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HEADMASTER & HOUSE GOVERNOR.

B. R. VOWLES,
BURSAR.

TELEPHONE: STOURBRIDGE 57144 & 57536,



Old Swinford Hospital,
Stourbridge.

2nd October, 1950.

Dear Mr. Sheppard,

I enclose a few papers as promised and will be very glad to send you any other information in my power. We are looking forward to your visit for half-term and the Feoffees have asked me to say that they would like you to consider you and your wife their guests for the weekend and would like you to stay in the Guest Room at the Headmaster's house.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. Sheppard, Esq., M.B.E., B.A.
4, Dalton Square,
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Old Swinford Hospital,
Stourbridge.

20th November, 1950.

Dear Mr. Sheppard,

I think in order to keep you posted with developments you should receive copies of the Minutes and Agendas of Feoffees Meeting and I enclose same herewith.

Yours sincerely,

H. C. Stone

L.W. Sheppard, Esq.,MA.,
4, Doncaster Square,
LANCASTER.

OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL.

Boys in School. September, 1950.

Age	
17+	2
16	7
15	25
14	24
13	19
12	10
11	21
	108

September 1950.

	No. in Form	Average Age
Form I	19	11-8
" II	22	12-9
" III	23	14-2
" IV	21	14-11
" V Low.)	15)	15-7
" V Up.)	8)	16-1

The School is divided into 7 groups for Woodwork Practice
Art
Rural Science
and some P.T.

	Form I	Form II	Form III	Form IV	Form V
English	Mr.Purgavie	Mr.Aldworth	Mr.Aldworth	Mr. Aldworth	Mr. Aldworth
History	Mr.Aldworth	Mr.Aldworth	Mr.Aldworth	Mr.Purgavie	Mr. Purgavie
Geog.	Mr.Bartlett	Mr.Bartlett	Mr.Bartlett	Mr.Bartlett	Mr. Bartlett
Scrip	Mr.Aldworth	Mr.Aldworth	Mr.Aldworth	Mr.Aldworth	Mr. Aldworth
Science	Mr.Cropley	Mr.Cropley	Mr.Cropley	Mr.Cropley	Mr.Cropley
Maths	Mr.Purgavie	Mr.Townsend	Mr.Bartlett	Mr. Bartlett	Mr.Bartlett
Woodwork	Mr.Townsend	Mr.Townsend	Mr.Townsend	Mr.Townsend	Mr.Townsend
WW.Drawing	✕	✕	"	"	"
Art	Mr. Shaw	Mr.Shaw	Mr.Shaw	Mr. Shaw	Mr.Shaw
P.T.	Mr.Purgavie	Mr.Purgavie	Mr.Purgavie	Mr.Purgavie	Mr. Purgavie

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Old Swinford Hospital,
Stourbridge.

6th October, 1950.

Dear Mr. Sheppard,

Sea Scouts.

Would you be good enough to consider whether the Sea Scout Troop should be revived. We can talk this matter over when you come at Half-term but I would like you to know the position.

We have always had a Scout Group at the School up till 1949. During the war we formed three sections, Sea Scouts, Air Scouts, and ordinary Scouts. When the C.C.F. Scheme was launched it became necessary to make Scouting a preliminary activity for the younger boys. I continued as G.S.M. but relied on one of the Staff (Mr. Child) to look after the training. When Mr. Child left the Staff, I decided to put the Scouts into a condition of suspended animation pending a decision by my successor as to whether he wanted Scouts as well as Cadets in the School, and if he wanted Scouts whether this activity should be voluntary organisation such as school societies. This view has been put to the Local Association and to Imperial Scout Headquarters and the position at present is that boys under Cadet age are called "Juniors". They maintain training for Scout badges but they do not make the Scout Promise or wear Scout uniform.

It will be for you, in due course, to make a decision as to future policy but I was anxious to leave freedom of action to my successor.

Yours sincerely,

H. C. Stone

L.W. Sheppard, Esq.,MBE.,MA.,
4, Dalton Square,
LANCASTER.

OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL
STOURBRIDGE.

SUMMER TERM 1952.

Dear Parent,

The Summer Term 1952 will end on Friday, 25th. July, at about 10.30 a.m. I have arranged for all boys to go home as soon as possible after this. Will you please note the undermentioned arrangements which show some changes.

TRAVELLING.

LONDON & DISTRICT BOYS, depart school 9 a.m. The Coach will arrive at the Victoria Bus Station Emery Street, London at approximately 1.30 p.m. A packed lunch will be available for the boys.

The Bus to Worcester will not be running.

All other boys will leave school after 10.30 a.m. on the most convenient bus or train. If any parents desire to call at the school to pick up their boy, will they please let me know as soon as possible.

N.B. Accounts for Bus or Train fares will not be opened and all boys except London County Council boys must be provided with bus fare or train ticket.

POCKET MONEY. Pocket Money account was closed on Monday 20th. July, 1952 and any balances will be given to the boys.

RATION BOOKS. The necessary emergency slips have been put in by the Food Office to cover the period 27th. July to 20th. September. Tea coupons have been included on the emergency slip.

Personal Points. The points for period 3 & 4 may be used.

PLEASE NOTE. Except by special permission from the Headmaster the school is closed during holidays to all boys.

NEXT TERM.

TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS for boys to return to school at the commencement of next term. 16th. September 1952, should be made by the parent or guardian. All boys are expected back at School between 2.30 and 6.30. The evening meal will be the first meal provided.

CLOTHING. Will parents please see that, on return to school next term, their boy is clothed completely to the required school standard which is a reasonable minimum. In particular it is requested that blue raincoats, and black shoes should be of the prescribed pattern and grey shirts supplied.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE. Please complete the enclosed certificate.

Yours faithfully,

L.W. SHEPPARD

HEADMASTER.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCHOOL CLOTHING SERVICE.

1. The Feoffees at present maintain a service which provides
   (a) Distinctive Clothing - Navy Blue Blazer and Badge, "U" Quality 206 or 209, Navy Blue cap and badge, school and house ties. Later, grey pullovers and stockings with a school colour pattern may be re-introduced.
   (b) Other Clothing:- Underwear, grey shirts, grey flannel shorts or trousers, blue raincoats, grey pullover, socks, pyjamas etc., of good utility specification.

2. The number of boys in September 1952 will be about 180, including 120 boarders and 60 day boys. New Boys will number about 60; most of the new boys will need completely equipping. In a few years time the total number of boys is expected to approach 400.

3. At present clothing is purchased for the boys either by the parent, or in some cases the Local Education Authority or the Feoffees.

4. There are stocks of clothing at the school and the outfitter would be required to undertake to work in liason with the school staff in clearing these stocks.

It is suggested that an agreement would be entered into, whereby in consideration of being accepted and recognised as the School Outfitter, the outfitter would undertake to provide an adequate service.

Offers are therefore invited from clothing outfitters as to the conditions they would be prepared to undertake the service. Such conditions should include the following considerations :-
The Feoffees would undertake :-

(a) To grant the exclusive right to the outfitter to sell distinctive clothing

(b) Encourage the purchase of all other clothing from the outfitter

(c) Grant facilities on or before the beginning of term for the sale of clothing to the boarders parents, on the school premises

(d) Would undertake to purchase all clothing required for Foundation Boys

(e) When appointed to be the agent of a Local Education Authority to purchase all essential clothing on account of L.E.A. sponsored boys.

The Outfitter would undertake :-

(a) To sell only at the prevailing prices at anytime compatible with the quality of the goods

(b) To furnish a price list to the Feoffees and not to alter this, without first informing the Feoffees.

(c) Not to change the quality of materials or the pattern or colour of School Badges without the Feoffees written consent.

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

R. Y. LOGAN,
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

TEL. 3400

CASTLE STREET
WORCESTER

27th June, 1955.

E/rr/57

Old Swinford Hospital School

Dear Sir,

Mr.Vowles spoke to Mr.Ranford this morning and, as it appears there may be some misunderstanding about the decisions taken at the govennors' meeting last Tuesday, E/ I am enclosing for your perusal a rough draft copy of the minutes. I set out below the few points to which I draw your particular attention:-

Minute No. 74. You will presumably be writing to me about the possibility of introducing a 6th form.

Minute No.76. I take it you will arrange for the Bursar to have a list of his duties and will also explain the procedure to him for future food contracts.

Minute No.78(c)(i) One of the four existing male employees will have to have his services terminated, though I understand that it is likely that this matter may settle itself if Mr.Guise is successful in obtaining other employment.

" " 78(c)(ii) Mr.Vowles has mentioned that there is a suggestion that Sgt.Major McAllister should be appointed part-time store-keeper in the kitchen and not as a full-time porter. This is the first intimation I have had of the proposal.

Minute No.78(e) Have you any particular A.S.C. scale wage in mind for the person to replace Miss Gibbins? Mr.Vowles has mentioned that an annual salary might be appropriate.

When actually is Miss Gibbins' resignation to take effect?

Minute No.84 I should like to have a precise minute about a termly subscription. What charge is to be made please?

As you know, the usual procedure is to circulate a copy of the minutes to each governor fairly soon after meetings and I should like to do this within the next few days. If you have any observations to make on this draft, please let me know quickly before fair copies are stencilled.

Yours faithfully,

R.Y.Logan

Director of Education
and Clerk to the Governors.

Mr.L.W.Sheppard,
Headmaster,
Old Swinford Hospital School.

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

R. Y. LOGAN,
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

TEL. 3400

CASTLE STREET
WORCESTER

19th July, 1955.

E/rr/57
Old Swinford Hospital School

Dear Sir,

E/ I enclose a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Governors held on June 21st.

As you were present at the meeting, you will be aware of the discussions under each item, but I am taking this opportunity of drawing your attention to the decisions taken on minutes nos. 76(a) and (b), 78(a)(i), 78(c), 78(d), 79, 83 and 84. Some of the decisions require further action on your part and I take it that I shall be hearing from you on these matters as appropriate.

A copy of the minutes has been sent to Mr.Vowles.

Yours faithfully,

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WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

R. Y. LOGAN,
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

TEL. 3400

CASTLE STREET
WORCESTER

30th March, 1955.

E/rr/57
Old Swinford Hospital School

Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Governors held on March 15th.

As you attended the meeting you will be aware of the discussion under each item, and I now draw your particular attention to the decisions taken on minutes Nos. 61(c), (d), 64(b), 65(b) and 67.

You will no doubt soon be getting into touch with me about these various matters.

Yours faithfully,

R. Y. Logan

Director of Education.

Mr. L.W.Sheppard,
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OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNORS' MEETING HELD AT THE SCHOOL AT 2.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 21ST JUNE, 1955

PRESENT:

Sir Hugh Chance (Chairman)
Major H.T. H. Foley (Vice-Chairman)

Mr. C.F.N. Boulton
Mr. W.E. Cook
Mr. J. Ebrey
Ven. Archdeacon A.V. Hurley
Mr. H.P. Jones
Mr. H.S. Leather
Lt.Col. R.S. Williams-Thomas
Mr. J.H. Wooldridge

An apology for absence was received from Mr. E.G.H. Moody.

70. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

On the motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Archdeacon Hurley, it was RESOLVED to re-appoint Sir Hugh Chance as Chairman for the ensuing year.

71. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

On the motion of Sir Hugh Chance, seconded by Mr. Jones, it was RESOLVED to re-appoint Major Foley as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

72. GOVERNING BODY

The Chairman reported that Lord Cobham had resigned from the governing body and that his place as a foundation governor was being taken by Lt. Col. R.S. Williams-Thomas to whom a welcome was extended.

73. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th March, 1955, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

74. REPORT OF HEADMASTER

The report of the headmaster, a copy of which had been circulated to all members, was submitted to the meeting.

It was agreed that in future reports the headmaster should show the total number of boys on roll, the number who had left the school since the previous meeting and indicate the further education or employment which these boys had taken up.

There was a lengthy discussion about the establishment of a sixth form, during which the headmaster asked for an expression of opinion from the governors. The general view was that a sixth form might be desirable but there should be no attempt to compete with secondary grammar schools. It was finally decided that the headmaster should discuss the whole matter, with particular reference to staffing and accommodation, with the Director and that a joint memorandum on the subject should be submitted at the next meeting.

The governors were concerned to hear that the headmaster was finding difficulty in obtaining officers for the C.C.F. and that the Sea Cadet Unit might have to be disbanded. It was agreed that, in appointing new assistant masters, consideration should be given to men willing to assist with C.C.F. work.

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75. BOARDING FEES (minute no. 61(b))

It was reported that in connection with the proposal to raise the boarding fee to £135 it had been necessary to examine the apportionment of fees between the Feoffees and the L.E.A.

The Ministry of Education Administrative Memo. No. 35 directs that the boarding fee must be sufficient to cover all expenses of maintaining and carrying on the boarding side of the school including a "suitable allowance for repairs and for any loan or sinking fund charges incurred in respect of the provision of the boarding accommodation". In the absence of specific information about the actual expenditure on the boarding accommodation incurred by the Feoffees a sum of £750 had been allocated in the past few years. The Feoffees' auditors recently prepared a memorandum on the matter and discussions took place between Messrs. Folkes & Campbell and members of the County Council staff. It was now proposed that sums attributable to the Feoffees for capital expenditure should be assessed on a loan charge basis over a 30 year period.

76. SUPPLY OF FOOD (minute no. 61(c))

(a) Duties and responsibilities of the Bursar

Consideration was given to a list of duties and responsibilities of the Bursar which had been drawn up by the headmaster. After some discussion several amendments were proposed and it was finally agreed that the Bursar's duties and responsibilities should be as set out in the appendix to these minutes.

(b) Contracts

It was RESOLVED that a Sub-Committee be established to consider quotations for food supplies as and when it might be necessary to obtain them. The Sub-Committee would consist of the governors serving on the Feoffees Visiting Committee together with Mr. Leather, and would report to the governors at their quarterly meetings.

77. TEACHING STAFF

It was reported that

(a) the additional post recommended by the governors had been approved and, so far, unsuccessfully advertised.

(b) the resignations of Mr. D.O. Davies and Mr. B.E. Perrin, assistant masters, have been received and the vacancies advertised.

78. NON-TEACHING STAFF

(a) Kitchen Staff

(i) Establishment (minute no. 61(c)(iii)):-

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting it had been found possible to appoint a resident cook for whom there had been a vacancy in the establishment. Taking into account the hours of this new cook, the weekly total of hours worked in the kitchen was now approximately 800. It was considered that a weekly total of 830 hours was required to run the kitchen efficiently and it was agreed that, subject to quarterly review, an establishment of 830 hours be approved.

Consideration was given to the need for clerical assistance in the kitchen and it was agreed that the headmaster should make whatever arrangements he considered best within the prescribed total establishment of 830 hours.

(ii) Conditions of service (minute no. 61(d))

It was RESOLVED that the kitchen staff should continue to be employed under the conditions of service of the Ancillary Staffs Council.

Further discussion took place about the provision of meals which the staff at present received free-of-charge but which they should pay for at prescribed rates. The governors were anxious to preserve harmony in the kitchen and it was RESOLVED to recommend that the Authority be asked to approve the provision of meals free-of-charge to the kitchen staff as a condition of service additional to those provided by the A.S.C.

In the meantime, it was agreed the present practice should continue.

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The total annual cost would be approximately £600.

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In the case of the domestic supervisor, it was agreed that a cash allowance in lieu of overalls could be given up to the value of the overalls which would normally be provided.

(e) Caterer

The headmaster reported that Miss Gibbins had given verbal notice of resignation though it was understood she was willing to continue in her post until the end of the Summer term.

In view of the newly-defined duties of the Bursar, it was unanimously agreed that a caterer might not in future be necessary and it was RESOLVED that the Authority be asked to consider the practicability of appointing a Head Cook.

(f) Nursing sister

The Whitley scale for school nurses had been increased to £450 - £570 (less £153 board/residence) from 1st December, 1954 and it was reported that from that date the salary of Miss Heath would be £570.

Up to the present time, the salary of the domestic supervisor had been similar to that of the nursing sister and it was RESOLVED to recommend that from 1st December, 1954 Miss Watson should be paid in accordance with a new scale of £450 x £15 to £570 (less £153 p.a. for board/residence).

(g) Appointments

The following appointments were confirmed:-

Name	Appointment	Wage	Date of Appointment
Richards, Miss F.M.	Temp. resident nursing sister	Whitley scale	11.2.1955 to 31.3.1955
Grove, Miss M.M.	Temp. domestic (40 hours)	A.S.C. conditions of service (Group I).	3. 2. 1955
Houghton, Mrs. F.H.	ditto. (44 hours)	ditto	26. 2. 1955
Floyd, Miss M.A.	ditto. (48 hours)	ditto.	28. 2. 1955
Wakeman, Mrs. M.E.	ditto. (40 hours)	ditto.	28. 2. 1955
Haywood, Mrs. L.	ditto. (40 hours)	ditto.	28. 2. 1955
Owen, Mrs. M.	Domestic (25-33 hours)	ditto.	10. 3. 1955
Taylor, Mrs. A.M.	ditto. (35 hours)	ditto.	21. 3. 1955
Hingley, Miss J.L.	Head Cook (resident)	A.S.C. conditions (special grade)	19. 5. 1955
Hatton, Miss E.B.	Temp. domestic (as required)	A.S.C. conditions (Group I)	31. 5. 1955
Pope, Mrs. O.	ditto.	ditto.	31. 5. 1955
Tranter, Mr. H.	Gardener/groundsman class I	J.I.C. conditions	31. 5. 1955

79. FLOOR POLISHING MACHINE

Consideration was given to a request from the headmaster for the provision of an electric polisher costing approximately £75.

After discussing the matter, during which Mr. Boulton mentioned the possibility of having a transparent plastic cover to the floors, it was decided that the headmaster should arrange for a demonstration of polishers at the school and that a report should be made at the next meeting.

80. ESTIMATES 1955/56

It was reported that the following amounts had been allocated to the school by the County Authority for the year beginning 1st April 1955:-

Books, stationery and consumable materials	£600
School Library and General Purposes Fund	£117
Furniture, apparatus and equipment	£1,495

81. ADMISSION OF BOYS

The headmaster gave a verbal report on the arrangements made for the selection of day boys and boarders for admission in September 1955. The arrangements conformed to the Committee's normal procedure.

82. EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

The headmaster reported that he had proposed entering a few boys for U.E.I. examinations this year as an experiment, as it would, in his opinion, have given them some external assessment of their ability. The proposal had not been strongly favoured by the Authority and Mr. Sheppard stated that he did not now wish to pursue the matter.

83. SCHOOL LIBRARY AND GENERAL PURPOSES FUND (minute no. 67)

The governors were asked to consider a request from the headmaster that his S.L.G.P. fund should be increased by £100 over and above the normal allocation to the school, for each financial year commencing with the current one.

It was RESOLVED to recommend that the request be approved and that, in support of the application, the headmaster should submit to the Director a memorandum setting out the grounds for the request.

84. TERMLY SUBSCRIPTIONS (minute no. 67)

Approval was given to the headmaster's proposal to introduce a termly subscription to a general school fund provided that the charge was not greater than that made at the local grammar school.

85. PREMISES

(a) <u>Bigmoor playing field</u> (minute no. 65(b))

It was reported that enquiries were being made about a suitable type of shelter.

The governors expressed their concern about the grass on the playing field not having been cut with the result that it had not been possible to use the field this season. In view of the expenditure incurred in laying out the field, the position should be remedied immediately so that the school could obtain full benefit from it.

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The Chairman emphasised that if the Authority could not arrange for the grass to be cut by their own labour force the work should be put out to contract. Mr. Leather suggested that the Stourbridge Borough Council might be willing to help in the matter.

(b) Internal re-decoration (minute no. 65(c))

The governors approved the headmaster's request that the stairway should be re-decorated in addition to the hall. A member of the County Architect's staff had already noted the extent of the work required.

86. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that, subject to there being sufficient business for consideration, the next meeting of the governors should be held on Tuesday, 27th September, at 2.30 p.m.

Signed at the next ensuing meeting

Chairman

Date .....

S.O./CH.

APPENDIX

OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BURSAR

The Bursar will be responsible to the Headmaster for the general day to day routine duties and when required, he will report to the Governing Body on financial and other matters.

He will be responsible for:-

1) The preparation and checking of the school accounts which are passed for payment monthly.

2) Administration of the school petty cash and the payment of the wages to the domestic staff.

3) Purchase of:-

   (a) food (in consultation with the cook) by contracts to be submitted to the Food Supplies Sub-Committee of the Governors, and

   (b) all other materials and equipment in consultation with the Headmaster.

4) The maintenance and management of the school grounds and premises, decoration, renewals, and repair of furniture and equipment.

5) The supervision of school services, e.g. heating, electricity supply and drainage.

6) The general direction of the groundsman, gardeners and other outside staff employed by the school or the L.E.A.

7) The confirmation of terms and conditions of appointment of all non-teaching staff to ensure compliance with school and L.E.A. regulations.

8) All such matters as fall to be dealt with in the exercise of his duties as Bursar.

L.W. SHEPPARD

Headmaster.

June, 1955

S.O./CH.

ADMIRAL COMMANDING RESERVES,
QUEEN ANNE'S MANSIONS,
LONDON, S.W.1

A.C.R./Cadets/108/44/56

24th April, 1956.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 21st March, and have examined very carefully the situation regarding the Naval Section of your Combined Cadet Force.

While I am naturally reluctant to close down a Naval Section, we are unable to retain Sections which are not effective. Amongst the matters which prompt me to come to this conclusion concerning Old Swinford Hospital are :-

(a) There is no Master in the School able to take on the duty of Officer-in-Charge of the Naval Section. My opinion is that no outside help, however competent, can adequately fill this position.

(b) There is no space available which can be used permanently for the storage of Naval gear or use as a seamanship room where models and apparatus can be displayed.

(c) Administrative difficulty and neglect over boats and stores have occurred in the past.

(d) There is no suitable Naval Establishment in the vicinity which could provide additional help, instruction or opportunity for the boys.

(e) While the boys have been reported as smart at annual inspections, I am not satisifed that under the circumstances proper instruction in leadership can be given to the Naval Section.

(f) The Naval Section has been a very small one for some time.

Having these points in mind, I consider that the continuance of a Naval Section to the Combined Cadet Force is uneconomical, and I would therefore be grateful if you would inform the Governors that the Naval Section must be closed.

Yours faithfully,

REAR-ADMIRAL

The Headmaster,
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Tribute to former headmaster

OLD FOLEYANS' GIFT GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

MAJOR H. C. STONE, headmaster of Oldswinford Hospital from 1927 to 1950, was presented by the Old Foleyans' Association on Saturday with an oak headmaster's chair as a token of appreciation of his work at the school.

Mr. Stone, who was praised for having added dignity and prestige to the school, then handed over the chair for use in the school.

The chair was made by an old boy of the school, Mr A. H. Turner, of Handsworth, who is now 64. He worked on it for about six months. The school badge is carved on the back of the chair.

The presentation took place at the annual dinner of the Old Foleyans' Association in the school dining hall. Mr Samuel Johnson, the president of the association, presided over a company of about 80 who included the Deputy Mayor of Stourbridge (Ald. H S. Walker) the Rector of Oldswinford (the Ven. A. V. Hurley), the Headmaster (Mr. L W. Sheppard), Mr. G A. Gray (Bromsgrove, chairman of the association), Mr. R H. Smith (Dudley, secretary), Mr. D. Oakley (West Bromwich, treasurer), and Mr. W. R. Bartlett (second master of the school).

SPIRIT OF THE SCHOOL

The President proposed the Loyal toast, and Mr. E. Franks proposed "Absent Friends."

Proposing the toast of "The Association," the Deputy Mayor first apologised for the absence of the Mayor, who was indisposed. Ald. Walker said he had lived almost all his life within sound of the school bell which at 7.50 each morning summoned to breakfast. He also recalled the late Mr. Maybury, a stern disciplinarian, who loved the school and took a deep interest in all the boys in his charge.

It was Mr. Maybury who, from time to time, arranged meetings the lives of the boys and were now accepted as part of the school's normal routine He had, in fact, added greatly to the dignity and prestige of the school.

INSTEAD OF PORTRAIT

Mr. Stone said that it was originally suggested that he should be given a portrait of himself, but he had suggested a chair for the headmaster which would match the four chairs provided some time ago for the prefects. It was Mr Charles Noake, of Oldswinford, who made the prefects' chairs which symbolised the responsibility of the senior boys, and he (Mr Stone) thought it appropriate that the Headmaster, who had to bear particularly heavy responsibility should also have a chair.

The feoffees provided the cargo and decided the direction the ship should go, but it was the headmaster who set the course and brought the ship to port. During the war the school had a difficult voyage and he decided that it would be wise to climb on the band wagon of the State. He accepted responsibility for the school becoming grant-aided and he now believed that the move had been a wise one.

Mr. Stone then asked the Headmaster to accept the chair for use in the school hall.

The Secretary of the association (Mr. Smith) thanked all who had helped to make the occasion so successful.



Left to right: Mr. Samuel Johnson (president of the Old Foleyans' Association), Mr. L. W. Sheppard (headmaster, Oldswinford Hospital), Major H. C. Stone, Mr. H. E. Dillworth, and Mr. A. H. Turner.

Dudley man awarded £25 damages

Alfred Smedley, 39, Brickhouse Road, Springfield, Dudley, was awarded £25 damages with costs on Tuesday in an action in which he was the plaintiff against the Austin Motor Company.

Mr. Smedley claimed that an injury to his right index finger last September occurred because a piece of carborundum stone he was using on a grinding wheel broke in his hand.

For the defence it was argued that the accident would not have happened if Mr. Smedley had used a diamond dresser provided.

Mr. Smedley agreed that his hand would have been out of danger if he had used a diamond dresser, but said he had never seen such a piece of apparatus at Longbridge.

A medical report said there would be no permanent disability, but Mr. Smedley might suffer some discomfort.

Townswomen's Guild, Old Hill

The meeting of Old Hill and Cradley Heath Townswomen's Guild was held on Thursday week and 35 members braved the thick fog to attend. Through illness Mrs. Bunn was unable to be present, and Mrs. Beard (vice-chairman) presided. She welcomed a new member, and on behalf of Mrs. Bunn, extended good wishes to all members for the New Year. Members stood in silence in memory of Mrs. Harper, whose death had taken place since the last meeting in December. She had been a loyal member of the Guild choir

Reports were received from the various sections, and Miss Willetts (secretary) informed members that the handicraft chairman, Mrs. M. Smith, had unfortunately been compelled to give up this office because of a serious illness. All wished her a speedy and complete recovery, and hoped that at some future date she would be able to attend the meetings. Owing to the inclement weather, Miss L. Lench, J.P., was unable to get to the meeting to give a talk.

The January birthday ladies provided refreshments.

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"Babes in the wood"

During the Christmas holidays pupils of the Joan Hipkiss American School of Dance gave a successful presentation of the pantomime, "Babes in the Wood," at Langley Little Theatre the proceeds being devoted to the N.S.P.C.C. Miss Hipkiss played Robin Hood and proved the dominating figure in the pantomime. She was also responsible for production, dances, ballet ensembles and the design of the costumes.

It was an excellent presentation, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by the audiences. Robert Challenor was pianist, and the scenery and stage properties were built by Eric Coombes, who also acted as stage manager. Maid Marion was charmingly played by Sheila Fitzpatrick, and the wicked pair of robbers were well portrayed by Marcia Woodhouse and Yvonne Russell. Lynda Todd was excellent as Simple Simon. Other parts taken were: Friar Tuck, Ken Russell; Will Scarlett, John Bennett; Alan a-Dale Michael Scragg; Little John, Norman Maybury; Peter and Pauline, the Babes, Lesley Coombes and Anita Challenor, Dame Trot, Margaret Bevin; Fido (the babes' dog), Lynda Maybury; Fairy Starlight Susan White; King Richard Coeur De Lion Michael Scragg; John, Mary Edge; Tom, Juliet Wright; Sheriff of Nottingham (babes' uncle), Thea Paget.

There were 11 scenes, and those of the Night Nursery and Winter Wonderland attracted special attention. The stage staff were Eric Sheasby Michael Scragg, John Bennett, Allan Silk, Ken Russell, Ellen Coombes Francis Sheasby, Sidney Smith, Margaret Fitzpatrick.

DEATH OF MR. R. TOTTEY

A former Stourbridge butcher

The death took place on Monday of Mr. Robert Tottey, of Glenelg, Worcester Lane, Stourbridge, who was for many years in business as a butcher and was instrumental in founding the local branch of the Butchers' Association.

Born in 1866, he was first apprenticed at Sunbeam Works before coming to Stourbridge, where he met his future wife, Miss E. Powell, daughter of Mr. Henry Powell. Mr. Powell was well known in Stourbridge as a butcher, and had commenced business in 1850. Mr. Tottey took over this business in 1903, and proved himself to be an active member of the trade. It was largely as a result of his efforts that the Butchers' Association was formed in 1911, and he was Secretary until his retirement from the trade in 1922.

MEAT DISTRIBUTION

He will be well remembered for the large part he played in the distribution of meat throughout the borough during the first world war. He spent most of his retired life at Bushbury Wolverhampton, but during the last five years in Stourbridge had been with his only son, Mr. Ernest A. Tottey.

The funeral was held at Bushbury Parish Church on Thursday, followed by interment in the Churchyard.

BRANDHALL ESTATE. — The Housing Committee of Oldbury Town Council are a little concerned about the corner sites on the Brandhall Estate. Enquiries have been made of the tenants of houses adjoining the corner sites but they are not prepared to take over the sites and maintain them as part of their gardens. The Committee has now adjourned the matter and the question of the laying out of the sites and their future maintenance is to be further considered.

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of old boys which led to the formation of the Old Foleyans' Association. The association was started some 25 years ago, and had done good work in keeping alive the spirit of the school among old scholars, although they were scattered over a large area. He hoped that the boys now at school would join the association and so continue the good work done in the past.

Mr. S. Johnson briefly responded, expressing pleasure that so many were present and hoping that membership would continue to grow.

The toast, "The School," was proposed by Mr. G. A. Gray, who recalled how he entered the school as a bewildered boy of seven years, and soon settled down to the cut and thrust of the school life. He wore the blue coat uniform which attracted attention when he went home for his holidays. When he looked back on the nine years he spent at the school he realised its value as a character-forming institution.

TOTALITARIAN DANGER

There was a great danger today that schools might become merely places where knowledge was implanted in young minds, but education should be more than that, it should teach children to be good citizens and members of the community. We had to be aware of the totalitarian concept of education as something purely utilitarian. If we were to succeed in maintaining our civilisation we must meet the challenge of the totalitarian system. While we must keep abreast of the latest development in technological education we must not neglect the arts. To-day there was a dangerous tendency for specialists to take control.

In all spheres of activity to-day there was a great relaxation of discipline. In education this was not a bad thing, though he often thought that a little more of the cane and less leading by the hand would make better boys.

School teachers had a great responsibility and should receive every help and encouragement.

The Headmaster, responding, said some old boys had not entirely welcomed the change in the status of the school, but they were becoming reconciled to it, and in some cases were enthusiastic about it. Extensive improvements had been made to the school buildings during the year. The Lyttelton wing had been finished and made a worthy memorial to the late Lord Cobham, who was chairman of the feoffees for many years.

USEFUL CONTRIBUTION

There was a great need for technical education to-day and he believed the school was making a very useful contribution to it. He felt sure that the founder of the school would appreciate what was being done to meet the challenge of the time. Another improvement was the installation of new heating equipment.

New classrooms were required. They had some picturesque classrooms with oak beams in the Barn Block but they were not really efficient as classroom units. He hoped it would not be long before new classrooms were provided and then they could increase the numbers at the school. Before long he hoped that it would be possible to increase the number of boarders to a maximum of 180.

Mr. H. E. Dillworth, who was at the school when Mr. Stone became headmaster, then presented the chair to Mr. Stone. Since those days the school routine had changed for the better, he said, and they owed this in no small measure to Mr. Stone. At the same time he had managed to keep the old valuable traditions. He had introduced new things such as the school societies and interest in the Scouts which had enriched



Left to right: Miss Thatcher, Mrs. Burston, and the Rev. Gwyn

CHEQUE FOR MRS. BURSTON AT CLENT

Ceremony at old folks' party

A most enjoyable evening was spent by the older inhabitants of the parish of Clent on Saturday at the Parish Hall.

There were about 80 guests, who sat down to high tea, and an excellent meal was prepared and served on the premises. Gifts of miniature brandy bottles were given to all the guests by Mrs. Burston, who was responsible for the organisation of the event.

There followed a social hour, which included games and songs. A presentation of a cheque was made to Mrs. Burston by Miss H. M. Thatcher, who, with the Vicar (the Rev. Gwynfor John), Capt. J. A. Cross, the Stourbridge Head Postmaster, and Mr. D. Conway Chairman of the Parish Council, spoke in high praise of Mrs. Burston, who for several years has been the mainstay of the Old People's Party Fund and has been Postmistress of the village. She was leaving to take up residence with her husband at West Bromwich.

£34 GIVEN

The Vicar, supported by the other speakers, spoke of the many good works performed in the village by Mrs. Burston, particularly in connection with the old people.

Miss Thatcher, making the presentation of the cheque and of an autograph book containing the names of all the people who had subscribed, mentioned that in less than a week £34 10s had been subscribed.

In reply, Mrs. Burston said it gave her great pleasure to know that she had so many friends in the village. What she had been able to do had been a source of pleasure to her, and she had been greatly assisted by Mrs. Dann, who had supported her whole-heartedly during the last two years.

AN ENTERTAINMENT

The Mothers' Union presented a play, called "Happy the Bride," which was produced by Mrs. Shaw and brought much laughter from the audience. The evening concluded with a film "Family Album" (loaned by the Gas Council and shown by Mr. G. Scriven) and light refreshments, after which most of the guests were taken home by cars of willing friends.

Those responsible for the entertainment were Mrs. M. Davis, Messrs. A. Hancox, P. Houghton and K. Pickering and Misses G. Pickering and B. Barkas. Ladies responsible for the catering were Mesdames Burston, Dunn, Cook, Cox, Houghton, Hill, Lawrence and Misses Dunn and Houghton.

It is hoped that, having lost the services of Mrs. Burston, the Old Folks' Party Fund will be continued by a volunteer, who will realise the great work that has been done in the past for this most worthy object.

PEDMORE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

New Year party

Pedmore Parish Rooms was beautifully decorated, complete with Christmas tree for the Women's Institute's New Year party, and there was a large gathering of members. This year a change was made and the proceedings opened with a supper at 6 o'clock. Members sat at long tables bright with Christmas decorations.

After the tables were cleared, Mrs. S. E. Horton (president) dealt with the business. She expressed regret that Mrs. Oakley, who had been such an active and useful member, was leaving the district and wished her every happiness in her new home. Mrs. Horton thanked Mrs. Hayes Mrs. Douglas Osborn Mrs Aylwin and their helpers for their wonderful organisation and hard work in making the supper such a success.

Two dances followed (accompanist Mrs. Cater). The choir, arrayed in costumes of the Wild West, sang appropriate songs. Mrs. Firkins produced and Mrs. Cater accompanied this excellent performance.

More games followed and then the members of the Drama League, under their producer Mrs. Canadine, did a "panto" in mime—Cinderella. Full costume was worn. The ugly sisters (Mrs Canadine and Mrs. Kaye) were most amusing. The fairy godmother (Mrs. Hayes) with her glittering wand, produced the enchanted carriage in the form of a beautifully draped and cushioned wheelbarrow in which Cinderella (Mrs. Fleming) rode triumphantly off the stage.

Mrs Horton thanked all the members of the choir and the drama section for their most entertaining performance. Before the party broke up at 9.30 p.m. members were served with a cup of hot soup.

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HISTORY WITHOUT BIAS

ACCORDING to a Sunday newspaper, a conference of British and German historians to be held in Oxford, in March will consider proposals for removing nationalist bias in the school and university history books of both countries.

History without bias has long been the dream of idealists, and the fact that the Battle of Jutland (1916), is claimed as a victory by both sides adds point to the Anglo-German discussions.

In this country it is recognised that the Whig interpretation of history is the generally accepted one to-day; it is certain that boys and girls of Tudor times would gain a different impression of, say, King John, than from that given to a contemporary student. Too, a good deal of ink has been spilt fairly recently in an endeavour to whitewash King Richard III, so sedulously blackwashed by the usurping Tudors. And so it goes on.

Whether there can ever be a completely unbiased version of history we beg leave to doubt. On the other hand, nothing but good can ever come of a patient, disinterested search for truth, and for that reason we wish the conference well.

Week's thought

A TIME FOR COURAGE

THE first leading article to appear in "The Times" this ar was entitled "A time for urage." In it, attention was rected to the grave danger th which the nation is ed as a result of inflation, a call was made for cour- ous leadership from the gov- ment. In correspondence has followed it has been ested that there is scope courage on the part of the s in publishing truths that unpalatable to vested in- s of both capital and ; and a time for courage e demonstrated at all of our national life, in rooms, workshops, colleges and churches, as in Parliament.

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OWING to the indisposition of the Mayor of Stourbridge (Ald. W. P. Drew, J.P.), it has been necessary to cancel arrangements for the civic dinner on January 19.

THE January issue of Branch Line News, the journal of the Branch Line Society formed last year by Mr. J. F. Ling (Stourbridge) to study branch railway lines, contains an article on the Brettell Lane to Oxley Juction branch line written by P. R. Baker, a Stourbridge Grammar School boy This line had a passenger service from May 11, 1925, to October 31, 1932 only. A freight service of about 14 trains a day still remains. Membership of the Society is now 70, members being drawn from as far afield as the U.S.A., B.A.O.R., Singapore, Brighton, Perthshire, Suffolk and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

THE Worcestershire Chief Constable's quarterly report for September shows that 173 juveniles were dealt with in court, 31 fewer than during the same period the previous year.

Fatality

MR. PETER WARD, 24 years racehorse trainer, died in Nottingham General Hospital this week after being injured in a road crash. He was the brother-in-law of Miss Dawn Palethorpe, the Blakedown show jumper and son of the Hednesford racehorse trainer, Mr. Robert Ward. He was driving his car along the Bawtry-Leicester road when he was in collision with a lorry. His wife, formerly Miss Jill Palethorpe, also a show jumper, was a passenger in the car, and she was treated in hospital for cuts but later discharged.

STOURBRIDGE Town Council and Brierley Hill Urban Council are two of nine Midland local authorities which are objecting to the application of fare increases by the Midland "Red" Company. Other objectors are the Midland area of the National Union of Mineworkers and the Midland district committee of the Communist Party.

MR. E. SAMMONS, of 3, Red Hill, Stourbridge, Customs and Excise Officer, left £2,518, net £2,455.

A WHITE blackbird—a very rare phenomenon—has been spotted at Longlands County Secondary School, Brook St., Stourbridge, by the clerk of works there, Mr. J. R. Cox. The bird, Mr Cox believes, is mated to a blackbird living in or near the school and may stay and nest if left alone by the children. Mr. Cox, who lives at 3, Amos Road, Wollescote, an amateur ornithologist, had only seen one other white blackbird in his life, and that was at the national cage birds show at London five years ago.

IN the B.B.C. Midland television feature, "Round and About," on Tuesday, Mr. D. Risdon, manager of Dudley Zoo, showed and told the story of Geoffrey, a rare spider monkey from South America who came to live in the zoo when a baby. Two years ago when he was living with two females of his kind Geoffrey began to lose weight and eventually he collapsed altogether. It was

IN less than five years the area of schools playing fields in Worcestershire has exactly doubled. This was reported to the Worcestershire Education Committee on Saturday by the Sites and Buildings Sub-Committee. The sub-committee asked for the approval of the inclusion in next year's estimate of the purchase of more equipment, at an estimated cost of £3,500, and the employment of an additional man.

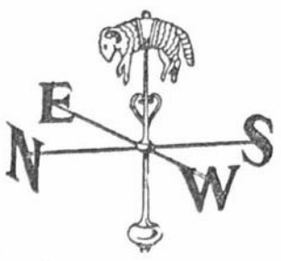
MR. C. JOHNSON, M.B.E., of Lawnswood, who last year drove the smallest car in the Monte Carlo rally, but crashed near Brussels, is this year driving a Jaguar Mark Seven. Mrs. Johnson is going to Monte Carlo from London in a special coach for wives of competitors.

A LETTER enclosing a donation of five Australian pounds has been received by the Ven A. V. Hurley, C.B.E., T.D. (rector of Oldswinford), from Mr. J. H. Godfrey of Cunderdin, Western Australia, a former choir boy at Oldswinford Church. He sent the money after reading the appeal for television sets for two bedridden people which appeared in a September issue of the County Express. Mr. Godfrey said that the copy of the Stourbridge newspaper brought back to him many memories of the time when he was a choir boy at the church in 1910, Canon Owen being the Rector and Mr. Hedley Satchell the Organist. Of the donation, he writes that if the appeal had been oversubscribed it should be used for payment of the church licences. (Readers will recall that the appeal closed in October when over £130 had been received). In conclusion, Mr. Godfrey writes: "I send good wishes to your lovely church where I was confirmed, and I trust that the recent interior repair work is viewed with joy by all, including one-time choir boy, Mayor W. P. Drew."

AT St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday week the new Bishop of Worcester (the Rev. Lewis Mervyn Charles-Edwards), formerly Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, was consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishops of Hereford and Southwark, and other leaders of the Church. Referring to the duties of bishops, the preacher, the Bishop of Pittsburg, the Rt. Rev. Austin Pardue, said: "Spiritual malnutrition exists throughout the Church, because too often our bishops are too interested in secondary considerations. These are important; world politics, intellectual and ecclesiastical honours, civic responsibilities, and liturgical movements, but the principal job of the bishops, first last and always, is to shepherd the sheep."

Cricket school

LOCAL cricket clubs are well patronising the Stourbridge Indoor Cricket School which is held each evening (except Saturday and Sunday) at Stourbridge Baths. The school is usually open for schools' practice from 4 to 6.30 p.m., and various clubs use it from 7 to 10 p.m. Peter Jackson is the paid coach, and he is assisted by Norman Whiting, the former Worcestershire batsman, who is now Captain of Stour-



A BOOK published in 1797 for the guidance of farmers was shown to members of Stourbridge Rotary Club by Mr. Leslie Pardoe, an Iverley farmer, on Wednesday. The title is "A treatise on the disorders incident to horned cattle, comprising a description of their symptoms and the most rational methods of cure, founded on long experience by J. Downing, to which are added receipts for the curing of the gripes, staggers, and worms in horses; and an appendix containing instructions for the extracting of calves." The volume, published by subscription, was "printed and sold at Stourbridge." The name of the printer is not stated. The author was Joseph Downing, of Fairfield. The following is written in the book in ink: 1875, Feb. 25, paid Aaron Whyer, seven weeks' wages at 5s. per week — £1 15s."

Good service

TRIBUTE was paid at the Old Foleyans' Association dinner on Saturday to Major H. C. Stone, whose term of office as Headmaster of Oldswinford Hospital covered probably the most momentous years in the long history of the school. Hubert Charles Stone was born in Birmingham in 1892, son of Edmund Charles Stone, a brewer who lived most of his life in Gloucester. He was educated at the King Edward School, Birmingham, and went on to Birmingham University, where he obtained his B.A. degree, specialising in English. For a short time in 1913 he taught at a boarding school in Hertfordshire, and then joined the staff of Dudley Grammar School, becoming senior English master. From 1914 to 1919 he served with the 7th Batt. the Worcestershire Regiment in France, and became a Lieutenant. He returned to Dudley Grammar School and continued there until 1927, when he was appointed Headmaster of Oldswinford Hospital, in succession to Mr. W. J. Maybury. He took a large part in introducing various reforms at the school, and was largely instrumental in bringing about the change in status to that of an aided school. He retired in 1950, and is now engaged in research into the Foley archives at Stoke Edith. Mr. Stone is specially well known in Stourbridge for his work on behalf of the Boy Scout movement. He has been Chairman of the Stourbridge Boy Scouts' Association and has received the silver acorn for distinguished services to the movement.

MRS. G. M. SMART, of Rocklands, Halesowen, who died on October 22, wife of Mr. Fred Smart, company director, former member of Halesowen Town Council, left £21,493 15s. 9d. gross, £21,368 18s. 9d. net.



MR. J. H. ROSE, 99, New John St., Hill and Cakemore, who died on November 21, left £1,267 15s. 10d. gross, £1,217 15s. 10d. net.

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Krukowski	687 10 -	687 10 -	712 10 -	712 10 -
Milner	664 11 8	664 11 8	689 11 8	689 11 8
Owen (left 31-8-57)	768 15 -	320 6 3	--- - -	--- - -
Prince	1,002 1 8	1,002 1 8	1,027 1 8	1,027 1 8
Shaw	715 - -	715 - -	715 - -	715 - -
Whittington	718 15 -	718 15 -	743 15 -	743 15 -
Wood	864 11 8	864 11 8	889 11 8	889 11 8
Mansell (apptd.1-9-57) (additional)	712 10 -	415 12 6	737 10 -	737 10 -
Vacancy (Owen left)	--- - -	200 - -	800 - -	800 - -
Vacancy (additional)	--- - -	200 - -	800 - -	800 - -
		£13,824 5 5		£15,350 16 8

Estimates 1958/59

Old Swinford Hospital

Name	1957/58 Rate £	s	d	1957/58 Total £	s	d	1958/59 Total £	s	d
MacAllister	8	19	0	463	3	0	465	8	-
Grounds									
Tranter	8	16	10	475	9	6	459	15	4
Rhodes	8	9	6	438	8	2	440	14	-
Skelding (2/3rds Grounds)	8	9	9	293	-	4	294	5	-
				£1,188	18	-	£1,194	14	4
Cleaners									
Skelding (⅓rd cleaning)	8	9	9	146	-	-	147	2	-
Cranton	4	2	9	194	9	3	195	12	2
Perry	4	19	4	256	17	10	258	5	4
Bidmead	3	8	9	177	16	3	178	15	-
Kendrick	4	19	4	256	17	10	258	5	4
Connop	4	19	4	256	17	10	258	5	4
Sutton	4	9	2	230	12	1	231	16	8
Oliver	4	19	4	256	17	10	258	5	4
Bradley, E	4	9	2	230	11	8	231	16	8
Hill	4	7	10	227	3	2	228	7	4
Crumpton	3	17	8	200	17	5	201	18	8
Bradley, G	4	19	4	256	17	10	258	5	4
Taylor	4	9	2	230	11	8	231	16	8
Clewes	4	9	2	191	14	2	231	16	8
							3,170	8	6
						* plus 5%	158	10	0
				£3,106	4	10	£3,328	18	6
Seamstresses									
Graham	5	1	6	262	11	4	263	18	-
Saunders	5	1	6	262	11	4	263	18	-
Warr	5	1	6	262	11	4	263	18	-
							791	14	-
						* plus 5%	39	12	-
				787	14	-	831	6	-
Kitchen									
Mobberley	7	3	3	370	12	4	372	9	-
Underwood	6	12	3	342	3	3	343	17	-
Taylor	7	3	3	370	12	4	372	9	-
Penny	7	18	5	410	-	7	411	17	8
Richards	6	12	3	342	3	3	343	17	-
Griffiths	5	15	11	299	15	7	301	7	8
Bridgewater	5	7	-	276	14	5	278	4	-
Cooper	5	7	-	276	14	5	278	4	-
		c/f		2,688	16	2	c/f 2,702	4	-

	1957/58 Rate			1957/58 Total			1958/59 Total		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
b/f				2,688	16	2	2,702	4	-
Dunn	2	11	-	131	17	5	132	12	-
Homer	5	7	-	276	14	5	278	4	-
James	2	11	-	131	17	5	132	12	-
Hill, W	2	11	-	131	17	5	132	12	-
Clarke	5	7	-	276	14	5	278	4	-
Allport	5	7	-	276	14	5	278	4	-
Hill, E	5	7	-	276	14	5	278	4	-
Heathcock	5	7	-	276	14	5	278	4	-
Tolley	5	7	-	276	14	5	278	4	-
A.N.Other	6	12	3	342	3	3	343	17	-
				£5,086	17	2	5,113	1	-
							* plus 5% 255	13	-
							£5,368	14	-

* It is not anticipated that the reduction of hours from 48 to 46 in October, 1957 (as per A.S.C. circular 52) will add to the cost in 1957-58 as it should be possible to effect some saving in hours worked, but 5% has been added to the above 1958/59 estimate to cover any additional cost when, in July 1958, the normal working week is further reduced to 44 hours.

E. A. A. G.

Old Swinford Hospital,
Stourbridge.

January, 1959.

Dear Parent,

Visiting Days - Spring Term.

I propose to continue with last term's arrangementa as regards Visiting Days. In order to reduce correspondence, you can indicate on this sheet on which three Sundays you would prefer to take your son out. If you are unable to do this now, would you please let me know, in writing,by the Wednesday before the Sunday you have chosen. Unless you hear to the contrary, when you have written, you can assume that your boy will be allowed out on the Sunday chosen.

You can call for your son at 12.30 (mid-day); if not calling at 12.30, please state the expected time of arrival. Will you please see that he gets back in good time for the check in at 6.15.p.m.

Yours sincerely,
L.W. SHEPPARD,
Headmaster.

Visiting Sundays:-

January 25th.

February 1st. 8th. 15th. and 22nd.

March 1st., 8th.

Please put a ring round the Sundays chosen.

Boys name ..... Parent's signature.....

LOWER SCHOOL

NEW BOYS (AGE UNDER 11)
Mental Age 7 to 9

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Preparatory Form

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NEW BOYS (AGE UNDER 11)
Mental Age 10 or over

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Forms I. and II.

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NEW BOYS (AGE 11 OR OVER)

UPPER SCHOOL

BOYS ARE CLASSIFIED AT AGE 11 ON RESULTS OF N.I.I.P. INTELLIGENCE TEST (Group Test Series 34)

Boys of Higher Intelligence (A GROUP)

Form III. AGE 11–12
History & Geography & General Science
French & Algebra & Geometry
Engineering
Wood **or** *Metal* **or** *Drawing* **and** *other Craft Work*

Form IVa. AGE 12–13

Form Va. AGE 13–15
for 2 years

Form VIa. AGE 15–16

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Grammar School
for
Higher School Certificate

University or
Training College

Boys of Average Intelligence (B GROUP)

AGE 11–12 Form Remove
Subjects as Form III.

AGE 12–13 Form III.
History **or** *Geography* **or** *Science*
Engineering
Wood **and** *Metal* **and** *Drawing* **and** *other Craft Work*
Domestic Work

CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO ATTAINMENT, MECHANICAL ABILITY, AND MANUAL DEXTERITY

Form IVb. AGE 13–14

Form Vb. AGE 14–15

Form VIb. AGE 15–16

Apprentice to the Technical Trades
e.g. Motor and Electrical Trades
Gas Industry, etc.

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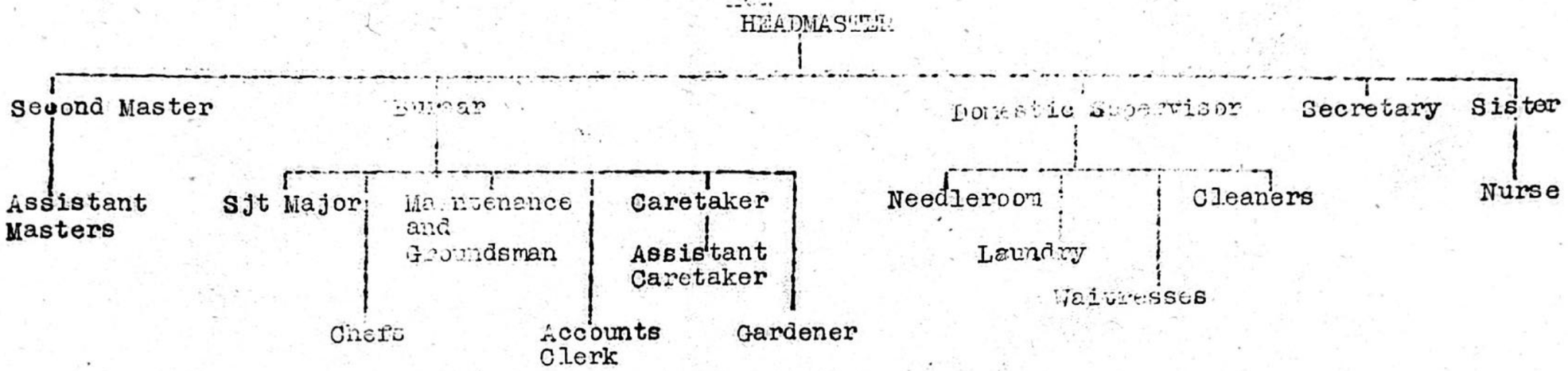
Continue part time Technical
Instruction at School.

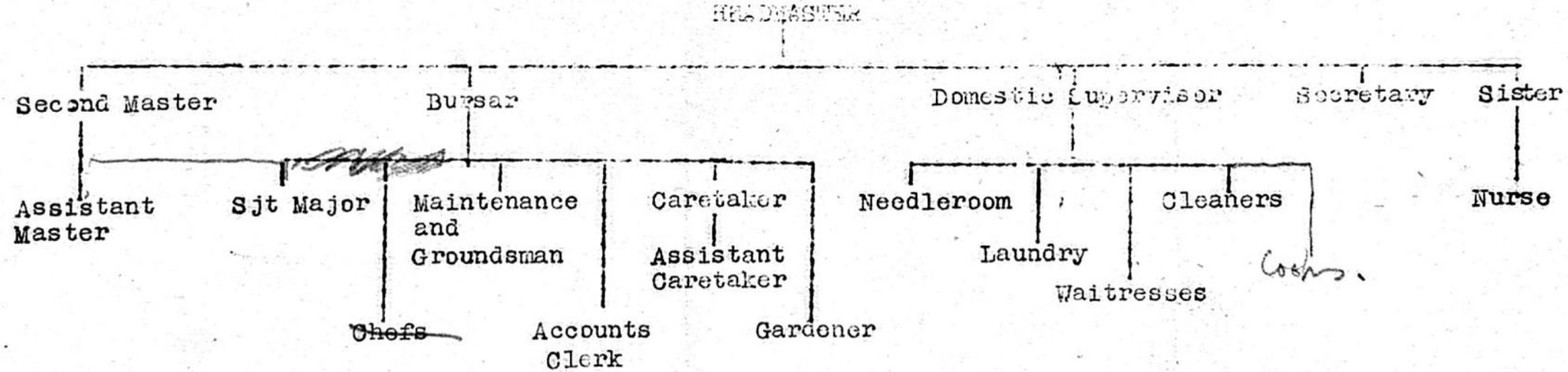
Retarded Boys (C GROUP)

AGE 11–13 Form Remove
for 2 years
As Form III.

AGE 13–14 Form IVc

Leave at 14
Labourers
Machine Hands
Carpenters
Gardeners


HEADMASTER
Second Master
Bursar
Domestic Supervisor
Secretary
Sister
Assistant Masters
Sjt Major
Maintenance and Groundsman
Caretaker
Assistant Caretaker
Needleroom
Cleaners
Nurse
Laundry
Waitresses
Chefs
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OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL SCHOOL

STOURBRIDGE

ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING REQUIRED FOR BOARDERS.

NAVY BLAZER (regulation blue and school badge)	1	best & 1 Day.
NAVY CAP (" " " " ")	1	
NAVY GABERDINE RAINCOAT	1	
GREY SHIRTS	3	
GREY PULLOVERS	3	
GREY TROUSERS (FOR OLDER BOYS)	3	pairs.
GREY SHORTS (FOR YOUNGER BOYS)	3	"
GREY SOCKS (Plain or School Colours)	5	"
TIES SCHOOL	1	
TIES HOUSE	1	
VEST	3	
UNDERPANTS	3	
PYJAMAS	3	pairs.
BELT	1	
HANKS	6	at least
DRESSING GOWN (if any)	1	
SHEETS	2	pairs.
PILLOW CASES	2	only
TOWELS BATH	3	
TOWELS HAND	3	
SHOES (Leather Black)	2	pairs.
SHOES (Gym - White)	1	pair.
SANDALS (for house use)	1	"
WELLINGTONS	1	"
FOOTBALL BOOTS	1	"
FOOTBALL SHORTS (navy blue)	1	
FOOTBALL JERSEY WHITE	1	
HOUSE JERSEY & STOCKINGS	1	and 1 pair.
ATHLETIC VEST (House)	1	
CRICKET SHIRTS (White) ..... (Summer Term only)	2	
NAME TAPES	1	gross. These should be ordered early.

TOOTH-BRUSH, COMB, SPONGE-BAG, SATCHEL, COATHANGERS.

N.B. All Clothing to be <u>clearly</u> <u>marked</u> with <u>name</u> <u>tapes</u>. Shoes should be marked with the boy's initials in brass tacks on the instep of each shoe.

With the exception of Bed Linen, towel, and toilet requisites, all articles stated above are purchaseable at the school outfitters, Dancers Ltd., Halesowen, prior to commencement of term, or at the School on the 1st and 2nd days of every term.

Parents of Day boys will be able to decide from the above list, essential regulation clothing required.

Duties of Needleroom Staff.

These are better understood by going over two weeks work. e.i.

Thursday a.m. Issue of clean pyjamas to each bed in each Dormitory and collecting soiled pyjamas. 148 suits.
Counting and packing os same for laundry.

Issue of Clean Towels to Boarders and collection of soiled towels, counting and packing of same for laundry. average number of towels issue ...280

p.m. Receiving, unpacking and checking of clean laundry returned from Stourbridge Model Laundry.

Friday a.m. Finishing checking laundry, socks to be paired and examined for mending . Table linen examined and repaired where necessary. Table linen put out ready for use.
Darning of sock commences.

p.m. Boys' clean shirts, socks, etc to be taken dormitories.
Examination of linen and boys' clothing returned from Laundry and repairs put aside.

Saturday a.m. Collection is made from each boy's bed of soiled clothing for Laundry, e.i. shirts, socks, pullovers, hankerchiefs, trousers etc. these have to be counted and packed in hampers for Laundry.

Remainder of clean laundry is deliverd from Stourbridge Model Laundry, this is unpacked and checked.

Cleaners and Kitchen staffs' protective overalls to be examined for repairs and put ready for issue.
Soiled overalls taken in and packed for laundry.

Resident Masters' personal laundry returned from Laundry, checked and repaired where necessary.

Roller towels etc in wash lavatories and toilets changed.

Monday Laundry sent out to Stourbridge Model Laundry.
Examination of clothing for re-issue continues, and repairs carried out, this is generally shirts, pullovers, trousers, which are then sorted into dormitory order for re-issue

Darning continues.

Tuesday . am. Boys clean underwear issued in dormitories, which have already been examined and repaired where necessary,

An average of 300 sheet and 150 pillow slips are examined and repaired if necessary, these are then paired up and put in dormitory order for re-issue.

Wednesday Towels (averaging 300) are examined for repairs, repairs done if necessary, towels are then put in order for re-issue.

Darning continues.

Roller Towels are again changed.

Thursday a.m. Final repair work carried for this weeks issue. Sheets and Pillow slips put ready on each boys bed for changing (actuall changing is done by the boys next morning).

Clean towels issued and soiled ones collected, counted and packed for Laundry as last week.

p.m. Clean laundry returned from Stourbridge Model Laundry, unpacked and checked as shown before.

Friday amm. Spiled sheets and pillow slips counted and packed for laundry.
Clean laundry sorted out and put away, socks paired and general routine same as last week.

p.m. Clean clothing issued to boys as shown before.

Saturday As shown before

Monday. As shown before

Tuesday As shown before, 148 suits pyjamas being in place of sheet and pillow slips.

Wednesday As shown before.

Over and above the routine work as detailed, general repairs such as buttons sewn on, tears to blazers mended, tears to trousers, badges sewn on Cadet uniforms etc, are done at any time during working hours.

Protective clothing is issued twice or three times a week to Cooks and Kitchen staff, and repairs done to this clothing.

Sanatorium linen repairs are also done in Needleroom .

New curtains for staff rooms, cooks aprons etc are also made in Needleroom when needed and not purchased already made up.

Regarding weeks mending for boarders, the following list shows average done per week or per fortnight.

Socks ..... 80 pairs out of 156 pairs per week

Shirts .....35 per week

Trousers ..... 60 per fortnight, but 140 have to be examined for repairs.

Pyjamas ..... 40 " "

Sheets and pillow slips, 30 sheets, 29 p.s. per fortnight.

Pullovers ..... 40 per fortnight.

L. W. SHEPPARD, M.B.E., M.A.
HEADMASTER

TELEPHONE: STOURBRIDGE 57144

OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL,
STOURBRIDGE.
WORCESTERSHIRE

I will tell him to read his Bible, and love and serve God; if he don't do that for his mother's sake and teaching, he won't for mine. Shall I tell him to mind his work, and say he's sent to school to make himself a good scholar? Well, but he isn't sent to school for that; at any rate, not for that mainly. I don't care a straw for Greek particles; no more does his mother. What is he sent to school for? Well, partly because he wanted so to go. If he'll only turn out a brave, helpful, truth telling Englishman, and a gentleman and a Christian, that's all I want.

18/- per week, house, 1 suit of Livery, 1 suit working clothes, and 1 hat per annum.

To receive at the door all provisions and other articles purchased or procured for the Establishment, and to assist the Housekeeper (if required) to weigh, examine and compare the same with the bills of parcels severally relating thereto, before they are placed in store.

To take charge of the coals, potatoes and bread, and to keep an accurate account of the consumption of each.

To superintend the boys appointed weekly, in turn, to assist in doing the work of the Establishment, and to instruct them in the mode of doing the same.

To see that the plates, knives, forks, drinking cups, and all other utensils be properly cleaned by the boys, and the hall and school-room floors well dry-rubbed and swept; also to superintend the school-room flues and fires, the boys' washing room and bath, and to see that they are kept in proper order, and that the towels be properly dried.

To take care that no fire is carried about the premises in order to light other fires, but always to have wood in readiness for that purpose.

To lock all outer doors at half past ten o'clock at night, and not open them after, except in cases of fire or sickness.

To attend on the Feoffees at their meetings, and to obey all casual orders given by them or the Masters.

To assist the Masters at the Boys' dinner every day.

To ring the bell at 6 a m. in summer, and 6-30 in winter, and to see that the boys do wash and dress themselves clean every morning, that they use their bath every Wednesday and Saturday, that the towels be properly dried, and that the bath and dressing rooms be properly cleaned each day, and to look after the boys every day during play hours, and to prevent their getting into mischief in the absence of the Master.

To take to the Head Master, every Saturday, the book in which the boys' names are to be entered who are to assist in doing the housework for the following week, and to instruct the boys so appointed in the duties they have to perform.

A month's notice to be given previous to his leaving the appointment or a month's salary.

To cut the bread required for the boys and to see that the water for their coffee be boiling previously to the coffee being made.

To see that the shoe-house and closets be cleaned, and the drains and coverts swept clean every day, and that the cellars be kept clean

To attend Church with the Masters and boys every Sunday.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS.

Recommendation by Mr. Palfrey, Fire Officer

MAIN BLOCK.

1) External Fire escape staircase to be retained and renovated.

2) Screen fitted to archway at head of stairs.

3) Screw in lights to be fitted over escape (as used over archway etc.)

OLD BLOCK.

1) External Fire Escape Staircase to be retained and renovated

2) Iron or aluminium ladder to be available on escape route from Old Block Main Dormitory

3) Escape ladder in Old Dormitory to be fitted with staples.

Old Swinford Hospital
Stourbridge.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH

RE.....

1. Has the child good health?
2. Has he the full use of his mental faculties?
3. Has he any bodily defect or deformity?.....
4. Does he suffer from incontinence of urine?
5. Is the child in your opinion fit to stand the ordinary course of residential school life?
6. Vision - Right .....
   Left .....
7. Has the child otorrhoea?
8. Has your child had skin trouble?

I hereby certify, after a careful examination, that the child .....aged ..... is of sound constitution, exempt from deformity both physical and mental, and is at present free from any infectious disease.

Name .....

Date .....Qualifications.....

To the parent:-

National Health Service No.
Please bring Medical Card.

Has he been vaccinated? ....

Has he been immunised? .....

Has he had Scarlet Fever? .....
Has he had Diphthera? .....

Has he had Whooping Cough?.....

Has he had Measles?.....

Has he had Chicken pox ?.. .....

Has he had Mumps? .....

DENTIST

Do you wish your child to attend the school Dentist ? .....

If needed do you consent to the child having "Gas" ? .....

Signed .....

Date .....

Address .....

Date of Birth .....

Previous school .....

Numbers September, 1958.

Over 15 on September 1st.	82
Under 15 on September 1st	231
Total.	313

VI Form Work.

29 boys are doing part "O" level work, 18 boys are working for at least one "A" level subject from the following:- Maths, Physics, Engineering Drawing, Woodwork, Geography, History, English Literature.

MR. L. W. SHEPPARD, HEADMASTER - copy for information

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

R. Y. LOGAN,
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

TEL. 3400

CASTLE STREET
WORCESTER

7th January, 1955.

W/10
Old Swinford Hospital

Dear Madam,

I am sorry I have not replied earlier to your enquiry of November 30th about the possibility of your being paid a retaining fee during school holidays, but I have been in touch with the County Medical Officer and the school Governors who have given careful consideration to your request.

I find that you are paid for your duties as relief nurse at an hourly rate of 3/7d. in accordance with a scale laid down by the Nursing and Midwive's Council of the Whitley Councils for the Health Services. This scale does not provide for payment of a retaining fee, and the Governors feel unable to recommend a payment beyond that laid down in the appropriate scale. At the same time, they asked me to tell you that your services at the school, especially during the difficult times arising from the absence of Sister Heath, have been much appreciated by all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) R. Y. LOGAN

Director of Education

Mrs. M. Wooldridge,
Birch Drive,
Enville Street,
Stourbridge.