna.

The Picnic to Eagles' Nest.

When we got up in the morning we were thinking about the picnic. We collected pinecones and bark at Doom's Pond. We went down the hills and broke branches. We were catching frogs and throwing stones into the pond.

We began to feel hungry so we went up to Eagles' Nest where our lunch was waiting for us. We had lots of nice things for lunch. For tea we had sandwiches, cake, an orange and pakoras. We played hockey with sticks and we used a pinecone for a ball. We collected pinecones for our house. The picnic came to an end and we went back to our dormitory.

Keshav Kumar.

The Indian Revival Group

The Indian Revival Group staged a show in Barne Hall on 3rd April at 5 p. m. This was their third visit to Sanawar but each time they have bettered their previous performance. The first item was Mohini Attam—a classical dance from Kerala. Next Yogendra Sundar performed the piece from Ramayana where Rama hunts the deer. It was in Kathakali style. The third item was a fishermen's dance from Orissa rendered with much gusto. This was followed by a dance in Bharat Natyam style and a graceful dance depicting a reunion of lovers. Next came a classical piece in which the dancer showed a beautiful maiden by the riverside. The S. nthal dance which came next was highly appreciated. Perhaps the most popular item of the evening was the Naga head-hunters' dance. It was highly realistic and brought a chill to the hearts of the spectators. The dancers looked as if they were going to come and collect skulls any minute. This was followed by a dance from the Moghul period. The last item, the Bhangra dance from the Punjab, brought the evening's programme to a successful conclusion.

Satinder Kaur.

Saturday Club Show

On 20th April Siwalik House staged the first Saturday Club Show of the year. According to tradition we sang the first verse of the School Song and sat down waiting for the curtain to rise. The evening's programme began with a short Hindi skit "Bater Bahadur" enacted by the junior boys. The theme of the play was rather on the farcical side but the theme hardly mattered. Rupinder Singh Brar is to be congratulated for his life-like portrayal of a brave Sikh who is frightened of cats. Vineet Raswant as the Lalaji and Ravi Khanna as the Munshiji did their parts well. Yogesh Kumar as the greedy Panditji did not carry conviction. It was indeed bad manners on the part of the cat to have run away after "the four brave men" had claimed to have killed it.

The next item was a patriotic chorus by the Siwalik House Choir. A short Thirty-second Tragedy provided a brief but breath-taking interlude after which Kenneth Maharaj Singh consoled us with a mouth organ solo.

The last and most eagerly awaited item on the evening's programme was the English play "Fair vision of my fond dreams." Kenneth Maharaj Singh as the care-free Osbert was in his elements. With his characteristic style of speaking and passing witty remarks by the dozen, he played the part of advisor to his love-sick friend Hugo, perfectly. Richard Mountford as Hugo went off into raptures at the slightest provocation over his "fair Helen". With perfect control over his voice, Mountford's Hugo proved a worthy foil to Kenneth's Osbert. Pradeep Suri as Helen captured not only Hugo's heart but also the hearts of the audience. Arun Bhatia as Lord Tuckelford and Sonny Mehta as the local undertaker proved their worth. Anjon Mehra as the frightened detective and Daljit Sihota as Pongo, the butler also did well. Though "Fair vision of my fond dreams" was a non-stop laugh riot, at times it tended to get out of hand like all slap-stick comedies. The Siwalikans have given a flying start to the Saturday Club Shows of this year by their highly amusing and extremely enjoyable performance.

Arun Maira.

The Science Society

The Science Society held its first meeting on 27th April when some boys read papers on various topics. The speakers explained their topics with the aid of slides.

Vijay Nair, the first speaker, dealt with "Parasitism and Degeneracy". He told us about the life-history of a parasite, how it enters its victim's body and what happens afterwards. Arun Maira, speaking on "Radium", explained how Radium was discovered, its uses and its diverse effects on the human body. Pradeep Rao speaking on "Artificial Rain" told us what rain-bearing clouds are and how the sprinkling of dry ice on clouds will produce artificial rain. The next speaker was Vijay Gauba who spoke on "Chemical regulators and hormones". He described the hormones in the body and the substances which they produced. He was followed by Gurvinder Singh whose subject was "The manufacture of Sanawar Polish". He explained how the Nilagirians

after intensive research had discovered how to make polish. He described the method and added that if the experiment proved unsuccessful, he should not be blamed. M. S. Grewal speaking on "Atoms for Peace" said that atoms should be used for constructive purposes. The last speaker of the day Y. S. Kadan, dealt with "Jet propulsion". He described the discovery and development of jet propulsion and stressed its advantages over ordinary combustion engines.

K. K. Kak.

The Musical Recital

The music recital took place in Barne Hall on April 28th and began at 6-30 p. m. From the very start, the large audience was kept interested.

The programme began with a Pooja dance, performed by the senior girls. It was beautiful and graceful, and even though the lighting was rather dim, the shadows could not spoil the general effect.

Next was a piano duet by Meenakshi Biswas and Madhuri Lekhray, which was followed by a lively spring song, "Madhumaya Basant Aya," sung by the Prep. School choir. This contribution by the youngest members of the School was by no means the least, and did not fail to entertain us.

"The Blue Danube's" melodious strains were then played by Indra Sachdev on the piano to be followed by "Que Serra" a popular hit, played very successfully on the accordion by Gurvinder Singh.

The School orchestra, an indispensable part of our musical evenings, entertained us with the Rag Chhayanat which was sufficiently well-rendered considering the few practices its members had had.

"My Grandfather's Clock" sung by the junior girls was very popular.

The next item a piano duet played by Romola Krishen and Hansa Patel, called "The Twins Waltz", was much appreciated.

"Rag Bihag" on the sitar by Viney Soi was impressive. After "The Song of the Katydid" a piano duet by Urmilla Kumari and Shiela Barla, the senior boys sang an Indian Classical Song "Naval Rag". It was very striking, and must have required a great deal of training. "The Hungarian Dance" a piano solo by Harish Pal Dhillon was followed by "Shyam tori Bansari" sung by the younger girls who gave a good demonstration of their singing ability. After "Petite Carnival" a piano solo by Andrea Kemp, there was a tabla solo by M. S. Bhagat accompanied on the harmonium by Mr. Gupta.

The School choir then sang a Tagore song "Hinsaya Unmatta Prithvi" which was liked by all.

As a grand finale to the evening's programme was "The Witches Flight" a piano solo. It was beautiful, and played very expertly and with great verve by Miss J. Albuquerque.

With the singing of the National Anthem, the first and very exhilarating meeting of the Music Society was brought to a close.

Neena Dubey.

The Birdwood School

Foundation Stone Laid

(An extract from "The Sanawarian" of October, 1927).
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The Foundation Stone of the new School for Boys' (to be called after His Excellency The Commander-in-Chief) was laid by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Lahore on August 25th. A copy of the Service used is printed in this number as we know that Old Sanawarians would like to follow in thought what we are sure they would have liked to follow in deed.

The following account was written by a visitor:-

Those, who were privileged to attend the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Birdwood School on the afternoon of August 25th, fully appreciated the singularly appropriate, simple yet inspiring ceremony.

When the Bishop had declared the stone "to be well and truly laid" the thoughts of all must have risen above their immediate surroundings to the future when the boys will have large and bright class rooms in a building which will fit into its charming surroundings.

There was no doubt left in the minds of those present that this successful ceremony ensured the ultimate success of the "Birdwood School" in its important role in the life of the Lawrence Royal Military School, Sanawar.

हिन्दी बाल सभा

इस वर्ष हिन्दी बाल सभा की प्रथम बैठक दिनांक ७-४-२७ को सायंकाल ६-३० बने राष्ट्रकवि श्री मैथिली शरण गुप्त की 'हिन्दी में' कविता पाठ से प्रारम्भ हुई। विद्यार्थियों ने 'मेरा सपना' विषय पर कल्पनाओं पर आधारित अपने अपने विचार प्रकट किये। कल्पनाओं में से सुरेश कुमार, प्रदीप वर्मा, नवीन व्रत, राज गेंद, उर्मिला कुमारी, और रेहाना खुरशीद के नाम उल्लेखनीय हैं। इनमें से भी विशेषकर रेहाना का रेडियो पाकिस्तान से खबरें सुनते सुनते सो जाने पर भारत पाकिस्तान युद्ध विषयक सपना और प्रदीप का रेल गाड़ी के भय से चारपाई से गिरने वाला हास्यप्रद सपना-दोनों अत्यन्त सराहनीय थे।

सभा के प्रधान दिनेश कुमार श्रीवास्तव और आशासिता ने कार्यवाही को सुचारु रूप से सम्पन्न किया।

Films

On April 14th some boys and girls saw "Francis joins the W. A. Cs." in Kasauli. In the evening "The Great Waltz" was screened in Barne Hall.

Calendar

May 4th	... Cinema
May 5th & 6th	... Barne Memorial Cricket Match & School Dinner
May 7th	... Weighing & Measuring: Himalaya & Nilagiri
May 8th	... Weighing and Measuring: Siwalik & Vindhya
May 9th	... Weighing and Measuring: P. D. and G. D.
May 10th	... Second Mark Reading Mid-term Break 2-00 p. m.
May 11th	... Social
May 12th	... Cinema
May 13th	... Board Meeting Inter-House Cricket Matches commence
May 18th	... Saturday Club-Vindhya House
May 19th	... Senior English Society Inter-House Cricket Matches end.
May 25th	... Inter-House Quiz
May 26th	... Organ Recital
May 27th	... Cricket 2nd XI vs. B. C. S. (Home)
May 29th & 30th	... Cricket 1st XI vs. B. C. S. (away)
May 30th	... Cinema.

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School News

On May 5th the Upper Five and Sixth Forms heard a recording of 'Macbeth' in Barne Hall.

The Barne Memorial Cricket Festival Match was played on May 5th and 6th.

On the evening of May 6th a Barne Memorial School Dinner was held in the boys' dining-room.

The First XI played a cricket match against a N. Railway Headquarters team on May 8th and 9th.

The Second Mark Reading was held on May 10th.

Shri Roshan Lal Verma, Regional Officer, Govt. of India gave a talk to the School on the Five Year Plan on May 10th. A film on the subject was also shown.

The girls organised a Social on May 11th.

The Headmaster left for Lovedale on May 11th to attend a meeting of the Board of Governors and the Founder's Day of the Lawrence Memorial School Lovedale.

Over the long week-end from May 10th to May 12th many outings and picnics were arranged for the children.

The girls played off their Inter-House Netball Matches about the middle of last month. Nilagiri, Siwalik and Vindhya tied for the first place.

Vindhya House (B.D.) staged the second Saturday Club show of the year on May 18th.

The Headmaster returned to Sanawar on May 18th.

The Senior English Society met on May 19th.

The School XI played a cricket match against a Y. P. S. XI on May 19th and 20th and won.

On May 20th the Sixth Form heard a recording of "Julius Caesar" in Barne Hall.

Congratulations to Anil Nehru (Nilagiri) and Opinderjit Singh (Vindhya) on their appointment as House Prefects.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Graham Jones very warmly to Sanawar. During her stay here, she has very kindly agreed to take some schools in English and to help with the extra curricular activities of the School.

Shri Amar Nath Vidyalankar, Education Minister (Punjab) visited the School on May 21st.

We are very grateful to Shri Sham Lal Ram Nath, a parent, for his generous donation of Rs. 985/- which has made possible the purchase of a greatly needed tape-recorder.

We congratulate Sangram Singh Gaekwad on his appointment as Cricket Captain for 1957 and Ajit Gaekwad, H. S. Kochar, Jitender Pal Singh and Baldev Dua on having been awarded their Cricket Colours.

An Inter-House Quiz was held in Barne Hall on May 25th. Nilagiri House stood first and Anil Nehru obtained the highest number of points.

There was an Organ Recital in the Chapel on May 26th.

The School Second XI played a cricket match against a B. C. S. Second XI on May 27th and won.

The School First XI played their annual fixture against B. C. S. at Simla on 29th May and won by an innings and 34 runs. Congratulations to the First XI on their brilliant double.

The girls played netball and table-tennis matches in Simla against Chelsea and St. Bede's on May 29th and 30th. A brief account of these matches appears elsewhere.

Mr. Thakar will be on the air from A. I. R., Delhi at 8-15 a. m., 5-40 p. m. and 8-15 p. m. on Saturday 8th June.

Old Sanawarian News

Yogindra Dhillon has now decided to join the Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow in July.

Gul Shahani payed us a visit on May 5th. She and Venita Dubey will join Miranda House.

Asha Narang visited Sanawar on May 26th.

We had another of those newsy letters from Suresh Mullick recently. He writes, "Nothing unusual is happening in the Capital; not quite the same busy programme we followed in Sanawar. My daily routine is—breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner. Not very sensational, is it?" He continues, "We had the O. S. Dinner at Gaylord's some time back. It was really nice to see old faces and hear familiar voices again. The party broke up pretty late". He hopes to join St. Stephen's College in July and take up History Honours. He concludes, "My typing is improvig. To celebrate the occasion I have left out the "n" in "improving".

Surinder Kalaan has not been keeping good health. However, he writes to say that he is much better now. He feels that the S. C. results were marvellous and sends us his congratulations. Surinder hopes to pay us a visit with brother Rajinder.

B. S. Malhans writes from Jammu Cantt to say that his exams are over and that he has not done too badly. He also hopes to visit us in the near future.

The Sanawar Newsletter extends its sincere best wishes to Ramma Kapur (O. S.) who was married to Capt. Surendra of the Indian Artillery in Delhi on May 30th.

Subash Dua writing from Meerut Cantt. informs us that he is as yet undecided as to his future plans. Ever since the S. C. results came out Subash has been discussing with himself and with others what career he should take up. He even consulted a psychologist-cum-vocationalist. We are no psychologists but judging from the letter he sent us, we think Subash should do well as a journalist.

We would like to offer our congratulations to Promila Seth on her success in the High School Examination.

Saturday Club Show

The second Saturday Club show of the year was staged by Vindhya House on May 18th in Barne Hall. After the traditional singing of the first verse of the School Song, the curtain opened to present what the title "Kaksha ka Naksha" meant. It was a humorous skit in Hindi which proved to be entertaining. Pradeep Rao as the harried school master played his role with conviction and raised the most laughs. The rest were minor characters and do not deserve special mention. The humour tended to pall towards the end as the same jokes were often repeated.

The curtain opened again to reveal Opinderjit Singh's "family" in full strength, in "Jhagre da Faisla"—a Punjabi skit. As expected, Opinderjit and family went one better than their last year's efforts. It was twenty minutes of good fun as Opinderjit trying to preach the message of peace kicked up more rows.

After a pleasant musical interlude the last item of the evening's programme, "The Monkey's Paw" was presented. The play was one of extreme tragedy. It is the story of a monkey's paw which has the power of granting three wishes. The wishes are granted but in a most tragic fashion. Baljit Ahluwalia as Mr. White, handled an extremely difficult role with exceptional ability. Avinash Bedi as the devoted wife and mother did justice to his part.

Malvinder Shergill as the maimed soldier who brought the fatal paw to the White family, was adequate. Vijay Nair as the son who scoffed at the paw, did well. The entire play was charged with suspense and tension and the nerves of the audience were strained from beginning to end. The Vindhyaans excelled their last year's performance and have kept pace with the Siwalikans.

Sarvjit Lorai.

Senior English Society

The second meeting of the Senior English Society was held on May 19th in Barne Hall. An inter-house debate took place. The motion was "that Shakespeare should not form part of our School curriculum".

The first speaker for the motion was V. K. Maniktala (Himalaya). Zest filled his speech which was mainly comprised of quotations. The first speaker against the motion was Irshad Chdev (Himalaya). She felt the study of Shakespeare enabled one to understand human nature and the world fully.

Next, for the motion, was Gurbirinder Singh (Nilagiri) who felt strongly against Shakespeare. Nina Dubey (Nilagiri) was of the opinion that in "Shakespeare's plays a free rein is given to humour, fantasy and tragedy".

Speaking for the motion, Lila Kak (Siwalik) thought "Shakespeare indulged in flights of poetic imagination, the obsolete language of which, an immature mind could not comprehend". The next who spoke against the motion was Kenneth Maharaj Singh (Siwalik) who with a great many good points convinced us that Shakespeare was an asset to the improvement of our English.

Baljit Ahluwalia (Vindhya) thought that Shakespeare often had a bad influence on young minds. The last speaker, Jaya Krishen (Vindhya), speaking against the motion, was of the opinion that Shakespeare's books were "veritable treasure houses for those who cared to see what treasure was contained in them".

While the judges conferred, the debate was thrown open to the house.

K. Maharaj Singh was adjudged the best speaker with Jaya Krishen as a close second. The House results were: Siwalik first, Vindhya second, Nilagiri third and Himalaya fourth. Thus ended a very interesting meeting of the Senior English Society.

Lila Kak.

Trip to Simla

We left Sanawar at 2 p. m. on May 28th from the Quadrangle where the School had assembled to see us off. The bus journey was pleasant and we arrived at Chelsea at about 6 p. m. Chelsea is in many ways, different from Sanawar but we liked it very much. The girls were friendly and we spent that evening getting acquainted with them.

The next morning at 9 o'clock the netball match against Chelsea was played. It was a very

close game till half-time, Sanawar having scored 10 goals and Chelsea 8. In the second-half of the game Sanawar took the lead and won the match at 20—12.

The rest of the day was spent in town. We looked in at the shop-windows and consumed vast quantities of ice-cream at Kwality's.

By 3 p. m. we were back in Chelsea and after tea the table-tennis matches were played. In these we did not do well. We lost all the three matches we played.

On the morning of our last day at Chelsea, May 30th we played against a junior netball team of St. Bede's College. Vijay Nanda, an Old Sanawarian, was a member of the college team. This match was keenly contested but we lost it after a hard fight, the score being 9-18.

We left for Sanawar that afternoon after an enjoyable trip and are grateful to Chelsea for having made it possible.

The School netball team—Harvinder Kaur, Suman Mala, Kum Kum Batra, Usha Nihal Singh, Lila Kak, Asha Nanda, Shabnam Sahni, Malti Verma (Reserve).

The School table-tennis team—Asha Dhawan, Suman Mala, Harvinder Kaur, Jaya Krishen, Asha Nanda, Neena Dubey (Reserve).

Malti Verma.

Fete

This year the Annual School Fête will be held on June 23rd. Gifts and/or donations from the children, parents and other friends of the School will be very welcome.

Cricket

The Barne Memorial match was played on Upper Barnes on 5th and 6th May. The scores were:—

Staff XI—158 1st innings	(Mr. Kemp, 41, Mr. Bhalerao 34, Mr. Mundkur 29, Patel 4 for 52, Ajit Gaekwad 3 for 35).
School 1st XI—158 1st innings	(Sangram 89, Mr. Mundkur 8 for 59)
Staff XI—189 2nd innings	(Mr. Katoch 72, Mr. Kemp 47, Mr. Saleem Khan 34, R. Mountford 4 for 51)
School 1st XI—74 2nd innings	(Ajit Gaekwad 30, Mr. Katoch 6 for 23 Mr. Mundkur 4 for 22)

The Staff XI won by 115 runs.

The School First XI played a match against the Northern Railway Headquarters XI on 8th and 9th May. The scores were:—

School 1st XI—106 1st innings	(Amarjit Grewal 26)
N. Rly. HQ. XI—54 1st innings	(J. P. Singh 3 for 14, Ajit Gaekwad 3 for 6)

School 1st XI—162
2nd innings

(Sangram 46, Amarjit Grewal 32 not out, H. S. Kochar 23)

N. Rly. HQ. XI—32 (Ajit Gaekwad 5 for 4)

The School First XI won by 182 runs.

Inter-House Cricket

The Inter-House Cricket matches were played from 13th May to 26th May. Himalaya House defeated all the other Houses to win the Cricket Cup. Siwalik House, last year's winners, were placed second. Vindhya House came third and Nilagiri House fourth.

Himalaya defeated Nilagiri by an innings and 38 runs.

Nilagiri—39 1st innings	(Amarjit Grewal 8 for 13)
Himalaya—114 1st innings	(Amarjit Grewal 27, M. S. Anand 22, V.K. Soi 4 for 15)
Nilagiri—37 2nd innings	(Jitender Pal Singh 7 for 14)

Himalaya defeated Vindhya by 9 wickets.

Vindhya—65 1st innings	(Malvinder Shergill 26, Preminder 4 for 9)
Himalaya—100 1st innings	(M. S. Anand 38, Preminder 26, Ashok Marwaha 5 for 54)
Vindhya—80 2nd innings	(Amarjit Grewal 5 for 35, Preminder 4 for 22)
Himalaya—46 for 1 2nd innings	declared.

Himalaya defeated Siwalik by 14 runs.

Himalaya—176 1st innings	(Preminder 104)
Siwalik—162 1st innings	(Sangram Singh 31, Nitya Nand 25, Jitender Pal Singh 4 for 52)

Siwalik defeated Vindhya by 5 wickets.

Vindhya—150 1st innings	(Ashok Marwaha 85, Sangram Singh 4 for 27)
Siwalik—146	(Sangram Singh 100, Ashok Marwaha 5 for 83)
Vindhya—36 2nd innings	(R. Mountford 5 for 3, Ajit Gaekwad 3 for 16)
Siwalik—44 for 5 2nd innings	declared.

Siwalik defeated Nilagiri by an innings and 8 runs.

Nilagiri—60 1st innings	(R. Mountford 3 for 19, Ajit Gaekwad 3 for 15, Sangram Singh 3 for 11)
Siwalik—129 1st innings	(R. Mountford 53, Patel 6 for 28)

Nilagiri—61
2nd innings (Ajit Gaekwad 6 for 15,
R. Mountford 3 for 24)

Vindhya defeated Nilagiri by 106 runs.

Vindhya—132
1st innings (Ashok Marwaha 43,
Patel 6 for 39)

Nilagiri—61
1st innings (Ashok Marwaha 6 for 23,
B. S. Bala 4 for 34)

Vindhya—102
2nd innings (Pradeep Rao 37, Patel 4 for
60, N. P. Dubey 5 for 19)

Nilagiri—68
2nd innings (Ashok Marwaha 5 for 30
B. S. Bala 4 for 33)

Cricket vs. Y. P. S.

The annual First XI fixture against Y. P. S., Patiala was played on the Upper Barnes. Our First XI won by an innings and 34 runs. The scores were :—

Y. P. S. 1st XI—64
1st innings (Preminder 3 for 6
Ajit Gaekwad 3 for 11)

School 1st XI—144
1st innings (Ajit Gaekwad 33
Amarjit Grewal 25)

Y. P. S. 1st XI—46
2nd innings (Ajit Gaekwad 6 for 21)

Cricket vs. B. C. S.

The annual Second XI fixture against the B. C. S., Simla was played on 27th May on the Upper Barnes. Our Second XI won by 9 wickets. The scores were :—

B. C. S. 2nd XI—85
1st innings (G. D. Sood 5 for 23,
K. M. Singh 4 for 27)

School 2nd XI—104
1st innings (G. S. Brar 19)

B. C. S. 2nd XI—72
2nd innings (K. M. Singh 5 for 19,
G. D. Sood 4 for 26)

School 2nd XI—54 for 1 declared. (K. S. Seth 25
2nd innings (not out) M. S. Anand)

The annual First XI against the B. C. S., Simla was played on 29th May at Simla. Our First XI won by an innings and 32 runs. The scores were :—

B. C. S. 1st XI—59
1st innings (Ajit Gaekwad 4 for 27,
Amarjit Grewal 3 for 10)

School 1st XI—147
1st innings (Sangram Singh 69)

B. C. S. 1st XI—56
2nd innings (Ajit Gaekwad 4 for 23,
R. Mountford 3 for 10)

Letters to the Editor.

Dear Sir,

I should be grateful if you would please publish this notice.

Frequent requests are received from Old Sanawarians for copies of certificates, including character

certificates. Judging from the number of these requests, it is obvious that Old Sanawarians are sending certificates in original when applying for vacancies either in universities or for appointments. Old Sanawarians are strongly advised not to send certificates in original but rather to send certified true copies of certificates issued to them.

Yours sincerely,

R. Som Dutt,
Major.

Films

"Go West" starring the Marx Brothers was screened on May 4th. The entire School was beguiled by the Brothers' antics.

On May 12th a very moving film, "Aulad", was shown.

The School saw "All Ashore" on May 27th.

On May 30th, some senior boys and girls went to see "Pyaasa" at Kasauli.

Calendar

June 1st	...	Soccer Season Commences
June 3rd	...	Hodson training begins.
June 8th	...	Saturday Club: Girls' School.
June 9th	...	Historical Society Cinema: Scaramouche.
June 14th	...	Third Mark Reading.
June 16th	...	Senior English Society: Poetry Recital. Cinema: Great Expectations.
June 22nd	...	Saturday Club—Nilagiri House.
June 23rd	...	Fête Cinema: Julius Caesar.
June 30th	...	Senior Hindi Society.

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School News

A Social was held in Barne Hall on June 2nd.

The Festival Soccer Match was played on Barnes Field on June 3rd.

Shri Humayun Kabir, Deputy Minister, Union Government paid us a flying visit on June 3rd.

The Inter-House Boxing Finals took place on June 6th. Congratulations to Himalaya House on winning the trophy.

The G. D. Saturday Club Show was held on June 8th.

The Third Mark Reading was on June 14th.

On the evening of June 16th a Brains Trust was organised in Barne Hall.

A special meeting of the Board of Governors was held on June 17th. In the evening of the same day, the members of the Board had tea with the Staff and Prefects in the Boys' Dining Room.

The Nilagiri House Saturday Club Show was staged on June 22nd.

The Inter-House Badminton Matches in the Girls' School were held in Barne Hall on Sunday, June 30th. Congratulations to Nilagiri House on winning the Cup.

The Senior Hindi Society met on June 30th.

The finals of the Tennis Championship matches in the Girls' School were played on July 1st. Congratulations to Harvinder Kaur on winning the cup.

Vindhya House won the Tennis Cup in the Inter-House Matches in the Girls' School. Our congratulations.

Kuljit Singh Sethi (Himalaya) and Th. Yogindra Singh (Siwalik) have been appointed House Prefects.

The fifth performance of the Saturday Club was given by the Prep. School on July 6th.

A Press Information Bureau party visited Sanawar on July 6th.

Congratulations to the following on their being awarded the Colours for Soccer: Malvinder Singh Shergill, Preminder Singh, Shyam Kumar Kak, Nitya Nand Singh.

Old Sanawarian News

Ashok Nehru writing from Sindri tells us that he is reminded of his Chemistry lessons while at school. "I was completely at sea regarding matters chemical during our tour round the fertilizer factory. Reading this, I can almost hear Mr. Kemp say 'Humpf, he was completely at sea in school as well!' Aditya had to explain the process to me and draw the diagrams familiar once but long forgotten". He adds: "Aditya and myself are on a long trip throughout Eastern India. We have already visited Saranath, Nalanda, Bodh Gaya, Bhubaneshwar and Puri — the eloquent remains of our glorious past. We have also visited Jamshedpur, the D. V. C. and Sindri—the foundations of the India of tomorrow. Now I am itching to get back home."

Indru Lakhani got through his Pre-Engineering in the first division. Congratulations.

D. S. Chowdhry paid us a short visit on 17th June. He is going to join the N. D. A., Kharakvasla next month.

Surinder Kalaan had to postpone his trip to Sanawar. He hopes to come up soon with his brother, Rajinder. He writes, "I was extremely glad to read that Sanawar walloped B. C. S. good and proper this time. I am sure that Sanawar will repeat its success in Soccer, Hockey and Boxing also." He adds, "Pardaman Singh was awarded the President's Silver Medal for being the second best cadet in order of merit at the Military College, Dehra Dun on 11th June".

Gurpratap Singh writes to inform us that he will be joining the Hindu College, Delhi, shortly. He passed his Punjab Matric in the second division.

K. M. Verma gave us a shock the other day by deciding to write to us. Now that he is a "Ye Olde Sanawarian," he is most anxious to pay us a visit. He made plans and persuaded Suresh Mullick to accompany him. Verma writes, "But Mullick decided to get 'flu and so we had to postpone the trip." Verma is now at the N. D. A., Kharakvasla. He writes, "About the Academy, life is enjoyable there and it is much the same as Sanawar. Of course we miss our old friends and the teachers are quite different. I met Bhupi, Naresh, Dhami and a whole lot of other Old Sanawarians. They are all doing fine and are having a good time. We are having our holidays now but Dhami is staying back on medical grounds. I believe he is better now".

Our congratulations to Ashok Nehru on his passing the B. A. Honours (History) degree examination of the Delhi University.

O. S. Dogra writes from Jamalpur, Eastern Railway, "The bundle of Sanawar Newsletters—for which I am very grateful—reached me at a time when I was trying to get familiar with the slide-rule. At first I was a bit hesitant to leave my work and start reading them—the size of the bundle was a little frightening—but when I finished the first issue of '56, I was tempted to read the second and when I had read that, I was forced to go through all the rest, and then I wished for more: so interesting were they. Those copies of the Newsletter reminded me of the beautiful green hills and the wonderfully cool weather. Those few minutes with the copies of the Newsletter took me once again back to the eternal hills".

Yogindra Dhillon spent a few days with us in the first week of June.

Bill Colledge, writing from Hong Kong, says "Heartly congratulations on the 'Sanawarian'. My secretary wishes to compliment you, your typesetter and printer because she was so relieved to find that her hard work in typing the article had not been nullified by mistakes in printing. I do agree with you that the collation of students' articles makes the magazine all the more intriguing when the ages are given. I showed some to my son, aged 7, and he responded with an essay on "Martin Rattler," a story being read to them when rain washes out sports. Just a few lines, but something he would not have done if a Sanawar boy had not already done something like it I would like to hear from some of the boys or girls who remember us, and if there is anything they would like me to prepare for them in the way of light entertainment at a school social or cinema I'd only be too pleased to do so. In my day all we asked of an O. S. was a bun, a "peara" and a half-holiday!" In a subsequent letter Bill writes, "The May Newsletter intrigued me with the letter from the O. S. who left in 1893! Perhaps he could tell a tale or two. Three of us (O. S.) met last Thursday. Major Hudson (O. S. 1927—1930), Capt. Mitchell (O. S. 1916—1925) and myself We decided to call a meeting of all O. S. in the Colony and in order to get them the following advertisement was put in the paper—'The Lawrence Royal Military School, Sanawar. It is proposed that a reunion be held in the near future and in order that a suitable date may be fixed, Old Sanawarians at present in the Colony are kindly asked to contact O. S. Tel. 26524 during the week. Saturday, June 15th, 1957 We're longing to hear about the preliminaries for Founders!'"

Gurdip Singh Kalyana who is now studying at Khalsa College, Amritsar, wrote to us the other day. He told us that a handful of O. S. are in Amritsar and that they get together often to discuss old times. He informs us that they have not been successful in their efforts to form an O. S. Society at Amritsar. Under the heading "O. S. News from Amritsar", he wrote, "Anoop Singh Bedi has just been declared successful in his First Exam in Agriculture. He was placed in the second division. Prithvi Raj Sood has passed his B. Sc. (Honours) Botany of the Punjab University. He stood second in the merit list. Harinder Singh Bedi (Non-Medical) and Sarvdaman Chattrath (Medical) have both passed their F. Sc. in the second division. H. S. Makkar is in his second year at College. As for myself, I am in the third year Agriculture". He concluded with the hope that he will be able to pay us a visit soon.

Baljit Sahmey, after all has woken up and apologised for his prolonged silence. Immediately after completing his Intermediate Examinations, he found himself preparing hard for the Kharagpur Entrance examination. He says that he fared well and soon hopes to join Devenderpal in sending frantic missives, in the hope of forming an O. S. Society in that part of the world. Baljit is of the opinion that O. S. should not pay for their stay at Sanawar. Sanawar has become a second home to many according to Baljit. He feels it is unthinkable that one should be asked to pay for staying at one's own home. He however feels that O. S. should not overstay their welcome at Sanawar.

Recently we received another of those—should we say Mullickian—letters. It began with the usual plea for forgiveness for not writing earlier. The reason as always, was laziness. He wrote, "I have been contemplating for quite some time to give you all the news from Delhi but being a Mullick and a Sanawarian, I am inclined to be a bit lazy about writing letters". Suresh intends joining St. Stephen's College and is reported to be already haunting the precincts—especially the Coffee House area. He tells us that Devender Pratap, Ashok Deshraj, Subash Dua and Pradeep Soneja are some of the other O. S. who are also seeking admission in St. Stephen's College. He confided in us that life at Delhi was becoming rather dull and concluded on a poetic note, "Seven months of holidays can be very trying particularly if the thermometer is not very helpful. So we are waiting for the clouds to open and shed their pearly drops"

From the Shan States, Union of Burma, an Old Sanawarian Mr. J. J. Baker wrote us recently. He is working there in the Transport Department of the Shan States. He writes, "I see the name of the School has again been changed by dropping 'Royal Military'. The reason of course is not far to seek or am I jumping to conclusions? When I was there and for many years afterwards it was known as the Lawrence Military Asylum. After the visit of the then Prince of Wales, the word 'Royal' was added and the School came to be known as the Lawrence Royal Military School. I suppose the words 'Royal Military' were dropped soon after achieving Independence. Likewise the colours of the School Tie and the O. S. Tie may also have been changed. The School Tie in my time had blue lines on red background and red lines on blue background. The O. S. Tie had green, grey and maroon stripes." He goes on, "There was one Mr. Ricketts who was the Band Master in my time and what a band we had in those days! Once a year the School Band used to go to Kasauli to compete with other Military bands and generally came off best. I am writing all this to let you know how vividly the old days are still remaining fresh in my mind, although it is more than fifty years since I left Sanawar". He concluded wishing the School every success.

Asha Narang has been awarded the Nellie Lovell Scholarship for the year 1957.

Mira Koregaokar writes from Hartwell House, Aylesbury (Buckinghamshire): "We are known as the 'House of Citizenship' and our course deals with Economics, Public Speaking, Foreign Affairs, Home and International Affairs, News of the Week, Visits of Observation and everything else. Apart from this we have to do either a Secretarial or Arts Course. I am doing the Secretarial Course. We were formerly at Ashridge, the Bonar Law Memorial College, but we have now moved here to a place of our own. It's a lovely place and has a historical background. I like

it here and will be sorry when I finish my course in April next I spend a lot of time thinking about Sanawar and wishing I was there once again".

Rina Charan Singh and Venita Dubey paid us a visit on July 1st.

Hodson Runs

The Hodson Runs were held on 5th July. Siwalik House with 122 points came first for the sixth year in succession. The results are given below:—

Under 11 (Time—4' 5·2")

- (1) Suresh Dhir (Siwalik)
- (2) Subash Chopra (Siwalik)
- (3) Sanjiv Verma (Siwalik)

Under 13 (Time—5' 23·2")

- (1) Jaspal Singh Mann (Himalaya)
- (2) Ameet Merchant (Vindhya)
- (3) Jai Sheel Oberoi (Nilagiri)

Under 15 (Time—9' 10")

- (1) Sarvjit Lorai (Nilagiri)
- (2) Anjon Mehra (Siwalik)
- (3) Baldev Dua (Siwalik)

Open (Time—11' 54")

- (1) Nitya Nand Singh (Siwalik)
- (2) Ravi Khanna (Vindhya)
- (3) Ashok Seth (Himalaya)

Inter House Boxing

This year the Inter House Boxing was held from 3rd June to 6th June. Each weight was divided into two strings. All the Houses entered two boxers in every weight, one in each string.

Himalaya who came first, amassed 76 points and retained the Boxing Cup for the fourth year in succession. Harragbans Singh (Atom Weight—1st string) being a hard hitter with the killer instinct won his weight easily. A. K. Dutta (Atom Weight—2nd string) keeping his guard well, attacked often to win comfortably. Rajesh Khanna (Gnat Weight—1st string) fighting wildly managed to get the better of his wily opponent. M. S. Bhagat (Fly Weight—2nd string) a strong, well-knit boxer with considerable experience won convincingly. Jitender Pal Singh (Feather Weight—1st string) with the upright stance of an older day, managed a narrow victory over a game adversary. Ashok Seth (Light Weight—1st string) fought well and with his agility and experience won against a courageous opponent. Kamaljit Singh (Middle Weight—1st string) used his left effectively to win his weight. Hans Raj Choudhry (Middle Weight—2nd string) received a walk-over. H. S. Dhillon (Light Heavy Weight—2nd string) won a fight which was far from clean, to complete the tally of Himalayan victories. A hearty pat on the back for Sunil Gulati (Bantam Weight—1st string) who fought bravely against a better opponent. He was declared the Best Loser.

Siwalik came second with 65 points. They ran fairly close to Himalaya though the final outcome was never in doubt. Virpal Singh (Gossamer Weight—1st string) used his right more than his left and won

comfortably. Ranjit Mehra (Paper Weight—1st string) fought exceedingly well and using "the Postman's knock" to advantage, harried his taller opponent. He was awarded the cup for the Best Boxer. Ajay Kapur (Mosquito Weight—1st string) with his experience found little difficulty in winning his weight. Ashok Sehgal (Mosquito Weight—2nd string) proved too strong and quick for his opponent. Anjon Mehra (Bantam Weight—1st string) fought cleanly and used his lightning footwork to advantage. G. D. Sood (Bantam Weight—2nd string) dodged his taller opponent and attacking more won his fight. Daljit Sihota (Feather Weight—2nd string) defeated his adversary narrowly to win his weight. Nitya Nand (Light Weight—2nd string) using frequent short-arm punches won easily. Richard Mountford (Light Heavy Weight—1st string) in a cyclonic wave overcame his bewildered opponent to gain a t. k. o. Kenneth Maharaj Singh (Heavy Weight—1st string) received a walk-over to retain his weight for the third year in succession. Among the Siwalik losers, Yoginder Singh (Light Weight—1st string) deserves mention. He fought gamely against a formidable adversary.

Vindhya came third with 45 points. Theirs was a plucky effort against heavy odds. S. S. Sodhi (Paper Weight—2nd string) won his weight narrowly. C. K. Mahajan (Midget Weight—1st string) using both hands effectively, won convincingly. Vipen Mahjan (Midget Weight—2nd string) with his hands working like pistons, won by a wide margin. K. K. Kak (Gnat Weight—2nd string) using his height well and hitting straight won rather unexpectedly. Baljit Ahluwalia (Welter Weight—1st string) received a walk-over. Vijay Nair (Welter Weight—2nd string) fighting rather wildly outlasted his opponent. Among the Vindhya losers, Shyam Kak (Light Weight—1st string) deserves mention. He fought courageously, ducking and swaying in an endeavour to get the better of a superior opponent.

Nilagiri came last but their performance was indeed a praiseworthy one. Pradeep Verma (Gossamer Weight—2nd string) displaying more guts than tricks won his weight. Gurdip Singh (Fly Weight—1st string) using an effective straight left won a close fight. Among the Nilagiri losers, Tejpal Chouhry (Gnat weight—1st string) fought brainily against a wild opponent and lost narrowly.

Arun Maira

Saturday Club Show

The Girls' Saturday Club show was staged on 8th June. The evening's programme began with the singing of the National Anthem. The first item, "Recitation" was a pleasant change. Two of the pieces, "Nothing, absolutely nothing" and "We are the girls of Sanawar" deserve special mention. This novel item brought forth many laughs and revealed a sense of humour. The second item, "Country Dancing" was a polished, attractive and gay bit. The actions were graceful and the intricate movements must have taken up hours of practice. The next item was a negro dance—"Pinga Panga" by the junior girls. It was highly appreciated. After a short interval came the Hindi play—"Das Hazar". Anupma Singh as the stingy father was the image of a 'lala'. Though she provided us with an occasional laugh, it was Anupam Bal as the Munshiji who stole the show. Sitting, talking and walking in the accepted style, she proved her worth in the pivotal role. Madhubala Mehra as the worried mother

interpreted a difficult role successfully. The play on the whole was convincingly put across. Next came two short folk songs rendered with enthusiasm.

The last item was the English play "Dear departed". Neena Dubey as Mrs. Slater and Jaya Krishan as Mrs. Jordan were outstanding. Going into fits of sobbing alternately and snapping at each other and at their poor husbands, they played their parts to perfection. Indra Sachdev as the gentle, henpecked young Mr. Jordan, was adequate. Lila Kak as the nervous, obedient Mr. Slater did well. Asha Dhawn with a commanding appearance and voice gave the finishing touch to a well-acted play.

The Girls' Show provided great variety and displayed commendable talent. I couldn't end better than by quoting Yogindra Dhillon (O. S.) "It was simply wonderful," which though slightly exaggerated sums up the evening's varied fare.

Richard Mountford

Saturday Club Show

The fourth Saturday Club show of the year was presented by Nilagiri House in Barne Hall on June 22nd at 6-30 p.m. The evening's programme began with the traditional singing of the first verse of the School Song. The first item was an English play, "Avtxipur Junction" in three scenes. It was about a baby who had lost its mother at a railway junction and had somehow got into the hands of a stranger. Anil Nehru as the shy, reserved, young stranger who was left to hold the baby, played his part to perfection. Viney Soi as the garrulous traveller who had an opinion on everything interpreted his role with conviction. Finally the mother finds the baby and as all good stories end, this too ended happily. Considering the fact that those taking part had very little preparation, the play was put across quite effectively.

The next item was quite novel and was appreciated by all. It was a shadow play depicting various scenes from "the Ramayana". The background music was exceptionally good and made the item most realistic. After this there was a musical interlude. Gurvir Inder Singh sang and played "Cherry Pink" on the accordion. Harishpal Singh played "Jamaican Farewell" and "Zambezi" on the piano.

The last item on the evening's programme was the Hindi play "Kanoon". Vinod Chopra as Chamanlal struck a tragic note. He rendered a difficult role successfully. Gurvir Inder Singh as Sethji was outstanding. Lalit Mahajan as Munshiji was no less impressive. The play was about Chamanlal who forges a cheque to support his sister who is ill-treated by her husband. His crime is discovered and Chamanlal is sent to prison. Shortly after his release he dies. "Kanoon" was indeed a fitting successor to the Nilagiri House Hindi play of last year. The programme ended with the singing of the National Anthem. Altogether, the evening was thoroughly enjoyable and everyone agreed that the Nilagirians had put up a marvellous show.

Suman Mala

Prep. School Show

The Prep. School Show was on Saturday the 6th July. After the singing of the National Anthem the curtain parted to reveal the Prep. School chorus in "Ham Bane Mahan". The next item was "The Rhyming Princess" an English play in one act. The King played his part very well and the princess who could only speak in rhymes sounded very realistic. One after another the suitors failed to cure the princess. The cook, the riding master, the court jester, the wizard, the court physician all tried in vain. At last a young handsome prince won her hand in marriage.

After this came two delightful items. First, the K Gs recited some Nursery Rhymes which evoked continuous applause from the audience. Then the girls performed a country dance.

After the interval the Percussion Band played "The Flotilla March" and "The Ash Grove". This was played beautifully and was enjoyed by the rapt spectators.

The next item was "Andher Nagri" a play in Hindi. The greedy Chela and his Guru acted their parts to the last. The foolish King who had set everything at two pice per seer and who ended by hanging himself to reach heaven speedily, was another of the good actors.

After this the Prep. girls did a dance in Bharat Natyam style. This was also given prolonged applause.

The School song was sung as a sequel to this entertaining hour.

The Headmaster then called upon the head of the Press Delegation who witnessed the performance to say a few words. The latter thanked the Prep. School for the best hour he had had on his journey throughout the length and breadth of India.

Karm Sheel Oberoi

Films

On the 9th June, the technicolour version of "Scaramouche" was screened in Barne Hall.

The School saw Juliws Caesar on June 23rd and "The Texas Rangers" on June 30th in Barne Hall.

Calendar

July 5th	...	Hodson Runs
July 6th	...	Saturday Club Show—P. D. Half-Yearly Examinations commence
July 7th	...	Inter-House Soccer Matches
July 14th	...	Weighing and Measuring B. D. Film: Great Expectations
July 15th	...	Film: Lone Star
July 16th	...	Soccer vs. B.C.S. (Away) 1st and 2nd XI
July 17th	...	Weighing and Measuring P. D. & G. D.
July 18th	...	Social
July 19th	...	Holidays Commence 2-30 p.m.

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School News

The School re-opened after the one-month's holidays on August 18th.

We are happy to have Miss Rudra with us again after her two years in England. She has resumed her duties as Mistress in-charge of the Prep. School.

Mrs. Kemp is now the Housemistress of Siwalik House (G. D.), Mrs. Gidwani having been transferred to the Prep. School.

On Saturday August 24th a Mock Parliament was held in Barne Hall.

Col. Goldstein and two masters accompanied the Y. P. S. XI and Colts Soccer teams to Sanawar. The matches were played on Saturday August 31st.

An Inter-House debate was held at the meeting of the Senior Hindi Society on August 31st.

Mr. Thakar will be on the air from A. I. R., Delhi from 8-30—9-00 a. m. and 8-15—8-30 p. m. on Wednesday 18th September.

We extend our hearty congratulations to Malvinder Shergill, Amarjit Singh Grewal, Ghan-shyam Das Sood, Vijay Nair, Harish Pal Dhillon and Mohinderjit Grewal on their success in the J.S.W. Examination held in June.

Old Sanawarian News

Harish Gidwani is now in Bombay doing a course in Marine Engineering. He got a second division in his I. Sc. He writes: "Life here is really tough. We have theory classes in the evenings and practical training in the form of workshop service during day time. I am doing my workshop service in the Indian Naval Dockyard. In the first year we do a lot of manual labour much like any ordinary worker. In the second year we work on big machines and manufacture small parts. In the third year we go on board ships that come in for repairs. But for the present, the only solid result of my workshop service seems to be the blisters on my hand. I have also managed to put the little finger of my left hand out of action with a 3 lbs. hammer". We are eagerly waiting to hear more exploits of Harish with the hammer.

Devinderpal and Ajit Angrish wrote us recently from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. Indru Lakhani who joined the institute on July 1st also wrote to us. Devinderpal and Ajit were shocked to find that Indru had forgotten the School Song, which both of them claim they can recite backwards. Indru promptly received a liberal dose of I. I. T. 'ragging' for his forgetfulness. We request all O. S. who intend joining I. I. T. in the near future (Baljit Singh Sahmey included) to brush up their knowledge of the School Song.

Subash Dua has taken up History Honours at St. Stephen's College, Delhi. He tells us that he took up History after a marathon psychological test which left him more confused than ever. He writes: "Life in this College is interesting though it is not as much as it was back 'in the everlasting hills'. Let me tell you something of the good name Sanawar has earned here. All of us Sanawarians who joined this year came in for extra attention while the freshers were being 'ragged'. Raj Sircar has won yet another laurel for Sanawar by being unanimously elected the President of the College Union. [Ranjit Bhatia, now in his last days at College before leaving for Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship, has been elected as the President of Games.] As for other O. S. who are here—Pradeep Soneja has taken up Chemistry Honours and Chakravarty is doing Economics Honours".

Ashok Nehru wrote us a farewell letter recently. He left Delhi on 18th August by air for London. He is going to join Balliol College, Oxford. He was to have gone by sea but he changed his plans as he wanted to get accustomed to his new environments, academic and otherwise, before he actually joins Balliol College. His address in London will be 28, Abbotswood Road, London. S. W. 16.

B. S. Malhans writing from Dalhousie informs us that he has passed his Intermediate Examination and hopes to take up either B. A. or B. Sc. He informs us that he will not be able to come up for Founder's.

Gurdip Singh Kalyana sent us a piece of good news the other day. He writes: "Kindly note Mrs. Chatterji's and Mrs. Kemp's expressions when they hear this. I have passed my F. Sc. (Agriculture) in the first division. I was placed 2nd from my College and 7th in the University. I hope to join the Government Agricultural College, Ludhiana very soon." Nice going, Gurdip.

Gul Shahani, Asha Narang and Venita Dubey have joined Miranda House.

Bill Colledge writes "The Sanawarians met in our Cine Club and formulated rules of procedure. A Standing Committee of 3 was elected—Mr. Kelly, Capt. Mitchell and myself. We meet again on 29th August for the usual monthly get together. I hope some snaps will be forthcoming. Some are very young Old Sanawarians and want hockey matches arranged! The ladies offered to help with refreshments and First Aid. I hope to get some Sanawar blazer buttons when I'm with you next month. Do they exist?"

Asha Narang writes "Thank you ever so much for awarding me the Nellie Lovell Prize. It was the biggest thrill opening the envelope and discovering that I was the one who had got the much coveted Nellie Lovell. But on opening it a horrible picture flashed through my mind—that of the many Mark Readings of my Upper IV days when Mr. Carter would pass from name to name and stop before mine and ask when I was going to come above the red line. I was always last! However, the fact that I was holding something I had not even vaguely dreamt about, gave me a lovely feeling of being on-top-of-the-world, and dispelled all memories of those dreadful Mark Readings. Please convey my thanks to the Staff, who, I remember, were very patient with my frightful results, and to whom I owe the S. C. results and the Nellie Lovell. But it is really Sanawar that pulled me through that very difficult early stage of adolescence, and, if it is possible, I should like to say thank you to the Best School of All for what it has done for me".

We received another of those newsy letters from Suresh Mullick recently. He is doing his History Honours at St. Stephen's College, Delhi. He writes: "Now we are having athletics in the evenings followed by rehearsals at the Little Theatre Group. I have incidentally landed the part of a dead man! The play is Thornton Wilder's 'Our Town'. I met the good old Sanawarian crowd the other day at the station. Mr. Salim Khan minus his beard, Baljit in jeans and Manju Soi with yet another new hair-style were the outstanding attractions." He also informed us that Subash Dua has won a scholarship, that reintroduction of club drill for the Founder's Tattoo is a great idea, that Sanawarians including Viney Soi do not write to him, that cold mornings remind him of 'the everlasting hills' and finally that he hopes to come up for Founder's.

Pilot Officer Sowaranjit Singh Dhillon informs us that he is very keen to come up for this year's Founder's celebrations. He is at present stationed at the Air Force Station, Agra.

Parvez Kumar is at present touring England. He is a member of the Commonwealth Youth Movement Quest for 1957.

Mr. M. J. Mehta, now at St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, informs us that Mr. N. K. S. Rao was bitten by a dog recently.

"And now this man and dog were friends
But soon a pique began
The dog to gain some private ends
Went mad and bit the man.

Around from all the neighbouring streets
The wondering neighbours ran
And swore the dog had lost its wits
To bite so good a man.

The sore appeared both sore and sad
To every Christian eye
And while they swore the dog was mad
They swore the man would die.

But soon a wonder came to light
Which showed the rogues they lied
The man recovered of the bite
And 'twas the dog that died."

Founder's

The provisional programme for Founder's is as follows :—

3rd October

Prep. School Show	...	...	5-00 p. m.
Torch Light Tattoo	...	...	8-30 p. m.

4th October

Assembly	...	...	7-30 a. m.
Parade	...	...	10-00 a. m.
Art & Crafts Exhibition	...	...	11-00 a. m.
Speeches	...	...	11-30 a. m.
Athletics	...	...	2-30 p. m.
A. D. S. Play	...	...	8-30 p. m.

5th October

Hockey Match Present vs. Past (Boys)	9-30 a. m.
Tennis Matches Present vs. Past (Girls)	11-00 a. m.
Senior School Concert	... 4-30 p. m.
Old Sanawarians' Dinner	... 8-00 p. m.
Old Sanawarians' Dance	... 9-30 p. m.

Senior English Society

The Senior English Society held a Mock Parliament on Saturday 24th August in Barne Hall. At 7 p. m. the Opposition and Government members filed in and took their seats. There was a moment's pause and then the Speaker, Malvinder Shergill entered. The proceedings began with questions and answers. Kenneth Maharaj, the Leader of the Opposition, questioned the Home Minister, Gurvir Inder why the Honour Boards in the Boys' Department had not been kept up to date. The Home Minister gave the explanation that the painter was laid up with 'flu. Baljit Ahluwalia, Communist, asked the Defence Minister, Nitya Nand why the B. C. S. had been left 'untouched' after the soccer fixture. The Defence Minister replied that Hockey and Boxing were still left. Further the Government believed in Panch Sheela. Viney Soi, Independent, asked the Health Minister, Jasbir Kaur, why the swimming

pool was kept filled with dirty water and whether it was the Hon. Minister's intention to breed mosquitoes in it. The Health Minister retorted that if the Hon. Member was so worried about the dirty water he should go and clean up the pool in his spare time. Baljit Ahluwalia, Communist, wanted to know from the Defence Minister why the cannons in front of Birdwood School were pointed the wrong way. The Defence Minister replied that he would arrange for the cannons to be pointed the right way—that is towards the Hon. Member's head. Lila Kak, Socialist, wanted to know why the Health Minister wanted to test the intestinal arrangements of the Hon. Members by giving indigestible food. When the Health Minister found herself unable to comprehend what intestinal arrangements were, Lila Kak promptly asked the Prime Minister, Pradeep Rao, to reshuffle his cabinet. Richard Mountford, Communist, asked the Education Minister why she wanted to bother everyone now and then with Mark-Readings. The Education Minister, Indra Sachdev, answered that it was only to keep people like the Hon. Member up to the mark. A few more questions were put and the Government managed to parry them all. Then the Speaker called upon Kenneth Maharaj, Leader of the Opposition, to move his resolution "that films should be banned in Sanawar". But at that moment, Richard Mountford sought the Speaker's permission to move an adjournment motion to discuss "the serious situation arising out of the cruelty meted out to monkeys". He said that the monkeys being our ancestors, the Government should take steps to protect them. He put forward examples of the Hon. Ministers themselves indulging in cruelty to monkeys. He mentioned the various advantages in treating the monkeys with kindness. The Speaker however did not think that the situation was serious enough to warrant a discussion on it and ruled the adjournment motion out of order. R. Mountford, highly indignant walked out of the House saying that he would return with a contingent of monkeys to overthrow the Government. Order was restored and then Kenneth Maharaj proceeded with his speech. He called for complete ban on films in Sanawar as they were injurious to eye-sight. Further, young minds were easily influenced by the evil things portrayed on the screen. Pradeep Rao, the Prime Minister, countered that there were many good points about films. He was of the opinion that the visual medium was the most effective and therefore good films could mould a child's mind in the right direction. Gurvir Inder, Home Minister, supported his colleague where as Nina Dubey and Baljit Ahluwalia argued the case for the Opposition vehemently. Vinod Chopra, Minister for Sports rounded up the debate. The Speaker put the resolution to a voice vote. It was declared lost. The Speaker then adjourned the House sine die.

K. K. Kak.

Soccer

The annual soccer fixtures against B. C. S., Simla were held this year on 15th July, at Simla. The results were :—

B. C. S. 1st XI vs. School 1st XI (2—1)

B. C. S. 2nd XI vs. School 2nd XI (3—0)

The annual soccer fixtures against the Y. P. S., Patiala were held on 31st August at Sanawar. The results were :—

Y. P. S. 1st XI vs. School 1st XI (0—0)

Y. P. S. Colts XI vs. School Colts XI (1—1)

Inter House Soccer

Our congratulations to Himalaya House on winning the Soccer Trophy this year. The results were :—

Himalaya vs. Siwalik (1—0)

Himalaya vs. Vindhya (3—1)

Himalaya vs. Nilagiri (2—0)

Siwalik vs. Vindhya (2—1)

Siwalik vs. Nilagiri (1—0)

Vindhya vs. Nilagiri (2—2)

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I would like to explain to your readers some of the problems that we are likely to face during Founder's week.

Firstly, because it is the turn of Lovedale to visit us, accommodation for Old Sanawarians in the School will be extremely limited. Consequently, we should like to know as soon as possible, not later than 21st September, how many Old Sanawarians are likely to visit us. We shall then go on the principle first come first served, and who cannot be accommodated in the School will obviously have to find accommodation in Kasauli or elsewhere.

Secondly, since there is no break this year after Founder's week is over and normal routine will commence almost immediately afterwards, it will not be possible to permit Old Sanawarians to exceed their stay beyond the morning of Sunday, 6th October. I do hope that Old Sanawarians will appreciate the reason for this.

Parents are most welcome, but it will NOT be possible to accommodate them in Sanawar. Every effort will be made to set up a Cafeteria where meals will be available on payment. This will save parents the trouble and expense of going back to Kasauli for meals during the intervals between Founder's week events. Meals will NOT be available in the School Messes.

Yours faithfully,

R. Som Dutt
Major.

'C' Squadron,
National Defence Academy,
Kharakvasla.

Dear Editor,

I would like to express the following views to all Sanawarians through the columns of the News-

letter. There are nearly fifty Sanawarians in this Academy, out of which forty are Army cadets, nine Air Force cadets and only one Naval Cadet. Is this unproportionate distribution due to the old Sanawar tradition or merely due to insufficient knowledge of a Naval career? I have chosen the Navy and I write this to exhort all Sanawarians to give a thought to the Navy before opting for the Army or Air Force. There are unlimited opportunities for adventure in the life of a sailor and the ships and the sea are parts of our unique and beautiful world. I assure every Sanawarian that the Navy offers as promising a career as any other branch of our Defence Services.

Yours etc.

Vishnu Bhagwat

हिन्दी-परिषद्

हिन्दी-परिषद् की तृतीय बैठक शनिवार दिनांक ३१ सितम्बर १९५७, को सांयकाल श्री व्यास जी के सभापतित्व में अर्न्त-छात्रावास वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता से प्रारम्भ हुई। वाद विवाद का विषय था आधुनिक युग में विज्ञान का प्रयोग मानव जाति के लिए हानिकारक है। प्रत्येक छात्रावास से एक एक छात्र और छात्रा ने प्रतियोगिता में भाग लिया। सिवालिक छात्रावास के प्रति योगी नित्या नन्द प्रस्ताव के पक्ष में कहा कि “आधुनिक युग में विज्ञान ने मनुष्य को पशु बना दिया है”।

विंध्या छात्रावास की ओर से प्रदीप राव ने अपने विचारों को प्रकट करते हुए कहा कि एक समय वह था जब कि भारत के नवयुवक शेरों से युद्ध किया करते थे। लेकिन आज के वैज्ञानिक युग में लोग इतने बलिष्ठ और शूरवीर हो गए हैं कि मच्छरों को मारने के लिए उन्हें डी० डी० टा० का प्रयोग करना पड़ता है। प्रस्ताव के विपक्ष में मधु मेहरा ने श्रोतागणों को विज्ञान के नाना प्रकार के लाभों से परिचित कराया।

हिमालय छात्रावास की ओर से वी० के० मानिकताला ने प्रस्ताव के पक्ष में बोलते हुए कहा कि विज्ञान सभ्यता के पतन की मूल जड़ है। उक्त वक्ताओं के अतिरिक्त आशा नन्दा, अनुपमा डी० सिंह, विनोद चोपरा तथा आशा धावन के नाम उल्लेखनीय हैं।

वादविवाद प्रतियोगिता का परिणाम निर्णायकों ने इस प्रकार दिया है—विंध्या प्रथम, हिमालय तथा नीलगिरी द्वितीय और सिवालिक तृतीय। स्वतंत्र रूप से सर्वश्रेष्ठ वक्ता मानिकताला को घोषित किया गया।

अशोक मारवाह

Sh! Siwalikans Sleeping

We publish below an extract from the Nilagiri House magazine of 20th September 1952— brought upto date.

Some Siwalik Sleepers
Snore So Softly;
Some Seem Sweetly,
Somnolently Shy.

Some Snore Stubbornly,
Sombrely, Sullenly;
Some, Soul-shattering
Sonatas Supply.

Some Snore Skittishly,
Simpering Saucily;
Some Sniff Suspiciously,
Secretively Sly.
Some Snore Scathingly,
Sadistically, Strangely;
Some Squawk Sharply,
Sibilantly Spry.

Some, Stout Saxophonists,
Serenades Sing;
Some Snore Scales,
Some Sonnets Sing.
Some, Soliloquising Sadly
Sufferingly Scream;
Some Shout Sullivan (Mrs)
Some Shout Sood (G.D.)

Such Sounds Surge
Seawards Ceaselessly;
Shergill Shudders,
Staff Stand Sheepishly.
Sea's Surges Shout,
Swamps Spout;
Serpent Shapes Swing
Syncopatingly.

Siwalikans Should Swallow
Some Sodi-sal,
Sakhuja's Sickening
Saline Soup.
Some Strong Sanawar Soul
Surely Shall,
Survive Serenely, Soulfully,
Snoring Siwalikans.

Anonymous

Calendar

October 2nd	... Gandhiji's Birthday
October 3rd—5th	... Founder's
October 12th	... Cinema
October 13th	... Geography Society
October 21st	... Holiday School Dinner & Social
October 26th	... Cinema
October 27th	... Science Society

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School News

The Senior Science Society met on September 8th.

The St. Bede's College netball team was in Sanawar from Sept. 13th to Sept. 15th. An account of the visit appears elsewhere.

On September 23rd many boys and girls went to witness the Beating of the Retreat in Kasauli and to attend a Fete.

There was a play-reading of "The Rivals" by the Sixth Form on September 25th.

Congratulations to the following on their appointment as School Prefects :—

Gurvinder Singh V. K. Soi.

Mrs. Som Dutt has obtained supplies of milk which are being distributed free four times a week in the Hospital to the children and women of the School estate.

Congratulations to the following on passing in the Trinity College Practical Pianoforte Examinations :—

Harishpal Dhillon	...	Intermediate Grade
Shabnam Sahni	...	Junior Grade
Navina Sundaram	...	Junior Grade
Andrea Kemp	...	Preparatory Grade
Indra Sachdev	...	Preparatory Grade
Sheila Barla	...	First Steps Grade
Virpal Singh	...	First Steps Grade
Urmilla Kumari	...	First Steps Grade
Hansa Patel	...	First Steps Grade
Madhuri Lekhraj	...	First Steps Grade

The Sixth Mark Reading was held on September 27th.

There was a special Assembly in Barne Hall on October 2nd to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti.

The Founder's Day celebrations commenced on October 3rd. An account of them will appear in our next number.

Old Sanawarian News

Ranjit Bhatia wrote us a farewell letter on the eve of his departure for the U. K. He tells us that the O. S. who have joined Delhi University are

all making their mark in one field or the other. Suresh Mullick shows promise as an artist and journalist. Subash Dua has won a handsome scholarship. Parikhshit Sahni is doing his bit in Soccer and Bedi still plays cricket. Gurpratap is shaping as a hurdler. Gita Bery has won the first prize for dramatics at Miranda House. Raj Sircar and Aditya Nehru have been elected as the President of the Union and the Speaker of the House respectively. Ranjit will be joining Jesus College, Oxford. He is proceeding to Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship.

Dewan Ramesh Chand has graduated in Physics with a first division from St. Stephen's College. He has joined Lloyds Bank, Amritsar and is undergoing training. Regarding the suggestion that O. S. should pay for their stay in Sanawar he feels that Sanawar is a home from home to all O. S. and it would indeed be a strange state of affairs if a person had to pay for staying at his own home. He suggested that O. S. should not overstay their welcome and if at all any payment was to be made, it should be voluntary and not compulsory.

Subash Dua writing from Meerut tells us that he was unable to attend this year's Founder's because he had to attend a N. C. C. camp at Meerut. But he promises us that he will most certainly come for next year's. He concludes, "Well, here is wishing 'the Best School of All' all success at the 110th Founder's. May the School be 'as a field which the Lord hath blessed', may it be 'true, pure, lovely and of good report' and may it forever 'preserve its unblemished name'".

Aditya Nehru who was here for Founder's writes to inform us that his visit to Sanawar made him feel that he was back in School again. He writes, "Founder's is always enjoyable and this year's was no exception."

H. S. Bedi writing from the New Hostel, Government College, Ludhiana, expresses his regret at not having been present for Founder's. He tells us that in spite of the fact that many O. S. have left, there are still seven O. S. in college with him. They are Gural Inder Singh (48-54) Harbhajan Singh (49-50) Manjit Inder (48-52) Kulwant Singh Gill (50-51) Surjit Singh Gill (49-51) V. K. Angrish (51-54) and Harbir Singh (51-52). H. S. is now in his third year at College.

Ashok Nehru writing from London on the eve of his departure for Oxford where he will be joining Balliol College, says that he is slowly getting accustomed to the new and strange surroundings. This has brought about a feeling of loneliness which he hopes to shake off, once he gets started on his studies.

Mr. M. J. Mehta writing from St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, gives us the welcome piece of news that Mr. N.K.S. Rao has fully recovered from the dog-bite.

Indru Lakhani who is now in the I. I. E. T., Kharagpur, has won a scholarship. He stood 11th in the merit list. Our congratulations.

The following were the O. S. present at this year's Founder's: Bill Colledge, Mohinder Singh Guron, Dileshwar Rarewala, Ashok Bhatia, K.K. Soi S. C. Mehra, Gurpratap Singh, Parikshit Sahni, H. S. Boparai, Suresh Mullick, Balbir Singh Bhasin, P. S. Mangat, Pradeep Soneja, Om Swarup Dogra, Ashok Deshraj, Aditya Nehru, Indira Bhatia, Sonia Thadani, Vijay Nanda, Yogindra Dhillon, Venita Dubey, Rina Charan Singh, Gul Shahani, Asha Narang, Gita Bery and Sudarshan Sehgal.

O. S. meeting

A meeting of the O. S. Society was held in the Headmaster's House during Founder's week. Twenty-six Old Sanawarians were present.

Decisions: (1) Any Sanawar boy who does not qualify for membership of the O. S. Society under the rules framed last year, may apply for Honorary membership. All applications will be considered by the President who has the power to grant provisional membership, the final decision resting with the general meeting of the O. S. Society at Founder's, the issue to be decided by a majority vote.

(2) The membership fee of Rs. 2/- p. a. be cancelled forthwith.

(3) The Newsletter and annual magazine be available on subscription.

(4) The first (April) issue of the Newsletter be sent to all enrolled O. S. every year, and a notice of subscription be printed in it. The despatch of later issues to be sent only to those subscribing for the Newsletter.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Old Sanawarians absent from the O. S. meeting may like to know what transpired. I enclose a summary of the points that were put forward officially, but would like to add a few facts which did not come up for formal discussion.

The Headmaster enlarged on his letter printed in your columns last month. His intention was not to discourage O. S. visits to Sanawar. O. S. were always welcome and the question of payment for board would not arise until the present generation became a lot older and had begun to support themselves. The point he wished to stress was that O. S. should not let their visits interfere with the work of the School, hence O. S. should try to restrict their visits to weekends and holidays—and should give some notice of their arrivals and departures.

Bill Colledge will be in London next year and will make every effort to re-link the past with the present. He will attend the O. S. meeting in London and has promised to tell them something of what we are doing now.

Bill suggested that Sanawar views be on sale at the Tuck Shop in postcard form, and the suggestion was accepted with acclamation. The Headmaster offered to look into the matter and asked all O. S.

to send him copies of worthwhile photographs for possible reproduction. Bill Colledge also asked for the House shields in Hall to be labelled with the names of their Houses past and present to provide a visible link of continuity.

The meeting could have gone on for another hour, but time ran out on us, and the President applied the closure at 3-30 p. m. Bill assembled the group on the lawn outside, and with movie and 'still' camera recorded yet another paragraph for his book of memories.

In conclusion I would ask all O. S. to spread the news of the new ruling on membership. Any boy or girl who has been in Sanawar may apply. I would stress that membership must be **applied** for, it is not automatically achieved by those excluded under the previous ruling.

Yours etc.

T. C. Kemp

Secretary

O. S. Society.

The St. Bedes vs. Sanawar Match.

The St. Bedes College girls arrived on Friday 13th Sept. The same morning it started drizzling. After depositing their luggage in the Parents' Rooms, they had a late tea after which they went round Birdwood and then back to the Parents' Rooms. We had supper by lantern light with them, and then we all went to the dormitory where we had a "Jazz-session" and a few girls sang.

The next morning we woke to find Sanawar enveloped in mist. We hoped that it would clear up in the afternoon. It did not but we did have our much looked-forward-to special tea. That evening we successfully staged an impromptu show for them. Following this, there were a few films on Sanawar.

Next morning we rose with the hope that the day would be bright, but it was raining heavily. After breakfast it was arranged that we should have some table-tennis matches. Out of the three that were played, Sanawar won 2. Everyone was still keen to play netball and though the mist was still thick, permission for the match was obtained. As we approached the field, it started to rain. We all went to the field and started practising a bit of passing. Practically the whole school had turned out to witness the match. It was great fun and we had our cardigans on and went sliding and slipping all over the field. It was a very close game. It ended with a victory for Sanawar, the score being 5—4. After this we had a late lunch and then went to the Bakery to see the St. Bedes girls off.

Lila Kak

Mathematics Society

The first meeting of the Mathematics Society was held on 8th September, 1957. A question paper covering a wide range of topics of mathematical interest was attempted by the members of the Society. The meeting lasted for an hour and was attended by the Upper Five and Sixth form students.

The following are the results:—

I D. S. Sihota

II M. S. Grewal
S. C. Chadha

III Lila Kak
Vinod Chopra
Rajeshwarpal Singh
Thakur Yoginder Singh
S. C. Sood.

Mr. M. V. Gore presided.

Athletics

The annual athletic meet was held on 4th October. Our congratulations to Nilagiri House (122 points) and Vindhya House (36 points) for having won the Cock House competition in the boys' events and the girls' events respectively. Our congratulations also to Siwalik House for having retained the Defence Cup with an aggregate of 156 points. The results of the various events are given below :—

Boys' Events

Open

1500 metres R. Mountford (S) 4m. 56sec.
800 metres R. Mountford (S) 2m. 14sec.
400 metres R. Mountford (S) 54.7secs. (Record)
100 metres R. Mountford (S) 11.1secs. (Record)
110 metres Hurdles R. Mountford 15.9sec (Record)
Long Jump R. Mountford (S) 17ft. 2in.
High Jump M. S. Grewal (H) 4ft. 11ins.
Shot Put H. S. Brar (N) 33ft. (Record)
House Relay Siwalik House 1m. 46.8secs. (Record)

Champion R. Mountford (S) 18 points

Under 15

800 metres S. Lorai (N) 2m. 20.5secs
400 metres S. Lorai (N) 59. 2secs.
100 metres S. Lorai (N) 12. 2secs.
110 metres Hurdles Baldev Dua (S) 16. 5secs.
Long Jump H. S. Kochar (N) 16ft. 3½ins.
High Jump Anjon Mehra (S) 4ft. 7ins.
House Relay Nilagiri House 1m. 50.4secs.

Champion Baldev Dua (S) 10 points

Under 13

200 metres B. S. Takhar (N) 27. 3secs. (Record)
100 metres B. S. Takhar (N) 13. 2secs.
80 metres Hurdles Brijender (H) 13.1sec. (Record)
Long Jump B. S. Takhar (N) 14ft. 5ins.
High Jump B. S. Takhar (N) 4ft. 7ins. (Record)
House Relay Himalya House 2m. (Record)

Champion B. S. Takhar (N) 14 points

Under 11

200 metres Suresh Dhir (S) 32secs.
100 metres Suresh Dhir (S) 15. 2secs.
Long Jump J. S. Ni:jar (N) 11ft. 11ins.
High Jump Asit Choudhry (V) 3ft. 7½ins.
House Relay Siwalik House 2m. 16.5secs.

Champion Asit Choudhry (V) 8 points.

Girls' Events

Open

200 metres Lila Kak (S) 31. 4secs.

100 metres Lila Kak (S) 14. 4secs.
80 metres Hurdles Suman Mala (H) 16secs
Long Jump Harvinder Kaur (V) 11ft. 3½ins.
High Jump Harvinder Kaur (V) 3ft. 6½ins.

Champion Suman Mala (H) 11 points.

Under 15

200 metres Malti Verma (V) 31. 7secs.
100 metres Anupma. D. Singh (H) 14. 4secs.
80 metres Hurdles Malti Verma (V) 16secs.
Long Jump Malti Verma (V) 13ft. 4ins.
High Jump Malti Verma (V) 3ft. 10½ins.

Champion Malti Verma (V) 14 points.

Under 13

200 metres Sheila Gidwani (N) 32. 5secs.
100 metres Sheila Gidwani (N) 14. 2secs.
Long Jump Jyoti Dhawan (N) 11ft. 9½ins.
High Jump Jyoti Dhawan (N) 3ft. 9ins.

Champion Jyoti Dhawan (N) and
Andrea Kemp (N) 8 points.

Under 11

200 metres Meenakshi Biswas (S) 32. 9secs.(Record)
100 metres Meenakshi Biswas (S) 15.2secs.(Record)
Long Jump Meenakshi Biswas (S) 9ft. 3ins.
High Jump Meenakshi Biswas (S) 3ft. 3½ins.

Champion Meenakshi Biswas (S) 12 points
Inter House Girls' Relay Vindhya House 61. 6secs.

Altogether 11 new Records were set up during the meet. Mr. E. G. Carter, Headmaster, B. C. S., Simla, presided and gave away the prizes.

Greetings

We gratefully acknowledge greetings for Founder's from the following :—

Ashok Nehru (Balliol College, Oxford)
H. Gidwani (Marine Engineering Trainee, Bombay)
Devinderpal (I. I. E. T., Kharagpur)
Mr. M. J. Mehta (St. Paul's School Darjeeling)
The Headboy (The Lawrence School, Lovedale)
Ajit Angrish (I. I. E. T., Kharagpur)
K. M. Verma (N. D. A., Kharakvasla)
Subash Dua (St. Setphen's College, Delhi)
Parvez Kumar (89, Guilford Street, London)
Bikram Khanna (National Tobacco Co.)
P/O S. S. Dhillon (Air Force Station, Agra)
Indru Lakhani (I. I. E. T., Kharagpur)
B. S. Malhans (Jammu)
G. S. Kalyana (Karnal)
Kamaljit Singh (N. D. A., Kharakvasla)
Surinder Kalaan (Delhi)
Mr. N. K. S. Rao (St. Paul's School, Darjeeling)
Mrs. Hickie (Welham Preparatory School, Dehra-Dun)

Letters to the Editor

The Editors,
The Sanawar News-letter,
Sanawar.

Dear Sirs,

Please forgive me for not having written to you before. I had intended to do so but never quite got down to it.

I must start off by congratulating you on the wonderful job you are doing through the News-letter. It forms for me my main source of news of Sanawar and also keeps one up with the latest trends there.

I'm sorry I won't be coming up for Founder's. I'd have loved to (it's the first Founder's I'm missing since 1949), but it can't be done. However I hope to drop in some time in November. So please convey to all Sanawarians past and present my best wishes for a happy and wonderful Founder's. I hope the new idea of a shorter Founder's is a success though personally I feel it's sort of incomplete without a Fete. It means no O. S. Stall-though I hope they do have the raffle.

I don't think there is anything of Sanawarian interest here. Its a lonely life but has the bright side too. We have, in the way of recreation, riding, shooting and fishing and of course the various games. The rucker season's just over. Its a wonderful game. I've been lucky, and due to the shortage of players been able to play in some big matches (here anything from outside is a big match) and even got my rucker tie. It's been a good experience and next year I shall go all out to secure a permanent place in the team.

In addition to rucker we have tennis, cricket, football, golf, billiards-all depending on the weather. Also there's tea-acres and acres of it. If any of the Sanawarians are interested in tea do write and I'll see if I can answer their questions.

Most of the Old Sanawarians who write seem to be suffering from violent nostalgia about the place. Personally I'm inclined to remember people and incidents more than places. It's unfortunate in a way because people leave and change but the place is there all the time. I suppose Sanawar is still the same-I hope it is even though we lose touch with the present set.

There has been a lot of correspondence about O. S. paying for their stay in Sanawar. I'm personally dead against it. I presume the School wants to attract all O. S. back there, not deter intending visitors from coming. Besides there is always the point that some of us might not be able to afford it. In such cases a fixed daily charge would be fatal. Besides all this there is the spirit of the thing. We come back to Sanawar because we think of it as a second home and not because it's a cheap place to spend the holidays. Please whatever you do don't break the old tradition, that an O. S. is welcome back in Sanawar at any time for any length of time. I don't think it has been abused yet.

I'd like to suggest a voluntary payment. A sort of gratuity book and box into which we can put what we like each according to his mite. The total "takings" at the end of the year to be divided among the servants. I'm sure you would find us not ungenerous and it would save the embarrassment of a fixed daily rate.

Well thats all for now, once again all the very best for Founder's.

Vikram Soni.

Films

The School saw "The Prisoner of Zenda" in Barne Hall on September 7th.

The Hindi Film "Parineeta" was shown on September 21st.

Calendar

November 2nd	...	Hockey 1st XI vs. Y.P.S. (Away)
November 3rd	...	Maths. Society
November 5th	...	Hockey 2nd XI vs. B.C.S. (Home) Holiday
November 9th	...	Saturday Club (Himalaya House)
November 12th—14th	...	Inter-House Hockey Matches
November 20th	...	Cambridge and Annual Examinations begin
November 30th	...	Annual Examinations end Cinema.

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School News

The Founder's Day celebrations lasted from October 3rd to October 5th. An account of them appears elsewhere.

Congratulations to Jaya Rani Krishen and Nitya Nand Singh on their being awarded the President's Medals.

The Parliamentary Estimates Committee visited the School on October 12th and had tea with members of the Staff in Birdwood School.

The Geographical Society met in the Geography Room on October 13th.

"Arms and the Man" was staged by the Upper Fifth on October 19th.

There was a farewell dinner for Mrs. Graham Jones who left us on October 20th. In grateful recognition of all that she had done for Sanawar, the children presented her with a painting of Birdwood School by Somarash Mukerji.

Dewali was celebrated on October 22nd with the customary bonfire on Peacestead followed by a dinner in Gaskell Hall.

There was a meeting of the Science Society in Barne Hall on October 27th when Mr. Gore gave an illustrated talk on "The Biography of the Earth".

Congratulations to Vindhya House in the Girls' School on winning the Table-tennis Cup.

Guru Nanak's Birthday was celebrated on November 7th.

The Himalaya House Saturday Club show was staged on November 9th.

The Art Society met on 10th November at 6-00 p. m. in Barne Hall. Mr. Bhalerao introduced Mr. Wad to the audience after which Mr. Wad demonstrated how Still Life subjects should be tackled. He explained the different stages through suitable sketches and showed how the final sketch is created.

Our congratulations to Himalaya House who came first in the Inter House Shooting held on 13th November. Anil Nehru of Nilagiri House was adjudged the best shot.

We were sorry to say good-bye to Mr. V. C. Katoch who left last month to take up his new appointment as Administrative Officer, Indian Ad-

ministrative Staff College Hyderabad. Our good wishes go with him.

We welcome Miss Sudershan Sehgal, an O.S. to Sanawar. She will take classes in the Senior School.

Our congratulations to Richard Mountford on being appointed Captain of Hockey for 1957. Our congratulations also to Pradeep Rao, Preminder Singh, A. S. Bal, K. S. Seth, Y. P. Sharma, Shyam Kak and D. S. Hazuria on having been awarded their Hockey colours.

Old Sanawarian News

Vikram Soni paid us a brief visit last week. He is at present on leave and will be rejoining duty shortly.

B. S. Malhans has joined the Government College Dharamsala.

K. K. Soi writing from Calcutta tells us that this year's Founder's was "slick." He writes: "I can tell you that it was better than when we 'hulks' were there. I hope that as year follows year, Founder's celebrations will continue to improve".

P/O S. S. Dhillon writing from Agra says that he was surprised to hear about the defeat of the Past at the hands of the Present in the Hockey match at Founder's. He feels that with stalwarts like Mohinder Singh Guron and Dileshwar among them, the Past should have given a better account of themselves. He hopes to come up for next year's Founder's and promises us most solemnly that the Past will teach the Present a thing or two.

Suresh Mullick writing from Delhi sends us his impression of the Inter University Youth Festival which was conducted recently at Talkatora Gardens. He also informed us that Ranjit Bhatia, now at Oxford, came first in the cross country run and is likely to be picked for the Oxford side against Cambridge. Suresh also tells us that Anand Chakravarty, now in St. Stephen's College, has taken up aero-modelling and pursues it with religious fervour on week-ends.

Founder's

The strange quietude that descended on the Sanawar hill top following the cheering athletic heroes and heroines on Founder's evening was continued in the peace and serenity of the Chapel's interior. Audrey Kemp sat at the organ and after Trevor Kemp had read the words from Ecclesiasticus lxiv, she caressed the manual and the beauty of Wesley's musical setting for the School Anthem welled through the hallo-

wed portals. A link with the past was forged. The words "Let us now praise famous men" were the echo of the Headmaster's prayer at Assembly early that morning when a thanksgiving was uttered for the work and devotion of Sanawar's men and women who had gone before and for the divine inspiration that directed the Founder. The innocent query of a ten-year-old asking if a certain old boy remembered the Founder had something of truth in it. Old and young do remember because the Founder is always part of the Sanawarians' being from the moment they enter the School and through the years that they proudly say, "I am a Sanawarian". We all remembered.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the third, fourth and fifth of October, were the days selected for the Founder's celebrations. Two events were awaited eagerly on the first of these days. The "Preppers" from the Ridge opened the proceedings with a concert and such is the maturing effect of any stage that "Preppers" became adults through the magic of make believe. A flash light photograph of the audience reveals the intense enjoyment on every face in the audience; there was never a dull moment in the two hours' entertainment. The mature psychology in the comment made by young Master Aneesh Bhatia the Babuji in the Hindi play, "Behold this model of womanly virtue," as he indicated his shrewish spouse was a highlight. Its counterpart was found in Felix Graham-Jones saying "Would you mind if I took his place" to an impatient bride awaiting the groom and his determination to do what he liked and how he liked and when he liked. Such was the flexibility of the production that these unrehearsed hilarious interludes fitted into the spirit of Founder's opening day and set the seal for the success of all events that followed.

A silver moon lit a cloudless sky. There were faint shadows cast as its beams projected leafy silhouettes. The evening air was chill as numerous observers took their places on the slopes overlooking Peacestead. The regimental pipe band of the 1st Punjab Regiment from Dagshai disturbed but few of the elves, fairies and gnomes that danced unseen in the shadowy forest. The music ceased amid applause. A whistle blew, and into the beams of arc lights stepped a compact formation of gymnasts. The rhythmic beat of young feet was unaccompanied by any form of music. Compactness gave place to an extended formation of serried ranks of white clad boys intermingled with red clad girls forming a pleasing patriotic pattern. There followed a perfect exposition of drill that forced thunderous applause from every onlooker and if any one performer could be singled out, surely the small boy on the extreme right of the formation's front rank should be considered for pride of place. The searchlights' beams barely reached him but the zest of his performance was typical of the expert tuition given to all.

Other courageous gymnasts, graceful folk and country dancers, brave club-swingers with naked lights, proudly marching bugle bandmen all led up to a finale that climaxed a memorable evening. The skirl of the pipes again added silvery notes to the silver in the moon's shy glances and four long lines of figure marchers entered Peacestead from four points each marcher bearing a coloured lantern. The admiration felt by spectators was voiced in continuous bursts of applause as pattern after pattern was woven on the ground. Marchers halted in groups. The groups limned the four suits in a pack of cards, darkness, another pattern 'SANAWAR, 1847' a swift transformation, 'SANAWAR, 1957' and the School's 110th anniversary was well launched. Producer and participants must be grateful to the coolness of the four leaders, who never put a foot wrong throughout the

intricate performance. Indeed there was magic in the air that night. One forgave, and quietly appreciated, the comment that the 'Fat Boy' was the outline of an 'Old Boy'.

And so through the night to a cloudless dawn that heralded Founder's Day. Barne Hall was packed with Sanawarians young and old and most of the School's Board of Governors. Young voices sang "Land of our Birth". The Headmaster led the prayer of thanksgiving and the Hall was hushed as strange voices penetrated the air through the medium of a tape recorder. Others had remembered and they shared their memories as messages from Old Sanawarians in Hong Kong were reproduced. The air was charged with emotion as their personal representative presented a silver bugle on their behalf to the Head Prefect "for use on high days and holidays" the inscription reading "In gratitude for your determination to perpetuate the Sanawar tradition". There appeared to be more meaning in the words of the School Song sung by all present as Assembly came to an end.

Brushes were swept furiously over boots and brasses as the N. C. C. contingent prepared for the trooping of the Old Colours. Ten o'clock saw a marching column entering 'Peacestead' from the B.D. led by the colourful and smartly uniformed pipers of the 1st Punjab Regiment. A colour party disengaged from the column and came to a halt on its flank as the column was drawn up in line. Cases were removed and the Colours of the Lawrence Royal Military School were seen on parade for the last time. Two Regimental buglers announced the approach of H. E. the Governor of the Punjab, Shri C.P.N. Singh, and the military evolutions of this memorable parade commenced as the Head Boy Malvinder Shergill sought permission from the Governor following an extremely smart salute. A proud father allowed his chest to swell with justifiable pride as his son returned to his place. The band trooped and countermarched. The Escort to the Colours advanced, changed direction and came to a halt before the colour party. Two ensigns advanced and received the Colours, the King's Colour being carried by an Old Sanawarian. The Parade then saluted the Colours and they were lowered slowly in salute as "God Save the Queen" followed by the School Song filled the air. The Colours were then trooped in slow time and resumed position in the parade. The parade advanced in review order, halted and saluted the flag in the National Salute. Immediately, to the tune of Auld Lang Syne the Colours slowly marched away. The parade was dismissed to further duties.

School boys and school girls mingled with parents, visitors and members of the staff to view the many interesting exhibits in the Arts and Crafts sections. Comments, invariably in admiration were passed as the numerous efforts of the children were brought to view. Slowly they passed through the exhibition rooms and gathered again in Barne Hall. The Board of Governors flanked His Excellency on the dais and all members of the staff were there as a background. The assembly then rose when "Auld Land Syne" was sung as an accompaniment to the "Laying up of the Colours". They proceeded slowly along the aisle to the dais where the Headmaster took them into safe custody on behalf of the Lawrence School. They now flank the Founder's portrait in Barne Hall.

The traditional Founder's Day Speech epitomising the work of the School for the preceding twelve months was made by the Headmaster. He revealed a period of success in all fields and gave generous recognition to a loyal and hard working

staff. His Excellency responded with a speech that showed appreciation of all that had been accomplished adding a note of warning regarding the need for the fulfilment of all that a public School, such as Sanawar, was required to achieve.

The Chairman of the Board rose to thank H. E. for his kind words and took this opportunity to explain some of the problems facing the Board and how these were solved successfully.

A prompt start was made at 2-30 p. m. for the finals of the School Athletic Sports. Event followed event in a full programme, no less than eleven records were broken with R. Mountford winning the Victor Ludorum. The Cock House Cup was won by Nilagiri House by one point from Siwalik, its custody being decided on the result of the very last event. The bugle band played the Retreat and it was pleasing to find Mr. Carter's name among the winning athletes, his 100 metres in 6.5 seconds being an all time record for the O. S. race.

A glowing sunset outlined tired figures ascending the many paths leading down to Barnes. The soft notes of the organ played in the Chapel called a few within its walls in fragrant moments of remembrance. Supper tables were cleared, there being little edible that could be cleared, and some members of the staff applied grease paint to their countenances preparatory to the final touches of make-up. There was drama in the offing, spiced with comedy, garnished with thrills.

Tradition was again observed as the Amateur Dramatic Society presented "Some-one at the Door" the play by Dorothy and Christie Campbell produced by the Headmaster. It was a wise choice of play well within the histrionic ability of the versatile players and well within the powers of appreciation of the large and varied audience. This was no caricature. It was honest effort and students will appreciate the kindly efforts of the staff and endear them to their affection for long years to come. Perhaps there may come a time when "Bhuppy" would love to bite a certain pupil's ear or Trevor Kemp to feel like shooting an inveterate 'monkey-nut-eater' but it is certain that boy and girl alike would give anything to see a real embrace of master and mistress when such a scene is called for on the stage. The curtain call showed how much the audience appreciated "Some-one at the Door".

And so on to the last of the three days celebration. Eleven Old Boys faced the School eleven and all twenty-two wielded hockey sticks to good advantage. The O. S. led 2 goals to nil at half time but on resuming, Mountford found the measure of the defence and scored the XI's three goals to win the match. It was rather against the run of the play as the O. S. showed the XI many new things and certainly held the reputation they had built up in school. The tennis match that followed was a prolonged affair with the O. S. girls beating the School.

The Headmaster became host to Old Sanawarians during the Annual Meeting held in his house. Greater scope was given the President in electing members and a new scheme for subscriptions and applications for the Newsletter and the "Sanawarian" were adopted. A complete report on the activities of the Hongkong branch was given by the branch representative. O. S. visiting London were invited to contact Mrs. Tilley.

The School Concert commenced at 4-30 p. m. the first half of the programme being devoted to varying items of Indian dancing, songs in Hindi and brilliant performances of soloists on Indian musical instruments. The pleasing contrast between the

graceful Puja dance and the robust folkdance of Kerala illustrated the versatility of the dancers. One had to admire the high standard of detail that enhanced the beauty of the costumes, the beautiful make-up and the grace and form of the dancers.

Then came the highlight of the day—Tagore's 'Kabuliwala'—a play in Hindi. Such is the wizardry of the author and such was the ability of the players that the play could have been performed in any language and yet could be understood by anyone. New facets in the life of certain members of the cast came as a great surprise to parents watching the show. "I didn't know she had it in her" said one, and how true it seemed when the flashing eyes during the play were held shyly downward at the curtain call. All players gave of their best but it must be held to the credit of "Kabuliwala" himself played by Master Kenneth Maharaj Singh and to the spirit of the School that he left a sick bed and gave a sterling performance with a very high temperature. The School motto was again in evidence.

The formality of the O. S. dinner at 8-30 p. m. did not detract from the spectacle of beautifully dressed young ladies and more formally dressed male escorts. An excellent meal was provided, served with quiet distinction and formed a background for three important speeches. The three loyal toasts were proposed by the Vice-President, Miss Venita Dubey and the oldest Sanawarian present was invited to propose the toast to the Lawrence School. The keynote of his speech was the flowering of the School to nearly full bloom under the guidance of the Headmaster whom he described, "I give this with all the pride that can be given to these words, that the Lawrence School is very fortunate to have found an Indian BARNE". The speaker declared all that remained was to hear the echo of shots fired across the ranges reverberating through the wooded hills of the estate. The response from the Headmaster held a surprise. It was only decided during the School Governors meeting that the School would soon become a "shooting" school again. There was pride in his acceptance of the school's successful year and characteristically he gave the credit to the boys and girls, "After all," he said, "it is their School." The Senior Master proposed the toast to the Old Sanawarian Society and called for greater support in his address. He admitted that he could not put the prosaic subject into the poetical form of the speeches which preceded his. However, his phrase "The time has come for you O. S. to give and not to take", was sheer poetry in its utterance and its impact spelt success immediately.

The failure to obtain a dance band for the Old Sanawarian Dance, nobody's fault, reduced the event to the nature of the time worn "mad night" and everyone had a good time. The novelty dances brought a new interest and an exhibition of "rockin" was given in a tasteful manner by two young ladies from Lovedale. It was quite apparent that the Lawrence School from down under gave more time to the grace of the modern dance than did the Simla Hill venue not only in grace, but in diplomacy as well. A young Lawrencian gallantly referred to his partner, a greying married matron as "Miss" throughout the dance. The age of chivalry has not passed! On into the very small hours, a darkened hall, a reel of film depicting highlights of school activities of the year and a small girl descending the stairs called "Good morning, Sir" in the place of the trite "Good night". A new morning, a new day, a new dawning on another year, a year of greater achievement, a more humble devotion to service and work, a fuller appreciation of the dear Founder's intentions and so what was passed merged in that one greeting with what was to come.

Lest there be a hiatus felt during the Sunday that followed, two coloured films submitted by the Hongkong Sanawarians were screened in the morning. The beauty of the colony of Hongkong was appreciated as was the instructional nature of the study film "The Web of Life". Boys and girls were left with a new war-cry, "Chowkidar sahib!" and for days it would take the place of the Dagroo, "Oh oh Sookar!" Young voices, young ambitions, older dreams, older visions, all intermingled as Founder's 1957 drew to a close. "Let us now praise famous men." They were praised. They were remembered.

Bill Colledge.

Arms and the Man.

On the 19th of October, Upper Five enacted Bernard Shaw's well-known play, 'Arms and the Man'. They were graciously assisted and directed by Mrs. Graham—Jones.

The opening scene showed us that the scenery and stage-setting were splendidly done and that the costumes were well chosen. The story picks up momentum at the beginning of the first scene itself with the news of a battle at Slivnitza won by Sergius (Kenneth Maharaj) who is betrothed to Raina Petkoff (Neena Dubey). We are also introduced to Louka (Asha Nanda), the cheeky little maid. As Raina retires for the night, there enters the intruder who is fleeing for his life. He is a professional soldier but is most contemptuous about war and sees no glory in it. Raina saves him from the hands of an officer (Arun Bhatia) and shelters him for the night.

Peace has come to the Balkans. We find Nicola (Sonny Mehta) the ideal servant laying the table in the garden with the snow-capped Bulgarian mountains in the distance. Nicola is engaged to Louka but Louka's ambitions do not stop there. Major Petkoff (Shyam Kak) and Sergius return from the war. They are greeted warmly by Catherine (Lila Kak) and Raina. There suddenly appears on the scene Captain Bluntschli (Richard Mountford), unmistakably the same midnight intruder in spite of a wash and change of clothes. He is persuaded to stay by Major Petkoff and Sergius who have come to know him as a worthy enemy during the war.

The last scene is set in the much talked-about library. In this scene is revealed the twist in the plot which is barely discernible in the previous scenes. Much to the astonishment of Major Petkoff and the dismay of Catherine, Raina decides to marry Bluntschli, her "chocolate cream soldier". Catherine approves the match when she hears that Bluntschli has come into a fortune. Sergius pairs off with Louka.

The play was presented in the most polished fashion and the acting was uniformly good. Mrs. Graham-Jones and the actors deserve our congratulations for this enjoyable evening considering the little time they had for preparation.

Arun Maira.

Saturday Club Show

Himalaya House Saturday Club Show was held on 9th November in Barne Hall. Punctually at 6-15 p. m. the curtains parted to reveal Aurangzeb breathing his last. His daughter, Zeenat was by his side trying her best to comfort and console the dying emperor. The backdrop was captivating—a beautiful starlit night with the moon in its last quarter. The last moments in the life of this famous Moghul was brought to the stage with such reality that the audience wept with Zeenat as Aurangzeb fainted. Vijay Maniktala as Aurangzeb did his part to perfection. C. S. Cheema as Zeenat did well. Ashok Chawla as the Hakim with a flowing beard

looked his part. Though the play was very well put across, "Aurangzeb's Akhri Raat" appeared to have much the same theme as last year's play. Just before the interval Someresh Mukherji entertained the audience with a couple of songs, accompanied by M. S. Bhagat on the tabla.

"Affinities" a tragical farce in English followed. K. Ranjit Singh as Dawson the servant, was a source of amusement. His limp as well as his actions were well done. Jitender Pal Singh as Harry Sherwood was at home in his role. From the time he was rudely awakened by the servant with the aid of a fly swatter, he delighted the audience with his performance. Lola Macrea (Manjit Singh Anand) as the ravishing beauty with a Gargantuan appetite, who was forcing Edward Richboro (Ashok Seth) to marry her, diverted the audience.

The evening's performance was a fitting conclusion to this year's Saturday Club performances.

Shyam Kumar Kak.

Hockey

The Hockey season began with a Festival Match between the Staff and the First XI on Upper Barnes on 8th October. The First XI scored a run-away victory, 7—0.

The First XI played a practice match against the Staff on 26th October. They won 3—0.

A series of practice matches were played by the First XI against the C. R. I. and other teams from Kasauli.

The annual matches against the Y. P. S., Patiala, were played this year at Patiala on 2nd November. The results were:—

Y. P. S. First XI vs. School First XI (3—1)

Y. P. S. Colts XI vs. School Colts XI (1—0).

Our congratulations to Himalaya and Vindhya on winning the Hockey Cock House Cup for this year. The results were:—

Vindhya	vs.	Himalaya	(3—2)
Nilagiri	vs.	Siwalik	(3—0)
Siwalik	vs.	Vindhya	(2—1)
Himalaya	vs.	Nilagiri	(1—0)
Vindhya	vs.	Nilagiri	(2—0)
Himalaya	vs.	Siwalik	(1—0)

The Hockey Cock House Cup in the Girls' School was won by Siwalik House. Our congratulations.

Films

"Golden Hawk" a tale in technicolour of swashbuckling pirates and dare-devil sea captains was shown on October 1957.

The School saw "The Titfield Thunderbolt" together with a film on this year's Founder's on October 26th.

Calendar

December 2nd	...	School Examinations end.
December 3rd	...	Cambridge Examination end. Film.
December 5th	...	Promotion Meeting Break-up parties
December 6th	...	Prize giving Day Children going with parents leave.
December 7th	...	Term ends—Home Day.

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School News

The School re-opened on March 7th. There have been many new admissions this year of both boys and girls and the total strength of the School is 509 to day.

We were sorry to say good-bye to Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Lall, Mr Hancock, Miss Albuquerque, Miss Sant Singh and Miss Varma who left us at the end of last year.

Mr. Gopala Pillai, Mrs. Hooper, Miss N. Jansen and Mr. Beri are the new members of Staff. We extend a warm welcome to them and hope their stay with us will be a long one.

Mrs. Lyall has been transferred from the Prep. School and is now Housemistress of Nilagiri House in the Girls, School.

The School Prefects had tea with the Headmaster and Mrs. Som Dutt on March 15th

On Sunday, March 16th, the first cricket match of the Season was played between the Headmaster's XI and the School XI.

Congratulations to the following on their being awarded School Colours for 1957.

Hockey:— H. S. Brar, Pradeep Rao, Ashok Seth, Nitya Nand, Preminder Singh.

Soccer:— Amarjit Singh Grewal, Ghanshyam Dass Sood, Ashok Seth, Malvinder Singh, Shergill, Nitya Nand, Preminder Singh.

Cricket:— A. S. Grewal, Preminder Singh, V. K. Gauba, J. P. Singh.

The first hike of the year was organised on 23rd March. A party of sixty five boys, led by Mr. O. P. Sharma, left Sanawar for the Gurkha Fort at 6-15 in the morning. Reaching the pool below Koti, thirty five of the smaller boys stayed behind with Mr. Beri. The others reached Gurkha Fort at 11-45 a. m. They stayed there for an hour and a half and had lunch. Before leaving, they left a message in a bottle for future Sanawarian hikers. They left Gurkha Fort at 1-15 p. m. and reached Sanawar at 5-30 p. m. This was the first venture of the newly-formed Sanawar Hiking Club, which we learn has drawn up an ambitious programme.

On Sunday 30th March another hike was organised. A party of boys numbering about fifty again led by Mr. O. P Sharma went on a hike to Kuthar. Leaving Sanawar at 6-15 in the morning, they reached Kuthar at 9-30, by way of Jubal, Jagjit Nagar, and Shakti Ghat. They spent three hours on the banks of the stream near Kuthar in swimming and fishing.

They returned by a different route and reached Sanawar at 3-45 in the afternoon.

Appointments

The following have been appointed Prefects:—

GIRLS' SCHOOL

Head Girl ... Neena Dubey

School Prefects

Nilagiri ... Neena Dubey
Siwalik ... Asha Nanda
Himalaya ... Anupman D. Singh
Vindhya ... Kum Kum Batra
M. I. Prefect ... Anjana Thadani
Games' Prefect ... Lila Kak
Reading Room Prefect ... Jasbir Kaur

BOYS' SCHOOL

Head Boy ... Richard Mountford

School Prefects

Nilagiri ... { H. S. Kochhar
Sarbjit Lorai
Siwalik ... { Richard Mountford
K. M. Singh
Himalaya ... K. S. Sethi
Vindhya ... { Shyam Kumar Kak
A. K. Marwaha
M. I. Prefect ... Ajit Gaekwad
News Reporter ... Sonny Mehta

Junior Prefects

BOYS' SCHOOL

GIRLS' SCHOOL

Siwalik { S. S. Gaekwad Roop Narang Nilagiri
Arun Bhatia Venita Singh Himalaya
Himalaya { M. S. Bhatia Madhu Mehra Vindhya
S. Mukerji
Nilagiri { A. Bery
A. Malhotra
S. Malhotra
N. P. Dube
Vindhya A. S. Bal

GAMES' CAPTAINS

Cricket ... S. S. Gaekwad
Hockey ... Richard Mountford
Football ... A. K. Marwaha

The following have been elected members of the Spartan club:—

Mala Yadunath Singh	...	Suresh Mullick
Ashok Seth	...	Ghanshyam Dass
Nitya Nand		

Miss Sudershan Sehgal helped with the Chemistry Classes prior to Mr. Beri's arrival in March.

The Senior English Society met in Barne Hall on March 22nd.

The Senior Hindi Society met on Saturday, March 29th.

The School Certificate Examination results.

First	Second
A. K. Chawla	B. S. Ahluwalia
M. S. Grewal	H. S. Brar
Y. S. Kadan	S. C. Chadha
Anjon Mehra	V. K. Chopra
A. K. Nehru	Biman Dhar
Y. S. Panwar	H. S. Dhillon
Pradip Rao	A. S. Grewal
R. P. S. Sangha	Ravi Khanna
Gurvirinder Singh	V. K. Maniktala
Nitya Nand Singh	Vijay Nair
Jaya R. Krishen	D. S. Sihota
Third	Preminder Singh
M. S. Anand	V. K. Soi
V. K. Gauba	G. D. Sood
M. S. Shergill	R. S. Virk
Veer Amol Singh	Asha Dhawan
Jatinderpal Singh	Satinder Kaur
K. Ranjit Singh	
Usha Nihal Singh	

There were three failures

Old Sanawarian News

We extend our hearty congratulations to Mr. N. K. S. Rao, Brijinder Singh Bala and Tripat Bhalla who were married during the winter holidays. We wish them all a long and prosperous married life.

We acknowledge the telegram received from the O. S. in Lucknow wishing us "All the best for 1958"

Subhash Dua writes to say that he visited the Military Tattoo in Delhi recently along with Ashok Seth, Vijaya Gauba and Pradeep Soneja. He says ".....the same exercises, to the same tune, in the same dress; one could almost feel the cold breeze that blows across Peacestead on an October evening".

Nitya Nand who has joined a college in Khatmandu writes from there to say that he hopes to join St. Stephen's College in July. His address in Khatmandu is c/o Major General Sarda Nand Singh, Indian Military Mission, Khatmandu NEPAL.

Mohinderjit Singh Grewal who has also joined a college provisionally writes to say, "I am really missing Sanawar a lot. It is so boring here in Ambala. When are the Senior Cambridge results coming out? You can imagine the anxiety we are undergoing."

Vikram Soni who has given up tea planting in the High Ranges of Kerala State, writes from Calcutta to say that he is on the look out for another job. He writes, "I bumped-literally-into K. K. Soi the other afternoon and he certainly shook me. K. K. Soi has put on a lot of weight, whether it is due to over eating or weight lifting, I cannot say. But he was always keen on his food, wasn't he? I also saw Biman Dhar but I did not recognise him as he was not the

big hulking brute that he is now while he was at School." He concluded by saying that the O. S. in Calcutta were trying to form an O. S. Society there. He had the audacity to suggest that the School should contribute the necessary capital.

Asha Dhawan and Satinder Kaur joined Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow in January.

Jaya Rani Krishen is at St. Bede's in Simla.

We would like to offer our good wishes to Sudershan Sehgal on her forthcoming marriage on April 23rd.

Congratulations to Ramesh C. Mehra on his engagement.

Cricket

It was a bright sunny Sunday morning—the 16th of March. The bank was crowded with spectators eagerly waiting for the Festival Match to begin. The proceedings started with Umpire Ameet Merchant chasing Mr. Sinha's straw hat. Soon afterwards the Staff XI came out to field after having lost the toss. After two early set backs the First XI settled down to some quick run-making. Sangram Singh hit all around the wicket and piled up 73 runs in 116 minutes. H. S. Kochhar hit a cautious 22 while Baldev Dua made a painstaking 20. Ajit Gaikwad, showing little respect for the Staff bowling, compiled a breezy 39. The First XI were all out for 218. Mr. Saleem Khan captured 6 for 97 and Mr. Mundkur 4 for 82.

The Staff XI came into bat shortly after lunch. Except for Mr. Saleem Khan's quick 20 it was more or less a procession. Richard Mountford with 3 for 15 and Kenneth Maharaj Singh with 3 for 19 were the main agents of destruction. The Staff XI were all out for 65.

Following on, the Staff XI tried valiantly to stave off an innings defeat. But it was a repetition of the first innings debacle. At close of play they had made 30 for 8. Richard Mountford took 5 for 5. The match thus ended in a draw.

K. Vartak.

A practice match was played on 23rd March. The scores were:—

Staff XI	141 (Mr. Saleem Khan 66, Mr. Kemp
1st Innings	29, Ajit Gaikwad 5 for 26)

School XI	146 (Sangram Singh 33, Ashok Mar-
1st Innings	waha 22, Mr. Saleem Khan 5 for 56)

The School XI won by 5 runs.

A practice mach was played on 30th March on Upper Barnes. The scores were:—

Staff XI—144.	(Mr. Kemp 54, Ajit Gaekwad
1st innings	4 for 51 Balwant Patel 3 for 21).

First XI—65	(Mr. Mundkur 7 for 24)
1st innings	

The Staff XI won by 70 runs.

The Adventure Camp

The Adventure Camp was held at the N.D.A., Kharakvasla, early this year. This camp, sponsored by Mr. Arnold Brown, who was formerly the Principal of one of the three Outward Bound schools in

England, aimed to produce young boys with initiative, leadership, presence of mind and consequently good character. To say that the camp was successful, would be under-estimating the course. We received all possible help from the Academy and Major Mackeen was specially detailed to help in the organisation and to act as liaison officer. We received training from the sailors who also had very kindly volunteered to help us.

Eight Public Schools participated, sending one master and two boys each. This made a small but jolly crowd of 25. We pitched our tents, one fine day on Peacock Bay just a few yards away from the lake. Then began the training. The yachts on the lake were in frequent use. We learnt sailing in these yachts and this was thoroughly enjoyable. Lectures on Improvisation, First Aid, Camping and other similar subjects were given. A special course in Map Reading was given which was followed by a long trek during which we passed through certain villages and areas completely new to us, with the aid of the map and the compass.

A similar activity was arranged when we were divided into two parties—'bootleggers' and 'the police'. The chief of the 'bootleggers' was to sell his liquor on Sinharh fort and thereby obtain the money for his daughter's dowry. The 'police' who had been informed of this were planning to catch 'the bootleggers' red-handed and to obtain promotions there by. The evening before the 'raid' we were taken to the other side of the lake where we camped at the foot of the Sinharh fort. The 'bootleggers', meanwhile had camped on the other side of the fort. At night watch-parties were appointed and spy-parties dispatched by both sides. The next day at the crack of dawn began the tiring climb to Sinharh fort. The 'police' however managed to catch the 'bootlegger' while in the act of committing the crime.

On the final night was the camp fire. Major General Habibullah, Commandant of the Academy, was the guest of honour. The function included colourful items and practically all the members of the camp participated. Thus we came to the end of the twelve-day Adventure Camp, which, to say the least, was eminently successful.

Kenneth Maharaj Singh.

Senior English Society

The first meeting of the Senior English Society was held in Barne Hall on 22nd March. The subject for the evening's debate was that English should be retained as the national language of India.

The speakers for the motion were numerically weak. They were Kenneth Maharaj Singh, Lila Kak, Arun Maira and Ashok Marwaha. They argued that no government in the world could force a language on its people. This, according to them, was what the Government of India was doing. They said that this was no way to build up a national language. By throwing out English, we would be foregoing a vast treasure house of literature and science. In fact we would be putting the hands of the clock back two hundred years and more. English was an international language and therefore very important in the modern world. We would find it hard to move with the times without the aid of English. Besides it was a fully developed language whereas Hindi was not. The adoption of Hindi as the national language had also caused political unrest. The people in the South did not want Hindi and there was even talk of separation if Hindi was imposed on

them. These speakers argued that we should not quarrel among ourselves and lead the country into ruin by the hasty and thoughtless imposition of Hindi as a national language.

The speakers against the motion were numerous. They were Nina Dubey, Richard Mountford, Arun Bhatia, Shyam Kak, K. S. Oberoi, Amarjit Singh and M. S. Bhagat. They said that every country worth its salt had a national language and India was the only major country without one. National character depended on the national language. If we adopted English as the national language then we would not only lose our Indian culture and heritage but would also take something entirely foreign to our national character. Very few people in India knew English but the vast majority understood Hindi. It would be unfortunate if we allowed the minute English-speaking minority to preside over the destinies of the overwhelming majority. As for literature and science, a language could not grow overnight. Hindi must be allowed to grow up and take the place of English. Russia and China, Germany and Japan had progressed in the scientific field without any help from the English scientific vocabulary. In the same way we also could forge ahead with the help of Hindi only. These speakers asked whether we should retain English just to please a few or adopt Hindi and save our national pride and prestige.

The motion was then put to vote and was defeated most decisively.

Malti Varma.

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My Impressions of Ceylon

As the aircraft by which I was travelling began circling over Colombo I got the impression that the landscape round Colombo was picturesque. The city itself seemed a complete green in which the grey roads seemed like ribbons and red roof tops like flowers. I had expected Colombo to be a city full of tall buildings like Bombay but in Colombo I rarely found a building over three storeys high. The city is very well laid out and clean. Each building has a well kept lawn and the pattern of the city as seen from the air was pleasing to the eye.

After a month's stay in Colombo I went to Kandy. The seventy-two mile drive to Kandy is through coconut and rubber estates. The road twists and turns like a corkscrew. About four miles from Kandy are the Botanical Gardens of Ceylon at a place known as Peradiniya. These gardens cover an area of about twelve square miles and I found them very fascinating. These gardens had practically every type of plant known to the world.

Kandy is a medium sized town at a height of about two thousand feet. It is famous for its pentagon-shaped temple in which is preserved the Buddha's tooth. This temple is known as "the Temple of the Tooth". In this temple every year in April the Parihara (the procession of elephants) takes place. The elephants are gaily decorated. Dancing and singing accompany them as they proceed majestically down the road.

From Kandy the way to Nuwara Eliya is forty miles and passes through tea estates. Nuwara Eliya is the popular hill station of Ceylon. I found beautiful bungalows near the lake. This place reminded me of Gulmarg in Kashmir. Nuwara Eliya is a place much frequented by foreign visitors.

In the latter part of my holidays I went to Ceylon's ancient capital Anuradhapura. The tourist's guide book praises it for its ancient art and architecture. But I do not think that any one who has been to Ajanta and Ellora would be impressed. Anuradhapura, unlike the other towns in Ceylon, appeared dirty and ill-kept.

Trincomalee is a beautiful natural harbour, one of the loveliest in the East. It is surrounded by hillocks, all of which are heavily forested. This harbour is so sheltered that the water in the harbour scarcely ripples. I thought Trincomalee a naval base with great natural charm in spite of its modern strategic importance.

One of the best drives in Ceylon is the coastal one. It is a 250 mile drive all along the coast ending at the Wild Life Sanctuary of Yala. The sea on the western coast of India is a dirty brown but along Ceylon's coast it was completely blue. This drive which is shaded by palm trees is really enchanting and though I have been along this drive before I never get tired of its charm.

As the plane left Ceylon and the coast line receded behind us I was quite pleased with my short stay in Ceylon. I found this small island to be really "the Pearl of the East".

Shyam Kak.

New Admissions

The following have joined this term:—

Boys

Gautam Vohra	Kuldip Singh Sidhu
M. M. Singh Tanwar	Ram Gopal
Pradip Sethi	Rajinder Singh
Ajit Singh Mann	Inderjit Singh
Sukhjot Singh	Rajiv Mehra
Jaimini Randev	Ashwani Kumar Marwaha
Ashok Sabhlok	Man Mohan Sinha
M. Singh Sekhon	Karaninder Singh
Ranjit Singh	Om Prakash
Amarjit Singh Takhar	Rajiv Thapar
Pushp Inder Singh Sahi	Rakesh Sood
Aniket Vohra	Pradip Kumar M. Patel
Sidharath Grover	Sudhir Manubhai Patel
Jaspal Singh Randhawa	Shirish
Subhash Chander	Prabhat Chand Thakur
Avinash Chander Kohli	Ashwini Rande
Deepak Manchanda	Anil Soneja
Viney Mohan Mehra	Veiveck Nair
Ravi Kumar Mehra	Arun Surya
Harshvardhan Sharma	Harjit Singh
Baba Sarabjot Singh Bedi	Sarup Singh
Anand G. Singh Pathania	Raghavan Kapur
Raj Kumar Taneja	Prem Parkash Bath
Paramjit Singh Takhar	K. Narinderjeet Singh
Lokesh Kaushal	Sajan Kashyap
Paramjit I. K. Singh	Ajai Singh
Sunil Sikand	Ashok Kumar Saxena
Harpreet Singh Sandhu	Paratha Sarathi Biswas
Sangram Singh	Ravi Saran Singh
Daljit Singh	Darshanjeet Singh

Girls

Mandeep Bolina	Usha Chowdhary
Gita Narendra Nath	Nina Sinha
Kum Kum Das	Harpinder Kaur Gill
Ayesha Ali Baig	Sudha Rani
Prabha Rani	Sukhjinder Kaur Gill
Latika Tatwawadi	Aruna Sobti
Sunita Malgonkar	Kiran Samal
Shan Bir Grewal	Nila Rudra
Paran Bir Grewal	Anita Sobti
Sukhjiwan Kaur Dhillon	Tapan Prova Bain
Indira Surya	Kamini Kaushal
Asha Bery	Sudipta Dutta
Neeraja Kapur	Sheila Kar
Manju Sood	

Films

On March 9th the School gathered in Barne Hall for the first film of the year "The Cattle Queen of Montana" along with a side reel. It was loudly acclaimed.

A Hindi film, "Pariwar" was screened on March 23rd

"Jaldeep" was shown on Sunday, March 30th. It was enjoyed by most as were the educational reels which followed it after an interval of fifteen minutes.

Letters to the Editor.

To,
The Editor,
Sanawar Newsletter

Dear Sir,

May I bring to the notice of your reading public a glaring difference between our Newsletter and the publications of other Public Schools in the matter of criticism of plays and other performances in the School. In the publications of other Public Schools one usually finds a greater freedom and frankness. This, however, seems to be sadly lacking in our Newsletter where there seems to be a tendency to ignore our shortcomings and weaknesses instead of bringing them into the open. I hope that in the future issues this difference will be made good.

yours etc.

D. R. A. Mountford
Sixth form

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School News

Monday, April 7th was a holiday. In the evening there was a Social organised by the Sixth Form.

Himalaya House staged the first performance of the year of the Saturday Club.

For the Foundation Day picnic on April 15th the Senior School went to a spot 5½ miles away from Sanawar on the road to Sabathu.

The Prep School and a few of the younger children from the Senior School pic-niced at Eagles' Nest.

The Inter-House Hockey Matches in the Girls' School commenced on April 17th and concluded on April 19th. Congratulations to Vindhya House on winning the Cup.

The Geography Society met in Barne Hall 19th.

Mr. Arnol Brown, Principal of the Hyderabad Public School paid us a week's visit last month.

The First Mark Reading of the year was held on April 23rd.

Ajai Singh Mehta has been appointed House Prefect (Siwalik).

A panel of three Inspectors Dr. Bhan, Dr. Pires and Mr. Sang, inspected the School on April 28th and 29th. There was a Hindi debate at 2-30 p.m. on April 29th. On the same day at 6-15 p.m. a Concert was staged in Barne Hall. The School was granted a holiday on April 30th by the Inspectors.

The Inter-House Cricket matches in the B. D. were played in the last week of April. Congratulations to Nilagiri House and Siwalik House on sharing the Cup.

The Headmaster attended the Indian Public Schools' Headmasters Conference at Delhi in the third week of April.

Old Sanawarian News

Gita Bery, Gurvirinder Singh and Pradeep Rao visited the School last month.

Some members of Staff, the Head Boy and Head Girl attended Sudershan Sehgal's wedding reception at Kasauli on April 24th.

Asha Dhawan has joined the Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow. She writes. "I should have written this letter of thanks much earlier. It is rather difficult to write a letter of thanks when there is so much to thank you all about. Everything that I have learnt and all that I now am is entirely due to what Sanawar has done for me. I feel that my gratitude cannot be fully expressed through a mere letter." She informs us that she has taken up History, Geography and Psychology along with the compulsories English and Hindi, as her subjects for the Intermediate examination.

Letters of thanks were also received from Biman Dhar and Harishpal Dhillon.

Yeshvir Singh Kadan and Anjon Mehra are now at the Mayo College, Ajmer. We hear that they are taking a keen interest in all the extra-curricular activities like debates, photography, hiking etc.

Daljit Singh Sihota writes from Poona to say. "Life here is pretty good but nothing compared to what it was at Sanawar, with the daily scoldings, weekly pictures and monthly socials".

K. M. Verma wrote us the other day from Kharakvasla to say that he is getting on well at the Academy. He hopes to pay us a visit in June.

Ashok Chawla has joined the La-Martiniere College, Lucknow for the time being.

Suresh Mullick writes from Delhi and makes a suggestion for the Newsletter. He writes. "Why don't you regularly publish extracts from the back numbers of the Sanawarian. I remember reading about the foundation stone laying ceremony of the Birdwood School in one of last year's issues. I am sure that this will serve as a reminder to all Sanawarians that there was a Sanawar before their time too." (We shall try—the Editors.)

Saturday Club Show

The first Saturday Club Show of the year was staged by Himalaya House on 12th April in Barne Hall. The evening's programme began with a colourful and lively Punjabi folk dance—the Bhangra—performed enthusiastically by M. S. Bhagat and his 'troupe'. This was followed by a one-act play in English—"Bohemian Life"—staged by the Himalaya juniors. Their performance was praiseworthy but I feel that inaudible voices marred their earnest efforts. Next we had the pleasure of hearing Samaresh Mukherji at his best. He was accompanied on the tabla by M.S. Bhagat. Next came a one-act play in English—"The Blank Cartridge"—by

by the senior boys. Vijay Khanna, as the stout prosperous gentleman whose passion for hunting proved rather expensive, was outstanding. His was a remarkable performance which contributed mainly towards the success of the play. Y. S. Rautela and S.S. Chahal, though inaudible at times, were adequate. I. S. Gill and J. S. Man as the female characters provided a striking contrast to their male counterparts. This was followed by a magic performance by Abhey Yograj. He displayed his conjuring talents in a convincing fashion. Y. P. Sharma as his assistant revealed considerable physical strength. This item was a novel idea and proved an unqualified success. The last item was a one-act play in Hindi—"Lakshmi ka swagat". Samarsh Mukherji as the father whose young son is on his death-bed, gave a masterly portrayal. He interpreted a difficult role successfully. Brijinder Singh and C. S. Cheema as his parents who thought that marriage was the best solution to their son's problems, also deserve favourable mention.

Thus we came to the end of an enjoyable evening during which the Himalayans had provided a varied and interesting fare.

D. R. A. Mountford

Foundation Day Picnic

The bugle sounded for fall-in after breakfast. Unlike the previous years, a host of budding Sanawar hikers swarmed over the pavement eagerly jostling each other in their hurry to be off. There was no impatient Prefect shouting "Hurry up." For the picnic spot for this year's Foundation Day Picnic had been changed from Dagroo to the Broken Bridge. The Advance Party set off and we followed them at a brisk pace. We were joined by the girls at the Bakery. Leaving the School gates behind us we took the shady path which led us past the much-maligned Lover's Pool and on to the bridle path to Subathu. We started descending rapidly. The path winding through the pines soon became hot and dusty. The sun had begun to peep inquisitively through the foliage and beam genially at our pranks. As we went further down, the heat was gradually increasing. So, when the girls produced water-bottles we thanked their house-wifely instincts and drank our fill. Feeling refreshed, we decided to provide the vocal accompaniment for the "Big Noise" jazz band. Villagers came out to stare at the curious procession making funny noises. Thus we proceeded merrily on our way till we suddenly reached the picnic spot. The road ended abruptly where the bridge had been washed away. Where once a mighty river had flowed, now there meandered a mountain stream. We found ourselves in a deep valley surrounded on all sides by steep cliffs. There was not much shade. We went downstream and found some natural pools where some of us went in for a swim. I took out my accordion and began playing. Soon I had to stop playing as we all heard that most melodious tune for a hungry man—the Cook House Bugle Call. Lunch consisted of roast chicken, potatoes, bread and salad. We settled down in a shady spot and attacked the food. After lunch we went upstream. To explore, I selected a quiet spot for my afternoon nap. Soon my friends found me and woke me up. We all sang and made merry till the bugle for tea went. For tea we had cake, bread and oranges. Being an O. S. I bullied others into giving me extras. After tea and roll call we started on our weary trudge back to Sanawar. It was a stiff climb all the way. We finally reached Sanawar by six o'clock. All of us were thinking of hot baths and comfortable beds.

Gurvinder Inder
Old Sanawarian

Tea-planting in South India

I have been a planter for over a year now and have had some strange experiences. Some have been a little frightening, some annoying, some embarrassing and some when you come to think of it down right funny.

I had been out just a week and was beginning, I thought, to know something about tea. I was with conductor-overseer and saw some foliage which I thought the pluckers had forgotten to take. I pointed this out to the conductor and asked him to remove it. He turned to me with a pained and hurt look and said "But sir, we don't pluck weeds—that is not tea." But to save my face he uprooted it and gave the mazdoors a severe ticking off. If you think it was doltish of me after a week to make such a mistake, wait till you hear the story of the assistant who had been out some weeks. When asked what some bushes were by the general manager he promptly said "tea". The story goes that five minutes later he was shown some tea bushes and on being asked promptly said "That's coffee".

Language and customs here are so different from those up North that they too can produce some funny episodes. I still remember the time when I learning my first words of Tamil. I met an old semi-blind man who said some thing to me. He pointed at his eyes and then at the tea and then held up his right hand, with five fingers up, six times. I naturally thought he was begging and gave him change I had. He seemed to get annoyed at this and said something in a much louder voice. (The Tamils always get louder when you don't understand them). He held up his fingers one by one and counted up to thirty. By this time a largish crowd had gathered so I decided to beat it. After all it is not my fault that a chap was blind and had thirty children. Even for here that seemed too big a figure to be true. Later, on enquiry from my conductor, I discovered that the 'blind old beggar' was an active mazdoor who had been in service for thirty years and on going blind had been given supervisory work on compassionate grounds.

A week before Xmas day I made my most costly mistake. The local bazar man came up to me with two turkeys and asked me if I wanted them. After rapid mental calculations I decided that they were beyond my budget and said I was sorry but I could not have them. He looked very sad and hurt and went into voluble Tamil which I didn't understand a word of. Finally I explained to him that much as I would have loved turkey I couldn't eat it as it was against my religion. As a compensation however I took two chickens and he seemed very happy. It was only later when explaining to a friend how cunning I had been that I discovered that the joke was on me and that the turkeys were a present. I'm busy just now throwing hints to the bazar man that I've changed my religion. I hope it works.

But I digress, let me get back to tea. We are at an elevation which varies between 4000—7000 feet. The tea is planted on the hill slopes in a sort of contour fashion. The tea planted in rows of bushes 4'x4' is plucked by women (we are supposed to pluck only two leaves and a bud but during rush seasons it's usually about six leaves and may be a bud) and to keep it at two leaves and a bud we pluck at ten day intervals. I mean to say that there is plucking every day, but that the same bush is only plucked every ten days.

The leaf is weighed and sent into the factory by tractors in racks of 50 lbs. In the factory it is first withered, i. e. the moisture is removed. This is done by keeping it in lofts for a period of 18 hours

or more and when the weather is bad it is dried by the help of fans which hot air in.

When the leaf is sufficiently withered, and the test for this is when a bundle will roll up into a ball and slowly open out when taken in the hand. It is then taken through chutes to the rolling room. Here a series of big rollers (capacity 500 lbs) roll and break the leaf up. This brings out the juice. Every half hour the rolled leaf is passed over a roll breaker (rather like one of the Sanawar beds in perpetual motion) which separates the well rolled or fine leaf from the big or 'bulk' leaf. The bulk is put back and the whole process is repeated ad infinitum till there is no leaf left. The fines that come out are taken into a big room for the next stage This is fermentation. In this room we leave the green rolled leaf and it starts changing colour to a lovely bronze shade. This process starts actually in the rollers when the leaf is broken and the oxalic acid starts to get oxidized. After about three hours the leaf moves to its next stage—firing. It is only now that the tea takes a shape which has any resemblance to what you see in packets. The tea is fired in large machines through which hot air blows at about 200F. When it comes out it is ready for the next stage—shifting. Here it goes through numerous machines with different sized meshes, is crushed and cut and finally racked out into the various grades. Of these the more common are Broken Orange Pekoe (BOP) Orange Pekoe (OP) Broken Pekoe (BP) the respective fanning (smaller than the true grade) and the various kinds of dusts. We ship these teas wholesale to the blenders who mix various kinds to give you the different varieties of tea. A cup of tea that you drink may have tea from 50 or more estates.

Vikram Soni
Old Sanawarian

A Trip to Chandigarh

We proceeded after an early breakfast on the morning of 6th April, while the rest of the School was locked in slumber.

Our lunch and evening tea were neatly packed in a large basket which the B. D. Head Cook had kindly consented to part with. By 10 O' clock, the good old School truck, wheezing and groaning under the weight of 30 Siwalikans, arrived at Chandigarh. Praveen Sharma had kept his melodious voice active throughout the trip and we felt relieved when he announced that he was out of breath. We went to the High Court. There were no regular flights of stairs to take one to the top, but slanting concrete pathways. From the top of the huge controversial structure, we looked down upon Chandigarh spread out before us with its maze of new-fangled constructions. Inside the High Court building, there was always a cool breeze, though the sun outside was beating down with a fierce intensity. Many of the walls were built with mashed paper for sound-proofing. We also saw a Court in session. Next to the High Court and equally massive and modern in appearance stood the Secretariat. From the Secretariat we went to "Kwality's" to quench our thirst. After consuming a triple Sundae, we set out to inspect the market. There were no enormous departmental stores but rows of small neat shops. After window-shopping for a while we sent to the huge artificial lake. Once again the blazing sun drove us to our favourite haunt. We consumed a Tutti Frutti this time. Then we went round the town. There was not much traffic. The broad, well laidout streets were mostly deserted. We left at 3-30 and had our tea under the shady trees of the Pinjore Gardens. The drive back was very pleasant. Presently we sighted the red roof-tops of Sanawar nestling among the pines.

Arun Bhatia

A Hike to Simla

It was Saturday the 3rd May. Lunch rations and kit were hurriedly jammed into their respective places. In an equally hurried fashion we jammed ourselves into our respective places in the school truck which took us as far as Dharampur. From there we went to Subathu by bus. After having our tea, we set out for the Iron Bridge which was to be our camping site for the night. The walk down to the Iron Bridge was very pleasant. On the way we tried to recognise the various birds, flowers and trees.

On reaching the Iron Bridge, which was situated in a beautiful valley, parties set out in all directions to choose a good site for camping. We finally decided to make camp on an open plateau beyond the bridge. We collected piles of firewood for the camp fire. After supper we built a roaring fire and sang many songs. Guards had been appointed previously and so right through the night a ceaseless vigil was kept. As it was rather cold most of us spent the night near the fire.

We broke camp early next morning and started on our long trek to Simla. The walk to Mamlig, where we had our breakfast, was very enjoyable. But the next stretch upto Braihri, where we had our lunch, was most tiring. It was very hot and there was hardly any shade. After lunch and spot of rest near a spring, we started on the steep climb to Jutogh. We reached Simla at about 5 o'clock in the evening.

We were staying at the Y. M. C. A. which is situated favourably as three theatres and Kwality's were only a few yards away. The next morning, we set out for Chadwick Falls which is about seven miles from Simla. It was an enchanting spot and we enjoyed the picnic. That evening we went to the pictures after which Mr. Badal Roy, who was previously with us at Sanawar, joined us for dinner. The next morning, we all roamed up and down the Mall. After a hurried lunch, we managed to catch the train bound for Dharampur. The journey in the train was enjoyable. We reached Dharampur to find the school truck waiting for us. We all hopped into it and soon were back in school.

Arun Maira

School Concert

We put up the first School Concert of the year before the Inspection team who visited us late last month. The evening's programme began in the traditional way with the singing of the National Anthem. The first item was Raag Kedar played by the School Orchestra. Considering the fact that there were many newcomers to the Orchestra, the rendering of the raag was praiseworthy. Next the senior girls performed a folk dance from Kerala—'the Thiruvathira'. This was followed by a folk song from Bihar which livened up the audience. The Prep School then entertained us with a few nursery rhymes which they recited with great zest. "Lakshmi ka swagat" was staged next. It repeated the success which it had earned a fortnight back. After an interval of ten minutes, the Prep School Percussion Band played the Boy Scouts' March. After this came the highlight of the evening's programme. It was a skit in Hindi—"Inspector ki report". The theme of of the play was the inspection of a school. Everyone acted well. Particular mention must be made of Maharaj Singh who played the role of a nervous teacher, very realistically. Dr. Bhan, the leader of the Inspection team, then spoke a few words after which we sang the School Song.

Lila Kak

Inter House Cricket

The following are the positions in the Inter-House Cricket league:—

I	Nilagiri & Siwalik	... 12½ points
III	Himalaya & Vindhya	... 5 points

Siwalik vs. Vindhya

Siwalik	111 (Sangram Singh 50, A.K. Marwaha 6 for 46)
Vindhya	117 (A.S. Bedi 22, Shyam Kak 32, Arun Pandya 24 not out, Ajit Gaikwad 5 for 53)
Siwalik	94 for 5 wkts. declared (Sangram Singh 57, A.K. Marwaha 3 for 42)
Vindhya	25 for 7 wkts. (R. Mountford 4 for 4)

Himalaya vs. Nilagiri

Nilagiri	69 (A.S. Butalia 6 for 10)
Himalaya	69 (D.S. Hazuria 21, B.R. Patel 4 for 32)
Nilagiri	113 (D.J. Pradhan 27, S.S. Bhardwaj 22, A.S. Butalia 4 for 27)
Himalaya	58 (Tejpal Choudhary 5 for 19)

Himalaya vs. Vindhya

Himalaya	138 (M.S. Bhagat 26, D.S. Hazuria 38, 8 for 51)
Vindhya	90 (Shyam Kak 21, A.S. Butalia 6 for 12)
Himalaya	70 (K.S. Seth 23, S. Mukherji 21, Arun Pandhya 4 for 16)
Vindhya	59 for 9 wkts. (S. Butalia 3 for 9)

Siwalik vs. Nilagiri

Siwalik	226 for 6 wkts. declared (Maharaj Singh 66, G.S. Brar 31, Sangram Singh 70 not out B.R. Patel 4 for 71)
Nilagiri	154 (H.S. Kochhar 27, N.P. Dube 41, Maharaj Singh 5 for 30)

Siwalik vs. Himalaya

Himalaya	62 (K.S. Sethi 21, R. Mountford 3 for 17)
Siwalik	108 for 6 wkts. declared (Sangram Singh 55, Brinjender Singh 4 for 21)
Himalaya	27 (R. Mountford 6 for 8)

Vindhya vs. Nilagiri

Vindhya	(A.K. Marwaha 47, B.R. Patel 6 for 52)
Nilagiri	158 (H.S. Kochhar 98 not out, A.K. Marwaha 8 for 71)
Vindhya	110 for 5 wkts. (A.K. Marwaha 61 not out, B.R. Patel 3 for 42)

Siwalik with Sangram Singh, R. Mountford Ajit Gaekwad and two more candidate for the School XI, should have won the Cricket Cup easily. But they had to share it with Nilagiri. Vindhya managed to get the all important first innings lead-6 runs. In the second innings Siwalik went all out for runs and scored 94 in 65 minutes, leaving Vindhya 45 minutes batting time. At one stage Vindhya had lost 4 wickets for 6 runs and it looked as if Siwalik might bring off a remarkable win. But Vindhya managed to survive. I think Siwalik should have declared their second innings earlier.

In a low scoring match, Nilagiri scored an out right win against Himalaya. In the first innings both sides scored 69 runs. In the second innings Nilagiri scored 113 and got Himalaya out for 58 with 40 minutes to spare.

The Siwalikans were taking no chances in their match against Nilagiri. They piled up 226 runs. Sangram with 70 not out and Maharaj Singh with 66 were the main scorers. Nilagiri batted stubbornly for more than three and a half hours and managed to save the follow on. Siwalik had to be content with the first innings points.

Vindhya spoiled all their chances of winning the Cricket Cup, by careless batting and bad fielding against Himalaya. They allowed Himalaya to score 138 and then got out for 90. In the second innings Himalaya were out for 70, thus leaving Vindhya to get 118 runs in one hour. The Vindhya batsman threw away their wickets unnecessarily. When the last over was bowled Vindhya had lost 9 wickets for 59 runs.

Against Siwalik, Himalaya scored 62 runs in the first innings Siwalik declared after scoring 108 for 7 wickets and skittled Himalaya out for 27—the lowest score in the Inter House Cricket league. Siwalik was too strong for Himalaya.

In a match of changing fortunes, Nilagiri got the first innings lead against Vindhya. They thus managed to share the Cricket Cup with Siwalik. Vindhya scored 117 runs in the first innings. Nilagiri began very badly. 8 wickets were down for 78 runs. Two wickets to fall and 40 runs to score. Things looked bleak indeed for Nilagiri. Then came a match-winning partnership for the 9th wicket between H. S. Kochhar and S. Lorai. Kochhar made a courageous 98 not out and was very unlucky to miss his hundred. The 9th wicket added 76 runs.

Summing up the performances in this year's Inter House Cricket league matches we saw some consistently good batting by Sangram Singh (50, 57, 70 not out and 55), one brilliant knock by H. S. Kochhar (98 not out), some good bowling by R. Mountford but the fielding standard was very poor or should I say appalling. Many a match is won by a smart return by a fielder or one or more brilliant catches. But apart from Shyam Kak of Vindhya no one seemed to be interested in fielding. Partly the spectators are to be blamed. A fielder manages to stop a ball with his foot and he is greeted with "well fielded". Another drops a sitter and the sympathetic bank shout "well tried". It is a pity to see boys of 15 and 16 behaving like gouty old gentlemen in the field. They can't move quickly or bend down in time for a catch.

Mr. Saleem Khan

Barne Memorial Cricket Match

The scores of the Barne Memorial Cricket match which was played on Upper Barnes on 6th May are given below:—

The Headmaster's XI	104 (R.K. Kaul 30, Mr. Mundkur 26, Ajit Gaekwad 4 for 41)
School XI	97 (Sangram Singh 37, Mr. Salim Khan 5 for 38, Mr. Mundkur 5 for 38)
The Headmaster's XI	139 (Mr. Salim Khan 29, Mr. Mundkur 54, B.R. Patel 4 for 30)
School XI	103 for 5 wkts. (Sangram Singh 35, Ajit Gaekwad 27 not out)

Films

"Son of Sinbad" was shown on April 6th It was in Technicolor and greatly enjoyed.

On April 13th some very interesting educational films were shown.

The School saw some cartoons on April 20th.

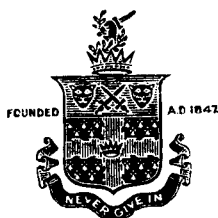
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School News

A party of boys and girls accompanied by Miss Joshi and Mr. Kemp left for Lovedale on 2nd May to attend the centenary celebrations of our sister institution there. They returned on 24th May.

There was a mid-term break from 3rd May to 6th May. A number of hikes and outings were arranged.

On 6th May the Barne Memorial Match was played. In the evening there was a buffet dinner on the pavement outside the boys' dining hall.

The annual Second XI fixture against B. C. S., Simla was played at Simla. The Second XI won by 51 runs. The First XI fixture against B. C. S., Simla was played at Sanawar on 10th and 11th May. The First XI won by 151 runs. Our congratulations to both the teams on the magnificent double victory.

The Senior English Society held a Mock Parliament in Barne Hall on 10th May.

A social arranged by the Sixth Form was held in Barne Hall on 12th May.

The First XI defeated Y. P. S., Patiala by 7 wickets.

Siwalik House staged their Saturday Club show on May 17th.

A Festival Soccer match between the Staff and the First XI was played on 19th May. The First XI won 2—1.

A party of boys from the Modern School, Delhi visited us in the last week of May. They played the First XI at Soccer and lost 4—2.

A meeting of the History Society was held in Barne Hall on 24th May.

The Inter-House Boxing bouts were held in Gaskell Hall from 26th May. Our congratulations to Siwalik House on winning the trophy.

The last match of the Inter-House Hockey matches in the Prep. School was played on May 31st Nilagiri House won the cup. Our congratulations.

Old Sanawarian News

Balbir Sing Bhasin writes from Delhi to say that he was really pleased to hear that "Sanawar whipped B. C. S. well and good at cricket". He hopes to appear for his B. Sc. Final in April '59.

Biman Dhar wrote from Calcutta recently. He has taken up golf.

We were glad to have with us the following O.S. who visited us in May: Gita Bery, Jasjit Kaur, Ravi Bhatia, Vinod Raj Kumar, Pritam Singh and Pradip Soneja.

We publish below a list of O. S. who are at the N. D. A., Kharakvasla at present.

Course 14—Vishnu Bhagwat
Kuljit Singh Sighat
Shamsher Singh
Ashok Bhakri

Course 15—Yog Raj Palta
Gurkirpal Singh Somal

Course 16—Sarabjit Singh Sandhu
Karampal Singh Sidhu
G. S. Bath
R. K. Kalyan
Gurdip Singh Uban
Bhupinderpal Singh
Amarjit Singh Chonker
K. S. Dharmi
G. S. Lamba

Course 17—Kanwal Mohan Verma
Chatrapati Singh
Naresh Bahadur
J. S. Bibra

Course 18—Devinder Singh Choudhry
Virender Pal Singh
Kamaljit Singh
Aman Singh Yadav
Joginderpal Singh Soin
G. S. Hundal
Manjit Singh Choudhry

Course 19—Vijay Nair

Amarjit Grewal
Devinder Singh Pannu
Malvinder Shergill
Suresh Chand
Ghanshyam Das Sood

Jitendra Bhardwaj writes "I joined the army and the Regiment of Artillery a year and a half ago. Last month I was invalided out of service after a bad bout of rheumatic fever which unavoidably could not be treated in the earlier stages and so my heart was damaged slightly. They have granted me a disability pension but I shall have to look out for a job after a rest. Towards the end of my stay at the Military Hospital in Poona, I went to the N. D. A. and met a host of friends—B.P. Singh, Gurkirpal and Ashok Bakhri among others. Except for this it has been a matter of regret to me that I have been hopelessly out of touch with things and people Sanawarian. I hope to be able to make Sanawar this year for Founder's Day".

Mock Parliament

The Senior English Society conducted a Mock Parliament on 11th May in Barne Hall. At 6-30 p.m. the members of the Opposition and the Government entered the Hall and took their seats. They rose as the Speaker, Sarvjit Lorai, entered. He began the proceedings by calling the House to order. He then asked the members of the Opposition to put their questions. Maharaj Singh, the Leader of the Opposition, put the first question to K. Amarjit Singh, the Finance Minister. He wanted to know why the Minister created a big commotion every time a window pane was broken in Birdwood School or in the Boys' Department. The Minister replied that it was only to show his efficiency. Maharaj Singh then asked K.S. Oberoi, the Information Minister, why the last Hindi film shown in School had been so boring. The boys had all fallen asleep and therefore he wanted the Minister to get better and more interesting pictures. The Minister's reply was that the pictures shown were selected with the idea of inducing sleep in the audience as Sanawarians seldom got enough sleep. Lila Kak, then asked Richard Mountford, the Prime Minister, why diplomatic relations have not been established with other girls' schools so that more inter-school matches for girls could be played. The Prime Minister's reply was that he was of the opinion that the girls were just not up to the standard for inter-school fixtures. Arun Bhatia, Communist, then asked H.S. Kochar the Home Minister, whether the swimming pool was meant to add charm to the Sanawar landscape or to serve the purpose of swimming. The Home Minister, replied that he was speeding up the repairs of the swimming tank. Shyam Kak, Socialist, put the next question to Sonny Mehta, the Defence Minister. He asked the Defence Minister what security measures had been taken to safeguard our school teams visiting other schools. The Minister's reply was that they trusted the decency of the other schools but at the same time were thinking of taking the cannons along with the team next time. Ashok Marwaha, Independent, asked two questions. He addressed his first one to Richard Mountford, asking the latter why the girls used rouge and other cosmetics to hide their ugliness. The Prime Minister's reply was that they

were only following the example of the Hon. Member himself and when Marwaha protested, Mountford replied that he could see it on the member's face. Here the Speaker called for order.

The Speaker then asked the Leader of the Opposition to put forward his bill. Maharaj Singh's Bill was that "Cricket played by fanatics in the fierce heat of summer afternoons, should forthwith be banned from Sanawar." He stressed the fact that cricket was not as exciting and thrilling as chess. He argued that long hours in the sun resulted in sunburn. He pointed at the Prime Minister as an example of this. He concluded by giving the example of an old lady who was listening to the running commentary on a Test match. As she heard the commentator say 'Here comes Ray Lindwall bowling to Hutton . . . Lindwall has three short legs and one fine leg', she fainted at this description of a strange creature. Richard Mountford who spoke next, argued that cricket should stay as we are a cricketing school. He also pointed out that we had proved it convincingly in the inter-school fixtures. He concluded with the argument that cricket was the only game which brought us many holidays and socials to celebrate the victories. Lila Kak was of the opinion that cricket was a dull game which dragged on for hours. She said that if a bowler delivered a ball outside the batsman's reach, then the spectators sitting hundreds of yards away would shout 'Well bowled' or if a fielder accidentally stopped a ball with his foot 'Well fielded'. Nina Dubey who was the last speaker argued that cricket should be retained as it was one of the best methods of spending a Sunday. According to her, one could even catch an afternoon siesta at deep fine leg. After her speech, the Speaker put the motion to vote. It was declared lost on a voice vote. Then he adjourned the House sine die.

Krishen Kak

Saturday Club Show

The second Saturday Club Show of the year was staged by Siwalik House on 17th May. The evening's programme began with the singing of the National Anthem. The first item was a one act play in Hindi—"Mera Desh, Meri Beti". It depicted the sufferings of a small family caught in the violence that swept our country after Partition. The stage setting and the lighting were quite effective. S.S. Gill as Gauri, the girl who takes poison to escape from the marauding tribesmen, acted well. Arun Bhatia as Gauri's father also did well. As far as the other characters were concerned there was room for improvement. The folk song from Uttar Pradesh which followed was hardly adequate but the flute and the clapping helped the rhythm a great deal. A recitation by the junior boys followed. They wore a variety of hats and recited with great zest the piece "Battle of Bingo". Parveen Sharma then entertained us with "Game of Love" which he played very professionally on the harmonica. A calypso—"Coconut woman"—was staged next. The dim blue light showed five weirdly-cald calypso singers as they rendered their version of a popular number. Shiv Mehra with his fantastic wiggle made the stage rock and the audience roll with laughter. This novel item was highly appreciated.

A brief interval followed after which we saw the English play, "The Most Complicated Case". An array of excellent acting talent made this farce a great success. Maharaj Singh as Nick, the young officer who lands himself in complications, was outstanding. Richard Mountford as Claude also did well. Billy Kent and Parveen Sharma tackled the female roles adequately. Arun Bhatia as the eager detective brought the character to life and sent the audience into fits of laughter. Sonny Mehta in a small role added to the general merriment. The curtain drew too soon on this play which was highly enjoyable. The evening's programme came to an end with the singing of the School Song.

Lila Kak

History Society

A meeting of the History Society was held in Barne Hall on 24th May. The theme of the evening's discussion was 'Divisions of History'. There were ten speakers and their topics ranged from Lord Buddha to Gregor McGregor of the clan of McGregor

The first speaker of the evening was Maharaj Singh who spoke on the much discussed subject of the Rupkund Mystery. He detailed the various theories about the skeletons near the lake and gave us his views on them. The next speaker was Shyam Kak who told us about the Russians who tried to settle down in California during the last century and how they finally left American soil due to financial difficulties. The third speaker was Ashok Sehgal. He described the Human Adventure: how man had risen from primitive savagery to his present state of civilised bliss. Arvind Bery then gave an account of life in ancient Crete. He discussed the highly advanced state of civilisation which prevailed in Crete during pre-historic times. Yogesh Kumar who spoke next described an incident which took place in Lord Buddha's life. He told us the story of the two warring kings who were brought to their senses by the timely advice given by Lord Buddha. Richard Mountford then gave an account of the French Revolution as seen by a school boy. The boy, a youngster on holiday in Paris, wrote letters to his parents giving his view on the important incidents of the Revolution. H. S. Kochar recounted the life and titles of Senacharib, a Syrian emperor, who introduced cotton to the West. After that Arun Bhatia gave a vivid description of the life of George Washington and how he won freedom for his country. Following him, Arun Maira narrated an impressive tale of the Han dynasty which ruled over China and its methods of administration. The last speaker, Sonny Mehta, gave us a humorous account of Gregor McGregor's stupendous hoax on the civilised world and how he made it invest in a South American paradise of which he was the self-styled king.

Thus ended the meeting of the History Society, which I can safely claim to have been both interesting and instructive.

Arvind Bery

Cricket vs. B. C. S.

The Second XI match against the B. C. S., Simla was played at Simla on 8th May. The scores were:—

B. C. S. 2nd XI 1st Innings	131 (Arun Pandya 5 for 27)
Sanawar 2nd XI 1st Innings	182 (Suresh Sood 42, S.S. Bhasin 40, Tejpal Choudhry 27, Shaym Kak 20)

Sanawar won by 51 runs.

The First XI match against the B. C. S., Simla was played at Sanawar on 10th and 11th May. The scores were:—

Sanawar 1st XI 1st Innings	215 (G. S. Brar 69, Maharaj Singh 39, Sangram Singh 32, Ajit Gaikwad 20)
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B. C. S. 1st XI 1st Innings	116 (Ajit Gaikwad 6 for 43)
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Sanawar 1st XI 2nd Innings	150 for 9 wkts. declared (Ashok Marwaha 65 not out, R. Mountford 37, H. S. Kochar 22)
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B. C. S. 1st XI 2nd Innings	98 (B. R. Patel 3 for 18)
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Sanawar won by 151 runs.

Cricket vs. Y. P. S.

The First XI match against the Y.P.S., Patiala, was played on 17th May at Sanawar. The scores were:—

Y. P. S. 1st XI 1st Innings	126 (Ajit Gaikwad 4 for 44 B. R. Patel 3 for 31)
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Sanawar 1st XI 1st Innings	145 (Ashok Marwaha 43, Sangram Singh 20)
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Y. P. S. 1st XI 2nd Innings	56 (R. Mountford 5 for 15 Ajit Gaikwad 5 for 31)
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Sanawar 1st XI 2nd Innings	39 for 3 wkts declared
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Sanawar won by 7 wickets.

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Inter House Boxing

The Inter House Boxing tournament this year was conducted from 26th May to 31st May in Gaskell Hall. Each House was allowed to enter two boys for each weight. The total number of boys in the fourteen weights was exactly a hundred. Siwalik House won the Boxing Cup with 73 points. It managed to win seven weights. Richard Mountford of Siwalik was adjudged the Best Boxer while S. P. S. Rawat also of Siwalik was declared the Best Loser. Himalaya House and Vindhya House shared the second position with 61 points each. Nilagiri came last with 59. The following are the finalists, with the winners on the left.

Atom Weight—L. Bhardwaj (N) beat R. Kumar (V)
Gossamer Weight—A.K. Dutta (H) beat A. Batra (V)
Paper Weight—A.P. Singh (V) beat A.K. Sobti (H)
Midget Weight—R. Mehra (S) beat S.P.S. Rawat (S)
Masquito Weight—C.K. Mahajan (V) beat K. Katoch
Gnat Weight—A. Kapur (S) beat Ashok Sehgal (S)
Fly Weight—S.S. Bhardwaj (N) beat T. Choudhry (N)
Bantam Weight—Ameet Merchant (V)

Feather Weight—A. Meira (V) beat A. Singh (N)
 Light Weight—Sangram (S) beat Sarvjit Lorai (N)
 Walter Weight—Arun Bhatia (S) beat V. Khanna (H)
 Middle Weight—G.S. Brar (S) beat Anil Seth (H)
 Light Heavy Weight—R. Mountford (S) beat A. Bal (V)
 Heavy Weight—M. Singh (S) beat Shiv Mehra (S)
 Mrs. Maira kindly gave away the prizes.

Arun Bhatia

Letters to the Editor.

Dear Sir,

There seems to be a growing tendency in the Newsletter to extoll the virtues of present day Sanawar at the expense of the efforts of an older generation of Sanawarians. A recent example of this unhappy trend is your reference to a 'newly formed Hiking Club' which went up to Gurkha Fort. May I point out, sir, that there was a Hiking Club in Sanawar as early as 1952. Furthermore, you say that the Hiking Club has an 'ambitious programme'. I hope that this 'ambitious programme' does not mean a week's camping at Dagroo or Narkanda.

It is indeed a sad state of affairs, sir, that at the end of one's schooling in Sanawar all the hiking that a Sanawarin has done is a spot of pine cone collecting, at a camp at Dagroo, a romp in the foothills of Narkanda or a pointless trek to the Gurkha Fort. And all this in spite of the fact that no school is better situated than Sanawar as far as hiking opportunities go. May I suggest that the School send some able-bodied member of the Staff (Mr. Bhupinder Singh for example) to the Himalayan Institute of Mountaineering at Darjeeling. Then perhaps, with the expert guidance of the 'newly formed Hiking Club' there could be some really worth while hikes. Then we can leave Dagroo and Narkanda to the girls.

Yours etc.
 Raj Sircar
 Old Sanawarian

Dear Sir,

May I bring to the notice of your readers a glaring disparity between what a certain reader and contributor to your Newsletter preaches and what he practises. In the April issue of the Newsletter, he had written to the Editor criticising the lack of genuine appraisal of the various performances in the School. He had stated that there was little if any criticism in the articles which appeared in the Newsletter. In the very next issue he himself has written an article (on the Himalaya House Saturday Club Show) in which there was nothing but praise. If this is his idea of criticism, then I would like to ask, sir, what was he grumbling about?

Yours etc.
 H. S. Kochar
 Sixth Form

Films

'Naukri' a Hindi film was shown on 5th May.

A few short films were shown to the Preppers on 10th May. After this the Senior School saw 'The Big Sky'.

'Dastan' was screened on 18th May.

A few educational films were shown on 25th May.

Calendar

June 7th	...	Science Society
June 8th	...	Film
June 14th	...	Hodson Run Finals Vindhya House Saturday Club Show
June 21st	...	G. D. Saturday Club Show
June 22nd	...	Film
June 28th	...	Music Recital
June 30th	...	Half-Yearly Examinations commence Inter-House Soccer Tournament
July 7th	...	Half-Yearly Examinations end Weighing and Measuring N. & H.
July 8th	...	Weighing and Measuring S. & V.
July 10th	...	" " " G.D. & P.D. Film
July 11th	...	Mark Reading Home Parties leave Social
July 12th	...	School Parties leave End of First Term

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School News

On June 7th there was the first meeting of the Science Society in Barne Hall. Mr. Mundkur spoke on "The Wonders of Microscopy".

The same evening there was a social in the Staff Club.

On June 14th the Hodson Runs took place. Congratulations to Nilagiri House which annexed the cup from Siwalik House.

The third Saturday Club Show performance of the year was given by Vindhya House on June 14th. An account appears elsewhere.

On June 16th were the Inter-House Tennis Matches (G. D.). Vindhya House won the cup. Our congratulations.

Following these matches the girls and Staff had a special tea in Parker Hall.

On June 21st the Girls' School presented their Saturday Club Show. An account of this also appears elsewhere.

Maninder Singh Bhagat has been appointed School Prefect.

Congratulations to Harvinder Kaur on winning the Scanlon Tennis Cup in the Girls' School.

The Inter-House Badminton matches in the Girls' School were played on June 23rd and 24th. Nilagiri House won the Cup. Our congratulations.

The first Musical Recital of the year was held in Barne Hall on June 28th at 6-30 p. m.

The Half-Yearly Examinations commenced on June 30th.

The Prep. School staged its Saturday Club show on July 8th.

Congratulations to Mohinderjit Singh Grewal on being awarded the Nellie Lovell Prize for 1958.

Vindhya House won the Soccer Cup in the Inter-House Matches. Our congratulations.

Old Sanawarian News

We were very happy to have with us a number of O. S. who visited us at different times during the course of the last month. They were—K. S. Dhami, G. S. Bath, A. S. Grewal, K. M. Verma, K. S. Sidhu, Vijay Nair, Naresh Bahadur, Manjit S. Anand, Pritam Singh, Jasjit Kaur, Ravi Bhatia, Gita Bery, Vinod Kumar, E. A. Rhind, Saroj Singh, Aruna Vasudeva, Raj Sondhi (Yank), Raj Sircar, Inderjit S. Grewal, Vijay Nanda, Rina Thadani, Asha Dhawan,

Ghanshyam Das Sood, Surinder Kalaan (Storky) and Satinder Kaur. The last is spending a part of her holidays in Kasauli. So are Raj and Asha Sircar.

Congratulations to H. S. Boparai, H. P. S. Dhillon and J. P. Singh on their selection to the N. D. A.

Veer Amol Singh has joined the D.A.V. College at Gurdaspur.

Vishnu Bhagwat writes "I passed out from Kharakvasala on May 31st and am on my way to Madras to join my training ship "Tir" enroute to Trincomalee from where the Indian Navel fleet will proceed on its summer cruise and we will be touching Singapore, Bangkok, Honkong, Manila, Jakarta and, may be Tokyo, and China. I wish that you would make the Newsletter a bi-monthly".

The Hodson Results

The following are the names of those children who secured the first three places in each age group.

Opens

S. Lorai (N), B. S. Bala (V), Chittarpal Singh (S).

15s

Baldev Dua (S), M. Bhagat (H), B. S. Takhar (N).

13s

P. Dhir (S), H. S. Bhatti (S), S. Dhir (S).

11s

Harjit Grewal (H), S. Kak (V), Y. S. Chibh (N).

Vindhya House Saturday Show

The audience thronged to Barne Hall to see the Vindhya House Show. Much to the dislike of of the audience the programme started 7 minutes late. After the singing of the National Anthem, they put up a one act Hindi play—"Bhik Manage Ka Chalaan". It depicted a court scene where a beggar Jaggu is impeached for begging without a licence, asking a minister for alms, and two other crimes. After the customary proceedings of the court, the lawyer (A. K. Marwaha) brought forward half-a-dozen witnesses—Mahmud Ali, Button Chand, Mangti and a Police Inspector to be examined. Each of these characters was outstanding in her or his way. Ashok Shahani as Mahmud portrayed his part very well. They play dragged, the accused denying and accepting some charges and at the end being sentenced to imprisonment for two years.

The next item was a folk song from Uttar Pradesh sung by the House choir. This was followed by 'Toot, Whistle, Plunk and Boom',—which included a few tunes played by the Vindhya House band—"The Star Gazers". They tended to go flat every now and then even with the assistance of two girls who played the piano for them. Nevertheless, it

created an interest in the audience and livened up the show. Suman Sehgal sang a Hindi-cum-English song about a Bengali Babu which proved quite a hit. Next came a Negro and a Negress (Wadhvani and Gaiind) who put up a rock'n roll number which made the crowd laugh and was enjoyed by all.

After the interval, was the last item—the English play, 'The Boy Comes Home'—a comedy in one act. The story was about a boy who came home after the war to find himself being bullied and treated like a child by his uncle. His Uncle (Arun Maira) wanted him (S. K. Kak) to join the jam business which the uncle owned. But this did not appeal to the boy as he was a modernised youth who wanted to be an engineer or an architect. The story unravelled very slowly. Arun Maira and Shyam Kak deserve a word of praise for their acting. Arun Maira, in particular, gave a very convincing portrayal of his role. Though the acting was good the play dragged a little.

M. S. Kochhar

The Girls Saturday Club Show

At last the day had arrived for the girls to stage their annual performance. Evidently a great deal of preparation had been made and the audience sat impatiently.

The show commenced with the singing of the 'National Anthem'. Silence crept into the hall as the first item was introduced. After a very long introduction 'the gentlemen and thrice honoured ladies' had the privilege of seeing 'The Knave of Hearts'. It depicted the ancient English custom of the princess having to prepare a 'tart' before she could qualify as a Queen. One grew conscious of a strange growing familiarity between the 'king' and the 'knave'. The nursery rhyme had to be forced in order to extend a play by the senior girls. It would have been appropriate as an action song by the juniors. I must however mention the Chancellor, Anupam Bal, who provided the audience with some witty remarks and tackled her difficult role successfully.

This was followed by what was intended to be an interval during which there was 'community singing'. It provided an outlet for the audience and was the most loudly acclaimed item.

This was followed by an original folk dance. It was short, lively, graceful and much appreciated. This was followed by a folk song from U.P. It helped to provide a variety to the evening's entertainment and was sung with enthusiasm and characteristic style.

The next item was recitation by the juniors. I merely added to the length of the show and failed it its purpose to entertain. The following item was another song by the juniors. It was unnecessarily thrown in. The last item was a 'puppet' show. The puppets appeared amazingly real and the commentators spoke convincingly. The evening's programme came to an end with the singing of the School Song.

I feel, and I am sure that I am not the only one, that the Saturday Club Shows are gradually drifting from their purpose. The *raison-d'être* of the Saturday Club Show was to foster talent in dramatics but recently the entertainments have been divorced from this purpose and have retrogressed into a medley of items unallied to drama.

I suggest that in future more stress be laid on dramatics and noisy brass bands, childish ballets, fantastic tragedies and painfully coloured dresses be left to the Prep. School.

D.R.A. Mountford.

The Music Recital

The Music Recital was held on Saturday the 28th of June. The main aspects of musical training in Sanawar were represented. The piano, indian orchestra, vocal music, classical dancing and the English brass band, were ably rendered.

The youthful pianists give a very creditable account of themselves. As usual the Indian Orchestra with its highlight—the *jal-tarang*—gave several minutes of enjoyable entertainment. The vocal music was national in character. The Prep. children sang a

patriotic song, the junior and senior choirs gave items that were of a high order. We had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Mundkur render a "Raag". Again, this year we were lucky to hear Mr. Gupta on the sitar.

There was a new item which surprised and delighted the audience—Bhaghat and Choudhry gave a difficult tabla duet.

The Indian Dancing by the G. D. girls was of the Shanti Niketan School—graceful and colourful. A dance in Bharat Natyam style was ably performed by Aruna Mundkur. The Big Noise of the Saturday Club Musical Recital was the Brass Band. The whole hall was lost in wonder at the sudden birth of a dance band in Sanawar.

Congratulations to all those who "played" their part!

Sanawar Forty Years Ago

Review of Hockey Season 1918.

Girl's School.

This is the first year that the girls have played hockey seriously. They have made a good beginning playing with great keenness and with growing appreciation of the game. For the first few weeks there was a tendency to be shy of the ball, but the mortality in the ball towards the end of the season showed conclusively that this weakness had been overcome. The play at present is too individual, but by the end of the season Set I. at any rate had learnt something of combination. Places are not well kept yet, and often strong players lose their effectiveness through being out of their places—a fault which practice and keenness will cure. *Players must learn that they are only the maximum use to their side, if they keep their places.*

It is difficult to provide matches for the girls. There are no ladies' teams within reach, except the one which the Mistresses nobly got together with the help of Mrs. Barne, Mrs. Gaskell and Mr. Tilly.

This team, captained by the Principal, played the girls' First Eleven on May 3rd. It was a very exciting match, resulting however in the mistresses' team being rather badly beaten, the score being 8—0! However the girls' pride was lowered next day when the boys, playing minus right hands, beat them 2—1. In this match the girls did not do their best in the first half, the boys' speed and powers of dodging baffling them. In the second half they pulled themselves together and did much better, not allowing the boys to score at all, and themselves getting their one and only goal. This match was returned on June 3rd, the King's Birthday. On this occasion the girls played a very poor game—there was no speed and no combination—it was not hockey at all. The girls must remember that when people come to watch a match they come to see *play*, and the personal appearance of the players is of no importance.

Victory Celebrations.

Unfortunately the news of the signing of the Armistice found us in the throes of influenza and it was impossible to do as much as we otherwise should have done.

A special Service of Thanksgiving was held in Chapel and the simultaneous ringing of every available bell in Sanawar, accompanied vociferous cheering, (and screaming!), from 500 throats at gun-fire on November 13th must have indicated to the countryside that something out of the common had occurred.

Fire-works were unfortunately not available but the two schools each had their own bon-fires and each burnt their particular Kaiser. A selected squad of boys or "defaulters" was selected to carry the dejected Emperor to the stake, but, owing to the well-directed attentions of missile-throwers as soon as the tumbril appeared on the parade-ground, there was not much left of the mighty monarch to burn, when "Togs" had finally sentenced him to be burnt to ashes at the stake and in pursuance thereof, had lighted the first match of the towering pile.

It was a great night and even influenza was momentarily forgotten!

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School News

We were very sorry to say good bye to Mr. Virendra Vyas who joined the Staff in 1951 and was the Vindhya Housemaster for over five years. He has endeared himself to all of us. His contribution in the field of dramatics, particularly the Hindi plays put up at Founder's, has been thoroughly appreciated. The tennis enthusiasts of the Staff Club miss his 'joie de vivre' and wonder how he will fare once the new rule regarding one service only, is introduced. The billiards room is looking forlorn, being haunted by Mr. Gupta alone, seeking an opponent and Charlie is bewildered at the falling off of burfi sales. We wish Mr. Vyas, his wife and little Johnny all the best in the years to come and hope little Johnny has not looked up any more little waiters in the bathroom!

We were sorry not to be able to say good bye to Miss Sudha Joshi who vanished in July as shyly and silently as she ever walked down the cloisters of Birdwood. She shouldered her responsibilities capably and unobtrusively, was a model of patience and willingly helped everyone. We take this opportunity of wishing Miss Joshi every happiness in the years that lie before her. (The Editors of the Newsletter miss her sorely and it will be no secret if we divulged the fact that she used to do the lion's share of the work in bringing out the Newsletter).

School reopened on August 9th.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs Sikand and hope their stay with us will be a long and enjoyable one.

August 15th was a holiday. There was Assembly, followed by a soccer match, in which the servants of the School estate took part. After this there were races for the servants and their families and the morning's programme concluded with dinner in the Departments that night. The G. D. had a fancy dress party in which Roop Narang who had come dressed as a book worm, won the first prize. Madhu Katoch and Ayesha Baig, dressed as lovers from Kangra came second while Meena Lamba and Navina Sundram, dressed as a photographer and his model came third. Nina Dubey, Lila Kak and Jasbir Kaur dressed as the three witches from 'Macbeth' also deserve mention. A happy evening was had by all present.

The annual soccer fixtures against the B. C. S. were played off at Simla on August 16th. The Second XI game was an exciting affair. B.C.S. took the lead early in the game and dominated play in the first half. Sanawar equalised after resumption of play and should have gone on to take the lead but for Ravinder Singh Mundi who missed a sitter near the goal mouth. A penalty against us lowered our hopes, which revived immediately when the kick went wide. We turned on the pressure but all to no avail. In the last minute of play, B. C. S. broke through our defence, scored, and won the the match at 2—1. The First XI match followed. It was a trickle of

goals in the first half but the trickle soon became a deluge. They scored thrice in the first half and six times in the second. It was a real trouncing. Reasons? Excuses? None, really. They were a heavier and better side and our boys were terribly out of condition after a month's holidays. We are grateful to Dr. Dustan and the Staff, not to mention the boys, for the very warm welcome accorded us. We had a happy time.

On 23rd August, the Colts and First XI played soccer against Y. P. S., Patiala. In the Colts match, which was played first, Sanawar drew first blood when Suman Sehgal neatly headed the ball into the Y. P. S. net. Suman netted again within a few minutes and helped Sanawar consolidate its position. By half time Y. P. S. had scored once. After play was resumed, Y. P. S. equalised and tried repeatedly to take the lead. S. N. Gupta in the deep defence checked many of the Y. P. S. attacks effectively. In the last minute Y. P. S. scored the winning goal and the score stood at 3—2 when the final whistle blew. The First XI match which followed provided good fare for the spectators whose enthusiasm and excitement reached screaming pitch at times. When Y.P.S. took the lead in the early minutes of the game, we dreaded a repetition of the trouncing we had at B. C. S. Ashok Marwaha, however, with incredible accuracy scored off a free kick from mid-field. Y. P. S. scored again after a goal mouth scuffle. Sanawar equalised and then took the lead by converting two successive corner kicks. Shortly afterwards a penalty was awarded against us but Baldev Dua brilliantly anticipated and saved a certain goal. We increased the lead to 4—2 when Richard Mountford scored off a rebound. The game was played at a scorching pace throughout. Ashok Marwaha and Samarsh Mukherji were brilliant in the deep defence. Ashok Seth at center half played a marvellous game, feeding the forwards and stopping the Y. P. S. onslaught. The First XI is to be congratulated on its remarkable performance against our fiendly rivals who were handicapped by different playing conditions.

Calling All Old Sanawarians

All Old Sanawarians who intend coming upto Sanawar for Founder's are requested to write to the School early enough so that all arrangements for their stay can be made well in time.

Old Sanawarian News

Anil Nehru has left for the United States where he hopes to join Washington University. Our best wishes go with him.

Bhupinderpal Singh writes from the N. D. A. to say that "Dhami and Karampal are full of yarns they brought back from Sanawar. Incidentally, they went for a hike after visiting Sanawar and the amount of travel literature lying in Dhami's cabin makes it look like a Regional Information office."

Harinder Singh Bedi sent us a pile of O. S. News from Ludhiana. "Gurpal has passed his B. A. and has left college. Surjit Gill is working hard for his M. A. This effort has resulted in his putting on some weight. Manjit Inder hopes to do his B. A. next year. He has earned a reputation on the soccer field. Vijay Angrish has left for Kharagpur and we miss him very much. A few days back I met Ravi Sikand who was in Siwalik House some years ago. Kulwant Singh has passed his Intermediate exam. V. S. Bedi and Veer Amol were here a month back and Karampal paid us flying visit before going back to N. D. A. You will be pleased to hear that Anoop Singh Bedi represented Punjab University at Calcutta and Bombay for Swimming and Boxing respectively."

A larger edition of the original Raj Sondhi made its appearance recently at Sanawar. We failed to recognise him. All Sanawarians ought to take this as a warning; sitting at Moti corner instead of completing the Hodson course is bound to leave its mark in after life.

Founder's Programme

We publish below the provisional programme for this year's Founddr's :-

Friday, 3rd October.

- 11-00 a. m. ... Board of Governors' Meeting
 1-00 p. m. ... Lunch—Headmaster's House, by invitation
 2-30 p. m. ... Hockey—Past vs. Present
 4-00 p. m. ... Tea—Gaskell Hall—Past vs. Present hockey teams & members of the staff with families to meet the Board of Governors.
 5-00 p. m. ... P. D. Concert—Barne Hall
 7-00 p. m. ... Dinner—G. D.—members of the Board of Governors.
 8-30 p. m. ... Tattoo—Peacestead

Saturday, 4th October.

- 8-30 a. m. ... Assembly—Barne Hall
 9-00 a. m. ... Pre-view of the Art and Crafts Exhibition—Board of Governors
 10-00 a. m. ... N. C. C. Parade—Peacestead
 11-00 a. m. ... Arts & Crafts Exhibition
 12-00 noon ... Speeches—Barne Hall
 1-00 p. m. ... Lunch—Headmaster's House, by invitation
 2-30 p. m. ... Annual Athletic Meet—Upper Barnes
 3-30—5-30 p. m. ... Tea
 7-15 p. m. ... Dinner—P.D.—members of the Board of Governors
 8-30 p. m. ... A. D. S. Play—Barne Hall

Sunday, 5th October.

- 10-00 a. m. ... Fete—Birdwood School
 12-30 p. m. ... Lunch—B.D.—members of the Board of Governors
 1-45 p. m. ... O. S. Meeting at the Staff Club
 2-30 p. m. ... Tennis—Past vs. Present
 4-00 p. m. ... Tea—O. S. and members of the Staff
 5-00 p. m. ... Senior School Concert—Barne Hall
 7-15 p. m. ... Assembly for O. S. Dinner
 7-30 p. m. ... O. S. Dinner—Parker Hall
 9-00 p. m. ... O. S. Dance—Barne Hall

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This matter might not be within the province of your News-Letter but it is certainly becoming urgent from my personal point of view.

Early this morning, I was roused from a sound sleep by the impact of a foreign and a somewhat heavy body on my inoffensive chest. Apparently the whisky coloured female canine that has been frequenting my rooms for some days had decided to bring her litter of six for some recreation into my chambers, and my bed was the obvious playground. This is but one incident of many. Dr. Thomas reports having fled hastily into the safety of the lounge of the Staff Club when chased by a larger specimen. You and I might doubt his story but an element of truth will remain. We men can look after ourselves but I feel the ladies (and the children) need protection from the growing menace of stray dogs. I shudder to think what would happen if one of the ladies in 'Trafford House' had been faced with a similar situation.

I would like to make a suggestion regarding this ever-growing menace. We have a marksman in our midst and I see no reason why B. S. should not be given the task of making life safer and happier on this hill-top.

Yours etc.

S. K.

P. S. I am prepared to pay for the ammunition from the House funds.

Dear Editor,

I would like to request permission for the use of your esteemed columns to air my views on a letter written by Raj Sircar, on the subject of hiking by Sanawarians. His efforts to belittle the achievements of today and glorify those of his own days have compelled me to state what actually is being done.

He very wisely suggests in his letter "that the School send some able-bodied member of the Staff to the Himalayan Institute of Mountaineering at Darjeeling", but it is indeed fortunate that he did not come up with this brilliant idea during his time.

The so-called Hiking Club of 1952 has now gained prominence and taken a definite shape. Whereas formerly a paltry number of seniors walked half the distance to Gurkha Fort, today groups of thirty haunt the fort and brag half as much about it.

Surely Raj Sircar's hiking activities fade into insignificance when we realise that some members of the Kashmir party, which incidentally included girls as well, walked from Pahalgaoon to Amarnath and back in three days. The trek to Simla, earlier this year, likewise towers above the campaigning feats, if any, during the age of Raj Sircar.

He advises us to leave Gurkha Fort and Nar-khanda to the girls, forgetting that during his time, no hiker set foot beyond Dagroo. Considering all these facts, he is in no position to pull down the efforts of present day Sanawarians. In conclusion, I would like to state that our hiking programme is really ambitious as we have excluded all the stale places which Raj Sircar used to visit year after year and instead we have ventured into fresh fields and pastures new.

Yours etc.

Arun Bhatia

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School News

A Mark Reading was held on 5th September.

The Senior English Society held a Inter House Debate on 6th September.

Dr. Srivastava of the C. R. I., Kasauli, spoke to the senior school on 20th September. His talk on 'The medical and nursing professions of India' proved very interesting.

A party of boys led by Mr. O. P. Sharma hiked to Pinjore Gardens and back over the weekend.

The last Mark Reading was held on 26th Sept.

The School celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October with a special Assembly in Barne Hall in the morning.

Founder's was celebrated on 3rd, 4th and 5th October. A detailed account appears elsewhere in this issue.

O. S. News

Vikram Soni, who is at present working in Calcutta, informs us that the O. S. there are trying to get an O. S. Society started. We wish their efforts all success.

Vishnu Bhagwat has just returned from a cruise to Singapore, Malaya, Thailand, Indo-China and North Borneo. He is now completing his training as a Midshipman in I. N. S. Tir.

Bhupinderpal, who has finally withdrawn from the N. D. A., paid a short visit to Calcutta recently. He tells us that he met many O.S. and spent pleasant hours with them talking about old times.

B.K. Sood and Harbir Singh Dhillon have joined colleges in Chandigarh. Both of them have taken up Non-Medical for their Intermediate.

Kulbir Singh Soin is at present in the Medical College in Ludhiana.

Founder's

It was Thursday September 26th when it began to rain in Delhi. Well, that's all right. It does rain sometimes in Delhi in September. But when the rain came unceasingly for more than a week, I wondered whether it would be raining at Sanawar. Next

week was Founder's week and I was going up to my old School.

We taxied up from Kalka in the rain and Sanawar welcomed us in the rain... Mr. Kemp took us around Sanawar in the rain and it was in the rain that we joyfully saw the new Prep. School dining hall and the new Art room, with the large glazed windows on one side. Waving his hand at the clouds moving across the next range, Mr. Kemp said, "The wind is in the wrong direction".

The way the weather clears up for Founder's is miraculous. Who can forget the startling vanishing of the storm in '55, when Dr. Radhakrishnan was with us? Mr. Kemp gave a joyful nod, the next morning as he saw the clouds move away towards the plains. That morning the Kalka Mail broke all records. It arrived eight hours late and the Board of Governors' meeting had to be postponed. Numerous Old Sanawarians sat in the train gazing toward the hills, as their compatriots put up a game fight at the Past versus Present hockey.

Yes, the excitement began with the hockey match. The Past, their stalwarts down in the train, warmed up in the first half—the score in favour of the Present stood at 1—0. But when we began play after the half-time, another four goals were scored against us. The game was fast-moving and it was in sport that Kuljit Sethi, not realising that the Old Sanawarians were 'old', shamefully hooked hockey sticks. Had we scored then, we might have been encouraged to equalise and perhaps beat the Present.

Of all the items presented at this year's Founder's, the Preppers' deserve to be termed the best. The English play 'Fairy's Reward' gave us more than could be desired. The Hindi play 'Kuthe ki mauth' was winsome. The dance 'Krishna Leela' was the highlight of the evening. The youngsters interpreted the immortal story of Radha and Krishna well.

The P. T. was the first item of the Tattoo that evening. The mist floated across Peacestead, intermittently. The spectators appreciated the P. T. display and applauded heartily. The sudden failure of the current did not in the least dismay the youngsters. Horsework and groundwork which followed was a pleasure to watch. The chair exercises were performed neatly. Mr. Kemp who was giving the the commentary produced some excellent jokes—obviously well prepared. The Garba dance by the girls was too slow for an open field. It would have gone across much better if performed on the stage

The Band, much larger than it was last year, was impressive. This was their second appearance at the Tattoo and they seem to have justified the hopes of the O. S. who had heard about it. The Figure marching which was the last item created many flowing patterns on the field. It was a fitting conclusion to the evening's fare.

The Founder's day dawned bright and clear. At the special Assembly in Barne Hall, the Headmaster spoke about the Founder, Henry Lawrence. The new House colours were presented immediately afterwards. Three prefects from each House, representing the three departments, received the flag. The crests on the flags provide a link with the past.

The absence of the Colour Party at the Parade was more than compensated by the band and the smart turn-out of the cadets. The ceremonial parade was executed with almost professional precision. The House colours made their first appearance as they dipped in salute when the School marched past by Houses.

This year's Art and Crafts Exhibition was held in the new Art Room as well as in the old one. Balraj Sahni, the well known film star, inaugurated the Exhibition. The items on display ranged from exquisite murals to attractive papier mache objects. The large crowd which visited the Exhibition bears ample testimony to the success of the venture.

From the Exhibition we went to Barne Hall for the speeches. The old School colours flanked the portrait of Henry Lawrence and the new House colours, the stage. Major Somdutt in his annual report on the activities of the School during the past year, made it clear that the School was slowly finding its feet and progressing on the right lines. Mr. Kirpal, the Chairman of the School Board of Governors, was the chief guest. He emphasized the fact that Public Schools were an essential factor in the growth of Indian education. Nina Dubey and Richard Mountford won the President's Medals for the outstanding girl and boy of 1958.

Pritam, up in the air in a jet, made the hills resound as he broke the sound barrier over Sanawar, as the Athletics got under way. Five records were broken during the meet and special mention must be made of Kanchan Mohini, Arun Surya, Ranjit Mehra and Richard Mountford. The last named did the 100 metres for Opens in 11 seconds flat. At the end of the meet Nilagiri looked well set for the Championship in the Boys' events while Siwalik were leading in the Girls' events. The Cups were not presented as the rain had not allowed time for the jumps to be completed.

A solemn service in the Chapel for the O. S. was followed by a delicious dinner in the B. D. We went up to watch the A. D. S. do 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. It was put across effectively and the closing scene with Mr. Bhupinder Singh functioning zealously-reminded us that the teaching profession has its compensations.

The next morning the Fete was held. It was a big swindle as usual and the author of this article shouted himself hoarse at the O. S. stall.

The Past versus Present Tennis for the Girls was converted into a Staff versus Visitors match. Mr. Narendra Nath and Mr. Vyas were not too much for Mr. Salim Khan and Mr. Mundkur.

After tea we went up to see the School Concert. 'Arms and the Man', the first item, was gone through with vivacity. The settings were good and the acting excellent. Kenneth Maharaj Singh as Sergius Sara-

noff was outstanding. This was followed by a few musical items. Ranjana Debnath at the sitar and Tejpal Choudhry (or was it Maninder Bhagat?) at the tabla were impressive. The last item in the concert was a Tagore song danced to semi-folk Manipuri by the girls.

Mrs. Nanda arranged a satisfying O. S. Dinner that evening in Parker Hall. Dilleshwar Rarewala, the oldest O.S. present proposed a toast to the School which was responded to by the Headmaster. He reminded us O. S. that we were welcome at Sanawar. The Headmaster then proposed a toast to the O. S. Society. Replying to this Mr. Kemp asked all O. S. to build up O. S. societies all over India. To all those in Kharakvasla who read this account of this year's Founder's, I would like to say how much we missed them.

The Dance which is the grand finale to Founder's celebrations every year, began rather late. The School band functioned most effectively, particularly Vinod Nair at the saxophone and Harsh Somdutt at the drums. I can still visualise Arun Maira letting himself go while rendering his version of the 'Jailhouse Rock'.

One feels and thinks differently in different environments. Sitting at my desk in my college room at a lonely and rather late hour, I cannot recall all that I want to for this account. A few moments and events stand out: the little Krishna at the Preppers dance, Suman Sehgal waving the School flag as he perched precariously on the human pyramid at the end of the mass P. T., the little Prepper flanked by a girl and boy Prefect going up to receive the House flag in Barne Hall, Kenneth Maharaj Singh throwing up and almost dropping the band leader's staff, the thundering ovation to Richard Mountford as he went up to receive the President's Medal, Mr. Bhupinder Singh's languid expertness as Algernon in the A. D. S. play, the way Richard Mountford made up a few yards and overtook Ravinder Singh Mundi in the last lap of the the Opens Inter House Relay, how an exhausted Mr. Salim Khan raised his hand in applause to an ace from Mr. Narendra Nath and last but not least the singing of 'Jolly Good Fellows' at the Dance.

The next afternoon while motoring down to Kalka on my way back to Delhi, I felt wonderfully elated at all that I had seen at Sanawar during Founder's. I am no longer at School in Sanawar but I realised that more than ever I and other O. S. were still a part of Sanawar and Sanawar, a part of us.

Subash Dua (O. S.)

Inter House Debate

The Senior English Society met on 6th September to debate a very interesting topic 'Life of Adventure is a Thing of the Past'. Each House was represented by a boy and girl. After the President Sonny Mehta had introduced the subject and warned the speakers with dire consequences if they exceeded the time limit, the debate was under way. Vijay Knanna (Himalaya) was the first speaker. He argued that the modern age was full of scientific devices which made man's life on earth one long pleasant dream in which there was absolutely no scope for doing anything adventurous. Vinita Singh (Himalaya) pointed out that crossing the Atlantic on frail rafts and living in the Arctic under trying conditions did offer some chances for proving that adventure was not a thing of the past. Nilagiri took the stage next. Jai Sheel Oberoi attempted to convince the audience that pressing a button and setting a machine in action was certainly not his idea of adventure. Nina Dubey also of Nilagiri, speaking against the motion, was

of the opinion that though Science has made things easier for us there was still courage required to do many things which have not been accomplished so far. Kenneth Maharaj Singh (Siwalik) spoke next. He claimed that our ancestors were ruddy men in boots who swam every river and climbed every mountain they came across while the politicians of today who sit in parliaments were pale men in petticoats. Lila Kak (Siwalik) argued that new goals and horizons appear before us each day and that adventure would always be there for those who sought it. Romola Krishen (Vindhya) who spoke next, felt that adventure was a vibrant living emotion involving men of all colours and creeds who did not rely on science. Shyam Kak who spoke last, though faced with the prospect of repeating the points that had been made before, delivered a convincing speech. While the judges were deciding the Best Speaker and the Best House, Arun Maira and Arun Bhatia took the opportunity of telling the audience what they thought about the matter. Both of them made their points in humorous vein. Hearing three out of four boys speak for the motion and maintain that adventure was a thing of the past made me wonder about the present generation and its way of thinking. Mr. Kemp, who also spoke, expressed the same thoughts and told the audience not to go away with the idea that there was no adventure in store for the present generation. He concluded, 'In this age of science none of us can say what the future holds for us'. Nor did I, till the motion was lost!

Siwalik was placed first with Vindhya a close second. Nilagiri put it across Himalaya who were left to hold the wooden spoon. Kenneth Maharaj Singh was declared the Best Speaker of the evening.

Richard Mountford.

Athletics

We give below the results of the annual Athletics of the School:—

Boys' Events

Under 11

100 metres Arun Surya (H)
200 metres Arun Surya (H)
Long Jump Arun Surya (H)
High Jump Jugvir Inder (N) 4ft (Record)
House Relay Nilagiri

Under 13

100 metres Ranjit Mehra (S) 13secs. (Record equalled)
200 metres Ranjit Mehra (S)
80 metres hurdles Suman Sehgal (V)
Long Jump Ranjit Mehra (S)
High Jump Billy Kent (S)
House Relay Siwalik 1min. 59.6 secs (Record)

Under 15

100 metres Surjit Bhasin (N)
400 metres B. S. Bala (V)
800 metres B. S. Bala (V)
110 metres hurdles B. S. Bala (V)
Long Jump I. S. Gill (H)
High Jump Brijinder Singh (H)
House Relay Nilagiri 1min. 48.2 sece. (Record)

Opens

100 metres D. R. A. Mountford (S) 11secs. (Record)
400 metres D. R. A. Mountford (S) 53.2secs. (Record)
800 metres D. R. A. Mountford (S)

1500 metres D. R. A. Mountford (S)
110 metres hurdles D. R. A. Mountford (S)
Long Jump D. R. A. Mountford (S)
High Jump S. Kak (V)
Shot Put Harjit Kochar (N)
House Relay Siwalik 1min. 43.7 secs (Record)

Arun Surya (H), Ranjit Mehra (S), B. S. Bala (V) and D. R. A. Mountford (S) were the Champions in their age groups. D. R. A. Mountford also won the Kalinga Cup for the best athlete for the second year in succession.

Girls' Events

Under 11

100 metres Vijay Chopra (S)
200 metres Asha Rani (H)
Long Jump Asha Rani (H)
High Jump Vijay Chopra (S)

Under 13

100 metres Meenakshi Biswas (S)
200 metres Meenakshi Biswas (S)
Long Jump Asha Lata (S)
High Jump Rupinder Randhawa (S)

Under 15

100 metres Kanchan Mohini (H) 13.8secs (Record)
200 metres Kanchan Mohini (H) 30.8secs (Record)
80 metres hurdles Kanchan Mohini (H)
Long Jump Malti Verma (V)
High Jump Malti Verma (V)

Opens

100 metres Lila Kak (S)
200 metres Lila Kak (S)
80 metres hurdles Harvinder Kaur (V)
Long Jump Harvinder Kaur (V)
High Jump Kum Kum Batra (V)
House Relay Himalaya

Asha Rani (H), Meenakshi Biswas (S) and Asha Lata (S), Kanchan Mohini (H) and Harvinder Kaur (V) were the Champions in their age groups.

In the Cock House competition, Nilagiri with 165 points and Siwalik with 44 points came first in the Boys School and the Girls School respectively. Nilagiri also won the Defence Cup with a total of 179 points.

The Changing Face of Sanawar

For the past year Sanawar has been gradually changing its appearance. New buildings are going up every where. A new Art room is being built near Parker Hall. The Crafts section which includes carpentry and printing will also be housed in this building. There will be a long gallery on the western side where there will be a permanent Art and Crafts exhibition. This new building is slowly taking shape and is being built on the most modern lines. In my opinion the new construction is highly necessary but it is a little bit away from Birdwood. The new filtration plant has been installed and the swimming pool is functioning again, much to the joy of all the boys and girls. It will enable us to have swimming for the greater part of the year. A new dining room and dormitory in the P. D. is going up alongside the present building. This new building will accommodate the P. D. girls and the whole Prep. Department will function as one unit. Thus slowly

the appearance of Sanawar is changing as the years go by.

Praveen Sharma

भोंदू

उसका नाम भोंदू था। बस उसकी बुद्धि बिल्कुल उसके नाम के अनुसार ही थी।

फुटबॉल आदि खेलने में या पेड़ों पर चढ़ने में मेरे ह्याल में मैंने उससे ज़्यादा नियुक्त व्यक्ति नहीं देखा है।

परन्तु पढ़ाई। पढ़ाई का नाम सुनते ही उसे चक्कर आने लगते हैं, पेट में बल पड़ जाते हैं। बस पढ़ाई का नाम सुनते ही मानो उसके प्राण पखेरू उड़ जाते हैं।

कल ही की बात है। अंग्रेज़ी की क्लास थी, और भोंदू की तबीयत ज़रा ठीक नहीं थी। अध्यापक के पूछने पर उसने कहा "सर मेरा सिर चक्कर खा रहा है"। "अंग्रेज़ी में बोलो", तपाक से अध्यापक ने कहा बहुत सोच विचार के बाद भोंदू बोला, "सर माई हेड इज़ इटिंग सर्किल"। एक बार भोंदू का गला बैठा हुआ था। अध्यापक को अंग्रेज़ी में बताने के लिए भोंदू बोला "सर, माई ओट इज़ सिटिंग"।

भूगोल का पीरियड था। मास्टर जी ने उससे पूछा, "क्या यह सच है कि दुनिया गोल है?" भोंदू का उत्तर था, "जी नहीं, दुनिया पक्की ४२० है"।

हिन्दी के पीरियड में गुरु जी ने भोंदू से पूछा, "क्या तुमने आगरे का पागलखाना देखा है?" भोंदू ने अभिमान भरे स्वर में कहा, "हाँ सर, मैं वहीं से तो आ रहा हूँ"।

जब अध्यापक साहब ने भोंदू की मूर्खता के कई नमूने देखे, तब वे भोंदू से बोले, "भोंदू तुम जितने मूर्ख हो, उतने दिखते नहीं"। झटपट अध्यापक महाशय को यह उत्तर मिला "यही तो मुझमें और आपमें फर्क है"।

विज्ञान के पीरियड के अन्त में मास्टर जी ने पूछा, "एक चीज़ का उदाहरण दो जो कि ग्रीष्म ऋतु में फैलती है व शरद ऋतु में सिकुड़ती है?" भोंदू का उत्तर था, "सर, बर्फ़ बेचने वालों की जेबें"।

इसी तरह एक दिन भोंदू कक्षा में देर से आया और उसने एक दिन की छुट्टी मांगी। मास्टर जी ने उसे अंग्रेज़ी में बोलने के लिए कहा। उसका उत्तर मेरी स्मरण शक्ति पर कई वर्षों तक अंकित रहेगा। उत्तर निम्नलिखित था :—

वन डे निकल पड़ा हम,
रेन वाज़ फॉलिंग छमा छम।
टेक माई अम्ब्रैला भाग पड़ा हम,
लेग माई फिसला गिर गया हम।
हेड माई फूटा चोट लगा कम
हसलिये वन डे छुट्टी मांगता हम।

आशा पुरी,
अपर फाइव।

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Why this sudden change of heart in S. K? I have always known him to be a staunch admirer of the canine species and many a sermon have I got from him in the old days regarding cruelty towards dogs and for having to account for my actions in this world when a dog would sit in judgement over me in the next world.

While living at 'Stone View' and in consequence of the pure generosity of heart of S. K., I remember having to put up for a whole night with two out of the five yelping pups who had lost their mother in the Monkey's Playground below 'Stone View'. We had morning School then!

Why then this objection to the whisky coloured canine and her litter gambolling on his chest and why this sudden desire to have his erstwhile friends shot in cold blood and the ammunition paid for this nefarious task out of the House Funds? I am more than surprised.

Regarding the story of Dr. Thomas having to take refuge in the Staff Club Lounge when chased by a blood-thirsty canine specimen; I think that S. K. has got his facts mixed up. The story as I have it, is that while on a walk Dr. Thomas and his Maxie were waylaid by a huge langoor with a crooked tail who has terrorised many a lone wayfarer. With all haste, Dr. Thomas and his Maxie repaired to the safety of the Staff Club lounge. Only, Dr. Thomas had beaten Maxie to it and thus given a false impression to the tatler and bystander that a ferocious dog was chasing him.

One must endeavour to practise what one preaches.

yours etc
B. S.

Films

'Kind Hearts and Coronets' was screened in Barne Hall. It was rather gruesome for the younger ones.

'Pukar', an old favourite of the Hindi screen was shown on 21st September.

'Devil's Brother' starring Laurel and Hardy was shown on 12th October.

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School News

The month of November has been quite a busy one for us.

At the beginning of the month Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Williams and Mr. Hill of the British Council, Delhi visited us. They spent most of the day going round the School and in the evening the Staff and the School Prefects had tea with them at the Headmaster's house.

In the first week of November, the Inter House Netball matches in the G. D. were played off. Our congratulations to Vindhya House on coming first. Siwalik was placed second, Himalaya, third and Nilagiri, fourth.

To end the Netball season the Girls played a Festival match against the Staff on the 6th November. The girls won rather easily.

On November, 5th the Hockey 2nd XI drew their match against the B. C. S. 2nd XI at Simla. The score was 2—2.

On November, 7th the Inter School Boxing against B. C. S. was held. Sanawar lost 6—7.

Nilagiri House staged their Saturday Club Show that night.

On November 8th the Hockey First XI defeated the B. C. S. First XI 2—0.

The Inter School Boxing against the Doon School was held on 10th November. Sanawar won 7—4.

In the second week of November, the Inter House Table Tennis matches in the G. D. were played off. Vindhya and Siwalik tied for the first position. Himalaya and Nilagiri tied for third place.

We celebrated Diwali with a bonfire on Peaces-tead and special supper in Gaskell Hall.

Preppers had their annual sports on 16th November. Himalaya House came first. There was a special tea afterwards.

In the third week of November, the Inter House Hockey matches in the B. D. were played off. Results are given elsewhere.

The S. C. exams began on the 24th.

O. S. News

Parvez Kumar has joined the Imperial College for a course in Aeronautical Engineering. He met two O. S. Raj Sircar and Ranjit Bhatia recently.

Baljit Singh Sahnay has joined B.E. (Mechanical) at the University of Roorkee.

Bikram Lal Khanna is getting married on 11th December to Sharada Kapur at New Delhi.

We acknowledge gratefully on behalf of the Sixth Form the numerous telegrams from O. S. wishing the Sixth good luck at the S.C. Exam.

Hockey versus Y. P. S.

The annual hockey fixtures against the Y. P. S., Patiala were played off on 1st November at the Yad-vindra Stadium, Patiala. The Colts' match was played first. The Y. P. S. Colts asserted their superiority right from the beginning. They combined fluently and soon found gaps in the Sanawar defence. They stormed our goal time and again. When the whistle blew for half-time, they were leading 2—0. When play was resumed, they continued to attack repeatedly. Soon they increased their lead to 3—0. Balraj Singh, our centre forward made a lone effort. He succeeded in reducing the margin. This goal did not in any way affect the constant pressure kept up by our opponents. The score was 4—1, when the final whistle blew. Their forwards might have scored more goals but for the brilliant defence put up by A. S. Brar, our right full back.

The Colts match was followed by the First XI fixture. Before the match, the two teams were introduced to Mr. Ashwini Kumar. The pattern of play in the First XI match closely followed that of the Colts encounter. Y. P. S. again proved their superiority in no uncertain manner. The ball was most of the time in the Sanawar half. Our full backs K. S. Sethi and A. S. Bal fought valiantly but vainly to stem the tide but Y. P. S. scored twice in the first half and three times in the second. Our First XI forwards were left standing idle most of the time while our defenders strove hard to tackle the Y. P. S. onslaught. Though outplayed and outmanoeuvred, our boys put up a game fight. The usual excuses of intense heat and slow playing conditions cannot fully answer the 5—0 score. Y. P. S. were a superior side in every department of the game. They were a heavier, better and more experienced side who

thoroughly deserved their victory. Unless our boys are given a longer playing season they cannot hope to prove a match for our friendly opponents in Patiala.

Hockey versus B.C.S.

The Second XI went up to Simla to play their B. C. S. counterparts on 5th November. In the early stages of the game our boys managed to score a goal. Spurred on by this success, we pressed hard. Their defence stood up very well to our repeated attacks. Soon the game swung their way and B. C. S. managed to equalise. A few minutes later we scored again and tried our best to cling on to the precarious lead. Our efforts were unsuccessful and B. C. S. equalised again just before half time. When play was resumed our forwards kept up a constant pressure on their defence. The game was mostly in their half and we might have easily scored the decider but our forwards seemed to lack finishing powers. Thus the match ended with both sides sharing four goals.

On Saturday 8th November the First XI fixture was played on Upper Barnes. The game started rather scrappily and both sides took long to settle down. With B. C. S. playing a one back game our forwards were frequently blown up for off-side. The forwards failed to realise early enough that the only way to beat the one back game was to take the ball up on their own. In a concerted rush on the B. C. S. goal, Ashok Seth pushed the ball in when it rebounded off their goalkeeper's pads. We wasted a few chances and the score at half time was 1-0 in our favour. After half time B. C. S. combined better and appeared more dangerous. Great credit is due to Kuljit Sethi who foiled their attacks time and again. In the closing stages of the game Richard Mountford broke through their defence and scored to make the victory more secure. The game on the whole was disappointing; the boys displayed plenty of enthusiasm but little skill.

Sanawar vs. Auckland House

On Sunday 19th October a party of eleven girls accompanied by Miss Chatterji and Mrs Kemp went up to Simla to play netball, table tennis and badminton against Auckland House. The school cheered the party heartily and we left in the best of spirits. The girls sang lustily for a time but soon the conversation and thoughts were centred on food although it was just past 12 noon. We made short work of the sandwiches and fruits provided by Mrs. Nanda.

We were in Simla by 2 p. m. We had to go three miles round the hill as the regular route was blocked. Mrs. Dora, Mrs. Dean (Miss Sant Singh to Sanawarians) other members of the Auckland House staff and the girls give us a warm welcome. That evening we went to see "April Love" starring Pat Boone.

Monday dawned, dismal and dark. It was very cold. Soon there was a drizzle. As we were to play our table tennis and badminton fixtures that day, the weather did not matter. In table tennis, our 1st string Asha Nanda and Neena Dubey made a nervous start and never really settled down. They were beaten 19-20, 20-17, 14-20. Our hopes were now centred on Harvinder Kaur, the captain of the team. Harvinder's opponent played with great determination to take the first game 14-21. In the second and third games Harvinder retrieved the position. She eventually won the match when she took both the

games 21-14, 21-12. Our second string Lila Kak and Anupma Singh won the next match rather easily against weak opponents. The score was 21-18, 21-13. Thus, though we began the day badly, we managed to win the fixture in the end. After a break, during which we had some light refreshments, we returned to the hall for badminton. Our first string Asha Nanda and Lila Kak overwhelmed their opponents easily. The score was 21-10, 21-5. Lila was everywhere. She brought off several good smashes. Her placing was also good. Harvinder Kaur who played the singles was no match for her opponent and lost 15-8, 15-2. Malti Varma and Shabnam Sahni, our second string did not combine very well in the early stages. Once they had overcome their initial nervousness, they settled down and won 21-11, 21-7. We had won both the fixtures and looked forward optimistically to the netball matches the next day. We were happy to see Jaya Rani Krishan and Rina Charan Singh who had come across from St. Bede's in spite of the rain to cheer us.

We had an early lunch and practised netball in the afternoon. In the evening we went to see "Jailhouse Rock" starring Elvis Presley. We got up early the next morning and packed our things before breakfast as we were to leave immediately after the netball match.

In the first half we played with our own ball and it seemed almost too large to go through the ring. We tried to score repeatedly but all our efforts were in vain. The game was in the Auckland House half most the time. Their defence battled valiantly to ward off our frequent attacks. In the second half we played with their ball which was smaller than ours. Asha Nanda in spite of a hurt knee was unbeatable and scored practically every time she got the ball. The result was a victory for us 8-2.

We returned to the dormitory to change and complete our packing. Having thanked the staff for their kindness to us, we said good bye to them and to the new friends we had made during our brief stay in Auckland House. We then set out for 'Kwalitys' to eat victory ice creams. We also did a little hurried shopping on the Mall.

When we reached Sanawar, to our surprise and pleasure we found the school lined up and the band waiting to play us in. We were proud of our victory but it was the boys' victory as well. We thought with gratitude of the tedious hours of practice which Mr. Jagdish Ram and Mr. Mundkur and many of the boys had given us, as the school truck crawled slowly into the Quad.

Boxing versus B. C. S.

The twentieth Inter School Boxing fixture against the B. C. S., Simla was held this year at Sanawar on 7th November. The fixture was revived after a lapse of twelve years. B. C. S. won 7-6. The results are given below:-

Sanawar		B. C. S.
	<i>Atom Weight</i>	
Lalit Bharadwaj	lost to	Ravi Inder Singh
	<i>Gossamer Weight</i>	
Harragbans Singh	won against	R. N. Suthoo
	<i>Paper Weight</i>	
Ajitpal Sandhu	lost to	A. K. Khanna
	<i>Midget Weight</i>	
Ranjit Mehra	won against	A. K. Mehra

S. S. Sodhi	<i>Mosquito Weight</i> lost to	J. Hakim
C. K. Mahajan	<i>Gnat Weight</i> lost to	K. K. Sikand
Tejpal Choudhry	<i>Fly Weight</i> won against	S. Advani
Maninder Bhagat	<i>Bantam Weight</i> won against	Tajinder Singh
Arun Maira	<i>Feather Weight</i> lost to	N. Prasad
Vijay Khanna	<i>Light Weight</i> lost to	S. S. Lamba
Ashok Seth	<i>Welter Weight</i> won against	Daljit Singh
Y. P. Sharma	<i>Middle Weight</i> lost to	S. S. Sidhu
D. R. A. Mountford	<i>Light Heavy Weight</i> won against	G. S. Anand

Boxing versus Doon School

A boxing fixture against the Doon School, Dehra Dun was held on 10th November in the Doon School open air ring. Sanawar won 7—4. The results are given below:—

Sanawar		Doon School
Ajitpal Sandhu	<i>Paper Weight</i> won against	L. Bhadwar
Ranjit Mehra	<i>Midget Weight</i> won against	V. N. Singh
S. S. Sodhi	<i>Mosquito Weight</i> won against	Bharat Singh
C. K. Mahajan	<i>Gnat Weight</i> lost to	Khalid Baig
Tejpal Choudhry	<i>Fly Weight</i> lost to	S. Deo
Maninder Bhagat	<i>Bantam Weight</i> won against	Madhu Sudhan
Arun Maira	<i>Feather Weight</i> lost to	Sidharth Singh
Vijay Khanna	<i>Light Weight</i> won against	Baldev Singh
Ashok Seth	<i>Welter Weight</i> won against	K. Sharma
Anil Seth	<i>Middle Weight</i> lost to	Sanjiv Mukherji
D. R. A. Mountford	<i>Light Heavy Weight</i> won against	Gurjit Singh

Saturday Club Show

The last Saturday Club show of this year was staged by Nilagiri House on 7th November. The evening's programme began with the singing of the National Anthem.

The first item was a one-act play in English "No smoke without fire". The play was about two sisters who were trying to hide a radio set from the police because there was no license. Jai Sheel Oberoi and Asad Amir Ali who played the parts of the two sisters, did well. The latter's efforts to play a deaf mute in front of the police brought repeated laughter. Bunny Malhotra as the Police officer, searching for an escaped criminal, was delightful. He interpreted his role well. He might have done better if he had not appreciated his own jokes in such an obvious fashion.

The next item came as a surprise as it had not been included in the programme. It was a bhajan by Kabir, rendered competently by the House choir. Shanti Bhardwaj and Ashok Mehta played a few tunes on the harmonica. The latter's playing of "Technique" deserves special mention. This was followed by a brief interval during which there was community singing. The singing was not hampered in the least even though the lights went off.

As soon as the lights came on, "Mehman" a hilarious skit in Hindi, began. This was by far the best item on the evening's programme. It deserves even more praise as the actors were all from the younger set of Nilagirians. Arun Mahajan as the uninvited guest who calmly drops in for a week's stay in a strange household, was outstanding. Anil Khanna as Anand who exposes this visitor and Pradeep Varma as Bholanath, the gentleman who has the dubious pleasure of harbouring uninvited guests, also acted well. Jasjit Singh Malik as Kamla and Bimal Chopra as Ramu deserve mention. The play, though brief, was performed with zest and proved a fitting end to the praiseworthy efforts of the Nilagirians.

K. K. Kak

Inter House Hockey

Our congratulations to Vindhya House who won this year's Inter House Hockey league. The scores are given below:—

Vindhya	vs.	Siwalik	(6—0)
Vindhya	vs.	Nilagiri	(1—1)
Vindhya	vs.	Himalaya	(5—0)
Nilagiri	vs.	Himalaya	(1—1)
Nilagiri	vs.	Siwalik	(2—1)
Himalaya	vs.	Siwalik	(4—1)

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Editor,

I apologise for the delay in submitting details of the Old Sanawarian meeting held during Founder's this year. For various reasons the meeting was rather brief, but not the less enjoyable for that. The Headmaster was in the chair and thirty seven members were present.

Annual subscriptions to the Society and the Newsletter again came under discussion. The decision reached as proposed by A. Bhatia and seconded by H. S. Bedi was that an annual membership fee of Rs. 2/- be levied, or a life membership fee of Rs.25/-, this latter being payable in *reasonable* instalments.

S. S. Dhillon proposed, and V. Vyas seconded, that earning or married members of the Society pay for their stay in Sanawar at the rate of Rs. 3/- per head per day. The mover also stressed that this rule should come into force from next year, and he made the point that he was unselfishly thinking of the seconder in proposing the 'moratorium'.

S. Mullick proposed that only members of the O. S. Society be sent invitations for Founder's. This was a controversial point but was eventually seconded by R. Sondhi, and passed. The implications of this decision are that only those O. S. who pay their dues in time will be entitled to an invitation for Founder's. The Newsletter will remind all O. S. of their commitments every April. The rest is upto them.

Mr. Thomas, Headmaster, The Lawrence School, Lovedale was elected an Associate Member of the Society and Mr. V. C. Katoch an Honorary Member.

Many members were keen on the idea of a scarf as an outward and visible symbol of Society membership, and S. Mullick was asked to submit designs. Crested buttons, too, were proposed and the Headmaster promised to look into the matter.

The youthfulness of the members of the Society is understandable with Independence only a decade behind us, but signs of growing maturity are increasing. One of the topics under discussion at the meeting was the position of the wife of an O.S. Could she be considered as an Honorary Member? The chairman applied the closure when the youngest member present wanted to know if children of O. S. would be given preference on the waiting list. Perhaps the discussion was becoming too academic.

Yours etc.

T. C. Kemp

(Hon. Secretary, O. S. Society)

Films

On Sunday 2nd November the Preppers saw 'Peter Pan'. Later that evening the Seniors saw 'Deedar'.

'All the Brothers were Valiant' was screened on the 8th.

The Prep. school and most of the seniors saw 'Robin Hood' the next day.

'Hansel and Gretel' was shown exclusively to the Preppers on 15th November. Later that evening the Seniors saw 'The Caine Mutiny'.

Educational films were shown on Sunday 16th.

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School News

The School reopened on 7th March. The total strength of the School now stands at 521. We publish elsewhere the names of the new admissions.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Saleem Khan at the end of last year. He joined the School in 1952. He was the Housemaster of Nilagiri House from 1955. During his stay here, he had raised the standard of Sanawar cricket to such an extent that we could rightly claim to be a cricketing school once again. The cricket season is on now and we miss very much his tall figure with the inevitable pipe who used to teach one and all (including the Editor) the finer points of cricket. He was held in deep respect both by the Staff and the children. We will not be overstating facts if we say that he has left a void which will be hard to fill. We wish him all the best in the years to come.

Mr. T. R. Singh, Miss Ramani Cherian, Miss Grace Jansen, Miss Norma Jansen and Miss Shirley Hatfield also left us at the end of last year.

Mrs. P. Bedi has left on a year's leave. We are very glad to have Miss Rena Thadani, an Old Sanawarian, on the Staff in Mrs. Bedi's place. Miss Thadani has taken over as Housemistress of Himayala House in G. D.

We take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Gobind Chaturvedi, Miss Raj Rani Suri, Miss E. Charles, Mrs. K. U. Mundkur and Miss C. Dubois and hope that their association with us will be a long and happy one.

Mr. J. K. Kate has gone to England. He is spending a month there and will be studying the working of various Public Schools of England. He will be back with us early this month.

Mr. Thakar is at present looking after Nilagiri House B.D. He will hand over to Mr. U.P. Mukherji who is expected back later this month after his training at Delhi.

The cricket season began with a Festival match between the Staff and the First XI which was played on Upper Barnes on 15th March.

The Senior English Society met in Barne Hall on 21st March. A report on the same appears elsewhere.

There was a three day break in the last week of March. During this break a trip to Bhakra Nangal and various hikes were organised. Mr. Rawat and a party of Siwalik House boys visited the Bhakra dam, Nangal, Gangwal powerhouse and the Surajpur

Cement factory. Two parties of hikers went to Simla, one by way of Subathu and the Iron bridge and the other by way of Solan and Kandaghat. Two parties of hikers went to Chandigrah. The first one went by way of Kalka, Pinjore and Surajpur while the other proceeded straight to its destination. A fifth party hiked to Chail via Solan. Besides these major endeavours, numerous groups of youngsters hiked to places nearby.

The Hindi society met on 28th March.

A hat debate for the Sixth Form was held on 29th March. Each was given a different topic and allowed to speak for two minutes. The topics included 'Chota hazri should be served in bed', 'Hula hoop should replace P. T.', 'Girl prefects should take over in Boys' School for one day' and 'Are moustaches helpful to one's personality?'.

O. S. News

Gurdev Singh Purewal wrote us recently from Amritsar. He has joined the Medical College there and is now in the second year. Another O. S. Vijaypal Singh is also at college with him. He also informs us that three other O. S., Anoop Singh Bedi, Prithvi Raj Sood and Amarjit Singh Bal are in the Khalsa College, Amritsar and that all of them get together sometimes to talk about old times.

Mohinderjit Singh Grewal is in college at Ambala. He is at present working hard for his forthcoming Intermediate examinations. He hopes to pay us a visit soon.

Rajinder Kalaan was in Delhi recently as a member of the N. D. A. polo team to participate in a tournament. He tells us that he had a most enjoyable time even though his team didn't win the tournament.

Gurvinder Singh wrote us from Delhi conveying his best wishes for the school in the coming year.

We heard recently from Shyam Kumar Kak who is now in Colombo. He writes: "I have just finished my second tour of the island. It was the exact opposite of my tour last year. The tour last year was spoiled by constant rain. This year we had a spell of perfect weather and the whole trip was very enjoyable." He also says that he is learning German in his spare time. He hopes to take up short hand and learn some typing after he has mastered the intricacies of German grammar.

Harjit Singh Kochar and Vinod Nair paid us a flying visit on 15th March.

Vishnu Bhagwat, who is at present on board I. N. S. Mysore, was adjudged the Best Allround Cadet in the passing out parade of the training ship I. N. S. Tir. He is now a Midshipman.

Suresh Chadda is now doing an Engineering course at the Braintree College of Further Education in Chelmsford, England. We hear that he has done very well in the terminal exams.

Maninder Bhagat and Y. P. Sharma paid us a visit in the third week of March.

Appointments

The following appointments have been made for the year 1959:—

BOYS' SCHOOL

Head Boy ... Sangram Singh Gaekwad

School Prefects

Himalaya ... { Samaresh Mukherji
K. S. Sethi
Nilagiri ... { N. P. Dube
Bunny Malhotra
Siwalik ... { Sangram Singh Gaekwad
Gurcharan Singh Brar
Vindhya ... Ashok Shahani

House Prefects

Himalaya ... { Anil Seth
Abhey Yograj
Nilagiri ... { Shanti Bharadwaj
Surjit Bhasin
Siwalik ... { Arun Kapur
Rupinder Singh Brar
Shiv Mehra
Vindhya ... { Ameet Merchant
B. S. Bala
R. S. Randhawa
M. I. Prefect ... Baldev Dua

GIRLS' SCHOOL

Head Girl ... Anupma D. Singh

School Prefects

Himalaya ... Anupma D. Singh
Nilagiri ... Roop Narang
Siwalik ... Ranjana Debnath
Vindhya ... Madhu Mehra

House Prefects

Himalaya ... Vinita Singh
Nilagiri ... Basant Usha Katoch
Siwalik ... Santosh Dass
Vindhya ... Malti Verma
Games Prefect ... Indra Sachdev
Reading Room Prefect ... Romola Rani Krishen
M. I. Prefect ... Sukram Bala Malhotra

Congratulations to the following on their success in the School Certificate Examination:—

FIRSTS

Ajai Kapur Harvinder Kaur
V. K. Khanna Jasbir Kaur
S. Loraj Kumar D. Vartak
A. N. Maira

SECONDS

Shyam Kak D. J. Pradhan
H. S. Kochhar Chandru Ramchandani

A. Bal
G. S. Bedi
M. S. Bhagat
A. Bhatia
T. S. Chowdhury
A. Gaekwad
Lila Kak
Asha Nanda
Sonny Mehta

Yogesh Saxena
A. Sehgal
Y. P. Sharma
Chittarpal Singh
Sarabjit A. Singh
Kenneth M. Singh
S. C. Sood
Kum Kum Batra
Neena Dubey

THIRDS

A. K. Marwaha R. Mountford
A. Bery D. S. Hazuria
Anjana Thadani A. Seth
T. S. Shergill

There was one failure

Senior English Society

The Senior English Society held its first meeting of the year in Barne Hall on 21st March. The subject for the evening's debate was 'Social service in Sanawar should not take the form of labour quota'.

The first speaker, Arun Kapur, was for the motion. He argued that the essence of social service is its voluntary aspect. In Sanawar this aspect had been forgotten and all the boys had to do it. This compulsion defeats the very purpose of social service. Samaresh Mukherji who also supported the motion spoke next. The lessons of the dignity of labour and companionship could be learned, he argued in other fields also. Anupma Singh who spoke next developed the same point and suggested furniture polishing and gardening, as alternatives to labour quota. She also suggested that boys and girls could do real social service by helping the servants of the estate. Ameet Merchant raised the point whether labour quota would be of any practical use to Sanawarians in later life. He was of the opinion that the time wasted in labour quota should be utilised for extra studies. At this point one wondered whether the various speakers were really earnest about their own suggestions! Roop Narang was the first speaker to oppose the motion. Her argument was that we should use not only our brains but also our brawn. She criticised the approach which Sanawarians adopted towards labour quota. Jai Sheel Oberoi detailed the results of labour quota in Sanawar. According to him we had not been able to achieve much. He also felt that too much energy was being wasted and too little was being achieved. Indira Sachdev was the second speaker to oppose the motion. She was followed by Krishen Kak who argued that by doing labour quota we gained something apart from mere physical strength. Navina Sundaram also spoke against the motion. Karam Sheel Oberoi pointed out that instead of instilling ideas of comradeship tended to make one develop a habit of dodging work. Abhey Yograj was the last speaker of the evening. He was also easily the best. He spoke in a very convincing fashion and had a number of telling points. He compared the boys who dodged labour quota to sissies and snobs who were frightened of blisters and dust. He claimed that there was nothing degrading in doing manual labour. There was a sense of quiet pride in our hearts as we looked at the four new nets we had built through our own effort.

The standard of debating was not very high and most of the speakers tended to repeat certain main points. I hope that as the year progresses and we have more debates, we will find boys and girls coming up without sheafs of notes and speaking confidently and to the point.

K. K. Kak.

To

All Parents

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been directed by the Board of Governors of the Lawrence School (Sanawar) Society to obtain your reactions to a proposal to raise the School Fees by Rs. 100/- per annum with effect from 1st March, 1960.

It must be appreciated that the Board of Governors has been, and is still, most anxious to keep the cost of education in this School as low as possible. At present this cost compares more than favourably with that in most of the Public Schools in this country.

Till the Financial Year ending 1956 this School was state aided, receiving, if the average of the three preceding years is taken into account, a sum of Rs. 2,01,122/- per annum, recurring grant-in-aid. **THIS REPRESENTS A SUM OF Rs. 506/- PER CHILD. THESE GRANTS-IN-AID CEASED ABRUPTLY WITH EFFECT FROM 1st MARCH, 1956.** In spite of this considerable drop in income the Board did not raise the fees, and we were able to balance the School budgets for the ensuing years by effecting the most rigid economies without necessarily lowering standards, in particular with regard to food, clothing and education.

These economies were achieved in the main by (i) the elimination of wasteful processes, (ii) strict accounting and audit of stores and expendable materials, (iii) the taking over by ourselves from the Central Public Works Department the responsibility for the maintenance of the School buildings and estate, and the provision of electrical power, (iv) the elimination of the middleman by buying the vast bulk of our requirements directly from the manufacturer or producer, wherever possible, and (v) the reduction in establishment charges to the irreducible minimum

The main charges on our budget are on account of the following heads:—

1) **Establishment**: As has already been stated, this has been reduced to the minimum and cannot be reduced further without the School being obliged to surrender its membership of the Indian Public Schools Conference which requires a minimum staff/pupil ratio. Without this ratio, education as envisaged by ourselves would no longer be possible. Even so, the cost on account of establishment is bound to increase with increments falling due in the normal course of time. The cost is likely to average Rs. 5,500/- per annum.

2) **Maintenance of lands and buildings and the provision of electrical power**: While the expenditure under this head has been brought down from an average of Rs. 1,30,640/- per annum to approximately Rs. 33,000/- nevertheless, the proper maintenance of the School estate, and particularly of its buildings, is one of the major problems which the School faces in an area where landslides and the need for shoring up buildings is ever present.

3) **Food**: The expenditure on account of food is one of the largest of the charges on our budget and I am sure that no parent would wish for economies in this behalf if the enormous effort required of their children, both mental and physical, is taken into account.

With the ever rising cost of living, particularly on account of food and clothing, no further economies are possible, and, therefore, something has got to give, education, buildings, or food, **UNLESS YOU COME TO OUR AID.** The intention of the Board is to invest, if I may use the term, the extra sum asked of you primarily in further improving the food eaten by your children and the balances, if any, on the maintenance of the School, both essential if the School is to survive.

Lastly, I would ask you to remember that certain other Public Schools in the country have already increased their fees appreciably to an extent far in excess of what I am proposing. It is not that we intend merely to follow suit, but the same compelling reasons are equally applicable to this School.

I should be most grateful if you would please give this matter your most careful consideration and let me have your replies by the 15th of April, 1959, latest, for consideration by the Board of Governors at its meeting in May.

Yours faithfully

Sd./ R. SOM DUTT
MAJOR
Headmaster.

18th March, 1959.

Cricket

A Festival match to inaugurate the cricket season was played on 15th March:—

School 1st XI	147 (Sangram Gaekwad 59, A.S. Bedi 26, N. P. Dube 21, Mr. Bhalerao 4 for 31 and Mr. Mundkur 3 for 41)
1st innings	
Staff XI	87 (Mr. Kemp 21 and A. Pandya 6 for 18)
1st innings	
School 1st XI	96 for 4 decl. (B.S. Bala 54 retired and S. Mukherji 23 not out)
2nd innings	
Staff XI	77 for 6 (Mr. Gopinath 29 and Mr. Bhalerao 22 not out)
2nd innings	

The match ended in a draw.

A practice match was played on 22nd March. The scores were:—

Staff XI	118 (Mr. Chaturvedi 50, Mr. Bhalerao 20, A. Pandya 3 for 31 and Brijender 3 for 17)
1st innings	
School 1st XI	158 (Baldev Dua 30, B. S. Bala 38, S. Mukherji 27 and Mr. Mundkur 8 for 52)
1st innings	

The First XI won by 40 runs.

The First XI played a practice match against the Colts XI on 27th March. The scores were:—

School 1st XI	217 (A. S. Bedi 55, Baldev Dua 51, A. Malhotra 24, A. Pandya 21 and Ajit Bhargava 3 for 20)
1st innings	
Colts XI	71 (G.S. Brar 4 for 6 and Baldev Dua 3 for 28)
1st innings	

Colts XI 46 (Brijender 3 for 11)
2nd innings

The First XI won by an innings and 100 runs.

New Admissions

The following have joined this term :—

Boys

Makhan Lal Bansal	Ramesh Chandra Raizada
Prem Kumar Bansal	Rama Kant Raizada
Yuv Raj Singh Puar	Ravinder Kumar Raizada
Deep Raj Singh Puar	Sudeep Burman
Vimal Khosla	Apurva Natvarlal Parikh
Haminderjit Singh	Rakesh Chopra
Romesh C. Marwah	Madhavjit Singh Paul
Pravin Chandra	Satish Chandra C. Gulab
Ratinder Bir Singh	Hamir C. Ratanje
Naresh Khorana	Deepak Subramanian
Hari Inder Singh	Satpal Singh Brar
Manjit Singh	Dipak Kumar Guha
Ashok Gupta	Ved Prakash
Anil Sharma	Vijay Kumar Taode
Saravdaman Patel	Atul Patel
Vikram Patel	Navin Chander Kohli
Harjit Singh Mangat	Ashok Kumar C. Gulab
Kiran Kirti Chauhan	Umesh C. Ratanje
Upinder Singh Dhillon	Pradeep Singh
Inder Jit Sharma	Rohit Kumar Khanna
Gurpartap Singh	Parmod Pathak
Sarwan Kumar Sahni	Ajit Jayaram
Saravdamanjeet Singh	Dileep Jayaram
Rajendra Gupta	Amarjit Singh Bajwa
Kuldip Shankar	Dhanu Gidwaney
Harminder Singh	Kishore Gidwany
Rajan Burman	Dinesh Kumar Singha
Azad Natvarlal Parikh	Manjit Singh
Deepak Yashpal	Sandeep Kumar Ahuja
Trevor Nair	Kanwaljit Singh Bala
Jaswinder Singh Rana	Keith Anil Manley
Surinder Pal Singh	Lokinder Singh
Pritinder Singh Khanika	Rajvir Singh Sawhney
Gurbir Singh	Krishan Lal Garg
Saranjit Singh	Sahvindra Singh Kadan
Mandeep Singh	Kamljit Singh
Kuldip Singh Gill	Indrash Babbar
Vijay Kumar Raizada	

Girls

Renu Chahil	Radha Taneja
Raj Kumari	Prabha Kapur
Indu Ahluwalia	Sukanya Rahman
Mandakini Patel	Jagwinder Kaur Dhaliwal

Roop Som Dutt
Gurbansjit Kaur
Veena Kumari Puar
Veena Khosla
Maya Manekshaw
Shashi Mehta
Manimalini R. Palit
Anjula Gandhi
Hemlata Ben
Bhartiben K. Shah
Indu Khanna
Sita Sethi

Kiran Tandon
Aruna Kumari C. Gulab
Pratima Jayaram
Thilothama Jayaram
Littlue Nair
Geeta Varma
Anjana Mehra
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School News

The Shakespeareana paid us a visit in the first week of April. They put up 'Saint Joan', 'Henry V' and 'Macbeth'.

For the Foundation Day picnic on April 15th the Senior School went to a spot beyond Shaktighat.

Mr. Kate returned from abroad on the same day.

The first Saturday Club Show of the year was given by the Siwalik House on 18th April. This year for the first time all the three departments produced a joint show.

The Geography Society met on 19th April.

Mr. Mukherji returned on 27th April after his training at Delhi. He has taken over as Housemaster of the Nilagiri House.

O. S. News

Sonny Mehta is at present in Coligny, Geneva. He is doing his H.S. C. at the International School there. He writes:—

"Every morning I go to School wearing the school blazer with the Sanawar crest and flaunting the school tie. I have stopped that now as some of my friends in the school thought that I was a refugee and had nothing else to wear. They even started taking up a collection for me."

Richard Mountford informs us that he had the opportunity recently to take part in an Athletic Clinic organised by the visiting American athletes in Delhi. He tells us that he picked up a few tips from Ken Kave.

Sarvman Chatrath writing from Ludhiana informs us that the O. S. there have decided to start an O. S. Society at Ludhiana. We appeal to all O. S. to help him in this endeavour.

Shakespeareana Presents

On the first evening of their short visit to Sanawar the Shakespeareana staged 'Saint Joan' by Bernard Shaw. With astonishing reality and in short swift scenes the play unfolded to tell us the story of the simple girl from the countryside who after hearing voices from heaven went to the rescue of her country against the marauding Englishmen. The trial of the Maid was effectively presented with the original use of stage lights. The realistic lighting effects made the burning of the Maid at the

stake a really memorable scene. The Epilogue which takes place after many years relieved the tension in the audience and the humorous aspect of the whole theme was brought out cleverly.

The next evening we witnessed 'Henry V'. Like 'Saint Joan' the previous evening, this play was also edited and cut down considerably to suit the audience. The story of the English king who won the famous battle at Agincourt against the might of France was presented ably. King Henry's erstwhile companions provided the comic relief. The scene in which Henry meets Princess Katharine as also the scene in which Katharine tries to learn English brought forth sallies of laughter.

On the third evening they staged 'Macbeth'. (Excitement prevailed in the school. This was not due to the fact that the boys and girls were going to see Shakespeare's masterpiece of blood and thunder but because Prep was cancelled!) The Sixth Formers sat with alert expressions on their faces and open text books in their hands. The tension was built up effectively and when the knocking on the gate is heard after the murder of Duncan, the audience gasped and when the porter entered breathed sighs of relief. The porter interlude was as humorous as the sleep-walking scene was gripping. The final fight in which Macbeth is vanquished was put over effectively.

During their brief stay the Shakespeareana won the hearts of all of us. All the three plays were greatly appreciated.

Abhey Yograj

Foundation Day Picnic

Last year a change of the picnic spot for the annual Foundation Day picnic was deemed necessary because of the repeated complaints that Dagroo had become rather stale. The spot chosen was the Broken Bridge which proved too far for the youngsters and too hot due to lack of shady nooks. This year therefore the spot was again changed and the picnic was held at a spot beyond Shaktighat. It lies a hundred feet above the motorable road to Dharnighat. The distance was nearly five miles but the youngsters did not find it too tiring because there was not much climbing involved.

We started for the picnic immediately after breakfast. It was a pleasant morning—sunny but not too hot. We went down to Garkhal and then took the road which goes via Jubal. It took us about an hour and a half to reach our destination. There were many shady spots on the hill side. From the top of the ridge one could see Subathu, Dagroo and Kasauli. There were some houses and the tents were pitched nearby. The school spread themselves over the hill side. From the place where I stood, there was a panoramic view of small hills merging into the plains and beyond that the hazy horizon.

Some played cards and other games. Others chose to sit by a small pond down in the valley. The absence of a stream was felt at this stage. We remembered the gurgling stream at Dagroo. We recollected how we used to go upstream exploring, while some swam around and still others slept to the music of a flowing mountain stream.

We put away all such thoughts and surrendered ourselves to the pleasures of the palate when the bugle for lunch went. The lunch was relished by all. The advantage of having the picnic near a motorable road was clearly reflected in the standard of the lunch we were served. After lunch the boys and girls split up into groups. For two hours the children amused themselves with various spontaneous performances. Tea was served at four. It proved a quite a problem holding on to a mug of boiling tea, a handful of fried monkey nuts, sweetmeats and sandwiches at the same time.

We left Shaktighat after a roll call. It was nearing five as the last of the stragglers climbed down to the road. So ended a most enjoyable picnic which left me happy but not contented as the thoughts of good old Dagroo rose up in me again.

Arun Maira
O. S.

A Hike to Chail

The three day break at the end of March was an unforeseen opportunity and five of us decided to go on a hike. After a prolonged discussion we decided on Chail. That night we packed up and went to sleep with thoughts of the adventure ahead.

Early next morning we were up and left Sanawar behind us bathed in glorious morning sunshine. We took the bridle path to Dharampur. From Dharampur we got onto the road to Solan. Half-way to Solan a truck driver offered us a lift. Soon he realised our terribly weak financial position. We found ourselves on the road again. From Solan we proceeded to Shalogra. From Shalogra a steep climb up and then we went down again. Soon we were crossing what seemed endless ridges to us. Our determination was weakening but we plodded on grimly. A long winding climb lay ahead of us and behind us we had just negotiated another of the same type. We stuck to it and as we reached the ridge we sighted Chail in the distance and it gave us fresh strength.

Chail is a small town. It did not present a busy face at all. It is rather out of the way and unconnected with the rest of Himachal Pradesh but for an unreliable and irregular bus service. The main attraction in Chail is the Palace and the cricket field which is reputed to be the highest in the world. We dumped our things in a lonely bungalow and after a quick cup of tea set out to see the town. Next morning we left Chail early by bus for Kandaghat. From Kandaghat we came back by the main road via Solan to Dharampur. We reached Sanawar late in the afternoon.

J. S. Oberoi
N. P. Dube
A. Malhotra
S. S. Bhasin
K. S. Oberoi

Cricket

The First XI played a practice match against the Staff XI on 15th April. The scores were:—

Staff XI	94 (Mr. Kemp 57, N. P. Dube 5 for 16 and G.S. Brar 3 for 11)
1st innings	
First XI	95 (Sangram Gaekwad 52 not out and Mr. Chaturvedi 3 for 23)
1st innings	

The Staff XI lost by one run.

The First XI played another practice match against the Staff XI on 12th April. The scores were:—

First XI	178 (Sangram Gaekwad 124 Mr. Mundkur 5 for 72 and Mr. Chaturvedi 4 for 68)
1st innings	
Staff XI	147 (Mr. Mundkur 60, Mr. Bhalerao 52, B. S. Bala 3 for 24 and Baldev Dua 3 for 33)
1st innings	

Sangram Gaekwad scored his hundred before lunch. It included three sixes.

The First XI won by 31 runs.

The Colts XI played the First XI on 19th March. The scores were:—

Colts XI	59 (Suman Sehgal 21, Baldev Dua 3 for 13 and N. P. Dube 3 for 18)
1st innings	
First XI	176 (A. S. Bedi 53, Baldev Dua 28 and Kiran Kapur 4 for 16)
1st innings	

The First XI won by 117 runs.

The First XI played a combined team comprising of the 11th Brigade and the Staff on 26th April. The scores were:—

First XI	180 (G. S. Brar 60, Baldev Dua 36, Sangram Gaekwad 43 and Mr. Mundkur 4 for 47)
1st innings	
Combined XI	69 (Mr. Mundkur 28 and B. S. Bala 6 for 34 including a hat trick)
1st innings	
Combined XI	73 (Lt. Col. Mehta 28, N. P. Dube 3 for 12 and Baldev Dua 4 for 16)
2nd innings	

The match ended in a draw.

The Colts played the Dolts on 27th April. The scores were:—

Dolts XI	139 (S. S. Chahal 37, Ajit Bhargav 21, K. S. Suri 21, H. P. S. Bains 20 and Kiran Kapur 5 for 14)
1st innings	
Colts XI	82 (Kamlesh Katoch 35 not out and S.S. Chahal 4 for 22)
1st innings	

The Dolts won by 57 runs.



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School News

Mr. Kate talked to the Staff and later, the School about his trip to England and the Continent.

The Barne Memorial Festival match was held on Friday 5th & 6th May. There was a Buffet Supper in the B. D. at 8 p. m.

The swimming pool filtration plant came into use on 1st May.

The P. D. challenged the B. D. in cricket. The B. D. just won.

Our Colts played B. C. S. on Sunday 10th May. Sanawar won on a first innings lead.

The Indian Gymkhana Cricket Club of Delhi played a two day match against the 1st XI on the 16th & 17th May.

Subash Dua tasted the pleasure (?) of teaching and found it dead sea fruit. Subash took over Mr. Gopinath's Time Table while the latter was away for a fortnight.

The Mock Parliament was replaced by a Brains Trust on Saturday 9th May.

The Headmaster left for Lovedale to attend a Board meeting.

On Sunday 17th May there was a meeting of the History Society.

The Headmaster returned on Tuesday 19th.

The British Information Service screened three films at 9-30 a. m. on Wednesday 20th in Barne Hall. We were glad to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Taylor and their helpers.

Mr. M. S. Rawat has secured a scholarship at the Central Institute of Education at Delhi.

Mr. O. P. Sharma is at present undergoing training at the Himalayan Institute of Mountaineering at Darjeeling. He is expected back by the middle of June.

The Inter House Cricket matches commenced on 11th May. Our congratulations to Nilagiri House on winning the Cricket cup. Siwalik and Vindhya shared second place while Himalaya were placed last.

O. S. News

Our congratulations go out to Usha Rani Chowdhry on her engagement to Dr. Netar Perkash Phd. (Technology).

Yash Paul is still not fit. We had been looking forward to his teaching stay with us but it was not to be. We hope he will be up and about soon.

H. S. Kochar & V. K. Soi paid us a visit on 21st May.

Subash Dua very gallantly offered to fill the gap when Mr. Gopinath was called for an interview to Bangalore, and has been teaching in Sanawar for a fortnight. After the initial ordeal he has shouldered his responsibilities like a veteran. "A Sanawar boy can handle anything—even other Sanawar boys". S. D. proves the point.

A sampling :—

- Scene L-IV B.
L-IV Good morning, Sir
S. D. Good mornings —er—er, good morning!
L-IV Boy: Are you going to teach us English, er—Sir?
S. D. Yes! Take out your books.
L-IV Boy: Whats' your name, Sir?
S. D.: Subash Dua. I was in Sanawar when you were in the P. D- Take out your books.
L-IV Boy: Should we call you Sir, Sir?
S. D.: Take out your books.
L-IV Boy: Yes Sir! Are you a boy, Sir or a teacher?
L-IV Boy: Did you ever get lobs, Sir?
S. D. glares and a period of silence follows.
L-IV Girls: Sir? Did you ever have a
S. D. blows his top and no further interruption is recorded.]

Mr. Badal Roy who was on the Staff in 1954, got married on 27th May. Sanawar wish the happy couple all the best.

K. K. Soi and Bhupinderpal paid us a visit on 24th May.

Siwalik Saturday Club Show

Siwalik House presented the first Saturday Club show of this year on April 18th. The first item on the evening's programme was an English play 'Twice Is Too Much'. The play was humorous and dealt with the fortunes of a man who adopts various devices to improve his finances. It had an Arabian Nights' background. The costumes were appropriate and the acting commendable. Meenakshi Khanna as Nouz Hatoul was outstanding while Praveen Sharma as her husband Abu over acted at times. Some of the other characters were not audible occasionally. The climax was certainly funny and brought forth repeated laughter.

After the English play the Preppers in Siwalik House gave a recitation. This was followed by two popular English songs which were rendered competently by Rikynti Nongpuir. Then followed a Hindi song by a Prepper. The last item before the interval was a group dance by the Siwalik House girls. The dance was lively and the girls did it with zest.

After the interval a Hindi play 'Paheli' was staged. The story centred around Sharma and his restaurant. Sharma is a generous man and his customers conveniently forget to pay him cash. Each customer is engrossed in his own problem and none of them is bothered about mounting debts at the restaurant. Frequenting the place are Khan Sahib who is interested in politics, the Vakil saheb who is endlessly solving crossword puzzles, an educated unemployed youth who is forever looking out for jobs, Saxena, a clerk who is eternally worried about his family budget, and others. The acting was good and the play was enjoyable. The only discordant note was the abrupt ending.

The evening's programme ended with the singing of the School Song.

K. S. Oberoi

Vindhya Saturday Club Show

The second Saturday Club Show of the year was staged by the Vindhya House on 23rd May. Like the Siwalik show this was also a combined affair in which all the three departments took part. The evening's programme began with a ballet by the Vindhya girls. It was an elegant little piece and captured the hearts of the audience. The short story was cleverly portrayed and the show was off to a good start. This was followed by a Hindi song. After the song, a dance drama "An Artist's Dream" was staged by Malti Verma and Shabnam Sahni. It was about a painting coming to life and the figures in the painting dancing while the artist is dreaming about it in his sleep. This was indeed a novel idea which was cleverly put across. This item was followed by A. S. Bedi on the mouth organ rendering two popular songs. He was assisted by Harsh Somdutt on the drums. After this musical interlude, the Vindhya preppers staged a Hindi play "Shadi ki Zarurat". It was humorous skit and the preppers did their bit enthusiastically. The Hindi play was followed by two more popular songs played competently by Shahnaz Menon on the piano. The Vindhya girls then staged a folk dance. "The Stargazers", as the Vindhyan Band calls themselves, played two melodies. The rendering was excellent.

After a short interval "The Man Who Married A Dumb Wife," an English play, was staged. The story was that of a man who had his dumb wife operated upon so that she could talk. After the operation the wife begins to talk. As she talks too much the husband gets an injection which makes him deaf. The play was performed very smoothly and all the actors did well. This was obvious from the repeated laughter from the audience. Thus ended the Vindhya House show which provided a thoroughly enjoyable evening for all present.

Parveen Sharma

The Brains Trust

A meeting of the Brains Trust was held in Barne Hall on the 9th May. A Brains Trust Board had been set up previously which included one person for every subject. The Headmaster was the President.

It started at 7 o'clock and a number of questions were put forward and answered as best as they could be. The first query was on the Atomic Bomb, a very controversial subject. This immediately set off a chain reaction of similar questions. Most of the questions were on the Sciences and Physics had more than its due share. A number of puzzles were put forward which included such questions as "Does an electric charge weigh anything?" "Does light have weight?" or "What exactly is radio activity?" A number of mathematical formulae, especially those by Einstein figured prominently, and members of the Brain Trust were asked to prove them. A number of mathematical formulae were presented to prove 0 equal to 1 or ten equal to three and so on.

In literature one controversial subject was whether Shakespeare actually wrote his plays or whether he was a mere plagiarist. Music and spiritualism also figured on the agenda.

Due to shortage of time the meeting had to end though half the questions were still to be asked. On the whole it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Karm Sheel Oberoi

The Historical Society

The Historical Society held its first meeting on the evening of the 17th May.

The eleven speakers spoke on various subjects of Indian and European history.

Anil Malhotra, the first speaker, described, in a most patriotic manner, "The First Indian War of Independence" and discussed its causes, events and results.

He was followed by Meenakshi Khanna who spoke on "Ujjain" the famous capital of the even more famous Chandragupta II Vikramaditya. She described, in glowing terms, the might and wisdom of its kings and the customs and traditions of its people.

Parveen Sharma, next spoke on the brief but important history of "Mohenjo-Daro" (Mound of the Dead). He gave a detailed descriptive account of this great city, the high standard of civilization achieved by its inhabitants and the three problems confronting archeologists, namely, the origin of its people, the language they spoke and wrote and the causes of their sudden disappearance.

Madhu Mehra, speaking on "Fa-Hien's Travels", told us much about the pilgrimage of this famous Chinese Buddhist, who on his way to India visited thirty other countries. She described his journey to the shrines of Buddha and his successful efforts in translating sacred texts. He stayed in India from 399-405 A. D. and wrote a

treatise on the Indian people, but one queer thing to be noticed in this treatise is the omission of the king's name.

Ranjana Debnath outlined the story of sensational "Rupkund Mystery" and stated the theories put forward by scientists to account for the presence of the numerous bones. It could have been the army of the Kashmiri general Zorawar Singh, or the remains of the company of King Jashtad and his queen Balpa who are reputed to have died in a hailstorm in the same region.

Karm Sheel Oberoi, speaking on "The Battle of Britain", related the terrific struggle between the Luftvaffe and the R. A. F., and the efforts of the former to annihilate Britain, finally the tables turning, and how the R. A. F. reigned supreme. Unfortunately he spoke too fast to be understood clearly.

Ameet Merchant, describing "The Fortresses of Shivaji" (The Mountain Rat, as Aurangzeb called this mighty Maratha leader) inaccessible hide-outs in the Western Ghats. Among the many forts named was Raigarh, where, in 1674, Shivaji's coronation took place, to which a 100,000 guests were invited and 11,000 priests presided.

Daleep Rao, speaking on "The Travels of Hiuen-Tsang," described this other famous Chinese Buddhist's quest of scared scriptures, and his impressions of the conditions of administration, social life and caste system during the time of Harshavardhana.

Romola Krishan, speaking on "Architecture of the Moghuls" illustrated the beauty of the works of art constructed during the reigns of the great kings of medieval India.

Manju Sood, speaking on the influx of the "Aryans" (2000—1500 B. C.) and their warlike nature told us about their victory over the Dravidians and their way of life in a strange country.

Abhey Yograj, the last speaker, spoke well but spoiled his speech by using long terms. He affirmed that "Mohammed-bin-Tughlaq was a genius" and an extra ordinary man who belonged to a later age. He also criticised Lane-Poole and Smith's criticism of this misunderstood genius.

K. K. Kak

Cricket

The Barne Memorial match was played on 5th and 6th May. Richard Mountford and Ashok Marwaha played for the Staff XI. The scores were:—

The First XI	287	(Sangram Gaekwad 92, A. S. Bedi 60, N. P. Dube 51, Baldev Dua 27 and Mr. Mundkur 7 for 103)
1st innings		
Staff XI	67	(Anil Malhotra 4 for 21)
1st innings		
Staff XI	164	(Mr. Kemp 39, Mr. Gupta 28 not out, R. Mountford 21, and Ajit Bhargav 4 for 54)
2nd innings		

The First XI won by an innings and 54 runs.

The Colts played the B. C. S. Colts on 10th May at Sanawar. The scores were:—

Sanawar Colts	74	(Ranjit Mehra 30)
1st innings		

B. C. S. Colts	40	(Kiran Kapur 3 for 10)
1st innings		

Sanawar Colts	74	for 6 wkts declared (Kamlesh Katoch 23 not out)
2nd innings		

B. C. S. Colts	63	for 6 wkts (Anil Bhatia 4 for 20)
2nd innings		

Sanawar Colts won on the first innings lead.

The Indian Gymkhana Club from Delhi played the First XI on 16th and 17th May. The scores were:—

Indian Gymkhana	75	(N. P. Dube 3 for 18)
1st innings		

The First XI	207	(Sangram Gaekwad 104 and Baldev Dua 20)
1st innings		

Indian Gymkhana	94	(Ajit Bhargav 3 for 4)
2nd innings		

The First XI won by an innings and 38 runs.

The First XI played the Y.P.S. XI on 23rd and 24th May, at Sanawar. The scores were:—

The First XI	117	(Baldev Dua 29 and Sangram Gaekwad 20)
1st innings		

Y. P. S. XI	66	(B. S. Bala 3 for 19)
1st innings		

The First XI	101	(Sangram Gaekwad 35)
2nd innings		

Y. P. S. XI	96	(Anil Malhotra 4 for 10)
2nd innings		

The First XI won by 56 runs.

Along The Ring Road

On a bright sunny Sunday morning one could see three solitary figures, armed with what we call grub in Sanawar, cycling down Ring Road. I was one of them and the other two were my friends.

Due to unavoidable circumstances we could not leave Defence Colony earlier than 8 a. m. and cycling down Ring Road we reached Rajghat in an hour stopping at places for snaps. At Rajghat we had breakfast and a light drizzle rather disheartened us as we saw our adventure coming to an end so soon. We literally prayed to God Almighty and our prayer was answered by the welcome glow of the sun. From Rajghat we went past Daryganj and then to Red Fort, from where we proceeded to Ashmere Gate. Here we had a cup of coffee at Carltons and then going along Alipur Road and past the Secretariat we soon reached Naini Lake at Model Town. Here we witnessed for a few minutes a weight-lifting contest. From here we cycled upto Azadpur and the mile-o-meter on one of our cycles showed that we had covered 18 miles. This was the farthest point we touched away from the city. After that we started cycling back towards the city along a different route. The Ring Road here was under construction and we travelled on a stretch of 'kucha' road for two furlongs which was supposed to be the Ring Road. Going further we encountered a solitary and picturesque stretch of Ring Road for five miles, along side which at one spot we saw innumerable vultures on a building. This and the smell around the place brought us to the conclusion that we were passing a leather factory. A sickly smell of chemicals and smoke introduced us to the Industrial Township of Najafgarh. Someone sugges-

ted that it was identical to that of "cutex" nail polish, but to our surprise, it proved to be that of insecticides. Before this we had never known that Najafgargh was such a highly industrialised area. From Najafgargh we turned into Rajouri Gardens and between Rajouri Gardens and the primitive village of Nariana we sat down for lunch. With a fresh bid at adventure, renewed by refreshment and rest we cycled past the village of Nariana where our jubilant shouts on having covered 28 miles aroused the curiosity of two villagers. A stretch of four miles past the Cantonment brought us to Kitchner Road crossing. We made a detour of four miles to go upto Kushk View from where a vast panorama of modern building met our eyes.

From here we made a beeline for home which was six miles away reaching there at 5 p.m. We had covered a total of forty miles in all, in nine hours, including rests at various places.

GOLYPON.

(Being modest about his cycling prowess, the writer of the above article insisted on a pseudonym-Editor.)

Inter House Cricket

Nilagiri as reported elsewhere, won the Inter House Cricket Cup for 1959. The scores of all matches are given below:—

Nilagiri vs. Siwalik

Siwalik 1st innings	200	for 5 wkts declared (Sangram Gaekwad 132 not out, G. S. Brar 29, Baldev Dua 24 not out and Anil Malhotra 5 for 89)
Nilagiri 1st innings	127	(N. P. Dube 63 not out, K. C. Katoch 20, and G.S. Brar 4 for 32)
Siwalik 2nd innings	38	for no loss declared (Sangram 24 not out)
Nilagiri 2nd innings	61	for 7 wkts (Kiran Kapur 4 for 9)

Siwalik won on the first innings lead.

Nilagiri vs. Vindhya

Vindhya 1st innings	87	(I. S. Bhusri 23, N. P. Dube 4 for 21 and Anil Malhotra 4 for 45)
Nilagiri 1st innings	105	(Manharjit Hundal 33 and Arun Pandya 3 for 18)
Vindhya 2nd innings	60	(R. S. Randhawa 25 and Anil Malhotra 7 for 25)
Nilagiri 2nd innings	44	for 6 wkts declared

Nilagiri won by four wickets.

Nilagiri vs. Himalaya

Himalaya 1st innings	55	(N. P. Dube 8 for 9)
Nilagiri 1st innings	81	(S.S. Bhasin 37, Amarjit Butalia 5 for 45 and Brijender 4 for 20)
Himalaya 2nd innings	75	(N. P. Dube 5 for 16)
Nilagiri 2nd innings	51	for 2 wkts declared (N.P. Dube 26 not out)

Nilagiri won by eight wickets.

Siwalik vs. Vindhya

Vindhya 1st innings	119	(A.S. Bedi 40, Ajit Pal 20 and G. S. Brar 5 for 30)
Siwalik 1st innings	72	(P. Dhir 21 not out, B.S. Bala 5 for 22 and Ameet Merchant 4 for 19)
Vindhya 2nd innings	91	for 9 wkts (I. S. Bhusri 26 and Sangram 6 for 24)

Vindhya won on the first innings lead.

Siwalik vs. Himalaya

Siwalik 1st innings	148	(G.S. Brar 79 and S.N. Gupta 5 for 18)
Himalaya 1st innings	68	(Kiran Kapur 5 for 13 and Sangram 5 for 23)
Himalaya 2nd innings	26	(Kiran Kapur 6 for 12 and G. S. Brar 3 for 4)

Siwalik won by an innings and 54 runs.

Vindhya vs. Himalaya

Himalaya 1st innings	76	(S. S. Chahal 21, A. S. Bedi 5 for 6 and B.S. Bala 3 for 23)
Vindhya 1st innings	183	(B. S. Bala 87, Arun Pandya 36 and Brijender 6 for 63)
Himalaya 2nd innings	68	(Amrit Bir 30 and Arun Dua 4 for 16)

Vindhya won by an innings and 39 runs.

The final positions and points were as follows:—

First	...	Nilagiri	...	15 points
Second	Siwalik and Vindhya	...	12½ points	
Fourth	Himalaya	...	0 points	



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School News

The Inter School Boxing and Cricket fixtures with the B. C. S. were held at Simla during the first week of June. The results are published elsewhere.

The Soccer season began with a Festival match between the First XI and the Staff XI. The First XI won 2—0.

The third Saturday Club Show of the year was staged by the Nilagiri House on 13th June. An account of the show appears elsewhere.

Canon Peacey, a former Headmaster of the B. C. S. and a contemporary of Bishop Barnes, paid us a visit in the middle of June. He witnessed the Saturday Club Show staged by the Nilagiri House on 13th June. On 14th June he took the service in the School Chapel.

Mr. O. P. Sharma who had been away for two months undergoing a course of training at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, returned on 15th June. We take this opportunity to congratulate him on securing category 'A' which is the highest grading awarded for the course. Incidentally Mr. Sharma now sports a beard.

Mr. A. P. Singla from the Model School, Phagwara, was with us for a month. During his stay in Sanawar he helped us out with Mr. O. P. Sharma's classes. He also studied the working of the school.

We take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Mendoza, our new piano master and hope that his association with us will be a long and happy one.

A music cum dance recital was held in Barne Hall on 27th June.

O. S. News

We publish below an extract from a letter written to us from Karnal by Gurdip Singh Kalyana. "Primarily, I thought the Newsletter was meant to keep the O. S. informed about the various activities in Sanawar and secondly to help the O. S. to keep in touch with one another through the O. S. News column. To my dismay, I find that the O. S. News column is steadily dwindling in size every month. I would like to request all O. S. to keep writing back 'home' and let other O. S. know through the O. S. News column as to where they are and what they

are doing". The Editor fully agrees with Gurdip's views and hopes that the O. S. will take the hint and make the O. S. News column in the Newsletter a going concern.

Devinderpal is down in Kerala these days with a group of Indian Institute of Technology trainees.

B. S. Malhans has finished his exams. Recently he met H. S. and G. S. Bedi at Dalhousie.

Shamsher Singh has passed out of the Military College, Dehra Dun. He has been commissioned into the 18 Cavalry at Patiala.

We were glad to see the following O. S. who paid us visits in June. Asha Narang, Harvinder Kaur, Bubbly and Asha Nanda, K. K. Soi, Bhupinderpal, Gurvir Inder Singh, Vijay and Vinod Nair, B. K. Sood, Joginderpal Soin, Anjon Mehra, Vijay Gauba, Ajinder Singh Bal, H. S. Boparai, Shyam Kak and Ravi Bhatia.

Attention all O. S!

FOUNDERS '59.

The last meeting of the O. S. Society decided that only those O. S. who were not in arrears of payments of subscription to the Sanawar News Letter by the end of May 1959 would be eligible to attend Founders. The implications are obvious.

We do not intend to be pernickety about dates however, but do hurry up with your subs, which, for a year, amount to very little more than the price of a cinema ticket.

Since the School hopes to welcome a large contingent of Lawrencians this year, accommodation for O. S. will be very limited indeed, and while we should like to see all of you, we cannot put more where there isn't any space.

You are advised therefore to write to the Bursar, well ahead and you will receive invitations on behalf of the School to the extent there is accommodation. We cannot do more and you have been warned.

Visits to the School.

We would appreciate the formal courtesy of a warning letter. A body arriving suddenly, has to be fed, housed, given a bed and so on, and this, at short notice, means someone, not the visitor, has to do without. Therefore if you wish to be popular

and make friends please show the school a measure of consideration.

Lastly: School Rules and Discipline.

While we have no desire to be rigid to the extent of requiring your presence at Assembly and classes—not that it would not benefit some of you—School Rules with regard to timings, discipline, out of bounds areas must be observed. If you wish to be welcomed to pay a return visit as opposed to being granted the limp hand-shake at parting, don't cut across School Rules. These are designed for the welfare of the children in the School and the maintenance of that welfare must override all other considerations.

Boxing versus B. C. S.

The Inter School Boxing fixture with the B. C. S. was held at Simla on 1st June. Sanawar lost 4—9. The results are given below:—

Sanawar	B. C. S.
	Moth Weight
Kishore Gidwani	lost to Ravi Inder Singh
	Match Weight
Samuel Tikaram	won against Prabhat Rana
	Paper Weight
Harragbans Singh	won against Krishnapong
	Midget Weight
Ajitpal Sandhu	lost to A. K. Khanna
	Mosquito Weight
Ranjit Mehra	won against A. Katakam
	Gnat Weight
Ajit Bhargava	lost to J. Hakim
	Fly Weight
S. S. Sodhi	lost to K. K. Sikand
	Bantam Weight
Kuljit Singh Suri	won against P. P. Songkram
	Feather Weight
S. S. Bharadwaj	lost to Tajinder Singh
	Light Weight
Gurdip Singh	lost to S. S. Lamba
	Welter Weight
Baldev Dua	lost to S. S. Sidhu
	Middle Weight
N. P. Dube	lost to G. S. Anand
	Heavy Weight
Gurcharan Brar	lost to Daljit Singh

Cricket versus B. C. S.

The annual cricket fixture with the B. C. S. was held this year at Simla on 2nd and 3rd June. The scores were:—

Sanawar	86 (Baldev Dua 27 and Sangram Gaekwad 18).
B. C. S.	109 (B. S. Bala 4 for 31 and G. S. Brar 3 for 28)
Sanawar	99 (G. S. Brar 19 and N. P. Dube 18)

B. C. S. 77 for 2 wkts. declared.
2nd innings

B. C. S. won by 8 wickets.

Nilagiri Saturday Club Show

The third Saturday Club Show of the year was staged by the Nilagirians on 13th June. An extremely striking and novel idea had been thought up by the Nilagirians for presenting each item. Aladdin (Karm Sheel Oberoi) would walk across the stage and rub his magic lamp. Suddenly the genie (Jagdish Thakur) would appear. Then Aladdin would order the genie to provide entertainment for himself—and then the item followed. This original method of presentation of items enhanced the entertainment aspect of the whole show.

The Nilagiri Preppers began the evening's programme with a light-hearted play in English entitled 'A Bowl of Cream'. Then Hansa Patel and Sheila Barla played a lively piece on the piano. After this 'Paheli', a Hindi play was staged. Roop Narang as the deeply religious mother of the crossword fan Vijay Pratap Puri, was outstanding. Shambu Dayal in a brief appearance as the greedy landlord provided much laughter. A delightful mouth organ solo played by Ashok Mehta was followed by 'Achut Kanya'—an Indian dance performed by Nilagiri girls, with the theme that all human beings are equal in the eyes of God. The maxim behind the dance was tellingly put across. This was followed by a Hindi song. Then the curtains parted to reveal the court of Akbar. Basant Usha did a dance which was an effective little piece. 'The Blue Mountaineers' as the Nilagiri band styled themselves, played two popular tunes with commendable ability and remarkable rhythm.

The last item of the evening's programme was the English play with a rather interesting title, 'One Of You Must Marry'. The story centred round an aunt (Sita Sethi) and her two confirmed bachelor nephews, Jacob (Jai Sheel Oberoi) and William (Anil Malhotra). The aunt insists that one of her nephews must marry as it is the dying wish of their father. Jacob is chosen much against his wishes to be the wooer for the hand of Louisa (Jyoti Dhawan). William enters into the spirit of the thing and takes up the coaching of Jacob teaching him how to woo. To Jacob's inexpressible delight, William falls for Louisa and thereby saves Jacob from the terrors of matrimony.

An evening of interesting and varied entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of the School Song.

K. K. Kak.

Calendar for July

1st July	... Hodson Runs finals
2nd & 3rd July	... Weighing & Measuring B. D.
4th July	... Weighing & Measuring G.D.
4th July	... Colts soccer vs. B.C.S. (away)
5th July	... 1st XI soccer vs. B.C.S. (home)
6th, 7th & 8th July	... Soccer: Inter House matches
9th July	... Himalaya House Saturday Club show
10th July	... Third Mark Reading Social
	... Home parties leave
11th July	... School parties leave

The School will reopen on 9th August. All children should be back in School by 6 p. m. on 9th August.

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School News

On August 9th, the Sanawar Special pulled into Kalka and the well-rested vocal chords of the beggar women began exercising once more. Sanawarians were busy running up and down the station, shouting for coolies, seeing to their luggage, greeting friends and exchanging news. Home, momentarily forgotten in the excitement, was mentioned only in reference to pictures and parties.

We congratulate Mr. Gopinathan who has been selected by the A. E. C. He is now under training in the Military Academy in D. D. Mr. Rawat, Mr. D. C. Gupta & Mrs. D. Gidwani are undergoing a Teachers' Training at Delhi, Lucknow and Bombay respectively. Miss Du-Bois left us at end the of the last term.

We welcome the following new members of the Staff:—

Dr. B. M. Billon, Mr. P. K. Karumbaya, Miss H. Sarup Sing, Miss V. Chak, Mr. Peter Lee, the School leaver who come to us from King Edward School, Birmingham England. Miss Sarup Singh B.A. was trained at St. Bede's College, Simla. Miss V. Chak M. A., B. Ed. was teaching in Miss Hill's School, Gwalior. Dr. B.M. Billon, M A. Ph. D. was teaching in St. Thomas' Boys School, Calcutta. Mr. P. K. Karumbaya M. A., B. T. comes to us from a school in Uganda.

Mrs. Mukherji has taken over as matron, Nilagiri House, from Mrs. M. Sehgal who is now working in the P. D.

Deepak Mahey left the school at the end of the last term to join the N. D. A.

August 10th was a holiday as the Madras party did not arrive till after mid-night on the 9th. The day was spent in unpacking. The dustbins were filled to overflowing with empty packets of biscuits, and it was impossible to walk three paces without barking one's shins against trunks, or sprawling over bedding rolls. By evening things were more settled.

August 11th. Assembly:—Song No. 11 "Lord behold us, with thy blessing". Four bats enthralled by the singing, endeavoured to distract the Headmaster, and gave an entertaining performance on the stage curtain.

August 12th. New's board flashes:—"Mr. Kate's birthday—Boys request a party."

The Indian Ballet Troupe entertained us in the evening with a variety of dances.

Hobbies & games started.

August 13th. A second performance by the Indian Ballet Troupe.

August 15th. Holiday—Independence Day—a memorable day, especially for the servants.

August 16th. The film "Her Twelve Men" was shown in Barne Hall.

August 17th. The days of lazing are over! P. T., Prep. and games begin.

August 18th The G. D. shows evident signs of stiffness. The girls walk with difficulty: twisted lips and frowning faces are to be seen as each step pulls at lazy muscles suffering from yesterday's awakening.

Brothers visited their sisters in the G.D. before breakfast for Raksha Bandhan.

August 20th. The C. R. I. beat the 1st XI in Soccer 4—2.

August 21st. Grouping for "Founders". Miss White pays us a visit.

August 22nd. Soccer. Y. P. S. vs. Sanawar. Colts: Sanawar 3—Y. P. S. 1. The team was coached by Mr. Gore. 1st XI: Sanawar 2—Y.P.S. 4.

Mr. G. D. Sondhi very kindly showed us some slides of his trip to Japan and Munich.

August 23rd. The Junior Hindi Society met in Barne Hall.

"Abbot & Castello meet the Keystone Cops," was shown.

Homeday in Sanawar

Homeday morning for the Sanawarian begins at seven fifty five a.m. He wakes up tired and weary from the lack of sleep, (incidentally, eleven hours of sleep is not enough for the average Sanawarian.) He squints down at his dolefully ticking watch and lets out a gasp! The trunks must be down at the quad by eight and our valiant Sanawarian hasn't even packed!

Then ensues a scene of wild commotion as the Sanawarian rushes about the dormitory frantically calling for assistance. He trips over a pair of slippers and leaps over a toothbrush. By eight fifteen the atmosphere is cleared of flying clothes and we see our hero sitting pompously on a half-open box which is creaking indignantly at being over-stuffed.

Two p. m. and the Sanawarian watches satisfied as his trunk is balanced precariously on top of all

the luggage on the bus. His seat is 'bagged' and he waits till the bus gives the first of a series of sputters, and then jumps on to the running board. The bus gives a violent shudder. The Sanawarian holds his breath, his ears, his nose and his hat; and the bus roars down towards Parker Arch.

Then comes a nightmare journey down to Kalka. The bus rattles around hair-pin bends and skids down the slopes and after two hours of continuous rattling comes to a stop outside Kalka station.

Head reeling and eyes swimming the Sanawarian alights gingerly and proceeds cautiously towards the platform. But careful as he is, he cannot escape the beggars. A moment later his pockets are empty and he puts on an expression of genuine grief and turns his pockets inside out. The beggars move away and our Sanawarian slips quickly into the waiting room. He opens his case, extracts a tenner and a few minutes later we find him in the restaurant armed with a pile of hard-earned comics.

After a hearty dinner we find the Sanawarian stretched across the length of a trunk, apparently asleep, with comics covering him for a blanket.

The next morning finds him parading Delhi platform with nose held high and with the famous feeling that all Delhi knows when a Sanawar party arrives at the station.

If Delhi is his destination we wish him a happy holiday but if not we follow him either to the de-lux or the frontier mail.

After the heat of Delhi the air-conditioned delux is a heaven on rails.

Here we will leave our Sanawarian or we will be chasing him over the corners of India, for if my knowledge is correct a Sanawarian never stays in one place for too long.

Indira Sachdev

Independence Day

The celebrations of the 12th anniversary of our Independence Day began with a special assembly in Barne Hall, at which Mr. Kate and Mr. O. P. Sharma read patriotic speeches and poems. The Headmaster, addressing the school, pointed out that many of us born after 1947 did not know the real significance of freedom. But, he added, it was our duty to keep alive the spirit which won us freedom. Short and impressive though it was, one felt that the flag hoisting ceremony should have been performed there, rather than at 3 o'clock on Barnes.

The highlights of the day were in the afternoon, when sports and a football match for the servants and their families were arranged by the school prefects. It was preceded by a short flag-hoisting ceremony.

Bhagtar, the veteran chaprassi, led his team on the soccer field, to face Gappu and his cooks. An exciting match followed, the victory falling to Gappu and his men, perhaps because they were better fed!

It was a job for some of the Girls' School prefects to cajole elderly women to take part in the races. When one old woman, with characteristic feminine modesty, refused to reveal her face

for the purpose of grouping, one of the girls was heard to say "Aree Bhai, Tum Sharmata Kuion Hai"? The toddlers' races lent itself completely to the prevailing atmosphere.

Later, Mrs. Som Dutt distributed the prizes and sweets.

The servants were given the evening off to see the Renaissance Ballet Troupe perform in Barne Hall. The chowkidars stood at the foot of the steps and the entrance to Barne Hall with lathis, scrutinising individuals coming in. Judging from their wrapped attention and some of their remarks made later, the servants certainly enjoyed the show.

Thus ended one more Independence Day, providing the women with food for gossip till . . . perhaps the next Independence Day.

Jai Sheel Oberoi, B. D.

O. S. Letter

To the growing cohorts is added one more O.S. the erstwhile Editor of this column and Newsletter. Mr. Gopinathan has joined the A. E. C. and is undergoing his preliminary training at the Military College in Dehra Dun. He writes from D. D. to say that life is fine: he has never enjoyed himself more. Rising with the lark; packing a pack; saluting; turning left, turning right, turning about; quick, slow and double marching; eating ravenously, exercising prodigiously, grumbling occasionally, life is all beer and skittles without any books to correct, preps. to take, or games to supervise. Only one fly in the ointment appears: he's now saying "Sir", very smartly, to young men whom he taught three years ago in Sanawar. I would like to pay my tribute to him, to one, who, from the inception of this Newsletter, had cheerfully undertaken a labour-filled task with great success. O. S. will join me in wishing him all the best and a "speedy return to normality".

D. S. Sihota writes from Madras that he has joined the Indian Institute of Technology in Madras: "A lot has happened since leaving Sanawar. For a year I was studying at the Wadia College at Poona for my pre-Degree course in Science. I passed! Getting into the college here was quite an achievement, only 120 being selected out of 4000 who applied. Knowing the paucity of grey matter possessed, as judged by you in School, I was not very hopeful of getting in, perhaps it is the increased radio-activity in the air. This Institute is one in the chain of 4 Higher Technological Institutes to be established all over India, under a UNESCO plan. The first one was at Kharagpur, the second at Powari in Bombay and the third, here at Guindy in Madras. We are the first batch to be taken in and are being put up in some temporary place. The Institute buildings are still in the process of being built. When complete, the area of the Institute will constitute 600 acres of land facing the sea. Everything is being done on a grand scale, especially as we are being aided by the Federal Republic of West Germany. The Germans are supplying us with 180 lakhs worth of workshop equipment and 26 expert professors. The Institute itself will be fully ready by this time next year. It is being made and run on the same lines as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, U. S. A".

few well-aimed kicks against us hit the goal-post and rebounded, but Y. P. S. managed to score a goal within the first ten minutes of play. Sanawar played doggedly, and almost immediately after this, Bala scored a well-deserved goal, for Sanawar. The spirited game continued, and on Bhasin's corner kick, Bala scored another goal. Not discouraged by these goals, Y. P. S. played vigorously, and scored another goal against us before half time (2—2).

After half time, by a strange coincidence, one of our players scored a goal against us, just as one of theirs had done in the Colts' match. Sanawar played a losing game now, as the Y. P. S. players, confident and alert, dashed about the field, being stopped only by our watchful backs, Mukherji and Gurcharan. Y. P. S. managed to get in another goal against us, and the match ended, 4—2 in favour of the visiting team.

The goalkeepers of both sides were good. Dua, always vigilant saved a number of certain goals, while the Y. P. S. goalkeeper was admired for his powerful kicking. Thus ended the Soccer season, with matches played in the most sporting way between the Yadavindra Public School and Sanawar.

Arun Kapur. B. D.

Ballet

The Renaissance Indian Ballet Troupe, founded by Shri Gopala Chatterjee; put up two shows in Barne Hall on the 12th and 13th respectively. After a short announcement and an introductory speech about the orchestra the curtain drifted apart to the tuning of instruments. Finally the orchestra started with a melodious voice over the microphone and with it began the 'ting-a-ling' of the Jaltarang, the ethereal sounds of both the flute and sarod and of course to complete the picture the Tabla. The Jaltarang and the flute seemed to have the main parts in the orchestra and it seemed as if they were fighting with each other, each saying that its music was better than the other. Actually it was very difficult to say whose music was better for they were both equally good.

After the orchestra, followed a varied performance of dances ranging from gay folk dancing to typically sober classical dancing. All the dances were good but the few which took the higher places were "Malkaush", "Roomal", "The Three Fishermen", "Kirat Arjuna" and "A Night in Gujrat".

The first, "Malkaush" was a solo performance by Gopala Kumar. This is a dance based on the "raga". "Malkaush" is said to be the King of the Ragas according to Indian Classical music. The dance depicts the heroic character of this 'raga' blended with the 'Sringara' 'rasa' or the erotic sentiment. The dancer performed with effortlessly supple movements and displayed plenty of vitality. The music deserves just as much praise for if the music had not been there the success of the item would have been doubtful.

"Roomal" in contrast to "Malkaush" was a dance full of gaiety, colour and festivity. A group of young girls and boys gather around a newly wedded couple and dance to their hearts content. This dance depicted a typical scene amongst the middle class people of Saurashtra.

The "Fishermen Dance" was a dance of the gay fisher folk from the Eastern coast of Orissa who spread their nets in the sea, hauling in a catch. The fishermen returned home singing and dancing boastfully. The dance had lots of exhilarating movements in it which sent the audience into peals of laughter and extracted a panegyric from them every now and then which showed the dancers how much the audience was enjoying the item.

"Kirat Arjuna", a dance of the classical mode of dancing was an absolute change from the wild dancing of the "Three Fishermen". This dance was based on a story of how Lord Shiva in order to test Arjuna's valour sent a boar when Arjuna was meditating. He was disturbed by the boar. Shiva in disguise of a "Kirat", a savage fellow, followed the boar and both Shiva and Arjuna shot the animal at the same time, resulting in a fight between the two. Shiva pleased with the power displayed by Arjuna, appeared in his real form with Parvati—his consort—and bestowed "Pasupata Astra"—a deadly weapon—on him. This somehow showed a lot of pathos and feeling, which aroused our taste for it.

Lastly "A Night in Gujrat" depicted a charming aspect of rural life in Saurashtra. A group of village maidens going to fetch water meet a band of shepherd boys who play chess near the village tank. The girls are teased by the boys who break their pitchers. The girls are greatly disturbed but finally the boys succeed in wooing them in rustic fashion. The day's work is over and they again gather around in a circle to dance and sing. This dance had a lot of movement, frolic, fun and the irritating teasing about it which provided a lot of enjoyment.

The solo performances of the 'Jaltarang' and flute are worth mentioning. Oh the whole the two shows that the Group put up were a beautiful welding together of the comic and the classical.

Roop Narang G. D.

Founder's Programme

We publish below the provisional programme for this year's Founder's:—

Saturday 3rd October

10-00 a. m.	... Tennis—Past vs. Present
11-00 a. m.	... Board of Governors' meeting
1-00 p. m.	... { Lunch—Headmaster's House, by invitation
2-30 p. m.	... Hockey—Past vs. Present
5-00 p. m.	... School Concert—Barne Hall
8-30 p. m.	... Tattoo—Peacestead

Sunday 4th October

10-00 a. m.	...	N. C. C. Parade—Peacestead
11-00 a. m.	...	Art & Crafts Exhibition
12-00 noon	...	Speeches—Barne Hall
1-00 p. m.	...	{ Lunch—Headmaster's House, by invitation
2-30 p. m.	...	Athletics
3-30—5-00 p.m.	...	Tea
7-15 p. m.	...	{ Dinner In P. D.—Members of the Board of Governors
8-30 p. m.	...	A. D. S. Play—Barne Hall

Monday 5th October

10 00 a. m.	...	O. S. Meeting—Staff Club
11-00 a. m.	...	{ Elevenses—Staff Club—Old Sanawarians and members of the Staff
12-30 p. m.	...	{ Lunch in B. D.—Members of the Board of Governors
2-30 p. m.	...	Fête—Birdwood School
7-30 p. m.	...	O. S. Dinner—Parker Hall
9-00 p. m.	...	O. S. Dance—Barne Hall.

हिन्दी प्रतियोगिता

हिन्दी वादविवाद प्रतियोगिता बार्ने हाल में इतवार, २३ अगस्त को हुई। इसमें L-III, UIII और LIV के बच्चों ने भाग लिया। विषय थे:—

1. (L-III के लिये)—विद्यार्थी जीवन में खेल आवश्यक है।
2. (U-III के लिये)—बालकों के रुचि के अनुसार शिक्षा होनी चाहिये।
3. (L-IV के लिये)—परीक्षा विद्यार्थी की योग्यता का मापदण्ड है।

पहले विषय पर L-III के लड़के और लड़कियों ने अपने भावों को अच्छी तरह प्रगट किया। मनमोहन सिंह और सुनील मोड़ना पक्ष में बोले, अनीता और रीना गुप्ता विपक्ष में बोलीं।

दूसरे विषय पर उपेन्द्र फोतदार ने जोश और रसिकता के साथ अपने भावों को प्रगट किया और हंसी से लोगों का बुरा हाल कर दिया। उसने अपने साथियों से कहा कि वे “मास्टर शाही के खिलाफ आवाज़ उठाये और कहें कि पढ़ाई उनको रुचि के अनुसार होनी चाहिये।”

तीसरे विषय पर सुधा आनन्द और लोकेन्द्र सिंह वर्मा पक्ष में बोले और गुरुश्रीन्द्र कौर और गुरुवीन्द्र तलवार ने विपक्ष में विषय के खिलाफ आवाज़ उठाई।

सब बच्चों ने अपने विचार सभा के सामने अच्छी तरह से प्रगट किये।

वादविवाद के पश्चात्, सभापति असीत चौधरी ने सभा से उपर्युक्त तीन विषयों पर सभा का मत जाना। सभा तीनों विषयों पर राज़ी थी।

सभापति ने, अपनी ओर से और दूसरे लड़के तथा लड़कियों की ओर से सभा को धन्यवाद देते हुए, वादविवाद प्रतियोगिता समाप्त होने की घोषणा की।

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O. S. Letter

Gulraj dropped in on us on Sunday, 6th September. It was a pleasant surprise. The visit was all too short, and conversation covered only the nostalgic memories of rockets and raspberries handed out and received way back in 1948. Gulraj is in Loughborough College, England, and is a classmate of Sudhir Singh. Both are studying mechanical engineering.

Birinder Malhans is planning a trip to the Kulu Valley in October—November. If any of you would like to join him drop him a line c/o Brig. Joginder Singh, B. G. S., XV Corps, c/o 56 A. P. O. Birinder's philosophy of life matures apace. He sends me the following passage (William James') which he feels has some point. He likes it; so do I:—

“When a dreadful object is present, or when life as a whole turns up its abysses to our view, then the worthless ones among us lose their hold on the situation altogether, and either escape from its difficulties by averting their attention, or, if they cannot do that, collapse into yielding masses of plaintiveness and fear. The effort required for facing and consenting to such objects is beyond their power to make. But the heroic mind does differently. To it, too, the objects are sinister and dreadful, unwelcome, incompatible with wished-for things. But it can face them if necessary; without, for that, losing its hold upon the rest of life. The world thus finds in the heroic man its worthy match and mate; and the effort which he is able to put forth to hold himself erect and keep his heart unshaken is the direct measure of his worth and function in the game of human life. He can STAND the Universe And thereby he makes himself one of the masters and lords of life. He must be counted with henceforth; he forms a part of human destiny. Neither in the theoretic nor in the practical sphere do we care for, or go for help to, those who have no head for risks, or sense for living on the perilous edge”.

“Those who have no head for risks, or sense for living on the perilous edge!!” Every Sanawar boy worth his salt should qualify here. Sometimes I've felt that we of the new Sanawar were growing a little soft: that the urge for dangerous living was a recessive in our make up. I hope I'm wrong. Perhaps opportunities are less now than of yore, or supervision is too great. Or perhaps the phase is a passing one. For myself I would like to see more hikes to Simla, more trips to Gurkha Fort,

more inspiration and less organisation in the Sunday 'offs'. There was a time when the Station Master at Kalka was a regular correspondent of the Principal's, “Respected Sir: On Sundays boys from Sonowar are sitting on buffers, climbing on the water-column, disturbing the vendors. Please remonstrate with them”. Is the creeping menace of civilisation spreading its tentacles even as far as us!

Kulbir S. Soin and Sarvdaman Chatrath write from Ludhiana with the good news that an embryo-O. S. for the Punjab has appeared. An enthusiastic meeting on the 30th of September elected Kulbir as President and Sarvdaman as Secretary, and with Prem Singh Mangat 'standing' the eats the Association got off to a good start. Ten members were present and reminiscences flew back and forth. To quote Kulbir: “Can you imagine the figure of Daljit Chowdhry sitting amidst little Kulwant and Ravi Sikand (of course not little) and peeping through his pair of dark-framed specs perched precariously on his round nose, and very frequently coming out with his bright ideas. Oh! it was all enjoyable”.

P. S. Mangat has received his posting in the Merchant Navy after finishing a course of Marine Engineering at Calcutta. I gather his posting announcement came very conveniently for the Ludhiana O. S. A. and hence the celebration. We join with the tea-drinkers in wishing P. S. the very best of luck. (Recommended reading: Coleridge's Ancient Mafiner, commencing: “He let his beard grow; And his beard grew”.)

All O. S. in and about Ludhiana are requested to contact Sarvdaman Chatrath at Parkash Bhavan (Back position) Civil Lines, Ludhiana, for details of membership of this branch. Mozzy Bedi writes to say that he intends to be a very active member of the same; but let not that frighten anybody: at heart he is quite harmless.

K. M. Verma writes from Kharakvasla that he is starved of news of Sanawar,—and this in spite of a copy of the Newsletter that got to the N. D. A. Ours must be a very valuable publication. Says K. M.: “Dhami, Karampal, Chokter, Gurcharan and Sandhu passed out last term, and are now at the Military College, Dehra Dun. Naresh Bahadur and I will be passing out in December, and V. P. Singh, Kamaljit, Goosey, and Bibra finish in the next term”. K. M. sends his best wishes “to all who fought him in Sanawar”. I have a strong suspicion, he means

'taught', but knowing K. M. I'll not interpret him. Sanawar cryptography has always been famous. (Perhaps notorious is a better word).

Sanawarians are certainly ubiquitous. We find them in the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force ; in Tea and in Insurance ; in the University and in the Technical Colleges ; in Oxford and Loughborough ; in Farming (and in Fishing) ; in America ; and now we have news of an entry into film-land. K. C. Mehra has a film contract and has almost finished his first picture. K. C. completes his B. A. Hons. (English) in April, 1960, and in his off moments has been commuting back and forth from Bombay for the screening. K. C. hopes to be up for Founder's, and says he will fill in the blanks in the story then. Meanwhile all of us wish him every success, and hope the film will be a resounding smash-hit (whatever that might mean).

Vikram Soni, like every good Sanawarian, has his grouses. We enjoyed reading his letter. Vikram is in Gillanders Arbuthnot & Co. Ltd. (P. B. No. 174, Gillanders House, Calcutta—1), and gives us the news that "Indu Dyal (nee Bhatia) is in Calcutta and is at the moment helping out in the bank-strike. She and her husband (working in the bank) get home very late and consequently I haven't been able to see her yet. I ran into Dewan (Baby) Ramesh Chand the other day. He is posted here after having come back from training with Lloyds Bank in England. Baby hasn't changed a bit. He joins me in wishing the old School 'all the best' for Founder's. I met Avinash Kirpal (ex-Vindhya) some time ago. He is off to Worcester College, Oxford. He left for Khatmandu where his father is posted. I meet the Sois off and on, mostly off unfortunately. V. K. has joined the Bengal Engineering College. I am hoping to get leave in September and shall make it for Founder's, God willing. I am sorry that all O. S. are as lazy as I am. I think we should all make Saturday letter-writing day and write to the School,—or at least once a month. However, I must point out that your July News-letter left me awful-depressed. Before commenting any further I must admit that I am both out of touch and out of date—but still as an O. S. I have a right to speak up about certain things, and I will. First of all . . ." says Vikram, sounding like a Schoolmaster, if O. S. do not follow the rules as laid down by the Head, they ought not to be welcomed in Sanawar. Secondly, continued the incensed Vikram, no O. S. has ever been turned away from Sanawar for lack of accommodation, so let's not start now. There was a time when tents on Lower Barnes accommodated visiting O. S. Why not now? Thirdly, warming up nicely, Sanawar is a second Home for me and I'm coming, even though I have to stay in Kasauli. Fourthly, temperature about 105° F., why not ask O. S. how they feel about it? Fifthly, to blazes with the whole thing, I'll probably not get leave anyway. And sixthly, here's hoping Founder's is a great success, in case I can't make it. With every good wish to you, the Newsletter and Sanawar, Sincerely yours,

Vikram will forgive me if I reproduce a watered-down version of his gripe. I've omitted all the naughty words of more than four letters : our printing staff is very young, and the melting point of lead is low. I must however enter the lists with a point of view you young chaps seem to overlook. The old School is not a princely patriarch. We haven't the family mansions of the Nabobs of Oudh. Our accommodation is limited and **must** be rationed. If we have fifty beds and fifty mattresses and

fifty pillows lying in Stores, we cannot allot them to 100 visiting O. S. We could ask you to double up perhaps but neither you nor we would be happy with the arrangement. In a tented camp the problems remain the same. We must provide the essentials of sanitary living : sweepers, baths, lights, food. The cost to the School in terms of money is a very minor factor in the whole set up. The big problem is the problem of decent living. As the number of O.S. increases the pressure on available space becomes more acute. I often wonder if other schools have the same headache in the same proportions? I can see no solution unless it be a rule that only O. S. of ten years standing visit us at Founder's.

We ask your consideration and understanding. It is **not** true that you are not welcome. It can never be true. It **is** true that we are physically unable to accommodate all who would like to come, and nobody regrets it more than we do.

D. S. Chowdhry's hibernation period is over and O. S. can write to him in Kharakvasla (No. 2747 A Sqn.). He writes, "You must be pretty surprised to hear from me. Nevertheless I have been taking a very keen interest in what is going on there. This has been possible mainly through the Sanawar News-letter. And taking about that let me congratulate you on a very interesting September issue. Reading the O. S. news is always a great pleasure, especially to fellow O. Ss. The September issue covered this phase really well. This term our stock of Sanawarians here went up by two and we hope that these two, T. P. S. Chowdhry and A. S. Bal will, like the other Sanawarians whom I have seen in my five terms here, do extremely well in this place. This term amongst the senior appointments of the Academy, we are proud to have two Old Sanawarians, Naresh Bahadur and I. N. Luthra. K. M. Verma is in my Squadron (as if I didn't have enough of him for six years in the same class). He, along with Chatarpati Singh, Naresh Bahadur and I. N. Luthra will be passing out from here this term. K. M. Verma often gets into one of his moods and talks and talks,—about Sanawar.

Subash Dua writes interestingly from St. Stephen's: "Thank you for the interesting News-letter. I like your idea of expanding it. While I am about it, I might mention a lack of trenchant criticism in our News-letter. I do not think that our News-letter goes to many people who are not members of the Sanawar family. A deficiency of criticism is bound to place a veil of complacency on any society. I have recently been applying for admission to Oxford and Cambridge. Many of the colleges there have answered that they have no vacancy. In the others, competition is very severe and there are all sorts of obstacles. Normally they prefer their own boys to those from abroad. In recent years, some Indians have not conducted themselves very satisfactorily in the U. K. Moreover, National Service in Britain has been reduced from two years to one now. Consequently, there is an increased pressure on the Universities at least for a year or two. Lastly, it is difficult to obtain foreign exchange from the Finance Ministry. In view of all these difficulties, not more than twenty Indians manage to get to Oxford and Cambridge every year. Magdalen College, Oxford, have shown some interest in me. I would be lucky to obtain an admission there because it is the oldest college in Oxford, and on its staff are famous names like H. R. Trevor-Roper and Sir Isaiah Berlin. Arnold Toynbee is a Fellow of the College. Avinash Kirpal left for Worcester College Oxford yesterday. He did quite well in his B. A. Honours in Economics

getting a good second grade. Sanawarian freshers this year include Maharaj Singh and Maira who got prizes in the Shakespeare Competition of which Anand Chakravarti has had a year's good record as Secretary. Arun Bhatia last week debated with a vigour straight from the gymnasium of Mr. Jagdish Ram, and evoked a remark from the person sitting next to me (remark addressed to me), "You certainly train your youngsters well." Mountford turns up irregularly at the athletics ground. Nitya Nand is making his mark as a distance runner.

H. S. Boparai provides the solution to the mystery of the "Vanishing Newsletters". He writes: "Chattarpatti, D.S. Pannu, D. Mahey and myself are very grateful to Vinod Bhagat for his generous contribution in providing us with the News-letter. It has been going on for about a year now. There has never been a person of that name in 'E' Squadron. If, however, the person is Vishnu Bhagwat we are sorry and apologise. This should be discontinued and sent to the right person. I had a boxing bout with S. C. C. Naresh Bahadur Singh on the 4th. I lost by a close margin. Today is my Sqn's first eleven football match. Chatter, Pannu and myself are representing the Sqn. We will beat 'D' Sqn. any day. The new arrivals here are Deepak, whose cabin faces mine, Tejpal and Ajinder Singh Bal. All are fine. Tejpal complains that he has written to Mr. Kate three times and told him that he is here but that Mr. Kate has not taken the hint and has not told everybody about it through the News-letter. You will be surprised to know that I am writing a project on birds. In fact I have become very interested in them. I have taken up Spanish too. We all think that the Fete should not be run by O. S. and that it will create confusion. Best of luck for Founder's.

Veer Amol (152 Clive Rd., Jullundur Cantt.) met Jitender S. Rangar in Jullundur. J.R. has joined the Medical College in Amritsar. Jasjit S. Sangha is also in Jullundur. Veer Amol meets him on N. C. C. parade days. "Anil Nehru writes quite regularly," says V. A. "He sure seems to be enjoying his stay in the 'States' but is homesick for Sanawar."

Jasbir Kaur, Lila Kak, Asha and Bubby Nanda who are all in St. Bedes Training College, Simla, paid us a visit in the first week of September.

Mr. M. S. Rawat is back in Sanawar on a fortnights' holiday.

In ending may I make a personal appeal to all O. S. If you are notifying a change of address, please don't write the new address on the gummed edge of the inland letter: recovering the pieces by steaming off the flap is a messy business.

T. C. KEMP

Sanawar Views Are Available in the Tuck Shop. Price: 0.40 nP. each.

"The Inter-House G. K. Quiz"

The eagerly anticipated event, the Inter-House G. K. Quiz, was held in Barne Hall on the 5th September. Although interesting, it somehow did not come up to our expectations. The competitors, a girl and three boys from each house, were first acquainted with the rules by the member of staff in-charge, who was also the questioner, Mr. Chaturvedi.

Here are some of the questions asked. "Which is a good conductor of electricity (a) paper, (b) wood (c) glass, (d) aluminium? Do Arabs wear loose or tight clothes? What battles were fought in India in 1526 and 1757 A. D.? What are the Ashes? How did people light a fire in the stone-age? What is a wigwam? Who wrote (i) The Bridge on the River Kwia; (ii) Bhowani Junction? What English public-school gives its name to a sport? Which of these four is a constellation (i) North Star (ii) The Milky-way (iii) The Pointer (iv) Cassiopeia? Is it easier to pull or push a cart?"

A humorous question was put to Jaisheel Oberoi, "Why does Sir Winston Churchill wear red-braces?" and though Oberoi, quite logically replied, "To match his trousers", the answer turned out to be, "To keep his trousers up!"

Himalaya and Siwalik tied for the first place 11½ points each. Vindhya was third with 10 points and Nilagiri last, with 7½ points. As regards individual results, Rikaynti Nongpui (Siwalik) and K. K. Kak (Vindhya) tied for first place.

The Quiz would have been a greater success, if more interesting and more "common-sensical" questions were asked, instead of unheard-of quotations from Oscar Wilde. We sincerely hope that in future more questions of the "Churchill type" will be asked.

A. S. POONIA

The Junior English Debating Society

On Saturday, the 12th of August, the Junior English Debating Society (Lower IV downwards) met in Barne Hall.

The Chairman for the evening was Ranjit Bhatia.

This was not an Inter-House Debate, as previously decided, but more of a hat debate. The three Forms having a separate topic each.

There were heated discussions on all the topics. The speakers, particularly in L-III, spoke very clearly and with great confidence. No doubt the hardwork put in by Mr. Lee and Mrs. Lyall helped the speakers considerably.

The evening began with the L-III debate.

"This house dislikes doing its own dirty work, such as cleaning shoes and making beds".

Zaffrulla Khan opened the debate. He spoke well and forcefully, and had the hall well amused. Peter Kemp seconded the motion with great confidence. He spoke distinctly and could be heard by everybody.

Anita Thomas and Littlu Nair put up a strong opposition, speaking clearly and well. They would have won their argument had it not been for the lazy disposition of the audience and their tendency to vote for the boys rather than the girls.

The Upper IIIs debated on "Sanawar is isolated". The proposition was not very convincing, but they tried hard. Roop Som Dutt and Happy Master were confident, clear speakers. The opposition, here, won the argument.

The last debate of the evening was the L-IV's proposal that "A Boarding School is better than a Day School." The first speaker, Ravi Wadhvani, was composed and gave a good start to the debate. Neela Deva talked too fast and too softy, Sukania Rehaman, was very clear, but she did not try to speak, but read out a well-written paper. The boys Harbans Singh and Dev. Mitra tried to make a speech. They did not speak fluently or clearly.

After each debate there were quite a number of speakers taking the floor. Asha Tika Ram was the first to speak among the audience and she and the others spoke very well.

Ajit Jayaram vehemently defined day schools, but the audience being honest to goodness true Sanawarians let the motion have an easy victory over the opposing party.

The Headmaster, Major Som Dutt, encouraged our amateur debaters by giving a very kind appreciation of their efforts. Thus ended an enjoyable evening leaving our youngsters highly elated.

RAJIKA PALIT
L-V A

The Science Society

The first meeting of the Science Society was held on the 6th August at 6-30 p. m. The speakers, nine in number, were to speak on an impressive array of topics like "New power in space travel", "Atoms believe it or not", etc. The subsequent talks given by them were certainly not up to the mark, and it would be no exaggeration to say that the major part of the audience were bored and inattentive.

The first speaker, S. Mukherji, attempted, not very successfully, to enlighten us on the subject of the unity of elements. He, and indeed most of the speakers gave the impression that they were not very familiar with their subject matter. The next talk on Man in Space, could have been made interesting but for the fact that it was read out without any explanation. This was also typical of many of the speakers who had stocks of well-prepared notes on their subjects but avoided necessary explanation. There were some talks which were more interesting, like the ones given on Aviation, Freaks in Bird-land and Camouflage in Nature. The slides shown after the talks were very interesting.

A considerable part of the audience, particularly the girls, made it only too clear that they were thoroughly bored with the proceedings. The sight of a hundred odd girls behaving in this way would unnerve any speaker. It would be better if only those really interested in the Society attended.

ARUN KAPUR

Mathematical Society

The Society meeting on the 13th of September took the form of a questionnaire. U-V & VI attended and when Mr. Gore announced 'Prizes for the best four', we rolled up our sleeves brushed away the cobwebs, chewed up our pencils and started.

A. Merchant (23/35), A. Desraj (22/35), S. Mukherji (21/35) and A. S. Poonia (20/35) were the eventual winners, but all of us had an interesting

40 mts. Part of the interest lay in listening to Mr. Kate analysing the clues for the benefit of the P. D. Staff. Mrs. Lyall too seemed to do very well taking into consideration the fact that she had come without her glasses and couldn't read the paper

The Questions (a selection)

1. A man is carrying buckets of equal weight and amounts of water, one in each hand. A heavy wooden ball is placed in the right-hand bucket, evidently floating on water. Substances like wood, cork, etc., are weightless in water. Point out whether the man has balanced weight or unbalanced weight in his hands.

5. Sita's mother-in-law is the daughter of Mohan's mother-in-law. What is Mohan's relation with Sita?

6 Give the length of the longest day at the equator.

7. A chain has twenty links. The upper ten links can support a weight of 80 to 100 lbs. each, the lower five links can each support a weight of 80 lbs., and and the rest can support a weight of 60 lbs. each. What load can the whole chain bear?

9. Is the curvature of the earth greater at the poles or at the equator?

10 Which is heavier—a pound of cork or a pound of iron filings?

11 What weighs more, a cubic foot of water or a cubic foot of ice?

13 What is the lowest Indian weight, for weighing precious metals?

14 Which is the swiftest moving planet?

16 A house-wife reads the following advertisement :

"Buy one of Simpkin's stoves and save half your coal." She buys two stoves to save all her coal. Is she foolish or wise?

17 If Rupinder is younger than Ranjit, and Ranjit is older than Aniket, then Aniket is a) older than, b) younger than, c) the same age as, d) don't know, Rupinder. (Say which one is most appropriate)

19 Jimmy is three times as old as his sister. In four years, he will be twice as old. How old is Jimmy now?

20 How many letters of the alphabet do not appear in the following sentence? "The lazy fox jumped out of its cage and over the wall".

21 How many of these nines have a two, both before and after them?
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23. You have a pair of scales and two weights, one of seven pounds and one of four pounds. How can you weigh out three pounds of sugar, avoiding the unnecessary use of the balance?

24. The light in the room where you keep your clothes does not work, but you know that in the top drawer of your wardrobe there are twentyfour socks, half of them red and half black. Going to the drawer in the dark, how many socks must you take to be sure of getting (a) a pair of socks either red or black, (b) a pair of red socks?

26. A man having Rs. 50/- in the bank makes withdrawals as follows:

Rs. 20 leaving Rs. 30)

Rs. 15 leaving Rs. 15) From where does the extra

Rs. 9 leaving Rs. 6) rupee come?

Rs. 6 leaving Rs. 0)

Rs. 50 Rs. 51

28. What are the four consecutive single digit numbers, such that the sum of the cubes of the first three is equal to the cube of the fourth?

29. A stranger bought a pair of shoes for Rs. 6/-. The shoe-maker did not have the change for the ten-rupee note produced by the customer, but he soon got the change from the adjoining tailor and thus he could return the balance. The note of the customer however, was eventually found to be counterfeit, and the shoe-maker had to make it good to the tailor. State the loss that the poor shoe-maker had to sustain in this transaction.

30. What number is three less than a third of twice thirtythree?

31. A pole weighs 80 lbs. plus half the weight of the pole. What is its weight?

33. A person being asked what o'clock it was, answered: "The hours of the day which remain are equal to three-fifths of those which have elapsed." What time was it?

35. In a library twenty volumes of encyclopaedia each four inches thick. are arranged on a shelf in the proper order (neglecting the thickness of the cover). White-ants eat right through from the first page of the first volume to the last page of the last volume. Find the thickness of the paper eaten by the white-ants.

A. MERCHANT

Secondary Education in Uganda and Sanawar A comparative Study

I fear I will not be quite justified at the moment in expressing an opinion on Sanawar, for, during my short stay here, I have not yet had the chance to come in close contact with the different elements of the School. But the one thing I can unhesitatingly declare is that the students here have definitely absorbed into their system a sense of discipline and respect towards the members of the Staff. Their springing to attention, for instance, when they approach a teacher is quite reminiscent of a military institution which The Lawrence School had been, till recently.

In Uganda, most of the Secondary Schools are Government Institutions, and the few private schools are all state-aided. Most of these are situated in the towns, and they are all co-educational day schools. Children, whose homes are away from the towns, stay in hostels run by the different communities. These schools are multi-racial, but the Asian element predominates. The purely African Schools are situated in the country-side, and they are all residential ones. This discrimination between Africans and non-Africans is not so much due to any "apartheid" policy as to the economic disparity between the races. The African Schools are in fact very well staffed with expert teachers.

The student in Uganda is generally not so fortunate as to inherit some of the basic principles of education from his senior school-mate, as his counterpart is, in Sanawar. Hence the present-day schools are called upon to exert themselves substantially to instil these fundamentals. But the heartening factor is that the average student in Uganda takes a very keen interest in learning something which he feels will be to his advantage as a citizen. The astounding success of the Cadet Corps which I had the privilege to introduce on the pattern of the N. C. C. in India, under great handicap, is a point in support of my statement. Another factor that deserves the highest appreciation is the high standard attained in Fine-Arts by the Indian girls in the absence of any trained instructors worth the name.

The Schools mostly prepare children for the Cambridge Overseas School Certificate Examination, with the exception of a few which send up students for the Cambridge Higher School Certificate (two years above Senior Cambridge) Examination.

Visits are arranged by the schools to places like the hydro-electric generating station, factories and national Game Sanctuaries. Besides these, the students arrange a number of picnics to places of interest of which there are plenty in Uganda. These trips are organised entirely by the students but they always invite one or two teachers to accompany them just for guidance and moral support.

P. K. KARUMBAYA

First Impressions of Sanawar

After the smoke and industrial filth of Birmingham it is remarkably pleasant to find oneself landed in the beauty of scenery so characteristic of Sanawar. Living at a height far exceeding that of the highest pimples of Great Britain is an experience in itself, but to be able to wake up every morning to such a magnificent view in every direction (if the mist and cloud allow) is really glorious.

At first sight the School buildings are suggestive of an army barrack, for they do not exude beauty, but on closer inspection the comfort and homeliness of them emphatically dispels this first impression. But enough of the buildings and surroundings! It is people who make or mar a place, and people have certainly made Sanawar for me, for I have felt at home right from the beginning, because such great kindness and friendliness have been shown to me by staff, boys and girls, and servants alike. The cheery "good-morning" and "good-evening" have shown the great unity that exists between teachers and learners which is essential to such an isolated community as this. The manners, discipline and behaviour far exceed that of many English schools, and the mixing of both respect for, and bonhomie towards the staff is surely a sign of a stable and sound school.

My first real view of school-life was at the soccer matches against Y. P. S., and the great school spirit shown there by both players and spectators was enough to satisfy me that everyone was mighty proud of their school, which is an admirable thing. Indeed great spirit and energy is apparent throughout all the activities of the School.

All I expected of Sanawar, and infinitely more, has been realised in my first few days, and now all that is necessary to complete my initial expectations is to be accosted by a cobra, or to be shied with cones by the local monkeys!!

August 28th, 1959.

T. P. LEE

गुब्बारे वाला

गुब्बारे वाला आया । रंग बिरंगी चीज़ें लाया ॥
बच्चों का दिल गया मचल । बोले खुश हो उड़ल उड़ल ॥
"ले भाई ! ले दो पैसे" गुब्बारे दे एक जैसे ॥
रंग गुलाबी हो जिनका । लम्बा धागा हो उनका ॥
गैस भरे गुब्बारे देना । दो पैसे ज्यादा ले लेना ॥
ऊँचा उन्हें उड़ायेंगे । खुश हो नाचें गायेंगे ॥

कु. राधा तनेजा,
U-IV A.

गोरखागढ़ की यात्रा

अंग्रेजों से अपनी सुरक्षा के लिये वीर और बुद्धिमान गोरखों ने शिमला की पहाड़ियों तथा अन्य स्थानों में अनेक छोटे छोटे किलों का निर्माण किया था। इन्हीं दुर्गों में से बचा हुआ एक दुर्ग, हमारे छात्रालय के पश्चिम में लगभग दस मील की दूरी पर ध्वंसावशेष के रूप में खड़ा है।

हमारे छात्रालय से प्रत्येक वर्ष कई विद्यार्थी इस दुर्ग तक पहुँचने की चेष्टा करते हैं। पिछले वर्ष भी हमारे यहाँ के भावी पर्वतारोहियों ने इस दुर्ग पर वज्र पाने की सोची। सौभाग्यवश मुझे भी इस दल में स्थान मिल गया।

हमारा दल श्रीमान आर्य प्रकाश शर्मा के नेतृत्व में प्रभात के उज्ज्वल प्रकाश में बढ़ता आगे चला। हम लोगों की संख्या लगभग तीस थी। सूर्योदय होते २ हमारा दल जाबली नामक एक छोटे से रेलवे स्टेशन पर पहुँचा यह हमारा पहला विश्राम था। उसके उपरांत हमारी यात्रा का सबसे दुर्गम मार्ग था।

पर्वतारोहियों ने कमर कसी और आगे चल पड़े। ऊबड़ खाबड़ पहाड़ियों पर से उतरते हुए हम एक मनोरम घाटी में उतर पड़े। इस मनोरम घाटी में तीन पहाड़ी नालों का बड़ा ही सुहावना संगम है। जंगली फूलों की सुगंध और पानी की कलकल मनुष्य का मन हर लेती है। वहाँ हमारा दूसरा विश्राम था।

इस मनोरम घाटी के बाद हमें एक पर्वत शैली को लाँघ कर दूसरी पर्वत शैली की शृंखला पर उस मन्दिर के दर्शन करने थे।

हिम्मत बाँधी, कमर कसी और चल पड़े। श्रीमान शर्मा हमारे पथदर्शक बने। धीरे धीरे हमारा अभिवान आगे बढ़ा। यह अत्यंत दुर्गम चढ़ाई थी। चढ़ाई लगभग ५० अंश की अवश्य होगी। कई पर्वतारोही तो चलते चलते हिम्मत हार रहे थे! दो चार जगह विश्राम करते हुये हम इस शैली के उपर आ पहुँचे। यह हमारी यात्रा का अंत न था। धीरे धीरे हम उस शैली के नीचे उतरे। कई छात्रों के पैरों में छाले भी पड़ गये।

जैसे कोई भूला भटका हुआ नाविक दृष्टिगोचर होते हुये द्वीप को अपना लक्ष्य बनाकर अथाह सागरमें तैरता जाता है ठीक उसी तरह हमारा अभिवान गोरखागढ़ को अपना लक्ष्य बनाकर बढ़ रहा था।

दुर्गम चढ़ाई श्री कौंटे वाली भाड़ियाँ ऊँची ऊँची घास हमारे मार्ग को अवरुद्ध किये हुये बैठी थी। तरुण हृदयों के उल्लास के कारण उनकी एक न चली। चढ़ते २ हम बहुत ही थक गये थे परन्तु उस किले की चहार-दीवारी हमें पुकार रही थी इस लिये रुक न सके। अंत में हमने अपना लक्ष्य पा ही लिया। कितनी उमंग थी हमारे हृदयों में इसका वर्णन नहीं किया जा सकता। विजयोल्लास से हमारा दिल भर गया। खुशी मनाने के हेतु हम सबने मिटाई खाई।

यह एक छोटे से किले का ध्वंसावशेष है। इसकी दीवारें मोटी और मज़बूत हैं। इसका द्वार टूट चुका है। भीतर पत्थरों के ढेर लगे हुये हैं।

इस किले के अन्दर कई पुराने छात्रों ने अपने नाम अंकित किये हैं। हमने भी बड़े गंव के साथ अपने नाम अंकित किये और वापिस लौटे। सूर्यास्त का सुन्दर दृश्य देखते हुए हम अपने छात्रालय में वापस आ पहुँचे ॥

शम्भु दयाल चौहूरिया
U-V B.

परीक्षा

कागज़ों की खस खस,	कलमों की घस घस
लिखते पन्ने दस दस,	मिलेंगे नम्बर ? बस बस।
अविश्रान्त परिश्रम	हृदयों की धड़कन,
धैर्य की उलफन,	सर दर्द टन टन ॥
एक दीर्घ निरवास,	ज्वलन्त परिस्थिति में वास,
सिर्फ किताबों के दास,	कठिन तत्व मास मास।
सब रात्रि जागरण,	पाँच सौ पन्ने स्मरण।
मधुमक्खी जैसी भन भन	बिगड़ता स्वास्थ्य हर क्षण ॥
आज है परीक्षा :	अनेक व्यथा, अनिच्छा,
अनेक क्लान्ति के बाद,	मांगते नम्बर भिन्ना।
हाथों का कम्पन,	मस्तिष्क बिगड़न,
प्रश्नों का आगमन,	उत्तरों में विवरण।
हो गई परीक्षा समाप्त,	पर चिन्ता नहीं शान्त।
अनन्त उत्सुकता,	नहीं जिसका अन्त ॥
निकला परीक्षा फल	आह ! नेत्र जल ॥
लाल स्याही कागज़ पर,	एक और साल इसी डैस्क पर ॥

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School News

October 1st. The Dress rehearsal of the School Concert was attended by the Juniors and Preppers. The Tattoo rehearsal went off very well, too.

October 2nd. Gandhi Jayanti. Many O. S. were present at the special Assembly at which Dr. Miss Susheela Nair (a new member of our Board of Governors) addressed the School.

October 3rd. The Past vs. Present tennis followed by an O. S. meeting. The Lawrencians arrived.

General Thimmayya attended the School Concert and the Torchlight Tattoo.

October 4th, Founder's Day—a very full day. N. C. C. parade, Speeches in Barne Hall, Athletics in the afternoon, the A. D. S. play "The Ringer" at night.

October 5th. General Thimmayya, (possibly our most popular guest of honour) left in the morning. The School lined the road and gave him a very hearty send off.

The School Fete was held in the afternoon. In the evening the O. S. Dinner was held in Parker Hall, followed by the O.S. Dance in Barne Hall which brought our celebrations to a close.

October 6th and 7th. Holidays.

October 8th. The Auckland House girls arrived to play us in Netball, Table Tennis and Badminton.

October 9th. The Inter school Netball and Badminton matches. Sanawar won both.

The Bedians arrived.

October 10th. The Netball match against St. Bede's. It was almost a Past vs. Present match with Lila Kak, Asha Nanda, Jasbir Kaur and Harvinder Kaur playing for St. Bede's. We lost 17—6 to very much better players. In the evening Auckland House played Sanawar in Table Tennis. We won all three matches.

October 11th. St. Bede's and Auckland House returned to Simla.

October 12th. The Inter House P. T. competition was held in the afternoon. Vindhya were first in both Departments.

October 15th. The Headmaster left for Kashmir.

October 21st. The Headmaster returned.

The P. D. sports were held in the afternoon—Himalaya won the Cock House Trophy, and Miss Chak the visitors and staff race.

October 22nd. The 1st XI Hockey team beat the C. R. I. 2—1. Dua went to hospital with a sprained knee.

October 21. The Film "Golden Salamander" was shown in Barne Hall.

October 25th. The 1st XI hockey team played the 1/9th Gurkhas in Dagshai. We won 4—2.

Founder's

The usual anxiety over the weather provided the usual prelude, and was followed by the usual relief of clear skies and sunny days.

The Past were better than the Present in the annual Hockey match (2—1) on the Boys' side, but the girls shared the honours in their Tennis matches.

The School Concert in the evening went off well as did the Tattoo at night in spite of temperamental lights.

The Board of Governors met in the morning at the Head's house, and we were happy to see amongst them Dr. Miss Susheela Nair, Gen. Kulwant Singh and Mr. G. D. Sondhi; with old friends like Mr. Saiuddin and Mr. Sarin also present, we knew our affairs were in good hands. General Thimmayya took the Salute at the Trooping of the Colour Parade on the 4th and his speech later that day commended the turn out and smartness of the cadets. "Speeches" in Barne Hall started punctually at 12 noon. Major Som Dutt gave a short resume of the years' activities. He acknowledged with thanks the generous help received from many and various sources,—the C.R.I. The Lady Linlithgow Sanatorium, the British Council and others. He welcomed the presence of the Chief of Staff as being a direct link with the past when Sanawar was a Military School and Commanders in Chief members of our Board.

General Thimmayya spoke of the ideals of youth and the need for a fit mind in a fit body. He recommended the Army as a career for boys and assured them that there was a bright future for intelligent well-balanced youth in the armed forces of the country. He praised Public Schools and said he thought highly of the products they produced, and hoped more boys would join the Officers' rank in the army. The Chief of Staff apologised to the girls for not making any suggestions for their futures: they too could join army, as wives of officers, and that was the very best advice he could give them.

General Thimmaya stayed with us till the morning of October 5th. We gave him a rousing Sanawar send off, and volleys of cheers followed him as group after group of boys, spread right down the Mall as far as the Bakery, vociferously paid tribute to the popularity of his visit. We hope he will carry away pleasant memories and we hope he will come again.

Eight boys and ten girls with three staff formed the Lawrencian party this year. We would have liked to have entertained them more royally but Founder's being Founder's we can only hope they did not feel too neglected. They paid a visit to Bhakra-Nangal in the School truck on the 6th, and on the 7th did a quick trip to Simla. We would like to pay public tribute to Rao Birinder Singh, Minister, Punjab Govt., to Mr. Bachan Singh Bala, to Mr. G. S. Talwar, and to The Headmaster, Bishop Cotton School, for their generosity and help in entertaining our friends from Lovedale during these outings.

The Tattoo, The Staff play, and the O. S. meeting are reported on elsewhere, in this Newsletter.

The Fete on the 5th was the usual enjoyable swindle. The Lucky Dip stall made one hundred and thirty rupees and everybody was pleased until the discovery that the toys for the Dip had cost one hundred and twenty rupees.

The Old Sanawarians laboured manfully adding to the noise and the enjoyment, and produced over two hundred rupees as a result of their efforts.

The O. S. Dinner with its gastronomic delights owed its success to Mrs. Nanda and Miss. Chatterji and to the big turn out of diners ready to appreciate the fare provided. Speeches were short and even Suresh Mullick, toasting the School, was commendably brief. The O. S. Dance, run this year by the O. S., started to time. The School stayed till 11-30 p. m. while old Sanawarians went on till 12-30 p. m. Mr. Pillai and his little band of stalwarts provided the music for the dance, and three rousing cheers at the end expressed our appreciation of their efforts.

Thus ended another Founders.

O. S. Letter

Founder's has come and gone and the placid surface of the pool of Sanawar life is less and less frequently broken by the gulping rush of staff coming up for air. Some of us had the 'bends' and only the gradual decompression of a second holiday on the 7th revived us sufficiently to face the 'opening 8th'.

We had a record number of visitors this year. The Hall was full to overflowing. The School (L. V. and above only) were shoe-horned into the Gallery and packed shoulder to shoulder with diaphragms in-pinched and knees straight to the front. The School song suffered: the planned crescendo of "The Best School of All", ended diminuendo with the ceiling still intact. Perhaps 'Speeches' ought to be in the open air.

Forty-one O. S. turned up for Founder's which on a rough calculation must be 15 to 20 per cent of our total strength. I'll wager no school can better that percentage. Another fifteen O. S. due to arrive failed to turn up.

Founder's went off fairly well. It always looks better in retrospect when ones dismal prognostications have been falsified by the Sanawar ability to turn up trumps when the occasion demands. I had

the feeling all through that this was a happier Founder's, and the flow of letters from O. S. has confirmed my impression.

".....I would like to thank you very much for the wonderful time we had at Sanawar. It was really enjoyable. (M. S. G.).

".....Thank you very much for the enjoyable Founder's.... congratulations to all concerned for making it such a success. (A. S. K.).

".....I had a wonderful time. (A. M.).

".....This year's Founder's was a memorable one for me, and it will take me a long time to forget it. (S. K. K.).

".....I had a wonderful Dashera holiday—the highlight being, of course, Founder's. (A. D.).

".....A most delightful stay in Sanawar. We not only enjoyed ourselves but the sense of pride in the School's achievements was with us all through. (D. P. S. R.).

".....is like a second home to me, and in spite of my having spent only three years in Sanawar. I feel I am a Sanawarian and nothing but a Sanawarian. It was grand to see Founder's as successful as it was this year. Thank you once again for all the trouble you took to make us so comfortable. (D. J. P.).

".....Most of us are rather unsettled after our stay at Sanawar. It was like going "Home" for the week-end and coming back with that sick feeling.....for indeed Sanawar is a home for us O. S. and it is always sad to leave a place where so many memories.....(D. R. M.).

".....A really terrific time at Founder's; we enjoyed every minute of it. (A. B.)

I could go on with the extracts, but perhaps enough is enough. The very presence of so many O. S. was consolation and comfort. Their expressions of love and admiration for the old School are but symptomatic.

Good wishes for Founder's poured in from all over India and from abroad. I take this opportunity of saying "Thank you" to all who remembered us. Noteworthy amongst the telegrams and cables were the following:—

MILWAUKEE, U. S. A.

VERY HAPPY FOUNDER'S TO ALL
LATE GREETING BETTER THAN NONE
WHO GOT PRESIDENT'S MEDAL
MANINDER

TRING, ENGLAND

BEST WISHES FOR FOUNDERS
SANAWARIANS.

Maninder Singh Bhagat's cable arrived on the 5th, so his apology was unnecessary. Maninder's address is C/o American Express Co. Inc., 308 Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis. U. S. A. He sent us a card from France on his way out and upto and including September 7th had had a fine time.

Mrs. Coombes (311 A, Alum Rock Road, Birmingham 8, England) remembered us again: "A very happy and successful Founder's. Best wishes to all Sanawarians, past and present, and good luck for the coming year. We are to meet Raj Sondhi to night and should hear more recent news of the old School than we have had for a long time.

Joy, Lesley & James."

Joy ain't no elephant, but she never forgets. We send her our greetings and good wishes and hope that young Jasper and Lesley (remembered (a) in the P. D., (b) in the Chem. lab. (c) on the staff) are fit and well.

Our good wishes go out too to Julie Rhind who was married in England about the time we were celebrating Founder's. In amongst the glittering array of wedding presents she must have found a small box of Charley's 'burfis'. We sent her some to remind her of Sanawar.

Bill and Phyllis Colledge, (and young Will.), are back in England after their Hong Kong sojourn.

"Twenty two Old Sanawarians met last night at a 'chota reunion' in Mrs. Tilley's house. They ranged from George Tappen who left in 1918 down to young 'Darbs' tanned by Trevor Kemp. I showed the two 400 ft reels of India and Sanawar together with 24 coloured slides. . . . Phyllis and young William were with me and met two of the O.S. from Hongkong. There were numerous messages of regret at not being able to turn up including Mrs. Barne and George Foster but it looks as though the reunion on the 14th May will be a bumper one. . . . This ties us to a marked extent otherwise we would have been at Founder's aga in this year. We took a German ship from Hongkong and it did not call at any Indian port, Colombo was the nearest and that was bad enough with continual strikes delaying us considerably. But the voyage was the pleasantest we have undertaken. You should see my "Schwabenstein Saga."

. Our thoughts are for you at this time of the year and we cannot help but remember the marvellous holiday, for us that is, in 1957.

We do hope that you will find time to include the "Anthem" in one of the Founders Day events.

If any O. S. in India at the moment is contemplating a visit to England in 1960, please tell them of the date of the reunion 14th May—it was decided last night. Unfortunately I cannot attend but I will leave my films with George Tappen who has a good projector, and he will do the screening at the reunion. Everyone went away with the happy thought that Sanawar is not derelict, far from it, though many came under the impression that it would never recover. All that has been put right and an intense interest has now grown up. You will be receiving some concrete proposals from a committee regarding certain matters concerning the Chapel but a word or two of guidance from you will be appreciated beforehand. The Chapel is very dear to us.

Do remember us in your Assembly on Founders, we will be thinking of you, and longing to be present."

Bill's letters are always interesting. He will be happy to know that a number of O. S. enquired tenderly after him. They still remember his Talks and film shows in Hall, and of course the silver bugle is an ever-present reminder of him, and the Hong Kong O. S. The "Anthem" in the Chapel after Founder's Athletics owes its inception to Bill's inspiration, and it has become our Founder's-time memorial to those who, in the past, built up the traditions which we hold so dear. This year we were fortunate to have Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Lyall to help us with the music. The violin and the organ went wonderfully well together. Bill's address: W. H. E. Colledge, Chamber's Green Guest House, St. Leonards, Tring, Herts., England.

Kanwar Yeshvir Singh Kadan, (16, Howard St., Loughborough, Leicestershire, England), is doing a technical training in Loughborough. He has met Sudhir Singh but hasn't contacted Gulraj yet. I hope this Newsletter brings them together. He writes "It's an extremely fine college and I am happy in my surroundings. I have joined the Squash, Tennis, Photography, Swimming, Boxing and last but not least JAZZ Clubs. We have nice JAZZ sessions

on Thursday after lunch and an occasional dance. Yesterday we had the Freshers' Hop and it was pretty enjoyable. We have a fine indoor heated pool and so we can swim here even at this time of the year. It's quite cold here but when the sun decides to have a peep—which it rarely does—jackets and sweaters can be discarded. How is life at Sanawar? I hope not the same old dreary routine and I am sure a couple of new buildings must have cropped up now to give Sanawar a new look. I am awfully disappointed with the Sanawar News-letter for I never seem to get a copy of it. I think the fault lies in me for not "shugging up the dough" for it. Well Sir it's awfully difficult for me to send the subscription from here, so please deduct the subscription from my brother's account and let me have the copies of the Newsletter and also of the Sanawarian — if it ever does come out, for I haven't seen it for years now. How is Mrs. Kemp? Please remember me to her. How are Peter & Co? Any new editions? If so, Congratulations!"

I cannot resist putting in the last paragraph. It is typically Sanawarian. May I add that "Peter & Co." deserve no congratulations.

Parvez Kumar (89 Guilford St., London W. C. I.) rose pleasantly from the deeps to give us some news. I'm certain O. S. will be interested in his letter, and I reproduce it in full. Parvez is doing an Aeronautical Engineering Course :—

"The September issue of the News-letter just received has once again painfully reminded me of the fact that I am still one of the worst correspondents amongst the O. S. If I remember right my last letter to you was over two years ago! This one will catch you in the throes of Founder's which, for you, is probably the worst time to receive letters.

Well, the "usual" amount has taken place in the last two years. I took scholarship level GCE at school and then proceeded for a science degree (BSc. Aeronautical Engg) to the Imperial College of Science & Technology (I. C. in short). It is one of the best Engg. Colleges in the country and consequently very difficult to get into. However, I succeeded in getting in and have passed my B. Sc. Part I which I sat for in June. A lot of stress is laid on the practical and industrial side of the work and our laboratories are really AI with supersonic and transonic wind-tunnels thrown in. During the vacs. ('hols' in Sanawar) we gain industrial experience by working for firms connected with ones particular branch of engg. I do my training with De Havillands in their engine plants.

Social life at college is a full time job, if one can spare the time. Societies are many and various, about 80 all told, ranging from the usual Debating Society, societies for practically every country in the world and also for all sports (these are clubs) down to things like the "wine and cheese-tasting society". I'm a member of the Rifle and Gliding Clubs. In the former I'm still ranked as a 'differ' compared to certain other members who are British, World and European small-bore champions. The latter (Gliding) is most exhilarating and relaxing and one can have the unique honour of belonging to the "Caterpillar Club". Membership to this is very restricted and I need only add that one of the latest members had to bale out, and did an "out of the book" descent by parachute, with another pilot involved, and landed at an RAF air-field minus 7 ft. off one wing.

Javed also flies with the ATO and he is now Cadet 1st Class in the Squadron. He took his ordinary level this June and goes onto A level.

Parveen does A level next year and incidentally had the rare honour of becoming a Queen's Guide some years back.

Well, I must close now wishing you all in Sna' the very best in everything and specially a happy Founder's.

P. S. As I re-read this letter I find I have not mentioned one thing,—I am not, repeat not, a member of the Caterpillar Club!"

Mr. & Mrs. Shri Niwas Choudhry request the pleasure ofs' company at the wedding of their daughter

Usha

With

Dr. Netar Parkash, Ph. D. (Tech.). on Wednesday, the 14th October, 1959.

And there goes another Sanawarian. All of us send our very best wishes to Usha Rani. We would have liked very much to be present, but Sanawar being Sanawar, marriages are ultra vires during Term, and so we were denied the pleasure of attending the celebrations. With the full weight of Sanawar behind me, I would assure Dr. Parkash that he is a very lucky man.

Vishnu Kumar Bhagat (I. N. S. Rajput) has received his Newsletter at long last. He was so overcome with the surprise of it that he wrote us a hurried note of thankful acknowledgement and sent us a half-dozen "Navy Day" folders with the wrapper dressed overall with twenty-six stamps. "Many thanks Vishnu! I've placed your contribution in the Library. An expert in the language of stamps has deciphered your layout as saying "You landlubbers ought to be keel-hauled!" Perhaps you're right".

The O. S. Meeting 1959

The Old Sanawarian Meeting was held in the Staff Club at 11-00 a. m. on October 5th, 1959. The Headmaster was in the chair. The Meeting can be described best as one of fruitful informality. Discussion ranged over a wide range of subjects and the outcome was a number of sensible and workmanlike decisions.

Decided:

1. That O.S. present in Sanawar at Founder's be provided with a distinguishing rosette.
2. That O. S. be responsible for the running of the O. S. Dance from 1959 onwards.

3. That O. S. be responsible for the O. S. Dinner arrangements from 1960 onwards.

That a fee not exceeding Rs. 3/- be charged from those attending the O. S. Dinner.

5. That the School not be put to additional expense in hiring/buying extra beds etc. for O. S. visiting at Founder's. O.S. are prepared to 'rough it'.

6. That O. S. bring with them blankets & sheets at Founder's time, the School being prepared to provide the remaining necessary bedding.

7. That O. S. pay towards the cost of their sojourn in Sanawar. (The Headmaster assured the meeting that this would be on a 'no profit' basis.)

8. That H.S. Bedi be asked to make enquiries in Ludhiana for suitable materials for the O.S. scarf.

9. That Suresh Mullick make enquiries about crested buttons.

10. That the Ladies (O. S.) be allowed to have an O. S. brooch/Handbag/pendant. Members offered to think over the problem and submit suggestions.

11. That the March number of the monthly News-Letter be sent out V. P. P. for Rs. 3/- (Which will cover the annual subscriptions to the O. S. Society (Rs. 2/-) and the News-Letter (Re. 1/-).

Fifty-one members were present at the meeting. I would stress the last listed point. In future the March Newsletter will be sent out V. P. P. for Rs. 3/- If for some reason you object very strongly to this resolution please let us know in good time. Our mailing list will be made up of active O. S. members. Having been in Sanawar you are automatically an Old Sanawarian and no resolutions can deprive you of that privilege, but whether or not you want to be a member of the O. S. S. will depend on your acceptance of this condition, i. e. the acceptance of the V. P. P. for Rs. 3/-. We hope to build up a stronger organisation with the money available. Looking ahead I can see many things that could be done: a filing system with a complete upto-date record of O. S., and their progress and achievements, an O. S. award in the School prize list, perhaps even an O. S. scholarship. I assure you we can make good use of extra funds.

If any of you would like to make your association more permanent, the option of a twenty-five rupee life-membership is still available.

O. S. Present at the meeting

G. I. Singh	Kulbir Singh Soin.
M. S. Grewal	Diljit Singh Chowdhry.
Ashok Seth	Ashok Kumar Marwaha.
H. S. Bedi	G. S. Bath.
Suresh Mullick	B. K. Sood.
T. S. Shergill	Arvind Bery.
Vinod Nair	S. K. S. Kalaan.
Jaya Krishen.	R. K. S. Kalaan.
Shyam Kak.	D.P. S. Rarewala
Vijay Khanna.	Nanda Cariappa.
Dileep Pradhan.	O. S. Sharma.
Meena Lamba.	B. S. Ahluwalia.
Asha Dhawan.	Harjit S. Kochhar.
Satinder Kaur.	Subhash Dua.
Asha Nanda.	T. Peter Lee.
Arun Maira.	J. C. Sakhuja.
Lila Kak.	Mohinder Singh.
N. N. Singh.	Surindra Nath.
Jasbir Kaur.	J. R. Acharya.
Gurdip Singh Bedi.	N. L. Kumar.
Anjon Mehra.	Asha Narang.
Reena Thadani.	D. R. A. Mountford.
Pradeep Rao.	T. C. Kemp.
Anupam Bal.	Major R. Som Dutt.
Kum Kum Batra.	J. K. Kate.
Pradeep Soneja.	

For lack of space I'll hold back further news of O. S. till the next number. Letters have been pouring in and we have enjoyed reading them I'll answer as many as I can, but with November 23rd as D-Day for Cambridge please don't expect too much. Do keep giving us your news: the interest in the Newsletter is largely an interest in accounts of your doings.

Tailpiece: Does anybody know if Mr. Gopinathan has passed his Drill-square yet?

T. C. Kemp.

The School Concert

The School Concert, held on the 3rd of October, commenced with the rendering of "Rag Vandana" by the School Orchestra-cum-Choir. In spite of occasional indistinctness of words, the performance was commendable.

"Pixie—Market", the English play staged by the Prep. School was the charming story of the adventures of a group of children in a pixie-market. The actors and actresses, especially Kiran Samal, did their parts well and played into the hearts of the audience. The Percussion Band then presented "Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag", and indeed, the wide smiles on the faces of the bandmen could not but help in bringing a smile to our lips. It was followed by "Certificate", a hilarious Hindi comedy also by the Prep. School. The story was about the search for a certificate by the master of the house (Indarh Babar), who was helped by his indifferent wife (Kanwaljit Kaur), his mischievous son (Ramakanth Raizada) and his slightly scatter-brained servant (Pushpinder Sahi), who was dubious as to what a "sartiphaket" was. Mention must be made of the acting of all the players.

After a short interval the high-light of the show, the dance-drama "Mira", was presented. Compliments must be paid to Mr. Rajamani without whose help the dance-drama would surely have made an abortive attempt at success. The story represented the life of Mira, the great saint of Rajasthan, who renounced her home, her family and her position as queen for the sake of her betrothed, Lord Krishna. Anita Thomas as Mira (when a young girl) was magnificent and has the makings of a great dancer. Malti Verma as an older Mira and Rajika Palit as Girdhari, Lord Krishna, were flawless in their performances. The flowing, graceful movements of the former and the sharp, well-defined ones of the latter blended in a harmony that was most pleasing to behold.

Vinita Singh as a "bhakt" of Lord Krishna Shabnam Sahni as the Rana, the numerous friends of Mira and the various other dancers all contributed to making this dance-drama an undoubted hit.

The School Concert provided a very entertaining evening, but, though the Prep. School were admirable in all their performances, it would also have been very nice to see some more items by the Senior School.

K. K. Kak

The Torchlight Tattoo

As the last chimes of 8-30 faded away, the floodlights were flashed on to reveal a host of boys and girls converging from both ends of Peacestead, to begin the evenings' programme with the mass P. T. This was followed by the groundwork, chair-tricks, bugleband, Toy-soldiers, Horsework and the Figure marching.

One thing noteworthy this year, was that the electricians tried to show General Thimmayya their signalling activities, by flashing the lights off and on during the P. T. The P. T. ended with a magnificent tableau. The Toy Soldiers item was a very good addition to the tattoo this year. The story goes that the Toy Soldiers belonged to a brother and sister. Every night, they played with the toys, the brother playing the part of the immortal General; this led to the girls' asking her mother "Mummy! does the General never die?". One day, however the general did die—of shock: the day a soldier on parade dropped his rifle. It was a sorry sight to

see the General being carried to his grave, whilst the band played a melancholy dirge. Half-way through, however, the band switched over to a quick march "Never Give in, Sanawar", and even the General couldn't resist the temptation of coming back to life and waving his sword in time to the music. The General, with his three-legged horse, was the main source of amusement, and the Toy Soldiers certainly carried the show away.

The bugle band had improved considerably since last year and it was interesting to see that most of them were junior boys. The figure marching revealed to us the adventurous spirit of the boys and girls and the biological instincts of the organizers when they formed the skull and crossbones. The other figures were rather well done.

It was the first year that neither the moon nor the mist interfered with the Tattoo, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the whole school lustily singing the School Song, with musical accompaniment by the School band.

S K. Kak } O. S.
H. S. Kochhar }

The A. D. S. Play

This year the Sanawar A. D. S. presented a thriller—"The Ringer" by Edgar Wallace. It was produced by the Headmaster, who also took the part of the Assistant Commissioner. The main theme of the play centers around the 'Ringer' an almost legendary figure in the world of crime and an astonishing character who has the uncanny knack of appearing unexpectedly in the most odd places. Secondary characters are Maurice Meister (Bruce Billon) the clever and scheming solicitor who hides his darker activities under a cloak of respectability, Cora Ann Milton (Audrey Kemp) the Ringer's extremely capable and devoted wife, Central Inspector Bliss, (Trevor Kemp), the efficient and ruthless detective just returned from the States, Divisional Inspector Wembury (Hardip Sikund) the young plain clothesman. Samuel Hackitt (O. P. Sharma) the ex-convict and Divisional Surgeon Dr. Lomond, (Bhupinder Singh) the amiable and jolly police doctor.

The first scene, in Scotland Yard, shows the efforts of Scotland Yard to stop the elusive Ringer. The police have an inkling that the 'Ringer' who was last heard of in Australia, has come home to take his revenge on Meister, who had driven the 'Ringer's' sister to suicide. They also know that wherever Cora Ann Milton, the Ringer's wife, is there also is the Ringer. The presence of Cora Ann Milton in London is proof enough that the Ringer is somewhere round the corner. Meister, a slinky looking character, is interviewed and the police keep a close watch on his house in anticipation of the 'Ringer'.

As in most thrillers, the first and second acts were very slow-moving and the audience gave plain signs of weariness. The plot unfolded with maddening sluggishness until at last everything happened at once. Hackitt, who was preparing to decamp with Meister's silverware, is caught and put behind bars once more. John Lenley, (Peter Lee) fresh from prison, falls into Meister's clutches and is arrested by the police. Meister, himself, is murdered in a dramatic manner right under the noses of the police. The police, in a frenzy, hold hasty interrogations. Suspicion centers around Inspector Bliss who is regarded as the 'Ringer' in disguise. It is not till the last act that the Ringer is exposed—Dr. Lomond the voluble divisional surgeon. From the clutches

of the police, he, together with his wife, makes a spectacular escape to freedom.

The curtain came down to the sounds of thunderous applause. The A. D. S. had passed yet another milestone in its history.

Karam Sheel Oberoi
U-V A.

Athletics

After an impressive march past the competitors of the 100 metres boys (open) went to the 'starting point' amidst the usual shouts from the enthusiastic spectators. For some strange reason (force of habit I presume) I felt miserably nervous! In a few minutes we saw N. P. Dube breast the tape in a creditable time of 11.3 secs.

After that the events followed in quick succession (characteristic of Sanawar), with the minimum waste of time (something that is alien to this part of the world!). Soon we arrived at the girls' events. Here I am compelled to mention Meenakshi Biswas who broke no less than two records that evening.

Then we witnessed some fine hurdling especially in the boys' opens where Baldev Dua 'clocked' 16 secs.

Soon we were watching the 800 metres of the opens (boys). It was a good race and there were moments when I suspected that Baldev Dua would break the coveted record set up by Ranjit Bhatia in 1952. I was rather disappointed when he again narrowly missed breaking the record.

All too soon we had arrived at the Relays. This is always an exciting end to the day's events and this year one witnessed some courageous performances. House spirit was in abundance (I include the spectators!) and the runners displayed the spirit that is embodied in every Sanawarian—'Never Give In'. Nilagiri swiped the board in the boys' department by winning three out of the four relays. In the girls' section Himalaya retained the cup for the event.

Then came the classical event of the afternoon—though it was very nearly evening—the O. S. race. A very colourful and dramatic race I can assure you. By the time the gun was fired our heroic winner, Shyam Kak, had glided past the others. To his dismay Suresh Mullick had found a faster way and had already reached the announcer—for recommendation—which was sadly denied him!

At the prize-distribution which followed, Dr. Miss. S. Nair gave out the prizes. Baldev Dua, I. S. Gill, Subash Chopra and P. S. Thakar received the championships in their respective age groups. In the 'Girls' section. Sheena Grewal, Sheila Gidwani, Meenakshi Biswas and Anjana Mehra won the championships in their age groups. The cup for the best Athlete went to Baldev Dua who won no less than five events. Cockhouse B. D: Vindhya.

" " G. D: Nilagiri & Siwalik
Defence Cup: Vindhya.

In concluding I will say that the standard displayed was fairly high and though the number of records broken was less than in the previous year it does not indicate a deterioration in the standard of athletics, for the number of people who qualified was higher. It was an exciting afternoon and spirits had

mounted high—yes, even for us O. S.—and one could do with a cup of tea and cakes!

R. Mountford (O.S.)

P. T. Competition

Run there! Needle here! Shoe-polishing 'here', 'there' and every where! All this was obviously in preparation for the long awaited and dreaded P. T. competition. Everybody was in a flutter, prefects with their jittery nerves busied themselves by making prim and proper the girls in their respective squads, and had the words of commands constantly playing on their lips. But this all came to an end with the clang of the bell at 2-30. p. m.

The Inspectors having arrived rather late, the competition began fifteen minutes after the scheduled time. It commenced with the double marking and filing in of the Vindhyan girls on to their precisely marked dots. They displayed their little bit with great zeal and everyone felt that Vindhya would surely win the competition.

Then came Siwalik just as good but their jaunty beginning was their Achilles, heel. Nilagarians followed suit but their P. T. was rather of the greenhorn category.

Himalaya came next. Unfortunately they made a bad start and took some time to file in to their rows, otherwise their P. T. was by far the best.

The boys were next, first Nilagiri, followed by Himalaya, then Siwalik and finally Vindhya. Everybody, from the tiniest to the stalwarts exhibited immense vitality and rhythm in their movements.

Gymnastics, the next item on the agenda, was held at Gaskell Hall. These ranged from horse jumping, pull-ups, parallel bars and finally to somersaulting over a rope but with the prospect of landing on a cushiony matting of hessian! Each house performed its well-rehearsed "Tarzan tactics" and finally some were chosen to compete for the best gymnast's prize. Jugvirinder Singh was adjudged the best gymnast and deservedly too for his posture was precise and his jumps neat and immaculate.

The afternoon came to a close with the much-looked forward to Prize distribution with Vindhya first and Himalaya last in both Departments! Nilagiri and Siwalik were second and third in the boys' school and in the girls' school, Siwalik was second and Nilagiri third.

Roop Narang
O. S.

Auckland House vs Sanawar

TABLE TENNIS

Of the three Inter-School fixtures Auckland House proved most formidable at Table Tennis. The tournament, which was umpired by Mr. Mundkur, was held in Barne Hall. It was short but exciting. Surprisingly enough the Aukies were more at ease than the Sanawar team who were a trifle nervous. Purnima Anasthy and Neelam Johar of Auckland House played our 1st strings Sheena Grewal and Ranjana Debnath.

Appearances proved to be deceptive and Sanawar won a well-deserved victory. The match warmed up in the second game and the roles were reversed. Now it was Auckland House who looked slight-

tly abashed while Ranjana and Sheena smashed their way to victory (21—18 ; 21—4)

Ashotine Aya Ram of Auckland House met Anupma D. Singh of Sanawar in the singles. Ashotine at first looked the better player but Anupma was as steady and calm as ever. The first game was nerve-wracking. All eyes were riveted upon the players,—and the deathly silence was broken only by occasional “oohs” and “aahs”. The match ended in a victory for Sanawar.

In the third and last match Manju Obri and Bharati Rana of Auckland House played Santosh Dass and Shabnam Sahni of Sanawar. From the very start Sanawar was on top and the match ended with the score at 21—7 ; 25—23.

Romola Krishen.

BADMINTON

The badminton matches against Auckland house, Simla, were played in Barne Hall on October 9th. Sanawar won both the doubles matches but lost the Singles.

In the first game, Shabnam Sahni and Asha Lata played Ashotine Aya Ram and Sharan Lata of Auckland House. Shabnam played exceptionally well while Asha Lata seemed to be petrified. Auckland House lost 21-6; 21-17. Manju Ohri of Auckland House then played singles against Malti Varma of Sanawar. Malti won the first set at 15-11 but Manju settled down and showed she was the better player. She was every and where placed accurately her shots very and her smashes were irretrievable. Auckland House won the 2nd and 3rd games at 15-10, 15-8.

Andy Kemp and Anupma D. Singh of Sanawar went on to win the second doubles match against Indra Stokes and P. Shabi who were no match for them. The score was 21-9; 21-2. Congratulations Sanawar! Keep it up!

Navina Sundaram.

Accounts of the Netball matches are held over till next month.

A Hike to Pinjore

I was delighted to be invited by Ranjit Singh Randhawa (Horsey), Manohar Lal Narang, Inderjit Singh Bhusri, Birinder Singh Bala and Arjun Soni to go for a week-end hike to Pinjore. I had barely an hour's notice, but in that time I gathered together all the necessities I was told to take. At 2-30 p. m. on Saturday, September 5th we set off down the hill through Sanawar and Jabli, and then on to the railway track. We plunged bravely into the 2,276 yards of pitch-darkness of the Koti tunnel. We averaged over eight miles-an-hour through this dark and rather dirty tunnel. Perhaps we were a little scared, or just mesmerised by the pin-point of light visible in the distance!!

After this horror we joined the road, and proceeded to Kalka with only one delay—an attempt of strength, throwing stones into a very distant stream. In Kalka we were gazed upon as if we were “men from Mars”, and self-consciously we filed through the crowds to the station. Kalka station impressed me enormously by its cleanliness and look of efficiency, after the rather squalid town. After a refresher in the dining-room we went down the track to join the Ambala road, along which we slogged in the darkness, the only break in the monotony being the sight of a dead dog and nearby a vulture, both of them mashed on the road.

The six of us shared a suite of rooms in the rest-house in Pinjore Gardens. After a quick supper, kindly supplied by Mr. Kumar, we tumbled into bed—or at least two of the luckiest of us, while the rest slept somehow on the floor and in chairs.

After a quick breakfast, washed down with tea from the village, we looked around the impressive gardens and parts of the palace. It was most interesting to see the great variety of Indian trees, shrubs and flowers. As the sun beat down upon us we set off for Surajpur. After leaving the main-road we went down a track, which gave me my first close view of an Indian village and all its inhabitants plying their various trades. The different crops and fruit trees were most fascinating.

At Surajpur, Brigadier Verma kindly gave us drinks and then laid on a guide to show us round the cement works. The whole process of manufacture was very interesting, and my five hosts acted as excellent interpreters between the guide and myself.

After lunch in Kalka we stoutly proceeded up the bridle-path to Kasauli. It is an excellent track, although a little near to the vertical in parts. We had a cup of tea, a rest, and a photo half-way up, and then shot up to Kasauli, and thence to Sanawar, via Palpitation Hill, where the blisters on our feet were felt to advantage.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable week-end, and after it I felt I had seen a great deal more of real Indian life, than one could possibly see during a month in Sanawar. My five guides looked after me magnificently and really put themselves out for me.

T. P. L.

The Call Of The Mountain

Knowing Mr. O. P. Sharma's rhetorical ability, we looked forward with much interest to his talk, on the 19th of September, on his experiences in mountaineering.

He did not let us down, for speaking eloquently and engagingly, he told of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute where he took a course at Darjeeling saying, that though it was very young it enjoyed a very wide reputation. Its first Principal, Major Nandu Dayal, had died, but it was now in the very capable hands of Captain Gian Singh, and it had, as Director of Field Training, the inestimable Tenzing Norkay. It held, he said, four courses a year which drew students from all over India.

Describing Darjeeling, he declared it to be a capital place affording a magnificent view of the Kanchenjunga range. Because of its mild climate, the trainees spent a week there for acclimatisation, during which time they were instructed, by six experienced instructors, in cartography, meteorology, geomorphology, climatology, fauna and flora of mountainous regions, first aid and numerous other subjects related to mountaineering (what an enormous mouthful!).

The trainees, twenty-five in all, then left for the base camp, Chaunsikiang, situated in Sikkimese territory and at a height of 16,000 feet. The sixty-miles-long route was so infested with leeches that, declared Mr. Sharma, on a previous trip one gentleman had been so “leeches” that he had become anaemic and had to return to Darjeeling.

At Koptung glacier, the trainees were familiarized with the techniques of crevice rescue work, chimney rescue work, step-cutting in ice and rock climbing.

"The best of the lot"—among them Mr. Sharma—were then chosen to assault, under the guidance and leadership of Tensing, the virgin peak of Palung, 21,000 feet in height.

Pronouncing it a tiring climb, and very difficult in the words of Tensing, because of the masses of loose, soft snow, Mr. Sharma declared that inspite of all this he had enjoyed the trip enormously.

The fifteen minutes on the peak were spent in marvelling at the magnificence and the immensity of the surrounding mountains.

Soon after the return to Chaunrikiang the whole party left for Darjeeling by a much longer route which led through Nepalese territory.

The three days at Darjeeling were crammed with theoretical examinations—and then came the prize-giving at which the Maharaja of Sikkim presided. Mr. Sharma was placed in category "A",—the highest,—an honour indeed.

An uneventful journey back home followed.

While talking of the equipment necessary for a mountaineer, Mr. Sharma mentioned crampons, (essential in loose snow), petons, (warm, wind-proof clothing), leech-guards, nylon ropes and the very useful and important ice-axe.

A number of photographs were then shown; the one of Mr. Sharma descending the steep face of a rock, with the help of a rope, drawing cries of admiration.

Questions being invited a number of the audience responded, two asking, "Who reached the summit of Mt. Everest first?—Tensing or Hillary" and "Are ladies allowed to enrol in the Institute?" To the first Mr. Sharma replied that it was immaterial who reached a peak first, the spirit of the mountaineer really mattering, but actually Hillary had reached the top first. To the second Mr. Sharma replied that he had no idea whether women could or not, but, perhaps, in the near future, a women's mountaineering institute would be founded.

The film, "Call of The Mountain", loaned very kindly by the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, was then screened. The haunting music went well with the scenes of the imposing mountains and the activities of the group of mountaineers excited much interest in the audience.

Ending his talk, Mr. Sharma announced, amidst cheers, that after Founders rock-climbing would begin in Sanawar and, sometime in December-

January, a trip to a nearby peak would be undertaken. A rock crystal, presented to Mr. Sharma by Tensing, was then exhibited.

Sanawar is indebted to Mr. O. P. Sharma for his most entertaining and educative talk and, with his fund of experience, we are sure rock climbing will flourish here.

K. K. Kak.

गाँधी जयन्ती

२ अक्टूबर को स्कूल में यद्यपि छुट्टी थी परन्तु बापू की पुरय-स्मृति में प्रातः काल बार्न हाल में एक सभा का आयोजन किया गया। भजन तथा वाद्य-संगीत (Orchestra) द्वारा सभा का कार्य आरम्भ हुआ।

यह हमारा परम सौभाग्य था कि इस सुअवसर पर डा० (कु.) सुशीला नायर हमारी मुख्य-अतिथि थीं। आपका परिचय देते हुए हेडमास्टर श्री सोमदत्त जी ने बताया कि आपको कुछ समय गाँधी जी के साथ रहने का भी अवसर प्राप्त हुआ है और गाँधी जी के सम्बन्ध में अपने विचार तथा अनुभव बताने के लिए उनसे अनुरोध किया।

डा० नायर ने महात्मा गाँधी के प्रेम और दृढ़ता, इन दो गुणों को अपनी वार्ता में विशेष महत्व दिया। अपने अनुभवों को बहुत ही सुन्दर और सरल, बोल चाल की हिन्दी भाषा में बताते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि जहाँ पर भारत सरकार का नाम विदेशों में भारतीयों को सुविधाएँ न दे सका वहाँ महात्मा गाँधी के नाम ने ही उनकी कठिनाइयों को हल कर दिया था। हरिजन-आन्दोलन के प्रवर्तक और विश्व के प्रति प्रेम और शान्ति का पाठ पढ़ाने वाले गाँधी जी की अन्य विशेषताओं को बताते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि उनका नाम केवल भारत में ही नहीं, समस्त संसार में प्रसिद्ध है और सभी देशों के महापुरुष उनका नाम आदर और सम्मान के साथ लेते हैं। अन्त में गाँधी-जयन्ती के अवसर पर, स्वयं भी महात्मा जी के किसी एक गुण को लेकर उसका दृढ़ता से पालन करने की प्रतिज्ञा करने के लिए हम लोगों से कहा गया।

अपना भाषण हिन्दी में देने का कारण आरम्भ में बताते हुए उन्होंने ने कहा कि गाँधी जी के विषय में हिन्दी अथवा हिन्दु-स्तानी में बातचीत करने में उन्हें अधिक प्रसन्नता होगी।

अन्त में 'रामधुन' के पश्चात् श्री सोमदत्त जी ने डा० (कु.) नायर को धन्यवाद देते हुए सभा के विसर्जित होने की घोषणा की ॥

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School News

October 26th H. M. left for Srinagar on the first leg of the All-India Scholarship Examination interviews.

29th. The Hockey and Athletics teams left for Patiala : the School lined the route.

30th. Long week-end; children allowed out till Sunday evening.

31st. Diwali Bon-fire and Dinner : the former on Peacestead, the latter in Departments.

November 5th. Hockey Colts : Sanawar (5) B. C. S. (2).

6th. Rain. B. C. S./Y. P. S. match cancelled. B.C.S. left for Simla 5-00 p. m.

7th. Hockey Colts : Y. P. S. (1) Sanawar (0). H. M. returns. Film : Doctor in the House.

11th—13th House Matches.

Hockey (B. D.) : H (4) v N (1); S (1) v V (4)
H (1) v S (0); N (1) v V (1); H (1) v V (2)
N 0 v (0). Cock House : Vindhya.

Netball (GD): Himalaya 6 pts., V. 4, S. 2, N. 0.

14th. House Shooting B.D.: V. 133 pts., N. 124, H. 118, S. 115. Best Shot : A. Merchant.

The Hockey XI beat the C.M.H. Kasauli 3—2. Film : The Ring of Fear.

15th. Guru Nanak's Birthday; boys went down to the Gurdwara.

16th. H. M. away (2nd leg).

17th—19th. House Matches G. D.

Table Tennis : H. 10 pts., V. 8, S. 6, N. 0.

Mrs. Kak gave away the Trophy. Tea in Parker Hall. News of Gurku's death.

Gurku had worked in Sanawar for nine years. He was Head-cook in the G. D. He died in harness. A few hours before the fatal asthmatic attack he had prepared lunch for the Girls. The news of his sudden death left us shocked beyond expression.

18th. The Hockey XI lost to the C. M. H. in Kasauli (4—1).

21st. Film : Seema.

Hockey : P. D. (2) vs. L-III A (3).

22nd. Sixth Form picnic to Gaura. Both trucks were used. Gaura is the confluence of the Asni and Giri rivers. To get there one goes from Sanawar to Solan and then branches off onto a newly-constructed rather narrow road. Solan to Gaura is 14 miles.

23rd. Cambridge examinations commence.

24th. Weighing and Measuring.

25th. School examinations.

30th. H. M. returns.

December 1st. E. N. T. specialist arrives.

2nd. Marks submitted to Form Staff.

3rd. Mark-reading. U-V party.

4th. Promotion meeting. Break-up Party

5th. Prize-giving. General Kalwant Singh presides.

Home parties leave. Break-up Social.

6th. Home Day.

Parties go down by bus to Kalka in a shuttle service arranged with Ambala Roadways.

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL WINNERS 1959.

Samaresh Mukherji

Anupma D. Singh

The Prep. School Sports

There was great excitement on Peacestead on the afternoon of the 21st October, for the Prep. School were holding their Annual Sports. It was bright and sunny with a pleasant breeze fluttering the flags of the little competitors who were lined up by Houses near Honoria Court, waiting for the March Past. The L-III buglers played for the March Past, and the little athletes swung their arms vigorously as they gave their 'eyes left' to the Headmaster at the saluting base. First the track events : one record was broken by Harpinder Kaur.

More amusing races, (for those who had failed to qualify for the Sports) followed. The Toddlers Race was won by Patricia Kemp who won the 30 metre race in 95 seconds. The Jelabi race caused a lot of excitement and interest. The spectators eyed the jelabies more than the race. "Tommy," (Mr. Mohinder Singh's dog) also tried his luck at the hanging jelabies.

The Thread and Needle race followed : one audible disgusted comment (a little boy) : "What's the use of hurrying, we aren't going to become tailors".

The staff race: petticoats & saris flew to and fro and bare toes twinkled as Miss Chak (who was stiff for days after) won and Miss Sarup Singh and Mrs. Sikand came 2nd and 3rd.

Four o'clock & Peacestead was beginning to lose the sun! The prizes were quickly distributed by Mrs. Som Dutt, and everyone went off for tea. Himalaya won the Cock House Trophy with 54 points followed closely by Vindhya with 52 points. Nilagiri was 3rd with 41 and Siwalik last with 37.

Paran Grewal

O. S. Letter

Devinderpal (224 D Patel Hall, I. I. T. KHARAGPUR, S. E. Rly.) is still home sick. "Thank you very much for the 'newsy' Newsletter. I read or rather gobbled up every word written on those six pages and then turned to page one and re-read the whole thing. Ajit Angrish and I often sit and talk Sanawar till the small hours of the morning and both of us invariably end up with a case of the 'Sanawar Blues' I was glad to hear that D. S. Sihota had taken up Engineering as a profession. I wish more Sanawarians would try for the I.I.T. Kharagpur."

Vikram Soni (Gillander House, Calcutta) was unable to make it for Founders and so was left champing the bit in steamy Calcutta. He apologised for going off the deep end: ". . . . 'The weather to blame'. The Newsletter,—shades of the old Irigalin. What happened to the House Chronicles? May I suggest that, as an aid to the memories of old-timers like myself, the full names, Houses, and years in Sanawar, be given when publishing news of O. S." I think Vikram's suggestion is a good 'un but unless O. S. themselves mention the details in their letters I, as at present organised, would not be able to lay my hands on all the information required. We need an extra clerk on the job, unless one of you offered to spend a holiday up here re-organising our O. S. Register and putting it on a handy-reference basis. To answer further queries by Vikram: Mr. Salim Khan had a short holiday in England and is now back in India (63, Manorma Gunj, Indore). Mr. Vyas (O.T.S., Kasturba Gandhi Road, Allahabad) is completing his training in the I. A. S. and should soon get a posting. Mr. Evans is teaching in Lahore (St. Anthony's). Messrs Paige and Cuzens are both teaching in England, while Mr. Rao is in Darjeeling (St. Paul's School). He is now the proud father of a bonny son as vouched for by Mr. M. J. Mehta who also is in St. Paul's.

Gurvinder Singh is doing Gratiano in The Merchant of Venice in the College Union Play in St. Stephen's. His masterly portrayal of Pyramus (Midsummer Night's Dream) won him the Best Actor's award earlier this year. Somehow I always felt he would have made a good Bardolph. He must have improved since leaving School.

The O. S. St. Bede's, Simla, sent us a joint letter. I recognised Satinder's writing. The girls feel that Folk-dancing should have been included in the Tattoo. We are all agreed on that point; Mr. Rajmani's late arrival and Miss Rudra's sudden indisposition caused a change in the programme this year. The girls would like the School Concert revived as a separate item. Again we agree with them, and will do our best next year. The ladies in St. Bedes (the O. S. girls to you sceptics) are giving a good account of themselves.

Vijay Nanda (Bubbly) is the Admiral of the College, and in addition organises the Indian Dancing there.

Rina Charan Singh is the Secretary of the College and has made her mark on the local stage. She still plays tennis and table-tennis, and has added ice-skating and skiing to her accomplishments. Rina and Bubbly are both trained teachers now and will sit for their B. A. examinations this year.

Jaya Krishen still tops her class (inspite of the distractions of her engagement), and is Captain of Debates.

Satinder Kaur was a late arrival at St. Bedes. She did her I. A. at Isabella Thoburn in Lucknow.

Harvinder Kaur has excelled herself on the games' field, and was the main architect of victory (in the Inter-School match held here).

Jasbir Kaur is the G. K. expert. She is a walking vade mecum and one has to see Jasbir in action on a platform to really appreciate her natural gift of oratory.

Lila Kak is as high-spirited as ever. She is trying very hard to be a refined young lady but 'sometimes forgets'. (Lila's sense of humour, her joy of living, her bubbling vitality are things which we in Sanawar will always remember) She is popular in St. Bedes and is in great demand for debates and athletics.

Asha Nanda is heading for a career of commercial art judging by her efforts in producing Posters for the College.

Kiran •Yashpal, Manju Singh, Veena Vij and Daljit Anand are others who have a Sanawar connection. All of them are holding high the flag, and we are proud of them. They, like many others, are proving to the world at large that "The Best School of All" is the best school of all. And their letter ends: "Best of luck School—do your best. With love. The O. S."

P. S. And thank you for giving us such a wonderful Founders this year. We shall remember it for a long time to come."

A. S. Bal (G. Squadron, N. D. A.) and H. S. Boparai (E. Sq.) wrote from Karakvasla to give us more news of the N. D. A. "Kamaljit Singh and J. P. Singh landed up 4th and 5th respectively in the cross-country run, and have been awarded their Blues. K. M. Varma and D. Pannu played in the N. D. A. Soccer XI against the Military College. Varma played extremely well in spite of his size.

The Poona Horse Show took place early in November. Out of the team of eight sent from the N. D. A., four were Sanawarians; and of the five winners of prizes four were Sanawarians.

The N. D. A. is taking part in the Durand Football Tournament. Pannu is the Academy goalkeeper."

I reproduce an extract from one of the Bombay papers:

"Shergill Wins Keen Tussle

Poona, November 7.

Splendid riding by Cadet Shergill (astride the aged bay Australian mare Shahazadi) and Cadet Bijli (on Shakti Baba) provided some thrilling fare in the jumping event on the second day of the Poona Livestock and Horse Show here today.

Though Bijli was the better rider, his opponent had a better mount, and that proved the deciding factor in the closely-contested event. Both finished with the same number of points, but Shergill was adjudged the winner as he finished the course in a faster timing,—one min. 18 secs. to Bijli's one min. 20 secs."

In a card of seven events, cadets Malvinder Shergill and V. P. Singh were placed 2nd and 3rd in the "Dressage", cadets V. P. Singh and R. S. Sodhi 1st and 2nd in "Tent Pegging" and Cadets Shergill and Vijay Nair 1st and 3rd in "Jumping". V. P. Singh came 2nd in the "Polo Ponies", and 1st in the "Mounted Musical Chairs".

Less stirring news but none the less interesting is that Deepak Mahey is emulating Mr. Salim Khan and has become a 'bird-watcher,' and that Boparai and the O.S. of E Squadron decided to go in for snake-charming. "We caught one and tried to make a pet of it. If you have not experienced the sensation of a snake crawling over your body we suggest you try it. It is very pleasant,—for a time. (P. S. The

ungrateful creature bit one of us and so we finished it off)."

Gurkirpal (Military College) has been playing Cricket in Bombay. He writes; "Mr. Mitra has returned from England. I have been a number of times to his place to pay him a social visit but it seems he never stays in his house in the evening I hope to be commissioned into the 1 Horse (Skinner's Horse) this December".

Richard Mountford (7 Cavalry Lines, Delhi) says: "Thank you for the Newsletter. There is one correction I would like to make, however. Dua writes about my irregular appearances on the Athletics' field: may I point out that whenever Dua decides to take an evening stroll (which is once a week) I am somehow absent." Richard I hear has done the 100 metres in 10.9, so perhaps we can admit his correction. We hope his knee trouble subsides soon for we know he has the makings of a great athlete, and he can and should go far in the realm of sport.

Our congratulations to Arun Maira for coming second in the College (St Stephen's) G. K. examination against some stiff, much maturer, opposition.

Pradeep Rao (55, Pandara Road, New Delhi—11) has written twice: the first letter's non-arrival he blames on his bearer (I've heard that one before somewhere), the second letter he posted himself. Pradeep is limbering up for the coming examinations and asks us not to send the Newsletter during the tests as he can't concentrate when the thing is lying about.

Suresh Mullick's letter is Suresh Mullick's letter and I wash my hands off it. My efforts at editing produced something so very much like Suresh Mullick's letter that I desisted forthwith. I defy the expert to (a) analyse it, (b) condense it, (c) make head-or-tail of it, and so I reproduce it in toto. You have been warned!

My Dear Sir,

Congratulations. This was the best of the eleven Founder's I have attended. I am extremely sorry for holding back my fire. The reasons for this being: wedding in the family (cousin), sickness (cold, cough and fever) in the family (self) and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra in the Capital (Herbert Von Karajan—conductor).

Yes! yesterday was the D-Day of the Indian Capital—as far as music goes. This letter incidentally is dated incorrectly—it should be October 20 instead of 19. They played Overture, Euryanthe by Carl Maria Von Weber at the beginning. Needless to say the orchestration was brilliant and clear from start to finish. They then went on to play Till Eulenspiegel by Richard Strauss, one of the celebrated names that has been closely connected with the story of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

Interval. And then came the piece de résistance of the evening—Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C Minor (Op. 67). It was hard to believe that one was in Delhi. The first movement aptly described by Beethoven himself as "destiny knocking at the door" took away the breath of the 1,800 people present. Elvis Presley the King of the American pops lost hundreds of fans (thank God!). By the time the finale of the third movement was played by the 120-strong, one of those great strokes of genius only Beethoven is capable of, the remnants of the American 'hipster's' fans renounced their rock 'n

rolling' idol completely. Beethoven's fifth symphony has always been a favourite of mine. I remember we had a recording of it in School (Toscanini's version I think). But a reading of this work the famous Karajan was at once revealing and rewarding. Great! For encores they touched on the irresistible Johann Strauss, and the Blue Danube was heard as it was never heard by an Indian audience (extremely well-behaved and knowledgeable) before.

Now to talk about business (always last). I had a talk with "Eddie's". They say that they have been doing crested buttons for the Services. Can you send me a few samples/designs so that I can ask him to produce a few sample pieces for you to see. It would also simplify matters considerably if you write and tell me just exactly what you want.

I also wanted to ask you how much the O.S. made at the fete. I don't seem to remember the number correctly. We would like to put it in the O. S. records. This year we did not take any money for the Delhi O.S. fund. I was telling you about the prize we were thinking of giving as soon as we had the funds to make it a regular institution. We want to award a prize to a boy (top-ranking S.C. result) when a girl gets the Nellie Lovel for the year and vice versa.

I think I'll call it a day now. Thank you ever so much for the excellent time at Founder's. I am always thrilled when I come back to Sanawar. This time it was even more exciting than usual, probably because O. S. got a chance to lend a hand.

Yours sincerely,
INDECIPHERABLE.

H. S. Bedi (18, New Hostel, G. N. E. College Ludhiana) apologises profusely for not having done anything about the scarves. However he has demanded an immediate reply to his letter asking for fuller details. It's my turn to apologise now for I've not been able to reply. Arvind Bery (12 Ratendone Road, New Delhi) too has been doing some spade-work. If this goes on we might have an O. S. Scarf by Founders next year. Arvind writes: "Yesterday we met Mr. Cowell; he seems to be thinking in terms of starting a new school in the near future. Kak, Kochhar and Mountford are now trying desperately hard to get themselves a Scooter, and if they succeed we promise to be in Sanawar in May next year."

K. K. Soi (16, British Indian street, Calcutta—1) met Ashok Deshraj in Calcutta. K. K. apologises for his bad handwriting: ". . . . the crawl is due to using Harish Gidwani's pen which I pocketed in 1955,"—and now Harish knows.

Ashok Chawla stood 16th in the entrance examination for Roorkee, and has gained admission. We send him our congratulations but apologise for not sending "Charley's Aunt" which he hoped to produce for the Convocation. The time was too short for it to be worthwhile. Ashok's address: 209 D. S. Hostel, Block C, University of Roorkee, Roorkee.

Veer Amol (152 Clive Road, Jullundur Cantt.) with Ranbir Singh (ex-Himalaya) is to attend the N.C.C. Training Camp in Bikaner in December. He has a query: "While reading 'Annapurna' by Maurice Herzog I came across the passage: 'The shapely Nilgiris, the 'blue mountains', glittered nearly 15,000 ft. above us. Towards the North the sky was much clearer, and as far as we could judge vegetation was sparser up there towards Tibet.' And at the bottom of the page in small print there was this passage referring to the Nilgiris: 'This

impassable chain (not to be confused with the Nilgiri Hills of South India) forms an immense screen between Tukucha and Annapurna'. Now Sir, I would like to know whether Nilagiri House is named after the mountains of the North or the hills of the South."

The answer to that one is,—“the hills of the South.” When the House names were first allotted the romantic Nilgiris of Herzog were for the geographer only. We would prefer to keep our physical connection with the Lawrencians by keeping our Nilagiri reference to the blue hills of our sister school in Lovedale.

Veer Amol gives us some more information: “I am thinking of becoming a member of the ‘Amateur Radio Society of India.’ The annual subscription fee is Rs. 10.00. To establish a transmitter one has to pass an examination the ‘Novice’ part of which is very elementary, but one must be able to send and receive morse at least 5 words per minute. How about an O. S. Amateur Radio network! All those interested can get further information from ‘The Secretary, A. R. S. of India, P. O. Box 534, New Delhi.’”

Suresh Chadha (57, Gloucester Avenue, Chelmsford, England) sent us a very brief note of thanks for the invitation to Founders: “It always amazed me that each year’s celebrations could improve on the previous year’s. But it did. I hope that is what happened this year.” Suresh, being Suresh, forgot to include any details of himself. I hope this Newsletter will remind him to do something about the lacunae.

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T. C. Kemp.

The Ringer

The Sanawar Amateur Dramatic Society seems to be on a thriller-producing spree. This year they came out with an Edgar Wallace special—The Ringer.

Barne Hall. The evening of the fourth day of October. First scene: a similarity in the beards of Central Detective-Inspector Bliss (Trevor Kemp) and Dr. Lomond, Divisional Surgeon—alias the Ringer (alias Bhupinder Singh) is noticed, or is supposed to be noticed, by the audience. Colonel Walford, C. B., Assistant Commissioner of Police (Ravi Som Sutt), chain-smoking and with a twinkle in his eye tells Bliss, not so blissful, and Divisional Detective-Inspector Wembury (Hardip Sikand) to stop making eyes—daggers!—at each other. The entry of Maurice Meister, (Bruce Billon) brings us face to face with a slow-talking, dope-taking and generally disagreeable character. Samuel Hackitt, ex-convict, (Om Prakash Sharma) also a disagreeable individual, at least in the eyes of Messrs Bliss, Wembury and Walford, makes himself at home by his gorilla-like tread, and the audience roars with laughter. The entry of Cora Ann Milton, (Mrs. Ringer), played by Audrey Kemp gets the play going nicely. A taste of the forthcoming events is most realistically displayed when Madame (or is it Mrs.?) Milton screams suddenly and faints. She has indentified her spouse. Luckily Scotland Yard is not aware of the fact that the Divisional Surgeon, their ‘own’ doc, is the man with the price on his head, or to be more exact, his beard.

So far the play is rather slow except towards the end of Act I. This critic felt that Meister should have spoken slightly faster. Granted that he was meant to be a drug-addict but his slow talking was not only a little hard on the audience who sometimes missed the meaning of his words, but also that it slowed down the tempo quite perceptibly. Barring this, his was a commendable performance, particularly in Act IV And so, on with the play. We get acquainted with a smart young lady, Mary Lenley, (Rina Thadani) whose typing is rather artistic—almost as though she is playing the piano. Incidentally she is Meister’s secretary; Meister hammers away at his pianoforte as though he is sitting behind the key-board of a type-writer. He tries to be agreeable (mark the change in his attitude) to his trim sec., as indeed to all other women. She, however, like the audience and the rest of the players, is not particularly fond of him. Ditto with her brother, also an ex-convict (Hackitt being the other one) and, unless Meister is very much mistaken, a future convict as well. The brother, in the process of finding the solicitor thoroughly disagreeable, almost wrings his neck for him. Sadly, though luckily for him, he is beaten to it by the Ringer—identity not known as yet—who ‘does the deed’ and conveniently eliminates the remarkable Mr. Meister from the scene of action—much to the relief of the capacity crowd.

The Ringer, who is also a master make-up artist, is finally informed that the game is up by Bliss who de-beards and exposes him as the arch-cause and the title of the play. The game is not as ‘up’ as the detective thinks, for La Milton comes and shoots him . . .—he utters a blood curdling *et tu Cora* and falls. The attention shifts,—“Mrs. Ringer” getting all of it from the cops. Meawhile, exit the ‘dead’ (blanks in wife’s automatic) Ringer—rather unceremoniously. The police, waking up too late, follow. Re-enter the Ringer, in the guise of a Bobby (only shoulders and above)—Exeunt with mate. In other words, they live happily ever after.....

The end of the play was done beautifully. It had speed, action and split-second precision, some of the most important pre-requisites of a good production. The play thus reached its natural climax in a gay and carefree manner. If only the first scene had livened up more.....

Trevor Kemp was as dominating and clear in his speech as he always is. Ravi Som Dutt made full use of a beautiful voice; one could even hear his whispers (not prompting!) at the back of the hall. O. P. Sharma was amusing—he always is. That is why I’d like to see him in a serious part for that would give him a chance to test, and prove, his versatility. I have already mentioned the part played by Bruce Billon . . . Of Bhupinder Singh, I must say that his timing and expression leave precious little to be desired. But, quite seriously—how about a change from the modern Casanova (Romeo if you like) to a villain next Founder’s? Audrey Kemp, I thought . . . well I thought she was just the person for the part of Cora Ann Milton. She had the sophistication, the dignity and poise, with the dramatic ability—all so important for her role. Mention must be made of Peter Lee, who nobly went to prison for the sake of g(a)old. His “Lenley” was a good piece of acting.

It was a very enjoyable evening—what with dead and partially dead (Cora) bodies, gun-shots and war cries—and, to top it all, a lovesick Hardip Sikand!

Suresh Mullick., O. S. (1946—1956).

The Story behind the Toy Soldiers

As happens yearly, August brought the question 'what do we do for the Tattoo'? Club Drill was mooted and rejected, as was the 'Dragon', Lezium, and the Medicine Ball.

The Head's suggestion of the Toy Soldiers held out promise and a tentative decision was taken. Practices started on the 31st August.

The Drill movements, tempo and timing were worked out in the first fortnight, but the problem of the method of command remained unsolved: a voice over the loud speaker would have ruined the atmosphere.

The original story required the errant Guardsman to be led out of the ranks, placed against the wall and shot. This procedure took up too much time and left the body lying around, which again seemed to lack finesse.

The solution adopted was to have the General die instead.

But the solution raised its own delicate problems: with General Thimayya as our Chief Guest, killing off Generals as a theme wasn't very politic or very nice.

The provision of a horse for the General raised another poser. The Prep. School rocking horse would not bear the weight of our selected General and was hard to manoeuvre; the Kapurs, the only available possibles, felt rather backward to come forward and be dressed up even as the front legs of the horse; and time was running out on us too fast to allow a reasonable replica of a horse to be turned out in the Carpentry Shop.

However, as in all things, solutions appeared. The orders to the squad were worked out by a code system on the cymbals handled by Mr. O. P. Sharma; the body (of the General) was carried away to the sound of the funeral march as part of the parade; the Hobby Horse suggested by Mrs. Kemp and contrived by Messrs Wad and Jagat Ram was the perfect answer with the General himself providing the means of locomotion; and as for the 'General's' demise,—well! here's the introduction to the Parade:—

"And next, Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a Sanawar version of Bateman's famous cartoon; The Guardsman who Dropped it. We dedicate the story to our Sparrows,—the little girls of the Prep. School.

'Once upon a time there lived a little girl whose brother was forever playing at soldiers. HE was always a Major, or a Colonel, or a General, and she,—SHE was always a plain soldier. She always cleaned the camp: She always did guard duty: She always died in battle.

On his 8th birthday her brother was given a box of toy soldiers, and so every evening after dinner, the table was cleared, the toy-soldiers were set out, and a battle fought.

One night—

The mellow warmth of candle-light, half-filled the curtained room;
The curly head with chin in hand, gold-glistened in the gloom;
The burning logs with scented breath, sent forth their fireflies:
 'Mummy,' said the little girl, 'does the General never die?'

The soldiers on the table top stood patterned in the glow;
Arrayed in martial red and white, a-shine from head to toe.
The polished table crimson shone beneath its brave supply:
 'Mummy,' said the little girl, 'does the General never die?'

Bold in the face of the cannon's breath, rock-steady in danger's maw,
They tumbled and rolled as the grape-shot struck,—seemingly dead,—to the floor.
With tender hands she lifted each one, and blinked a tear from her eye:
 'Mummy,' said the little girl, 'does the General never die?'

The table-top war had come to an end, and pillows nestled the curly head,
But childish dreams as real as life, fretted her slumbers instead.
She tossed and turned in her mother's arms, and cuddled up with a sigh:
 'Mummy,' said she sleepily, 'does the General never die?'

And she dreamed

Judging by comments the idea worked.

T. K.

The Triangular Meet at Y. P. S. Patiala

The Sanawar contingent of fifteen boys and four staff reached Patiala in the early evening of Thursday, October 29th after a traditionally bumpy but pleasant journey on Hansraj's faithful steed. The team was lodged in a pleasant dormitory, while the staff were scattered to the four corners of this modern and most impressive Public School. After a brief inspection of the track, followed by a few films, all betook themselves to an early bed.

Just before 9 a. m. next day, as the sun beat down on the untanned hillmen of Sanawar and Simla, the march past was rehearsed with great punctiliousness.

On one side of the track stood the tall stadium building, very reminiscent of an emperor's palace, and below that terraces lined with the many keen spectators of this first-ever Triangular Athletic and Hockey Meet. On the far side of the arena rose the Olympic torch, unfortunately not in use on this day. Between these two symbols of the greatness of both the School and of the Old state of Patiala lies the arena itself. The 440 yards track has six lanes, and running outside it is a cycle-track. In the middle there is a first-class grass hockey pitch, and also the sites for field events.

Unfortunately the Maharaja of Patiala, who was in Rome, could not attend, so in his place the Headmaster of Y. P. S., Colonel Goldstein, presided over the meet.

A few minutes after 9-30 a. m. the contingents of the three schools stepped smartly off to march around the track to the saluting base. A local police pipe-band provided the necessary accompaniment. The Sanawar contingent of thirteen (I winged at the unlucky number) was the smallest, Y. P. S. having twenty-two, and B. C. S. twenty-one. Sanawar, in dark blue and the sole team in white flannels, was sandwiched between the light blue of B. C. S. at the front and the maroon of Y. P. S. at the rear. After the lowering of the contingent flags at the saluting

base (Sethi bearing the Sanawar flag) and the eyes-right, the teams formed up on the grass. Colonel Goldstein then formally opened the meet, and this was followed by the simultaneous raising of the many flags around the ground, while at the same time two bugles played Reveille. The Y.P.S. flag now fluttered proudly in front of the stadium, while in front of the torch flew the colours of the other two schools and all around the arena flew twenty-six other flags. Finally the flagbearers came forth and the oath of good sportsmanship was pronounced by a member of Y. P. S. The teams then marched off in style, and after all the pomp and ceremony which was most impressively performed, all was set for three days of keen athletic competition.

A few minutes later, at 10-05 a. m. the games were on. The first event, the 200 metres, immediately gave an accurate guide to the future results of the meet. Y. P. S. dominated, while Sanawar were just a little superior to B. C. S. Y. P. S. took first and second place, while I. S. Gill and N. P. Dube came third and fourth respectively. Our achievement was as good as could be expected, for the extra age and strength of the Y. P. S. contestants was difficult to match. I. S. Gill, at the tender age of fourteen, ran amazingly well in this event and in all others in which he took part. The timing for the race was 23.6 seconds.

The Long Jump was disappointing. Hardial Singh, the excellent Y. P. S. all-rounder, won the event with a jump of 19 ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Ameet Merchant and J. S. Mann came fourth and sixth respectively. Each competitor had six jumps in which to prove his worth, which seems a little taxing on one's strength, but our representatives were never in the running, primarily because of a complete lack of any speed or momentum in their run-ups and jumps.

The 800 metres was Sanawar's biggest triumph of the week-end. B. S. Bala was out in front most of the way, but was overhauled at about the 500 metre mark. Baldev Dua remained between the middle and the back of the field for the first 550 metres, but in the last 200 metres he dramatically pulled up from sixth position to first, a position which he held for the last 30 or 40 metres. It was an amazingly well-timed spurt on his part. Bala, who had been standing about third between the 550 and 750 metres marks just managed to pull up to second position on the last straight stretch. Dua was absolutely tired out down the last straight, and only by sheer guts and determination did he hold his position. It was a very well run race, particularly in view of the fact that he had been out of serious athletics for the previous ten days or so on account of a knee injury. It was a very close race, B. C. S. and Y. P. S. following close behind at the tape, but Sanawar had swept the board. The lonely cheers of the Sanawar supporters reverberated round the ground. Baldev Dua's time of 2 mins. 9.5 secs. bettered the Sanawar record.

The final event of the morning, the 4 x 100 relay, followed the set-pattern of the short distance races. Y. P. S. because of their more polished take-overs and greater strength in sprinting, gradually overhauled Sanawar, who had started in the outside lane. I. S. Gill, Brijendra Singh, S. S. Bhasin and N. P. Dube, in order of running, however comfortably defeated B.C.S. Y.P.S.'s time was 46.9 seconds.

The Hockey match at 4-30 p. m. that day was a rare old tussle. After ten minutes practice to get used to grass after the rubble of the Sanawar and B. C. S. playing fields, the two teams filed out from separate rooms, passing under their flags which fluttered each side of the Torch. All three hockey teams, Y. P. S. in plain clothes, then lined up to shake hands

with the two umpires, Tralochan Singh and Balbir Singh, both of Olympic fame.

The game was a closely fought battle throughout. At the beginning B. C. S. pressed far more but missed an open goal in the fifth minute. N. P. Dube made three or four beautiful 30 to 40-yard runs down the wing, but each time unfortunately he failed to score. The fortunes of both sides continued to fluctuate during the first half, and the ball kept whistling from one end of the field to the other. At half-time there was still no score, despite the many chances offered to both sides.

After the change-over Sanawar were playing into the sun and the wind, but still the game flowed backwards and forwards. Sanawar had a possible chance in the fifth minute when there was a tussle in the B. C. S. D. S. S. Bhasin made four or five first-class saves in this half. B. C. S. continued to press more than Sanawar and there were a couple of lucky saves by Sanawar in the last five minutes. The Score remained, however, 0-0.

It was a very clean fast and open game with plenty of excitement all the time, however the forwards on both sides lacked the powerful first-time shots necessary to score goals. Sanawar's defence was certainly instrumental in saving us from defeat, and a tragedy it was that the forwards did not take advantage of any of the many possible scoring chances. A goalless draw is always a little unsatisfying to the layman spectator, and I for one was sorry to see a lack of penetration, by both sides in the D. Sanawar were lucky to draw.

During the evening Y. P. S. kindly staged three plays, which wiled away the time very pleasantly. Next day your correspondent was unfortunately C. B. (confined to bed, not barracks), so I am indebted to one of the faithful Bhasins, which one I dare not tell, for the details of the second day's sport.

In the Hurdles B. S. Bala was leading right up to the last hurdle, but Darshan Singh of Y. P. S. just pipped him in the last sprint. Brijendra Singh came fifth due to a bad start, and was only saved from sixth position because one of the B. C. S. boys fell at the third hurdle. The time for the 110 yards hurdles was 17.8 seconds, and Bala's time must have been virtually the same.

The Hop, Step and Jump, as all the other field events, showed up Sanawar's weaknesses. This particular event has only been introduced this year, and our two participants, Brijendra Singh and J. S. Mann, had had too little practice. They were fifth and sixth respectively. Y. P. S. won with 41 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

The 1500 metres, with the 800 metres, proved our superiority in the long distance races. B. S. Bala led all the way to finish with a time of 4 mints. 39.1 secs (only .1 second outside the record set by Ranjit Bhatia, O. S., in Sanawar.) Merchant, who finished fifth ran rather unimpressively.

In the 400 metres we did not fare too well. Baldev Dua and N. P. Dube both appeared to be very tired and slow-moving.

The hockey in the afternoon between B. C. S. and Y. P. S. was as exciting as that on the previous day. B. C. S. scored first, but Y. P. S. equalised about twenty minutes later. In the last two or three minutes Y. P. S. scored again to make the score a true indication of the abilities of the two teams.

On Sunday, as on the previous days, there were many false starts in the track events. However, once the 100 metres got going it followed the same course as the 200 metres. Y. P. S.

took the first two places, I. S. Gill was third and N. P. Dube sixth. The time was 11.4 secs.

In both the High Jump and the Shot Sanawar did not acquit themselves very well. B. S. Bala and Brijendra Singh finished fourth and sixth respectively in the High Jump and G. S. Brar and Dua fifth and sixth respectively in the Shot. The field events were not our battlegrounds of glory.

At this juncture we had some exhibition high jumps from Ajit Singh, the Indian high-jumper. After some remarkably prolonged "warming-up" he did some magnificent jumps, reaching 6ft. 3ins.

Finally the Medley Relay was held— 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres and 200 metres. The first two legs, run by Gill and Dua respectively followed a similar pattern with little distance between any of the runners. Bala gained the lead for Sanawar in the 800 metres stretch, but Dube was overhauled by the powerful Y. P. S. sprinting in the last leg. Again Sanawar comfortably best B. C. S. The time was 3 mins. 57.3 Secs.

The hockey at 6 p. m., between Y. P. S. and Sanawar, followed much the same course as that between Y. P. S. and B. C. S. Sanawar scored first through Subash Malhotra, but just after half-time Y. P. S. equalised. Y. P. S. were clearly the better team, but they could not get another goal, primarily due to our strong defence. We netted a goal about ten minutes from time, but it was disallowed. Then, just as in the match on the previous day, Y. P. S. scored in the last two minutes, thus sealing our fate. It was a deserved victory despite the gallant fight our team had put up.

The final Athletics results were:—

1st Y. P. S.	120 points.
2nd Sanawar	73 "
3rd B. C. S.	59 "

The hockey scores were:—

Y. P. S. 2	B. C. S. 1
Y. P. S. 2	Sanawar 1
B. C. S. 0	Sanawar 0

Mention must be made of B. S. Bala's athletic contribution. Individually he contributed over a quarter of Sanawar's athletics points besides making a significant effort in both the Medley Relay and the Hockey Matches.

After the closing ceremony, in which Colonel Goldstein paid tribute to the spirit in which all the athletes had taken part, tea was had, and a quick departure made by B. C. S. and Sanawar.

The Meet was certainly a grand innovation, and the spirit in which everyone participated bodes well for the future. It is a great achievement of Y. P. S. to stage such a Meet so efficiently, and I do hope Colonel Goldstein's wish comes true, and that the Meet becomes an annual Punjab occasion, and that in future many more schools will take part.

The fine hospitality extended to us by Y. P. S., and the great amount of work which had obviously gone into the organisation of such a function reflect very favourably on Yadavendra Public School. Congratulations to Y. P. S. on their effort and performance both on and off the field.

T. P. Lee.

The Junior Triangular Meet

The Senior Triangular Meet having proved itself a success, the three Schools B. C. S., Y. P. S. and Sanawar decided to hold a Junior Hockey Triangular Meet at Sanawar.

The first match of the Meet was between B. C. S. and Sanawar on the 5th of November. From the beginning we had the upper hand and K. C. Katoch scored first from a short corner. The second Sanawar goal was pushed in by centre forward Ajit Pal. The few but fearful B. C. S. advances, which had to their advantage our goal-keeper's policy of using brawn but not brain, soon proved fatal when their centre-forward, Harnit Singh, netted a good goal. But as the game proceeded the spirit slackened and the spectators were a bit bored. A few explosions near garden City and the rising dust and stones seemed to be more interesting than the game itself. During the second half the game was livened up a bit by Ajit Pal, the dashing centre-forward, who seemed to be in very high spirits and now pushed in one more goal to bring the score to 3-1. Soon there was a counter attack by the Cottonian centre-forward, the scorer of the previous B. C. S. goal, who now got another goal to his credit. Following up, Ajit Pal, with his tricky dribbling and good control baffled the B. C. S. defence and—scored! and scored again! So, in total our vice captain scored four of the five goals. Sanawar won this "hit and chase" game by five goals to two.

The second match, B. C. S. vs Y. P. S., had to be cancelled owing to heavy rain.

The last match was played between Y. P. S. and Sanawar. The confident Yadavindrians played with ease and soon showed their superiority over our colties. In a thrilling and a suspense-filled game, the home team had to be on the defensive making it their duty to repulse the dashing Y. P. S. advances. Our goal-keeper, who had not played impressively in the previous match, made some excellent saves, but the visiting team broke through and netted a good goal. At half time Y. P. S. led 1-0. The game was more balanced in the second half. There were many sensational attacks by the Sanawar-forwards but the visitors had their goal well guarded. For the last few minutes the game was very exciting. Sanawar made numerous unsuccessful raids on the Y. P. S. goal and even missed from a penalty 'bully'. When the final whistle blew Y. P. S. still had their goal intact.

But whether we won or lost the match is not important because the game was played in the right spirit and we did our best to the last minute, sticking to our School motto "Never Give In".

J. Pandit

U. V. A.

Inter House Netball

The Inter house netball matches were played on the 11th, 12th & 13th November, on Peacestead.

The first match between Vindhya and Nilagiri was a one-sided game. Nilagiri showed great pluck but were no match for the strong Vindhyanians who won easily 21—5.

Himalaya & Siwalik were next. on the field. This was a fast match with the ball being tossed rapidly from side to side. Excitement prevailed throughout the match but particularly in the second half of the game when the score stood at 12—12 with only a minute or so to the final whistle. Himalaya went all out and won 15—12.

In the match between Siwalik & Vindhya one got the impression that Siwalik were over-awed by their opponents and did not play as well as they did in their match against Himalaya. Asha Lata and Prabha Rani deserve special mention for their defensive play. Vindhya led throughout and the score was 19—5.

Himalaya & Nilagiri played next. Himalaya took a little time to get warmed up and Nilagiri put up a very tough fight. Subhadra Patel guarded Andy Kemp very well. The score was 16—5.

Fighting for the Wooden Spoon were Siwalik and Nilagiri. It was a slow game. Priti Dhawan, in spite of her lack of height defended very well. The score shot up to 14—9 in favour of Siwalik.

The final match was between Himalaya and Vindhya. Judging from their previous performances, everyone felt that Vindhya would win. Unfortunately Vindhya's shoot and help-shoot were very nervous and excited and repeatedly failed to score. Himalaya played a steady, calm game, their good passing and sheer determination to win resulted in their beating Vindhya 17—16.

Mira Harkirat Singh
G. D.

Letter to the Editor

Delhi.

Dear Sir,

May I make a few remarks about the Athletics in Sanawar.

To my knowledge the School aims at turning out an 'Athlete' who has a basic knowledge of the various events. It is here that I beg to differ.

By the time a boy arrives in the Opens age group he has acquired that necessary basic training. He is now at a stage when he will realize that he is incapable of doing everything. He will also discover a marked improvement in one particular field. It is up to him to pursue this to his advantage. In Sanawar he finds that though he is physically incapable of running the mile, (to give an example) he has to (if he wants to win the championship), whereas he really ought to be working at the 100 metres.

This is where I disagree with those who believe that **specialisation** should come at a later stage. A boy cannot, without harming himself, do everything from 100 metres to high jump. He will succeed only in completely ruining whatever little hope he might have had as a future 'Athlete', and getting himself hopelessly confused.

Just as an institution should not aim at merely getting its students through the examination, similarly it ought not to aim at merely getting the competitors past the qualifying mark. It should strive for something more worthwhile, more substantial, and in the long run more rewarding — at producing an Athlete who will go into the world prepared and determined to glorify the name of his School, rather than having to have others make up his mind for him.

May I use the columns of the News-letter to suggest that in order to accomplish a better specimen of the Athlete, the boys in the Opens be allowed to choose four or five events at the very most. It will, I can assure you, end in better results. In any case the average boy can barely qualify in four or five events so why not allow him to choose those events? It will comfort the average and encourage the promising.

Yours etc.

D. R. A. Mountford
(The grumbler)

Fete Accounts

Name of Stall	Gross Receipt	Expenses
White Elephant	... 70-40	—
Art Stall	... 125-00	—
Carpentry & Craft	... 649-77	—
Needlework & Embroidery	... 635-00	280-13
Fortune Teller	... 50-00	—
Lucky Dip	... 128-78	124-68
Ring of articles	... 118-16	110-59
Lottery	... 129-50	—
Coins in Squares	... 50-00	—
Treasure Hunt	... 17-25	—
Roulette	... 60-54	—
Coconut Shy	... 115-09	44-69
Roundabouts	... 83-36	14-93
Sweet Stall	... 385-00	126-20
O.S. Stall	... 166-56	—
O. S. Raffle	... 149-00	—
Eats Stalls:- Tea	... 588-00	} 400-20
Chat	... 216-06	
Orange Squash	... 138-00	
Total Rs.	3,875-47	1,101-38

Net Profit Rs. 2,774-09

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Prizegiving

We were happy to welcome General and Mrs. Kalwant Singh at Prizegiving on the 5th December. General Kalwant Singh presided and in a short pointed speech reminded the School that academic attainment was a two-way effort, that Character,—without which all else was vain,—was built both on and off the field, and that playing the game for the game's sake was more important than winning or losing.

The School Song ended the function, and three rousing cheers for our chief guest, raised the roof.

Editor:—Mrs. A. Kemp

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School News

March 6th. The once deserted dormitories rang with the excited cries of the children. The usual humdrum routine of hunting for misplaced medical certificates, bags and baggages ensued in full force—Thus reopened Sanawar.

March 7th. Excitement of re-entering school reaches a high tempo. The bracing cold winds make every one shiver, making them view the heat of the plains with more than scant longing. The film *Black Narcissus* was screened in the Barne Hall at 5-30 p.m. Having an unusually exciting and gripping theme, it was unanimously acclaimed as an excellent picture.

March 8th. New admissions trickling in. Headmaster and Bursar coping with a monumental pile of work.

March 9th. New comers still pouring in. Staff have a meeting in the common room. N.D.A. results out. Congratulations to the following on their success:—

G. S. Virk	Karanjit S. Dhillon
K. S. Suri	A. S. Poonia
Brijendra Singh	

We wish them success in their forthcoming S. S. B. interview.

March 10th. Assembly was followed by the issuing of Text books. Cricket Net practice for Staff and First XI. Film *Blue Lamp*.

March 11th. Distribution of stationery followed by normal school routine.

March 12th. Cambridge results announced: 7—First Division, 20—Second Division, 6—Third Division, and 2—Failures.

March 13th. Cricket Season was ushered in by a Festival Match played on Barnes. An account of the match appears elsewhere in this News-letter. Film "*Scot of the Antarctic*" was shown in Barne Hall.

March 15th. Magic show for the school in the evening. Quite entertaining even though the lights decided to pack up half-way through.

March 18th. Mr. Lee gave a lecture to the first XI on the finer points of cricket.

March 20th. Most of the children flock to Kasauli on their first chance to go out. School XI played a Cricket match against Kasauli XI. School won by 107 runs.

March 21st. The days of lazing are over. P. T., Prep. and games begin.

March 22nd. Big fall in temperature; snow fall in Sanawar and the surrounding hills.

Staff Notes

Mr. J. K. Kate, Bursar, left us at the end of last year to take up an appointment as Head Master Sainik School, Nabha. He has been associated with the school for seven years during which period he was able to balance the budget of the school. We shall miss him, but our loss is Sainik School's gain. We wish Mr. Kate a successful career in his new appointment. Mr. Kemp is officiating in his stead and, incidentally, he is also carrying out the duties of Senior Master.

Mrs. Nanda has gone on a years' leave. Mrs. Dhawan has taken over as Matron in G. D. in place of Mrs. Nanda. The other departures include Miss Reena Thadani and Miss Hemant Sarup Singh. Both got married during the winter holidays. We take this opportunity of wishing them every happiness in the years that lie before them. Mrs. Mills and Miss Massey also left us at the end of last year. In their places we welcome Mrs. P. Atma Ram, Mrs. Harbaksh Kaur and Miss Chopra, who we hope will be happy in our fold.

Our hearty congratulations to Messrs Bhupinder Singh and Atma Ram on having changed their state from odd to even. They got married just a few weeks before the school reopened. We wish the budding couples a happy and prosperous married life. Messrs O. P. Sharma and Thakar are not anxious to give up their freedom of a bachelor yet. This suits the school as due to the paucity of family accommodation it is convenient to have a few bachelors on the staff. Besides such members of the staff can willingly devote long hours to games and hobbies.

Miss Chak has taken over as Housemistress Himalaya House in G. D.

Mrs. Sehgal has taken over as Matron in the Prep. School.

Mr. Gadre has accepted the challenge of the fair sex. He is combining the duties of a Librarian with those of a Matron. We hope Mr. Gore is not over taxing him with work. Mr. Gadre is officiating as a Matron Vindhya House, B. D. till Mrs. Gadre joins duty.

We are looking forward to see Mr. Rawat and Mr. Gupta back in school.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Karumbaya on the birth of a daughter and also Mr. and Mrs. Gupta who are blessed with a son and heir.

Congratulations to the following on their success in the School Certificate Examination:—

FIRST DIVISION

Arun Kapur	Jai Sheel Oberoi
Abhey Yog Raj	Kiran Kapur
Indira Urvaishi Sachdev	Arjun Soni
Samaresh Mukherji	

SECOND DIVISION

Ameet Merchant	Rupinder S. Brar
Anil Seth	Ashok Shahani
Anil Malhotra	N. P. Dube
Ranjana Devnath	Inderjit S. Bhusri
Rikynti Nongpiur	Dalip Rao
Yashwardhan S. Rautela	Mira H. Singh
Madhu B. Mehra	Romola R. Krishen
Amarjit S. Butalia	Aneet Sihota
Asha Puri	Anupama D. Singh
Avinash Singh Bedi	Vinita Singh

THIRD DIVISION

Sukaram B. Malhotra	Savinder S. Bhasin
Sangram S. Gaekwad	Roop Narang
Gurcharan S. Brar	Subash C. Malhotra

There were two failures

Appointments

The following appointments have been made for the year 1960 :—

GIRLS' SCHOOL

Head Girl ... Malti Verma

School Prefects

Himalaya	... Rajika Palit
Nilagiri	... Basant Usha Katoch
Vindhya	... Navina Sundaram
Siwalik	... Meenakshi Khanna
Games' Prefect	... Andrea Kemp
M. I. Prefect	... Shabnam Sahni

House Prefects

Himalaya	... Sunita Narendra Nath
Nilagiri	... Subhadra Patel
Vindhya	... Manju Sood
Siwalik	... Meenakshi Biswas

BOYS' SCHOOL

Head Boy ... K. S. Sethi

School Prefects

Himalaya	... { K. S. Sethi Brijendra Singh
Nilagiri	... { S. S. Bhasin G. S. Virk
Siwalik	... Baldev Dua
Vindhya	... B. S. Bala

House Prefects

Himalaya	... { J. S. Mann S. N. Gupta
Nilagiri	... { K. S. Dhillon K. S. Oberoi
Siwalik	... { S. K. Mehra Surinder S. Gill B. P. S. Kent
Vindhya	... { R. S. Randhawa A. N. Dutta K. S. Suri

O. S. News

(This copy of the News-letter come to all Old Sanawarians at a cost of Rs. 3/-) I can hear the "pucca-Sanawar" grumbles, as hands dip into

empty pockets and frantic efforts are made to beg borrow or steal the 'Necessary', in order to release the V. P. P. Those of you who were at the O. S. meeting last year will remember that this payment of Rs. 3/- was a unanimous decision accepted with acclamation by those present. The opinion of the meeting then was that this was the only possible way of extracting any of the filthy lucre from "pucca Sanawarians". However, (this amount of Rs. 3/- is meant to cover your annual membership subscription to the Society and the cost of the News-letter. Our mailing list for future News-letters will be based on those who have paid this Rs. 3/- subscription. The fact that you are reading these notes will entitle you to receive all future copies fairly regularly: if you don't receive a copy, please let us know at once. Normal posting date is the 1st of the month).....

Sub. Lt. Vishnu Bhagwat, (South Ward Room Mess, I. N. S. Vendurvthy, Naval Base, Cochin), keeps very closely in touch. He sent us a long article for publication which can be read elsewhere. Incidentally, all O. S. will be happy and proud to know that Vishnu was awarded the Sword of Honour as the best all-round Midshipman in the passing out parade in November last. He is in Cochin taking the Sub Lt. Technical Courses

Ashok Chawla writes from 209 D. S. Hostel, Block C, University of Roorkee, Roorkee, to give some news of himself and his efforts at play production: I apologise for not having written for such a long time. The delay was due to the rehearsals of the play. You would be surprised to know that we did put up 'Charlies' Aunt'. Luckily enough we got the best acting prize for the year. It was given to a boy who played the role of 'Fanny Babs'. We even got the best Direction Prize for the year. I managed to introduce the panel system to give the room effects. Previously here they had only curtains, and believed in one-act plays alone. This was the first full length play ever acted by the boys of this university. How about suggesting the names of some plays that we could manage to put up next year. They ought to be humorous and should have plenty of scope for acting. They can be one-act plays too. A cousin of Shabnam's is studying with me, and is keen to know how she is doing. His name is Jasbir Sawhney, and he passed his Senior Cambridge exam. in 1956 after having studied for nine years in our rival school B. C. S. By the way have the new School Ties popped up. If they have please send me one and let me know the price."..... The answer to Ashok's query about the ties is that they have arrived and are available in the Tuckshop @ Rs. 15/- each.....

S. P. S. Gill (Deccan Horse, Armoured Corps Centre & School, Ahmednagar). rose from the dead to give us a little news of himself: "Thank you very much for your letter and the News-letter which I received about two hours back. I am being extraordinarily quick in my reply to ensure that no "water goes over the bridge" which, according to you, "has been flooded from underneath". I was rather surprised to find you assess my love for the School and the effect of training imparted there by my correspondence—at which I am extremely bad. I may have failed to make an outward show like others but please take it from me that "till the last bugle calls" I shall never forget and fail to thank the institution that has made me a man. I have been wanting to write to Sanawar since I went to I. M. A., but the question always arose to whom should I write. M/S Carter and Cowell are not there. Mr. Rao my Housemaster has gone to some School in Darjeeling. Mr. Mitra mentioned something about Saleem and Bhupi leaving when I last met him. Mr. Kate—I do not suppose he will

remember me for he was mostly stuck in the office with accounts. To be quite frank with you, Sir, it never occurred to me that I could write to you. Thank God that this stupid case of admissions did occur and the ice has been broken. Now you shall hear from me regularly. Sir, I can hardly express how very much delighted I was to get a copy of the News-letter after three years. Like Devinderpal I read it twice and the O. S. news perhaps even more. So Mr. Rao has at last fulfilled his long cherished desire. I never knew Mr. Saleem Khan of all people to be a 'bird watcher' (which birds?). Please ask K. K. Soi to return my pen if one can still scribble with it. Are there any radical changes in the School? Have the plans about building a dining hall on the red field and extending Barnes materialised? Have the School Offices shifted to the parents' room and that building become an Information room? Whatever it is I would love to see Sanawar and shall certainly make it for Founder's this year even if you do not want me. I sincerely hope that my 3.5 Royal Enfield can take Tilly's slope comfortably with me on it. I was happy to receive his letter, and am sure most of you will like reading it. S. P. S. ended very well in the Academy at Dehra Dun, and he all but captured the sword of honour. Those of you who have been visiting us regularly know that the office building sill remains the office building and that the plans for a new boys' dining hall still remain undecided. The old parents' room is still where it stood, but we do have a new Prep. School dining hall and a new Sparrows dormitory. In addition, a filtration plant has been installed for the swimming tank and the old printing press has been converted into an art room. The new playground remains half finished and plans for its completion are rather undecided: Some day perhaps we will go on with the job started last year.....

Kenneth Maharaj Singh, (Room G. I. St. Stephens College, Delhi—8), wrote after the lapse of a year. He begs us to excuse his incorrigible laziness: "Last Sunday some of us Sanawarians gave a farewell party to Biman Dhar who was leaving for Sydney. He had come down to Delhi to say good-bye to all of us before going abroad. I joined St. Stephens in July and have taken up Maths., Physics and Chemistry, i. e. the B. Sc. General Course. Boys who appear for the S. C. do have a little (emphasis on little) difficulty here as we are expected to have done certain topics which we really have not. I have been trying my best to obtain an apprenticeship with a firm in England, but so far have not succeeded in doing so. Ashok Seth is leaving for England to join a firm for Chartered Accountancy"

Mrs. Mills wrote from Welham Girls' School, Dehra Dun. "I wish all at "Sanawar" the very best. I will be thinking of you all on the 6th of March. I do hope "Himalaya House" will get a good matron. I hear that Mr. B. Singh is to be married—all the best to him." .. All of you Old Himalaya boys will join me in wishing Mrs. Mills the very best of luck in her new appointment.....

Suresh Chand Chadha, (57, Gloucester Av., Chelmsford) writes: "Thank you for your letter of the 21st Nov. I am sorry I haven't been able to reply earlier. I sent the Christmas card as a sort of peace-offering. We had our mid-term tests at the college last month and then a 5 day Christmas holiday after that. I spent that with an English family. Spending my Christmas with this family has become an annual pilgrimage for me. They have taken it for granted that I will be there again this year. All the O. S. seem to write very interesting letters and I don't think I can match them. I am serving an apprenticeship course with Marconi's wireless Telegraph Company. This apprenticeship is a mixture

of college, and work at the factory. Too much of college is boring and too much time at the factory lowers one's morale. I like the present mixture. It will take me a little time to get through my apprenticeship. At the moment I am studying for my third year of the Ordinary National Certificate in Electrical Engineering, I am sorry I have been such a bear in the past year or so but I hope to keep in close contact with the school in future. Today is the first day of the new year and may I take this chance of wishing you and all O. S., all health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year.....

H. S. Boparai, E. Sqn., National Defence Academy, Kharakvasla, Poona. writes: "A very successful and happy new year to the whole lot of Sanawarians with you this year. I hope Nilagiri House gets Cock-house. Please don't forget to send me the News-letter by V. P. P."..... H. S. writes to ask for details of the "whys" and "wherefores" of feeding a falcon. If any O. S. can oblige, please write direct to him. The last news from him indicates an intention to buy an air gun to provide fresh meat for his hunting falcon: "But this can only be next term for our pay is just Rs. 30/- p. m. I might mention that there are a lot of pigeons here."..... H. S. gives us a word of warning: "There is going to be a huge invasion by the Old Sanawarians here to Sanawar. I warn you keep things ready for us and let us know if "The pay for your stay" movement has been passed. Please let us know the details. The holidays are in June and I myself will be coming up with Malhotra..... He goes on: Pannu and myself are in the 4th term now. This term is the toughest term form the point of view of Academics. We have to pass about the same amount of subjects that we have in Sanawar plus the Service subjects. The standard naturally is F. Sc. Of course we two have one consolation regarding our getting through and that is if characters like Dhami and Karampal could get through first shot. So can we.".....

Sangram Singh Gaekwad wrote from Jaya Mahal Palace, Napean Sea Road, Malabar Hill, Bombay—6, and was then wondering whether or not he should join Baroda University. To quote Sangram: "I personally do not mind any college so long as it does not interfere with my Cricket." This being a very laudable approach, we wish Sangram more strength to his throwing arms.....

Gurdev Singh Purewal, (Room 32 A, Medical College, Amritsar), has written quite frequently. He like others, is wondering whether any boy in this School knows him and is looking forward to coming up some time. In answering his letter I can say that Sanawar has not changed much. Games, sets, etc., are still there and the Inter-School matches continue. The Triangular Meet between Y. P. S., Sanawar and B. C. S. held at Patiala last year, is an innovation. This was the first time we have had an Inter-School Fixture in Athletics. Judging by the results, the Meet was a rousing success, and we hope to make it a permanent part of our programme.....

Indru Lakhani, at present in 216 D. Azad Hall of Residence, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, writes: "I am more or less rising out of the grave—but unchanged in spite of the three years' vanishing trick: I was looking over my old letters today and found one of your letters dated 9-6-57, and I thought it's about time I replied to you, and here I am—the same old owlish look, the close crop, and—in short it's me, Indru. I have been getting the 'News-letters' regularly so I know what's cooking at your end, but the four, monthly pages only whet my appetite. I have been longing to come over for a day or two but things never seem to work out, but some day, I hope they will. Meanwhile, I will have to carry on reading every News-letter thrice. There

are four of us here at present. Devenderpal, Ajit Angrish, Junior, and me. No one joined us this year. Pity; I wish more Sanawarians would come over. Now that they have started the five year course, they take in boys and girls directly after Senior Cambridge. Devender is in Final Year (Agriculture) and will be leaving us this year in May. Ajit and I will be passing out next year. I met Kamal and Viney Soi some time back in Calcutta. Kamal hasn't changed much probably put on some weight. Viney has taken up Engineering. Strangely enough I haven't met any O. S. in Delhi although I have been around the University area a couple of times."

Harinder Singh Bedi, (18 New Hostel, G. N. E. College, Ludhiana), has been doing some work with regard to the scarves and is trying to fulfil the promise made at the last O. S. meeting. Since H. S. wrote, the firm he contacted has produced a sample scarf for us and, in addition, we have received samples from another Ludhiana firm. Orders for these will be placed very soon, and the scarves will be on sale in the tuckshop, priced at something below Rs. 7/-each. The order for crested buttons for blazers, too, has been placed, and when O. S. come up for Founder's, they will be able to fit themselves out fairly well. We have had no suggestions for the scarf/brooch/handbag for the girls, and I hope this News-letter will remind some of the ladies to do something about it.

Pradeep Soneja wrote from St. Stephens. He has offered to come up to work in Sanawar during the holidays. I take this opportunity of thanking him for this offer. Last year Subhash Dua did some sterling work, handling Lower IV in the absence of some members of the staff, and I would like to hear from any other "qualified" Sanawarian who would be keen on following in Dua's foot-steps.

Karampal Singh Somal arrived up at the opening of the term (to see his children perhaps), and another welcome face was Kuldip Sighat. Karampal is now stationed in Nabha where he hopes to see something of Mr. Kate. Kuldip is in Dagshai with the Dogras. He walked across on Sunday, the 20th instt., arriving here at 5 00 p. m., and like a true Sanawarian, walked back to Dagshai to be in time for supper. We hope to see a lot of him this year.

T. C. Kemp.

Join The Navy And

"The Sea has nurtured the most valorous of men. The dangers of Sea-going life educate men in courage, and not only in courage but in a profound sense of Duty".

Haven't I wondered enough why Sanawarians, who have invaded almost every type of profession and work, have somehow failed to come to the Navy. I am sure it is not the love of land that keeps you away from the splendours of the Sea! To tell you a little secret I had never seen ship or Sea when I opted to join the Navy! Looking back a few years, I had an irresistible fancy for the Navy born out of Naval news-pictures, films and story books.

When you talk about a career, to-day, you usually compare one with another. Let me tell you what the Navy offers you!

If you are the one keen on plain adventure and thrill, fly on Sea Hawks and Sea-Goats from the Air Craft Carrier INS VIKRANT (Incidentally a Naval Pilots emoluments are more than those of his contemporary in the Air force). Maybe you are the one who is expecting to come in at the top of School Certificate results and you would like to go in for Engineering-Electrical, Mechanical or Aeronautical. The Navy

offers you unlimited scope for your talents. It gives you a commission and in addition pays for you to study in India or abroad, to specialise in any of the Engineering Sciences. Work can be really exciting looking after the latest Radar Sets, working on 80,000 H. P. diesel or Steam Turbine propulsion units, and a large amount of Electrical equipment, of a very advanced type, in the ship.

The command of a ship is what every officer of the Executive Branch, like me, trains for. That is a proud moment when the Captain says "She is Mine," be it a Destroyer, Cruiser, Submarine or Air Craft Carrier. Our Navy is growing in strength, in equipment, in man-power, in the number of ships and consequently in opportunities.

I joined the Navy to see the World. My experience of Service in the past 2½ years is what may be typical. As a cadet (jokingly known as the lowest form of Animal life.) in the Training ship TIR, after passing out from N. D. A., we visited Singapore, some ports of Malaya like Penang and Trengganu, Bangkok and Saigon on the River Mekong. In south Viet Nam we flew to Nha-Trang 200 miles away from Saigon to see their Naval college. During this cruise we also visited North Borneo and saw the vast oil fields at Brunei and Seria.

Promoted as Midshipman and appointed to the Flag Ship MYSORE I had a wonderful Eastern Cruise,—Rangoon, Singapore, Hongkong Shanghai Yokohama, Kobe Haiphong were our ports of call. In Japan we had our most fascinating stay. Japan is a very highly advanced nation and her scientific and technical progress are comparable to that of any country in the world, and we were treated to traditional Japanese hospitality. We were guests of the Chinese Navy at Shanghai. The Chinese are definitely an enthusiastic and disciplined people and everywhere there was tremendous activity. Navigating up the Red River to Haiphong, capital of North Viet Nam we saw a country fighting to improve the life of its people.

You will probably think I am joking when I say that PORT BLAIR, long famous as "KALA PANI", the capital of the Andaman Islands is one of the most enchanting places I have seen.

Besides these goodwill Cruises, I was on Destroyer leader RAJPUT when we took part in JET (JOINT EXERCISES) last year. These are combined exercises of Commonwealth Navies in which Aircraft Carriers, Submarines and about 50 other types of ships operate from one of the World's best natural harbours TRINCOMALEE (CEYLON). Our year's training reaches a climax here and then we return home to our base at Bombay for repairs and docking.

Surely Sanawarians are not shy of Salt Water and I hope that in a few years' time I will be able to say, as people now say of the Sanawarians in the Army and Airforce: there's a Sanawar boy in resplendent white or in 'Blues' with glittering gold on his uniform—right at the top!

Vishnu Bhagat

Sub. Lieutenant.

Cricket

The season opened with a festival match on March 13 between the Headmasters' XIII and the First XIII. Dua, captaining the school side, won the toss and gave the Staff the first use of the pitch. The Headmaster's XIII did not start on an auspicious note. They lost three wickets in quick succession. But Mr. Lee and Mr. Mundkur, coming together for the fourth wicket, put on some very valuable runs. Repeatedly lifting the ball, Mr. Mundkur collected 25. Mr. Lee was more cautious

and made 26. Mr. Kemp assisted him with a hard-hit 38 (but he had his share and more—of luck!). With the exit of Mr. Kemp the batting folded up and the innings closed at 115.

The First XIII also did not fare very well and offered no real resistance. Kuljit Sethi was brilliantly caught at silly mid-off by Mr. Sikund off Mr. Mundkur after having scored 16. Gill played a very cautious and confident innings. He was unfortunately run-out just as he was getting into his stride. His personal contribution was 22 chanceless runs. After his departure the School XIII collapsed and were all out for 86.

For the Headmaster's XIII Mr. Mundkur bowled exceptionally well, taking 8 wickets for 26. The most successful bowlers on the School side were Bhargava (4 for 33) and Bala (3 for 22).

The Headmaster's XIII thus registered their first victory over the Boys in three years. Congratulations!

H. S.

The XI vs. Kasauli

The match started a little late on March 20th, the Kasauli team taking first knock, having been put in after Dua had used his foreign coin to advantage (perhaps a little illegally!!).

The fielding side started off well with a brilliant catch by Gill off the second ball. Except for a steady 40 from Mr. Kemp (playing for Kasauli) and 17 from Colonel Mehta there was no real resistance at all, and the team was out for 87. It was a pity to see the fielding become a little shoddy in the second half of the innings after such a bright start, but Mr. Kemp's presence seemed to rattle the side temporarily.

At the lunch break the School XI were already within two runs of the opponents' score with only one wicket down. Due to some good quick running, although on nearly half a dozen occasions they should have been run out, Chahal and Gill kept the score moving. Chahal was out for 54 shortly after lunch, closely followed by Gill. Both had played well, although their ability had not been greatly taxed. In the hour after lunch the XI knocked up a little over a 100 runs before declaring at 194 for 7. Dua knocked a bright 50 during this time. Mention must be made of young Vijay who bowled very courageously for Kasauli.

Kasauli XI went into bat a second time a little after 3-00 p. m., and as a result of some fast, if rather short bowling from Dua, and some keen fielding four men were shortly back in the pavilion. After tea two yellow sweated gentlemen, Bhatia and Rajan, offered some stubborn resistance, and between their moments of injury they put on nearly 70 runs. The fielding of the XI became ragged, and all the spirit unfortunately went out of the team. On the last ball of the day Rajan was out for 30, and at the close Kasauli were 87 for 5 wickets.

T. P. Lee

A Foreigner Views India

I have been press-ganged by a most determined editor into writing an account of my winter holidays spree in serial form for the Newsletter. I shall attempt to produce two or three instalments covering just some of my doings during these three months.

The Third-Class Bogie (or Bogey)

During the winter holidays I had the good fortune to taste fully of Indian hospitality, generosity and friendliness. Without the great kindness shown to me by so many people, some of whom I had never met before, I could not possibly have had such a pleasant and fruitful holiday.

I travelled just a little under 10,000 miles altogether, and covered much of the East, North, and West of this vast sub-continent. Never before have I learnt or experienced so many varying things in the course of three months. I saw many of the great historical places of India, met a vast number of people from all walks of life (indeed I feel that I know almost more people in India than in England!!), and experienced some thrilling, some amusing, some embarrassing and some very awkward moments.

I always travelled alone by third class, and it was during my sojourns in these over-populated metal boxes that I learnt most about real India. I travelled on almost every sort of train from the Deccan Queen to the most local passenger train, taking 2½ hours to do fifteen miles, so I had a chance to meet every type of third class traveller. The first such journey was a little shattering, but once I became resigned to the conditions I felt quite at home. People were amazingly friendly, and every journey I found more and more fascinating. I often made friends with people who did not have a word in common, although invariably someone spoke some English. I soon learnt the best approach to an over-packed bogie. I approached the bogie looking completely lost and most unhappy, with the result that in a few minutes people were only too anxious to help me. Once established on a seat I became myself, and the opening gambit to my next door neighbour was "Kidhar Jayenge", closely followed by the exchange of cigarettes. Once the ice was broken all was well.

I had innumerable discussions with fellow English speaking passengers, ranging from an argument on Communism at 2 a. m., to an explanation of the English climate at 1 p. m., to a discussion on the possibility of the train reaching its destination two or three hours late as we sat at the side of the track at 3 a. m., while the train bided its time before a signal. The passengers were always most hospitable, and I was invariably offered either tea, biryani (which they were amazed to hear I so enjoyed), or some other Indian concoction.

On two or three occasions when the coolie disagreed with the wages I gave him, the whole carriage rose in my defence and started to let fly with their tongues in no uncertain terms at the coolie. This was without the slightest request for assistance on my part, and so I quietly slipped on to my seat while a raging argument ensued. The number of heated arguments I had with coolies and the like must have taken years off my life!!

I met many students on my travels, and also befriended soldiers, bankrupt businessmen, engineers, and peasant farmers. A few of the most common questions fired at me were:—"Are you married?" "What is your pay?" (To my answer the reply invariably came back: "That is very less, sir.") "Are you from Russia?" and "How much cost are your trousers?" (I was always wearing the shabbiest and oldest pair possible). Finally there was a question from a peasant, who could just speak English, which I will remember all my days. "Gentleman, how is England nowadays?" To which I hesitatingly

replied, "Well how do you mean?" He responded with, "Well I hear Hitler bombed it very badly." ...

Many of my journeys on the slower trains were filled with interest by a steady procession at every other station of people trying to auction goods to the travellers. After taking up a very central position in the carriage, the auctioneer would lay forth in as loud a voice as possible, making quite sure no one could either sleep or attempt to talk, while knowledge flowed from his mouth. At odd moments he would pull forth pieces of metal representative of "pioneers of India's machine age", after which the passengers would either start to mock him or bid a few annas for a lovely silver torch (guaranteed to work for 24 hours, just until the train reached its destination, but certainly no longer). Often in order to emphasise his words the auctioneer would hurl one of his wares on the floor, perhaps to prove their reliability, but unfortunately on one occasion the mug in question cracked in no uncertain manner, and the poor fellow retired very crest-fallen. The vendors of all types of food were a common sight inside the carriage, as they yelled menacingly up and down the bogie. Beggars came into the carriage in their dozens, some of whom attempted to sing, others came with slips of introduction, explaining how their great grandfather was dumb, their sister scatty, their brother batty and their mother maniacal. This last mentioned kind of beggar I always felt was very bogus. Many small children came to sing or play on a home made guitar.

I quickly learnt to travel in clothes that were filthy before I started; never to look at a woman in the carriage, for she would immediately pull a veil over her face; to spit with great feeling out of the window as the moment demanded, or to let my neighbour lean across me and spew up large quantities of "pan". I also learnt to appreciate people's religious emotions on trains. A fellow asking you to move up the bench a little may not wish to curl up and sleep, but will more than likely wish to kneel and bow vigorously to the west, muttering all the time. This devout Muslim will not even cease when a Canadian Pacific whistles past the window in front of his nose with a terrifying roar.

Travelling third class at night is not one of the joys of this life, if one is hoping to get a little sleep. Once I was lucky enough to smuggle myself into a police compartment, and thus get a bunk for myself, while on the rest of the train people had not got enough room even to stand (the train was bound for Delhi on the eve of the Republic Day). I am afraid that inspite of having the luxury of some where to lie down I had little sleep that night, as next to my head sat a rather savage-looking hand-cuffed individual.

The first impression that I had as I entered a compartment was of a sea of amazed faces staring at me. As I was told on many occasions people were staggered to see a European travelling thus, but once I had proved to them that I was as human a being as they, an atmosphere of great friendliness quickly pervaded the bogie. I will never again travel first-class—what expense and what loneliness!!

T. P. Lee

A Pen Portrait



A lanky, six-footer, (well, nearly) looking little older than a college graduate, our pen-portrait is one of the most likeable persons in school.

In the class room

Once a free period is wangled from him a most difficult job, I assure you our pen-portrait (who is fond of reminiscing of his early school life escapades) with a few suggestive and persuasive comments, begins his verbal memoirs which, with the help of the exclamations of his absorbed and appreciative audience, never end.

Preferring doing sums to teaching theory, he works one on the black-board with the speed of a race-horse, leaving most of the class still trying to comprehend, after deciphering, of course, his first statement while he is already underlining, his last (That is, the answer).

(P. S. In spite of all the time wasted he still makes sure d n him of completing the course.)

On the playing field

Cricket; Watch him walk on to the field with that characteristic, easy going assurance.

The bowler bowls, he swings out well done, a 'fourer'.

The bowler bowls again and the bails fly! Our pen-portrait's entrance into the pavilion is as carefree as his exit was.

Mon. 3rd	,, ...	Founder's
Tue. 4th	,, ...	Founder's Day
Wed. 5th	,, ...	Founder's
Thu. 6th	,, ...	Holiday
Fri. 7th	,, ...	Hockey Sets—B. D.
Sat. 8th	,, ...	Festival Hockey—4-15 p.m.
Sun. 9th	,, ...	Film :
Sat. 15th	,, ...	Sr. English Society.

Km. T. Nagaizeching
Km. T. Lalsanglian
Nirmal Kaur Bala
Rita C. Masand
Nalini Gupta

Rita Kohli
Ranjit Kaur
Chandni Singh
Sunita Oberai
Suneeta Bhan

अनोखे "फूल"

New Admission

The following have joined this term :—

Boys

Ajit Singh	Parvash Nanda
Anil Kumar Auluck	Rajiv K. Chanchani
Raman Kumar Sabharwal	Nishit J. Chanchani
Karanjit Rajput	Kiran J. Chanchani
Rakesh Khosla	Kulendu H. Chanchani
Rajiv Jayaswal	Sudeep Singh
Yash Pall Dass	Udayan S. Rangnekar
Parmod Kumar Bhatia	Dilbag Singh
Raj Kumar Thomas	Anup Israni
Gur Inder S. Randhawa	T. Vunglallian
Rajiv Bhalla	Gurpreet Singh Bala
Arun Malhotra	Inderpal Singh Brar
Jotinderpal Singh	Gurinderjit Singh
Naveen C. Chauhan	Rajesh Pathania
Ajai Pal Singh Gill	Avnash Singh Mangat
Ravindra Lall Mehta	Vidyasagar N.K. Francis
Nirmal Jeet Singh	Rasik Rajan Khosla
Ashok K. Rai	Sandeep Mani
Rakesh Kumar	Ashok Kumar
Bhopender Kumar	Amrit Pal Singh
Vinod Kumar	Bhagirath Bedi
Manjit Singh Hanspal	Sunil Ahuja
Ravinder Singh Brar	Avanish Kumar Zaveri
P. Mohan Singh Grewal	Shekhar Singh

Girls

Lila Kar	Harpal Kaur Brar
Rumu Israni	Sachdev Kaur Bala
Sarita Badhwar	Sunil Kumari
Jyotsna Nanda	Vidya Ramarao Palsokar
Rashmi Sharma	Kusum Das
Malti Bhandari	Praveen Kohli

मार्च माह का बाइसवाँ दिन था। मैंने उठकर सूर्य देव को नमस्कार करना चाहा। पर सूर्य कहाँ? आज तो वह शान्त मेघों से आच्छादित था! हवा इतनी तेज़ न थी, पर थी अवश्य। अकस्मात् मेरी दृष्टि हवा में उड़ते हुए कुछ सफ़ेद "फूलों" पर पड़ी। मैंने सोचा पता नहीं आज भगवान को क्या मंज़ूर है जो सूर्योदय से पूर्व ही "फूलों" की वर्षा करने लगा। क्या पता कौन देव की पूजा हो रही है, कौन वीर वीर-गति को प्राप्त हुआ है, अथवा किस महापुरुष का जन्म हुआ है? मैं इन विचारों में डूबा ही हुआ था कि सहसा हवा के एक झोंके से कुछ "फूल" मेरे हाथ पर गिर पड़े। पर क्या? "फूलों" का देखते ही देखते पानी हो गया। हाथ बर्क के समान ठण्डा हो गया। मुझे शंका हुई कि बर्क पड़ रही है। फिर मन में विचार आया कि कभी सनावर में, मार्च माह के अन्त में किसी ने बर्क पड़ते भी देखा है? पर ये "फूल" लगते बर्क के समान। ये कहीं यह मेरा भ्रम तो नहीं है? मैंने ध्यान पूर्वक देखा। वास्तव में कुछ सफ़ेद "फूल" शान्त मेघों की ओर से भूमि पर गिर रहे थे। परन्तु गिरते ही लुप्त हो जाते थे। मैं मन में तर्क-वितर्क कर ही रहा था, कि ये अनोखे फूल हो क्या सकते हैं, कि अचानक सब छात्र इस मनोरंजक दृश्य को देखने आ पहुँचे। सब इस अनोखे खेल को देख कर दंग रह गए। जिन छात्रों ने बर्क पहले देखी थी, उनके विचार में ये "फूल" भी बर्क थे। हमारे आपस में चर्चा करने की देर थी, कि हमारे सामने की छतें बर्क से ढक कर सफ़ेद हो गईं। इससे हमारे मन की शंका दूर हुई।

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School News

March 25th. Rumours run rife on what Saturday's picture will be. "Omar Khayyam", say some "Reach for the sky", assert others (Zoom, zoom, go the younger ones), "Mujrim", confidently declare a third lot.

March 26th. The Headmaster gives the "N. D. A. wallas" advice and training for their interviews.

The picture is "Mujrim", much to the disappointment of the aeroplane fans. Shiv Mehra's choice—quite interesting, Shammi Kapoor's good looks did not fail to keep the girls thoroughly occupied.

Mrs. Gadre takes over as the Vindhya House matron, much to the relief of Mr. Gadre and Mr. Gore.

March 27th. The School XI "Licks" a staff-cum-Kasauli team in a cricket match. The following represented Sanawar staff in the team:—

Mr. Kemp, Mr. Lee, Mr. Bhalerao, Mr. Mundkur and Mr. Chaturvedi. Scores were, Staff-cum-Kasauli 60 all out, School XI 64 for 2 wickets.

Himalaya House G. D. escorted by Miss Chak went for a picnic to the Enchanted Valley. According to the accounts received by the Editor the girls and Miss Chak returned back in one piece.

March 29th. Mr. Kemp showed a school from Sabathu around Sanawar, as usual, did not fail to impress.

April 1st. "The first of April, some do say,
Is set apart for All Fool's Day;
But why the people call it so,
Nor I, nor they themselves, do know."
—Unknown (Poor Robin's Almanac 1760)

Mr. Peter Lee sets the ball rolling by ringing the Nilagiri and Himalaya House rouser bell at 2 A. M. Children play pranks they would not dare on other days.

"The first of April,
You may send a Fool whither you will."
—Thomas Fuller.

April 2nd. The Senior Hindi Society presents its first Mock Parliament. The brain behind it was Mr. Atma Ram. The show was a roaring success. The account of the show appears in the Hindi Section of this News-letter.

April 3rd Mr. O. P. Sharma with 25 boys hiked to Gorkha Fort. They left Sanawar at 5 A. M. reaching their destination at 9 A. M. The hikers returned via Dagshai. Full account of this hike appears elsewhere.

April 5th. Mr. and Mrs. Sihna are blessed with an heir to the Sinha estate. It is evident from the number of additions in the staff families this year that they are not following the safe course of family planning.

April 8th. Crew cuts are the fashion in the boys school. Most of the boys are looking like a lot of Sweedles with their spiky hair. All the same they are looking very smart. 12

April 9th. Congregational singing and letter-writing take the place of normal classes.

Sanawar vs. Y. P. S. cricket match commences in perfect cricket weather, though a slight shower interrupted the game for some time. Sanawar won by 10 wickets. An account of the match appears elsewhere. After the match was over both teams went to Kasauli to see "Dil Deke Dekho."

April 10th. The Y. P. S team is given a rousing send-off after breakfast.

In an informal cricket practice match between the Staff and the School XI the latter won by 61 runs. For the Staff Mr. Sikund scores a lucky 50.

Contrary to the expectations of most children the film "Abbot and Costello Hit the Ice", was so-so.

April 13th. Nilagiri House "dress-rehearses" its show. L III and U III duck prep to attend it. In a Colts vs Dolts match, the Dolts beat the Colts by 39 runs. Ajitpal does some fine stumping..... 4 victims in the innings.

April 14th. The Nilagiri House presents the first Saturday club show An account of the show appears elsewhere.

April 15th. The annual Foundation Day Picnicat, once again after two years, the favourite, Dagroo.

April 16th. The match between the Y. F. C. A. team and the School XI commences. The first innings scores, 101 Sanawar and 204 Y. F. C. A.

April 17th. The match continues. Sanawar scored 169 while Y. F. C. A. declared, innings closed at 67 for 2. They won by 8 wickets. The Vllth. Form Hat Debate; subjects included "Dates", "Mountains", "Romance", "Creative Artists", etc. The show was so-so

April 21. Another Colts vs. Dolts match. The Colts won by 6 runs.

April 22nd. Black Friday.....The First Mark Reading

April 23rd. Staff vs. the School XI cricket practice match in the afternoon. The film "The Sea" was screened in the Barne Hall in the evening. The Picture was thoroughly enjoyed by both staff and Students.

April 24th. The match ends in an honourable draw. Dua scores the first century of the season.

Congratulation to the following on their success in the S. S. B. Interview:—

G. S. Virk, Brijinder Singh, A. S. Poonia, Aneet Sihota.

Mr. Bhalerao invites all the Sanawar appreciators of art to visit his den of beauty, where reproductions of the old masters can be seen free of charge.

Prep School

We came to school on the sixth of March. Some of the boys of the Prep school came in the first bus. We met our new matron. Her name is Miss Chopra. Mrs. Sehgal has gone to the Sparrow's Dormitory. There are two new Bearers in our school. Mrs. Thomas is Siwalik House Mistress because Mrs. Gidwani has not come back. Fifty eight new boys and girls have come to Prep School. Now I have counted the boys and girls. There are fifty two boys in the Upper Dormitory in Nilagiri and Siwalik Houses, fifty boys in the Lower Dormitory in Himalaya and Vindhya Houses, thirty one girls in the Sparrows' Dormitory and four day scholars. In the Prep. School there are 137 children.

During the first week we started playing cricket. Shailendar is the captain of the Prep. School team. He is a new boy.

On the 22nd of March it snowed. After Assembly, Miss Rudra let us go and see the snow. We had fire in our class rooms to keep us warm.

We saw a cricket match on Sunday, the 10th of April, it was between Sanawar and Y. P. S. Sanawar won the match.

There is a matron for the girls and boys. When any matron is off duty, she looks after us. Her name is Mrs. Osmond.

Mr. Kate has gone to Nabha. We miss him a lot. He used to come and see us very often. He has opened a new School and he is the Headmaster of that School.

On the 13th of April we saw the Nilagiri House show. We liked the Punjabi play because it was very funny.

We have seen a magic show, a picture on Sanawar Founder's Day, a picture on the Public Schools and a picture named Abbot on the Ice.

Form IIs are making puppets out of "papier mache". Girls are learning dancing. We go for Carpentry and Art too.

On the 15th of April it was our Foundation Day picnic. All the big Preppers (boys) went to a village, Lower III boys went to Dharampur and the girls and the small boys went to Doom's Pond. All of us met together at Eagle's Nest for lunch and tea. We collected many pine cones. We brought them to our dormitories. We had a lovely time at the picnic.

Pradip Sethi
Form II B.

O. S. News

The March number of the News-letter has been sent out: accepted, returned unclaimed, refused (30). The number of refusals were due to the fact that our Postmaster did not realise that 56 A. P. O. addresses would not accept V. P. Ps; Kharakvasla too, apparently, do not accept V. P. Ps. So if any of you of these two addresses would like to reclaim the unclaimed numbers lying with us, please write in and send your Rs. 3/-

Samaresh Mukherji, (6/3/26, Seal's Garden Lane, P. O. Cossipur, Calcutta-2), sent a brief note of congratulations to the Staff on winning the Cricket Match for the first time in three years. We had written to ask him for a passport size photograph....

Tejpal Singh Chowdhury, (3523/I, National Defence Academy, Kharakvasla), says; "I am extremely sorry for not writing to you for a long time. Now that the school has reopened you must be very busy. I heard Mr. Kate has left the school. Who is your new Bursar now?"

It is getting very hot here these days. Just a slight walk makes us perspire. I am feeling much better in N. D. A. than I felt last term when I was a 1st term cadet, and am also beginning to like the place.

Our Inter-squadron cricket and Hockey matches have commenced and I am in both the squadron teams. I have passed my Drill & P. T. Tests recently. We see pictures twice a week and sometimes thrice even.

All O. S. send their love. Boparai was remembering the school quite a lot a few days back" . . .

M. S. Grewal is hoping to join the Indian Institute of Technology Kharag-pur, or the Jadavpur course of Engineering & Technology, Calcutta, some time in June. He writes to say that he met Vir Amol in Jullundur and hopes to visit Sanawar in April.

Dileep and Pradeep Rao, (44, Pandara Road, New Delhi—11), write quite newsy letters. Dileep has been earning his keep, and believe it or not, collected a sum of Rs. 77/- which, as he says, "vanished" in a couple of days. He is now learning German and French, in spite of the fact that he never mastered Hindi when in School. He writes: "Thank you very much for your letter and for the news-letter I must say that the news-letter is extremely "newsy" and I would like you to congratulate the Ed. & Co. for it. I do hope that all the future news-letters are as good as this one. I have been noticing that the news-letter at the beginning and ending of term is more "newsy" than the one that are published otherwise. I wish that they would remain on one level throughout. Nevertheless, it's great reading anything about Sanawar even though it may be just a few lines!!" Pradeep. Wants a single dose of anti-rabic 20% (for a dog). I quote. All Sanawarians will nod their heads at the bit in the bracket. Exactitude and attention to details were always characteristics of a Sanawar boy. "My hearty congratulations to the news-letter wallas! This month's news-letter was really very interesting, If the future news-letters are as thick and interesting as this one, then I am afraid if you send them also V. P. P. I shall just take them, rather than go without Sanawar news. But for goodness sake, don't think that I suggest you do such a terrible thing. (i. e. send every news-letter V. P. P.). Our holidays are due to start shortly, and needless to say many flying visits' to Sanawar are being planned. There are quite a few boys from St. Stephens planning to go up, and also some of those who are in the position of being neither in college nor in school (e.g. Dileep). Monty, is driving around Delhi like a maniac, so that he can complete his first 903 miles before he risks his new scooter up Sergeant Tilly's Hill. Much as I would love to, I am afraid I can't make Sanawar in May, for the simple reason that I want to be there for Founder's. Nothing is going to keep me away from Founder's!" "P. S." I have a dog. . .

Asha Puri, (150/48 Chanakya Puri, New Delhi 21), complains that her letter was never replied, I make public apology for not answering, but must add that I am not really to blame as her letter did not arrive. Asha says: "Quite a few of us are join-

ing Lady Irwin College. So far, Anupma, Indra, Vinita, Mira, and myself have applied for admission there. Ranjana and Roop are joining Kum Kum Batra at Lady Sriram College. Madhu is joining Miranda House. As you know the colleges here open in mid-July, so we still have another three months holidays!"

Vijay Gauba, (26, Jawahar Nagar, Delhi-6), writes: "Dear Sir, we all no doubt have an excellent time at the Founders, but there is just one thing missing. As you will agree with me, we just cannot afford to be the same old buffoons we were at our times, for Founders is not the time for it. Therefore, may I suggest that we have a short camp of the duration of five to ten days around the new year in Sanawar. It should exclusively be an O. S. Camp including the old teachers and then we can have a very good time doing the same old things together, — glittering shoes—I remember S. P. S. wanted to count his teeth in them—lining beds and boxes. Oh: I forgot that the boxes have already been replaced and so no sitting on them. Of course, in case the O. S. are deterred by this idea, we shall exclude knocks. What is your opinion Sir, is this feasible?—The finances of course I am sure the O. S. will pay (as fees). It would be an ideal thing alright. I make this suggestion because it reminds me of the good old days and how wonderful it would be if even a part of it could be enacted. The very thought of it gives me a tremendous joy and to think that we could push back the hands of the clock. I mean this in all earnestness, Sir, and if there is even slightest hope of its possibility, I have no doubt that the School and the O. S. will unite to make this dream materialise....."

Sangram Singh Gaekwad is still in Bombay. He is still not "School sick" but "Cricket season sick", and sends us his best wishes for our matches against B. C. S. and Y. P. S.

I use these columns to remind Mr. J. K. Kate that Sangram is still awaiting a reply to his letter. . .

K. K. Soi, (16, British Indian St., Calcutta-1), feels that I am amazed to get his letter. "I am sure you must have thought me dead, but actually I am very much alive". He adds: "You must have heard that Biman Dhar left for Australia. He took a .22 with him most probably to shoot the rabbits there. Actually he has gone there for Engineering and his side line will be shooting or vice versa. Prem Singh Mangat got engaged lately and soon after this, his ship left for U. K. Most probably the shock was too great for him. Would you please look up your records and let me know whether Harish Gidwani has a twin brother? I have a feeling that either he has one or it is Harish himself in Calcutta. I have seen a guy many times and yelled madly calling him "Digs", "Zulu", etc., but the man refuses to hear. I have a feeling that it is Gidwani who has migrated to Calcutta....."

Arjun Soni, (B-3, Bemloe, Simla-1), writes to express his suffice at getting a First Div. He is undecided whether to go on with his studies or take up Engineering. He asks if I have a lot of new children, and this I hasten to deny. He writes: "I was in Calcutta, and never met a Sanawarian—past, present or even a future Sanawarian, except my brother. Vikram is working hard for some Insurance Exam. or the other. I find Simla rather boring—with hardly anything to do, and I wish I was back in Sanawar. I have been thinking of going on a hike or a trek but I can't find anyone to go with me. Peter Lee stayed with us for a few days, and moved out to Kufri with Mr. Sharma, and I think he enjoyed ski-ing."

Anil Malhtra, (137, Jorbagh, New Delhi-3), is contemplating the entry exam, for the training ship Dufferin. He writes: "Savinder has gone to Tehran. He is feeling very important as 200 visitors have come to see him. Bhusri has got a scooter. He, Dubey and myself go for 'chaat' very often."

Mira Harkirat Singh, (4 Janpath, New Delhi), is probably in St. Bede's by now. We hope to see a lot of Sanawar as its inhabitants.

Subhash Dua, (Room O. 12, St. Stephen's College, Delhi-8), has offered his services for school work once again' and we have gratefully accepted them. He makes the profound statement that Mullick, Chakravarti, Soneja, and myself are mugging hard these days. If anybody is interested, he is involved in "The significance of the Taiping Rebellion in Chinese History"

Jai Sheel Oberoi, (C/O Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun.), is learning typing, and trying to decide on his College. He hopes to join one in Dehra Dun. He writes: "The Academy this term is full of Old Sanawarians and they are at the top. There are two S. U. O's (corresponding to our school prefects, Dhama and Kalaan) together with many sergeants, corporals etc. As far as I know Mr. Gopinathan has not yet passed the drill square (there are a bare two month left for his passing out). He is also busy studying books he taught in Sanawar and if his marks are anything to go by; finding them very difficult."

Gurvir Inder Singh, (J. 10, Rudra North, St. Stephen's Collge, Delhi-8), writes to the Head: "The new year must have got off to a boisterous start. My sympathies extend to you at the re-opening and pray God you come out of it hale and hearty. Life in college is fine, but not as good as usual 'cause the exams, are only 10 days away. Everyone seemed to realize that a couple of days back and are mugging their heads off. The weather is planning to be sociable for another few days, and we are still going strong with blankets. Sanawar must be ideal for overcoats, I guess. I was feeling rich yesterday—it was my birthday. I'm broke today, as Mullick and Rao knew about the unfortunate occasion and made no bones about spreading the news. Jugnu writes and tells me that school is fine as usual and that he has been behaving these last few days. The S.C. results caused some surprise in O. S. circles, but not much as we kept our standards in mind. Anyway speaking modestly, they were poor. Are you planning any new buildings. I hear that Monkey's playground has shaped pretty well and should be about ready. (P. S. my source was not very reliable). I might be able to make it up to Sanawar towards the end of April for a couple of days. One really is quite pleasantly surprised by the changes everytime one goes there. Wish I could enroll in K. G. all over again. All the O. S. remember you and the School and are all hoping to make it to Sanawar for a flying visit during the summer vacations."

Richard Mountford, (7 Cavalry Lines, Delhi-8), rolls a wonderful scroll. I will not go into detail, as his writing has not improved a bit since he left. Odd words and phrases stand out—Never Give In, examination, chances few, Mullick beared, no time to shave, "Nitya has been elected the secretary of Athletics", "Maharaj Singh, Arun Bhatia, Maffa, G. S. Bedi take athletics", "Kochhar takes tourists", lovely legs, sketch. If I may summarise, Mullick is not dead but has grown and Kochhar has lovely legs.....

As a post script, I cannot refrain from including parts of a letter received by the Headmaster: Honourable and respected Sir,—I beg to be excused for the annoyance I am going to give to you, is of reading this humble request of mine and of rendering us your decision. We are desirous to play a friendly cricket match against the eleven of your elevated institution; to promote friendly relations and better understanding between the youngsters of different regions, cities and states; under the kind shade of your lovely hands.

Keeping in view that we, too, are like your sons, you will not disappoint us in this matter and square our joys, giving your consent to our humblest request.

Please be lovely and kind enough to direct us if you are willing to see these sons of yours in action at your playing grounds.

I am sending a self addressed postcard for an earlier and softer reply, a consent, a directive.

Begging to be manumitted for the immodest language if used by me during my humble request,

T. C. Kemp

The Nilagiri House Show

The eagerly looked forward to Nilagiri House Show was presented on the evening of the 14th, of April.

As usual, the mode of presenting was novel; two clowns, after a few jokes, introduced the item.

The programme began with a "Pangi Dance", a folk-dance of the inhabitants of the Kulu Valley. It was excellent.....the execution of the movements, especially those by the boys, being commendable and the music, though simple, pleasurable.

Three tunes.....of which "Lipstick on Your Collar", was the best.....were then played, competently on the mouthorgan, by Ashok Mehta.

The Prep School Play, "The Pixie Gardners", came next. The old man's (Rajiv Mehra's) flowing beard attracted instantaneous attention and though, at time, his voice was inaudible, he did his part well. The three little pixies (Kamaljit, Mandakini, Harpinder) fascinated the audience, not only with their performances, but also with their springy, upright, little "pig-tails".

"The Man who Ignored the War", the English play, followed. The story revolved around Henry Alport, a pensioner with two pet dislikes, the war, and his neighbours, the Mallinsons; and his daughter Rachel having fallen in love with Stanley Mallinson, how he finally gave in to their marriage. Karm Sheel Oberoi and Sunil Ahuja as Tom Mallinson and Henry Alport did their parts praiseworthy, though the former often spoke inaudibly, but perhaps excusably, from a sore throat. Jyoti Dhawan, as Rachel, looked, and was a modern girl with modern ideas while Sita Seethi, as Mrs. Alport, was the mother who hovers between the affections of her daughter and the place she holds in her husband's heart. Rita Gidwani, as Edie Mallinson, the comical, smart, newest member of the Auxiliary Fire Service, provided a diversion from those parts of the play which dragged slightly. The play on the whole, was good but individual performances could have been better.

"The Blue Mountaineers" the Nilagiri House Band, then played three tunes, of which "La

Paloma" was rendered best. Kamal Katoch, with the rattlers convulsed the audience with his hip-swinging, but, unfortunately, this tended to shift attention from listening to the music to observing his antics.

"Jhagde da Ant".....oh, how these Punjabies jabber and argue!.....a humorous Punjabi skit. would have been even funnier had the ending been less abrupt. The theme was of the excuse given by a 'Sardar' to his neighbour for his wife wailing in another room.....a condition she had been reduced to by his teasing prior their arrival. Surjit Bhasin, as Kartar Singh, portrayed the typical Punjabi while Jyoti Dhawan was the exasperated butt of all his remarks..... kind, rarely, and unkind.

The high-light of the show, the Hindi play, "Byah Ki Dhoom", was a perfect example of the confusion in an Indian wedding. The poor bride dissolves in tears and swears suicide on discovering that the groom is old, black and ugly, while her father vehemently protests that he, with his very own two eyes, had seen the groom..... a fair, handsome, young man. But..... it is the wrong groom under discussion and the real one is really fair, handsome and young.

Pradeep Varma, as the worried father, and Basant Usha Katoch, as the comparatively calmer mother, acted excellently. Arun Mahajan, as the father's younger brother, and Shambhu Dayal, as Kalloo, the barber, the root of all the trouble and the harbinger of the news of the coming of the wrong groom which resulted in so much confusion, deserve mention for the portrayal of their parts.

Nilagiri House must be thanked for the very enjoyable evening they provided us with, but which, with a little more effort ought to have been even more entertaining.

K. K. Kak.

The Foundation Day Picnic

With the coming of the clouds on the evening of the 14th. Our hearts sank.....the picnic was tomorrow. Would it rain? But the 15th..... thank God!dawned bright and clear.

Fall-in was at 8-30 and the boys and girls, after rendezvousing at Moti's Corner, strolled down together to Dagroo, this year's picnic spot.

Unlike in previous years, no O. S. joined us at the picnic this year.....shame!

Once again we saw Dagroo in all its glory. The charm of its gurgling streams, its swaying pines and the surrounding majestic hills hold for us Sanawarians an irresistible fascination that draws us year after year to its pleasant grounds- No Foundation Day Picnic is a real picnic unless held at Dagroo.

The Headmaster had invited some girls from a school in Sabathu to attend the picnic; I'm sure they must have enjoyed themselves.....what with our talkative girls and the few "gallants" who tried their best and made the guests feel at home.

Some time after arrival the boys began a "catching session" which soon turned into a "jam session". Miss Chak provided us with a Hindi song. Mrs. Bhupinder Singh modestly declared her inability to sing and so, instead, Mr. Sikund obliged us with "Naini Tallo". Oh dear, what can the matter be? (Mr. Lee and Mr. Sikund) sent us off into gales of laughter.

After a hearty lunch the Headmaster arranged a mock battle. Two houses had their headquarters on one hill and the other two on another. The aim was to capture the enemy's flag without being taken prisoner. It was quite interesting but, having just gorged ourselves on a tremendous lunch and the day being intensely hot, we were feeling rather sleepy and were in no mood to play so active a game. Those who were feeling "extra-energetic" found themselves swathed in bandages as a result of rolling down the hill side, trying to make prisoners. Altogether the picnic was grand.....but as all good things must end sometime, the clear notes of the bugle soon sent us packing on our journey homewards.

"Dead-beat" after a "killing" walk up the bridle path to Sanawar, we flopped on our inviting beds in our dormitories and lay there, tired, but not too tired to reminisce on the day's happenings.

Navina Sundaram

Prep School Foundation Day Picnic

On the 15th of April it was our Foundation day picnic.

After breakfast the Form II boys went to a village and the girl and the little boys to Doom's Pond. The very small children went straight to Eagle's Nest. Lower III boys and girls came with us. The boys went to Dharampore with Mr. Chaturvedi and the girls came with Mrs. J. Thomas.

We collected pine cones. All of us met at Eagle's Nest at lunch time. We had rice, chicken, salad, curd and a lovely fruit salad with cream for lunch. For tea we had tea and Charlies' Sweets.

Mrs. Cherian did not come because she had sprained her foot. We played and had lots of fun. I laid down for a little while on the grass.

Mrs. Kate went to Nabha and so she did not come. Miss Kavery was ill. Miss Suri could not come. Only Miss Rudra, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Sehgal, Miss Sinclair, Miss Chopra, Mrs. Osmond, Mrs. J. Thomas, Mrs. Tika Ram, Mr. Wad and Mr. Chaturvedi came to our picnic.

I played hide and seek. Some of the Prep. boys took their books with them. We read them. Some of the Lower III boys and Prep. boys sang songs and told stories. We played French cricket.

We climbed a steep hill to reach Eagle's Nest. While we were eating our food many crows and eagles came all around the hill. The cooks and beares served us our food. Some of the boys and girls had brought their glasses, mugs and water bottles. Some of us collected pieces of bark and acorns. I fell down and got a hurt. Indra, the photographer came for a little while and took our pictures while we were eating our food.

Some of the children did not come as they were ill. We brought all our pine cones in a sheet.

When we reached our dormitory. We had our baths. We came for our dinner in our night suits. It was a nice day for us all.

Rajiv Mehra
Form II B.

Big Victory for Sanawar

The 9th. April dawned fine and clear with perfect weather for our inter-school fixture against Y. P. S. It was therefore, with high spirits that the captains of the respective sides came out to toss. Sanawar won the toss and put Y. P. S. in to bat.

Sanawar struck two quick blows, as two of the Y. P. S. batsmen were seen striding back to the pavilion with hardly any runs on the score-board. Fortune smiled on them and their hopes revived, when their skipper, Jaijee and Charanpal got together for the third wicket and kept up stride with the clock. Jaijee was yorked by a ball on the off stump. After his exit there was a regular procession to the pavilion. Y. P. S. were in a very unhappy position when Harcharan Singh came in to bat. Some bright hitting by him put Y. P. S. back in the game. Harcharan's innings came to an end when he was caught by Ranjit Mehra at long mid-on. His individual total of 28 included a mighty six over the pavilion end. After Harcharan's departure, the Y. P. S. tail wagged a little and eventually their first innings came to an end with the total at 90.

A short interval, and the Sanawar opening batsmen, K. S. Sethi and S. S. Chahal were seen coming on to the field. Sethi was dismissed cheaply and was replaced by Gill. Chahal fought gallantly at one end, guarding his wicket well, while Gill played all his strokes confidently. A rising ball struck Gill on the thigh and he returned hurt.

Gill came on to continue his innings after Dua's quick departure. Sanawar suffered a sudden collapse and a close finish seemed likely until Bala and Bhasin coming together, with their brilliant hitting put Sanawar again in the lead. Bala's was a comendable performance. His individual score was 41. Sanawar innings closed with the total at 160.

Y. P. S. came in to bat a second time. The batsmen could not put up much resistance to the fiery Sanawar bowling and were all out for 70, their two innings thus equalling Sanawar's first innings total. Harcharan hit another six, but this time over the Lower Barne's end.

Gill and Bhasin opened the Sanawar second innings. The required runs came on the second ball of the first over, when Bhasin chopped a ball between the slips. Sanawar won by 10 wickets in one day.

The cricket team owes much to the superb coaching received from Mr. Lee, who deserves special mention. He has improved the standard of cricket in Sanawar considerably. After he leaves us, Sanawar cricket will miss him:—

Y. P. S. (First innings)

Tejinder Sandu bowled B. S. Bala	2
Charanpal S. caught Sethi bowled Bhargava	20
Joginder Gujral bowled B. S. Bala	0
Amarjit Jaijee bowled B. Dua	14
D. S. Mandi caught Bhasin bowled Dua	6
Raghuvinder Singh bowled B. S. Bala	5
Himmat S. caught Randhawa bowled Bhargava	4
Harcharan Singh caught Mehra bowled Dua	28
Dig Vijay S. caught Gill bowled Randhawa	2
Randhir Singh not out	1
Ashwani K. stumped Bhasin bowled Bhargava	0
Extras	8
Total	90

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
B. Dua	11	3	22	3
B. S. Bala	10	5	22	3
R. S. Randhawa	7	2	8	1
A. Bhargava	5.2	—	30	3

Sanawar (First innings)

Kuljit Sethi caught Tejinder bowled Ashwani	7
S. S. Chahal bowled Ashwani	34
S. S. Gill bowled Ashwani	16
B. Dua caught Himmat bowled Mandi	0
R. Mehra caught Mandi bowled Ashwani	0
S. S. Bhasin bowled Charanpal	21
B. S. Bala caught Jaijee bowled Mandi	41
A. K. Bhargava caught Joginder bowled Mandi	7
A. Pandya caught Tejinder bowled Charanpal	5
Randhawa caught Himmat bowled Charanpal	15
S. N. Gupta not out	2
Extras	12
Total	160

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Mandi	18	1	59	3
Ashwani	13	4	29	4
Jaijee	17	5	42	—
Charanpal	6.1	1	17	3

T. P. S. (Second innings)

Joginder Singh L. B. W. bowled Dua	8
Tejinder Singh L. B. W. bowled Dua	8
Charanpal Singh bowled Dua	12
D. S. Mandi caught Chahal bowled Dua	1
A. Jaijee bowled Bala	8
Raghuvinder S. caught Pandya bowled Bala	0
Himmat Singh run out	11
Harcharan Singh bowled Dua	6
Dig Vijay caught Chahal bowled Gill	8
Randhir not out	7
Ashwani bowled Gill	6
Extras	2
Total	70

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
B. Dua	13	3	35	5
B. S. Bala	8	3	11	2
S. S. Gill	4.2	1	20	2

Sanawar (Second innings)

S. S. Bhasin	not out	1
S. S. Gill	" "	0
Total		1 for no loss

B. Dua & K. Sethi

Lady Blasphemy!

Last October when I went on a recce-trip to the peaks Bar-Ka-Kanda and Termi-Kanda beyond Rampur Bushahar I passed through Kufri. I was so much lured by its charm and the wonderful sport it provides that I could not resist the temptation to dwell in the heart of Lady Blasphemy ("Kufri" is Blaspheme and hence I call Kufri Lady Blasphemy). So I decided to respond to the call of the fair lady during the coming winter holidays.

In the middle of January, after one day in Sanawar to collect my heavy winter clothing I continued to Simla. I arrived here in the middle of a snow storm (snow had been falling in Simla for the previous 3, 4. days) and there met Mr. Peter Lee somewhat by chance. After persuading him to accompany me we set off for Kufri. By now, after a snack at the Sonis, the snow was falling thick and fast, and the road was covered with quite a layer of snow. Luckily I met the Director of Himachal Transport and as a result was able to hire a jeep.

We piled into the jeep and started to plough through feet of snow. In spite of having chains on the tyres the jeep slipped and slithered a great deal. Once or twice we were near to going over into the ravine. All along the route we found lorries stuck and perched dangerously near the edge of the cliff and had to help pull them out before we could proceed. Eventually the jeep bogged down in the snow and could go no further. We then bailed out and while I walked the last three miles in driving snow to get coolies from Kufri, Mr. Lee stood for an hour and a half in a desolate spot. Eventually by 5.30 p. m. we were safely installed in the Winter Sports Club House, after a most thrilling six hour journey from Simla.

The Club House is very simple but quite adequate. It is situated right in the heart of the very small village of Kufri. Next day, after being fitted up with the necessary equipment we set off to taste the novelties of ski-ing. We started off on the Nursery slopes just below the Club House. There were three very good army instructors who soon showed us the basic essentials of skiing—e.g. to avoid landing on your back side more than twice every five minutes! There was a very pleasant bunch of fellow skiers (all of whom stayed at the club, which only holds nine people). A third of the company were foreigners.

Skiing for beginners is certainly one of the most energetic sports, and after a hard morning's skiing we felt like a post-lunch snooze, followed perhaps by an evening walk through 4, to 5 feet of snow. After a day or two at the gentle slopes we went higher up the hill to try our luck.

After a few days with me, Mr. Lee departed. However, I was fortunate enough to have more company when Arjun Soni joined me two days later. After a few more pleasant days we left in early February. We trudged back through the snow to Simla, and after having a pleasant lunch with Mrs. Soni I once again returned to Sanawar for a day just to leave the winter baggage. And then to the plains.

It Certainly takes many falls before one acquires any aptitude. The joy of one's first accident free run down a slope can not be over emphasized. It is a most exhilarating and stimulating experience. The techniques of stopping (before a barbed wire fence) and turning are further hurdles which the beginner must overcome.

The views of the snow covered mountains from the top of the ski-slopes were breath taking, one in the distance resembling a cathedral at a certain hour in the afternoon. The sites of Lady Blasphemy were very limited. The most appealing thing to my foreign companion being a mile-stone just outside the Club House telling us that we were 192 miles from the land of the Dalai Lama.

O. P. S.

A Pen Portrait



N. C. C. parade is on. The two troops are marching up and down the pavement, manoeuvring this way and that, carrying out intricate orders. Our portrait is striding up and down, his moustache quivering in rage or desperation. "Not that way you nincompoop! Salute with the right! "I'll send you galloping upside-down, down the khud just now". "Stop giggling like a hysterical female"—and so on. Parade over our pen-portrait gives a weary sigh of relief and slowly wends his way home.

Our pen-portrait, young as he is (he got married about two months back) has been in the school for a great number of years now. He is possessed of a handle-bar moustache, nicotine stained fingers, a considerable charm of manner and a voluminous vocabulary which he uses to the fullest extent, invoking screams of mirth. His method of teaching in the class room is unique—. He is the first teacher in Sanawar to adopt audio-visual aid. Let us say the battle of Jehlum, between Alexander and Porus is being taught to the class. "This boy here (the victim is hauled out of his seat by the ear and placed in position) is Alexander. This other nit-wit (same procedure as before) is Porus. This table—here drag this table you—is the river Jehlum. Now Alexander's forces went 16 miles upstream (poor Alexander is dragged by the ear 16 miles upstream) and from there.....".

Our portrait is a good sportsman even though handicapped to some extent by a knee injury he received a few years ago. On the cricket field while fielding in the cover region you can see him, glaring moodily at the bowler, the batsman, or the spectators. When his turn to bat comes he hitches up his shirt sleeves, glares all round and then proceeds to let fly at the ball full swing, irrespective of the type of delivery or the fielding positions. Sometimes he connects and the ball goes speeding towards the boundary, more often than not, he is out!

On the soccer field he is a good goal-keeper, using his head and fists well. He crouches in the goal like a bull at the gate of an amphitheatre and when the ball comes his way, pounces on it and either kicks or throws it away immediately.

Our portrait plays hockey too, with an equal amount of enthusiasm and skill. A menacing forward, he can be quite dangerous at times.

K. S. Oberoi

“सनावर संसद्”

इस वर्ष सीनियर हिन्दी सोसाइटी की प्रथम बैठक २ अप्रैल की शाम को सम्पन्न हुई। अन्य वर्षों की अपेक्षा इस वर्ष हमारा प्रयोग भिन्न था। यद्यपि अब तक अंग्रेज़ी में इस प्रकार की 'सनावर संसद्' की कुछ एक बैठकें सम्पन्न हो चुकी थीं तथापि हिन्दी के क्षेत्र में यह प्रयोग सर्वथा नूतन ही था।

इस 'सनावर संसद्' की बैठक की सफलता को देखते हुए ऐसा लगता है कि भविष्य में सनावर संसद् की बैठक ही हिन्दी सभा का एक महत्वपूर्ण एवं मनोरंजक अंग बन जाएगी। यह अनूठा प्रयोग पूर्णतः सफल रहा और हिन्दी के क्षेत्र में प्रथम बार होने के कारण अत्यन्त सराहनीय है।

इस संसद् में विरोधी दल के विविध प्रश्नों और मंत्रिदल द्वारा उन प्रश्नों के बुद्धिमत्तापूर्ण और मनोरंजक उत्तर श्रोतागणों की वाह-वाही के कारण बने।

सर्वप्रथम संसद् के अध्यक्ष कुलजीत सिंह सेठी ने मंत्रिमंडल से संक्षेप में और केवल आवश्यकतानुसार ही बोलने की प्रार्थना की। तत्पश्चात् आपने संसद् के प्रधान मंत्री श्री शम्भू दयाल से सनावर की स्थिति पर हर पहलू से प्रकाश डालने का निवेदन किया।

प्रधान मंत्री ने सनावर की स्थिति के हर पहलू की विवेचना की। सर्वप्रथम शिक्षा पर प्रकाश डालते हुए आपने कहा कि कुशल एवं प्रौढ़ालुभवी शिक्षकवर्ग तथा मनोरंजक पुस्तकें ही हमारी शिक्षा प्रणाली की विशेषताएँ हैं। जटिल विषय को भी मनोरंजक ढंग से समझाकर विद्यार्थियों को समझाना हमारे स्कूल के अध्यापकों की सबसे बड़ी योग्यता है।

भोजन के सम्बन्ध में आपने कहा कि हमारे शरीर की वृद्धि के लिये आवश्यक तत्वों की पूर्ति हमें मिलने वाले विटामिनयुक्त, स्वादिष्ट एवं पौष्टिक भोजन से ही बहुत कुछ हो जाती है।

स्वास्थ्य की चर्चा करते हुए आपने कहा कि स्कूल के स्वास्थ्य के सम्बन्ध में विशेष सावधान होने के कारण प्रायः बच्चे स्वस्थ और नीरोग रहते हैं।

अन्त में आपने सारांश रूप में कहा कि आपके दृष्टिकोण से सनावर की स्थिति संतोष-जनक है और इससे अधिक की आशा करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

प्रधानमंत्री के भाषणोपरान्त अध्यक्ष महोदय ने विरोधी दल के सदस्यों को अनुमति दी कि वे अपने अपने प्रश्न मंत्रिमंडल के

सम्मुख प्रस्तुत करें।

विरोधी दल के प्रमुख सुरजीत सिंह भसीन ने प्रश्न किया कि सनावर में नौसेना या वायुसेना संबंधी शिक्षा क्यों नहीं दी जाती? उत्तर में सुरक्षा मंत्री करनजीत सिंह ने कहा कि हमारे स्कूल के समीप न तो कोई अयुक्त जल प्रवाह है और न कोई वायु-अड्डा जहाँ कि वायुसेना या नौसेना संबंधी प्रत्यक्ष प्रयोग दिखलाए जा सकें।

श्री कर्मशील ओबेरोय ने प्रश्न किया कि हमें विदेशी भाषाएँ क्यों नहीं सिखाई जाती? आपको शिक्षामंत्री श्री सचीन्द्र नाथ गुप्ता द्वारा उत्तर मिला कि पहले आप अपनी मातृभाषा तो भली भाँति सीख लीजिए तदुपरान्त यदि चाहें तो विदेशी भाषाएँ भी सीख सकते हैं, विदेशी भाषा के भी शिक्षक हमारे स्कूल में उपलब्ध हैं। श्री अरुण पांड्या ने प्रश्न किया कि हमारा नया क्रीडा-क्षेत्र कब तक तैयार हो जाएगा? उत्तर में क्रीडा-मंत्री कुमारी मीनाक्षी खन्ना ने कहा कि आप स्वयं ही कुछ समय बाद उस पर खेलते दृष्टिगोचर होंगे।

इसी प्रकार विरोधी दल के कई प्रश्नों के उत्तर मंत्रिमंडल ने दिये जिनको स्थानाभाव के कारण लिखना असम्भव है।

विरोधी-दल के अन्य सदस्यों सर्वश्री अमरनाथ दत्ता, सुरेश गुप्त, सर्वजीत चहल, जितेन्द्र पंडित, कुमारी बसंत उषा कटोच, कु० मंजु सूद आदि के प्रश्नों के मनोरंजक उत्तर मंत्रिमंडल के अन्य सदस्यों श्री बलदेव दुआ (गृह), श्री कृष्ण कुमार काक (स्वास्थ्य), श्री दिनेश कुमार (वित्त) और कुमारी मालती वर्मा (खाद्य) आदि ने दिये।

अन्त में अध्यक्ष (स्पीकर) महोदय ने समयाभाव के कारण संसद् की कार्यवाही स्थगित कर दी। सभी ने संसद् का पूरा आनन्द उठाया और सभा के आरम्भ से अन्त तक श्रोतागणों का पूर्ण रूप से मनोरंजन हुआ।

इस संसद् की सफलता का प्रमुख श्रेय इसके संचालक श्री आत्माराम शर्मा, विरोधी दल के सदस्यों और मंत्रिमंडल को है जिन्होंने संसद् को अधिकाधिक मनोरंजक बनाया।

अध्यक्ष महोदय और उनके साथ ही संसद् के सदस्यों के उठते ही करतल-ध्वनि के मध्य सनवार संसद् की प्रथम बैठक की कार्यवाही समाप्त हुई।

दिनेश कुमार श्रीवास्तव
अपर फ्राइव

Letters to the editor

Ice-cream

Dear Sir,

With summer coming on it is only natural for one's thoughts to turn towards the unbearable heat of the approaching months. It is torture to live through these days and anything to mitigate this torture would be a great relief. So, with this view in mind, perhaps the school authorities might be persuaded to purchase an ice-cream machine for the school and give us ice-cream as often as possible in the next few months.

Before I here cries of "economy" hurled at me let me state that this is no time for economy measures. A bit of money spent here would be a bit of money spent wisely. Sanawar reaches a temperature in summer, seriously approaching that of the boiling plains. And it is not the fetid, sticky heat of the plains, but a dry crackling heat that goes right through one's head, enough to make one qualify for the loony-bin. So with these fact in mind, I sincerely hope the school does get an ice-cream machine.

Yours etc.

K. S. Oberoi.

Dear Sir,

Surely the extreme discomfort undergone by children, not to mention members of staff, during the hot summer months is sufficient reason for the establishing here of, in the near future, an ice-cream stall

This could be turned into a profitable venture by the additional charge of a small sum to the cost price, a sum which, I feel certain, customers will not mind paying.

There will be, I am sure, a heavy rush the first few weeks after the stall opens; serving will consequently be very difficult. If in that one stall there were four bars, one for each house, and if children and, if they wished, members of staff, resorted only to their house bars, work for the bearers would be lightened considerably.

Naturally, the stall would have to be very well stocked.

In the hope of my dream of a first-class ice-cream stall in Sanawar coming true, I end,

Yours etc.

Krishen Kak.

Editor's Note :—

It is regretted that due to lack of space in this edition of the News-Letter, an account of the hike to Gorkha Fort will not be published. It will appear in the next issue.

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School News

April 27th. Inter-house Netball matches (G. D.) commence. Vindhya hot favourites for top honours.

April 29th. Vindhya annex the Netball cup. Congratulations. Nilagiri Siwalik and Himalaya follow in that order. An account of this appears elsewhere.

May 1st. The cricket Colts play against their B.C.S. counterparts. In a match packed with thrills, Sanawar won by 7 wickets. The score were:—

B. C. S.	59 (Gill 23, Katoch 3 for 27, C. S. 1st innings Uggal 4 for 2).
Sanawar	80 (Jayaram 23 not out, G. Parkash 1st innings 4 for 35)
B. C. S.	89 for 6 declared (Nath 23, G. 2nd innings Parkash 29)
Sanawar	69 for 3. 2nd innings

May 2nd. Holiday granted in honour of the Colts' victory, but the school goes down to watch the P. D. vs. B. D. (LIII) cricket match. The LIIs' won by a comfortable margin. Swimming Gala in the afternoon. Mr. Lee's idea of inter-house water polo proved quite interesting. Duckings galore! Messers. Sikund and Mukherjee take (or were forced to take) a header into the shallow end—clothes and all. Arvind Bery (O. S.) had the same treatment meted out to him and surfaced, spluttering water minus his spectacles, and looking, as somebody very poetically puts it—"like a drowned rat".

May 4th. P. D., L-IIIs and U-IIIs watch the Himalaya House Dress Rehearsal.

May 5th. The Barne Memorial Match commences. The staff is reinforced by the presence of three O. S., Mountford, Kochhar and Dube, all old colours of the School XI. Himalaya House Show in the evening. An account of this appears elsewhere.

May 6th. Mid-term break commences. Nine boys accompanied by Mr. O. P. Sharma leave for a hike to Chaur. The Barne Memorial Match ends in a thrilling draw. The scores were:—

Staff XII	146 (Mr. Lee 35, Mr. Mundkur 24, 1st innings Kochhar 21, A. Pandya 3 for 27, R. Randhawa 3 for 15)
School XII	84 (Mr. Mundkur 5 for 50 Mr. Bhale- 1st innings rao 3 for 7)
Staff XII	121 (Mr. Lee 45, Dua 3 for 27). 2nd innings
School XII	142 for 10 (Pandya 54 not out, Mr. 2nd innings Mundkur 5 for 43).

Barne Memorial supper on the flood-lit pavement.

May 7th. The Cricket First XI leaves for Simla amid much vociferous shouting of, "bring two double bubble-gums for me!" The girls hold a fancy-dress social in Barne Hall. Preppers go for a picnic to Lover's Pond. Film "Rock around the Clock" sets the girls crazy about rock-n-roll.

May 8th. "Rock around the Clock" screened for the second time due to a popular demand from the girls.

In Simla the First XI pile up a formidable total and nearly skittle out B. C. S.

May 9th. Sanawar registers a 79 run victory over the B. C. S. Much elation in School. Highlights of the match were a 54 run partnership between Gill and Kuljit and a brilliant 52 by skipper Dua. In the B. C. S. 2nd innings Balvinder Singh hit up 74 runs in just over 20 minutes. The scores were:—

Sanawar	172 (Dua 52, Gill 38, Bala 27, G. S. 1st innings Anand 3 for 32, S. Kashyap 3 for 19 and A. K. Khanna 3 for 47).
B. C. S.	105 (Mahendra 47 not out, B. Dua 7 1st innings for 39 which included a hat-trick, the first in an inter-school match for over 40 years).
Sanawar	154 for 7 declared (Gill 47, Dua 30, 2nd innings Pandya 22 not out, G. S. Anand 3 for 48).
B. C. S.	142 (Balvinder Singh 74, Brijender 2nd innings Singh 4 for 41).

Through the columns of the Sanawar News-letter the Cricket First XI takes this opportunity to thank Mr. P. Lee for his wonderful coaching throughout the season which enabled them to gain comfortable wins over the B. C. S. and Y. P. S. His was team-building of the highest calibre and his very presence in Simla was an asset to the team.

May 10th. The victorious First XI is profoundly welcomed by the School in a grand ceremonial march from the School gate to the quad.

Hikers return.

May 11th. Holiday. The first social of the year, to celebrate the First XI victory, was held in the evening.

May 14th. The History Society meets, speaks and disperses. Bratt captivates the audience with his powers of oratory.

Our Congratulations to the three girls who won prizes in The Indian Academy of Fine Arts Exhibition of Child Art held at Amritsar in the winter of 1959.

1. Manju Sood

Silver Medal

2. Lina Rani Bagchi Prize in Group B
3. Suman Geeta Cash Prize
Howler

From a L-IV on the discovery of South America :—

South America was discovered by Lord Lytton who was carried there by the trade winds.

O. S. News

This letter is going to be one of memories mostly, and I apologise in advance to O. S. who were promised replies by me to their letters.

I have received a number of letters from O. S. of a very early age, and I reproduce one of particular interest which even present day Sanawarians will enjoy.

Mr. H. Bond, (40 St. Mark's Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, London, England), writes: "I was a student at Sanawar from 1904 to 1912 and am still interested in the Old School. In my time the Std. of Education was Senior Cambridge. What is the present standard of Education of Sanawar? I have forgotten Sanawar's length, width and altitude, and the distances between (1) Sanawar & Dharampore, (2) Sanawar & the Choir Bridge over the Ghambar Gorge, (3) Dharampore to Subathu via the 49 Turns (Dharampore—Subathu Road), (4) Sanawar to Subathu via Lovers' Walk, (5) Sanawar to Kasauli, (6) Kasauli to Kalka, (7) Sanawar to Duttia Gorge, (8) Dharampore to Gurkle Village, and (9) Distance around Sanawar (Long Back way). I wonder whether anyone has written a Short History and Natural History of Sanawar. I still remember the trees, Butterflies, Birds, Wild animals, Snakes, etc. In the Monsoons *Butts Ravine* has quite a number of Keelbacks (hill grass snakes?) and I remember on one occasion I heard the loud prolonged hiss of a snake on the Southern Slope of the hill above the *Upper Plain* (Recreation Ground) and on investigating found a thickest brown snake in a bush coiled up and fast asleep—I touched it with my hand but something warned me that it was a poisonous Viper. I got away at once. I often wonder what sort of snake that really was. Why's the spur close to Sanawar called *Eagles' Nest*? I never once saw a Lammergeir in its vicinity except when flying over the crag on its way to Simla. I hope you will excuse me writing and trust to receive a complete answer to my queries. Thanking you."

My reply to Mr. Bond. We were happy to hear from you. Sanawar has completed another cycle since you left. Yet much remains unchanged. We still finish with the Senior Cambridge examination, and we still have our *Eagles' Nest*, *Lover's Pool*, etc.

You must have left just with Bishop Barne's arrival, and so the major changes that took place in Sanawar were just after your time. The main change was in 1947 when Independence brought an end to the British period and an entry of Indian boys into this School. We now have 533 Indian boys and girls, but I can assure you that traditions still live on. I have been here since 1941 and, having had the privilege of knowing both the periods, I can say that I am as proud of our present day product as I was of the previous.

I am putting your name on our mailing list and you will be getting more news of us very regularly, I hope. If you would like to pay your way the Old Sanawarians fee is Rs. 3/- (about 4 shillings) per annum.

To answer your queries :—

- (1) Sanawar to Dharampore is three miles by the bridle path.
- (2) Dharampore to Subathu is about eight miles by car road.
- (3) Sanawar to Subathu along the bridle path is about six miles, while the Iron Bridge over the Ghambar Gorge is another four miles or so from Subathu itself. Incidentally, is this the bridge which you refer to as the Choir Bridge, or do you mean the bridge over the Dagroo Stream which you cross when going to Subathu from Sanawar by the bridle path and *Lover's Walk*?
- (4) Sanawar to Kasauli is three miles by car road and Garkhal which we pass on the way is about half a mile downhill from Sanawar.
- (5) Kasauli to Kalka is 9 miles by the bridle path and about 24 miles by car road.
- (6) Duttia Gorge is a new one on me. Please let me know where it is. I myself would like to revive this old name if it has any history behind it.
- (7) The Long Back, I think, has never been measured. However, I should put the distance at about just over a mile from the boys' pavement, via the hospital, Moti's Corner, and round by the main gate and what we call *Tilley's hill*.

Mr. Carter who is now in England at 3 Northgate Grange, Fornham Road, Bury, St. Edmunds, Suffolk, was thinking of writing a short history of Sanawar, but, unfortunately, he is now in no condition to do so. However, Mrs. Carter might be of help with regard to details of Sanawar, as she left it only some ten years ago.

We still have the pines but are lopping the branches now in order to lessen the danger of forest fires. We have plans, too, for gradually replacing the pine with the deodar. Butter flies and birds still abound, and of course, the war on snakes during the monsoons continues unawaited.

The upper plain is now named *Barnes* after Bishop Barne, and we have in hand a scheme, half-completed, for building a new play-ground in the area we know as *Garden City*: this is located on the West side of the hill facing Kasauli and on the slope below the bakery. The old *Tin Shed* which was used as a Gym. in your time has now been pulled down and replaced by two very beautiful dormitories. The clothing rooms have had their partitioning walls removed and a large hall now exists which we use as the Gym. Perhaps in your time this hall was partitioned to form the class-rooms of the Boys' School. The barrack opposite it still remains, as does the barrack to the left of it, although now minus the third storey in each case. The church stands, still where it stood, and the barrack the other side of it is now used as a boys' dormitory. A combined swimming pool with a filtration plant installed is just beyond this building, on the way to what used to be the old cemetery which, later, was converted into a children's park and finally by 1941 had a girls' school dormitory built on it. The Preparatory School and the hospital are still as they were in your time and occupy the ridge on the North-East side of Sanawar. The main Sanawar ridge above the chapel now has a building housing fourteen class-rooms plus a Science block, library and the main hall.

I could go on for hours like this, but, very regretfully, I must call a halt.

Mr. Bond's reply to me included a postal order for 4 shillings—the true "Sanawar spirit." I must thank you for your letter of 11th May. [Choir Bridge is on the car road between Dharampore Rly. Stn. and Subathu. It spanned a stream about ½ an hour's walk from Dharampore. I have forgotten the name of the torrent (perhaps its Dargu and not Ghambar). There were 4 pools *Harts*, *Buttercups*, *Darbys*, and *Farthings* in the ravine named after boys who were at Sanawar long before my time. Who was *Moti*? *Porter*? To get to *Choir Bridge* from Sanawar one would have to go down the bridle path past *Moti's Corner* & *Eagles Nest* to Dharampore. Probably Divine Service was held out near the Bridge when the boys were in camp at *Harts Pond* to save the Principal from further hiking. The torrent was subject to spates in the Rains and so camp was never held after June had set in. The camp site was a comparatively flat piece of land above *Harts Pond* and only the Military Instructor (Mr. Ricks) accompanied the boys to camp. From Sanawar could be seen (near Subathu) what we used to call the *River Bed*—perhaps this was a part of the ravine or gorge that I have in mind. Its source may have been in the vicinity of *Dagshai*.

Lovers' walk was the bridle path that ran in a westerly direction at the foot of *Crater Hill* (now *Tilley Hill*) & continued to Subathu, but the *Choir Bridge* was not on this route. It was a ½ hour's walk from Dharampore Rly. Station down the road going to Subathu.

Duttia Valley was the ravine or gorge along the whole length at the foot of *Kasauli's North face* and separated *Kasauli Hill* from Sanawar. *Jabli Tunnel* & a Rly. Bridge (vi-a-duct) was at one end and the slope leading up into *Kasauli* at the other end. *Duttia* sounds Indian and possibly was owned, or still is, by *Raja Bhuj* in whose dominions *Sanawar Hill* used to be before the School was founded in 1847. Another site was *Butts Valley* or *Old Butts*, a ravine between the *Boys' Pavement* and the *Hospital*. It had a torrent in the Rains with a bathing pool and a small waterfall, and as it was so close to the dormitory it used to be a favourite spot for rambles, killing *Keeltacks*, catching moths, & bird nesting. *Hyenas* & *jackals* haunted it too. There used to be a wood of pine trees on its flanks below the hospital and below the *Cook House* as well. It was quite a solitary place. A couple of houses had been built in the area just near a *Tennis Court*.

The *Class Rooms* used to be what may now be the *Gym* and the *Class Rooms* now in existence used to be a *College* in my time at which *Science*, *Languages*, *Painting* and *Music* was taught to boys who had passed the *Senior Cambridge Examination* and who were desirous of joining the *Educational Deptt.* as *Schoolmasters* in the *Anglo-Indian Schools* of *India*. *Science* is still taught at *Sanawar* but what about *painting*, *Music* (*Piano* etc.) & *Languages* (*Latin*); are these subjects out of favour?

Are there any memorials to old times: *Mr. Hildesley* (*Principal*), *Mr. Gaskell* (*Headmaster*), *Mr. Cousins* (*Secy.*), *Miss Parker* (*Headmistress*) & *Mr. Ricks* (*The G. Foster* of other days)?

Do please send me news whenever it is possible to do so. Kindly let me have the correct names of the two or three *Gorges* I have mentioned at your convenience and oblige.

I would love to receive a pencil or pen & ink sketch of *Sanawar* from *Lover's Walk* to *Eagles' Nest* or even an *Ordnance Survey Map*. For what purpose is the *Chapel* utilised now? *Temple*, *Gurdwara*, *Girja*, *Musjid*, *Budhist Sanctuary*, *Museum*?

Any Parsee Boys In the School?"

Thanking you.

Dear Mr. Bond,

Thank you for your letter. I have not had the time to reply.

I am certain one of the boys will send you a sketch of the scene you are trying to visualise. Do write to *Mrs. Tilley* who is the *Secretary* of the *Old Sanawarians' Association* in *England*. Her address: *Mrs. V.M. Tilley*, 106 *Cranley Garden*, *Muswell Hill*, *London*, *N. 10*, *England*.

Maninder Singh Bhagat, (828, *West State Street*, *Milwaukee 3*, *Wisconsin*, *U. S. A.*), writes: "When I got here I straightaway got very busy in what they here call the 'American whirlpool of activity'—mind you girls and movies excluded. But here there are so many worthy outlets, social and intellectual, that one can absolutely drop out of college but we have to be careful in balancing our schedule—as there is no more of the old 'programme board' in front of the *Dining Room*."

Getting down to what I think is very important: I would first like to supply you some information and then would ask you to provide me with some: (1) I am an *Old Sanawarian*. (2) I would like to be recognised as one and if there are any dues on my side I shall clear them on being notified. (3) I got one newsletter—one only but even that was enough to satisfy some of my hunger for *Sanawar news*—but not enough. (4) I shall be obliged if some arrangement is made to send the *O. S.* abroad some news of *School*. (5) We don't want to be isolated from our heritage and besides to some of us who've never stayed at home long enough that is our real home in *India*. (6) Is the *1958 Sanawarian* published? (7) I would like to have it. (8) I would like to have the news-letter regularly.

I hear *Mr. B. Singh* has made an achievement; you can congratulate him on my behalf. The sorry thing is I don't even know if he's at school—so I am not writing to him. I am very much behind on what's going on at school, but believe me it makes me homesick. Everytime I am depressed either I pray or I take out the newsletter and when *Kadan's 'Peter & Co.'* is before me, I can't help but laugh.

I am studying here at the *University of Wisconsin* for a degree in *Engg.* (*Mech.* or *Electronic*, haven't decided yet). But their system of education is pretty advantageous, not too tough but you've got to be on your toes all the while—I've remembered something, are you still teaching *Chemistry*? If so then I want to know if it is the same chemistry as before. I wanted to tell you it is getting obsolete. On reply from you I shall send you a text book from which I learn and a lot of our concepts there need to be tidied up and modified. Another thing—my *Dean of Engg.* is coming to *India* to teach and organize an *Engineering* course in *Calcutta*. He has a 15 years old son whom he'd like to send to school there. And he's got interested in *Sanawar*—so will you mail me a prospectus—all money shall be reimbursed on being notified the sum. I know that as a *Bursar* you are too busy—but if you can find the time—spare it for a few lines to me. I'll welcome them."

Harish Gidwani, (*D. M. E. T. Hostel*, *Wandray Road*, *Bombay-1*), writes: "A thousand pardons for not having corresponded with you for the last few decades. I don't suppose there's any sense in putting forward the usual excuses, so I won't."

I'm sorry that, much as I want to, I haven't been able to come up to the old Alma Mater for so long and the worst of it is I doubt if I can come up even this year. I just seem to be stuck in a rut. I mean day in and day out 365 days a year I go to the Naval Dockyard workshops during the day for my apprenticeship and back to D. M. E. T. for classes, games, or parade every evening. The monotony of my training seems to be broken only by an occasional 2-3 day sea trial or a week's leave. Can you imagine it, Sir, I haven't had any holiday since May 1959 and this month they've condescended to give me one week's leave. Awful, isn't it—one week, after a whole year's work.

Oh well another two months here in Bombay and then if I manage to pass all my examinations successfully I go to the Marine Engineering College in Calcutta as a Cadet for one year after which I get my ship. That's the only thing that keeps me going.

I met Fatso (Diljeet Chowdhury) here in Bombay. In fact I just saw him off on his ship this morning. He, to quote his exact words, is migrating to the U. K. He left by the P. & O. liner Strathnaver this morning.

By the way I would like to correct K. K. Soi's impression, Sir. I have not been in Calcutta for over three years now and will not be there again for at least another two months. Will you please tell him that from me when you next meet him and also please remind him, he owes me several letters.

P. S. Excuse the messy handwriting and the written English, but I've been doing things like Maths. for so long that I can't write English straight now.".....

2/Lt. S. P. S. Gill, (The Deccan Horse, C/O 56 A. P. O.) writes: "I hope this letter finds you and all the other Sanawarians well and happy.

I rejoined the regiment on April 14th after the completion of my Y. O. S' course at Ahmednagar. We have been extremely busy recently with our Brigade and Div. exercises. It is for this reason Sir that I could not write to you earlier.

Rajinder Kalaan who is passing out of the Academy this summer is most probably being commissioned into my regiment.

Another old Sanwarian we have in our regiment is Indira Mohini (Mrs. Capt. K. P. Singh). Her husband is at present A. D. C. to the Deputy Chief of the Army Staff Gen. Wadalia who is our Col. Comdt.

Gurbirinder Singh Sandhu is in the Army Service Corp and at present is in one of the G. T. Coys. here.

I met Rama Kapoor in the Club the other day. She is now Mrs. Talwar. He happens to be in the Artillery. They have a sweet looking daughter aged—

Please send me the news-letter at the above address. Please do not make it by V. P. P. It will not be workable because of security reasons. I can send you the money by cheque just now or will pay you in cash when I come up to Sanawar during Founder's or earlier.".....

Anjana Thadani, (8, Framroz Court, Marine Drive, Bombay—1), sent us lots of news. She has been travelling down South quite a bit. Anjana had just finished her first-year exams. and is holding thumbs. She, apparently, disagrees very strongly with the markings of Housecraft Practicals. She is taking a Home Science Course, and her subjects are: Psychology, Chemistry, Nursing & First

Aid, Nutrition, Housecraft, Ethics, Anatomy and Social Etiquette. Anjana (never having done Chemistry in Sanawar) complains that "formulae are really a bit too tough; as for Child Psychology, I think I should be Psycho-Analysed first!!!.".....

Usha Prakash (nee Chowdhry), Asha Mahal, Flat 14, 46 B. Pedder Rd., Bombay—26), asks for Mrs. Johnson's address. If any of you can supply it, please do so. She met Tripat: "She lives very near to me; last week I spent a day with her. She has a little daughter called Radhika".....

Subash Dua and Pradip Soneja are spending some time in Sanawar and working really hard helping us to sort out our admission problems. Arvind Bery, Anil Seth, Richard Mountford, I. S. Bhursi, H. S. Kochhar, N. P. Dube and Surrinder Kalaan also spent a few days here. The lattermost helped me quite a bit in the office.....

We send our congratulations to Ranjit Bhatia who has been awarded his Blue (Running) at Oxford. Ranjit finished his Tripos in Maths., and is now working on Electric Computers and should be back in September.....

Ashok Nehru is doing History at Baliol, Gita Bery is in Paris (sometimes) and is studying French and German, and Ashok Bhatia might eventually arrive in Oxford if he does not decide to take up an appointment instead.....

Mohinderjit Singh Grewal, (42, Jubilee Hotel, Jullundur Cantt), complains bitterly: "I received the April issue of the News-letter but it came to me by ordinary post. So please send me the next copy by V.P.P....."

K. M. Varma, Cassino Company, Indian Military Academy, P. O. Prem Nagar, Dehra Dun), is six months junior to Mr. Gopinathan and a little more to Dhama, Rajinder Kalaan, Sandhu and G. S. Bath who, of course, are the big shots..."...

Anupma D. Singh, (C/o Dukay Engg. Co., Osman Pura, Aurangabad), refuses to have herself photographed again. We were hoping to use her photograph as one of the President's Medal winners in the next issue of the SANAWARIAN. Anupma hopes to join Lady Irwin College to do the B. Sc. Home Science course: "Sir, there is something I had wanted to say last year but always forgot to do so. I don't know if I have the right to do so or not but it is about the House flags. Last year they were placed according to the position the House had obtained in the Boys' School Cock-House Cup. As the House flags represent the House in all the three departments wouldn't it be better if they were placed according to the Cariappa shield results?".....

T. C. Kemp.

The Himalaya House Show

It was the 5th of May. Barne Hall was crowded with parents, visitors excited girls and their not too jovial counterparts—the boys, and last but not least, an unexpectedly large collection of old Sanawarians, all waiting patiently for the revelation of the mystery that lay behind the "Cave of the Forty Thieves", an original presentation of the annual Himalaya House show.

No sooner had the last note of the National Anthem faded away than four sturdy, bearded, fierce-looking men, swords half-drawn, thumped past the audience to the entrance of the cave, with the familiar 'open sesame', the curtain unveiled only to delight the audience with a "Jewel Dance",

performed by a well selected, talented set of girls who made a pretty picture with their attractive costumes and polished make up.

This was followed by a delightful display by the toddlers from the Prep. School who danced to the one-time favourite "Sail Along The Silvery Moon". The pretty, dainty little girls in their lovely pink frocks and the smart young Casanovas in white, with black bands round their waists and distinguishing bow-ties, made an inspiring picture of innocence, grace, charm and beauty and would have converted even the severest critics of co-education. Their short exhilarating performance left one wanting more, and was, I think, easily the most fascinating and enjoyable item of the evening. It would make an excellent bait to catch the opponents of co-education at Founders.

A Hindi skit "Ap-ke-Mehman" in two short scenes, came next. It was a comedy of errors brought about by Mr. Varma (Brijinder Singh), who because of the inaudibility caused by the storm, answered to the call of Mr. Sharma, and thereby had the ordeal of putting up his unexpected, uncouth guest, Mr. Pradeep (S. N. Gupta), whose crude behaviour caused much alarm to his host and hostess and sent the audience, who were merely looking out for something to laugh at, into gales of laughter. However, Lina Bagchi, as Mrs. Varma, was the redeeming factor of the play and her shrill voice, well directed gestures and facial expressions, broke the monotony of slap-stick humour.

After a short interval the girls gave another dance performance (true to the spirit of the forty thieves) "The Lotus And The Bee". It was much commended and appreciated for its originality. Anita Thomas, with her characteristic grace and expression (as the bee) added richness and placed it above mediocrity.

This was shortly followed by a commendable attempt to act Shakespeare in Punjabi. Good old Shakespeare! I wonder what his reaction would have been to see his most gruesome, tragedy transformed into a frivolous comedy. Though a comedy would have been more appreciated, Punjabi being what it is, for a final verdict one must take into consideration the dramatic presentation of the two most awe-inspiring scenes from Macbeth..... the soliloquy of Macbeth before Duncan's murder and the death of Macbeth at the hands of Macduff..... which were put across without a hitch, even though the audience was in fits of laughter, when the act called for nothing but intense graveness.

We now came to the last item..... a one-act English play, "Where Every Prospect Pleases". Here was some good acting and the cast was well suited to their respective roles. Sunita Nath as the simple, uneducated Miss Smith; Rajika Palit as the typical over-riding manor-Lady who almost succeeded in turning her docile tenant out; Andy Kemp as the tomboyish young lady who completely upset Lady Smythe's (Rajika Palit) plan simply because she had to have some one looking after some rare birds in the back garden, were all well rehearsed, distinct and polished. Navin Bratt as the old country gentleman who spent most of his time fawning on Lady Smythe, provided much laughter with the constant and deliberate cracking of his voice, and gave a talented performance.

With this came to an end a pleasant evening. Col. Bhatia in his short speech thanked Himalaya House for an entertaining evening. I, for one, was glad that there were no noisy bands, prolonged nursery rhymes or monotonous folk songs. Himalaya House had attempted to put their show origina-

lly and when the Cave of the Forty Thieves had closed before us and all but a merry excited lot of actors had gone, one could smile and say unhesitatingly, well done fellows!

D. R. A. Mountford.

Inter-house Netball

Wednesday, the 27th. of April, saw the commencement of the first match in the Inter-house Netball Tournament. Vindhya, with its strong team, faced the weaker Siwalikans. The latter played pluckily but lost 17—7. Himalaya and Nilagiri matched well and Nilagiri just managed to win by 10 goals to 7,

The next day Vindhya played a cat-and-mouse game with Himalaya and won, inspite of Andy Kemp's repeated efforts to score, by 23 goals to 3. The Nilagiri vs. Siwalik match, to everyone's surprise, was a well contested match. Victory for whom was uncertain at half-time—the scores were the same—but then Nilagiri bucked up and beat Siwalik 8—7. Radha Taneja tried hard to save the day for Siwalik, but to no avail.

Excitement waxed high on the 29th. as the final match neared. In the first game Himalaya played with and lost to Siwalik. The excitement reached its pitch when the dreaded Vindhya's ranged against the formidable Nilgarians. The boys cheered mightily as Vindhya gradually began showing herself superior to her opponents. In no time at all she scored 6 goals—what with Shabnam towering over Priti Dhawan and stopping the ball from entering the Vindhya goal. They played excellently, Thilothma Jayaram's shooting was commendable, and the game ended 28—5. Vindhya had won.

The final positions were:—

First	...	Vindhya	...	6 points
Second	...	Nilagiri	...	4 points
Third	...	Siwalik	...	2 points
Fourth	...	Himalaya	...	0 points

Sheena Grewal

The Historical Society

The Historical Society held its first meeting on the evening of the 14th. May. There were ten speakers and their topics ranged from Mahatma Gandhi to "If Cleopatra had a longer nose".

Andy Kemp, presided the meeting and declared in her opening address that such societies need not be compulsory and only those actually interested in the subject should attend. After the opening address, Promod Pathak came up to discuss the demerits of Mahmud Ghazni. He condemned Ghazni as a selfish barbarian who had no regard for human feelings and faith. Ravi Khanna, on the other hand, praised Ghazni as a religious man whose aim was to destroy all other faiths so that the world would seek shelter in Islam. Karm Sheel spoke on the fantastic (if not humorous) subject "If Cleopatra had a longer nose". Kak followed him with the recitation of a re-written poem, "An 'IF' for Historians". Navin Bratt compared the Saintly Murders of the East with those of the West. He described the assassination of Sidi Maula in India and of Thomas Becket in England. Meenakshi Khanna who spoke next, forwarded Ashok's claims to being one of the greatest monarchs of Indian History. Parveen Sharma, followed with an old subject, Mohammad-bin-Tughlak. According to him Tughlak was a genius with just one defect.....

he was born in the wrong age. Jyoti Dhawan speaking on Akbar, upheld him as the only great personality who was able to unite medieval India peacefully and who did not care for cast or creed. S. N. Gupta put to us Gandhi's full claim as the Father of the Nation. S. N. said, "Gandhi was more right when wrong than we are right when right". Paran Grewal the 10th. and last speaker rounded up the meeting with, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness while some have greatness thrust upon them." She expressed her inability to say which one of the personalities discussed was the greatest, for, she said, "Each one of them had an equal claim to greatness".

Thus ended the first meeting of the Historical Society, which can safely claim to have been both interesting and instructive.

Vinod Chadha

A Pen Portrait



Stride, stride, stride!
Thump, thump, thump!
You could tell him a mile off!

As he walks past you, with a pace that would leave lightning standing stockstill, our portrait nods

a fine morning and smiles benevolently from under his spectacles.

A great walker, his greatest joy is to organize and lead hikes in nearby hills. Setting the pace, this doughty mountaineer—he once climbed 21,000 feet with Tenzing—begins the tiring and yet, in a way, interesting, job of not only encouraging laggards but also evoking interest in his companions for the mountains that surround them, and once this is accomplished, of listening patiently to the excited comments on the beauty of so-and-so peak or the curious shape of such-and-such rock.

With bonhomie radiating and wit flashing like a diamond among coals, he paces back and forth among his eager hikers, giving a helping hand here or lending advice there.

But perhaps his versatility is best seen when organizing a dramatic show. Watch him demonstrate to the aspiring actresses and actors the correct technique of displaying simulated anger or the right way of lighting a cigar, or further still, the correct way of kissing a lady's hand.

Mathematics is his favourite subject. He is addicted to giving stiff question papers, but his marking is correspondingly lenient.

A great reader, he is fond of fiction and though, at times, he does read the works of eminent authors, it is to the paper-back that he always turns to for relaxation.

Due to his multifarious interests and a charming personality, our pen-portrait is one of the most likeable persons in Sanawar.

K. K. Kak.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I was delighted to read in the "News-letter" that brainies like Karm Sheel and Kak, have got terrific ideas; sound in theory but I doubt if they will work in practice. However, if they are still so keen on getting or rather setting up an ice-cream stall, I should suggest that Shanti Swarup Bhardwaj should be caught by the ear, and be told to install an ice-cream stall or plant, whatever the case may be. (With due apologies to Shanti).

But it does seem curious that no one else before thought that the heat of the summer months in Sanawar was unbearable. It seems that the present Sixth Formers are getting more eccentric, unpredictable, or more wise. In any case let me congratulate them.

Yours etc.
Anil Malhotra

Dear Sir,

I would like to air my opinion on some points brought up in the letters received by you last month from K. S. Oberoi and Krishen Kak.

I certainly agree with them on the urgent need for an ice-cream machine in Sanawar. The heat here has already become unbearable and is sure to, by the end of this month, cause a few cases of sunstroke.

Kasauli happens to be out of bounds at the moment, so we are even denied the pleasure of trudging up the Palpitation Hill to eat at Alasia a

few terrible iced-custard cones which cost us all our pocket money.

Having an ice-cream machine here would save every one a lot of botheration, and help us to keep going in these agonizingly hot months.

Customers would certainly be plenty so the school would run no loss. The ice-cream need not be the fabulous "Tutti-Frutti" even though this would be more than welcome. The ordinary Vanilla and Chocolate would be enough to appease most of us.

I hope that my wish for the establishment of an ice-cream stall in Sanawar is not a futile one.

Yours etc.
Jyoti Dhawan

Dear Sir,

I was glad to hear an opinion, that I have held for sometime, expressed by others at the recent History Society Meeting. Namely, that societies in Sanawar should be conducted with smaller groups of people. A society in a public school is essentially for a small compact group of people, in which every member feels he is taking part. The members of each society should have a genuine interest in the subject and take an active part in all that goes on. The society should meet at least five times a year, if maximum benefit is to be derived.

I feel that each society should have a member of staff (who himself has an interest in the subject) as a president, and a boy or girl as secretary. They, between them, would arrange each meeting's programme, announcing by way of an advertisement or poster on the board what the next meeting would consist of.

People would derive far more benefit from these societies than from the present large impersonal gatherings, where boredom invariably appears to pervade the hall. It would be possible to go much deeper into each topic and the knowledge gained would be greater.

On the practical side, seniors would obviously participate far more in societies than juniors. Membership of at least two societies should be compulsory for those above L-IV., and visits to other society meetings would be voluntary. In order to keep the membership of each society to a reasonable number (the basic essential) more societies would have to be started. Many new introductions spring to mind.....philatelic, photographic, a discussion group, travel (short lectures by people could be given on their experiences in this sphere) and natural history. Junior versions of some societies could be introduced to advantage for the younger people. The meetings could be held in form-rooms (or Barne Hall if it was likely to be a popular meeting) and three or four societies would probably go on at the same time. Each society might hold one "guest night" a year in Barne Hall when the whole school would be invited to attend its meeting.

A society meeting must be looked upon as an out of school activity, and to some extent voluntary. Each society should be composed of a faithful band of members, who attend all meetings if possible, and in addition visitors would be welcome. The essential thing is that each society should have

something of the personal touch about it.

I would be very interested to hear the opinions of fellow readers.

I am,

Yours etc.

T. P. Lee

Kid's First Day In Sanawar

The future Sanawarian has a rather heavy feeling in his stomach as his car crawls up the Garkhal-Sanawar slope, past the School gate and stops at the Bakery. He is feeling somewhat sad, a bit frightened and a bit nervous too.

If he is expected he is led by a 'chaprasi,' up the 'Parents Room' slope to the School office. The cleanliness of Sanawar inspires a reverence for the institution in him.

The financial matters Settled he is taken around 'Birdwood School.'

Massive Barne Hall, impresses him. The canons in front of it fascinate him. "Where did these come from?" asks the youngster of the guide.

The posters "Keep Sanawar Tidy", are his first experience. He puts in his pocket the next sweet wrapper which ordinarily he would have thrown about.

The chapel is a very beautiful piece of building to him. He does not understand the history behind the war memorial just by reading the epitaphs inscribed on it. This he is readily explained. When he next enters the dormitories his respect for the place grows further due to their tidiness.

Having been allotted his bed, he makes it—a rather tedious job, after all the luxuries of home.

Perhaps by then suddenly the bugle for lunch blows. This is another factor which makes him gape up wide-eyed. However, as soon as he sees everybody gathering for lunch he realises the meaning.

After lunch Sanawarians surround him and he makes 'pals' readily.

He is once more involved in settling down in the dormitory with all his gear. To his joy his friends offer to help him. Towards tea time he begins to feel more comfortable in his new surroundings.

But now the most critical moment arrives. His parents are about to leave. He cannot stand such a crisis. He becomes dumb, his lips are not able to utter a sound. "He'll be *Alone* in this wide, wide Sanawar. How will he be able to find his classroom.....?" Tears come to his eyes. The inevitable parting takes place.

Soon his thoughts are happily distracted by his friends. They find him a table tennis bat or a similar instrument and take him to play.

Praveen Sharma

गोरखा फ़ोर्ट-डुगशई की यात्रा

"साढ़े पाँच बज गए।" श्रीमान् ओ० पी० शर्मा जी की इस चेतावनी के साथ हमारी सामग्री का निरीक्षण आरंभ हुआ। आवश्यक सामग्री से सुसज्जित होकर हमारा अभियान अपनी २५ मील की दुर्गम यात्रा के लिये तैयार हो गया।

बसंत ऋतु के प्रातः समीर के साथ ही हमारा प्रस्थान हुआ। जाबली तक का परिचित मार्ग उस प्रातःकाल के धुंधले प्रकाश में अपरिचित सा जान पड़ता था। किन्तु हमारे दल ने सूर्योदय के पूर्व ही जाबली तक का मार्ग नाप लिया।

यद्यपि आज रविवार था फिर भी सूर्य देव प्रशांत मेघों से आच्छादित गगन में कहीं छुपे हुए थे। सात बजे तक हमारा अभियान बड़ी सरलता के साथ हमारे प्रथम विश्राम-स्थल, एक मनोरम संगम तक पहुँच गया। इन तीन पहाड़ी नालों के संगम का सौन्दर्य अविश्वनीय है।

पानी की कलकल ध्वनि पक्षियों के सुमधुर गान के लिए नेपथ्य संगीत का कार्य कर रही थी। जंगली पुष्प लताओं से ढकी हुई पहाड़ियाँ अति सुन्दर प्रतीत होती थी।

पौष्टिक नारते के पश्चात् श्रीमान् शर्मा जी ने पहाड़ पर चढ़ने के कुछ आवश्यक नियम बतलाए और आगे बढ़ने की आज्ञा दे दी।

उत्साहित और हर्षान्वित, लगभग २४ तरुण-हृदय छलांगे मारने लगे। अत्यधिक कठिन यात्रा आरंभ हुई। गाते-बजाते, हाँपते, काँपते गिरते-पड़ते दल ने दो पहाड़ियों को लौघ डाला। हमारे सम्मुख की पहाड़ी पर सदियों से खड़ा हुआ पाषाण भवन, शत्रुओं के दांत खट्टे कर देने वाला “गोरखागढ़” अपनी इस शीर्षावस्था में भी अपने गर्वित हृदय से चुनौती सी देता हुआ खड़ा था। इस पहाड़ी पर चढ़ना कोई हँसी खेल नहीं था। यही चढ़ाई हमारे स्कूल के ध्येय “कभी हिम्मत न हारो” (*Never give in*) की प्रथम परीक्षा थी। सर्वशक्तिमान् परमेश्वर की अनुकंपा से हमारे दल के साहसी पर्वतारोही इस परीक्षा में सफल हुए और विजयोल्लास में प्रफुल्लित हृदय से उसमें प्रविष्ट हुए। आने वाली सदियों के अन्त, पर्वतारोहियों को याद दिलाने के लिए प्रत्येक सदस्य ने इस ध्वंसावशेष की दीवालियों पर अपने नाम अंकित किए।

इसी समय “२६वें डोगरा ब्रिगेड” डगशई से लेफ्टिनेंट कुलदीप सिघट, हमारे स्कूल के पुराने विद्यार्थी तथा लेफ्टिनेंट रज्जी पंडित, डगशई तक मार्गदर्शन के लिए पधारे। उनके सुस्वागत के उपलक्ष में मनोरंजन की व्यवस्था की गई।

गोरखागढ़ से डगशई तक लगभग १५ मील का दुर्गम मार्ग था। कहीं कहीं हमारा मार्ग फूलों से लदी हुई किन्तु कंटली भाड़ियों से ढका हुआ था। हमारी प्रगति में अवरुद्धता लाने के लिए मेघराज इन्द्र ने अपना कोप दर्शाना आरंभ किया। परन्तु क्या यह दुर्गम चढ़ाई और मोटी मोटी पानी की बँदे सनावर के छात्रों के पैर उखाड़ सकती थीं? कदापि नहीं!

बड़ी कठिनाई से एक पहाड़ी पर चढ़े। परन्तु उस पर से उतरना कोई आसान काम न था। यदि हम एक पग आगे धरते तो फिसलन के कारण सीधे ही आठ दस पग आगे चले जाते। बड़ी सावधानी से हम आगे बढ़े। अंत में पहाड़ी के चरणों पर एक नाले के दर्शन हुए। परन्तु अभी हमारी आधी यात्रा शेष थी। हमारे सम्मुख पहाड़ी की ऊँचाई ने तो हमारा दिल दहला दिया। रिमकिम रिमकिम साधारण वर्षा हमारी प्रगति में कई अवरुद्धताएँ उत्पन्न कर रही थी। कोई निश्चित मार्ग नहीं था इसलिए और भी कठिनाई हुई। इन कठिनाइयों का सामना करते हुए हमारा दल धीरे धीरे प्रगति कर रहा था। हमारे थके माँदे सदस्य थकावट पर ध्यान न देकर आगे बढ़ रहे थे। यह सनावर के छात्रों की दृढ़ता का एक प्रत्यक्ष उदाहरण था।

येन-केन-प्रकारेण हमें अपनी इस कठिन तपस्या का सुफल संध्या को ४ बजे डगशई के दर्शन होने पर मिला। हमारी इस सफलता का मुख्य कारण, सदस्यों का दृढ़ निश्चय और पर्वतारोहण में उनकी लगन थी।

वहाँ दर्शकों ने हमें मिलेद्री दुग्धशाला दिखाई तथा दूध पिलावाया। इसके पश्चात् सब पर्वतारोहियों को चाय पर निमंत्रित किया गया।

अपने दयालु मार्गदर्शकों को धन्यवाद देकर सायंकाल साढ़े छः बजे हम ने वहाँ से मोटर में प्रस्थान किया और ७ बजे तक वापिस अपने छात्रावास आ पहुँचे।

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School News

May 16th. Inter-house cricket matches commence. Vindhya plays Siwalik.

May 17th. Match postponed due to inclement weather.

May 18th. Vindhya vs. Siwalik match continues. Following were the scores :—

Vindhya 117 (Pandya 21, Asit Chowdhri 42 not out, Dua 3 for 35 V. Mundkur 3 for 15, Gill 3 for 19).

Siwalik 132 for 8 declared (V. Mundkur 25, Dua 41, Gill 37 not out, Arun Dua 4 for 20).

Vindhya 58 for 7
2nd innings

Siwalik won on their first innings lead.

May 19th. Himalaya plays Nilagiri.

May 20th. Himalaya vs. Nilagiri match continues. Scores :—

Himalaya 173 for 6 declared (Kuljit Sethi 50, Chahal 50, S. Patel 3 for 18)

Nilagiri 50 (Brijinder Singh 4 for 16, Chahal 4 for 16).

Nilagiri 110 (Katoch 37, Bhasin 35, Brijender Singh 5 for 31, Chahal 4 for 16).

Himalaya won by an innings and 13 runs.

May 21st. Nilagiri plays Vindhya.

May 22nd. Scores :—

Nilagiri 72 (S. S. Bharadwaj 30, Arun Dua 4 for 17).

Vindhya 95 for 6 declared (Pandya 47 not out, Patel 3 for 26).

Nilagiri 95 (Bhasin 62, Katoch 22, Asit Chowdhri 4 for 22).

Vindhya 75 for 2 (Ajitpal 49 not out).
2nd innings

Vindhya won by 8 wickets.

Afternoon saw the commencement of Vindhya Himalaya match.

May 23rd. The match, much to the disappointment of cricket fans was a one-sided affair. Himalaya easily getting the better of their opponents, even though discouraged by a few very unfortunate umpiring decisions against them. The following were the scores :—

Himalaya 97 (A. K. Bhargava 22, Brijender Singh 21, A. Pandya 4 for 23).

Vindhya 53 (Ajit Pal not out 19, Brijender Singh 5 for 25).

Himalaya 79 for 9 (R. S. Randhawa 4 for 15).
2nd innings

Himalaya House won on their first innings lead

May 24th. School quite fed up of the rumours running wild, for the last two days, of seeing a picture. Unbelievable announcement in Barne Hall, the film "Police" to be screened in the afternoon. Picture a big flop; it is about time that girls are asked to choose films. I am sure they will make a good job of it. Cricket match postponed due to bad weather.

May 25th. School invaded by a large collection of O. S., Monty, Kochhar, Soi, Kalaan, Rao, Bery etc., who landed up in unusually good spirits. Nilagiri vs. Siwalik cricket match commences. Nilagiri fight gallantly against a very tough opposition.

May 26th. Match continues. Scores :—

Siwalik 149 for 6 declared (S. S. Gill 59 not out, Baldev Dua 50, Kamal Katoch 3 for 54).

Nilagiri 83 (K. S. Oberoi 31, Baldev Dua 5 for 30).

Siwalik 88 (Baldev Dua 50 not out, Surjit Bhasin 5 for 23).

Siwalik House won on their first innings lead.

May 27th. The most interesting match of the inter-house tournament commences. Himalaya plays Siwalik. Victory for whom remains uncertain. P.D., L-IIIs & U-IIIs watch the Vindhya House Dress Rehearsal,

May 28th. The Inter-house cricket final continues. Scores :—

Himalaya 110 (Kuljit Sethi 25, A. K. Bhargava 23, G. S. Anand 20, B. Dua 4 for 43).

Siwalik 95 (Harjinder Singh 22, Brijender Singh 7 for 32).

Himalaya House won on their first innings lead.

The final positions and points were as follows :

First	Himalaya	...	...	124 points
Second	Siwalik	...	...	100 points
Third	Vindhya	...	...	71 points
Fourth	Nilagiri	...	...	0 points

Vindhya House Saturday Club Show—a great success, especially the English and Hindi plays, both directed by the eloquent and zealous Mr. O. P. Sharma.

May 29th. The exciting festival match between the staff and the boys ends in a draw (1—1). Mr. Kemp excels himself.

May 31st. Our heartiest congratulations to (O. S.) Pradeep Soneja and Asha Narang on standing 4th in B. Ss. (hons.) Maths and 1st in B. A. (hons) English respectively, of the Delhi University.

June 3rd. A group of 13 boys and 2 members of staff of the Doon School, Dehra Dun arrive. Hodson Runs final in the evening. Siwalik House walks off with the cup. The results are given below :—

Under 11 Time—4' 12·9"

1. Deb Mitra (Siwalik)
2. Partha Biswas (Vindhya)
3. Ranjit S. Virk (Himalaya)

Under 13 (Time—5' 24·5")

1. Subhash Chopra (Siwalik)
2. Yoginder Chib (Nilagiri)
3. Harjit Singh Grewal (Himalaya)

Under 15 (Time—9' 27·2")

1. Purshotam Dhir (Siwalik)
2. Suresh Dhir (Siwalik)
3. Kamal Katoch (Nilagiri)
3. Manharjit Singh Hundel (Nilagiri)

Open (Time—11' 56")

1. Baldev Dua (Siwalik)
2. Birinder S. Bala (Vindhya)
3. Inderjit Gill (Himalaya)

The final positions and points were as follows :

(1) Siwalik 96 points (2) Nilagiri 87 points points (3) Vindhya 78 points (4) Himalaya 76 points

Henry V is screened in the evening. It was quite interesting.

June 4th. Cricket match against the Doon School commences. Dua won the toss and elected to field. The formidable Doon School XI skittled out for a small total of 72 runs.

A concert consisting of items chosen from the different house shows entertained the School and the guests. Doscocs most obligingly sang a catchy folk-song in Gurkhali during the interval.

June 5th. Sanawar registers a magnificent 10 wicket victory over the Doon School. The scores were .—

Doon School 72 (A. Bhide 23 not out, A. K. Bhar-
1st innings gava 5 for 16).

Sanawar 156 (Baldev Dua 75, Siddharth 5 for
1st innings 41, Ashim Mukherjee 4 for 43).

Doon School (84 Siddharth 22, Ashim Mukherjee
2nd innings 17, A. K. Bhargava 6 for 25, R. S.
Randhawa 3 for 10).

Sanawar 1 for no loss
2nd innings

In an informal soccer match which followed, the score was (1—1). In the evening was the English Literary Seminar on Shakespeare and Henry V.

June 6th. As expected, a holiday. In an informal hockey match, Doon School beat Sanawar by three goals to nil. The Military Band from Dagshai entertained us after the match with some martial tunes before playing the Retreat.

June 7th. The Doscocs leave after breakfast to the accompaniment of continuous cheering.

June 8th. "Drat them buzzers, they get on me nerves"—a sleepless night because of a sudden increase in the mosquito population in Sanawar. The Scanlon Tennis Matches begin.

June 9th. The Inter-house Boxing Tournament opens. Reds win all but one fight.

June 10th. Scanlon semi-finals. Shabnam beats Rajika 6—3, 7—5.

June 10th. The Boxing finals. Congratulations to Siwalik on winning the cup.

In the other semi-final for the Scanlon Cup Basant Usha Katoch in a marathon duel which reminded one of Professional Tennis beats Andy Kemp 15-13, 2-6, 6-3.

The Junior English Society was held in the evening.

June 12th. Most of the school goes to Kasauli to see "The Nun's Story". Comments vary from "so-so" to "excellent". Insaniyat is shown in Sanawar and Zippy captivated the audience with his superb performance.

June 13. The Scanlon. Finals. Shabnam Sahni wins the Scanlon Tennis Cup for the second year in succession. She beat Basant 6—1, 6—0. Congratulations!

The swimming heats begin. Mr. O. P. Sharma leaves for Bombay to undergo Teacher's Training. He is seen off at the quadrangle by a number of boys and a few members of staff. His absence will be sorely felt by the Hiking Club.

June 14th. Welcome—the monsoon.

"Thunder, lightning, wind and rain
Have made us happy once again".

The C. R. I. soccer team beats the School XI (5-1).

June 18th. Siwalik House presents its annual house-show.

June 19th. A party of five boys accompanied by Mr. Lee, hiked to Chail and back in two days. Reaching Solan via Dharampore and the Barog tunnel they descended into the Ashwan river and then perpendicularly up a steep slope of about 4,000 feet. Traversing a few more ridges they reached Chail in the late afternoon. They stayed the night at the Maharaja's palace and, while in Chail, saw the Cricket ground, the highest in the world. Next day they retraced their route and arrived in Sanawar at supper time. The distance covered in those two days was approximately 65 miles.

The Soccer Colts are beaten by the Kasauli High School (6-1) at home while the First XI beats the Military Hospital team (3-0) away at Kasauli.

June 20th. The Swimming Finals. Nilagiri walks off with the cup in the boys side. The score:—

	Boys	Positions	Girls	Positions
Himalaya	... 38½	2	19	2
Nilagiri	... 74	1	11	3
Siwalik	... 21½	3	9	4
Vindhya	... 16	4	22	1

O. S. News

We have had shoals of visiting Old Sanawarians last month, and I hope all of them are a little better for the fresh air and Sanawar memories revived.

Biman Dhar (St. Andrew's College, Newtown, N. S. W. Australia), writes: "I am waiting for V. K. Soi's reply for nearly two months as I had asked him a few things about the Newsletter. On his reply I would write to you, but I could not wait any longer as I would become very busy during the beginning of the second term which starts from 6th June.

I left Calcutta on 2nd March and the University lectures began on 7th March. For the first two days I stayed in Manly a beautiful suburb of Sydney, with a Dad's friend who is in the Indian High Commission.

I was lucky enough to get into a University College as there is a long waiting list every year and about 30 to 45 are chosen.

From 5th March till the Easter break, life in College was really hard as the seniors were at us all the time. This sort of ragging I have never seen before. We 'freshers' had to sit for a test organised by the seniors. The syllabus was all about the College history which is about 92 years, names, year, faculty and room number of all the boys (160 of them) most of us failed first time but got through in the second try.

We have freshers on duty everyday who have to do certain things like look after the common room and answer the telephone calls.

After Easter the fresher system eased out a little as we started getting about 7 hrs of sleep. We had to perform "stunts" allotted by the seniors. Some of the stunts were very humorous. I had to sing in a hotel "Pub" and by Joe I did it.

We had to be very careful with our University work as the seniors hardly gave us any time in College. We have tutorials which are not bad at times as we can solve our difficulties with the help of a tutor in different subjects which is once a week for only an hour. Sydney University has a high standard in studies as well as a high reputation.

I am doing Civil Engineering for the first two years some of the faculties are together in the lectures and later we branch off into different studies.

We have some wonderful old and modern buildings. I would not be surprised if our Chem. building is one of the most upto date in not only southern hemisphere but also many parts of northern."

I have a number of friends who are very keen on taking me around Sydney as well as to their homes which may be all over the country. I was up at Newcastle with a friend for a week. I have now been in Manly for a week and shall stay another week before I go back to the College.

Last week I went up with the people I am staying to the Blue mountains. They are not higher than 3,200 ft. but have very steep cliffs. I have been down South to Port Kembla where they have a steel plant. I have not been able to get much of Sanawar news since I have been here as the newsletters go to Calcutta and not here. Is it possible to send them here?".....

Vir Amol Singh hoped to visit us with H. S. Boparai, but the plan fell through. He tells us that Mohinderjit has passed his Kharagpur Entrance Examination and will be joining by the 1st of July.

Abhey Yog Raj is thinking of Chartered Accountancy and a trip to England. Anil Seth proposes to follow Ashok Seth, (4, Fitzlene Rd., Finchley, London, N3, England), but I have no news of his detailed plan. Abhey is hoping, other things failing, to get an apprenticeship in an Engineering firm.

Yogesh Kumar Saxena, (D-97 Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi-3), wrote after many moons to say that he had been successful in the N. D. A. and hopes for final selection. He also sat for the Inter Sc. in March and is awaiting his results.

Anupma D. Singh, (C/O Dukay Eng. Co., Osman Pura, Aurangabad (Dn.)), hopes to join Lady Irwin College.

Pradeep Rao (55, Pandara Road, New Delhi), came up for a couple of days, caught the chicken-pox, and went back to Delhi.

Maninder Singh Bhagat, (828, West State Street, Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin, U. S. A.), sounded a little cracked in his last letter, which went something like this: "Wonderful Sir.—Do you know what joy the two news-letters brought to me—and then above all this letter. I was as happy as a butterfly—I really can't describe it. I took them all over for people to look at and marvel, indeed they were news-letters of the best school of all."

Gurvinder Inder Singh, (5, Clive Road, New Delhi): "With due apologies for 'ignorifying' my correspondence to your excellency for so long. Much against my better judgement I hate to inform you that the Rs. 3/- V.P.P. News-letter has not shown up as yet. You can please send it to me without fear of any payment being made. I was hoping to come up to Sanawar but have since abandoned the scheme (to the relief of your few remaining black hair). You'll have to excuse the scrawl as that does not really belong to me but is primarily inculcated in Sanawar and still persists. Which reminds me of the calligraphic description of your efforts on the blackboard (touch wood). If my aunt, Agatha Christie, was here she could have easily titled a book "The weather spells Murder". My domestic and national garb is a post-Sanawar swim suit (one piece only.) Three guesses for a pound of monkey-nuts as to who's next door?—Miss Romola Rani Krishen (S. C. 2nd Div.) What a relief. I've run out of space. I never thought I'll make it to the end and still end up with a dose of love and kisses."

Gurdev Singh Purewal, (Room 24 A, Medical College, Amritsar), feels that the idea of Sanawarians' Camp at Sanawar is good but a little impracticable. He suggests an Old Sanawarians' Hiking Club with its Headquarters at Sanawar. Gurdev comments: "Sanawarians seem to be entering all spheres of life and taking up different jobs, but very few of them seem to enter Medical Colleges. Altogether we are only three Sanawarians who have taken up medicine in Punjab and they are Vijay Pal Singh, Jatinder Singh Ranghar and myself.".....

Ajinder Singh Bal, (N. D. A.), paid us a very short visit, and we were happy to see him. Ajinder has a solution for the Ice Cream problem. He says: "Join the N. D. A.; there you can have extras if you want." "On the 23rd May we had the individual Tent pegging competition. Shergill grabbed the second place, while other chaps who were not very lucky were B. C. C., V. P. Singh, D. S. Pannu and R. S. Sodhi. V. P. Singh was the Riding captain this term. M. S. Shergill got his Riding and Cyclepole Blues and R. S. Sodhi has got his Riding Blue."

Inderjit Singh Bhusri, (3—A Nizamuddin West, New Delhi), is finding Delhi hot." Seth and Dube have applied for St. Stephen's, College. I have applied for Kharagpur, St. Stephen's, Government College Chandigarh and Hindu College. Seth has also applied for Kharagpur. Bunny Malhotra is trying for the Dufferin, and he is working about 11 hours a day. His exams. are starting in the second week of June. He hopes to visit Sanawar after his exams. are over".....

Shyam Kak (C/o M. M. Wazir, Esq., Supt. Police, 31, Gupkar Rd., Srinagar), has been swimming, surf riding and water skiing. "Though I must say, the latter still has me foxed quite often." Last week we had a sudden storm in the evening. During this storm one of the ferry boats capsized drowning 17 of its 21 occupants. The four saved were rescued by some Englishmen going by in a Shikara. I was swimming at the same place a couple of hours earlier. I have now changed my plan. I shall stick around in Kashmir till the end of my holidays, instead of going to Ceylon, which I shall now do in my next holidays.".....

Horace McCarthy's (Sorab House, 43, Garden Road, Apollo Reclamation, Bombay—1), letter was welcome as the first showers of the monsoon. Some of us still remember the slap-up parties which he gave in Barne Hall on his last two visits. We hope that Horace will somehow manage to pay us a visit in the not too distant future. He writes: The perseverance of those responsible in so regularly sending me the monthly News-letter, despite my seeming apathy, is highly commendable and I greatly appreciate their undaunted though well-meant persistence.

Although an old Sanawarian of 1913—23 vintage, my interest in the School has never faltered and each issue has been read by me with intense keenness.

The impression in my mind which stands out significantly is that the age-long Sanawar traditions and esprit de corps remain as strong and healthy among the new generation as in days of yore and this is a matter of much satisfaction to us of the old order.

It is my good fortune to visit England every 2 or 3 years when I have the pleasure of meeting old boys and girls at the annual O. S. meetings and it is quite evident that the flame of affection for the school continues to burn as brightly as ever among them.

I acknowledge with thanks the annual News-letter of the Old Sanawarians' Society in England. Mrs. Tilley is certainly doing a marvellous job in keeping things together and allowing everybody to know something about everybody. This is really a heavy task, and she deserves great credit. I reproduce one of its news items which left me very sad. John Hardaker was one of my boys when I was Housemaster of Nicholson, and I can see him still as a clean-limbed, fair, very gentlemanly, young lad, who could always be relied on to do his duty: We shared sorrow, too, with Mr. & Mrs. Hardaker and family on the sudden death of John. Did you notice the announcement of his death at the time and say, as I did "That's our John". Daphne tells me that John was always so confident that in extreme circumstances one could rely on parachute ejection. John's was apparently torn on ejection and functioned for a short time only. Poor, poor lad. John had volunteered for this hazardous task of deliberately putting Hunter jets into a spin and

then correcting them. He had spent a week at Farnborough undergoing intensive training and was recognised as a very experienced and capable pilot.

Daphne feels that it is an irony of fate that he should forfeit his life when he was trying to reduce accidents and save pilots' lives.

John, being in charge of the jet, ordered his co-pilot to eject. John's ejector mechanism fired, whereas Flt/Lt. Yeardley's jammed. This probably saved his life for he (Yeardley) afterwards said that the aircraft came out of its spin and righted itself, after which he had no difficulty in bringing the Hunter in to land. We know that because of the high esteem in which John was held, many, many fine tributes were paid to him at his funeral. John left a young wife, Jennifer and two children.

We give a quotation from one of the letters of condolence,

"Life seems to crumble to the earth,
Everything seems of little worth,
But life goes on just as destiny designs,
No one knows why one is taken and others are left behind".

T. C. Kemp

A Shakespeare Symposium

On Sunday, June 5th, was held a literary meeting of the Senior English Society. The theme of the papers and discussion was; Shakespeare's Henry V. The papers read comprised: Shakespeare and his plays (read by Sheena Grewal); Shakespeare's Creative Art (read by A. N. Dutta); The Historical Background to Henry V (read by K. S. Oberoi); A modern Psychology of Character applied to Henry V (read by Malti Varma); Henry V's Character from the play (read by Navina Sunderam) and including declamations by Shambhu Dayal, Billy Kent, Krishen Kak, Th. Niranjan Singh, Sheila Gidwani and Surjit Bhasin.

The Prologues in Henry V were declaimed by Meenakshi Khanna, Jyoti Dhawan, Anil Khanna, Ranjit Randhawa and Krishen Kak. The first and the last of whom deserve special mention.

The session concluded with a Discussion on Henry V under Krishen Kak's able management.

The placing of this function immediately after the School Concert (June 4th) served as an anticlimax. The rather inadequate standard of reading and enunciation—there are no Elocution courses in Sanawar unfortunately—did not help to interest a largely Philistine audience in matters that inadequacy of background must have made seem unduly specialised and to that extent "Boring".

Those that could hear the participants, however, think the Symposium was not too bad.

B. M. B.

The Junior English Society

The Junior English Society—really a quiz—was held on the 11th of June and was an inter-house affair with two children from each of the classes L-III, U-III, and L-IV representing their houses. Two points were awarded for each correctly answered question.

The questions asked were on various subjects connected with the English examination courses of these three classes and on popular rhymes, famous nursery characters and "elementary General Know-

ledge". Indeed, the standard of General Knowledge of the representatives, especially the girls, was exceptionally high. Deepali Sharma, Anita Thomas, Kiran Somal and Suman Geeta Taneja would put to shame many of the older children.

Some of the more tricky questions :—

1. What did Tom, the piper's son, steal?
(A pig)
2. What is the Red Indian word for "Big Sea Water"?
(Gitchee Gumee)
3. What are Italian boats called? (Gonddas)
4. Who was Landseer? (A famous artist)
5. What is a Death Cap? (A toadstool)
6. What is a Blue Mormon? (A butterfly)
7. Who was the boy who never grew up?
(Peter Pan)
8. What colour is a hydrangea? (Pink, sometimes blue)
9. Who sings "Where the bees suck, there suck I"?
(Ariel)
10. Do we have the wah-wah-tay see in Sana-war? What is it?
(Yes, a fire-fly)
11. What is the English equivalent of the French "Madame"?
(Mrs.)
12. Why would someone try to peel a toadstool?
(To test it for poison)

Except for occasional inaudibility, the quiz went off very well and Mrs. Layall and Mr. Lee are to be congratulated on the way they handled every thing.

K. K. Kak.

Inter House Boxing

The Inter House Boxing tournament this year was conducted from 9th June to 11th June in Gaskell Hall. Each House was allowed to enter one boy for each weight. The total number of boys in the fourteen weights was 56. Siwalik House won the Boxing Cup with 35 points. Nilagiri and Vindhya came second with 32 points. Himalaya House came last with 27 points. Raghvan Kapur of Nilagiri House was adjudged the Best Boxer while Pradeep Varma also of Nilagiri House was declared the Best Loser.

Our Boxing was of a fairly good standard but there are a few points which need to be emphasised if we want to do well in the Inter School competition.

First—training: This is the most strenuous of sports, and one must be in tip-top condition. Training must be taken very seriously. It was a pleasing sight to see that there were not so many tired arms and legs.

Second—Punching: Very slow indeed, and very badly timed, except in a few cases. Remember it is the short punch that counts, and not the hay-maker.

Third—Footwork: Very poor. Keep moving, but keep balanced so that you can advance or retire without tripping over your feet.

Fourth (And Last)—General: Pay attention to the fight, not to the officials, in particular the time keeper! Remember attack is the best defence. Go in from the start, and stay there.

The following are the finalists, with the winners on the left :—

	Atom Weight Under 56 lbs.	
N.K. Acharya	(H) beat D. Subramanian	(V)
	Gossamer Weight Under 63 lbs.	
R. Kapur	(N) beat D. Jayaram	(V)
	Paper weight Under 70 lbs.	
Y.S. Chib	(N) beat Deb Mitra	(S)
	Midget Weight Under 77 lbs.	
Guriqbal Singh	(N) beat Vipen Dutta	(S)
	Mosquito Weight Under 84 lbs.	
Har Raghbans Singh	(H) beat Samuel T. Ram	(S)
	Gnat Weight Under 91 lbs.	
Ajit Pal Singh	(V) beat S. P. S. Rawat	(S)
	Fly Weight Under 98 lbs.	
Ranjit Mehra	(S) beat A K Bhargava	(H)
	Bantam Weight Under 105 lbs.	
S. S. Sodhi	(V) beat Ravi Khanna	(S)
	Feather Weight Under 112 lbs.	
K. S. Suri	(V) beat Subhash Chopra	(S)
	Light Weight Under 119 lbs.	
Shambhu Dayal	(N) beat Himmat Singh	(H)
	Welter Weight Under 126 lbs.	
Baldev Dua	(S) beat Amar Singh Gill	(N)
	Middle Weight Under 133 lbs.	
B. P. S. Kent	(S) beat Anil Kak	(V)
	Light Heavy Weight Under 140 lbs.	
Kuljit Sethi	(H) beat M. H. S. Hundel	(N)
	Heavy Weight 140 lbs. and above	
R. S. Randhawa	(V) beat Lalit Dhawan	(N)

Major General Som Dutt very kindly gave away the prizes.

H. Sikund.

The Vindhya House Show

Vindhya House presented its annual house show on Saturday, the 28th of May. After the customary singing of the National Anthem, the curtains parted to reveal the oriental splendor of a persian palace; "The Queen's Rival", an English skit, did not present much scope for dramatic ability but Sukanya Rehman as Queen Gulnar and the seven "moontidas" did their parts well. The next item, "Kabutri ka Byah", a much appreciated dance by the Preppers, was a pleasing diversion from the usual "elves and pixies" stuff. The Preppers, dressed up as birds, presented a delightful spectacle.

"The Taming of the Shrew", Shakespeare's famous comedy was next reproduced, but in an abridged form with "characters substituting characters and incidents and imagination replacing scenery". Krishen Kak playing the dual role of the Chorus and Petruchio, the young man hunting for a wealthy wife was superb. Navina Sundaram as Katherina, the shrew was very good, while Ranjit Randhawa as Baptista, her father, performed well but for inaudibility. rest of the cast also did well but there was a general tendency in their cases to over-act. This was followed by "Cha Cha Bambino", a song rendered by the Vindhya Trio (Sheena Grewal, Shenaz Menon, and Paran Grewal).

"Ajkal de Munday" an extremely entertaining Punjabi skit produced and directed by S. S. Sodhi came next. The humorous jokes sent us off into

gales of laughter. Sodhi as the Sikh gentleman just returned from England—complete with wife—was extremely comic while Shenaz Menon as the English wife was “terrific”. M. J. S. Sandhu and B. S. Bala as Sodhi’s younger brother and father respectively were very funny, especially in the scene where Sodhi presents his wife to the father.

A Fishermen’s Dance from Maharashtra was next on the programme. The boys (novices at this intricate art) did reasonably well but occasionally confused steps.

After the interval, during which the band played, came the highlight of the evenings programme—“Malini” a tragedy in Hindi by Tagore. The lavish stage-setting and the splendid costumes much enhanced the dramatic value of the play. The story centered around Malini, the princess (Malti Varma) who rebels against the orthodox religion of her day. She is opposed by the head-priest, Kshemankar (A. N. Dutta) who, when he sees his childhood comrade Supriya (J. Pandit) deserting him for her, kills him in a most dramatic manner. Pandit and Dutta were outstanding while Malti Varma, Shabnam Sahni as the Rani and Arun Pandya as the Raja did very well. Though, on account of its length, the play dragged at times, on the whole it was a commendable effort.

Vindhya House must be thanked for a very good performance and for providing us with a most entertaining evening.

Surjit S. Bhasin

The Siwalik House Show

Siwalik staged its Saturday Club Show on the 18th of June. The hall was over crowded with numerous guests and the audience was packed together tighter than sardines in a can. The atmosphere was one of expectancy but the beginning of the show did not do much to foster it.

The first item, a dance sequence, “Pujarini”, adapted from Tagore, was about a princess who worshipped Buddha in spite of his worship being forbidden by the King, her father. She, with some companions, is caught paying homage to him. Her friends flee, leaving her to face her fate alone. Later, she returns to the temple and continues her dancing. The Royal Executioner seeing her disobey the Royal Command a second time, stabs her. Meenakshi Biswas in the chief role showed some magnificent dancing.

In “The Pirate’s Birthday”, staged by the Preppers, the curtains parted to reveal a nursery-scene and two children, Victoria (Sudha Rani) and Jack (Sanjiv Stokes) expressing desires to become pirates, but Jack disapproves of his sister becoming one because she is a girl. Victoria is adamant—She will join the Women’s Auxiliary Pirates. Separately, they run away, and meet later on an island on Jack’s birthday. He is very downcast at the thought of there being no presents for him and is overjoyed when his thoughtful sister presents him with one. Sudha Rani acted confidently and extremely well.

The next item, “Ghati Lazium”, a folk dance from Maharashtra by the boys only, was very well executed. Shiv Mehra with the ‘Dholak’ presented quite an amusing sight. This was followed by colourful and pleasing “Barn Dance” by the preppers with Mr. Lyall accompanying skilfully on the violin. Next was a musical interlude in which we were entertained with three tunes in which Praveen Sharma exhibited his ability on the clarinet, Shiv Mehra with the rattlers and Billy Kent on the drums.

“Daka”, a Hindi play in two scenes followed. Though no performance was outstanding, the general standard of acting was good. Baldav Dua, S. S. Gill and Purshotam Dhir did their parts well.

Following a short interval was presented the item, an English play “Ici on Parle Francais”, the story revolved around an Englishman’s efforts to lodge foreigners in his house and the confusion which ensues when a Frenchman arrives and disrupts everything. Shiv Mehra as Victor Dubois, was excellent. Meenakshi Khanna, who spoke exceptionally distinctly, and Praveen Sharma as the Sprigginses were outstanding, and Billy Kent and Maya Manekshaw as the horsy major Br-r-r-r and the maid Anna Maria a-a were very good while Asha Berry as Angelina Spriggins and Viney Chopra as the Major’s wife deserve mention.

Siwalik House provided us with a most entertaining evening and they are to be thanked for the enjoyment their show gave us.

A. Thadani & A. K. Kak.

A Pen Portrait



It is Sunday morning. Suddenly a low, almost gruff, voice is heard remonstrating the sweeper in cultured English, for something or the other—may be he has forgotten to bring the hot water. There ensues an argument that one feels, would rival the babel of the fish-market. The sweeper talks volu-

bly and fluently in Hindi while our pen-portrait does his speaking in English, punctuated by sweeps of the arms and gestures in sign language—

Our portrait, very young and fresh from England, has picked up a working knowledge of Hindi in his all-too-brief sojourn in India but not enough to carry on a full-fledged conversation. And so these sort of scenes occur.

Another scene—It is past eleven at night. From our portrait's room ensue a guttural muttering of oaths interposed with the "whoosh" of the flit-pump. Seems the mosquitoes have declared war on him. Next morning he appears for breakfast haggard and weary and covered with mosquito-bites. This is one of the reasons, I think, why I often see him going about with a flit-gun in his hand and look of grim determination on his face—even when he goes for supper.

He is still not completely acclimatised to the Indian climate (too many insects and too hot) or to the Indian food (too many chillies). Like a duck he is happiest on rainy days—they remind him of home.

Our portrait is a good all round sportsman. He swims well and is a good athlete. In football he plays as half-back, kicking the ball as hard as he can with his iron toed rugby shoes. (He doesn't always connect the ball: he may get a member of the opposing team). He plays hockey with zest and vigour, roaming around the field, brandishing his stick like a battle-axe. But of all games his first love is cricket. A medium-pace bowler, steady and useful bat and a brilliant fielder, he was Captain of his school cricket team. His current ambition is to organise a hike to Chail and so "to bowl a ball on the highest cricket ground in the world."

He is fond of hikes and often goes on long treks, during which, arms dangling loosely at his sides, head slouched forward, eyes peering through misty spectacles and taking long strides he leaves every one else far behind,

In the class room our portrait is genial but firm. Perhaps as a result of the experience he gathered while a prefect in his school. He is patient in his teaching methods, especially with the ladies who are a constant headache to him.

It is with regret that I add that our portrait will soon return to England to resume his studies in law. In the past few months he has endeared himself to all Sanawarians and one can only say that he shall be missed very much when he has left.

K. S. Oberoi.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my views about a matter that has been cast aside, but which deserves some attention. A party of hikers just recently made a successful trek to Chandni Chaur, the highest peak in the Simla Hills. On the way back, at Solan they met the school XI which had beaten B. C. S. at cricket, and so they came back to school in the truck. However, at the Green Gate they were made to get off the truck just because a grand reception awaited the XI, whilst the gallant lot of hikers were booted out as if they were outcasts. Was this not an act of injustice?

Agreed that the school XI had achieved a great thing, but in fact that the hikers had achieved no less. One gained a victory in the sphere of games, whilst the other had scaled a snow clad peak conquered by Sanawarians only once before. To compare the two achievements would be foolish. I'm sure that the scales wouldn't tilt in favour of any side. Then why couldn't the reception have been for them both? Was it not hard on the hikers whose victory was brushed aside? Sanawar is a cricketing school, but it also has the spirit of adventure and hiking in its system, so why favour the one? Even if the reception had been originally meant for the cricketers, the hikers who were also present and well deserved a reception, could easily have been accorded one instead of being thus treated.

At one time hiking was a very popular activity, and had its place as such, but with this present attitude it will soon come to an end, I feel that the Hiking Club needs more backing and encouragement, or in time to come the only hikes that Sanawarians will be able to boast of will be to Craters Hill, Drinkies or Lovers Pond and I'm sure that the girls could do better than that. So it is only FAIR to acclaim their achievements.

I am,

Yours etc.

Harjit Singh Kochhar,
O. S.

Dear Sir,

I wonder how many O. S. and present Sanawarians know that the school flag has been changed? I'm sure that most O. S. will be quite disappointed at the choice of the design. It is a red cross on a white background with the school crest in the middle. I don't know why we couldn't stick to the plain red and white which we respected for so many years.

Frankly speaking the new flag does not impress one in the least bit. It looks as if we've enlisted for the Red Cross. Could'n't something better have been chosen?

I am,

Yours etc.

Harjit Singh Kochhar,
O. S.

Dear Sir,

Considering that over half of Sixth Form is in either of or both the hockey and athletic teams and that, therefore, most Sixth Formers will be in Y.P.S. for over a week when they participate in the Meet, teaching will, naturally, be half-hearted and members of staff will flick desultorily from one topic to another—for they know they will have to do everything all over again when the teams return. So, will it not be feasible to send a reasonable number of boys (preferably Sixth Formers whose Mark Reading results permit them to miss a week's classes) with the teams?

This will serve a dual purpose; one, the boys will be able to cheer and encourage the teams in the events of the Meet and two, it will serve as an opportunity for the boys to see another famous public school something perhaps they may never be able to do after leaving school.

I am,

Yours etc.,

Krishen Kak.

Dear Sir,

I should like to express, through the columns of the Newsletter, deep thanks for all the kindness and friendliness which has been shown to me by everybody in Sanawar during my too-short stay here.

I shall always remember Sanawar and its people, and I shall take back to England deep and happy memories of all that I have enjoyed here. The generosity shown to me by various people is beyond repayment, but I sincerely hope that many of you will visit me at my home in England, where any of you will always be most welcome. The address is 68, Tennai Road, Harborne, Birmingham 32.

I shall always be anxious for news of all your doings, and hope that many of you will write. I promise a reply.

Yours faithfully,
T. P. Lee.

Dear Sir,

When attending house-shows, has it not struck you how inadequate seating arrangements are? The reception committee does nothing but distribute programmes—is it not part of its duty to show guests to their seats (if there are any!)? Guests arrive continuously and children are made to move onto the steps, sit on the floor, or even remain standing and, during items, this avoidable shuffling and movement quite distracts one's attention from the stage. Instead of all this confusion on the final day, cannot L-IV and, perhaps, U-IV, attend the dress rehearsal with L-III, U-III and the Prep school?

Also, is it not usual for members of the Press (viz. Editor and reporters of the News-letter) to sit in front, or, at least, in comfortable positions, so that they may be able to see the whole show without constant interruptions and changing of seats every odd moment to make room for a late visitor and so miss most of the item.

Talking about seats, isn't it torturing one's poor seat to seat one's self on a hard seat (perhaps a step) for entertainment which lasts over two hours (the time increasing with each successive house-show till one often has to sit through a two-and-a-half-hour show). Lastly, greater interest will be taken in house-shows if they are made inter-house the number and types of item for each show and the total time to be taken could be fixed and a panel of three judges finally decide which show is the best—that house getting four points towards the Cock house, the second-best three, and so on.

Yours etc.,
A Dissatisfied Patron

Stop Press :—*Congratulations!* M. P. Gopinath, S. Mullick, Gul Shahani, A. Chakravarti, Subhash Dua, K. C. Mehra, & S. C. Mehra.

दून-स्कूल के शुभागमन पर

३ जून को हमारे मान्य अतिथि दून स्कूल के कुछ छात्र अपने दो शिक्षकों सहित सनावर पधारे। उनके शुभागमन के उपलक्ष्य पर एक मनोरंजक-कार्य क्रम का आयोजन हुआ।

इस कार्य क्रम में विभिन्न गृहों (Houses) द्वारा प्रस्तुत अब तक के नृत्यों नाटकादि मनोरंजनों के विशिष्ट मददों (Items) का समावेश था। सर्वप्रथम हिमाचल-प्रदेश के प्रसिद्ध लोकनृत्य 'पंगी' की एक झांकी प्रस्तुत की गई। रंग-बिरंगी प्रादेशिक वेश-भूषा से सुसज्जित छात्रवर्ग ने दर्शकों को मन्त्रमुग्ध सा कर दिया।

अब बारी थी प्रसिद्ध नाटककार शेकस्पीयर के हर्षप्रधान नाटक 'टेमिज़ आरु द थ्रू' की। इस का कलात्मक अभिनय अत्यन्त सफलता पूर्वक हुआ। तदनन्तर दर्शकों ने रंगमंच पर 'कबूतरी का ब्याह' सम्पन्न होते देखा। गीत-काव्य को नाटक का रूप प्रदान करने में प्रैप-स्कूल के विद्यार्थियों ने विशेष कौशल का परिचय दिया। कौवा, कोयल, मैना आदि पक्षियों के अनुरूप उन का स्वांग और उन की चेष्टाएं अत्यन्त सराहनीय हैं।

तत्पश्चात् अंग्रेजी के प्रसिद्ध दुःखान्त नाटक 'मैकबेथ' के कुछ एक दृश्यों का पंजाबी रूपान्तर अभिनीत हुआ। भाषान्तर में शब्दशः अनुदित हो ने के कारण यह अत्यन्त हास्यप्रद सिद्ध हुआ।

तदुपरान्त क्रमशः दो और नृत्य-महाराष्ट्र प्रदेश का लोक नृत्य 'मछुथों का नाच' तथा 'रत्न-नृत्य'—प्रस्तुत किये गये। प्रथम प्रादेशिक लोक नृत्य की दृष्टि से और द्वितीय भारत-नाट्य-कला की दृष्टि से विशेष प्रशंसनीय हैं।

दस मिनट के मध्यान्तर-काल में दून स्कूल के विद्यार्थियों ने एक गोरखाली लोक-गीत गाकर दर्शकों का मनोरंजन किया।

इस मनोरंजन कार्यक्रम की समाप्ति हिन्दी के हास्य-प्रधान नाटक 'व्याह की धूम' से हुई। नेपथ्य में ढोलक के साथ गाये जाते हुए गीतों ने तथा निरन्तर मधुर शहनाई वादन ने रंगमंच पर भारतीय विधि से सम्पन्न विवाह का सा समा बांध दिया। यह नाटक मध्यवर्गीय हिन्दू परिवार में लड़की के व्याह के समय की धूमधाम, अव्यवस्था तथा परिस्थिति के अनुकूल उत्तेजना आदि का सजीव चित्रण था।

कला प्रिय दर्शकों, विशेषकर मान्य-अतिथियों ने उच्च करतल-ध्वनि से सम्पूर्ण मनोरंजक-कार्यक्रम की सराहना की।

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School News

July

2nd. The girls Inter-house Badminton Finals. Vindhya wins the cup with 10 points, Siwalik coming second with 8, and Nilagiri and Himalaya third and fourth with 6 and 0 respectively. Indu Khanna wins the singles. Congratulations!

The Soccer Colts are seen off for B. C. S. and with them go seven of the First XI to cheer them.

In the evening, after supper, is the Junior Hindi Society.

3rd. The inter-school match is played in B. C. S. In the evening Mr. Narayanswami—the Entertaining Mimic—entertains us vastly with his astonishing powers of mimicry. The Colts return in time for the performance. They had lost (0—1)

4th. 23 Cottonians and two of their members of staff arrive.

5th. B. C. S. draws with Sanawar 19-19 in the inter-school boxing. The following are the results:—

Sanawar	B. C. S.
	Atom Weight
N. K. Acharya	lost to Ghai
	Gossamer Weight
R. Kapoor	lost to Ravinder Singh
	Paper Weight
Guriqbal Singh	won against S. K. Obhrai
	Midget Weight
Asit Chowdhry	lost to R. N. Suthoo
	Mosquito Weight
H. R. Singh	won against Krishnapong
	Gnat Weight
Ajitpal Singh	lost to A. K. Khanna
	Fly Weight
Ranjit Mehra	won against K. Sikand
	Bantam Weight
S. S. Sodhi	won against J. Hakim
	Feather Weight
Kamal Katoch	won against R. Williams
	Light Weight
S. S. Bhardwaj	lost to S. S. Lamba

Welter Weight

Baldev Dua won against { M. Singh (disqualified)

Middle Weight

B. P. Kent lost to G. S. Anand

Light-Heavy Weight

K. S. Patel lost to Maninder Singh

Mr. Jagdish Ram is to be congratulated on coaching the team so well.

“Voodoo Tiger” (starring Johnny Weismuller) was quite good.

6th. In an exciting soccer match, Sanawar wins (4-2). The B. C. S. leave after lunch. In the evening was a social to say farewell to Mr. Lee.

8th. Third Mark Reading. Home parties, leave.

9th. Holidays begin.

August 6th. For the second time in the year, hordes of chattering school children invade the serene peace of Sanawar, rudely disturbing the monkeys and langoors from their favourite haunts.

We welcome the following new members of the staff:—

Mr. S. N. Sharma, Miss Sulakshana Vig, Mrs. Greta Able, Miss K. Gupta and David Adshhead, the school leaver who comes to us from Manchester, England.

G. S. Virk, Brijender Singh and A. S. Poonia left the school at the end of the last term to join the N. D. A.

August 7th. Kit taking and settling down occupy the day. Boys reluctantly part with fivers as loving (?) sisters tie rakhis on their wrists. Picture “A Night at the Opera” starring the Marx brothers was screened in the Barne Hall. Hilarious antics of Marx brothers provided a most entertaining evening.

August 11th. An unfamiliar early supper at 5-45 p. m. followed by Prep. Cocoa after Prep compensates for the lost tea.

August 13th. Mr. Adshhead is treated to a fine (3-0) victory by the School XI (Soccer) over the Star Club.

Film “Animal world” was screened in Barne Hall.

August 15th. Holiday Independence day..... a memorable day, especially for the servants and their families. A Yogi adherent performed feats of strength.

August 16th. The days of lazing are over! P. T. and games begin.

In the first of the inter-house soccer matches, Nilagiri managed to draw with Himalaya as a result of a last minute goal scored by left inner A. S. Gill. The next match, between Siwalk and Vindhya ended in a narrow victory for the latter. Suman Sehgal scored the winning goal. Baldev Dua gave a fine display of nerve and judgement.

August 17th. House matches continue. On a wet field, Nilagiri trounces Siwalik (4-1), A. S. Gill netting thrice. Vindhya beats Himalaya (2-1) mainly due to a self goal scored by Himalaya's goalkeeper Vijay Neil.

August 18th Siwalik Himalaya match ends in a draw (1-1). Both the goals were scored off penalties. In the final match Vindhya forced a draw against Nilagiri (1-1) and thus managed to hold on to the coveted trophy. It was a keenly contested match and the best of the series. Final positions and points were as follows:—

First	Vindhya	...	5	points
Second	Nilagiri	...	4	"
Third	Himalaya	...	2	"
Fourth	Siwalik	...	1	"

August 19th. Congratulations to the following on their appointments:—

S. N. Gupta	School Prefect	
S. S. Chahal	House Prefect	(Himalaya)
I. S. Gill	" "	" "
Kamal Katoch	" "	(Nilagiri)
S. S. Bhardwaj	M. I. Prefect	

August 20th. In rainy weather, the Soccer Colts and First XI leave for Patiala.

August 21st. The girls accompanied by Miss Chak go to Kasauli in pouring rain, to see "Vertigo".

O. S. News

Vikram Soni (Gillanders Arbuthnot & Co. Ltd., Post Box No. 174, Gillanders House, Calcutta-1), wrote a long newsy letter after quite a long break. Vikram saw the Colts' match at B. C. S., and "in spite of his best efforts" they lost. "Perhaps the teams are allergic to me. I believe the XI won in Sanawar when I was not there." "I am afraid that the News-letter has not been sent to me. Last year I think I paid for two years but if not I shall be happy to pay Rs. 3/-. Please send the back numbers too—if necessary by V. P. P. to the above address. (My residential address is subject to change without notice!). I met Rattan Kaul in Simla and Ravi Bhatia in Delhi and of course Arun—so my knowledge of School events is not too bad—though I still feel that I have unfortunately lost touch and become one of the back benchers. I shall attempt to remedy that and on receipt of the News-letters you can be sure of a string of letters reminiscent of the days of yore! (A good enough reason for you not to send the News-letters—isn't it?). I borrowed Arjun's News-letter in Simla and read an interesting letter from Kochar. A more detailed description followed when I met the others later—I do hope he was wrong—regarding the School flag I mean. It would

be a shame to be considered an imitation of the Red Cross rather than the best School of all. Calcutta is quiet and peaceful again after the recent trouble—and we as usual got the worst of it. Two hartals in one week—no work in office (and I complained! See now I've changed since the days of red herrings at Chem.)."

In my reply to Vikram I wrote: "All of you seem to be getting 'hit' up about the School flag. Actually what has happened is that the School flag has been put up on the front of the stage in Barne Hall. This replaces the old School colours, the red and white, which were not a School flag in any sense of the term. The present flag is a copy of the School Colour carried on parade. I sympathise with O. S. reactions; but in days to come the new flag will mean as much as the old red and white did. We still use the red and white for the Inter-School matches, but I think the school Colour is more suitable than the school colours for display in Barne Hall.

Subhash Malhotra, (c/o Malhotra Bros., Ambala Cantt), has joined a college in Ambala and rather busy "studying". Subhash must have changed considerably. "Sir, the club Drill should be one of the items put up for Founder's, for it is really worth having. By the way, the ice-cream proposal should be met."

Cadet Yogesh Kumar Saksena, (H. Sqn., N. D. A., Kharakvasla, Poona), writes: "This pad happens to be Boparai's, the pen Virk's, the envelope Sihota's, the ideas Mahey's and the letter is penned by Saksena. It obviously means that some Sanawarians have collected, as usual, in Boparai's cabin. We are discussing the topic "How to get the Sanawar News-letters". Boparai's genuine complaint is that he never receives his Newsletter. I never got the Rs. 3 V. P. P. at all. Boparai's new sqn. is 'H'.

About the new arrivals, Sihota and myself have been shoved in 'H' sqn. which raises the number of Sanawarians in this sqn. from three to five Brijendra is in 'A', Shergill (Tejinder) is in 'B', Virk in 'C' and Poonia in 'D'. All of us are enjoying: this initial period.

I am sure Bhakta with his Scotland Yard experience must have detected the missing Citric and Tartaric acids from the Chem. Lab. Ratty and myself were one of the main culprits, who followed the footsteps of Yeshvir Singh, in sneaking inside the lab to perform the so called practicals. I should believe that the School authorities are kind enough not to deduct any 'dosh' from our accounts, which don't happen to be there.

Now, Sir, I will describe the first experience I had in this place. I came to the Academy in the Delhi style trousers, trouser's ankle width 15". I had a shock awaiting me. Boparai, who had the privilege of coming to the academy a few days earlier, caught hold of my neck to interview me. Without recognising me, he bull-shitted me well and proper. Well, I wasn't disappointed for every new-comer must and does undergo such a "ragging".

Later on Shriman Boparai found out that I was the same old "Gheesa" and therefore looked lost, since then I have been having a nice time under the profound care of all O. S's".

The old Sanawarians' Association, Delhi (Secretary: Suresh Mullick), sent us invitations to a meeting held on Sunday, August 14th, at 71 Sundar Nagar. Unfortunately, none of us was able to attend.

Mr. H. Bond, (40, St. Marks Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, Middx. England), acknowledged the News-letters which he found "extremely interesting." "I cannot place Lovers Pool. The bridle path from near the Main Gate leading to Subathu (in my days used to be known as Lovers walk) and the Hill or Spur above it Lovers Hill. Lovers Hill was actually a part of Crates Hill (now Tilley Hill). As the crow flies I always imagine Sanawar to be only $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile away from Kasauli and 49 turns/car road from Dharampore to Subathu 2 miles off. Am I right?"

Mr. Bond's memory, though amazingly good on most facts, has not got these details quite right. Sanawar is three miles by road from Kasauli and 49 turns is a road nine miles long from Dharampore to Subathu.

Mr. Bond continues: "I do not go about very much these days. If it was possible to do so, I would call at the Reading Rooms of the British Museum and make extracts from the Three Places (Press Mark No. O 10057 de 99). It contains a few lines about Sanawar which could be of general interest to Old Sanawarians."

Daljit Singh Sihota, (Guindy Hostel, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras-15), has passed the first year of his Bachelor of Technology course, which explains the increase of radio activity in the atmosphere. Daljit spent two months in Bombay. "Arun Bhatia stays at a stone's throw from here, which doesn't make life pleasant for the people staying in between as we are usually kicking up a hullabaloo. Gurpartap is another two furlongs off. He's a 'pucca' beardy now. My efforts to find a Sanawarian in Madras have not been in vain, after all. I unearthed Chander Mohan Kumar (Himalaya 1953-58) many moons back. He thinks you're not liable to forget him in a hurry, as he was the gent who created a sensation way back in 52, by charging off from school! I think the News-letter is on the right reach at last. A wholesome eight pages is what it should always be."

H. S. Bedi, (18, New Hostel, G. N. E. College, Ludhiana), sent me an interesting extract about Sir Henry Lawrence from a book written by Lt. Gen. McLeod Innes: "Innes writes, 'His (Sir Henry Lawrence's) charities far exceeded what was in ordinary estimation thought justifiable considering his family circumstances, while the thought and care he devoted such considerations, in addition to actual money, are evinced by the establishment of the Lawrence Asylum and other similar institutions.... Struck by the neglected state and the great mortality of the children of the English community in India especially in the plains, he, in 1845, proposed to the Government the establishment of a school in the Hills for soldiers' children, offering a donation of £ 500/- and a yearly subscription of £ 100/-, and pointing out how existing funds and grants might be justly utilised for such an institution. Private support to the scheme was secured, and the regimental commanders were then addressed. After much discussion, inquiry and consideration, sufficient funds and support for a start were obtained, and its regulations organised. It was for the benefit of both boys and girls, and open to all denominations. The first school was started at Sanawar, near the Hill-station of Kasauli, and the Kashmir Raja, Gulab Singh, insisted on being allowed to contribute £ 10,000/- towards starting it, and £ 2,500/- afterwards. Sir Henry Lawrence further endowed it largely both in his life and by legacy; and so beneficial did the arrangements prove that Government took upon itself the charge of the institution. Public charity came further to its assistance; and similar institutions have been later on organised at Murree in the Punjab Hills, at Mt. Abu in Rajputana, and at Ootacamund in the Nilgiris

in the Madras Presidency. The benefits resulting from Sir Henry's wise and benevolent proposals can be easily imagined; but it may be mentioned that in about twentyfive years the Sanawar Asylum was sheltering and educating nearly 400 children, and at Murree about 160—the proportion of boys to girls being generally about three to two; the ratio not being a fixed one. At the Ootacamund school there are about 300 boys. Upwards of 4000 children passed through Sanawar in fifty years."

Further Innes adds, "In physique he was tall and strong, thin, spare and latterly gaunt, active and untiring; in aspect keen-eyed and observant, thoughtful, earnest and decided; in manner frank and simple; in temper warm and impulsive..... When young he was apt to be headstrong and impatient; in disposition chivalrous, gentle, sympathetic and generous; in bearing fearless and resolute, high-spirited and sensitive to affront or deception..... Throughout his career he was always a devout, religious and God-fearing man; evincing it in his acts and bearing....."

The conclusion: "Thus died Henry Lawrence, a God-fearing, upright man; a true king of men, resolute and brave, powerful in mind, noble and generous in heart. The epitaph on his tomb—by his own desire—ran thus: 'Here lies Henry Lawrence, who tried to do his duty.'....."

Believe it or not, 2/Lt. H. S. Sodhi, (61 CAVALRY, C/O 56 A. P. O.), put pen to paper after very nearly eight years. I was very happy to receive his letter and sent him back numbers of the News-letters. "In School I used to play a lot of Cricket but now I am concentrating on Polo. You will be glad to know that I represented the Indian Polo team against Pakistan. In my first season my handicap has gone up to 2 goals and I hope to play in England next year."

M. S. Grewal, (110-A Rajindra Prasad Hall, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur), has joined I. I. T. and has taken up a course in 'Naval Architecture and Ship building'. "This Institute is a really sprawling structure. It is built on an estate of 1400 acres. The main institute building is 4 stories high and it has about 6 or 7 wings, and a new comer really feels lost for sometime. Another advantage here is that we have a magnificent library and there is no scientific or engineering book that is not to be found here. As you must already be knowing this institute is run on the lines of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in America."

We have had news of Rupinder Randhawa and send her our congratulation. Rupinder sat for her Matriculation and obtained a First Division with 580 marks. This is a creditable effort considering that Rupinder was in Lower IV in 1958. Rupinder has joined a college in Chandigarh.

Mrs. Thiri Posaw (nee Jaya Rani Krishen) writes a long newsy letter and I propose to go into its details in the next issue. Jaya can be contacted C/O Mr. Thiri Posaw GM's Office, Burmah Shell, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

Savinder Singh Bhasin, (21, Rohtak Road, New Delhi), returned from Iran and felt that there was nothing very much in Iran except Tehran which is an extremely modern and luxurious city. Savinder has managed to get admission in Kirori Mal College. He intends doing his B.A. (Hons) in English.

Sangram Singh Gaekwad writes from Baroda that having taken Science he found Mathematics difficult, and so has now taken up Arts. Sangram has been chosen for the University cricket XI, but

unfortunately, has not been able to play, so far. Sangram writes: "After having read the Cricket scores in the News-letter I am certain that Sanawar Cricket standards have become equal to or better than any other school. They have really gone up. The coaching of Mr. Lee seems to have been very effective. I think this was the best cricket season Sanawar has had for a long time. I can well imagine Baldev hitting up a half century but certainly a half century by Sethi or even S. S. Gill "simply beats me". Anyway, I was really pleased that Sanawar beat B. C. S. Y. P. S. and also a team from Doon School. If I remember last year there were talks about starting the Spartans. What has really happened to them. Is it being discontinued or waiting to get a really good set of sporting boys and girls. I think you should start awarding it once more.".....

Bulbul (5, Clive Road, New Delhi), gives us the glad tidings "I hope you've got some N₂O ready for here is your long lost correspondent again. I presume the News of the national calamity must have been broken to you that Sardar Gurvir Inder Singh, alias Bulbul, was elected Secretary O.S. Delhi. I can confidently assure you that there was a lot of booing from members of the female volunteers; the Asst. Sec. went to Richard Mountford and that of Treasurer to H.S. Kochhar Between us we shall look after the funds. The O. S. Dinner is to be held on the last Sunday of Sept. at Berry's Place. I'm looking out for the grub but not for the date of contribution to the eats. Sanawar must be busy preparing for Founder's. There is a rumour running about that Her Highness Queen Elizabeth II is paying a flying visit to the alma mater around Jan. I presume I am mistaken. There is another rumour in O. S. circles, Delhi, that the best way of growing hair is to read a hair raising story. I presume I am mistaken. It rained yesterday and I had a bath. Do write about the old School when you have the time Sir."..... **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Mr. Kumar decided to leave at a very short notice and Mrs. Sehgal has taken over the Catering Post in the boys' mess. I have been reading through hundreds of applications received in reply to an advertisement for the steward's post; I reproduce an excerpt from one, which all students of English should study very carefully:-

"As regards my qualifications, I obsecrate to explicate that I am a graduate with Mathematics A. B. courses from the Punjab University. I always desiderade for hurling a diadem of farcical fulmination and effulgence upon the appellation of your 'Renowned and illustrious institution'. As I have possessed profound aspiration to conduce to the hospitalities of a "Foreign School" so my outstanding and gigantic vehements are plainly marked for serving your Institution. In the inapiency, I implore to dogmatise in the compact castigation in your kind presidency that I am quite specialist in "Thee Languages", English Urdu, Hindi."

T. C. Kemp

The Music Recital

A Music Recital was held in Barne Hall on the 7th of July. Twenty-seven items were presented (including one not in the programme) but what spoilt everything was that, of these, fourteen were piano pieces not that they weren't played well but piano solo (or duet) after pianosolo (or duet) can prove a little tiresome.

Littlue Nair and Sanobar Sahni played their bits quite well. Sheena Grewal, playing "Smoke Ring", was good but she will have to learn to play more smoothly. A duet (Waltz by Brahms) by Meenakshi Biswas and Sheila Barla was played

praiseworthy but Rajika Palit and Kalpana Sahni playing Waltzes by Chopin and Duran respectively, were really excellent.

The two "only two" dances, one by the juniors and one by the seniors, were the most interesting items. "Pinnal Kollattam" by the former was a type of may-pole dance and showed Anita Thomas, as usual, at her best, but also some fine dancing by Neela Rudra. The effect of the "Garba" by the Seniors was enhanced by good lighting and one could find no faults in the dance, anywhere.

The orchestras (one of amateurs and one the School) played two tunes both of which were played well. Aruna Mundkur and Kiran Kumari displayed considerable talent on the sitar in "Raag Bhim Palasi" but the violin trio of Asha Lata Punja, Deepa Bhattacharya and Bharati Chauhan spoilt their performance by unsure playing in the case of the last two.

Of the three items by Perppers, "The Three Little Bears" (a story in song) by the Prep. School Choir was perhaps best. It would have probably been enjoyed more if the audience had not imagined itself to consist of little children and joined in the refrain each time it was sung.

And finally, the band items. Following a musical interlude were three tunes played by the band—something which everyone looked forward to. "Make it a Party" was so-so but "Over The Waves" was magnificent while Anil Thadani on the trumpet in "A Deruish Chorus" was superb. Mr. Pillai must be congratulated for making the band so distinguishing and Mr. Thakar for making the Music Recital a Success.

K. K. Kak.

The Colts' Soccer Match

The Sanawar versus B.C.S. colts' soccer match was played in Simla on Sunday, 3rd of July. It was surprising how quickly the news of the match spread all over Simla and on the day itself the pavilion was crowded with visitors.

The Sanawar Colts arrived in Simla on Saturday and spent a troubled and sleepless night because of the millions of bed-bugs infesting the mattresses of their beds. Next morning nobody had an appetite for the hearty breakfast provided!

The match was postponed for an hour, beginning at 11-30 a. m. Our captain (Katoch) lost the toss and we got the side facing the sun.

Sanawar began the game. Both teams were balanced, yet we soon began to press forward. Unfortunately, we missed many opportunities to score. Our passing was excellent but it was difficult to break through the B. C. S. defence. B. C. S. got a number of corner kicks and missed converting them into goals by the narrowest of margins. For the rest of the first half of the game, the scales swung equally for both sides.

After half-time, the tables turned. A corner kick was awarded against us. B. C. S. made full use of the opportunity offered, their captain (Revi Inder Singh) scored neatly.

Their success disheartened us very much, though we tried hard to get the equaliser. But there was not much time left and soon the match ended, leaving B. C. S. the victors by one goal.

Our Colts played much above our expectations and fought gallantly till the final whistle.

Anil Kak

THE LAWRENCE COLLEGE, GHORA GALI



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1860—1960

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Lawrence College Ghora Gali,
P.O. Lawrence College,
Muppee Hills.

BY AIR MAIL

15th August, 1960.

Dear Principal

We are celebrating the Centenary of the Lawrence College, Ghora Gali on 2nd, 3rd and 4th September, 1960, and it is a great pleasure and privilege to be able to extend to you a very cordial invitation to these celebrations.

The College was founded by Sir Henry Lawrence, who I believe, was also the Founder of your School; and it will, therefore, indeed be a great pleasure to us and in the fitness of things if you could join us on this historic occasion to commemorate the memory of that great man,

I hope it will be possible for you to come.

With best regard

Yours sincerely,

S. MUIN-UD-DIN
PRINCIPAL

THE LAWRENCE SCHOOL,
SANAWAR,
(SIMLA HILLS).

20th August, 1960.

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BY AIR MAIL

Dear Mr. Muin-Ud-Din,

Thank you so much for your exceedingly kind invitation to the celebration of the Centenary of the Lawrence College, Ghora Gali, on 2nd, 3rd and 4th September, 1960.

I deeply regret my inability to be present, which is due, in the main, to the inordinate delays inevitable in securing the necessary passports and visas. On behalf of the children of this School, the Staff and myself, may I offer you and your College our most sincere good wishes for a most successful Centenary celebration and continued happiness and success in the future.

This School was founded by Sir Henry Lawrence in 1847, was known firstly as The Lawrence Asylum, then latter The Lawrence Royal Military School, and is now, since 1947. The Lawrence School. It has always had the closest associations with your College in the past. My Senior Master, Mr. T. C. Kemp, was four years in your College many years ago, and joins me in wishing you all well.

I feel it would be a very good thing indeed if we could renew our contacts, and if you find it suitable I shall approach the Government of India for permission for some of my teachers and myself to do ourselves the honour of visiting you at a time convenient and suitable to you. Similarly, any visit by you to us would be more than welcome.

With kindest regards from us all.

Yours sincerely,

R. SOM DUTT
MAJOR,
HEADMASTER

SANAWAR SENDS GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO ALL GALLIANS

A Pen Portrait



The staccato clip-clop of heels echoing down the cloisters announces the presence of our (barely) five-foot heroine.

Although her advent into this world took place quite a while ago, Time has found a difficult victim in her, and on beholding her youthful countenance one could easily name her "Miss Young".

Passing her picturesque cottage one hears strains of Bethovens symphonies which, mingling with the sweet scent of the flowers which surround her dwelling, makes it seem a very cosy retreat. These blooms are her life's passion and she forms an attractive picture surrounded by their colourful hues.

Her neatly-kept artistically decorated two roomed house is one of the prettiest in Sanawar, wherein she displays odd trinkets and ornaments from all over the world.

Talking about ornaments, so great is her love for them that she frequently decorates (?) the cloisters with mischievous characters, the two banes of her life being us.....and our English.....

In the briefest of sport wear she appears on the tennis court accompanied by a few hulks from her flock, "namely" the girls. She smashes the ball and, "in her vigour", the window panes too. But, no matter, atleast she tried.

Our petite' woman moves on to the swimming pool; but, seeing that it is too cold (and she can do

naught but cling to the sides for dear life) she decides it's far more peaceful to return to the safer pastimes of gardening, reading and music.

Our portrait is, what is commonly known as, a "hard taskmistress". She is allergic to noise and believes in work in work time. It is due to this, I think, that her results are so good.

She is fond of healthy and lady-like exercises; taking long walks being one of them, with the Girls' School trooping behind her. This is one of the reasons, I believe, why she never gets ill much to the disappointment of her pupils, who keep hoping against hope for a free period.

Our portrait is a permanent feature of the Sanawar landscape and, one of its most prominent features too, due to her multifarious interests and traits of character.

Rajika Palit

B. C. S. Vs Sanawar (Soccer)

Our annual fixture against the B. C. S was held at Sanawar on the 6th July. Although it had been raining quite a lot, the weather cleared up in time for the match. The game started punctually at 10-30 a. m. and for the first few minutes the ball see-sawed between the two goals. The different methods of play were apparent in this period. The B. C. S. depended upon their powerful kicks and long passes while the Sanawarians favoured the short, quick passing game with the halves channelling the ball to their respective forwards. B. C. S. relied on their centre-forward for their attack, while Sanawar preferred their wingers to rush down the line and then centre to the other three forwards.

The first goal went to Sanawar when Hundel neatly placed a penalty kick into the goal. A few minutes later the lead was increased when Randhawa headed in a corner kick. These reverses served to redouble the B. C. S. efforts and they soon reduced the lead, At half-time score read 2-1 in favour of Sanawar.

Soon after resumption of play Sanawar scored another goal through Bhasin. The opposing forwards now attacked again and again, like hounds closing in for the the kill. With barely ten minutes left a penalty was awarded against us and the score read 3-2.

But fortune smiled on us and not only did we maintain the lead but also added another goal to our tally, scored by Randhawa.

A few minutes later the final whistle went, leaving the jubilant Sanawarians the victors by four goals to two. And, as if to celebrate the rain came down in torrents.

K. S. Oberoi

Sanawarians Conquer Chaur

After a night's rest at Rajgarh we began our march towards "Gauba" the last inhabited place enroute to the peak.

We were heavily loaded with blankets, food, fuel and kit. The way be strode a climb of twenty miles and we had to begin, due to unavoidable circumstances at 3-40 p. m.

After we had covered fifteen miles the Sun died beneath the horizon far below and beyond. The ripened Moon sent long shadows which we often saw after emerging from an area of thick jungle.

The time kept ticking by—9-00 p. m.—10-00—11-00 12-00—at 00-15 a. m. we reached a hut and found that Gauba was yet another $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. We stayed the night there and all we had for tea as well as supper was a mug of cha.

The next day we reached Gauba at 9 A. M. which contrary to our expectations was a single hut occupied by half a dozen herdsmen. After having breakfast there, we began our journey to the peak. A few miles walk found us without any water. This made further progress very difficult.

At last at 9,000 ft. we came across snow and we gulped as much as we could as there was no water. We reached the peak at 2-40 p. m. and at exactly 3-50 p. m. we hoisted the Sanawar flag at the highest point (11,989 ft.). My dream had come true.

For water for our lunch we went $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles further. After lunch we started back by a different route, which led us through snow, and more snow. It was very risky crossing the glaciers of ice, and if anyone had slipped, he would have been heard of no more. We got so fed up of snow that when we got to the end we thanked God!

We got back at eleven in the night and for the second time we just got one mug of tea as our food after walking thirty long miles!

The next day we began our return journey and reached Rajgarh within five hours.

We had a special supper that evening in which we consumed all our rations.

The following day we reached Solan at 11 A. M. where we met the victorious cricket team and thence to Sanawar, exhausted but proud of our "conquest".

P. Varma.

My first impression of Sanawar

My very first impression of Sanawar, as I arrived on a misty morning last week, was a bleak one. I had seen forbidding stone buildings, girls and boys all dressed in a similar blue-grey, and a surrounding thick mist. After a week here, I have formed quite a different impression.

The hilly surroundings of the school give what I think are a pleasant climate beautiful views and country which is perfect for walking and camping. On the other hand, the school is handicapped by a lack of level space for buildings or the playing of games. I have been greatly impressed by the kindness which everyone has shown me.

I have also been impressed by the loyalty with which the boys—especially show towards their houses. I have noticed this in the way in which every player on each of the house football teams went all out for a win from the word go. I have noticed it too in the deafening shouts which surrounded me as I watched the house football matches. I am pleased to see the prefects and older boys of the school taking as much responsibility as possible for example in posting up daily news and in organizing the Independence Day Sports.

All these things and others have combined to give me an impression of Sanawar as a school where games, hobbies and studies are suitably combined to produce educated young men and women.

D. W. Adshead

Founder's Programme

We publish below the provisional programme for this year's Founder's :—

Monday, 3rd October

- 10-00 a. m. ... Tennis—Past vs. Present
- 11-00 a. m. ... Board of Governors' meeting
- 1-00 p. m. ... { Lunch—Headmaster's House, by invitation
- 4-00—6-15 p. m. ... School Concert—Barne Hall
- 7-00 p. m. ... Supper
- 8-30 p. m. ... Tattoo—Peacestead

Tuesday, 4th October

- 10-00 a. m. ... N. C. C. Parade—Peacestead
- 11-00 a. m. ... Art & Crafts Exhibition
- 12-00 noon ... Speeches—Peacestead
- 1-00 p. m. ... { Lunch—Headmaster's House, by invitation
- 2-30 p. m. ... Athletics
- 3-30—5-00 p. m. ... Tea
- 7-15 p. m. ... { Supper (Members of the Board of Governors will dine in P.D.)
- 8-30 p. m. ... School Plays—Barne Hall

Wednesday, 5th October

- 10-00 a. m. ... Fête—Birdwood School
- 2-30 p. m. ... Hockey—Past vs. Present
- 4-00 p. m. ... { Tea—Staff Club—Old Sanawarians & Staff members
- 4-45 p. m. ... O. S. Meeting—Staff Club
- 7-00 p. m. ... { O. S. Dinner—Parker Hall (O. S. Arrangements)
- 9-00 p. m. ... { O. S. Dance—Barne Hall (O. S. Arrangements).

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Fish keeping is growing daily into a more popular Sanawarian hobby and instead of cluttering up lockers with jam-bottles and the biology lab with bath-tubs, could not a cement-bottomed pond be built around the barometer stand in front of the Mistress's Common Room. The pond need not be very large—it could be circular, square or any suitable shape and the barometer stand could be connected to "dry land" by a small bridge so that the Sanawar meteorological department will not find any difficulty in taking their temperature readings. Aquatic animals and marine plants could be quite easily obtained.

Yours etc,

A. Kak.

Dear Sir,

in reply to Harjit Singh Kochhar's letter (July News-letter), I would like to say that it is perhaps his envy..... that the new flag was not flown in his time that has forced him to writting it.

Though our old flag did, I agree, have a simple dignity about it yet our new flag is far more impressive. And, as to the resemblance to a Red Cross insignia, surely the latter is better than Marcovitch "Red & white" cigarettes. Anyway, if the school emblem in the middle of the cross is enlarged slightly so that it will be more striking, this resemblance will soon disappear.

Yours etc
K. Kak

Centenaries

On behalf of all Sanawarians, Past and Present, we extend our congratulations to the Lawrence College, Ghora Gali, on achieving their hundredth anniversary, the best of success in their celebrations, and stepped up rates of progress till their bi-centenary in the future.

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Lovedale	1958
Ghora Gali	1960

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जूनियर हिन्दी सोसाइटी की इस वर्ष की बैठक २ जुलाई, १९६०, को सन्ध्या-समय बार्नहॉल में संगठित हुई। जिसमें 'कवि दरवार' प्रस्तुत किया गया। भिन्न भिन्न छात्रों तथा छात्राओं ने हिन्दी के मुख्य कवियों का प्रतिनिधित्व किया था, जिनके नाम क्रमशः इस प्रकार हैं :-

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कबीरदास जी के ज्ञान के पद से कवि-दरवार आरम्भ हुआ और अन्त में व्यास जी की हास्य-रमान कविता 'जूते चले गये' से सभा की कार्यवाही समाप्त हुई। केवल कुछ कवियों तथा कवियत्रों (सुमद्रा कुमारी चौहान) को छोड़कर अन्य सभी की कविताएं स्पष्ट सुनाई दीं। मीराबाई, 'बच्चन' और व्यास जी का प्रतिनिधित्व करने अच्छा हुआ था। विशेषकर व्यास जी की कविता से सारी सभा का मनोरंजन हुआ।

अन्त में सभापति द्वारा सभा के विनियमित होने की घोषणा से उस दिन को बैठक समाप्त हुई।

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School News

August

22nd. The Soccer teams return from Y. P. S Both had lost, 3-1 and 2-0. An account of the trip and the matches appears elsewhere. Amidst the usual witty remarks, Mr. Kemp announced the Founder's programme in Barne Hall after lunch.

23rd. The Founder's programme begins. In the excitement, boys rush around from place to place only to find that they are wanted somewhere else—a day of confusion.

25th. The news-boards in Birdwood devote themselves to giving Olympic News only.

26th. After trials, the casts for the English plays for Founder's are selected. Few volunteers go away disappointed.

27th. Science Society meets, speaks and disperses.

28th. Believe it or not—"Dial 'M' for Murder" is screened in Sanawar. It was excellent! Grace Kelly surpassed herself in the murder scene.

September

3rd. "Lassie Come Home", the film version of Eric Knight's book, is shown. It was quite good.

4th. "Godzilla" was shown at Kasauli and, reportedly, it was very much like "The Beast from Twenty Thousand Fathoms" (screened in Sanawar many moons ago).

6th. The 400 metres was run at Rome and Sanawarians crowded around radios to listen to the commentary. Milkha Singh's coming fourth sends our athletes into fits of despondency.

9th. The news of India's defeat in the Hockey Finals is a great blow to sports enthusiasts. The effect it had can quite well be imagined—curses and d-ns flying right left and centre.

10th. The Mathematical Society, as compared with previous ones, is conducted in a most novel manner.

11th. Holding in disdain the "The Defiant Ones" at Kasauli—which the Vindhians didn't—Mr. Mundkur, Mr. Adshhead and four boys explore the surrounding country side from a biological point of view. They were back with a magnificent specimen of a crab, some beautiful members of the grass-hopper family and a number of plants.

12th. Mr. Mundkur dissects a rabbit for the Sixth Form while Mrs. Kemp shows admiring Upper Fivers the four guinea-pigs slaughtered by the Sixth Form Health Scientists. Mrs. Sikund is quite revolted by the sight of a butchered guinea-pig which a naughty boy holds before her for inspection.

17th. A light shower is followed by a complete power failure. Lights pack off in the afternoon and don't reappear till Sunday morning. Boys go to bed by lantern-and candle-light. Film postponed.

18th. The School flocks to Kasauli to see "Semiramus". "Merry Andrew" starring arch-comedian Danny Keye, provides an entertaining evening.

19th. Athletic heats start for the boys. Nilagirians snatch an early lead, heading the list with 10 points.

In the end I cannot refrain from publishing an extract from the Olympic issue of the "Sport and Pastime" I am sure all Sanawarians will find it interesting reading:—

RANJIT BHATIA (10,000 metres): Soft-spoken but possessing a strong will, 23-years-old Ranjit Bhatia is a rare combination of a scholar and sportsman. He did his Senior Cambridge from Sanawar Public School where he showed early aptitude for athletics. From Sanawar he joined St. Stephen's College, Delhi, and exhibited such good form that he was selected the very next year to represent Delhi in the Inter-Varsity meet. He did not do much that year but in the next he won the 1,500 metres in a new timing of 4 min. 10.6 sec., and was second to Krishan Singh in the latter's record-breaking 800 metres run. In 1957 Ranjit was selected to represent his State in the National Championships but had to sacrifice sports in favour of studies. But a bigger honour awaited him. He was awarded the Rhodes scholarship for three years' study in the U. K. At Oxford he continued to take part in road relays and cross country and middle distance races and early this year ran second in the mile in 4 mins. 8 secs. to earn the sobriquet of "Asia's fastest miler." A month later he won the three-mile race in a timing of 13 mins. 56 secs.—4.6 secs. better than the previous best in the Triangular Athletic Meet. When leaving India for Oxford, Ranjit took a vow to represent his country in the Olympics one day. His dream has been achieved sooner than he imagined. Though he has crossed no qualifying standard set by the AAFI, the OA have selected him for grooming into a potential champion. He will represent India at Rome in the 5,000 metres. His life's ambition is to win the marathon, the toughest event in athletics.

O. S. News

The News-letter seems to be inspiring much research into our past history. It bids fair to become a quite valuable source of information in the years to come. We were very grateful to H. S. Bedi for the extract he sent us last month. I am certain all Sanawarians found it interesting reading. The in

visitation from Ghora Gali on the occasion of their centenary was another mile-stone, and we are hoping that our contacts in the future will be much closer.

Mr. Bond, (40, St. Marks Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, England), has become a regular correspondent and again provides us with some interesting information. "I have just received Sanawar News-letter No. 41, and find it very interesting and much appreciated. What is the height of Chandi Chour and can it be seen from Sanawar? I am still thinking of Sanawar. What are the School fees like now? In my time it was fixed at 10% per ward of the parents monthly income. In my day we wore Khaki Shirts and Shorts, black shoes and long sports turnover, khaki stockings—and a broad brimmed khaki puttoo hat, like a boy Scout. Do the boys of today all wear the Western civilian type of clothes with National head gear as the distinguishing mark or is there a complete uniformity? The total number of boys on the Roll in my day did not exceed two hundred of which 72 were Cadets (boys over 14 years of age) and 8 places available for Parlour Boarders (sons of Indian Princes). Non-Cadets, i. e. smaller boys totaled 120. Sleeping and dining arrangements were based on the class-rooms i. e. boys in the same age-groups always kept together, whether in class, dormitory, or dining room. The day at Sanawar commenced with the sounding of the Reveille at 6 a. m. The boy bugler was often beaten to it by either the Singing or the Whistling Thrush (Quzel or Kustura). The working day came to a close at 6 p. m. (Last Post). Weekends were spent in playing games, musketry and in rambling about the nearer sites (Eagles Nest, the Long-back Crater Hill, Lovers Walk, the School Gardens, and Butts Valley). Sunday meant going to Church and attending the Library. The smaller boys went to the Church in the evening, and the Cadets in the morning, led by the musicians (Fifes and Kettle drums) with the School Colour in attendance. Carbines were carried at the trail. In the course of the year classes closed for Easter, Whitsuntide, and for 10 days in October. This was the opportunity to visit the more distant sites (Dagru torrent with its four bathing pools (Harts, Buttercups, Farthings and Darbys). Stonies (off the Bridle path between Lovers Walk (Sanawar and Sabathu), Duttia Gorge and Bhutias plain near the Kalka-Simla Hill Railway. Camels Back seen in the distance due right from the Ridge was too far away. In the course of these long rambles there were opportunities of observing the Snowy Range, pine-tree covered hills, the torrent in the solitude of its Boundary ravine, the magnificent Lammergeyer, the prettiest of butterflies (The Minal), the Milky Swallow tailed Moth, Saddlebacks, and Eclipses, as well as Cheetah and Luckra-bagha! After the Public exams. were over in December, most of the boys went home to their parents working in Govt. offices and Departments on the plains. I can go on for ever like this but regretfully must call a halt.".....

Another pleasant surprise this month was a letter from Mr. J. Ross, (No. 225 Killarney, Rajpur, P. O., Dist. Dehra Dun, U. P.). "I often think I am the oldest Old Sanawarian living. I entered the School in 1886 when I was 8 years old. It was then known as the Lawrence Military Asylum, and the original buildings put up by Sir Henry Lawrence were being used. The present three storeyed barracks were constructed about 1891. I left the School in August 1898 to join the Thomason Civil Engineering College, Roorkee." The mathematicians amongst you will work out that Mr. Ross is 82 years old. Sanawar sends Mr. Ross greetings and good wishes and a very warm invitation to try and make it for Founder's this year.

Fg. Offr. Sowaranjit Singh Dhillon, (No. 1 Wing, C/O 56 A.P.O.), sent us a cheque for Rs. 25/- as life membership to the O. S. S. Sowaranjit has been in hospital, but is better now. He hopes to be up for Founder's.

Veer Amol Singh, (152 Clive Road, Jullundur Cantt), has been in Dalhousie for some time. He met Ravi Khanna who, apparently, has grown fairly hefty, but is still recognizable "by his face". Ravi hopes to study refrigeration in England. Veer Amol complains that Anil Nehru has forgotten his address. He tells us also that Mohinder Singh Guron was supposed to return from England this year but has decided to stay on for another year. Mohinder is undergoing training in Industrial Management.

Samaresh Mukherji, (6/3/26, Seal's Garden Lane, P. O. Cossipore, Calcutta—2), is "seeing stars". Apparently, Calcutta colleges never manage to finish the syllabus and most of the work has to be done by the students themselves. However, the old School motto is standing him in good stead.

S. P. S. Gill, ('C' sqn., The Deccan Horse, C/O 56 A. P. O.), asks if Bill Colledge is coming over for Founder's this year, and I regretfully reply 'No'. "Rajinder Kalaan is sitting close by and has a long list of complaints which he wants to add in this letter. I have declined the request and have asked him to write himself. In fact I have given him the postage also. Incidentally, I will like you to know that he has to learn pole vaulting.".....

Mrs. Thiri Posaw, (nee Jaya Rani Krishen). (General Manager's Office, Burmah-Shell, Ballard, Estate, Bombay), is feeling lost without work. She hopes to take a part-time teaching career and eventually, join J. J. School of Art for their course in interior decoration. Jaya has taken up Tennis and Table-tennis, and, believe it or not, is learning how to play chess, to shoot and to drive a car. "The latter very necessary to my Mobility in Bombay. At the moment my husband bears up under the not to inconsiderable strain of chaffering me on shopping sprees! Despite the usual nasty cracks everyone made about my first efforts—(I never was very good at mathematics—specially geometry; as Mr. O.P. Sharma, Mr. Gore and Mr. Rawat will bear out.) I persevered and am due to take my test any day now. The most amusing part of my initiation I feel was my husband's painstaking effort to translate the Highway Code from Gujerati to English. Gujerati I may add is the kind of language in which 'took out his teeth' translates as 'smile.' Needless to say the Highway Code is still a closed book as far as I'm concerned and the general cry will remain I suppose "Ware lady drivers;".....

Any old Sanawarians in Bombay should make a point of contacting Jaya at her address. Neena Dubey and Asha Rani, are hereby ordered to do so.

Mrs. Violet M. Tilley, (106, Cranley Gardens Muswell Hill, Londen—N. 10), sent us some newsy reading, and I reproduce her letter in full. "The Manager of Lloyds Bank here will be sending you £ 30/-/- is towards the Barne Memorial and £ 30/-/- for another purpose of which more anon—Regarding the "Barne Memorial." I wonder whether you have made any progress as to the form it should take? May I make a suggestion and this is one in which some other Old Sanawarians join me. Would it be possible to award, to a boy, or a girl, who deserves it for any purpose you and the Staff think suitable, a "Barne

Memorial" Prize of say £ 5/- or its equivalent in Indian Money—as a help towards buying books when studying in College—When I was in school I managed to get a prize called "The Hyde Bequest" valued at Rs. 40/- and this amount helped me to buy my books required for St. Bede's College. I feel sure that this would be better than just putting up a plaque to our dear Bishop's memory. He himself would second our choice for material help to anybody, as he was always helping boys and girls. Perhaps we can add to the fund as time goes on. I think Bill Colledge said he'd send me a yearly contribution and at the Reunion I could try to collect a few pounds for the fund. Now the second £ 30/- comes from an old boy who has repented of his "raiding" habits while he was in school. He declares that he raided bhuttas etc. etc. from the farmers of "Sanawar Village;" those fields below the Boys' School, the Mukulla (?) and "Barnes"—Sardaru, the Carpenter, and his family had fields down there and if I remember correctly Jassi Ram the wood-seller, also lived in that direction. This boy feels, quite rightly, that the farmers stood no chance against the raiders, even though they tried to obtain the culprits' hats as evidence against them! I recall once how the Bishop punished boys by making them walk around with bhuttas tied round their necks! This "Conscience Money" please sets you the task of giving it to one or two farmers who could do with a pair of bullocks or a good ploughshare or a cow for milk for the kids. Perhaps a few rupees would help restore one of their dwelling huts—Some material help to the farmers is thought of. I realise this gives you some extra work, but this boy really feels intensely that help ought to be given to try to make up for past shortcomings. This boy has even suggested that he'll give me some more money to send you for the farmers of "Sanawar" Village. Soon they'll begin their 'Autumn' work so help NOW is indicated."... ..

Tau (Sr.) (Savinder Singh Bhasin, 21 Rohtak Rd., New Delhi-5), writes to inform us that the Delhi O. S. held a general meeting attended by 30 Sanawarians. "We decided upon a number of controversial points. Bulbul, the new Secretary, must have sent you a detailed report". "I have taken up hockey in college and go for daily practice. Soni is doing long distance, Dube is perfecting himself in 100 metres and Merchant has joined the Tennis Club under the Rajkumari Sports Scheme. I think Sanawar will be pleased to know that Master Anil Malhotra has passed his Medical Examination and interview for the Dufferin. He hopes to join the Merchant Navy. In the written examination, I think he was in the first 3 candidates. He got 77%".....

Inderjit Singh Bhusri, (Room No. 30, Govt. College Hostel, Chandigarh), tells us about the Chandigarh O. S.; "V. P. Puri is in 2nd year F. S. c. and he is studying mighty hard for the exam. Vinod Nair is somewhat taken up in his STUDIES for his F. Sc. B. S. Malhans has also joined this lovely joint after having roamed about in other college. K. Himmat Singh is doing Inter Arts. Rupinder Singh Brar is also doing Intermediate Arts. Rajeshwarpal is in the Punjab Engineering College. C. K. Mahajan and B. K. Sood are in D. A. V. College, which gets better results than we do. H. S. Sodhi has decided to say good-bye to studies and has taken up farming with his father in Ferozepore. Young Surjit Sodhi is doing his Pre-University exam and he is finding Maths. quite tough as he has to do trigonometry and higher algebra in it.".....

To Y. P. S. & Back

The Soccer XI and Colts left Sanawar, to the cheers of the School and the reminder by friends of being sure to get some 'grub' for them, in the afternoon in the truck on Saturday, the 20th. August.

Many hours later, at 5-30 p. m., we arrived in Y.P.S. and were welcomed by (I think) chaprasi—the official delegation was slightly late! But one cannot blame them for it was really our fault; we had arrived an hour-and-a-half late.

After the tea of patties and biscuits, we invaded the Y. P. S. Canteen and guzzled 'samosas' with Coca Cola.

The night was spent in the Art Room and the standard of art is quite high!

Next morning, Sunday, was a surprise. An overnight storm had converted the Stadium into a swimming pool with water coming up to the knees. It was impossible to play the inter-school matches! Tired of the many false alarms about whether or not they would be played, the Sanawarians took matters into their own hands and played a rugger-cum-soccer-cum-water polo-cum-God knows what match with the Colts on one side and the XI on the other. Naturally, the XI won with the score at 6-0, or 8-0, or 9-0, or 12-0 (nobody was quite sure what it was!)

The whole morning it rained.

Lunch at Nabha with Mr. Kate had been cancelled as Nabha was flooded and there were no facilities for arranging lunch for twenty-five young gluttons.

Boredom reigned supreme—until finally came the cheering news that the soccer matches would be played, not in the Stadium as pre-planned, because it was flooded, but on Dhani Ram Field.

The Field was really a field; uneven, covered with thriving grass, and having patches of sludge, and the games were more inter-school scraps than inter-school matches. The First XI despaired as Dua had a touch of fever but fortunately the Colts' match was being played first.

In the preliminary practising, Tau scored a magnificent goal against poor Jayaram. A pity he did not repeat the performance in the official match.

The Y. P. S. vs. Sanawar Colts' Soccer Match began at 10-40 a. m. Katoch won the toss and chose 'side'. Almost immediately after the whistle blew was a foul by Sanawar, closely followed by one by Y. P. S. A good kick by Lalit and a head by Rawat sent the ball off to the Y. P. S. goal but, unfortunately, it went out instead. Y. P. S. brought the ball up to our 'D'. Jayaram rushed forward but fumbled, Y. P. S. had an excellent chance to score and—missed! The ball went over the bar. A good kick by Anil Kak sent the ball to the opposite side, there was an attempt at scoring but the Y. P. S. 'goalie' foiled everything by kicking the ball out. The ensuing corner by Katoch was missed and the ball returned to our side—extremely quickly! Jayaram who was not in form, barely managed to save. Both the backs (Anil Kak and Himmet Singh) and Bhusri charged to the rescue but Katoch finally saved the situation by presenting himself to the would-be scorer in such a position that when the Yadavindrian kicked the ball, it rebounded off his (Katoch's) posterior. The corner against us was also missed. An excellent kick by Katoch went far too ahead for Dutta to do anything and the ball was returned with compliments! Y. P. S. missed scoring goal after goal.....

Jayaram had improved. Chopra took the ball right into the Y. P. S. 'D' but failed to score.

Shortly after half-time, Dutta missed a real sitter. A very fine pass by him to Chopra came sometime later but this was also missed. Y. P. S. also had their share of misses and, in a way, the game was becoming rather monotonous..... only misses. A fight between two spectators diverted us for a while.

Y. P. S. was determined to score but Jayaram and the backs did much to save goals. Finally a kick sent the ball, too high for Jayaram to reach, into the goal. The score was 1-0. the onslaught continued and Y. P. S. scored again. The game ended with the score 2-0, Y. P. S. having won.

The First XI match began minutes later. Sethi won the toss and chose the same side as Katoch had done. The Y. P. S. attack began when a kick by Harcharan Singh sent the ball right into our 'D'. Dua pushed the ball out and a corner against us followed. The ball overshot, Gill took it up and passed it to Suri. Suri centred it to Bala and Bala scored. Joy of all joys! The score was 1-0 Y. P. S. retaliated but were unsuccessful. Harcharan passed to centre, Manimajra headed the ball to Mandi but Mandi missed. Grover then brought the ball up, he and Gupta collided, but the ball which shot ahead, was got rid of by Dua. Bhasin gave a good still kick straight ahead and Randhawa attempted to score but missed. A return kick by Harcharan into our 'D' was saved by Dua. Manimajra had a very good try at scoring but Dua once again saved the situation. Grover and Manimajra charged numerous times but the backs (Sethi and Gupta) and Bhasin and Karanjit did a magnificent job of work in saving many goals. A long shot by Harcharan hit the bar and rebounded. Grover tried to score but Dua saved brilliantly. The ball now very rarely left our side. Dua saved goal after goal. Dutta, Bala and Suri had a combined try at scoring but Joginder, the Y. P. S. goalie saved what seemed a possible goal. Bhasin gave a pass to Randhawa but the latter missed.

A Penalty against us sometime later, was missed by Harcharan. A corner that followed was also missed. Another corner wasn't and Y. P. S. scored. Score 1—1. Sanawar got into 'josh' but the half-time whistle damped it all.

The drizzle, which had stopped before the first match commenced, began again.

Randhawa, Bala and Dutta took the ball up when the game recommenced, Dutta tried at scoring but failed to connect in the right direction. The ball came back. and in a corner against us Y. P. S. scored. Score 2—1. Corners running into the teens, that followed against us were all saved. Sanawar was playing a defensive game, with but occasional spurts of offence. Gill took the ball right up to the 'D' but a corner against them was missed. The ball returned and Darshan missed a spectacularly easy goal. Another penalty, and this time Harcharan scored. The match ended with the score 3-1, Y.P.S. having won again.

We left back for Sanawar at 3 o'clock but quite honestly, none of us wanted to return. Bala, who had sworn to gorge himself on "Shri Murg" was in despair. "Mugal-e-Azam," K. Asif's million-rupee presentation, was going on in Patiala and we were missing it. No amount of entreaties to lengthen our stay helped. But.....there is always the inevitable. Krishan Kak's presentiment that the night would be spent in Patiala and Sethi's translation of a passing funeral as a good omen resulted in, guess what?..... Some miles after Rajpura we stopped. Continuous

rain had flooded the countryside and the water covered the road to a depth of over three feet. It was impossible to cross! With singing hearts we turned back for Patiala. Hoorah! The Yadavindrians must have d.....d us, they would have to make our beds all over again, but who cared. Now all that was left was "Mugal-e-Azam." Tickets were bought and we all trooped to the cinema. A general comment after the picture was "togd" (a corruption of too good).

We slept a contented sleep that night. Next morning we left for Sanawar, had a most eventful journey (Tau kicked a football under a low culvert and Hansraj had to fetch it out) and arrived here in Sanawar at 1-30 p. m. to be greeted with lunch by Mrs. Sehgal.

Krishen Kak

Science Society

The 1st meeting of the Science Society took place in Barne-Hall, on the 27th, August, at 6-45 p. m.

Meenakshi Khanna, the President, in an introduction, said that she was sorry she had to reject many other boys and girls who had wanted to take part, as there was not enough time for so many talks and that the speakers would deal with topics connected with Health Science, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

The first speaker, S. N. Gupta, spoke on 'Power.' He talked rather hurriedly and said that the main source of energy now-a-days, excluding the atomic energy, is the sun. Andy Kemp, who spoke on "A Century of Progress in Medicine," spoke well, but her speech was rather lengthy. She said that medicine was both a science and an art. One disadvantage in this progress, she said, was that people depended on curative medicines and neglected the prevention of diseases. Talking on "Animal Court ship," Krishan Kak, who spoke well but a 'mite' too fast, said that, animals other than man, also have striking ways of wooing their mates. Rajika Palit, who spoke well on 'Television', did not go into any technical details but gave us a more superficial account of this elaboration on the wireless system. Talking confidently about "Communications," Ravi Khanna told us how the postage system had grown through the ages. Meenakshi Biswas, speaking on "Locusts," told us a great deal about these universal pests. "The poison is mixed.....the poison is sprayed..... and the locusts are dead!" Feeling rather nervous, Karm Sheel Oberoi, speaking on "A Century of Progress in Aviation," told us how man had managed to imitate birds in flight. The next speaker, C. S. Cheema, who spoke on "Contribution of Science to Warfare," told us that without the help of science, warfare would have yet been in its primitive stages. Parveen Sharma, talking on "A Bachelor's House," presented the most interesting subject of the evening. He told us how a modern bachelor could manage to survive in this world, substituting electronics for a wife—who would be much more expensive.

Though the girls made it quite obvious their boredom for the proceedings with a behaviour that would unnerve any speaker, the speeches were enjoyed by most of us, the slides and the film-strips shown after each speech increasing the interest. But it is generally felt that such societies should be restricted to U-V and VI Form and not made compulsory for the whole school.

A. N. Dutta

Mathematical Society

The first meeting of the Mathematical Society was held in Barne Hall on the 10th September at 6-45 p.m. This year instead of a whole house taking part, only a team of three boys and one girl represented the house. The questions were directed to the teams, discussions were permitted and, after a certain time, usually 5 or 10 seconds, the head of the team answered.

Here are some of the questions :—

1. What is a pedal triangle?
2. What is national debt?
3. Is the discount given on cost price or selling price?
4. True or false.
 - (i) $\log(a+b) = \log a + \log b$
 - (ii) $(x-3)$ is a factor of $x^2+2x-15$.
 - (iii) As Mr. A grows older, the difference between his age and Mr. B's age decreases.
 - (iv) The in-centre of a triangle is equidistant from the vertices.
 - (v) 5 square feet is the same as 5 feet square.
 - (vi) Sine A cannot be equal to $\frac{4}{3}$.
5. Find the area of a triangle whose sides are 3", 4" and 5". (Time limit 5 seconds).
6. Which is correct: 8 and 8 is 15 or 8 and are 15.
7. We all know that there are twelve one anna stamps in a dozen. How many two anna stamps are there in a dozen?

Vindhya (represented by Manju Sood, A. N. Dutta, V. Mahajan and K. Kak); though being the weakest team on paper, won. Nilagiri (Jyoti Dhawan, K. S. Oberoi, D. K. Srivastava and A. M. Deshraj) followed, with Siwalik (Meenakshi Khanna Ravi Khanna, Baldev Dua and Deepak Varma) and Himalaya (Rajika Palit, S. N. Gupta, Kuljit Sethi and Inderjit Gill) sharing third place.

Mr. Kemp must be thanked for providing the humour by his witty remarks, Mr. Rawat and Mr. Gore for "point-keeping" and Mr. Thakar for the time-keeping. Finally, last but not least, Chahal, for carting the mike around from table to table.

A. N. Dutta

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I would like to say that the idea of replacing the wooden chairs in Barne Hall with steel ones is a laudable one. The latter present an appearance contrasting sharply with the untidy one of the former remaining. They are definitely more comfortable and, because of their smaller size and compactness, more chairs fit in a row—a great point in their favour when considering the present space-shortage. As these chairs are armless, ungainly sprawling by the boys in their seats is done away with.

Three "chairs" for the "idea-walla!"

Yours etc,
Anil Kak.

Dear Sir,

A vegetable served quite often here is one loathed extremely by all of us. This vegetable is the "Tinda."

I don't see why this repulsive dish cannot be replaced by something better, or even by some more extras of a tastier food.

Yours etc.
Anil Thadani

Dear Sir,

It is a tragedy that years old tradition of travelling to Kalka by train has been broken. The present bus system is disliked by most if not all of us. The fun of walking down to Dharampore and the excitement of travelling in a hill train is missed. Perhaps bus trips are cheaper, but look at the amount of discomfort they cause..... vomiting, giddiness, headache, boredom and most of all the trouble of waiting the whole day in Sanawar for the last bus. Then there is the question of overcrowding, the bigger children are forced to tolerate small kids on their laps.

As a special favour to those for whom this is their last year in Sanawar could the authorities arrange train trips for the whole school.

Yours etc.
Karanjit Singh Dhillon

Calendar for October & November

Fri 7th Oct.	...	Festival hockey Match—4-15 p.m.
Sat. 8th "	...	{ House P. T. Competition—2-15 p. m.
Sat. 15th "	...	{ Sr. Eng. Society—6-45 p. m. The Society will take the form of a poetry declamation contest.
Sun. 16th "	...	Film
Thu. 20th "	...	{ Diwali: Holiday. Bonfire—6-30 p. m. Buffet Dinner B. D. & G. D.—7-45 p. m.
Sat. 22nd "	...	{ Music Examination—2-30 p. m. P. D. Sports—2-30 p. m. Hockey XI leaves for Simla—2-00 p. m.
Sun. 23rd "	...	{ Sanawar vs. B.C.S. Colts—3-00 p. m. (Home) Sanawar vs. B.C.S. XI (Away) (The 1st XI will return immediately after the match in Simla.) Film.
Thu. 27th "	...	{ Athletics Team leaves for Patiala —2-00 p. m.
Fri. 28th "	...	{ G. D. Teams leave for Simla by morning bus
Fri. 28th "	}	...
Sat. 29th "		
Sun. 30th "		
Sat. 29th "	...	Film
Sun. 6th Nov.	...	{ Hockey Y. P. S. vs. Sanawar (Home) Colts—2-30 p. m. 1st XI—3-45 p. m.
Mon. 7th—9th	...	G.D. House Matches (Hockey)
Sat. 12th "	...	Film
Thu. 17th "	}	...
Fri. 18th "		
Sat. 19th "		
Sat. 19th "	...	Film
Mon. 21st "	...	Cambridge Exam. commence
Wed. 23rd—25th	...	G. D. House Matches (T. T.)
Sat. 26th "	...	Film
Sun. 27th "	...	House Break-up Parties
Wed. 30th "	...	{ Forms with form staff—10-00 a.m. Marks in 10-00 a. m. Books handed in—10-00 a. m.

Thu. 1st Dec. ...	Forms with Form Staff Mark Reading Slips to be filled in and handed to House Staff Mark Reading Books to S. M. —12 Noon The handing in of Books to be completed before lunch Hockey P.D. vs. B.D.—3-00 p.m.
Fri. 2nd ,, ...	Cambridge Examinations end. Promotion Meeting—10-00 a.m. 2 copies of Tutorial Sheets in to Office—4 P.M. Upper-V Party—7-00 p. m.
Sat. 3rd ,, ...	Assembly—8-00 a. m. Breakfast—8-30 a. m. Prize-giving—10-00 a. m. Home Parties leave—12-00 noon N. C. C. leave—5-00 p. m.
Sun. 4th ,, ...	Home Day

सनावर में मेरा प्रथम अनुभव

सनावर की इस स्वर्ग समान भूमि पर बसे हुए इस रमणीक विद्यालय के मनोहर वातावरण में आकर मैंने जैसा अनुभव किया है उसे पूर्ण अभिव्यक्ति देने की सामर्थ्य तो मैं अपने में नहीं पाता, परन्तु भावोद्देगवश जो कुछ सफल असफल अभिव्यक्ति कर पाया हूँ वह निम्न-पंक्तियों में पद्य रूप में प्रस्तुत है। आशा है आप इनके द्वारा मेरे मनोभावों से अवगत हो सकेंगे।

धन्य सनावर ललित धाम !

मातृभूमि के अथक संतरी, दृढ़ उत्तुंग हिमाचल का तू
नव-शिथु सा है, अटल विराम।

तेरे जन-जन के सुन्दर तन, मन-मंदिर में अनुज आतृ के
प्रेम-दीप की शिखा ललाम।

हरे—हरे ये कुञ्ज निराले,

छलक रहे पुष्पों के उर से मधु के प्याले;

मधुप पी रहे जी भर-भरके;

मध्य बसा लॉरेन्स ज्ञान का केन्द्र

स्वर्ग सा नयना-भिराम।

आगन्तुक मैं नया, नहीं, चिरपरिचित सा आराधक हूँ,
पा ही गया प्रिय ! आज तुम्हारे चरणों में विश्राम।

'सदानन्द शर्मा'

संपादक महोदय के नाम पत्र

मान्यवर,

मैं आपका अत्यन्त कृतज्ञ हूँगा यदि आप मेरे कुछ विचार 'सनावर-समाचार-पत्र' द्वारा पाठकों तक पहुँचाने की कृपा करें और इस विषय में उनकी प्रतिक्रिया (reaction) का स्वागत करें।

शिक्षक-वर्ग के रेखा-चित्र (pen-portrait) का जो क्रम आपने आजकल चालू किया हुआ है वह बहुत कुछ स्कूल की कई एक परंपरागत (traditional) प्रचलित बातों की भैंति औपचारिक (formal) ढंग पर आधारित जान पड़ता है। समय तथा वातावरण के साथ साथ यदि प्राचीन-प्रथा-पालन-पद्धति में भी यथोचित परिवर्तन आ जाय तो मेरे विचार से न केवल उसमें स्वाभाविकता तथा रोचकता की अभिवृद्धि होगी बल्कि उसके वास्तविक उद्देश्य—रेखा-चित्रित शिक्षक विशेष के गुण, रुचि इत्यादि के विषय में पाठकों की जानकारी एवं मनोरंजन—की पूर्ति भी अवश्य होगी।

पूर्व इसके कि मैं अपना सुभाव प्रस्तुत करूँ मैं किसी भी प्रकार की आज्ञानवश की गई धृष्टता (यदि कोई हो) के लिए क्षमा याचना उचित समझता हूँ। सुभाव यह है कि आप कृपया स्वतंत्र रूप से किसी भी शिक्षक के तात्कालिक महत्व को ध्यान में रखते हुए उसका रेखा-चित्रांकन तथा तदनुरूप समालोचना प्रकाशित करें। अतः स्पष्ट है कि यह आवश्यक नहीं कि सभी के व्यक्तित्व का कभी न कभी प्रकाशन हो अथवा हर बार रेखाचित्र अंकित हो ही।

मुझे आशा है कि अधिकांश विद्यार्थी मेरे इस सुभाव से सहमत होंगे और सर्वप्रियता की ओर तेजी से कदम बढ़ाते हुए महानुभावों के रेखा-चित्र निकट भविष्य में प्रकाशित होते देखने के लिए उत्सुक होंगे।

अंत में पुनः दोहरा दूँ कि समयानुकूल तात्कालिक महत्व को ध्यान में रखते हुए कृपया... ..

आपका

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School News

September

21st. "Reach for the Sky", starring Kenneth More as Douglas Bader, the legless pilot, held the usually noisy audience spellbound.

25th. The first Tattoo rehearsal is held at night, on Peacestead. Surprisingly it goes off quite well. The folk dance incites enthusiastic singing from within and caustic comments from without.

26th. Schools cut down to thirty minutes each to allow rehearsals of the Punjabi skit.

29th. After many strenuous rehearsals, word comes around that the Punjabi skit has been cancelled.

30th. The current heat wave in Sanawar, having already claimed several victims in the past few days in the N.C.C. parade, strikes in the pre-lunch session of P. T. also. Andy Kemp unable to bear the heat faints gracefully into Rajika's arms.

October

1st, A complete School Plays rehearsal.

2nd. A Gandhi Jayanti Assembly in the morning is followed by a welcome invasion of Sanawar by parents and Old Sanawarians. School begins to look like a reunion of a large and happy family.

3rd. In the Past vs. Present tennis match the Past are beaten by the Present. Andy Kemp and Rajika Palit beat Anupma D. Singh and Indra Sachdev while Shabnam and Basant were too good for Lila and Jasbir. True to tradition, the mist rolls in. The School Concert delights the visitors and parents. Unfortunately, the Tattoo has to be postponed due to inclement weather.

4th. Following Assembly is the N.C.C. Parade. A hurried round of the Arts and Crafts Exhibition and then everybody troops to Barne Hall for the speeches. The Headmaster, in his, referred to the link Sanawar has had with the Defence Ministry, and the renewal of this link by the coming of Sardar Surjit Singh Majithia to be Guest of Honour. This year the H. M., instead of confining himself to the general account of the school, elucidated on the numerous places and spheres of life in which Old Sanawarians have made their names. Sardar Surjit Singh Majithia, in reply, also alluded to the Sanawar-Defence Ministry relationship and then went on to speak on various matters mentioned by the H. M. Particular mention was made of the N. C. C. Parade which the Chief Guest described as the best among any school in India. Coming from the Deputy Defence Minister this is high praise indeed!

The Athletics in the afternoon are postponed to after Founder's and the School Plays, Scheduled for the evening, take their place. The Torchlight Tattoo minus the Horsework and the Folk dance is held at night. In spite of the slippery ground, it went off reasonably well.

5th. The annual swindle, the Fete, fleeces novices and old-timers alike. In the Hockey Match, the Present trounces the Past (7-3). The O. S. dinner and dance in the evening, brings to a successful end, the 113th Founder's celebrations.

O. S. News

The Sanawarian is in print, and we have instructions that all matter for publications must be cut to the brief.

O. S. who have written will forgive me if I pretend not to have received their letters.

54 familiar faces re-appeared for our celebrations this year, and all of us were happy indeed to see them. Judging by all accounts they seem to have enjoyed themselves. Anjana Thadani came from Bombay and S. K. Kak cut short a holiday in Kashmir. Unfortunately, weather was a genus and the Athletics had to be postponed.

We received telegrams and greetings from many other O. S., some as far away as England. Peter Lee did not forget to remember. I reproduce one letter from a very special Old Sanawarian:—

"On my return after a fortnight yesterday I received the invitation to Founder's. At this very moment you must be engaged in the principal item of the celebrations. I need not say that though I am not present there my heart is very much with you, full of the very best wishes for the School. May it ever prosper and Sanawar may be a name honoured throughout the country. If it were practicable I would request you to convey my good wishes to the entire body of students and staff. Most of them now have never even heard of me, but they have all my good wishes nevertheless.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Syed Ashfaque Husain.

Jottings

K. M. Verma has been appointed Academy football captain for this term.

At O. S. party at Mr. Rathin Mitra's house in Dehra Dun, singing "she will be coming".....

Vinod (Bunn) Chopra has won three year's Punjab University Scholarship and is now doing Mechanical Engineering.

Roop Narang is thinking of doing Music seriously and hopes to join Baroda University.

Harjit Kochhar and Shyam Kak did the bridle path from Dharampore to Sanawar at scooters

Harish Gidwani, in Calcutta, is doing the good "P. T." once morethis "heathen orgy" is timed for 05. 30 hours.

Gurdip Singh, in Karnal, has gained a Merit Scholarship, i. e. B. Sc. (Agriculture) Course.

T. C. Kemp

The School Concert

On the evening of Monday 3rd. October, an audience, composed mainly of Old Sanawarians and parents, craned forward their heads in their seats after having delivered a rather drowsy version of Indias' National Anthem. In spite of the fact that each and every exhaust fan was being strained to its utmost, the atmosphere in Barne Hall was stifling.

A lighter, shorter... (and probably less boring) Raag Madhmad Sarang was first on the Programme. the school orchestra played quite well, ... certainly better than usual.

"The Land of Lies", a play by the Prep. Department, followed. It was something too good to be called an action song and not good enough to be called a play. Anyway whatever it was, Sanjiv Stokes and Sudha Rani Rao acted superbly;... not that the others did not act well.

Next, a violen trio, composed of Asha Lata Punja, Bharti Chauhan and Deepa Bhattacharya and accompanied by A. K. Mahajan on the Tabla played another tune, raag khamaj. Their performance was commendable.

The Prep. School, performed two more short items, "Chudir Tale", a Santhali folk-dance, and the percussion Band, Miss Abel supplying most of the music for the latter. "Khub Sujhi", another Prep. School Production, followed. There was no story as such to the play. It simply showed the pranks of two youngsters at Holi. However, it was amusing, to say the least of it.

Feeling a bit left out, the senior girls staged Sari, a dance in strict Kathakali style then an interval, during which many parents went out to revive themselves and Chadha narrowly missed fracturing his back bone.

The Pooja Dance, based on a song composed by the late Rabinder Nath Tagore, in which he expressed his longing for unity with Brahma, was performed by the junior girls. It was colourful, and Anita Thomas was, as usual at her best. The Prep. School entertrined us with one more item, a Hindi song... "Bahu Jana Hitay".

"Thillina", a Bharat Natyam dance followed. It was performed by the senior girls. even from a distance one could see that a part of their finery consisted of genuine coloured paper. Sita Sethi and Meenakshi Khanna, accompanied by Mr. D. C. Gupta on the Tabla played the last raag of the evening, on Sitar. Staged for the third, and we hope final time, was the Pangi Dance. It expresses the joy of the people of the Kulu vally, who dance for the fun of it, ... or for want of doing something better. The concert ended with a slightly less sleepy version of the School Song.

On the whole the School Concert was quite good, although if the Prep. School items had not been there it may well have been a flop. Perhaps if there had been fewer raags and the band had taken part the audience might have been far more appreciative.

Sunil Ahuja

The School Play

A "pre-poned" version of the School Plays were performed on Tuesday 4th, October at 2-30 p.m. As usual the programme started with the traditional singing of the National Anthem. The first play on the programme was "Waterloo," a drama in one act by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The play revolved around a 96 year old ex-corporal (Navin Bratt) of the Scots Gaurds whose main pride was the medal he got at the Battle of Waterloo. His neice Norah (Ayesha Ali Beg) comes from the country to look after him. A sergeant of the Scots Gaurds (Anil Kak) and later a colonel from the same regiment (Sunil Ahuja) enter the stage walking rather stiffly with the obvious intent of humouring the old man. Navin

Bratt's acting, as usual, was outstanding . . . he portrayed a difficult role very well. The play ended with the tragic death of the hero, the ex-corporal of the Scots gaurds.

While the back-drop was being shifted for the next item, Mr. David Adshead, Rajika Palit and Praveen Sharma entertained us with a Piano Duo and "Barcaralle"

"Prem Aur Kartavya," a one act Hindi play in three scenes followed. Nirupa (Kalpana Sahni) the daughter of a retired judge (Shiv Mehra) falls in love with a young college boy Vikram (Pradeep Varma). Her mother (Basant Usha Katoch) does not approve of her going out with him, but her father thinks his wife is being old-fashioned and allows his daughter to go. However, to his horror and disgust, he finds that Nirupa is bent upon marrying this college boy. He realizes that a woman's intuition is not to be trifled with and that his wife probably knows more about his child than he is ever likely to. It is by sheer accident that Nirupa comes to know that Vikram is not interested in her, but in her father's money which would naturally come to him. After chasing Vikram out of the house, Nirupa breaks down and apologizes to her mother for not having listened to her.

This rather ordinary play was enlivened by Dinoo, a house servant (Shambu Dayal), Rani, the youngest of the family (Anita Thomas) and Ajit, a friend of Vikram's (S. N. Gupta). It was well acted by all and it would be unfair to make particular mention of anybody.

The Hindi play was followed by a musical interlude. Strauss Waltz—"Artist's life" selections from the Persian Market, and La Paloma were surprisingly interesting especially the latter (which is more familiar to the music loving people of Sanawar). The artists played in a near-professional manner. Special mention must be made of Kalpana Sahni who played with a facility far beyond her years.

The last item of the programme was a farce in one act by gertrude E. Jennings. "The Bathroom Door." The play starts off with a number of people coming one by one and knocking on a bathroom door; evidently someone is in the bathroom. A young Man (Krishen Kak) tries to make acquaintance with a Prima Donna (Navina Sundaram). The other characters, a vivacious Young Lady (Andrea Kemp), an Old Gentleman (Jatinder Pandit), and an elderly lady (Jyoti Dhawan) also happen to be staying at the same hotel. All five want to go to the bathroom urgently. After a long, imaginative and far fetched discussion the Prima Donna finally comes to the conclusion that her husband has committed suicide inside that Godforsaken bathroom to which the only comments made by the other four were those of indignancy mainly, why her wretched husband had to chose this particular bathroom to bring himself to an end. Finally, Boots (Praveen Sharma), came to the rescue and informed a somewhat impatient lot that the door was merely jammed. The play ends with the old Gentleman quietly creeping into the bathroom, slamming the door behind him and leaving the others to their fates. The play was very amusing and easily the best on the programme. Jyoti Dhawan as the touchy old lady was brilliant, her shrieks which she gave every time a man came near her were very natural. The programme ended with the singing of the School Song.

The plays on the whole were quite good although the first play, because of its military jargon, was slightly too high for comprehension by a civilian audience.

Munir Cheryan

The Torchlight Tattoo

The lights are off, the audience sit
Waiting expectantly for the lights to be lit;
Dim white forms, scuttling to and fro,
Whet the audience's curiosity even more.

In Holiday House a red light gleams
And the big flood-lights send forth their beams,
Showing the P. T. in all its array;
There's a bubble of excitement Founder's Day!

The P. T. begins, not all are in time,
But in the visitor's opinion its "mighty fine";
The P. T. is over, all's dark again,
The audience is restive, that's quite plain!

The lights come on, and in their gleam
All draped in white lo! a groundwork Team,
A curt command, the show is on,
With tableaux and tumbles the audience is won.

Item by item all goes with a swing,
The boys make a slip in ne'er a thing,
The whole School gathers, the School Song is sung,
With gusto and verve from every lung.

Tired but happy we wend our ways;
Even the Preppers..... though yet in a daze,
To Piping-hot cocoa..... then off to bed
And for ten hours to the world lie dead!

S. Kak

O. S. News—Delhi

The idea of an O. S. News-Report is a good one I believe, because this way instead of getting to know not only of those few who write regularly to Mr. Kemp, we shall be able to know about those many who wince at mincing even a few words about themselves. Well, I would like to be brief and so I hope O. S. ladies will excuse me if I omit their fashions and fancies and O. S. gentlemen if I fail to mention all their frolics and follies.

Firstly, O.S. in Delhi, who are mostly collegiates, are putting up a good show in the spheres, of brain brawn and beauty. Subash Dua, who had come first in the college G.K. Examination by a clear margin of some 15 marks had grub for disgruntledness when his paper, on being rechecked, proved him second by a few marks.

Arjun Soni is quite a horse, a dark one too, as his recent exploits on the track prove. He and Nitya are awake at five every Sunday morning when they run from India Gate to Rashtrapati Bhavan and back. Nitya Nand is so worried about Soni's prowess in the 1500 metres and the 5000 metres that he has decided to change to the 800 metres and thus save face.

Vinod Chopra has migrated from the Punjab to Delhi and has joined the Delhi Polytechnic.

I don't have very much to say about O. S. ladies except that we were quite delighted to have Aruna Vasudeva. Who is quite an old O. S., with us at our last meeting and oh yes! Shyam Kak's got a new motor-bike. At our last meeting, Indra Sachdev volunteered to keep us informed about the multifarious nefarious activities of the O. S. ladies but I Vow she has kept them a secret!

Arun Maira

Letters to the Editor

To

The Editor,
The Sanawar News-letter.

It is proposed to make the next issue of the Sanawarian Magazine 1960, which it is hoped will be ready for publication by March, 1961, partly a biographical sketch of the lives and careers of Old Sanawarians. The Headmaster should be most grateful if Old Sanawarians would please send him the following:—

1. A passport size photograph.
2. Dates and years they were at School.
3. Any distinctions, (i) whether in games, or (ii) in extra-curricular activities.

4. A brief account of what they are doing now

While many of these details can be found from School records, Old Sanawarians will appreciate how very greatly they will save labour if they give details themselves.

All the above-mentioned material should be sent in to the School Office not later than the 30th of December, 1960.

R. Som Dutt
Major,
HEADMASTER.

Notes From a Prepper's Diary

1st Saturday: I was in Hospital with Sunena, and Arjun in the girl's ward. It was a holiday. We did not enjoy ourselves because we were not allowed to play. Instead we told stories to each other. At milkbreak Mastoo gave me two painful injections. I could hardly talk, walk, and sit so I lay down and rested till lunch time.

2nd Sunday: It was Mahatma Ghandhiji's birthday. The whole school went for special assembly. Sister also went before breakfast. Major Som Dutt gave a small speech on Mahatma Ghandhiji. After assembly, Sister came to take me for the march past. The N. C. C. parade was very nice. Kuljit Sethi, the headboy, was the leader. After the N. C. C. Parade the boys and girls marched in houses, except Prep School. Instead Prep School marched in class order. After the march past we returned to hospital. Then I got an injection which was just like an ants bite. In the evening Sister took Arjun and myself to Barne's Hall to see the School Concert. It was very nice, some were funny. The dances were also nice. After the Concert we had our supper. After supper we went to see the Tattoo. First we saw the P. T. It was very nice. Then we saw about handstand. It was very nice. They all did well. I could say that Dua did the best among the players. We then saw the dance. It was quite nice. Then we saw the Figure-Marching It was very enjoyable. It was the best item.

3rd Monday: Our Founder's started. It was foggy and drizzling so we did not go out anywhere. Ranjit Kaur Arora came to hospital and was admitted, for she hurt herself in her mouth by a stick. Sister said that Ranjit was a very naughty girl. For lunch we got 3 apples. We enjoyed them very much. We did not see any play that evening.

4th Tuesday: We had our final march past and the parents saw them. At milkbreak Sister came to play cards with us. We had lots of fun with Sister. We read books. Sunena lent me a book called, "Jon of Jungle". It was a very nice one. The School also went for assembly for, "Founder's Thanksgiving".

5th Wednesday: It was Fete. Children bought lots of toys and ate a lot. But I was the unluckiest. Because I could not buy anything. Instead Sister took me to see the things. I saw my toys and my puppet in the carpentry room. It was drizzling so we put on our makintoshes. I was a little sad. Ranjit went here and there, because doctor allowed her. I knew that the fifth was the last day of our Founder's.

6th Thursday: It was a holiday. The children played lots of games. In the evening Ranjit Kaur Arora and myself were discharged. I had stayed 15 days in hospital and I was discharged when it was no use. I had missed my Founder's badly.

7th Friday: We had school and we learnt about "Respiration" It was a very interesting subject. In the evening we saw a hockey match Boys vs. Staff. Boys made their greatest victory on staff. Boys score was 10 goals while staff score was only 2 goals. We enjoyed the match very much.

8th Saturday: We had library. We enjoyed our Library very much. We had two periods of Hindi. Mr. Sharma took class. We had letter writing.

9th Sunday: We went for Harvest Thanks to Kasauli Church by the school truck. When we stopped at Kasauli sangi suddenly vomitted. After some time we started Church. After Church one man started taking bottles of pickles and calling out its prices, while some drank tea, or ate things. We went to a small sundial which was near the Church, and then we began seeing the time. We returned back to school at about 11 A. M.

10th Monday: We had band class. Mr. Pillai let us play games instead of band class. We had lot of fun. Then we went for art. Sir gave us a piece of paper and two chalks each and told us to draw anything we liked. Most of children drew a flower. Sir also let us see the artwork done by G. D. and B. D.

11th Tuesday: We had Indian Music. We learnt a Bengali song written by Rabindranath Tagore. It was a very good song. Then we learnt an old assembly song. Then we had Hindi. Mr. Sharma told us to learn a poem called "सूला"। Sir said that we had to learn it by Wednesday and we gladly agreed.

12th Wednesday: We had History and we copied notes on Vikramaditya. It was a very interesting note. Then we had Hindi. Mr. Sharma took dictation on "सूला"। In the evening we practised for our Sports.

13th Thursday. We had P. T. we tried handstand. Then we had Geography. Miss Ash taught us geography of British Isles. We liked to hear about British Isles. We also had our sports practise.

T. Vunglallian

Form II-A P. D.

REMINISCENCES IN A PUBLIC HOUSE

I was just as surprised to see him as he was to see me. "Why Toots!" he said, "I hardly recognise you with that moustache you're wearing. What's it in aid of Yar?"

"Hullo K!", said I, and had my hand crushed in his paw as I invited him into my room, "Fancy seeing you after all these years! What brings you to this part of the world?"

"Oh, just a management course in Glasgow, but its good to see you again. You know, you have changed a lot. When you opened the door I thought for a moment that I'd called on the wrong bloke. Ah! Yar, that looks like a Sanawar cardigan you're wearing—AND those grey flannels."

I assured him that I had NOT swiped them from Sna' five years ago and looked at him sitting in his blue tights and blazer (of sorts). Still the same old K, I thought. "When I opened the door I thought you were some chap from Greece, Cyprus or Turkey!"

He looked worried, "Have'nt I changed at all?", he asked.

I put him at ease by saying "No".

Around his wrists he wore something which I can only describe as a homemade effort at trying to turn some of Mr. Kemps glass tubing into a bracelet (also of sorts). "lucky charm", he explained shyly.

"I say, don't you drink or something? I'm awfully thirsty!"

"Despite my age, I'm still a teetotaller?" I explained, "but if you insist then let's go out for a quickie!"

He arose with alacrity (and then I remembered that he had won the Kalinga Cup in Sna' in way back 55) and so a few minutes later we found ourselves sitting in "The Queens Larder" he with his half-pint of beer, and I with my Lemon juice.

"Yes", I said nostalgically, "those were d..... good days in Sna."

"Worth every single 'knock' you got eh?"

"Yup! Remember when old stinks made you stand up in Lower III and made you pronounce 'arkari' the real way and not the Chinese way in which you used to say it?"

He burst out laughing, 'Don't I! I can also remember the time I handed 'in a pagefull of demi-hemi-semi-quavers to Mrs. Wilds and still got nought for it!' I sympathised with him, but then K never did have a musical voice although he had the build for an ultra-bass.

"You know you once wrote your name in Barne Hall attic," he reminded me.

"I wrote it more than once," I replied, "I used to spend all my weekends up there with the pigeons".

"Well," he continued, "it's still there!" (and long may it remain, I thought) "I remember when you were rehearsing one of Mr. Cowells plays one night, old Digs was stuck up there for over three hours!"

Was I just likely to forget that! Poor old Digs had sat up there sweating it out all by himself in the dark, scarcely daring to breathe lest he should give away his rather forbidden whereabouts. It was many weekends later that Digs had plucked up the courage to accompany me up there on another excursion.

"I remember," I continued, "you used to give poetry to learn as your punishments. I think once the whole of the Lower III of your house could recite the 'Goblin Market' backwards".

"Nothing like teaching them the Classics when they're young. Morning, evening, night or day, the maids heard the Goblins cry, 'Come buy, Come buy', or something like that!"

"You should talk about the Classics!" I said, "They gave you 'Oliver Twist' as a prize AFTER you had spent the whole year swotting it for the S. C. exam. I just cannot forget your face when you saw what the book was. You almost threw it back onto the stage!"

He took a big gulp. "Yeh," he said, "that was very mean of them." I agreed whole-heartedly with him, having shared part of his misfortune by having had to learn the same book as well, for the same exam.

And so it went on for a very pleasant hour or so. "Remember when Bhola drank up half a kettle of tea before realising that there was a mouse stuck up the spout? "....."....he stuck to one mug after that.....! "....."..... the Doc shaking, as if he had the Poddy sickness, whilst giving the injection.... ".....".... good old Mustoo.... "....."...., you looking round at the girls every minute during the period". "Nonsense! I was just looking for my pencil." "Yeh! You had two on your desk already!" "Mr. giving us all a real rousing blowing up!" ".... I was lucky to get away with only three of the best in 50'...." ".... at the N. C. C. camp...." etc etc.

"Yes! They were all good days" we agreed, and mellow in mood we parted outside in the cold of the autumn evening.

(I have deliberately left out K's name but a look in the school record may disclose it. He must have left his mark somewhere!)

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Boys: **Baldev Dua**

Girls: **Basant Usha Katoch**

School News

October

6th. The O. S. vanish as suddenly as they had appeared. The school flocks to Kasauli as a relief from the tiring days left behind. A day of rest, recapitulation and reminiscence.

9th. Sixth Formers get down to serious study at last. As one exasperated Upper Fiver says... "It is impossible to walk two paces without stepping into a barrage of A's and B's and other technical terms". Film "Hum Panchi Ek Dal Ke".

10th. Inter-house athletics, postponed from Founder's, take place. Nilagiri (B. D.) & Siwalik (G. D.) are Cock Houses. Siwalik (B. D., G. D.) wins the Defence Cup. Bala wins the Kalinga..... Congratulations!

11th. Inter-house P.T. competition starts two hours late as the judges from the 14 C.R.I. bathy were stranded by an engine failure and had to be fetched in by the school truck. Himalaya won the girls' and Siwalik the boys' cock house. Vijay Veer Singh of Nilagiri was adjudged the best gymnast... Congratulations! The competition was a very close one.

12th. New hockey programme comes into force. Athletic practice for the Meet at Patiala continues. Shooting begins. The Hockey XI shares two goals with an XI from the C.R.I., Kasauli. Roadwork starts for the rest of the School while the Sixth Formers have private study.

15th. The Senior English Society... one of the most interesting societies so far. Navin Bratt is the best declaimer.

17th. The Sixth Form Tests begin with English Literature. "Hamlet"...superb...is screened in the evening."

18th. The Girls Netball Team overwhelms a makeshift U-V team (8-1).

19th. The School Hockey XI goes to Dagshai, and returns, beaten by the Dogras (4-1).

20th. Diwali is celebrated in the usual manner with a Bonfire on Peacestead. Mrs. Sehgal presents an excellent buffet dinner on the Pavement afterwards.

21st. The Athletics Team leaves, huzzad by the School, for the Quadrangular Meet at Y. P. S.

23rd "Dance in the World" with Dasha Kaur

24th. The Team returns.

27th. The Headmaster gives, most unwillingly, a holiday to the School on his birthday.

30th. "Bhabhi" a very fine Hindi tragedy, is screened.

November.

3rd. Guru Nanak's birthday is observed in style with a "Gurdwara" in Gaskell Hall, followed by a plain lunch on the Pavement.

The Colts Hockey Teams arrive from B. C. S. and Y. P. S.

4th. Y. P. S. trounces B. C. S. (7-0)

5th. A holiday (but morning Prep.)

Sanawar trounces B. C. S. (5-0). B. C. S. leaves after the match is over.

"The Net"—all about an aeroplane—was screened and enjoyed by all.

6th. Y. P. S. beats Sanawar in a very exciting game (2-0).

7th. Girls inter-house hockey tournament commences. Vindhya draws with Siwalik.

8th. Himalaya beats Nilagiri (2-0)

9th. The news of Marshal Mukherjee's death shocks the School.

Nilagiri loses to Siwalik (2-0)

10th. Vindhya beats Himalaya (2-0)

11th. In an exciting match Siwalik beats Himalaya (1-0).

12th. "Happy Ever After", though slightly dull in the beginning, ended on an extremely comic note.

Nilagiri puts up a good fight against Vindhya. Vindhya won (1-0).

FINAL TABLE

1st	...	...	{ Vindhya
			{ Siwalik
3rd	...	...	Himalaya
4th	...	...	Nilagiri

16th. Girls inter-house Table Tennis tournament.

Inter-house shooting for boys: (1) Vindhya, (2) Himalaya (3) Nilagiri (4) Siwalik.

Best Marksman: Ranjit Randhawa.

17th. The Inter-house Hockey Tournament (boys) starts

Himalaya loses to Nilagiri (1-0). Siwalik beats Vindhya (2-1).

18th. Boys' matches (Vindhya and Himalaya)

Table Tennis Finals. Positions and points were as follows.

Vindhya	8 points
Siwalik Himalaya }	6 "
Nilagiri	4 "

19th. The Hockey Finals; Vindhya beats Nilagiri (2—1) and Siwalik draws with Himalaya (2—2). Siwalik wins the Hockey Cup, Vindhya and Nilagiri sharing second place. Congratulations!

20th. The Sixth Form Picnic at Broken Bridge. "The Black Tent" is shown in the evening.

21st. Doomsday for so many! S. C. commences with English Literature.

O. S. News

Jai Sheel Oberoi has been doing some reading at last, and sent us the following extracts from the book "The Lawrence of Lucknow", by J. L. Morison:—

".....But he found in the hills around Kasauli another site for the institution of his dreams; and in the quiet of Nepal he and his wife worked out a detailed project. In his own words, his plan was to provide for the orphaned and other children of soldiers serving in India, an asylum from the debilitating effects of a tropical climate, and the demoralising influence of barrack life, wherein they may obtain the benefit of a bracing climate, a healthy moral atmosphere.....adapted to make them useful members of society."

".....A suitable position having been found at Sanawar, not far from the place where he had buried his little daughter, Henry Lawrence proceeded to will the institution into existence. Among the names of the first subscribers are those of most of the great pre-mutiny soldiers and civilians, from Gough and Hardinge downwards. The list also includes every member of the Lawrence family then resident in India. Dina Nath, Ranjit Singh's old Finance Minister, gave a thousand rupees, and the Maharaja Gulab Singh was permitted to endow the asylum with a lakh of rupees. From first to last Henry Lawrence himself gave the institution 86,400 rupees."

".....The building of the school at Sanawar has its own romance. It seems strange in view of the vicissitudes of his later career, that Hodson of all men should have been appointed to act as secretary and manager of the foundation. Seemingly, the air of adventure which attended all that he undertook, was not absent in this routine affair, for as he wrote home: I have charge of nearly 450 workmen, including paying them, keeping accounts, drawing plans and everything. I have to get the earth dug for bricks, see the moulds made and watch the progress of them till the kiln is full, get the wood for the kiln, direct the lighting of the same, and finally provide a goat to sacrifice to the demon who is supposed to turn the bricks red. Then I must get bamboos and grass cut for thatching, and string made for the purpose, send about the hills for the sand for mortar, and limestone to burn, see it mixed and prepared.....Then the whole of the woodwork must be sent out, and made under one's eyes, and lumps of iron brought from the mines to be wrought into nails and screws, before a single door can be set up.....Colonel Lawrence seems determined that I shall have nothing to stop me, for his invariable answer to every question is "Act on your own judgement, do what you think is right....." and so on!"

".....An admirable head, Mr. William Parker, was found by Honoria Lawrence during her residence in England; and although there were natural difficulties in staffing the growing school with proper people, it increased greatly in numbers and usefulness throughout the founder's lifetime, the original 14 pupils became 199 at the beginning of 1856.....The founder never ceased to give his closest attention to the school, and they were among the last things that he mentioned as he lay dying at Lucknow....."

"....."The most searching test to which he submitted his experiment was the residence of himself and his wife for two months, in 1851, at the Sanawar asylum.....To an uninformed critic he wrote: I have been living in the premises for the last two months and can disprove almost all that has been said. Not only respectable persons don't object to send their children, but there are more of that class in the asylum than I wish to have.....the appearance of the children is the best answer to the charge of their being underfed.....A dozen times I have examined the beds, the food, the kitchen, the wash house, and at all hours, have been in the school room, bedrooms etc.....On a complaint of a boy having been ill-treated by one of his pupil-teachers, I had all the boys drawn up last week and told anyone who had any complaints to make to step out. More than 20 did so on which I took the deposition of each. The usual complaint was that his ear had been pulled, or he had received a box or a tap for neglect etc. The result of the examination was that I was satisfied that all had not, during the whole period of their being at the asylum, received more personal chastisement than I had, myself, received during a single month at school."

Dileep Rao, (55, Pandara Road, New Delhi-11), writes: "Congratulations to the school on their wonderful performance at Patiala! The O. S. are proud of the P. S., and I'm sure we'll always be! Sir, is this true about Bala getting some sort of scholarship to America, for an..... If..... achievement all Sanawarians ought to be proud of!"

"By the way, sir, how does one get a copy of the '59 Sanawarian? I'd be grateful if you'd let me know." (write and ask for it.)

"Reading this rather neatly-written letter (!), I forgot to mention that Founder's was jolly good. Of course, sir, the A. D. S. play was sorely missed and we all hope that next year we shall once again see you, Mr. B. Singh, Mr. Sikund and others, making the audience roar and shake like ships on choppy seas, (with laughter, of course, sir!!). The P. T. and the plays went off well, although the Concert could do with some better performances by the Senior School; on the whole, Founder's was well-worth watching and we all enjoyed it."

Cadet A. S. Poonia, ('D' Squadron, N. D. A., Kharakvasala, Poona,): "Besides me, there are a number of other Sanawarians here. Suresh Chand, Vijay Nair, G. D. Sood and A. S. Grewal are in their final term. M. S. Shergill, M. S. Boparai J. P. Singh, Harishpal and Pannu are in fifth term and Tejpal Singh Chowdhary, Mahey and Bal are in the third term. Virk, Saxena, Sihota, Brijender, T. S. Shergill and I are in the first term."

"Nair and Suresh Chand hold Academy appointments. Nair is the Captain of the Academy riding team. Suresh Chand is the Academy Boxing Captain. Pannu is the Academy Foot-Ball goal-keeper and J. P. Singh is a cross-country Blue. Brijender is being tried for the Academy Cricket XI. So you see that Sanawarians here are right on top, in the true traditions of the good old School."

Mr. H. Bond, (40 St. Marks Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, Middx-England), is a regular correspondent now. I apologise for not being as regular, and I hope he will forgive me.

"Strange to say I haven't any clear notion about the design of the School Flag. I am however, sure it displayed a legend "Never Give In" and a symbol of some kind—possibly a dagger encircled by a wreath or ducal coronet." (Would some of the more artistic of our present Sanawarians please make a clear copy of the School Crest and send it to Mr. Bond.) "In 1922 a flag was presented to the School at Dehra Doon by the Prince of Wales (now Duke of Windsor), and the name of the School was changed to The Lawrence Royal Military School Sanawar. It may have been the Union Jack—I am not sure."

"I remember a name Murly or something similar. He looked after Sanawar when the Wards and Masters went over to Kasauli in 1857. Probably he was of the Shankar family who owned the Tuck Shop and other concerns in and about Sanawar. At his death in 1909 the boys turned out and paid their last respects to him at the Main Gate. As the bier passed through the ranks the pall-bearers called out in a loud impressive way Hari-bol, Hari-bol. I could go on writing for ever about Sanawar but regretfully must call a halt—

Ah, dear beloved San-a-war,
Though so near, yet so far."

Indira Sachdev, (Lady Irwin College, Delhi), informs us that Anupma D. Singh is using German and learning slang, or perhaps it is the other way about. Indira is studying short hand and Tusky learning Dancing. "Lady Irwin, or rather Delhi, has made real numb-skulls of us." Mira Harkirat Singh is also part of "the gang". "We occasionally eat up her lunch because, being a day scholar she invariably has tasty lunches and we being hostellers don't." Mira, too, is learning a number of new words in Lady Irwin, such as she never knew in Sanawar.

"Tusky has learnt the "cha-cha-cha" and so she cha-cha-cha's from the college to the hostel and back. Asha Puri seems to have faded away (unimaginable isn't it) but we never hear from her, or from Romola, Ranjana and Sukram."

"I wonder if you remember Veena Chabra? She was with Asha Nanda and Lila Kak in LIV. Well she was here in Irwin and has just left to get married. And Nina Sethi is in Miranda House doing History Honours. She's just back from America after doing High School. The lucky thing! We met her in Miranda the other day."

"All of us are slowly getting coco-cola and ice-cream poisoning. After every class we charge out for cokes. Vinita has consumed 35½ gallons so far (of coco-cola I mean). Anupma is already spurring from the ears. Mira swears she'll get gastro-enteritis if she even touches a coke or an ice-cream, but she eats Aam-papar and Channa-jor in tons."

"The other day we slipped classes and went out collecting money for charity (Assam and Punjab Fund) and collected about Rs. 150/- so it was worth it meeting all the queer characters and getting thrown out even, from some houses. It beats me how come, all the embassies are so stingy."

Now I think I'd really better wind off because Mira says its not etiquette to neglect one's friends for so long and its very bad manners to write such long letters."

I acknowledge with thanks dozens of letters received from O.S. wishing success to the present Sixth Form. If good wishes can help, all our 53 Sixth Formers will get First Divisions.

The 1959 Sanawarian is now ready and all those who wish to have copies sent to them, should write immediately (preferably on a Money Order Form for Rs. 4/-), and ask for it. The copies will be sent out by Book Post, so if you want yours Registered, please include the cost of registration when you send the Rs. 4/-. Sixth Formers (1959 group) need not send any money, but should intimate any change of address, as we will be despatching. The Sanawarian to the addresses in our books.

All Old Sanawarians are reminded again that material for the 1960 Sanawarian is being collected and we hope that they will send us passport-size photographs of themselves and a short note of their achievements for publication in the new issue.

Barne Memorial Fund

Uptodate a sum of just under Rs. 2,000/- stands in this account. The School hopes to build up this fund, so that a Prize similar to the Nellie Lovell Prize can be made available annually. As Old Sanawarians know, the Nellie Lovell Prize is awarded each year alternately to a boy and a girl. If the Barne Memorial Fund can be built up sufficiently, we would be able to award prizes to a boy and a girl every year. Your contributions, small or big, would be very gratefully accepted.

Important Notice

The School will re-open on Saturday, February 25th, 1961.

T.C. Kemp.

Prep School Sports

On the 24th. of October we had our Sports. We had field events, track events and relays. In Boy's relay Himalaya came first, Vindhya came second, Nilagiri came third and Siwalik came last. In Girl's relay Siwalik came first, Himalaya came second, Vindhya came third and Nilagiri last. In long jumps Bhopindar broke the record which was 11 ft. 2 inches. He jumped 11 ft. 10 inches. In high jumps the record is 3 ft 4½ inches. Before the sports Houses marched round. Each House had a leader. Siwalik won the shield. For prizes some boys got sweets and certificates and some got only sweets. Mrs. Som Dutt gave away the prizes. The announcer was Mr Kemp. The starter was Mr. Jagdish Ram. Six and seven+ had balloon races, 8+ had book balancing and ankle races. Nine+ had a three-legged race. After the Sports we had a special tea and all the staff came. Some of the Senior School band also came. We enjoyed the tea.

Ashok Bery
Form II B

Athletics

This year we were rather unfortunate in being able to fit in only a short athletics season, and that also interspersed by days of heavy rain, which made the track a quagmire. Also, with the introduction of dancing for the senior boys, the attendance at athletics practices dropped alarmingly. This I think was one of the reasons for the poor performance shown by the lower age groups. Every year the prefects and senior boys take an interest in training and coaching the younger ones from their Houses but this year the vast bulk of the seniors were absent and so this had to be discontinued.

After pitifully inadequate practice, the qualifying heats commenced. Right from the start Nilagiri took the lead.....and held it to the end.

In the events that were decided before the final day, the Open's 1500 metres was undoubtedly the best race. Dua took the lead in the beginning but Bala overtook him in the fourth round and sprinted home to clock a record breaking 4 minutes 38.9 seconds. In jumps only one new record was set up.....by under 11's Harindervir Singh (Vindhya).

Billy Kent (Siwalik) did well to equal the 8 year old under 15's high jump record and Bala forged towards the Kalinga cup by winning both the high and long jumps. Amongst the girls Anjana Mehra (under 11) broke the long jump record.

The athletics finals were scheduled to be held on the 4th. of October but heavy rain curtailed the programme and they were held on the 10th. instead. It was a reasonably hot day with the track a bit on the hard side. After an impressive march-past the competitors for the 100 metres boys (open) went to the 'starting point' amidst the usual shouts from the enthusiastic spectators. In a few minutes we saw I. S. Gill breast the tape in a creditable time of 11.3 secs.

After that the events followed in quick succession. Soon we arrived at the girls' events. Here I am compelled to mention Meenakshi Biswas who broke the existing 200 metres record in the under 15's.

The race of the day, however, was the Open's 800 metres. Bala, who had earlier equalled the record in the 110 metres hurdles, virtually sprinted the full distance and smashed yet another of Ranjit Bhatia's records with a timing of 2 minutes 10.2 seconds. By the time relays came around Nilagiri had established a clear lead in points, with Vindhya tagging along second. The under 11's relay resulted in a clear cut win for Siwalik while the under 13 went to Nilagiri. The under 15's relay developed into a grim duel between Siwalik and Nilagiri, fought over every centimetre of the 800 metres. Siwalik's Harjinder Singh finished a step ahead of Nilagiri's Hundal. Both teams smashed the existing record. In the Open's relay, Surjit Bhasin of Nilagiri made up a 40 metres lead from Dua (Siwalik) and Bala (Vindhya) to thrill the hearts of Nilagarians and finish first. Rightly or wrongly he was disqualified and the cup went to Siwalik. Thus Siwalik swiped the board in the boys side, winning three out of the four relays. In the girls' section Vindhya retained the cup for the event.

At the prize-distribution which followed, Brig. Raja gave away the prizes. B. S. Bala, Harjinder Singh, Jugnu and Dev Mitra received the championships in their respective age groups. In the girls' section, Jyoti Dhawan, Meenakshi Biswas Vijay Chopra and Anjana Mehra won the championships in their age groups. The Kalinga Cup for the best athlete went to B. S. Bala who won no less than five events. Cock-house

B.D: Nilagiri
G.D: Siwalik

Defence Cup : Siwalik

Karm Sheel Oberoi

The Quadrangular Meet at Y. P. S. Patiala

In contrast to last year, the Inter-public Schools Athletics Meet of 1960 was quadrangular, the Doon School having sent a team to compete with boys from B. C. S., Sanawar, and Y. P. S. at the Yadavindra Stadium in Patiala. The athletics commenced before the official opening when, at 8-30 a. m. on the morning of November 22nd, eight athletes—two from each of the competing schools—started off on the 1500 metres race. With these runners went Sanawar's hopes for an early victory.

B.S. Bala of Sanawar won the 1500 metres at Patiala in 1959 and had been running even better this year, breaking the Sanawar record which Ranjit Bhatia (the Olympic athlete) set up a few years ago. True to Sanawar expectations, he soon took the lead setting a strong pace. Half-way round the last lap it became evident that a Y. P. S. boy—Trilochan

Prit Singh—was going to challenge Bala—and challenge Bala he did, by producing a fine burst of speed round the final bend and along the straight to win by a hair's breadth in the record time of 4 mins. 34.1 secs.

Athletics is both colourful and interesting. The colourful part of this Meet took place on the afternoon of November 22nd with the march past of the competitors, the ceremonial taking of the 'athletic oath' and the official declaration by the Maharaja of Patiala that the Meet was open. The interesting part followed on—commencing with the 800 metres race. Baldev Dua of Sanawar and B. S. Bala were hot favourites for first and second positions because they had won the event last year in very convincing fashion. They both proved disappointing however, and Gajbir Singh of Doon School took an early lead and maintained it to the finish.

The hop-step-jump was won by Nirmal Singh of Y. P. S. The Sanawar boys—largely through lack of practice and lack of facilities for this event—fared badly. In the high jump both Dua and Bala, tired with two events already that day, also fared badly. Both the Y.P.S. high-jumpers demonstrated superb styles in getting first and third places.

Daljit Singh of B. C. S., who had already distinguished himself in the hop-step-jump and high jump won the 100 metres in 10.5 secs. With I. S. Gill of Sanawar a close second. This was the third time that a possible 'gold medal' had been missed by Sanawar but the spirits of the team were revived by the news that Sanawar was winning on the aggregate. The 4×100 metres relay was won in expert style by the B. C. S. boys with first-class changing over. At the end of the day, Y. P. S. was leading and B. C. S., only one point ahead of Sanawar, was second.

At 8-30, on the morning of November 23rd, eight competitors set off on the 400 metres race. I. S. Gill—unlucky enough to have drawn the outside lane—never looked back and won in the record time of 53.6 secs. It had been decided owing to lack of space to run the 110 metres hurdles in two heats in the afternoon. In the morning therefore each of the competitors was timed over the hurdles. Daljit Singh of B. C. S. was unable to qualify for the first heat owing to an unlucky fall at the last hurdle.

In the afternoon, Bala and Dua produced some fine hurdling over 3' 3" hurdles (which they had not been used to in Sanawar) to come first and third respectively, in the record time of 17.1 secs. In the second heat, Daljit Singh won in fine style clocking 16.8 secs! The Meet record is now held by a boy who came fifth in this event—athletics is interesting indeed. The result of the shot-put had been accurately forecast with Amar Daljit Singh of Y. P. S. throwing a distance of 42' 4"—a new junior national record. The result of the long-jump had not been forecast and I.S. Gill and K.S. Suri of Sanawar turned up trumps and came first and third respectively. In the 200 metres, Daljit Singh again beat I. S. Gill to first place in the record time of 23.3 secs.

The 200×400×800×200 metres relay was the most interesting event of the Meet. I. S. Gill, running the 400 metres gained a lead for Bala at the change over. However Trilochan Prit Singh of Y. P. S. produced some fine running and overtook Bala after a lap and a half, for Y. P. S. to win and Sanawar to come second.

The final tally of points was: Y.P.S. 144 points Sanawar 114, B. C. S. 105 and Doon School 69.

Doon School, although faring so badly, had showed excellent competitive spirit. Y. P. S. had showed us what expert training and good facilities could do in the way of providing athletic styles which, coupled with the natural ability already present, got them the extra points for a win. B. C. S.—our real rivals since both Doon School and Y. P. S. had Intermediate boys in their teams—showed us that it is a tremendous advantage to have starting blocks in sprinting. Finally, we showed ourselves, that detailed and intensive training is necessary to boost natural ability already there.

The idea of providing by this means expert competition for promising athletes in schools is a good one, and should, I think, be recognised as such by other Indian schools. Unfortunately, athletics at this level depends very largely on natural ability and also unfortunately it turns out that the people expert in one event are very often experts in all the other events. This means—as in the case of Sanawar and B. C. S. particularly and Y. P. S. to a lesser extent—that the teams were mainly relying on the brilliance of one or two of their members in 5, 6 or even 7 events. This in my opinion places a great strain on these particular athletes, particularly when the field events necessitate six attempts instead of the usual three. This is noticeable in the later stages of the meet in the performances of Daljit Singh, Bala and Dua. This is a drawback which cannot be helped and did nothing to detract from the general success of the meet. Y. P. S. are to be thanked for acting as hosts at a time when they are finding accommodation a very difficult problem.

D. W. Adshead

The Triangular Meet at Auckland House, Simla

“Bring me a dozen cokes”, “2 lbs of stickjaw toffee for me”, “And don’t forget my tutti-fruitti”... oh...and...Best of Luck! Amid this incessant babble of Sanawarian voices the truck, laden with ten demoiselles, two mistresses, a chaprasi and of course Hansraj, the driver, left Sanawar, ready to conquer the world.....on a mission which involved conquering two Simla schools.

Singing all the way, perched on the topmost rails of the vehicle, we reached Solan and made a bee-line for the Khalsa hotel: seekh kawabs and cokes.

In another two hours or so we were welcomed at Auckland House and were shown into a comfortable little cottage tired, but excited.

Our evening’s entertainment was an almost professional performance of Sheridan’s “The Rivals”. It was a novelty to us Sanawarians to see the staff acting with their pupils. Most of the actors later informed us that “rehearsals were real fun”. Sir Anthony was portrayed magnificently by the Principal Miss Atkins. Captain Absolute (Chandra Sachdev) delighted us by her charming personality. Mrs. Malaprop and Acres both played by members of staff gave very striking performances. The play which was part of their annual programme, had earned them three thousand rupees. It certainly distracted our thoughts from the next days ordeal.

Next morning, carrying money and great long shopping lists, we made an early start into town as we had to return by half past eleven. We arrived two hours too soon. Shops were still shut.

Two minutes after the shops finally opened there was a shortage of stickjaw toffee in Simla! Then came the O. S. Bedians and whisked us away for chaat, straight after which we cherged back for lunch to Auckland. By this time we were all in a nervous

frenzy. Chelsea had a very strong team and even the ‘Auckies’ told us we did not stand a chance. However, adorned in our red and white kit and new silk scarves we double marked onto the field with determination.

The Netball matches were to be in the form of a triangular meet between Sanawar, Chelsea and Auckland. Chelsea was to play us first. Filled with sugar cubes our team took their places somewhat apprehensively. The whistle blew..... onetwothree passes and the first goal went to Chelsea. Cheered by the staunch O. S. we scored a goal likewise. The game was a close one till the score reached three all...then, Sanawar shot ahead, and there was no looking back. We feel the sugar cubes and milk chocolates had a lot to do with the final score. We won 17-4.

After a half hour break the Auckies played Chelsea. Our tiny hostesses gave the convent a difficult time but unfortunately despite our moral support lost 7-6.

After the tea interval the Auckies played against us. They were convinced of our superiority, but they needn’t have been so pessimistic for we, discarding our rough play now, were baffled by their short passing. The game ended with a slightly lower score of 16-5.

Not only was our team congratulated on its victory but on its “clean, swift, graceful and smooth” game. What pleased us Sanawarians most, was that we were said to have a lot of stamina. That just goes to show the hidden value of tindas and kaddu!!

Miss Atkins and the Auckies took us to see “Arsenic and Old Lace”. Then we did our last minute shopping and were treated to ices at Davico’s.

The next morning we were in a state of apprehension again...we had heard that the Auckland House Badminton captain Geeta Varma was the Punjab No. one and held the Simla trophy. This set Shabnam into an extremely agitated state of mind and she made the great mistake of playing her match first. From the beginning it was obvious that Shabnam was the stronger of the two, but she didn’t settle down till the second game which she won (11-7) having lost the first (8-11). Even then she played her opponents’ game, giving none of her superb shots, and due to Geeta’s presence of mind lost the last game (11-5).

The doubles second string (Navina Sundaram and Indu Khanna) came into action and gave the Auckies a hollow defeat (15-1, 15-6). The first string took an equally easy first game (15-1). Andy’s weak knee could not bear the strain after that but because of her truly Sanawarian spirit aided by Malti Varma they finally won the second game (15-13).

After a hurried lunch we left, cheerful and triumphant, all of us experiencing a pang of regret at leaving the school where we had been made so welcome and where we had all made friends.

On our return we sang, we screamed, and we shouted. We cheered anything and everything under the sun.

We got back home, to Sanawar at 5-30 p. m., and were so thrilled to find the School had lined up to welcome us. We were very happy indeed.

We thank Miss Atkins and the Auckland House girls and staff for their kindness to us.

And, we all are very grateful for the care and the good time Mrs. Lyall and Miss Chak gave us.

Rajika Palit

The Triangular Hockey Meet at B.C.S.

We left Sanawar at two o'clock on the 4th of November, for Simla. At a short distance from Garkhal, Ajit Pal realized that he had left his pads behind.....a good omen? Entertainment was provided by Chahal and Kuljit singing — besides Karanjit, and by the wind blowing Tau's turban off his head. After a short stop at Solan we arrived at Simla, at 5-30 p. m., half an hour behind schedule. We were warmly welcomed by Dr. Dustan, Mr. Brown and tea. After finishing the latter we left for the Mall.

Y.P.S. had trounced B. C. S. (5-1) in their match. Now, twenty-four hours later Sanawar met B. C. S. The latter won the toss. The ball passed to and fro at first but suddenly Bala, our right-out, dashed the ball away and took towards their goal. Realizing that he was being closely followed, he had a shot from a very awkward angle. The ball whizzed straight into the goal leaving the spectators—except for us—groaning, and the goalkeeper baffled. The goal was scored within the first four minutes.

Encouraged Sanawarians and determined Cottonians pressed on each other heavily. Our hopes were raised when Bala once again took the ball. This time, unfortunately, he missed scoring.

B. C. S. retaliated. They took the ball upfield, followed by quite a few panting members of our team. They shot at goal, but our 'teeny weeny, but able goalkeeper, Ajit Pal, foiled the attempt.

Shouts supporting B. C. S., drowned our own shouts, but this did not discourage us in the least.

The ball passed towards their 'D' but Daljit Singh, commonly known as 'Cheeko', took the ball towards our goal and hit. Ajit Pal came charging out, despite his huge pads, and kicked the ball away.

Short corners, and yet more short corners against us followed, but B. C. S. was unable to score the equalizing goal.

Kuljit, our powerful back, played a powerful game. The B. C. S. attack was seldom dangerous with him there. Dua was also good.

Towards the end, the game waxed warmer with B. C. S. attacking and Sanawar defending. Seven minutes were left when we got a short corner against them. Bhasin hit, but the Cottonians were too quick for us and the ball was cleared hurriedly. Among the players S. S. Gill tried very hard but 'luck' was against him.

One minute was left when B. C. S. got the advantage of a short corner—another miss.

Ajit Pal, our youngest member, played the best game.

Daljit Singh, and 'Monty' in their team, were good.

Sanawar vs. Y. P. S.

At 10-30 a. m. on the 6th, we met the Yadavindra Public School first eleven on the field. The sun shone fiercely on the players as they took their places. Sanawar won the toss.

Right from the start. Y. P. S. astonished us with their swift and direct passing. The ball passed accurately from one member of their team to another until it made its way past Ajit Pal into the goal. I could not help but clap at their magnificent play. This goal was scored within half a minute. Three minutes later we got the advantage of a short corner, but were unfortunately unable to score a goal.

We did not have the ball as often as Y. P. S. did, but when it was with us, it spelt danger for them. Seven minutes after play started Bala entered their 'D' with the ball, but just then he was penalised for something or the other.

Sukhdev Singh, their centre-half, drove the ball towards our goal but Karanjit and Hundal, our worthy backs, cleared the ball. Somehow, if it had passed them the score would certainly have risen in favour of Y. P. S.

The ball then headed towards the Y.P.S. goal, followed closely by Horsey who hit it straight ahead, but their goalkeeper charged and kicked it out of danger.

Y. P. S. played an excellent game, but our team was in no way inferior. In fact we might have done better if our captain, had played. Kuljit, unluckily, had hurt his thigh in the previous match.

Suri, S.N. Gupta and Baldev Dua, our left-half, right-half and left-in, battled fiercely. The last named played well.

Harcharan Singh alias Bruno, a clean player, played an excellent game. Mandi, the captain, was almost as good. Long corner—short corner—long corner—until Chahal took the ball up. It soon returned but Tau was certainly not one to let it pass him without a hard fight.

A penalty bully on our side resulted in a goal for them. After this, Y. P. S. were very encouraged. The ball seemed glued to the blades of their hockey sticks.

There was a desperate scuffle near our goal; Ajit Pal was trampled and amidst the confusion that prevailed, someone of the opposing side pushed the ball in. The whistle acknowledged the goal.

The game ended with Y.P.S. defeating us 3—0.

The trip to Simla provided an enjoyable change. In the mornings we explored B. C. S. or held hockey practice. In the evenings we went shopping on the glittering Mall. The food was very good and we thank the staff responsible for making us so comfortable. The boys were smart and polite. We felt it a pity that their spectatorship in the Sanawar—Y. P. S. match was not all it should have been.

We left B. C. S. on the 6th at 12-30 and, after a few short halts on the way, arrived at Sanawar at 5-30. We had all enjoyed our trip to Simla but were indeed glad to be back home.

Navin Bratt

The School Plays

On Tuesday the 4th of October, at 2-30 p. m. were staged the School Plays. All eyes were focussed on Surjit Singh Bhasin, the announcer. For a moment he stood like a Cop, calm, serene, benign; behind him the actors gave the final touches to their make-up before the curtains parted and in front of him were rows and rows of people dressed in their Sunday best, adding colour and charm to the hall. They were all mad keen to see the fun that was soon to follow. Then Bhasin introduced the first item... ..'Waterloo', a one act play by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The story revolves around a Corporal Gregory Brewster aged 96, who is the oldest living soldier of the Royal Scots Guards. His old regiment shifts to his town and much affection is shown towards him by all the soldiers. Navin Bratt as the Corporal

played his role well and would have done even better if he had not been set at a disadvantage by having his age told as 96. Thus he found it pretty difficult to stay at 96 and at times he varied between the seventies. It beats me why they had to put down his age? The old Corporal is looked after by his petite niece Norah. Young Ayesha Ali Baig as Norah was outstanding and perfectly at home on the stage. Anil Kak as Sergeant Macdonald was fresh from the N. C. C. and he did his drill smartly. The loving Colonel Sunil Ahuja spoke fluently but could have put more life and vigour into his acting. The Play was a rather poor selection, for when it was over, I for one was unable to see what was so very good in it.

The Piano Duo featuring D. Adshead and Rajika Palit was the first musical interlude of the programme. Needless to say both the artists played in a near-professional manner. Barcarolle the next item played by Rajika Palit (piano) D. Adshead (violin), and Parveen Sarma (saxophone) seemed to bring out the best in the trio. The discovery of the evening however, was Kalpana Sahni who played with a facility far beyond her years. She really came to the fore in the Strauss Waltz....."Artists life", Selections from the Persian Market, and La Paloma were surprisingly interesting especially the latter (which is more familiar to the music loving people of Sanawar).

"Prem Aur Kartavya", a Hindi play, revealed a mischievous little girl doing her home work. Anita Thomas as Rani, the Rai Sahib's younger daughter won over the audience with her witty remarks, mischievous smiles and natural acting. Shambhu Lal as Dinoo, the servant and constant companion of Rani very successfully put across the part of a humble servant. Rani's elder sister Nirupa (Kalpana Sahni) is ever worried about her younger sister's work being completed, while she herself is a rebellious college girl who believed her intuition could be more relied upon than the experience of her mother, and who is ultimately disillusioned. Kalpana deserves a lot of credit for her good performance. The Rai Sahib (Shiv Mehra), a loving father who spoils his daughters, tended to become rather monotonous with his continuous drag. Basant Usha Katoch as the orthodox mother, who put the ultimate good of her daughter before her maternal love, could have been more effective with better direction. Malti Verma as the Principal of a Girls College had the looks of a school mistress, but not the authority of one. Vikram, (Pradeep Varma) as Nirupa's friend, who was in love with her father's money and not with her was quite effective, though the Rai Sahib should have shot him out of the house at the very sight of his clothes. S. N. Gupta as Vikram's friend was pretty good. The play on the whole, though serious, was entertaining.

The last play of the afternoon was "The Bathroom Door". It brought back memories of 1957 when the Himalaya House boys had staged this very play. Manjit Singh Anand as the smashing Prima Dona compared with Marilyn Monroe, and Rishi as the elderly lady had the hall in continuous fits of laughter, against that this version did not stand a chance. Why repeat the same play after a few years? I am sure the stock of good comedies has not been exhausted. The audience especially the O. S., would like to see something new and not what they had seen in their school days. Anyway the one and only Bathroom Door is responsible for a lot of misunderstanding, romance and humour. Navina Sundaram as the gay flirt, the Prima Dona, portrayed the part well and she certainly had the

audience blinking. The young man, her Bathroom Door admirer.....Krishan Kak, would have been far better if he didn't keep smiling all the time. Andrea Kemp as the other vivacious young lady was good. Jyoti Dhawan as the touchy old lady was brilliant, the shrieks which she gave every time a man came near her were very natural. Moreover her smiles completely won the heart of the Old Gentleman Jatinder Pandit. He in his turn was also a nervous little fellow, quite fascinated by the females who frequented the Bathroom Door. The play was thoroughly enjoyed by those who saw it for the first time whilst those who had already seen it couldn't help but smile.

With the traditional singing of the School Song the evening's programme came to a close. The Old Sanawarians presented the actors a box of chocolates which I am sure must have been relished by them.

Harjit Singh Kochhar
O. S.

The Torchlight Tattoo

The Torchlight Tattoo has been a part of our Founder's celebrations for a long time. This year it took place on the 4th instead of the 3rd of October, because, along with the visitors, the rain had also visited us—uninvited! The 4th proved to be a cloudy day with occasional showers but at the time of the tattoo, mercifully, it did not rain.

The tattoo commenced at 6-30 p. m. with the P.T. This was very impressive and is one of those items which one sees year after year and yet never gets tired of. This year there were 301 children taking part as against 240 last year. After the exercises a tableau was formed. This, though quite difficult—especially for the innermost circle—was very well done, and when the School flag, surrounded by the House flags, was held aloft, it was not only a magnificent spectacle but also a symbol of co-operation in our school.

The P. T. was followed by the ground-work. This opened with two tableaux. The numerous exercises were well-executed. They began with easier ones, such as the forward roll, and ended with more difficult ones, such as the dive. The item finished with another two tableaux, of which the 'fan' tableau deserves special mention. Mr Jagdish Ram must be thanked for the excellent display his 'children' put on—not only in the ground-work but also in the P. T.

The bugle band was the 3rd item. The tune played by them was almost similar to the one played last year. It was, however, much better this year because the monotony of the 'bandies' marching up and down was broken by their formation of a circle, with Charanjit Singh in the centre, surrounded by the buglers and faced by drum-major Ashok Mehta. Mr. Pillai is to be congratulated on having raised the standard of the band to such a high level in hardly two year's time.

Owing to the wet state of the ground, the horse-work and the dancing had to be cancelled. This was a pity because the horse-work was much looked-forward to and the dancing would have provided a colourful change.

The chair-work came next. I wonder if I am correct in saying that we are the only school in India, who have put up such an item. Even if other schools have put this up before, I am sure it is not as good as Sanawar's. The exercises, none of which were easy, were very well done and greatly applauded by the visitors and Old Sanawarians.

The last item was the figure-marching. This was a great success. Numerous figures, such as a ship on the sea, a parachute with a box on which 'O. S.' was written and a triangle surrounded by numerous circles, were formed. The figure-marching finished with formation of 'Founder's 1960'. Everything could be made out very clearly from the top. Mr. Sinha, Mr. Sikund and Dr. Billon must be thanked for helping the figure-marching to be one of the best items.

After this the school assembled on the field and sang the school song.

It was a pity that there was no new item, such as 'The Toy Soldiers' (last year), and the impressive club drill (a few years ago). The exercises in numerous items were more or less the same as last year's, but were very much better executed.

However, the Torchlight Tattoo was very good indeed. Though, through unavoidable circumstances, it was shorter, it was, perhaps, the best Torchlight Tattoo we have ever put up.

Navin Bratt.

A Piquant Portrait

"———", mumbles incoherently a little youngster and, as if by magic, the cloisters clear of over half their occupants. Down them then comes our portrait, clicking on low high-heels, her lips set in grim line, and her gimlet-eyes staring straight ahead. She brooks no opposition children move out of her way immediately and extremely quickly.

Our portrait is a lady who, if I am not mistaken, has spent quite an appreciable part of her life here in Sanawar. Respected to an astonishing degree she, as she walks through Birdwood School silences male rowdies yelling at the top of their voices, hushes gossiping girls discussing the latest juicy tidbits of scandal, and stops, very rapidly the little boys playing "catch" under the arches.

Her apparel always excites comment when she enters the class room, and it usually reflects her mood. Sometimes she comes in slowly and gracefully, her hips swaying like Cleopatra's did before Caesar, looking the very picture of health, happiness and youth. Sometimes, after a strenuous morning she staggers in, her head drooping and her charms

wilted. On cold wintry days she marches in in regimental green and with a very forbidding air about her beware the boy or girl who talks in her class now! On other occasions she comes to the pictures in black and silver, looking like a modernised version of a vestal who knows that every eye is on her but yet remains unconcerned. Our portrait is a good teacher and we consider her

so.....except when she is angry. When reading aloud some textual matter, one is apt to be so fascinated by her precise, clipped speech that falls so pleasantly on the ear that one often stops paying attention to only listen to her warm (!) tones..... but a quelling look through antediluvian steel-rimmed spectacles and you glance hastily at your book once again.

But it is when she is off-duty or on the play ing-field that her appearance of serenity disappears. At her house, girls are entertained with the family album—and tales the photographs tell. On the games' field she drops into a second childhood. Giggly; as frisky as a lamb in the spring; there are numerous phrases that can describe her. When her House is to play in an inter-house tournament she is as flustered as a mother-in-law to be; during it she is so excited that she hops from one leg to the other and little squeals of delight escape her when a goal is scored; and when her house wins.....in frenzied joy she hugs right, left and centre, throws kisses to the wind and promises parties galore!

To crown it all, our protrait is a most likeable lady, an excellent conversationalist, and a charming personality who radiates good humour when she is in a good mood and ??? when she is not ???

Krishan Kak

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I would like to complain about the question of "time" in Sanawar. I doubt if even one clock in Sanawar synchronizes in its time with another. For example, the pavement watch will be five minutes ahead of the dormitory clocks, which, in turn, are ten minutes behind the Birdwood School clock. To top the confusion, the radio gives some completely different time, and, what is the result of this?—in the morning a boy who, looking at the dormitory clock, thinks that he will be comfortably in time for P. T. is shocked to discover that he isn't, or, when, during a test, the bell rings earlier than it should half the class find that they have not answered one question and so lose marks.

I know it is impossible to stop Time but at least it can be made to run together in different clocks!

Yours etc.,
Krishan Kak.

Dear Sir,

The old, dilapidated ex-lavatory near the swimming-pool is one of the ugliest eye-sores in that part of Sanawar. Could it not be either completely demolished or converted into some sort of a shed in which the swimmers can change and keep their clothing?

Yours etc.,
Krishan Kak

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