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A very Happy New Year to the readers.

—Editor.

VISITS

1. Maj. Gen. H.J. Mogg, Commandant, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst and Brig. Christie, Military Attache, British High Commission.
2. Lt. Col. J. R. Gordon, G.S.O. I, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.
3. Lt. Col. K. K. Tewari, G.S.O. I, MT-6 and 11.

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RIMCOLLIANA

Among the honourable recipients of the Republic Day awards are two distinguished Rimcollians. We congratulate Brig. B. P. Wadhwa (Engineers) for the award of Vishisht Seva Medal Class II and Maj. B.R. Doss for the award of Sena Medal.

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The Shivaji Section took the coveted position of the Champion Section in the new term by virtue of their winning the Rawlinson's Inter Section Championship Cup in the last term. Due credit goes to the Section Master Mr. R.C. Sharma, the tutors and the cadets. We congratulate them.

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The college is proud to acquire the new crest and motto. The new crest has Peacock feathers instead of the Ostrich plumes and the Ashoka Chakra instead of the crown. The motto 'Ich Dien' has been replaced by 'Bal Vivek'.

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The year 1965 has also brought in a new Section to cater to the increasing number of cadets. The fourth section has not yet officially been named. We

congratulate Mr. S. R. Jaiswal on his appointment as the Section Master of the new section.

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We welcome Mr. R. P. Dwivedi and Mr. S. Banerji who have come to strengthen the English Department. Mr. Banerji has also brightened our Cricket team with his medium pace swing bowling. Mr. Dwivedi will shortly take over charge of the Chronicle.

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Mr. M.M.Y.A. Khan of the English Department has left our College after completing his tenure of one year's temporary service. We wish him the best in life.

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We congratulate Cadet Captain B. K. Choudhry of the New Section for the appointment as Cadet Captain by rotation. We are sure he will prove to be a success.

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We welcome the new cadets who have joined college this year. An interview with them is printed elsewhere in the Chronicle.

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The following cadets have left the college. We congratulate them on their success and hope that they will keep up the reputation of the College at the N.D.A.:—

V.R. Naphade, V.A.P. Reddy, Harish Gupta, J.S. Bajwa, A. K. Gulati, Y. S. Ahlawat, V. R. Reddy, B. K. Banerjee, A. K. Chatterjee, S. K. Dutta, K. K. Sharma, S.K. Sil, M. Ramakrishna, A.K.

Singh, K.R.-Rao, R.M. Gopal, P.K. Das,
S. Gupta, P.P. Singh, M.P. Wadwa, S.S.
Dhillon, V.P. Singh.

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We congratulate our R.M.O. Dr.
Sandhu on his well merited promotion
as Honorary Captain in the A.M.C.

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The Osmania University has granted
recognition to The R.I.M.C. Diploma as
equivalent to their Pre-University Certi-
ficate. The Diploma is already recogniz-
ed by the Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal
and the Punjab States.

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Some foreign cadets, who came to take
part in the Republic Day Parade, visited
our College on the 22nd January. They
were from the Military Academies of
Thailand and The United Arab Republic
and the N.C.C. equivalent of the United
Kingdom.

THE NOTE OF REALISM IN CHARLES DICKENS

Among the many points of criticism
levied against Dickens, is David Cecil's
'he cannot construct' and that he very
often forgets that there should be a plot
in a novel. F.R. Leavis has acclaimed
Dickens to be a great entertainer, but
found many faults with his creative art.
Many modern critics including Ruskin
and Gissing have labelled him a 'mere
sentimentalist' and have stated that the
leather bound gilded editions of the
Dickens novels are only there to gather
dust on the shelves of the libraries. But
the fact remains that it is Dickens only
who has richly contributed to the modern
literary vogue of neo-realism.

All criticism hurled against Dickens
about his creative art, his sentiment, his
pathos and his characterisation comes to
a naught when we realise that Dickens had
a different purpose than the other Victo-
rian novelists. The London of Dickens is
a world viewed through the eyes of a
super-sensitive artist who has seen little
else but misery. The atmosphere thus
maintained by him is tinged with pain. If
he 'wrings the extra tear from the eyes of
his readers' it is because he has shed
many such extra tears on the cold pave-
ments of London, and it is this very same
London that he wants to picture.

Generally the term realism is used in
two very different senses which must not
be loosely interchanged. Depicting things
as they are or as they appear is the

commoner of those senses. This is
what the amateur photographer does. But
when it comes to an artist with not only
paints and a brush, but also with a heart
full of feelings, he would paint the same
scene but with a dab of his own imagina-
tion. This is the modern neo-realism and
this is the realism of Dickens. He is not
only a realist but his work is a romance
of the streets of London. In the process
of presentation of the drab scenes of
slums of 1820's, they pass through the
prismatic imagination of Dickens and
emerge tinged with a new colour.

When I started teaching *The Tale of
Two Cities*, my students rebelled against
the atmosphere of Dickens. When I ex-
claimed at the poetry of presentation of the
scenes of hunger in St. Antoine my stu-
dents nudged each other and doubted the
integrity of my ejaculations. The same
students when they went to see the film
'The Longest Day' or its Indian counter-
part 'Haqeeqat', exclaimed at the neo-
realistic touch they saw there. As for that
many have appreciated the paintings
exhibited at the National Art exhibition
held in Delhi last year. Dickens does the
same and goes a step ahead to draw our
attention to the specially noteworthy
nooks and corners of the scene, however
pungent it may be. The realism of Dickens
is not like that of Emile Zola or Thacker-
ray. There is romance in his realism. The
world of Dickens is a fantastic world but
is based upon reality. It is not the realism
of Alberto Moravia where there is only a
soulless picture of life, often with an
emphasis on the obscene.

In the modern times many new writ-
ers are turning out trash in the name of
realism. Sex is being exploited to the last
limit. That is not the realism of Dickens
his characters are bustling human beings,
drawn from life with the only purpose of
mirroring life of Dicken's London, as
viewed by him.

I hope that my students will enjoy
The Tale of Two Cities now, when they
look for the artist in those pages and join
me in exclaiming at each realistically
drawn picture.

H. S. K. Wilson

SPORTS NEWS

Cricket—Staff vs cadets.

Score: Staff - 57 all out

Cadets-61 for 4 wickets.

The first fixture of the term was a
Staff vs cadets cricket match, played on
the 23rd afternoon. The Staff won the

toss and elected to bat. Mr. Puri, the cricket in charge opened for the Staff with Mr. Jaiswal. Principal S. P. Sharma, Maj. H. S. Mamik, Mr. Puri, Mr. Dubey and Mr. R. C. Sharma played well and were the chief scorers for the Staff. The Staff were all out for 57 runs and the cadets had no difficulty in winning the match by six wickets. Excellent bowling by the Cricket Captain Prakash Singh and Anil Malhotra along with excellent opening partnership between Cadets Mallik and Haribabu supported by fielding lapses and dropped catches by the Staff, accounted for the cadets winning the match.

Cricket—College vs 58 G. T. C. Officers.

On the 24th January a friendly match between our college and 58 G. T. C. officers was played on our ground. We put in a crippled team to bat first, as a few of our players could not participate while others were suffering from the after effects of T.A.B. injections. Due credit goes to the excellent bowling of the 58 G.T. C. team. We lost the match by five wickets.

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We welcome 17 new cadets to the College. A few more are expected shortly. In a brief interview with the cadets, we came to know the following facts about them.

1. Devendra Singh—Head Cadet of Class I (Shivaji Section). Comes to us from St. Francis School, Lucknow. His hobby is fishing. He plays Football, Hockey and Cricket.
2. Pasalai Subramaniam Nagesh (New Section) belongs to Madurai. He had his education at Durgapur H. School, Durgapur. Stamp-collecting is his hobby and he is fond of Cricket and Hockey.
3. Jawahar Singh Mann (New Section) has joined this College after studying at Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, New Delhi. He takes delight in stamp-collecting and is interested in Cricket and Football.
4. T. K. Venugopal (Shivaji Section) has entered this College after studying at Cambridge School, Delhi. Hockey and Cricket are his favourite games and stamp-collecting his hobby.
5. Virendrapal Singh (New Section) is a local cadet who comes to us after studying at St. Joseph's Academy. He is keenly interested in Stamp-collecting and plays Cricket, Football and Hockey.
6. Ashim Kumar Das (Shivaji Section) is a product of Methodist H.S. Kanpur. He seems to be good at Hockey and Cricket and has love for coin collecting.
7. Yashpal Singh Rawat (New Section) is a local cadet who studied at St. Joseph's Academy. Stamp-collecting is his hobby and Hockey and Football are his favourite games.
8. Ramesh Yesuthasen (New Section) has come to us from Stains High School, Coonoor. He takes delight in stamp and cone-collecting and has great love for Cricket, Hockey and Football.
9. Ambrish Srivastava (New Section) belongs to Balrampur but comes to us from Rungta H. S. Calcutta. He plays Cricket and Football and takes interest in stamp-collecting.
10. Liashram Tikendrajit Singh (Shivaji Section) hails from Wangkhei in Manipur. He studied at Littleflower H. School, Wangkhei. He seems very keen at handicraft and photography and plays Cricket, Football and Hockey.
11. Birendra Kumar Sinha (New Section) belongs to Bihar and had his early education at H.S. School, Bikramganj. He is a player of Cricket, Hockey, Squash, and Badminton. Philately is his favourite hobby.
12. Ashish Kumar Nayak (New Section) comes from Muzaffarpur Zila School, Muzaffarpur. His hobby is Philately and his favourite games are Badminton, Hockey, Football and Cricket.
13. Arun Kumar Sinha (New Section) has sought admission into this College from Patliputra H. S. Patna. He is a player of Cricket and Football and is very much interested in Philately.
14. Harmit Singh (New Section) comes to our College after studying at St. Alesion's Convent, Waltair. He has a flair for games—his favourite games being Cricket, Football and Hockey. He is keenly interested in Philately.
15. Ashok Yadav (New Section) has joined this institution after having his early education at St. Mary's Academy, Meerut. He play Hockey, Cricket and Football and has great love for Philately.
16. Madhusudan Jhinjon (New Section) is a resident of New Delhi but studied at Carmel Convent School, Gwalior. He is very desirous of joining Navy

and has keen interest in Cricket, Hockey and Football. His hobby is Philately.

17. Dinesh Chandra Kumaria (Pratap Section) is a local cadet who received his education at St. Joseph's Academy, Dehra Dun. He is deeply interested in Philately and Music and his favourite games are Football, Table Tennis, Badminton and Hockey.

JAZZ STUFF

Teacher: "John, is the world round?"

John : "No, Sir!"

Teacher: "It isn't? Is it flat?"

John : "No Sir!"

Teacher: "Well, if it is not round nor flat, what is it?"

John : "I heard my father say it is crooked."

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"How much do you charge for taking children's photograph?" asked the man of the photographer.

"Twenty rupees for a dozen" the photographer replied.

"Then", said the man "I'll come back in a couple of year. I have only ten now."

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Husband: (to wife) And what is that you have bought dear?

Wife : Its a bottle of hair tonic.

Husband: Oh, its very good of you!

Wife : Yes, I want you to give it to your typist at the office. Her hairs are coming out rather badly on your coat.

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Friend : (to boys father) What is your son in the college.

Father: A half-back.

Friend: I mean in studies.

Father: Oh, in studies he is way back.

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And then there was the proud father who asked his son, "What was the hardest thing you learnt at the college?"

"How to open beer bottles with the teeth" came the prompt reply.

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Professor: What is the Nitrate of Potassium ?

Student: Night rate of potassium Sir ?
Half the day rate I suppose.

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Man on a lonely road: Excuse me, Sir, do you happen to have seen a policeman anywhere about here ?

Gentleman: I am sorry, but I have not seen any sign of one.

Man : All right, hurry up and give me your purse and your watch then.

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"Which is farther away, the moon or China ?"

"Well, China of course!"

"Why, what makes you think so?"

"Because we can see the moon from here, but we can't see China."

CLOSING THOUGHT

"I had no shoes, and I complained, till I saw one who had no legs."



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RIMCOLLIANA

Our heartiest congratulations to Maj. Gen. K.N. Dubey, a distinguished ex-cadet, on being awarded the Vishist Seva Medal, Class I on the Republic Day.

Mr. Omendra Singh of the Science Faculty has left us to join the Doon School. Mr. I. S. Ahluwalia has taken over as the head of the department.

A film 'Experiments in Terror' was filmed in the College on Saturday the 14th February. A brief review of the film is printed elsewhere in the Chronicle.

We congratulate Cadet K. Radhakrishna Rao, who stood VIII in the All India Merit List, Air Force. The omission in the Chronicle of 16, December, 1964 is regretted.

We are actively preparing for the old boys Re-Union day. We hope more and more old boys will come to make it a success. Two plays are being prepared and the Cricket team is busy at the nets.

It is always a pleasure and a source of great encouragement for us when we hear from the old boys and specially to know that they are taking interest in The Chronicle. The suggestions which they give to improve this paper are always welcome by us. We thank them for bringing to our notice these means of improvement.

FILM REVIEW

'Experiments in Terror'

Terror is always a meaty subject for Hollywood. Many pictures have been produced which have an emphasis on 'Terror' and have brought in big box office returns. 'House of Wax' besides

being a 3D, rested itself only on the 'Terror' formula.

'Experiments in Terror' also was basically on the same formula but as far as terror was concerned, there was little of it. A bank secretary is threatened by an unknown man to steal a hundred thousand dollars from the bank and hand over to him. This unknown man haunts her at odd hours of the day and repeats the threat of killing her and her sister. She was not supposed to inform the police, but due to some smart detective work by the F.B.I., the secret is out.

The film then changes over to the police routine and how one man eludes the whole of the Federal Bureau. The film is a catching one and keeps the audience to the edge of the seat. A bit of humour provided by catching the 'wrong ones' was very convincing. Glen Ford gives a creditable performance and the direction was excellent too.

GURUNG AND HIS PUFF

The part of country from where I come, it is very difficult to get a puff and it takes a lot of labour and patience to cultivate one. However, after three years training I could make my bristle like hair, turn at the tip, to get a semblance of a puff. My father hates puffs, but, fortunately, it is so cold there that in front of him I had ample excuse of keeping my head covered. I often used to stand before the mirror with the picture of Shami Kapoor on one side and Joy Mukerji on the other and used to admire my puff.

When I came to know that I was going to the R.I.M.C. I was overjoyed, besides other things, for the opportunity of nourishing my puff. I was sure that when I would return home I would have one that would beat Dev Anand by yards. Imagine my chagrin when the brutal barber sheared off my three years labour in a matter of minutes. He then stepped

back to have another view of me and after giving a few finishing touches called the next one to be butchered. I felt like snatching the scissors from his hands and chopping his hair off to his scalp. When I came back to the dormitory and looked at myself in the mirror, I felt like crying. I am sure my mother wouldn't have recognised me then.

Well, the whole of the first term I brooded over the disaster, but gradually I was gaining a few millimetres every month in spite of the shearing operation every week. I used to look at the other cadets who could still retain their curls and waves, but my poor bristles stood ever on their ends as if I was hearing a ghost story. Unconsciously, my fingers still rotated at where my puff used to be and one day near the end of the term I felt I had a little puff. Imagine my pleasure when I was able to rest my hair in that position, no matter for ten minutes only. Then I thought of various means of acquiring a puff. I started with hair lotions and hair setting creams. Someone suggested rice starch and I daily smuggled rice from the mess to massage my hair, but no puff! One day I stole some gum from the Books and Stationery and my puff stayed on for full one day. But how long can one escape from the stare of Mr. Bisht. I was caught and gone was my puff. Applying dirt is one way of keeping the puff for a few days. But at inspection parade sometimes they take the berets off. The canteen manager always asks me why I buy so many combs. How can I tell him I had a puff and am trying to get it back.

They tell me that I won't be allowed to keep a puff at the N.D.A. even. Someone told me that only when I become a Brigadier I can keep a puff. Sometimes I give a second thought to joining the army. I know my Daddy is very happy with the state of my hair right now.

What I can't understand is in what way my two inches of puff harm the army when some cadets go round with two feet of hair. It is paradoxical indeed!

DAWN

"Night's candles are burnt out and jocund day,
Stands tip-toe on the misty mountain tops."

—Shakespeare.

Dawn is a canvas painted by the brush of the Almighty. The weary and tired who lies slumbering in his cosy bed rises from his sleep, fresh and looking forward

to a good day. As the darkness gives place to purple, the early rays of the rising sun light up the murky sky.

The dawn in the countryside is exquisite. The hooting of the owl, the howling of the jackal in the distance, and the familiar warning cry of the watchman, suddenly stop, as if to gaze with awe and wonder at the splendour of the rising sun. As the majestic king rises in the distant horizon, there is a lull in the atmosphere. Its forthcoming army of beautiful colours make this earth look like a heavenly paradise. Then as suddenly as the quiet began it is broken by the crowing of the cock, which seems to say, "Rise and shine". The mist which is hanging around the countryside, creeps up the slope of the hills to its fortress, like an evil spirit, seeking rest, but finding none. The whole countryside seems to be in golden yellow flames as the sun rises with all its glory and splendour. Then as the shadows of the night decline, a few objects can be visible with the sun in the background and the familiar singing voice of the farmers echoes in the hills beyond and as he begins to plough his wet field, he feels a joy in his heart as the cool morning breeze fills up his lungs. The village damsels with pitchers on their heads, go towards the wells gossiping. In the meandering river the wharfs and waves splash against the rocks producing white foam. Further down the river, the priests and saints are seen bathing and offering their 'thirsty ancestors', a drink of water. The 'pearls' on the leaves, the snow clad mountains, the meandering rivers and the beautiful flowers made the dawn in the countryside look very beautiful. Once a while an automobile speeds past, disturbing the placid atmosphere.

The dawn in the countryside is entirely different from the dawn in the town or cities. The man in the town rarely witnesses the beautiful rising of the sun, like that of the countryside. The calmness in the silent streets is only broken up by the regular barking of the dog. As the day approaches, the familiar tingling of the bell is heard when the milkman approaches. The children get up, dress and wait for the bus to take them to school. In place of the sweet odour of the flowers, the smell of cooking breakfast fills the atmosphere and the smoke from the chimney tops pollutes the early morning breeze. Servants line up in a queue in front of milk stands to get the milk. People get ready to go off to their respective markets and as the heat of the sun grows stronger the lonely road gives place to a busy and veritable market. Cyclists, motorists and pedestrians crowd

up the roads and look from an aerial view like a line of ants. Even the beggar raises the pitch of his voice begging alms. As the day advances the atmosphere becomes hot and the beauty of the dawn vanishes,

"And down the long and silent street
The dawn with silver sandalled feet,
Crept on like a frightened girl."

—G.S. Kochhar, V-A

CRICKET

RIMC vs 58 G.T.C. Officers.

Lost by 50 runs.

Scores:—58 G.T.C. — 158 all out.

RIMC — 108 all out.

We won the toss and elected to field. Their openers got out cheaply, but an excellent knock of 68 by our ex-cadet B.S. Khurana and 32 by Satyajit Rao, helped their team to cross the 150 mark. Malhotra and Malick bowled well for our team.

Our openers played well, the first wicket going at 28. Thereafter there was a collapse, all batsmen going down at one end, while the other end was held by skipper Prakash Singh. No one proved capable enough to give him a stand and remained there with a gallant 40 (not out) till the end of the game. Thus we were skittled out for only 108 with 50 minutes to spare.

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RIMC vs Aryans Club—Drawn.

Scores:—Aryans — 238 for 8 declared.

RIMC — 105 for 9 wickets.

The Aryans put in an excellent batting side first. They had in their team some of the best batsmen of the town and had no difficulty in piling up a huge total of 238 runs before they declared their innings for 8 wickets soon after lunch.

Our boys could not fare well in batting but held the fort till the draw of stumps for the day. Malick with a determined knock of 19 runs was the highest scorer for the home team while skipper Prakash Singh put in an excellent 18 runs. He was unlucky to get out as his bat broke. All credit goes to the last pair who held the game to a draw in spite of stinging bowling by the Aryans. The Aryans team was formidable, no doubt, but this proves to us that there is a lot of scope for improvement in our fielding.

INSPECTION PARADE

Thursday morning at the College
Brings to us a newer knowledge,
That before the day we start,
We must look all pukka smart.

Shining polish on the shoes
If you do not want some 'boos'
Shining badge and shining face
Ready early at your place.

The A.O. even checks your hair
Some cadets do not think it fair,
The hanky must be clean and white
Or you will be a funny sight.

All starched and pressed must be your kit
Before parade you must not sit,
For if it is not perfect pressed
My boy, you will be much depressed.

As the A.O. comes around,
And some dirt in nail is found,
You will, brother, feel much sore,
Do not think it's all a bore.

And remember one thing more
Which will happen very sure,
If you move or standing slack,
You'll be dancing with the pack.

— Cadets M.R. Ghanekar & Omit Sarkar

THE TWIST—SOPHISTICATED ?

'Hey, let's twist!' It starts. A couple of youngsters quiver their bodies in a fashion as if their heads would come off, and go on for quite a good time. That is what they call as The Twist—whether the twist is the twist of the nervous system of the body or may be of the brain itself—nobody knows.

The gramophone clangs away at top speed to the hilarious tune of the twisters who, if a bit more sensible, could have realised the sad plight of the grazing needle and of the hammered and battered record.

Needs a lot of practice, perseverance and patience, they say. Certainly, can't we shake our frames to the melody of the flat mica plate, and say, "Hallo Boys, we can twist!"

This superfluous, and sophisticated shake of the body has sent the entire world of youth into the tea-spilling scene of "The Mad Hatters Party."

Still, it is worthwhile to visualize whether reality of thought and substance of learning are prevalent among the youthful Twisters.

If we try to put two and two together, we come to the final conclusion that The Twist is nothing but a tin rattle that produces sound filled Roadside Romeos or Eve Teasers. Shaw's chocolate cream soldier is the correct word applicable to these blockheads.

The Twist seems to have originated from the U. S. A., may be due to the biting cold there.

But, for certain, in a country like sunny India (which has always been proud of its culture and long lived traditions) it is certainly baseless to eclipse beautiful Indian dancing in such a rude manner.

The exploitation of Modesty has been the main target of scoring demerits for the Twist. R. L. Stevenson says that, "Youth is the time to go flashing from one end of the world to the other both in mind and body."

But isn't it time to put an end to the flashing of the ultra-modern youth from one end of the room to the other ?

JAZZ STUFF

Teacher : Now, Tommy, if you put your hand in one pocket and pulled out 75 cents, then put your hand in the other pocket and pulled out 75 cents, what would you have.

Tommy : Somebody else's pants.

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Sentry : Halt! Who goes there?

Returning A.W.O.L. : Friend, with bottle.

Sentry : Pass friend; halt bottle.

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The parachutist was dangling rather forlornly from a big oak tree. "I was trying to make a record," he shouted to the farmer below.

"Reckon yuh did it, stranger," observed the farmer. "You'll be the first man in these parts to climb down a tree withouten he clumb up it fust."

PROJECT CRICKET

Articles are invited on 'Project Cricket'. Any interesting facts about the game, any intricate points, any interesting match and such other material will be accepted for publication. All contributions should be original and own. The best contribution will be rewarded.

— Editor

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The more things a man is ashamed of the more respectable he is.



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RIMCOLLIANA

25 out of 27 cadets were declared successful at the Indian School Certificate Examination of 1964. This gives us a result of 92.6%. We congratulate the successful cadets and the staff over this achievement. There are 6 in the first grade, 8 in the second and 11 in the third.

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We congratulate Section Commander Gautam Dutt on his well merited appointment as Cadet Captain. Cadet Captain B.K. Chaudhary, who passes the tabs to the new Cadet Captain, had done an excellent job.

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VISITS

Lt. Col. K.K. Tewari visited the college on the 26th Feb. He met the cadets at the assembly and the staff over a cup of coffee.

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Brig. U.D. Jayal visited the college on 10th March and gave an inspiring talk to the cadets.

He informed the cadets of the high heritage of their college. He said that this college was a present from the then British sovereigns to the people of India in recognition of their ability to become officers under the King's Commission. He further said that then the cadets had the one aim to become officers in the armed forces. But now the horizon had broadened. The cadets of this college form the nucleus from which officers will be drawn to lead the nation in all respects.

He explained to the cadets the significance of the new motto 'Bal Vivek'. While talking about the motto he remembered the motto of his old battalion, The Royal Sind Frontier Force, which had the motto 'Ready aye ready'. He narrated a thrilling experience of a battle in Abyssinia where this battalion secured the first victory that the Allies had secured in the Second World War. He emphasised that living up to the motto should be a religion with cadets, and their motto required from

them discipline in all spheres and physical and mental preparedness at all times.

Brig. Jayal informed the cadets that the R.I.M.C. was a model institution for martial toned schools in India. It, therefore, became the duty of the cadets to set a good model for other schools, as their weaknesses would permeate into the framework of numerous other institutions. He implored the cadets to channel their energies into rightful use. He felt that the cadets of today, at the college, had a much wider scope and a broader horizon before them.

The Principal thanked Brig. Jayal on his inspiring talk and asked the cadets to keep in mind his words.

INTER-SECTION BOXING.

PRE-FINALS. 10th MARCH, 1965

The Inter-Section Boxing pre-finals were held on the 10th March 1965 at the open air theatre. This year the competitions were more balanced as there were no 'byes' due to the formation of the fourth Section.

There were twenty two bouts at the pre-finals, which selected finalists for eleven bouts. Among the noteworthy bouts were those of A.K. Sinha vs. Chandelle, L.T. Sinha vs. A.K. Chawla, S.M. Garg vs. B.K. Chaudhary and J.P. Mondle vs. A.K. Malhotra.

Results (Juniors)

Davender Singh (S) beat S.P. Ojha (P); Y.S. Das (R) beat A.K. Yadav (N); Satender Singh (R) beat S. Bhalla (P); Arvind Kumar (N) beat P.V. John (S) in a close fight; C.S. Lehl (S) beat S. Ramtri (N) in a close fight; J.S. Mann (P) beat Ashwani Kumar (R) in a plucky fight; C.B. Menon (S) beat P.S. Malhotra (R); A.K. Sinha beat V.K.S. Chandelle in a technical knock out; M.R. Ghanskar (N) beat S.N. Pavri (R) in a close fight; L.T. Singh (S) lost to A.K. Chawla in a very plucky and close fight.

Results (Seniors)

S.M. Garg (S) lost to B.K. Chaudhary (N) in a good fight; M. Sujit (P) beat

S.S. Gill (R); P.V. Singh (S) beat A.C. Katoch (P); S.S. Makin (R) beat A.K. Dutta (N); A.K. Malhotra (P) beat J.P. Mondle (R) in a close and good fight; R.L. Tyagi (S) beat M. Kumar (N); M.L. Bhagat (N) beat R.S. Gill (S); S.C. Sharma (P) beat P.V.K. Chaudhary (R); A. Malhotra (P) beat J.S. Sidhu (N) and J.J.R. Tiwari (S) beat C.P. Chaudhary (R). In the opens L.K. Bhatia (N) lost in a very plucky fight to Prakash Singh (R) and O.P. Sinha (P) won in a technical knock out over R.P. Singh (S).

Referee—Major G.B. Phillips

Judges—Capt. B.S. Khurana

Capt. S. Mohite

Capt. H.C. Tiwari

Section Positions (at pre-finals)

Pratap Section	won 7, lost 4
Shivaji Section	won 6, lost 5
New Section	won 5, lost 5
Ranjit Section	won 4, lost 7

ALL INDIA HINDI DECLAMATION CONTEST

The third All India Hindi Declamation Contest was held in the college on 6th March with Mr. M.L. Aggarwal, Sessions Judge, in the chair. Six schools had sent two speakers each to contest for the Maharaja of Banaras Ivory Shield. The Sainik Schools, Rewa and Kapurthala, are amongst the outstation teams.

The general standard of speeches was very high as remarked by the learned judge and there was a very keen competition for the Shield. The speakers seemed all set to defy the wrong notion of many critics that the standard of Hindi in English medium schools was not satisfactory. They not only spoke flawless Hindi but also gave sound arguments. The Shield was claimed by St. Thomas' School, Dehra Dun.

The positions were as under :

Individual positions :—

I	Vinod Vatse St. Thomas' School	} 112 points
II	S. K. Dixit R.I.M.C.	} 106 points
III	Prakash Acharya, Sainik School, Rewa	} 100 points

Team positions:—

I	St. Thomas School	....	203 points
II	R.I.M.C.	....	202 "
III	S.J.A.	...	190 "

Judges : Shri Virendra Prakash, I.A.S.,
Lt. Col. J. R. Bhagat, I.M.A.
Shri J. S. Mathur, Joint
Director, N.I.C.D.

CRICKET FIXTURES

R.I.M.C. vs I.M.A. 28-2-'65. Away. Lost.
Scores : R.I.M.C. 158. I.M.A. 160 for 5.

Though we lost the match, yet it was a game that went about all the way to our credit. We went in to bat first and put in a score of 158 runs. This was the highest score by any visiting team at the I.M.A. during the season. The I.M.A. team was in good form having drawn against the Roshanara Club, Delhi, only a few days back. Cadet Haribabu, our opener hit 45 runs in a chanceless innings. This was the first time our present team played on a turf wicket, and as the sun became stronger and the wicket dried our boys knew less and less about the character of such a wicket.

When we came in to field, our boys gave a good account of themselves, and were able to take four valuable wickets for 70 runs. But the sixth wicket partnership easily put up the required number of runs. Our bowling by Mr. Puri, Cadet Prakash Singh, Cadet Anil Malhotra and Cadet Mullick was really creditable.

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R.I.M.C. vs S.J.A. 7-3-65. Home. Won.
Scores : R.I.M.C. 59. S.J.A. 47

In this low scoring match also we won the toss and elected to bat. The sky was heavily overcast but fortunately, excepting for a drizzle now and then, the game went on. No one except for Skipper Prakash Singh could score much, who was out at 25 when his bat broke and what was intended for a six went into the hands of the long on fielder. We batted till about twenty minutes before lunch. The pitch was playing erratic due to rain and many were declared 'leg before'.

When St. Joseph's came in to bat, we were almost sure that it was their day again. But the bowling of Anil Malhotra (6 wickets for 16 runs), Mr. Puri and Prakash Singh was so good that it was almost unplayable. Their whole side collapsed for mere 47 runs.

Re-Union Briefs

The Re-union this year was largely attended and provided many a remini-

scent chuckles from the old boys. Among the distinguished ex-cadets who were present were Lt. Gen. Tara Singh Bal, Lt. Gen. R.K. Kochhar, Lt. Gen. G.C. Bewoor, Maj. Gen. G.S. Gill, Maj. Gen. Virendra Singh, Maj. Gen. K. Zorawar Singh, Brig. K. Gajinder Singh, Brig. V. Jayal, Brig. Harbhajan Singh, Brig. A.L. Kochhar, Brig. Gambhir Singh, Brig. I. J.S. Johar, Brig. M. R. Rajwade, Brig. P. C. Wadhera, Mr. Zafar Alam, Brig. Negi.

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The finals of the Inter-Section Boxing Competitions were held on the evening of the 12th March. It was a very colourful affair, and it was very inspiring to hear the old boys cheer for the contenders of their old sections. There was a close contest for the big beautiful cup presented by a 'big' ex-cadet Col. P.L.N. Choudhary and even till the last fight its fate was anybody's guess.

The cup was shared by Shivaji (old Kitcheners) and Pratap (old Rawlinsons), with the New Section at the second place.

Cadet Arvind Kumar, New Section, was awarded the cup of the most scientific boxer and Cadet Y.S. Das of Ranjit was adjudged the best loser.

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with deadly pace and accuracy which credited him with 3 wickets. Cadets Haribabu and V.P. Singh were the chief scorers for the present XI with 30 runs each. The 'Present Cadets' were all out for 104 runs.

The old boys came in to bat after lunch, Lt. Col. Keshav Anand and GC R.K. Manchanda were the highest scorers for their side. They scored 110 runs for 8 wickets and won the match by two wickets. Lt. Gen. G. G. Bewoor was presented the ball which was instrumental in his taking five wickets.

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Brig. Rajwade, one of the first to arrive, was heard saying that he had taken a complete round of the campus, even the class IV lines and intended to do it again—to take back the old memories for another year!

Major Babu was heard saying that he was visiting the college after twenty four years and it seemed to him that he had left it only last year.

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A variety entertainment programme was staged on 13th evening. An English play 'Shivering Shocks' by Clemence Dane

Principal at the Assembly

"Be truthful in your speech, smart in your actions and disciplined in behaviour."

There was a P.T. display in the morning of Sunday the 13th March. The cadets gave an excellent display of mass P.T. where about 200 cadets took part in rhythmic continuous movements. This was led by Cadet Ranjan Dutta. There was ground work and high horse display by the senior cadets, which all went on in a clock like accuracy.

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After the P.T. display there was the annual cricket fixture of old boys vs the present. The old boys team was led by their able and veteran skipper Lt. Gen. G.G. Bewoor, who won the toss and put the present boys in to bat. The bowling was taken up by Lt. Col. Keshav Anand and GC C.V. Pratap. Both these bowlers pinned down the openers for a while but they soon opened out and the first wicket fell for 45 runs. Then Lt. Gen. Bewoor took over and his medium pace off spin took five wickets at the expense of only 29 runs. Lt. Col. Keshav Anand was called back to bowl long hops

was staged. A Hindi play 'Mouke Ka Makan' by Mr. K. Kumar, of the Hindi Department of our college was successfully staged. There were a few items of musical entertainment. The programme was much appreciated by all.

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The traditional hockey match between the old boys and the new was played on the 12th evening. It was a robust and fast game and at half time the present XI was losing by two goals. Brig. Rajwade was the spearhead of the old boys attack. Mr. R.C. Sharma then came to the rescue of the present side and scored two goals in quick succession. Another goal was scored by the present team to win the match by three to two goals.

MY CRICKET HERO— K.S. RANJIT SINGHJI

On Sept. 10, 1872, the light of a bright new star was added to the luminosity

of the cricket sky. K.S. Ranjit Singhji, affectionately known as 'Ranji' was born at Sarodar a village near, Jamnagar. At the tender age of eight he joined the Rajkumar College where he learned of the scopes of the cricket game. Much has been written about K.S. Ranjit Singhji and it is mainly due to these historians that Ranji has become legendary throughout the cricket loving world.

Those who saw Ranji in his golden days are not likely to forget him. Fortunately Ranji's cricketers and writers have left behind him a wealth of literature which will visualise the art of a batsman who dazzled the English masses. In 1888, Ranji went to England for higher education. From here was his prelude to greatness. Hardly did this king of cricket miss the ball. "The best-ball I ever batted in my life" said an old Surrey bowler "was one with which I hit Ranji on his pads. Though the field may be set as attackingly as possible, yet there was a gap, a gap through which he could drive the ball to the boundary." In 1892 for the first time he became a regular member of the Trinity College team. Though he batted there brilliantly yet his efforts for the University Eleven were in vain, a mistake which the Cambridge Captain repented. To the robust atmosphere of the English cricket he brought a touch of fantasy. He combined the stillness of the panther with the suddenness of its spring. Once a famous cricketer was congratulated by a fan for his brilliant eyesight who asked him, "Is it true that you can see the seam of the ball." The reply was, "That's right, but you should have seen Ranji,

he could see the stitches." He was a wizard at the wicket. He burst on the cricket horizon at the start of its most brilliant era. In 1895 he scored his first century against the M.C.C. at Lords. In 1900 he played 40 innings, 5 times he was not out, he scored 3,065 runs, with 11 centuries and the highest score at 275. In all Ranji played 500 innings, 62 times not out, 24,692 runs. He made 72 centuries with 14 double centuries.

Ranji died on April 2, 1933. He was then the king of a territory near Jamnagar. Ranji's passing away cast a gloom over the cricket world.

The last ball had been bowled, the bats had been oiled and put away and around Lords the Grand stands were deserted and forlorn. The game would come again with the spring and the new grass and the burgeoing trees but the king will come no more. No more shall anyone see him tripping down the pavilion, his face wreathed in chubby smiles, no more shall any sit in the jolly sunshine through the livelong day and watch his uncomparable art till the evening shadows decline. The well graced actor left the stage and became only a memory in a world of happy memories—the prince of a little world but of a great name.

—G.S. Kochhar I, V-A

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Punctuality is the politeness of a gentleman.



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VISIT

Lt. Gen. K. Bahadur Singh, GOC-in-C, Central Command visited the College on 1st April at 1130 hours. The College gave a mass P.T. display on his visit. He was introduced to the Staff over a cup of coffee in the Senior Ante-room. The General evinced keen interest in his Alma Mater.

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RIMCOLLIANA

Major H. S. Mamik proceeded on his Defence Services Staff College course, Wellington. The cadets queued up in front of the Ante-room to give him a hearty send-off.

Major J. D. Katkar, another old Rimcollian, has taken over from Maj. H. S. Mamik as Admin. Officer.

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Appointments and Promotions

We congratulate the following on their new appointments—promotions:—

Lt. Gen. K.S. Katoch as Deputy Chief of the Army Staff.

Maj. Gen. G. S. Gill, as Military Secretary to the President of India.

Lt. Gen. R. K. Kochhar, outgoing President Rimcollian Association, as Corps Commander.

Maj. Gen. Bhagwati Singh, as the Chief of Staff, Central Command.

Maj. Gen. K.P. Candeth, as Lieutenant General.

Maj. Gen. K.N. Dubey, as Engineer-in-Chief.

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The following have been appointed office-bearers of the Old Boys' Association:—

1. Lt. Gen. T. S. Bal—President
2. Lt. Col. S. N. Gay—Secretary

Members

1. Mr. Zafar Alam
2. Mr. Bikram Singh
3. Lt. Col. Keshav Anand
4. Group Capt. Subaiya
5. Commander Ghosh.

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N.D.A. Results—34th Course

25 out of 26 cadets, who appeared at the U.P.S.C. written test for admission to the N.D.A., have been declared successful. This gives us a result of 96.2%. We congratulate the successful cadets and the Staff on this achievement. The names of the successful cadets are given below :

Anil Malhotra, A. K. Vasisht, A. K. Chawla, D. Mukerjee, G. Pande, Gautam Datt, G. Dawar, H.S. Sehgal, J.S. Oberoi, M.L. Bhagat, N. Malhotra, N. S. Brar, O.P. Sinha, P. V. Singh, P. Raja Gopal, P.V.K. Choudary, Ravindra Singh, R.L. Tyagi, R.C. Arora, R. Mohanchand, R.S. Gill, S. D. Chadda, S. S. Makin, P. P. Hingorani, A.G. Thadani.

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On 3rd and 4th April, the College had mid-term break. The cadets, during this interval, had outings to the near-about places in the Doon Valley.

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Jamadar Kishan Singh of the Services has been appointed Hockey Coach at the College for the rest of the term. He brings in a good reputation, and we hope the cadets will gain immensely by his training.

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On 5th April there was a hockey match between the College XI and the Staff. The cadets won by one goal, to nil.

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The following cadets got prizes in the I.M.A. Raffle Draw on 7th March.

Cadet K. Ashok Raj—5th prize (Dinner set).

Cadet Pradeep Gurung—10th prize (Hockey stick).

FAREWELL

Farewell parties were arranged to give a hearty send off to Major and Mrs. H.S. Mamik by Cadets and the staff on 26th and 27th March respectively. On both the occasions the Principal spoke highly of Maj. Mamik as a capable administrator and good sportsman. He recalled the meritorious services rendered by Maj. Mamik to the College during his short stay here. He said that Maj. Mamik had really justified the upgrading of his post. He observed that Mrs. Mamik had been an asset to the social life of the College and young Mamiks delighted everyone with their vivacity and playfulness. We congratulate Maj. and Mrs. Mamik and wish them all the best.

THE INTER SECTION CRICKET COMPETITION

The Inter-Section cricket competition created a lot of enthusiasm both among the players and the spectators and was marked by the over-all superiority of a particular section or sections to others. The weather was typically cricket-like.

Here is an account of the matches played and the results obtained.

(a) SENIOR

Ranjit vs Shivaji

The first match was played between the Ranjit and the Shivaji Section.

Shivaji won the match by eight wickets. Cadets S. Bhadra of Ranjit scored 23 and 29, R.S. Gill 26—not out, and D.K. Das 23 runs. Cadet Prakash Singh (Ranjit) took 8 wickets for 67 runs whereas Cadets G. Dawar and M. P. Mullick of Shivaji had 5 wickets each for 14 and 6 runs respectively.

Pratap vs New Section

Pratap Section won against the New Section by an innings and 22 runs. Cadet C. S. Sirohi scored 26 runs and A.K. Das 27 runs. Cadets A. Malhotra took 4 wks. for 11 runs, A. K. Malhotra took 4 wks. for 18 runs and Haribabu took 6 wks. for 68 runs.

Ranjit vs New Section

Ranjit won the match against the New Section by 21 runs. Cadet J. S. Oberoi took 8 wks for 23 runs, Cadet J.S. Oberoi scored 26 runs and Cadet Prakash Singh scored 82 runs.

Pratap vs Shivaji

Pratap Section won the match by an innings and 34 runs. Cadets D. Mukherjee scored 45 runs, B. P. Singh 32 runs and M. S. Mullick 20 runs.

Cadets Anup Malhotra took 11 wks, Anil Malhotra 8 wks, and G. Dawar 7 wks.

(b) JUNIOR

Pratap vs New Section

The New Section won by an innings and 159 runs. Cadets A.K. Sinha scored 39 runs and A. Kaul 23 runs. Cadet A.K. Sinha of New Section bagged 8 wks in all.

Ranjit vs Shivaji

Shivaji won by an innings and 95 runs. Cadet P. S. Negi piled up 43 runs in the first innings and Cadet Hari Mohan scored 14 runs. Cadets S. R. Gokhale, M.S. Bedi and B.C. Saikia bowled well.

Ranjit vs Pratap

Ranjit won the match by an innings and 50 runs. Cadet P. S. Negi scored 45 runs and Cadet Harimohan 14 runs. Cadet P.S. Negi took 5 wickets. Cadets S. Bhalla and J. S. Mann also bowled well.

Shivaji vs New Section

Shivaji won the match by an innings and 49 runs. Cadet C. S. Lehl delighted the spectators by scoring 67 runs. Cadet S. R. Gokhale took the maximum wks. Cadet A.K. Sinha also bowled well.

Positions in Seniors

Positions in Juniors

Pratap Section	I	Shivaji Section	I
Shivaji Section	II	New Section	II
Ranjit Section	III	Ranjit Section	III
New Section	IV	Pratap Section	IV

FINAL POSITIONS

1. Shivaji Section I 10 points
2. Pratap Section II 8 points
3. Ranjit & New Sec. III (Bracketted)

In the Seniors Cadets S. Bhadra, D. K. Das, Prakash Singh, M.P. Mullick, and V. P. Singh delighted all with their polished batting and consistent scores.

Cadets A. Malhotra, A. K. Malhotra V. Haribabu, J.S. Oberoi, Prakash Singh, M. P. Mullick and G. Dawar showed skill with their most accurate and superbly controlled bowling.

Cadets V. K. Chaudhary and L. M. Krishnan held very good catches. The most spectacular wicket keeping was that of the College Wicket Keeper, P. Mazumdar.

In the Juniors Cadets A. K. Yadav, C.S. Lehl, P.S. Negi, S. R. Gokhale and U.N. Chitnavis need special mention for their batting debuts.

We have many promising bowlers like Cadets P.S. Negi, S. R. Gokhale, K. G. Bewoor, B. C. Saikia and A. K. Sinha among the juniors.

Monotonous Ballad of Ill-Success

Behold me batting—as I fail
Once more to stop the crafty slow;
I hear the click of smitten bail,
The wicket keeper's tactless crow,
I have been in, and out, and lo!
My aggregate remains the same;
Another naught!—six in a row;
And yet it's an uncertain game!

Behold me bowling—tired and pale
I see the striker's visage glow;
He hit them to the boundary rail,
He hit them high, he hit them low,
For he is playing like a pro,
While I have lost my length and aim,
Another four! I told you so;
And yet it's an uncertain game!!

Principal at the Assembly

"Be worthy of success that comes your way."

Behold me fielding—thick as hail
Come balls to stop where'er I go,
And still betwixt my shins they sail,
Snick, drive, or cut, or overthrow;
The while I gallop to and fro,
Bombarded with loud shouts of blame;
Another miss! the word was "blow";
And yet it's an uncertain game!!!

Envoy

Friends, cricket is a fraud, I know,
Trading on legendary fame;
I find it very certain woe;
And yet it's an uncertain game.

—Alfred Coebrane
(Collected Verses.)

Some Thoughts on Cricket

Cricket is an elaborate, and philosophical game, as intellectual as chess.

Cricket, as I know and love, is part of that holiday time, which is every good sportsman's heritage.

The good sportsman plays it with a joyous exuberance just for the fun of it. To play cricket is to participate in an absorbing struggle where the responsibility, communal effort and initiative of the individual are called for.

Cricket was started in England during Tudor times. It was largely a game for boys till the end of the seventeenth century.

After the first code of laws were drawn up in 1744, cricket was played in a rather awkward manner.

The bowling was done in an under-arm fashion to the batsman equipped with a clouting implement shaped rather like a butter knife. The bowler of this era of cricket had to rely on the carelessness of the batsman and unevenness of the pitch for his wickets.

As soon as the pitches improved and the batsman held a bat more decorous in shape, down went bowlers with a bump.

But in 1835, round-arm bowling was legalized. Batsmen now gave up slogging and attended to the game with a thoughtful concentration. Gradually, the technique of stroke play, forward and defensive shots grew up clear and defined. Pitches grew as smooth as babies cheeks and were tended with a mother's care.

The fast pitches were now prepared, thus putting the bowler at par with the bullying batsman. The principle of this game is simple. Like any other game, it has a set of rules laid down by the authorities concerned. Cricket is a see-saw. When the batsman's up, the bowler is down; and when the bowler's up the batsman is down. It is philosophical because at every ball, the bowler creates a fresh problem for the batsman. If a batsman fails to solve it, he is out and has ample time to contemplate death, sin, carelessness or injustice on his way back to the pavilion—and has ample of time too to show joy, delight, and humility, when a fielder missed a catch. But the jumping and lively field becomes silent at the end of every season and leaves us to ponder. "If winter approaches, can Spring be far behind."

—M. Sunit.

TIPS FOR CRICKETERS

1. Hold the bat straight and hit hard.
2. Keep your eye on the ball whether batting or fielding.
3. Hit the ball with the bat and don't allow the ball to hit the bat.
4. Play for the games' sake and keep sportsmanship above victory.
5. Remember that cricket is a gentleman's game and should be played in that spirit.

A BOY'S GAME

After all I am a lady and they say that 'Cricket' is a boy's game, and boy!—they do not know how true they are! On my first visit to India I was asked by my host if I would see a test match. I readily agreed thinking it would be like a challenge bout of boxing between two contenders. I was shocked when I was awakened at nine in the morning and asked to be ready for the match. On an inquiry I was informed that the 'wickets' would be pitched at ten. I shuddered for a moment, I didn't know that in India the punishment of criminals was known as a test match. Well! I had read much about the Roman Arena and Gladiators and all, but in the twentieth century all this was rather gruesome.

"It is horrible" I commented to my host, putting on my cap, and looking down on the hem of my skirt "They shall be glutinous and wouldn't they smell awful?"

"Madam!" he said "perhaps you do not follow, they shall be put in small holes."

How awful I thought, and stoned or guillotined or something like that. Well we reached the green as two undertakers in long white coats were walking in and thousands of people all around cheered at them. Three pairs of sticks were standing in the middle of the flat with a strip of shaved ground between them. Oh! God, what was going to happen. Then came the 'wicked' as happy as they were going to a dance, and the gladiator among them. The gladiator wore covers on his legs and strange kind of boxing gloves.

"I see the gladiator," I told my host.

"He is the wicket keeper," he said.

"What! I said where are the 'wicked' ones?"

"Can't you see those stumps, those are the wickets."

Wickets! What a farce to quarrel over those sticks of wood. Then I saw two boys with clubs entering the flat. The cheering started again and each one of them stood near the set of sticks. My host informed me they were to defend the wickets. With one defender and one keeper, I was sure that the wickets were safe. But I thought it rather funny that if they were to save those sticks why they were all padded up themselves and the sticks were all bare. They should at least have put pillow cases over them!

Then all those white clad merry boys just wandered off all over the green anywhere they wanted to go. One of them with the leather ball started running and aimed at the defender and let him have one. The one with the bat could not find the wicket and ran to and fro in despair brandishing his club. The keeper stopped the ball and invitingly gave it back to the attacker. I was sure he was in league with the villains! All those who were around were running about for nothing and bending down and getting up again as if the whole thing depended upon them—silly! But the wicket was safe. The attack came again, this time the one with the club got really angry and hit it and lo—he started running with the club! He was going to hit the villain now, I thought. The other one was also running—what for! Then one of those in the field threw the ball at the keeper—good for him I thought—the traitor! But—look, he hit the wicket, what was he?—I thought. But my host said the wicket was safe. It went on for some time, then they all walked away—hands in the pocket, slowly and unconcernedly.

"What is happening now?" I asked my host.

"It is over, madam." He said.

"Well, lets go," I said—a rather short business I thought.

"No, no" he said, "The match goes on."

Funny!—wasn't it. I sat there for hours and hours. The wicket broke a number of times, but still the match went on. Why didn't they have long poles of, say iron, going deep into the ground. All this struggle of putting it back! Well I decided that a game of bridge at home would be much livelier than this business. What they all were cheering for—I still do not know.

It is indeed a boy's game!—Silly.

Reported by H.S.K. Wilson.



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RIMCOLLIANA

14th April. Cen. K. N. Dubey, Engineer-in-Chief, visited the College and was impressed by the all round progress of the institution.

17th April. Lady Guru Nath Bewoor, with her daughter Mrs. Lal, paid an informal visit to the College. She was full of reminiscences of the days when she put her two sons 'Madhav' and 'Gopal' into the R.I.M.C. She met her grandson Keshav who is now at the College.

Capt. and Mrs. R. N. Batra, visited the College.

20th April. Brig. N. L. Kapoor visited the College with his wife and daughter. He seems to have a wonderful memory and he could narrate the 'past' and the 'present' record of all the Old Boys, who were with him at the College.

Maj. J. D. Katkar, Adm. Officer, has gone to Ambala to take the Preliminary Examination for the Staff College Course, Wellington.

The Principal and the Staff gratefully acknowledge the letter of appreciation received from Col. S. N. Gay, Secretary, Old Boys' Association, on the successful organization of the Re-union Day on 12th, 13th and 14th March.

COLLEGE NEWS

Our Principal, Mr. S. P. Sharma is now a grandfather. Our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sharma and the young parents. We wish the child all health and happiness in life.

The 'Kendal's Shakespeareana' gave a dramatic performance of two plays

(extracts)—Macbeth and Twelfth Night or What You Will—on Sunday the 11th April at 1800 hrs. in the College Convocation Hall.

An English film 'Three Stooges Meet Hercules' was screened on 17th in the College Convocation Hall.

The Staff passed a resolution of condolences on the death of Mr. S. R. Jaiswal's father in Calcutta.

Col. Naresh Prasad, Commandant, Bengal Engineers Group, paid an informal visit to the College.

Col. B. S. Jaswal, Principal, Himalayan Mountaineering Institute Darjeeling, delivered an illustrated talk on mountaineering on 23rd in the College Convocation Hall.

Sportsfolio

Cricket Match—R.I.M.C. vs Doon School (Juniors)

We won the match by a narrow margin of 6 runs. The all-round efforts made by Cadets B. P. Singh and M. S. Mullick were appreciable.

Hockey Match—R.I.M.C. vs S.J.A. (Home)

Our players played the game with a zealous determination and healthy spirit and consequently we won by two to one.

Return Hockey Match—R.I.M.C. vs S.J.A. (Away)

The game started on a fast pace and was played well throughout. Both the sides put in every effort to win the match, but we lost by one goal to two. It was rather unfortunate that both the

goals against us were scored on account of misunderstanding among our deep defenders. Cadets M. S. Mullick and S.S. Gill were always pressing forward in search of a goal, while Cadets J. S.

Malhotra and Prakash Singh were sound in defence. The performance of Cadets C. M. Bali and M. S. Mullick deserve special admiration for their concerted efforts and perfect tackling.

Result--Inter Section Drill Competition

The results of the Inter Section Drill Competition held on 14th April for the first term 1965 are as under :

Section	Point		Total	Position
	Seniors	Juniors		
Ranjit ...	573	560	1133	1st
New	542	535	1077	2nd
Shivaji ...	526	540	1066	3rd
Pratap ...	529	495	1024	4th

The points awarded for leadership are as under:

Section	Seniors	Points	Juniors	Points
Ranjit	Cadet Prakash Singh	19	Cadet A. K. Das	20
Shivaji ...	„ Harjot Singh	16	„ J. B. Singh	18
Pratap	„ Anil Malhotra	14	„ O. P. Sinha	18
New	„ M.L. Bhagat	14	„ B.K. Choudhury	14

“Shakespeareana”

The plays of Shakespeare still have strong appeal and irresistible charm about them and their spell holds our hearts all the more when we see them actually staged by a theatrical company of repute. The educative value of such dramatic performances for institutions like ours, where Shakespearean plays constitute the very core of English syllabi, can scarcely be overestimated.

Luckily, the Shakespeareana Theatrical Company provided us with an opportunity of enjoying two plays—Macbeth and Twelfth Night or What You Will—by staging them in our College Convocation Hall.

Watching an entire play require a lot of concentration and patience on the part of the cadets. Lofty Shakespearean themes, which are replete with much of the old-world flavour, demand selective audience. The Company, therefore, chose five different scenes from both the plays. The scenes selected by them were highly interesting as well as easily intelligible and could be enacted without the help of any supporting cast.

Introducing ‘Macbeth’, Mr. Kendal said that he regarded it as a tragedy of utter loneliness. The murder scene was staged first. The bleak atmosphere,

marked by the fitful flickering of candle lights, was filled with horror at the suppressed yet awe-inspiring speeches of Mr. Kendal, who played the role of Macbeth. Then came the Porter scene with a violent and continual knocking at the door. The porter’s drunken garrulousness and ignorance of Duncan’s murder, though meant to intensify the tragic effect by contrast, aroused hilarious laughter from all corners of the hall. And it was followed by the Sleep-Walking Scene in which Lady Macbeth—madly agitated as she is at the thought of Duncan’s gruesome murder—is shown as unconsciously engaged in her desperate efforts to remove the stain of blood from her little hand ‘which all the perfumes of Arabia would not sweeten’. And finally Macbeth is shown awfully busy with preparations for war when the news of Lady Macbeth’s death is brought to him and in sharp reaction to which come forth from his mouth a few sublime philosophical utterances on human life and set the whole hall ringing with them. And we all rose for a brief interval ‘calm of mind, all passion spent’.

After the interval Twelfth Night or What You Will was staged as a comic relief from the grim plot and sombre violence of Macbeth. Mr. Kendal gave a short introduction explaining the real

purport of its title and then came forth two really enjoyable scenes from *Twelfth Night* or *What You Will*—the first in which Viola, disguised as a page-boy of the Duke Orsino, comes to Viola to convey the duke's message of love and has her first meeting with Viola and the second in which Malvolio is befooled by Sir Toby, Sir Andrew Maria, and Fabian. Recurring bursts of hearty laughter were aroused by the funny and ludicrous acting of Malvolio, who posed to be the faithful lover of Olivia. At the close of the performance the clown Feste sings the memorable song :

When what I was and a little tiny boy
With hey, ho, the wind and the rain,
A foolish thing was but a toy,
For the rain it raineth every day.—

and it was joined by all present in the hall.

We were immensely delighted by the performance. Much of its success was undoubtedly due to the superb acting which involved much erudition and artistry throughout. It was deeply appreciated for its dramatic effect and artful suggestion. Not less important was the setting of the stage with minimum equipment, simple and yet effective in its impression on us. Each play was presented with a short and requisite introduction by Mr. Kendal and it paved the way of our appreciation and enjoyment. The costumes and make-up conjured up the fascination of life in Elizabethan times.

In short, the programme evoked great aesthetic pleasure and satisfaction and all present felt greatly amused and benefited.

The Twentieth Century Social Contacts

Contacts are very essential in all spheres of life. Without these contacts man's life would become miserable indeed. The value of social contacts has been realised from times immemorial. People mingled with one another and exchanged ideas about religion, politics, science etc. There was a feeling of goodwill at the root of these contacts, and they formed the basis of strengthening friendship among men and bringing about social coherence.

The concept of the twentieth century social contacts has completely changed. There is no love or sympathy governing these contacts. The aim of these contacts is not the strengthening of friendly ties but that of getting one's selfish motives fulfilled.

That is why the value of contacts is being more fully realised now and therein

lies the actual hollowness of the twentieth century social contacts.

Clubs, coffee-houses, and parties are the principal places for developing such contacts. People meet here with extreme politeness and courtesy and try to captivate big businessmen and officials in their grip. In doing so they gain favours of these people. Hidden behind this polite manner is a beast who will fall upon his prey at a critical moment. Man has become a calculating machine, and weighs all the pros and cons before making any friends. He makes sure that by entertaining them, he will invariably extract something out of them. Men at these parties are always neatly dressed, and try to behave in the most befitting manner. They are faultless. Such is the selfishness of man as neighbours do not know one another not because they have been living side by side for only a short while, but because they have never had any use of them. If the next day he realises that the person next door is very influential and can be of immense help, he certainly goes ahead and introduces himself without the slightest scruple and hesitation. He will pose as one of his neighbour's best friends. He will invite them at parties, give expensive presents and win them with sugar-coated words.

Such socialable people are mostly found in richer classes. The poor, illiterate and ignorant people are unaware of such social contacts as are found among the rich. Being generally busy with their economic condition, they neither have the time nor the funds to make social contacts. The only people they probably know are their few neighbours and relatives.

Thus in India there seem to exist two classes of social contacts separated from each other on the basis of their economic conditions. The poor having practically no contacts, while the rich having contacts with very selfish ideas in view.

The effectiveness of social contacts in the past has been mainly responsible for the growth and expansion of kingdoms, their glorious victories and great achievements. And conversely the lack of social solidarity has led nations to decay and destruction.

The social contact of Abraham Lincoln with his people, led his country to progress and prosperity and crowned his success with glory that is seldom achieved by men.

A. Murgai.

The Unknown Cricketer

The bowler has taken the ninth wicket,
The tenth batsman has ended his innings;
The last one goes to take his turn
To make our team sure of winning.

As he walks up to his crease
In his stolid gait he always feels
He is sure of the runs he is to get
From the bowler with whom he deals.

His cap is set, his face is grim,
As his gloves and position he makes ready;
He looks around his bat on the ground,
Then his face is set, his eyes are steady.

The bowler bowls an off-break
His bat is up to take the stride
He steps forward but misses,
The sight of the wickets he does not like.

The fielders jump up in a glee,
The batsman having scored a duck,
As he walks back to the pavilion,
He curses his unfortunate luck.

His team-mates are worse off
With all this justice done;
He strides up none the better,
The match is lost and won.

—Herjeet Singh

Should India Produce an Atom Bomb

The bomb has been blown. The mushroom goes up into the atmosphere and scatters the radio active fragments on the four winds which, in turn, laden with this devil of death, would lay death and destruction and put to an end those whom the Almighty has sent to live on this globe of ours. With the recent explosion of the nuclear bomb China might probably be gloating with pride, but of what avail? This step of China which is the key to the lock of nuclear nations has military significance. But it has some political advantages, the prominent one of which, is that it adds to her stature as a political trouble-maker for the world.

India is a fast developing nation. Her civilization is a civilization which has a love for peace, prosperity and happiness of mankind. It is a land of non-violence, Satyagrah and ahimsa. She has produced two of the world's greatest peace-makers: M. K. Gandhi, and Nehru. Said Dr. Radhakrishnan in "The Prophet of Peace" that Gandhiji, with a sword of peace in his hands, attained independence for his country.

India today has probably the best Atomic reactor in Asia and accordingly can make this devastating bomb in a short period of 3 months. But! can India the greatest democratic country in Asia, sacrifice the cost of education of four States of India in a year. India is not

monopolising her economy and let the people not be misled by this that India is a weak nation in Nuclear Science. For the safety of the human race it signed the Test-Ban Treaty. The atom had been split to lay a red carpet for the progress of the modern civilisation, but the unthinkable engines of destruction have lured scientists of our era for the wiping off the human race rather than fulfilling its needs. It is on account of these lofty ideals, policies of non-alignment and peaceful coexistence. The past glorious history shows us the reason why India is not producing the Atom Bomb.

"There is a joy in construction
And misery in destruction."

President Radhakrishnan.

—Cadet G. S. Kochhar (V-A)

Geography Association.

Under the auspices of the Geography Association Col. B.S. Jaswal, Principal of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, gave us a talk on mountaineering on Friday the 23rd April. Some of the military officers, including Col. Gango-padhyay, O.C. Military Hospital and Maj. Naunihal Singh, G 2 Sub Area also attended the talk.

He spoke to us about the various courses in the Institute, especially the adventure course which has been recently introduced for the boys between 15 and 19 years of age. This idea of opening the Adventure Course was given by our late Prime Minister Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru. This course is now in full swing.

Col. Jaswal explained to us the various techniques of rock and snow climbing. He told us that though mountaineering is still in its infancy in India, yet it has gained lots of popularity. It is due to the adventures this sport offers and also the importance it has in the defence of our northern frontiers.

The Institute of Mountaineering also supplies equipment and at times instructors, too, for minor expeditions by institutions like ours.

Col. Jaswal concluded the talk with two films "The Call of the Mountains" and "The Song of Snow" which were not only magnificent in colour and scenery but also beautifully depicted the various famous peaks of India.

In the end, Principal S.P. Sharma, thanked the distinguished guest.

R.C.

Results of Inter-Section Basket Ball

Ranjit 1st	Pratap 2nd
Shivaji 3rd	New Section 4th



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VISIT

Colonel B. B. Bhatnagar, Deputy Director of Military Training, will be on an official visit to the College on 14th May, 1965.

RIMCOLLIANA

Shri B. B. Tapuriya, one of the trainees at I.N.S. Teer, has been awarded a special merit certificate. We extend our congratulations to him.

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Our congratulations to ex-cadet Lt. Chittaranjan Sharma on his marriage with K. Indira at Ranchi on 10th May.

COLLEGE NEWS

26th April, (Monday)—

Hockey Match R.I.M.C. vs Khalsa Club (Home). We lost by 1 to 2.

28th April, (Wednesday)—

Hockey Match R.I.M.C. vs New Forest Club (Home). Our players played steadily and resolutely and we won by 3 to nil.

29th April (Thursday)—

Return Hockey Match R.I.M.C. vs Khalsa Club (Home). Both the teams spared no pains in doing their best. The game was appreciable throughout and it ended in a draw.

1st May (Saturday)—

A dinner of the Staff Club was organized in the College Convocation Hall at 8.00 P.M. The gathering was pleasant and gay indeed.

China's Blind Betrayal

They said they were our bosom friends,
But really it was just a fuss,
For their friendship came to bitter ends,
And war was launched against us.
So, arise, arise, O, brethren
To check their hideous aggression.

Awake, O fellow countrymen of mine,
Awake with 'Victory' as your end,
The Chinese have entered our clime,
By showing their fiendish strength.
So, awake, arise well in time,
And prove the valour of your prime.

So, quick, and join our army,
'Cause we are on our way;
Ours will be the final victory,
And laurels shall we win that day.
So, arise and awake, O fellowmen
To punish them for their perilous fun.

We are firm to repel their might,
And teach them memorable lesson,
With volleys of our bullets in fight,
And our numberless thundering cannon.
So, gird up your loins our brave men,
And blast their treacherous intention.

—Cadet J. P. Mondle,
Class II.

Heroes We Worship

'Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of time.'

—H. W. Longfellow.

Children, when quite young, take delight in tales of heroes and their heroism whether they belong to the past or present. Gradually they begin to feel a sense of appreciation and admiration for them and as they grow, they, perceptively or imperceptively, identify themselves with great men, who according to them, fulfilled the aspirations and achieved the goals worthy of noble souls.

They seek their own ideals in heroes and then try to model themselves faithfully on the patterns set by great men of their liking. They have their own choice of heroes, and in most cases, confine their devotion to a particular class of celebrated characters only. They tend to forget that, whereas their heroes excel in one virtue, others may be the finest examples of qualities quite as great as any. Others may choose a group of heroes, who collectively represent many of the best traits of human nature and character and may name men like Ashok the great, Abraham Lincoln, Mahatma Gandhi, John Kennedy and Pt. Nehru. Some might regard great living men as their heroes. And quite a good number of people may select eminent figures of history like Alexander the Great, Changez Khan, Caesar, Nero or Hitler as their favourite heroes.

In the history of mankind we find only a very few persons, who were profusely endowed with exceptional spirit and genius and can be called really great. As a matter of fact, heroes are not those bloodthirsty conquerors, who caused havoc, devastated kingdoms and killed numberless innocent men, women and children and thus have acquired a place in human history. In regarding them as heroes we forget the essential goodness that is man's. In these acts man has lost his elevating soul and the result is that we see a sorry spectacle of the human race. In the lives of great conquerors like Changez Khan, Caesar and Hitler, history has nothing significantly great to show.

The true heroes are those who have blazed the trails of peace, brotherhood, sympathy and love in the various spheres of human life. These persons serve as a beacon light to succeeding generations. They show another face of the world—a face beaming with brilliance and cheerfulness, and in remembering them and bowing to them in a spirit of gratitude, we find ourselves immensely elevated and ennobled, as said by John Drinkwater in his famous play Abraham Lincoln:

'When the high heart we magnify,
And the sure vision celebrate,
And worship greatness passing by,
Ourselves are great.'

—Cadet Harjeet Singh, Class V.

Examination Howlers

1. Q. With what game is Ranji Trophy associated?
A. Football.
2. Q. Name any two political parties of India.
A. Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
3. Q. What is Ankor?
A. It is a stone bridge between India and Ceylon.
4. Q. Expand C.P.I.
A. Central Power and Irrigation.
5. Q. Who wrote 'Godan'?
A. Shri R.N. Tagore.
6. Q. What is Kenya?
A. Kenya is a young unmarried girl.
7. Q. What is Brahmaputra?
A. Brahmaputra is the name of Lord Brahma's son.
8. Q. Where is Sevagram?
A. Sevagram is a famous temple in Orissa.
9. Q. What do you mean by Electoral College?
A. Electoral College is a College where details about electricity are taught.
10. Q. Why is Nasik famous?
A. Nasik is famous for a large number of atheists found there.

Don't Mind My Saying So

I do not think that the youth of any age has suffered as many assaults as the youth of today. The modern youth is branded as irresponsible, presumptuous and erroneous. Amongst many an indecencies brought against him at regular intervals, there is always a mention of his propensity towards, and an eagerness for, a glamorous wardrobe. And these condemnations are brought forth by none other but the youth of yester years.

If we examine a few of their charges, we find them quite baseless and misleading. One elder complained that tight pants wear out faster due to continuous strain on the part covering the knee, and hence they are uneconomical. But the poorly mistaken fellow did not realize

that tight pants also require lesser cloth that costs lesser money. Hence the budget is well balanced from both the viewpoints.

A few of their other senile complaints say that this type of clothing looks savage, uncouth and ungentlemanlike. And thus the parents go against their own teachings. When I was small, I was told that a man is judged by his character and not by his appearance. Whether the times have changed, or I have changed, I do not know, but I certainly find a world of difference between what I was told and what I observe all around myself and the result is that I am in a fix.

Looking and feeling smart and gentlemanlike depend very much on our appearance. If we think ourselves to be the laughing-stock of all bystanders how the deuce are we to walk upright?

We can't condemn everything that comes our way. A good character, a magnetic personality, or pervasive influence, all these qualities which make a man are cultivated during one's youth.

awkwardness, which, in reality, we do not generally possess.

—Cadet A.K. Das II, V-B

An Interview with Major J.D. Katkar, Adm. Officer

- Q. Maj. Katkar how do you feel on your appointment as an Admin. Officer to your old school? Is it a pleasant experience?
- A. From an active unit to an instructor at the I.M.A., this posting certainly is a welcome change. With these beautiful surroundings filled with sweet memories of my school-days, working here certainly cannot be but a pleasant experience.
- Q. When did you join the College as a cadet? Say a few words of your first impressions.
- A. I joined school in the spring term in 1944. Actually, I came here in place of a cadet by the name of Nataraja who had apparently decided not to come

PRINCIPAL AT THE ASSEMBLY

Let us love our country in thought, word and deed.

And if one is not free to hold one's opinion and have choice of clothing in youth, how is such a fellow going to have scope for developing character the way one wants?

Elders should not always keep pointing out defects in our clothing. Instead, they should cope with the changing times. They also, when young, were mad after fashion. They were not born in the age of pantloons and shirts. And yet today it is so common for Indian people to wear English type of clothing that one would wonder if all of them were brought up in India. If our elder people have changed from Dhoti to pants, why can't we change and modify the pants as we want them? Tight pants are more homely, terelyne shirts easier to manage and pointed shoes more stylish than anything our superiors could ever dream of. These observations of mine might seem ludicrous to those, who have been nurtured in an outmoded and hackneyed environment, but I have no hitch in pointing out that they may please stop bothering us incessantly by reminding us of our

and as such arrived at the College a few weeks late in February. The College had already begun its routine when I joined. I remember meeting the then Principal Mr. Pritchard, and being conducted around by Section Commander S. K. Dhar and I was more than fascinated by the beautiful place with its typically English buildings, beautiful gardens and lovely turfs and play fields. I was put in Roberts Section.

- Q. Who was your Section Master? Which of the masters was considered most talked off?
- A. Mr. Badham was my Section Master. Mr. E. C. Connoley took over from him when he left for England and later in 1947 Mr. Catchpole took over on his return to school. Mr. Catchpole was the master who was much talked of amongst us. Everything from his extreme adeptness at each game, to the way he taught, particularly English, left a deep impression on cadets.
- Q. Have you any recollections of cadets

who stand out in your memory for their brilliance or eccentricities ?

A. Amongst the brains we had Ashok Dutta, Man Mohan Rai, Padamjit and Puff Purandare. On the playfield not many could match the versatility of Jimmy Bangara (esp. in the Boxing ring) and Surendra Singh. But the most unforgettable character was Cadet A. M. Azaraih. He even tried out the patience of old Col. Kampta Prasad, who was then the Dy. Comdt. at J. S. W. I am told he is a Jet Pilot in the R.A.F. He was famous for his ghost stories of Count Dracula and his bombastic English. One invariably saw a huge circle on his 'homework' book with a remark from Mr. Catchpole, "This sentence has no meaning."

Q. Held any appointment ? Games.

A. No. I held no appointment here presumably no one really thought I was fit for it. Cricket and swimming were my favourite games. I managed to get my college colours in swimming finally.

Q. How do you compare your life as a cadet with one of today ?

A. One is apt to praise "Good old days". But I think life at R.I.M.C is much the same and even the surroundings have not changed. In the academic side, particularly Science and Mathematics, there certainly is a marked improvement as is evident from their encouraging U.P.S.C. and School Certificate results.

Thank you Major Katkar for your frank and most interesting interview. Hope you will enjoy your stay now as the Admin. Officer of your old College.

Cadets' Humour

Teacher: (to a student)—Well, John, what is your aim in life ?

Student: Sir, my aim is to become a great general.

Teacher: But how can you realise your dream ?

Student: Sir, nothing is impossible in the world. I'll try to realize my dream but, in case it is beyond me I can well dramatize it in reality.

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Father: (to his son) : Surya Prakash, you are terribly dull, for you can't speak even a single sentence in

English without using several Hindi words in it.

Son: Father, I can speak pure English (without inserting any Hindi word in it) but I am afraid you will be annoyed if I do so.

Father: How, my boy ?

Son: For then I will call myself 'Sun Light' instead of Surya Prakash.

The Inter-Section Hockey Competition

With the bully off, of the first match, the college was gripped in the usual frenzy of the Inter-Section Hockey Competition. All the matches were close and the result was anybody's guess till the last whistle was blown. The standard of the game was quite high and the cadets played the match in a real sporting spirit. The results briefly are as follows :

Ranjit (Seniors) beat Pratap	1-0
Ranjit (Juniors) beat Pratap	1-0
Shivaji (Seniors) beat Chandragupta	2-0
Shivaji (Juniors) beat Chandragupta	1-0

Losers

Pratap (Seniors) beat Chandragupta	1-0
Pratap (Juniors) beat Chandragupta	2-1

Shivaji and Ranjit are now contesting the finals for the first and second positions.

The Inter-Section Basketball Competition

The Inter-Section Basketball competitions were held on 22nd and 23rd April. The games were marked by great vigour and enthusiasm and were played at a terrific pace. The results of these competitions are given hereunder :

Section	Points	Position
Ranjit	97	1st
Pratap	67	2nd
Shivaji	45	3rd
New	26	4th

Thought for the day

Self-control is strength ;
Right thought is mastery ;
Calmness is power.

—James Allen.



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VISITS

14th May.—Col. B.B. Bhatnagar, DDMT(A), Army Headquarters, New Delhi visited the College. He has gone on promotion as Brigadier. Our congratulations to him.

We welcome Col. B.S. Gill on his appointment as our new DDMT(A).

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21st May.—Maj. Gen. Jagjit Singh Aurora, DMT, Army Headquarters, New Delhi paid a visit to the College. He was introduced to the staff over a cup of coffee in the Senior Ante-Room.

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22nd May.—Mr. Jodh Singh, an old Rimcollian, visited the College.

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Mr. Joginder Singh, Director, Electronic Automaton, Manchester paid a visit to the College.

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Capt. K.S. Kohli visited the College.

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Brig. D.P. Gimi, Commander, Sub-Area, Dehra Dun, on his posting to M.S. Branch, Army Headquarters, New Delhi, paid a visit to the College on 31st July and met members of the staff in the Senior Ante-Room. He was a great friend of the college and had done a lot for us.

RIMCOLLIANA

We have received a letter and an article from Mr. Naranjan Singh Gill (an old Rimcollian) and, at present, Ambassador of India to Mexico, Cuba and Panama. The letter is published in this issue elsewhere.

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In the Passing-out Parade of the 35th Regular and 19th Technical Graduates

of the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun, our ex-Cadet G.C. A.S. Bedi has been awarded the 'Sword of Honour' for being the best all-round Cadet. He received it from General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Lt. Gen. S.H.F. J. Maneksha at the Academy.

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Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to G.C. A.C. Bedi.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. S.M. Shahi on his marriage with Neelam.

COLLEGE NEWS

Twenty eight acres of land has been acquired by the College for playgrounds behind the cricket pavilion. The ground is under preparation.

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We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Puri on the birth of a son to them.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. S. Bandyopadhyaya on his marriage with Reba Chattopadhyaya. We wish them the best of luck.

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The College routine started with an august and impressive Investiture Ceremony in the Convocation Hall on the 3rd morning. The Principal, along with the Admin. Officer and Section Masters, conferred upon the College and Section Appointments various tabs. In a sombre oath-taking ceremony that followed, the Principal charged the Appointments to be worthy of noblest and the best to keep up the fair reputation of their *Alma Mater*.

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We welcome the new cadets who have joined the College this term. An interview with them is printed elsewhere in the Chronicle.

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We welcome new cadets to our College, and hope that they would find their stay with us pleasant and fruitful. A few more are expected shortly.

In a brief interview with the cadets, we came to know the following facts about them:

1. Abhijit Chatterjee—5'-3" (Pratap Section) comes to us from Hare School, Calcutta. He is keenly interested in Football, Cricket and Swimming. Philately is his hobby.
2. Sanjiv Tandon—4'-8" (Pratap Section) belongs to Bareilly, where he studied at St. Maria Goreth Convent. He is a player of cricket, badminton and table-tennis and is very much interested in stamp-collecting.
3. Arvind Kumar Gupta—4'-9" (Chandragupta Section) has joined this college after studying at St. Maria Goreth Convent, Bareilly. Table tennis, football and swimming are his favourite games and he is fond of philately, woodcraft and painting.
4. Ranjit A. George—4'-11½" (Shivaji Section) belongs to Kerala and had his early education at Loyala School, Trivandrum. He plays cricket, hockey, badminton and football and takes delight in stamp-collecting and geographical outings and expeditions.
5. Chand Singh Rathore—4'-7" (Pratap Section) comes to us from St. Anslem's H.S. School, Ajmer. His favourite games are football and hockey and his hobby is stamp-collecting.
6. Krishan Singh—5'-4" (Pratap Section) belongs to Bihar and is a product of R.R. H.S. School, Surajpura. He seems very keen at Art and Music and plays football, volleyball and cricket.
7. Arvind Kumar Gupta—4'-5" (Shivaji Section) belongs to Kerala but comes to us from Loyala H.S. School, Poona. He seems to be good at hockey, cricket and football and has love for stamp-collecting and woodcraft.
8. P.K. Madhav—4'-6" (Chandra Gupta Section) has joined this institution after receiving his early education at Hindu High School, Madras. He is keenly interested in stamp-collecting and woodcraft and plays cricket and volleyball.
9. Ashok Dhar—4'-10" (Pratap Section) hails from Calcutta where he received education at Calcutta Boys School. He has a flair for games—his favourite games being Cricket, Badminton and Table-tennis. He takes special interest in Music and Philately.
10. Suman Misra—5'-½" (Ranjit Section) has come to us from Govt. Inter College, Kanpur. He plays cricket and football and is fond of stamp-collecting and art.
11. Khyat Singh Rawat—5'-½" (Pratap Section) is a local cadet and studied at Cambrian Hall. He plays hockey, football and cricket and takes very keen interest in photography and art.
12. R.S. Rathee—4'-7½" (Ranjit Section) belongs to Ambala but had been a student of Sherwood College, Nainital. Football, Hockey and Cricket are his favourite games and Philately is his hobby.
13. Brajendra Dhari Sinha—4'-10" (Shivaji Section) belongs to Bihar. He received his early education at St. Xavier's H.S. School, Patna. He seems to be a good player of football, badminton and cricket and has a great love for Philately and stories both of English and Hindi.

APPOINTMENTS (STAFF)

We welcome the following Masters and hope that they would enjoy their stay at the college:

1. Mr. L.N. Thakur (Maths.)
2. Mr. Gurbachan Singh (Physics).

APPOINTMENTS (CADETS)

We congratulate the following cadets on their appointment and hope that they will rise to the occasion.

Cadet Captain—Cadet B.K. Chaudhary

Section Commanders

1. Shivaji Section
Section Commander—275 J.S. Malhotra
Cadet NCO —200 R.L. Tyagi
" " —276 G. Dawar

"	"	—281 N.S. Brar
"	"	—269 U.R. Rao
"	"	—277 S.M. Garg
"	"	—298 Harjeet Singh

2. *Pratap Section*

Section Commander	—262 M. Sujit
Cadet NCO	—293 K.K. Panda
" "	—233 G. Pande
" "	—256 S.C. Sharma
" "	—I-D A.P. Sharma
" "	—252 A.K. Malhotra
" "	—248 J.S. Narwal

3. *Ranjit Section*

Section Commander	—255 Prakash Singh
Cadet NCO	—291 S. Mukherjee
" "	—259 S.S. Gill
" "	—251 B.L.N. Raju
" "	—253 C.P. Choudhary
" "	—261 C.M. Bali
" "	—280 A.K. Das

4. *Chandra Gupta Section*

Section Commander	—284 V. Haribabu
Cadet NCO	—282 A. Dutta
" "	—254 A.K. Das
" "	—312 A. Murgai
" "	—305 G.N. Punj
" "	—292 A.K. Arora
" "	—288 M.R. Ghanekar

N.D.A. RESULTS (34th COURSE)

It is a matter of great satisfaction and pride for us that, like previous years our cadets have topped the All India Merit List for admission to the 34th Course of the National Defence Academy. This is a proof of the high standard of academics, games and co-curricular programmes maintained at our College. We congratulate the following cadets on their well deserved success and wish them all good luck. We hope that they will keep up the reputation of the College at the National Defence Academy.

Positions

Cadet J.S. Oberoi	I in Army/Navy
" A.K. Chawla	I in Air Force and III in Army/Navy.
" A.K. Vashisht	VII in Army/Navy

Cadets S. Chadha, Gautam Dutt, O.P. Sinha, D. Mookerjee, S.S. Makin, H.S. Sehgal, P.V. Singh R.C. Arora, A. Malhotra, P.P. Rajagopal, P.V.K. Chaudhary, M.L. Bhagat, R.S. Gill, A.G. Thadani.

LETTER TO EDITOR

We gratefully acknowledge a kind letter and an interesting article received from Mr. Naranjan Singh Gill, (an old Rimcollian) and at present, Ambassador of India to Mexico, Cuba and Panama, Embassy of India, Maxico City, and feel delighted to publish the former here, the latter being reserved for publication in the next issue of our College Magazine. It speaks volumes about the deep love and sincere regards of its author for his Alma Mater and we exult in pride at his keenness in getting his contacts with the College revived. R.I.M.C. sends cordial greetings to Mr. Naranjan Singh Gill, and wishes him and the members of his family all the best.

—Editor

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C/o Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi
Embassy of India,
Mexico City.
May 10, 1965

My dear Principal,

I feel guilty that I have been unable to keep adequate contacts with my old School. I have been out of India now for the last 11 years as Government of India's representative abroad. But as that is an inadequate excuse, I want to make up for the lost time, so as to say, to some extent, and enclose a short article on Mexico, which you may like to publish in one of your periodicals. I also enclose a very short note about what life so far has held for me, just to bring you up-to-date about an old student of your institution.

With warmest regards for yourself, the staff and the students.

Yours sincerely,
Naranjan Singh Gill.

The Principal,
R.I.M.C., Dehra Dun

P.S.—Please don't worry if you cannot make use of this little article.

POINT FIVE

- .5 of the world's population suffers from lack of food or from inadequate diets.
- .5 of the world's children have picked up T.B. infections by the age of 14.

- (c) .5 of the world's population over the age of 25 cannot read or write.
- (d) .5 of the world's land surface is not yet used to produce food.
- (e) .5 of the time for the United Nations Development decade (1960-1970) is behind us already.

These are some of the questions before us to be discussed. Let us think measures to reduce these "Point Fives".

I. J.S. Ahluwalia.

SPORTSFOLIO

Football match—Staff vs Cadets

The first fixture of the term was a Staff vs Cadets Football match; played on the the 3rd afternoon. Both the teams played with great fervour and enthusiasm but members of the staff, being out of form, were easily outdone. The cadets won by three to one.

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The football season had a flying start as it usually does with a match between the Staff and the cadets. Filled with hilarious incidents of handballing, trippings and disputable decisions, it lived up to its old traditions as it never had before. The result did not matter, what mattered was the game itself—not how one played or scored a spectacular goal or missed a penalty, but how the very essence of jovial gaiety reigned supreme throughout the whole game. The final outcome was not unexpected; it had never been unexpected before—but the very sight of teachers playing with their students and trying to outdo them by all the methods at their disposal, was a heartening sight indeed.

The cadets won by three goals to one.

S. Mukherjee scored the first and M.S. Malik scored the next two goals. For the Staff Mr. Bannerjee scored from point blank range. All the cadets played and amongst the staff the most outstanding were Maj. J.D. Katkar; Mr. G.S. Bisht and Mr. R.C. Sharma.

Reported by S. Mukherjee

AN INTERVIEW:-

From Science to Philosophy

Mr. L.N. Thakur, the new master of Maths. informed today that his interests varied from Science to Philosophy.

Dun Printing House, D. Dun

He was speaking at an exclusive interview with our staff correspondent shortly after joining the College. He emphasised that Philosophy was a natural lead from a scientific attitude towards life. He has a rather shy but energetic personality and sometimes shows epigrammatic brevity in his views. When asked about his first impression of the college he said "Life here seems scientific; systematic and disciplined", and the cadets seem 'calm but active'. He added that their attitude was an incentive to the master to give his best.

Mr. Thakur comes to the College after serving at a number of Colleges in Punjab. For sometime he was attached to the B.T. department of the D.A.V. College, Dehra Dun. He is also a student of the D.A.V. College, from where he did his post graduation in Maths. He has also done his post graduation in History. He seems an embodiment of 'National Integration' as himself belonging to Punjab (Multan) has a wife from Rajasthan and children born in U.P. He has vastly toured almost all India. Mr. Thakur has represented his College in Hockey.

We welcome Mr. Thakur and his family to the fold.

WHAT THEY SAY ?

"Readers are of two kinds—the reader who carefully goes through a book, and the reader who as carefully lets the book go through him."

—Douglas Jerrold

"We control circumstances only so far as we control ourselves, and the greatest man in all the world is the man who is most conscious of self-domination."

—Richard Lynch.

"Doing easily what others find difficult is talent; doing what is impossible for talent is genius."

—Amiel

"Nothing is a greater help to self-confidence than the ability to meet difficult situations realizing that one knows what to do regardless of any contingency that may arise.

Nothing is more likely to upset an important event than a conspicuous violation of a standard rule of good manners.

—Edna Smith



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RIMCOLLIANA

On Wed. the 11th Col. R.S. Kalha, an ardent Rimcollian, on the eve of his farewell from the Survey of India as Director, Map Publication, gave a largely-attended cocktail party at his residence which included, among others, Principal S.P. Sharma, Brig. Gambhir Singh, Maj. Gen. K. Jorawar Singh, Maj. J.D. Katkar—old Rimcollians.

We wish Col. and Mrs. R.S. Kalha a very happy and prosperous retired life in their new home. Col. Kalha has kindly promised to keep contact with his old School.

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Brigadier S.M.S. Pahlajani, has been awarded Vishisht Seva Medal Class I during the Kutch operation. We congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

COLLEGE NEWS

Saturday, August 7. Our cadets played a Badminton match against the Staff. The fixture was quite interesting and both the teams strove to put up a commendable standard of performance. The staff won.

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Football Match. RIMC vs Naval Wing (N.C.C.) of the local D.A.V. College (Home). It was mainly due to the lack of practice that the hectic attempts of our players were thwarted by the stalwart resistance of their plucky and dashing opponents and we lost by 1-3.

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At a meeting held in the Staff Room, the Staff passed resolutions of condolences on the death of Mr. K.K. Dubey's father at Banaras and Mr. R.C. Chaturvedi's brother-in-law at Bareilly respectively.

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Sunday, August 8. Arrangements were made by the College for cadets and

the staff to see the English film 'The Great Escape' at Capri.

Wednesday, August 11. Football match RIMC vs St. Thomas's (Home). The game started on a fast pace and it offered us continued delight to see our players steadily pressing forward throughout. Obviously enough, their fast movement, accurate passes and bullet-like kicks proved too penetrating for their adversaries to defend and consequently the RIMC team won the match by 4-0.

We congratulate our players and expect of them still better performance.

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Thursday, August 12. The festival of 'Shravani' was celebrated in the College Temple, and all assembled there felt its importance. At the end of the celebration 'Prasad' was distributed.

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Sunday, August 15. On the eve of Independence Day a tastefully designed Music Concert was organized in the College Convocation Hall. The entire programme was artistic, entertaining and creative and drew rapturous applause from all corners of the largely-attended hall. An illuminating account of the concert is printed elsewhere in this issue.

The Music Concert was followed by a grand dinner arranged in the College Dining Hall. Cadets and the Staff assembled in the Senior Ante-room 15 minutes earlier and had lively chit-chat.

At the end of the dinner toasts were proposed for the continued health and happiness of our Hon. President by Principal S.P. Sharma and all present followed suit. The ceremony was quite impressive and proved an outstanding success.

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We welcome Mr. V.G. Nene, M.Sc. (Phy.), B.T., Master in Physics to our fold and hope that he finds his stay with us at the College a pleasant one.

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In the evening of Thursday the 19th Janamashtmi was celebrated in the College Temple by the Cadets and the Staff with a marked devotional fervour. Amidst hymns and prayers, light was shed on the life and achievements of Lord Krishna and all assembled were asked to draw inspiration and strength from Him.

Initiation Ceremony

This year we had a formal Initiation Ceremony of the Cadet Appointments. The Principal administered the following pledge:

To the Cadet Captain

"As Principal and Head of this Academic family assembled here, I appoint you this day as Cadet Captain of the R.I.M.C. I expect you to be an example to other cadets in decent behaviour, upright conduct and noble thought. May God bless you with 'wisdom' and 'strength' to carry out your duties as Cadet Captain most faithfully and creditably to the glory of your Alma Mater."

To Section Commander/Cadet N.C.O.

"As Principal and Head of this Academic family assembled here, I appoint you this day as Section Commander/Cadet NCO. I expect you to lead your Section to ever greater heights through your integrity, loyalty and sincerity. May God bless you with 'wisdom' and 'strength' to serve your Section and through your Section your Alma Mater the R.I.M. College".

The Cadets who were appointed Cadet Captain/Section Commanders/Cadet N.C.Os. took the following oath:

"Principal, Sir, in the name of all that I hold dear and sacred, I solemnly pledge that I shall be true to the trust reposed in me and shall discharge my duties and responsibilities truthfully, loyally and sincerely.

• • I shall always be clean in word, thought and deed".

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The Photography Club Terminal Snapshots Competitions will be held in November 1965 with a view to providing addi-

tional impetus to our amateur photographers. Entries are invited.

The club has imported lots of photographic goods—films, papers, trimmer, wiper, tank developer etc.

—I.J.S. Ahluwalia

SPORTSFOLIO

Football Match—Naval Wing (NCC)
D.A.V. College vs R.I.M.C. (Home)
Lost 1-3.

It was the first match of the season with an outside team, and the shocking discord amongst almost all the players of our side was glaring throughout. Forwards failed to combine, the halves failed to form the essential contact between the backs and the forwards, the backs failed to tackle efficiently, and all this left the stranded goal-keeper utterly helpless.

Even then, we scored first through S. Mukherji whose long shot, taken from about 35 yds from the goal, the goalkeeper failed to punch away. Then they got going and by half time we trailed 1-2. They added to their score after half time. all their three goals coming off their centre forward Mohinder, who also represents U.P. in that position. In the closing minutes we got a chance to score through a corner kick, but failed to do so.

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Football Match—St. Thomas vs R.I.M.C.
(Home). Won 4-Nil

On Wednesday the 11th, we played our second match. The entire movement of the players in our side provided a sharp contrast to that of our previous game. Only if the backs had not been inclined to stick to the ball for too long a time, our game would have been flawless. Playing far better and dexterously, we could easily win by four goals.

There were four changes in our team and the newcomers did well enough to earn a place in the team for the next match. The first goal was scored after five or six minutes when P.P. Agarwal's volley proved too good for their goal-keeper to defend. The next one came through a long free kick, taken by S. Mukherji and which the goal-keeper failed to punch away. A.K. Dass II provided us with the third goal—his shot having touched the net in spite of its being punched by their goalie. Half time saw us three ahead.

After half time the other team pressed us and forced a few corner kicks. Some

of its players displayed a remarkable dash. But Prakash Singh rose to the occasion and saved us from disaster. The fourth and the final goal was certainly the best, a low ground shot in the far corner of the net, coming off the foot of M.S. Malik. We could have scored another, but Lady Luck said that we'd had enough, and A.P. Sharma's lob got the bar.

Let us hope to keep up this trend of the game—fast moves, accurate passes, and a good harvest of goals.

—Reported by S. Mukherji

MUSIC CONCERT

At the Musical Entertainment Programme held on the Independence Day evening, Mr. Gurbachan Singh of the Science Department gave a masterly recital of Raag Bhopali on the violin. It was followed by a vocal solo in Raag Multani by Miss Bharti Choudhary, a student of Dr. Kapoor. Cadet P. Kochar provided a short relief with a light vocal song. Miss Deepa Chakraverty, another member of Dr. Kapoor's troupe, gave a lilting vocal recital in Raag Bahar.

Mr. I. J. S. Ahluwalia, Officer-in-charge of the Music hobby at the College, provided another oasis of light music amidst thunders of applause from all corners of the Convocation hall.

The highlight of the day was a vocal solo by Dr. Maharaj Kishore Kapoor, Head of the Music Deptt. D.A.V. College and an A. I. R. artist. It was indeed an invigorating experience to hear so accomplished an artist.

On the whole the evening was a great success.

A REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE

There have been found many 'sames' and 'opposites' in the murder of Abe Lincoln and Jack Kennedy. Here are some of them.

Lincoln was elected in 1860. He was deeply involved in civil rights. His last name had 7 letters. His wife lost a son while he was president. He was shot on Friday, in the head, from behind in the presence of his wife. His assassin was murdered before he could be brought to trial. The full name of assassin John Wilkes Booth had 15 letters. Lincoln was succeeded in office by a Southerner named Johnson, born in 1808.

Jack Kennedy was elected in 1960. He too, was deeply involved in civil rights.

His name had 7 letters. His wife lost a son as the 1st lady of the U.S.A. Kennedy was shot on Friday, in the head from behind in the presence of his wife. His assassin was murdered before he could be brought to trial. Lee Harvey Oswald's name had 15 letters. Kennedy was succeeded by a Southerner named Johnson; and Johnson was born in 1908.

There are additional coincidences, including the fact that Booth and Oswald were born within one year within an even century apart. Booth shot Lincoln in theatre and fled to a warehouse while Oswald did the opposite. And Lincoln was shot in Ford's Theatre while Kennedy was shot in a Lincoln convertible built by Ford. The Johnson who served out the remainder of the term after Lincoln was defeated at the polls by a republican whose name started with the letter G. For L.B. Johnson, it has been the opposite.

—S. Mukherjee

POINTS TO PONDER

1. "We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not figures on the dial. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

—Bailey

2. "The spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual It constitutes the true source of national vigour and strength. Help from without is often enfeebling in its effects, but help from within invariably invigorates."

—Samuel Smiles.

JOKE

A man who got on a bus in a city square noticed that a big clock on a building said 9.30. A little farther on he saw another clock; this one said 9.15. "Goodness" he cried. "I got on the bus that goes in the opposite direction."

M.C.

CADETS' JOKES

When a boy of six came home proudly holding a sixpence, his mother asked him where he got it. from Bill for doing him a favour."

"What was the favour?"

"I was hitting him on the head and he asked me to stop."

—Ranjan Dutta, III-A

A small boy had fallen into a creek. A young woman got him out and asked him, "How did you come to fall in?" The small boy answered, "Madam, I did not come to fall in, I came to fish."

—D.B.Shivane, III-A

MOTOR CARS OF TOMORROW

Let us have a look at the shortcomings of our present day cars. Car-parts wear out and require regular maintenance or replacement. The exhaust gases are contributing more and more to the smog density that has become a health hazard. And then, come the accidents.

To remove these problems, new sorts of automobiles have to be designed. Consider the astounding possibility of cars without engines or wheels. The elimination of engines from the cars would be done by replacing them with fuel cells or capacitors to furnish electricity used to run the car. Another plan is to place electric induction coils under the highway. The car would pick up electricity by induction as it drove along the highway. But this would be rather too expensive.

The idea of a wheel-less car has also caught notice. Atmospheric air can be taken in and then let out under high pressure through jets located at the bottom of the car, the car travelling on a cushion of air.

Visualize this possibility. You want to go to New Delhi from Dehra Dun in such an electronic-controlled car. You get into the car, consult your electronic road-map, and then punch out the route you want to take, and give it additional details, if any; that is, if you want to stop at some place, say Saharanpur. Then you switch on the automatic control, start sightseeing, or listening to the radio or even go off to sleep. The car automatically slows down on curves and speeds up on straight roads. Then it stops at the place you had wanted it to. Before stopping, a warning bell is sounded. Almost before you know it, you're in Delhi. Total time taken? One hour or one and a half.

— Shall we have such cars? The required technical knowledge is there,

but it would take a lot of money to make such cars and the ultimate problem of finding market for it and bringing it to the door of common man remains still unsolved.

—Reporter, Science Corner.

A HOT DAY

Suerly, half-roast chicken would have felt better in an oven than I actually did the other hot day. Should I say, 'Hot, Heavens'! or rather 'Inferno on Earth'. Not only hot, but perfectly boiling all around, for I could boil an egg in the bathing tub.

So hot was the day that it seemed nigh—impossible to remain indoors even for a single moment. The fan was circulating unbearably hot air. One bath was not enough, so I was forced to take more, but...alas! the dam had burst only a few days back. And I assigned it to ill luck rather than the government.

If by chance an angel granted me a wish I would definitely have bought a ticket from the plains to stay in the icy Himalayas. But how could I do so? Therefore, I decided to enjoy a technicoloured film picturized in Kashmir. And I enjoyed it, but out of the whole picture snow had the most cooling and invigorating effect on me. In the interval I had enough of cold drinks and felt slightly refreshed.

When I returned home, I put on a warm pullover and began to sham cold-stricken in the circle of my friends. I kept on saying, "How cold it is in Kashmir!" and pretended to shiver. Everybody, not believing in what I said and did so dramatically, began to shout with sheer anger at me for my antics.

I am sure I had a gallon of water in the form of ice-cream and thus made a big hole in my mother's savings.

And presently enough, lo! the horizon is darkening and clouds looming large all over. A sigh of relief.....and wonder of wonders!.....it is raining. And all are rejoicing.

Off with the dreadful hot day.

—Cadet V. Pahlajani
III-A



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COLLEGE NEWS

We welcome Brig. M.M.S. Mathur as Commander, Sub Area, Dehra Dun vice Brig. D.P. Gimi.

Thursday Aug. 26—We welcome Mr. Jack Dunwell, who comes to the College through British Council as a V.S.O. representative from U.K. We hope he will enjoy his stay with us.

Friday, August 27—Wing Commander J.S. Ahluwalia, a veteran Air Force officer, and at present an officer in the ONGC, delivered an inspiring lecture on 'The Importance of Air Force in Modern Warfare' in the College Convocation Hall.

Saturday, August 28—Maj. N. Kumar, Vishisht Seva Medal Class II, the Deputy Leader of the Indian Everest Expedition, 1965, delivered an illustrated talk on 'The Conquest of Everest' and presented two of the summiters—Capt. A.S. Cheema (26) and Nawang Gombu, the only man in the world to have scaled the Everest twice. Capt. Cheema also recalled his thrilling experiences of the ascent.

Saturday Aug. 28—Various interesting indoor games and a dinner were organized by the Staff Club. Members of the Staff and their lady wives assembled in the Staff Room, played games and had lively chit-chat in an atmosphere of joviality preceding the dinner in the Convocation Hall at 9.00 P.M.

Altogether the evening of merry get-together was a great success.

Tuesday, August 31—A scientific film 'Seventh Friendship' was screened in the College Convocation Hall.

Wednesday, September 1—A talk on 'Navy as a career' was delivered by Capt. Rajendra, I.N., O.C. of the Naval Hydrographic Office in the Geography Lecture Room. The talk was quite informative and interesting and the Cadets were benefited by it.

Wednesday, September 1—Two other scientific films, 'Human Body' and 'Atoms for Space' were shown in the College Convocation Hall.

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On Saturday, the 4th Sept. we are going to organize a literary meeting under the auspices of the Sahitya Samiti on 'Sur and his literature' / 'Lord Krishna and his message'. Shri Mahesh Prasad, District Magistrate, has kindly consented to preside.

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N.D.A. RESULTS (35th Course)

We congratulate the following cadets on their success at the U.P.S.C. written test for admission to the National Defence Academy. We wish them all the best and hope that they will keep up the reputation of their Alma Mater.

Cadets Udiavar Ranjit Rao, Ashok Kumar Arora, Jatinder Pal Singh Talwar, Sunil Mohan Garg, Sadanand Keshav Dixit, Anoop Kumar Malhotra, Prakash Singh, Budharaju Lakshmi Narasimha Raju, Ranbir Talwar, Anil Murgai, Vadde Hari Babu, Shamsher Singh Gill, Davinder Singh Chauhan, Moganesh Pal Malik, Makarand Raghunath Ghanekar, Raman Mahaveera, Chander Mohan Bali, Ketan Kumar Panda, Harjeet Singh, Sudhir Mehta, Birendra Kumar Chaudhury, Indra Pal Singh, Sudipto Mukherjee, Gurdeep Dawar, Girish Pande, R. Mohan Chand, Ashok Kumar Dutta, Rajeev Lochan Tyagi, Chapalamadugu Prabhakara Chaudary, Mani Sujit, Ashok Kumar Das, Gurbachan Singh Kochhar, Narinder Singh Brar.

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AIR FORCE—A TALK

Speaking on 'The Importance of Air Force in Modern Warfare' Wing Commander Ahluwalia said that the Indian Air Force owed its origin to the Royal Air Force, which is the mother of all Air Forces in the British Dominion. He pointed out that air force is as vast and as vital as air itself. Narrating many thrilling incidents of the Second World War, he emphasised the tremendous role played by the Royal Air Force in forcing the Germans to surrender. He explained

how Hitler's designs of territorial expansion based on his eccentricity and sheer ruthlessness were utterly foiled by the Royal aircraft though they were fewer in number. He extolled the excellent morale of the British people, which was kept high even when practically all of their important cities were bombed by the German forces. Despite his best politico-martial tactics, Hitler failed to demoralize the British people and their army. He recalled how, left to themselves in the horrors of war, the English airmen and soldiers, set up an illustrious example of leadership by doing the best that could be conceived of under those circumstances. According to W/Cdr Ahluwalia, some are born leaders and others acquire leadership when situations warrant them to do so. He held that discipline is the backbone of duty, and in no walk of life can the best be achieved without it. He exhorted the cadets to have a high standard of discipline, for they are the potential army officers of the nation.

In his opinion, the role of air force in modern warfare is much more important than it was in the second World War. Supersonic aircraft that fly at high altitudes are capable of taking photographs on reconnaissance missions and escape radar detection. Air force today is not only for offence but also for the defence of a country.

The Principal thanked W/Cdr Ahluwalia for his instructive and inspiring speech. He exhorted the cadets to take an example from the thrilling adventures narrated by the Wing Commander.

[Wing Commander Ahluwalia had his education in England. He served the R.A.F. for 10 years and the I.A.F. for 17 years. Besides being a well read man with a vast experience of life, W/Cdr. Ahluwalia is an effective speaker also.]

—Editor

"...AND THEN TO THE EVEREST"

"Ladies and gentlemen, and now I present before you two of the nine summitters of the '65 Indian Everest Expedition—Capt. A.S. Cheema, Vishisht Seva Medal, and the only man in the world today to have conquered the Everest twice, Nawang Gombu."—and the convocation hall thundered with applause. Before us stood the two, who in the first assault party had stood on the top of the world on 20 May, 1965.

Major N. Kumar, Vishisht Seva Medal class II and Deputy Leader of the expedition, delivered a most instructive and interesting lecture on the expedition

and its exploits. The lecture was illustrated with slides showing pictures of the preparation, ascent and the final assault. He described the hazards and the hardships that were involved in undertaking such an expedition. Major Kumar, a veteran of the high altitudes, answered some of the most intriguing questions put to him by the cadets.

Capt. Cheema gave a first person account of the ascent of the first party. He informed us of the almost incredible feat of Gombu to have climbed the 'Hillary Chimney' in five minutes. When he was talking about the view from the top, we felt that we were standing there and looking around the world at our feet.

The lecture came to an end with the appearance of a 'sherpa' attired in the assault kit. The hooded jacket and the boots with crampons, the oxygen mask and the ruck-sack seemed to challenge everyone present with the 'Call of the Everest'.

—W

An Interview

Mr. Gurbachan Singh disclosed at an exclusive interview that he is a man of varied interests. He is quite adept at almost all the essential outdoor games, and is quite a good player of Badminton. At present he is earnestly learning Squash.

Mr. G. Singh comes to the Science Faculty as a master of Physics. He was teaching at the D.A.V. Inter College, Dehra Dun. Mr. Singh seems to love his vocation whole-heartedly and has a programme for making practical contribution to the Science Faculty in running the Young Newtons and other hobbies.

Polished, young and soft spoken, Mr. Singh shows a keen surge for life in almost everything he takes up. It was a pleasant surprise to hear him play intricate classical tunes on the violin.

We hope that Mr. Gurbachan Singh will enjoy his stay at the R.I.M.C.

Sportsfolio

FOOTBALL MATCH

R.I.M.C. vs H.N. Inter College—Won 5-1. Tuesday 24th August, 1965

We played a match against H.N. Inter College, after a lapse of more than a week. The constant practice of stamina-building and other finer points of the game during morning P.T. time certainly seem to have paid handsome dividends. The first five minutes of the game saw

our defence completely run through and their forwards in perfect co-ordination. I felt that it was going to be a sad day for our goal-keeper and my feelings were all the more depressed when they scored off a penalty kick, but luck seemed with us, and pretty soon, M.S. Malik's shot, which was going straight to the goal-keeper, was deflected by their skipper for a self goal. Thus encouraged, we lost no time and soon D.S. Grewal at his new position of left-in did a bit of beautiful dribbling and his shot got the underneath part of the bar and landed inside the net. Within another five minutes, A.K. Das II collected a mistimed clearance, and before anybody could do anything, he slammed it home. Half time found us leading 2-1. They changed a few players after that, but that took no effect. The tally was completed when M.S. Malik and D.S. Grewal succeeded in putting a perfect finesse to their solo efforts.

The combination amongst our forwards was 'A' class and except for an

ther pass, a sudden raid, Mallick rushed and shot the ball home.

It was a match where no one lost, no one gained.

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Gorkha Boys Company defeated RIMC XI by 4 goals to nil in an one sided encounter. The Gorkha team were much superior to our players in respect of scientific football, accurate shooting and perfect control over the ball. They kept our players busy from the beginning and before RIMC could settle down, on the very 7th minute they scored a goal through their right wing Lalit Bahadur. RIMC fought gallantly but before the loud roars of the Gorkha supporters could die down they scored another beautiful goal through a nice header by Punj.

The first half ended with Gorkha boys leading by 2-0. The game resumed and the Gorkha boys scored another goal and credit went to Punj once again. Now the visitors took things very easy. The RIMC XI fought back with every ounce

PRINCIPAL AT THE ASSEMBLY

A good or bad word said, is like a pebble which, when thrown into the placid water, creates endless circles.

'always at fault' right-in, we played a nice game.

—S. Mukherji.

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Wildly exciting football, a fast thrilling encounter and four goals, many missed and both teams went away happy—it was the match between D.S.B. College and R.I.M.C. XI on 27-8-65.

The visitors appeared to be a superior team and showed a lot of control in shooting and passing but they were outwitted when Cadet A.P. Sharma scored a spectacular goal from a very difficult angle. The visitors had to fight for the equalizer but our stubborn custodian Prakash Singh foiled their attempts. In the 25th minute the visitors' right-inside lobbed the ball to the goal area and their persistence paid off.

The visitors further consolidated their position and (they) were rewarded with another goal but the R.I.M.C. XI were all over the visitors' area. Their efforts were frustrated repeatedly. Centre-forward Mallick with his brilliant criss-cross failed to score for his lack of nice finish; but Cadet Mookherjee beat three defenders before shooting into the custodian. Ano-

of energy but centre forward Mallick forgot that football was game of eleven persons. He bungled every effort and the Gorkhas pressed hard and before the referee could blow the final whistle they scored another goal through their right extreme.

As a better team the Gorkhas might have scored more goals but cadets rose equal to the occasion; the stubborn resistance of Prakash Singh, the tenacity of Cadet Mookherjee and S.C. Sharma deserve special mention. —B. J.

Science Corner

[A new regular feature of the Chronicle is being introduced from this issue. It will be known as 'Science Corner' and will include matter of scientific interest. Suitable contributions to this corner will be appreciated.] —Editor.

300 "HOT SPOTS" FOUND ON MOON

About 300 "hot spots" have been found on the moon. The spots had been discovered during infra-red studies of

the moon on its right side and during eclipses.

It is said that it was almost as if nuclear reactors or open volcanoes were sticking up. No kind of chemical reaction on the moon's surface could account for the amount of heat. They could not be open volcanoes because the spots did not cool at night. They were thought to be due to escaping gas.

—I. J.S. Ahluwalia

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SPACE STATIONS

The increasing space research can be helped a great deal by space stations. Let us see what a space station would be like.

It has been proposed that such a station be made like a doughnut, inside which man would work and live. The doughnut in rotation shall create its own centrifugal force, giving the men inside the sense of gravity. To make the space station, pre-fabricated parts would be put into orbit to be gathered by a space crew and put together. This station would use giant solar batteries to tap the radiant energy of the sun to supply the power needs of the station. Through a complex system of plants and human beings, the station would become a self-sustaining closed system, requiring no outside source of food. This may seem awkward, but our earth also is a closed system, though much more complex and huge. It might become monotonous in a space station without day or night, but if large enough, artificial streams and lakes, clouds, sunrise and sunsets—all this could be arranged. In fact, such a space station would become another planet fit for life.

Will it ever come to pass? It is possible in the distant future. But why should man want to do this? The future may bring its own reasons.

—S. Mukerji

BEATLE-MANIA

Crowds of milling teenagers surround the theatre, trying to cut off all possible means of entry from outside. Police struggle to push back from the road, girls in bell-bottomed trousers, and youths with tab-collars. As the car comes into sight, wild screams go up and thousands of overexcited fans surge forward to try and see the four (heroes), or touch the car, made reverent by the idols inside. As they step out, the crowd like animals, fling themselves hysterically at them, and are only kept at bay by the unwavering resistance of the escorting police.

Inside the theatre, those lucky enough to have gained entrance, wait impatiently for the supporting groups to finish their numbers. At last they are announced and the building erupts in a turmoil of screams and shouts. The curtain goes up and four young men appear, flesh and blood, but idols. They start their first number, only snatches of it being audible above the din and it hardly seems to matter whether they play or not. By the time that they come to their last song, the audience is hysterical. Most of them are young girls, and with hair awry, tears stream down their sweating faces and they are completely exhausted by the noise piercing their ears and the emotion created by the music, and the personalities on stage. A smile, a shake of the head or a change in tempo and the girls go crazy, leaping onto the stage and pushing forward, many fainting in the crush. As the curtain falls, shouts of "more" come from the frantic onlookers, and they wait as if spellbound in the vain hope that the performers will return. Once realising that this will not happen, they rush as one, to the door, pushing and jostling one another to be the first out. But on the streets the police cordon holds out and their last desperate efforts to break through are more feeble as the four young Liverpudlians drive off. The exhausted fans wander home, dazed and overwhelmed by the evening's performance.

—J. D.

[Here are the views of an English Youth on Beatle.]

—E.D.

JAZZ STUFF

School mistress:—"Tommy, I am rather surprised to find that your home work essay on 'your dog' is exactly the same, word for word, as the one your brother wrote last year."

Tommy:—"Well, Miss, you see, it's the same dog."

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And here is a commentary on parents delivered by a young star while talking of forthcoming school play. "We're going to have real people in the audience—not just mother and fathers".

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News in a Bombay paper: Local police are puzzled over the finding of a car parked in a lonely neighbourhood containing a full case of Scotch Whisky. So far they have found no trace of the owner, but the chief of police is working hard on the case".



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COLLEGE NEWS

Friday, Sept. 3.—The Seniors' English Annual Debate was held in the Convocation Hall. Following are the results:

1. Cadet Jasbir Singh, IV—First
 2. „ R. Pillay, IV—Second
 3. „ L.K. Bhatia, III-A—Third
- Class IV secured the first place.

Saturday, Sept. 4.—A Sur-Sahitya Competition was organized by the College Sahitya Samiti in the Convocation Hall. It was presided over by Shri Mahesh Prasad, District Magistrate, Dehra Dun. An account of the competition is printed elsewhere in the Chronicle.

Thursday, Sept. 9.—We congratulate Section Commander Prakash Singh of the Ranjit Section on his appointment (in turn) as Cadet Captain. We are sure he will rise to the occasion.

Cadet Captain B.K. Chaudhary of the Chandragupta Section, who passed the tabs to the new cadet captain, had done an excellent job.

Friday, Sept. 10.—A Juniors' English Debate was held in the Convocation Hall at 1500 hrs. The following were adjudged the best speakers:

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| Cadet S.R. Gokhale, IIA | ... | First |
| „ P.V. John, III | ... | Second |
| „ Ashok Dhar, I | ... | Third. |

Class I secured the first place.

Saturday, Sept. 11.—A Juniors' Declamation Contest was held in the Geography Lecture Theatre. The results are as follows:

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| Class I | ... | First |
| Class I-A | ... | Second |
| Class II-A | ... | Third |

Friday, & Saturday, Sept. 10 & 11.—Appreciation Conference No. 2 of the Defence Institute of Work Study was conducted in the College Convocation Hall by Captain H.D. Selby, I.N., Director, Defence Institute of Work Study, Mussoorie, and Lt. Col. M.L. Garg,

Deputy Director and Chief Instructor. Principal S.P. Sharma and Maj. J.D. Katkar from the College attended the Conference along with other senior officers.

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Sunday, Sept. 12.—Our cadets saw the English film 'Hatari' at Capri.

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Complete 'Blackout' is observed in the College from 1930 hrs. Other precautionary measures, which include regular rehearsals of taking shelter in the trenches, are taken by our cadets everyday under the guidance of the P.T. Staff.

Cadets seem to be fully alive to their duties and responsibilities in this hour of trial.

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We extend our heartiest Congratulations to Maj. and Mrs. J.D. Katkar on the birth of a son to them.

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We congratulate Section Commander S. Mukherji, Cadet NCO S.C. Sharma, and Cadet M.S. Mallick on being awarded the College Colours for their creditable performance in Football.

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We are grateful to Mr. S.M. Shahi for his suggestion to improve the English of the Chronicle.

—Editor

Sportsfolio

FOOTBALL MATCH

Wednesday, 1st Sept. RIMC vs Central School, F.R.I. (Home). Won 6-0.

The team was a bunch of inexperienced youngsters, and we could have scored more. In the very first minute, S. Mukherji's shot hit both the posts simultaneously, but refused to cross the line. A few minutes later, we earned a corner. D.S. Grewal's corner kick would have entered the goal without interference, but, taking no chances this time, S. Mukherji bent down to head it home. D. S. Grewal's marvellous shot in the

next minute found its mark and immediately afterwards S. Mukherji made it 3-0 in a similar manner. After some time, in a bid to save a 'Grewal' corner, their goalkeeper and back clashed together, only to see the ball go between the goal, unaided by anyone else. In the half-time none of our players drank water. It had been comparatively easy for us. Mid-way through the second half, Grewal scored again, placing the ball with his toe in the far corner. After some time S. Mukherji, getting the ball from a throw, dribbled past a defender and banged it in from point-blank range to complete the tally.

—S. Mukherji

Monday 6th Sept.—RIMC vs
Cambrian Hall (Juniors). Drawn 2-2

We should have won the match easily but the goal-keeper being out of practice, and the forwards feeling too lazy to charge, deprived us of victory. Amongst our players, the outstanding ones were D.B. Shivane, B.K. Sinha and skipper A.K. Dutta.

Their team scored first due to rather careless goalkeeping of Anoop Malhotra. We equalised however, through a well taken shot by D.B. Shivane. In the very beginning of the second half, they earned a penalty (S.C. Rishi was up to some of his old stunts), and scored.

The subsequent minutes saw all our players flooding their penalty area with corners and free kicks. But even the senior eleven player P.P. Agarwal could not make head way. At last D.B. Shivane rose to the occasion once again, and headed in beautifully to equalize.

—S. Mukherji

Tuesday 7th Sept.—RIMC vs Doon
School (Seniors) Away. Won 2-1.

As we had no opportunity of winning on their field for quite a long time, there were a few doubts about the standard of our performance and the frowns on our supporters' faces must have deepened when they scored midway through the first half due to a bit of careless goalkeeping. During the half-time, our master assured us that if we wanted, we could easily win. Didn't we want to win? Of course, we did. And we made no effort in hiding our intentions as the second half began. Grewal's centre was toed into the goal when one of their defenders tried to display his newly-acquired skill in back-

volleying. A few minutes later, another of their players, in trying to chest-trap a ball, cut a sorry figure indeed, when the ball got his palms and a penalty ensued. M.S. Malik made no mistake and there was the goal and victory.

Mention must be made of the marvellous game of S.C. Sharma, who, has now been awarded college colours. He tackled, dribbled and kicked clear in a marvellous manner. The rest of the team also put in their best, and no one player can be given the credit for victory.

—Sec. Commander S. Mukherjee.

Tuesday 7th September—RIMC vs
Doon School (Juniors). Away Won 4-1

We started from here with a vague feeling of hope and fear mingled in our hearts, and with the kick-off, an air of uncertainty came over us and we began to feel alarmed. But soon the encouragement that our fellow cadets gave us was enough to fire our spirits and we sent the ball speeding down half of the field of our opponents with our forwards not far behind it. And now we found, to our great relief, that our team was superior to that of Doon School.

This discovery gave us strength and a long shot by S.S. Singh just hit the bar and came back. Most of the time the ball was in their half. Within 15 minutes we scored through S.S. Singh (1-0).

Before the whistle blew for changing over, L.T. Singh had scored another goal. (2-0)

In the second half, they put up some resistance in the beginning, but soon slackened down and made it easy going for us. But still it seemed that we would not score another goal, although we kept pressing them all the time. Our backs were now playing in the centre of the field.

With about 12 minutes of play left, Pradhan had a free shot at the net-bull's eye! (3-0). But now, Doon School broke through our defence and, as our backs were playing at the centre line, it was easy for them and they did not miss the chance and scored. (3-1)

Within a minute of their scoring, S.S. Singh took the ball from the centre by himself and increased the lead (4-1). Soon after this the final whistle was blown.

S.S. Singh and B.K. Sinha deserve special mention for their creditable game.

—Cadet Ranjan Dutta.
III-A

Return match—Tuesday, 14th Sept.
RIMC vs Doon School (Home). Won 2-1

After the first class effort put up by the College XI in the previous week against Doon School, there was much speculation as to whether they could do it again. Playing without Prakash Singh. Captain and goalkeeper, and trying out a new (inside right) in Tamo Bage, there were nagging doubts which had to be recognised and balanced with our high hopes. However, the team's play dispelled our fears. In beautiful combination they swept up the field, long crosses from the wings being scrambled away by worried defenders, and the goal being peppered by shots from all sides. A well-taken goal by Malik opened the scoring, and for the rest of the first half, the College team

first half but due to their failing stamina they made it easy going for us after the break.

We wasted quite a few chances but netted one to put us ahead through L.T. Singh. After this we played with good combination and 'josh' which was mainly due to the cheering and gave them no chances at all. P.S. Negi put up a creditable performance and was well supported by B.K. Sinha who washed out many of the rivals' attempts.

—D.B. Shivane & R. Dutta. IIIA

SUR-SAHITYA COMPETITION

Under the auspices of the College Sahitya Samiti, a Sur-Sahitya Competition, comprising Paper-reading, Declamation and Elocution, was held in the Convocation Hall. It was presided over by Shri Mahesh Prasad, District Magistrate, Dehra Dun. Mrs. Mohini Mahesh Prasad and Shri M. C. Sharma, Supdt. of Police, Dehra Dun, acted as judges.

Principal at the Assembly

O Lord, we have assembled here this morning under the clouds of war. We thank Thee for the opportunity Thou hast given us to test our courage and endurance. We pray Thee to bless us with ultimate success in the test. Let us stand united and stout-hearted in the face of peril and temptation. Let us think clearly, speak confidently, and act boldly in this hour of danger and difficulty. Let us be sincere and selfless in what we do—Mother India expects every one of her sons to stand firm by his post.

Let us have before us the example of the great sons of the R.I.M.C., who have fought valiantly in the defence of their country. O God, give us the wisdom and strength to live up to our motto, 'बल विवेक' and give us the power to strike hard when the hour comes.

completely dominated the opposition. After the interval the visitors rallied, fighting hard to score the equaliser, but the defence held sound. Then came a superb goal. Malik dribbled past three defenders, steadied himself, and left the goalkeeper floundering as his shot floated into the top corner of the net. A period of hard-fought play, a scrambled goal by the opposition, and RIMC had completed their first "double" over Doon School.

—J.D.

Return match—Tuesday, 14th Sept.
RIMC vs Doon School (Juniors)
(Home). Won 1-0.

We were pretty confident of ourselves as we had won the previous match against them. They had a couple of changes in their team. As the game started, they had the upper hand and the ball remained in our half for a long time. But our defenders proved a tough obstacle for them and foiled their attempts at scoring. Their team put in all they could in the

The following cadets took part in the various contests :

(A) Paper-reading :

1. Sec. Com. Prakash Singh
2. Cadet NCO S. C. Sharma
3. Cadet J. S. Sidhu
4. Cadet Prakash Chandra

(B) Declamation :

1. Cadet Yogendra Singh
2. " M. S. Mallick
3. " Indra Pal Singh
4. " S. K. Dixit

(C) Elocution

1. Cadet B. K. Sinha
2. " Pradeep Kochhar
3. " Sanjiva Tandan
4. " U. R. Rao

RESULTS

(A) Paper-reading :

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| 1. Cadet Prakash Chandra | I |
| 2. " S. C. Sharma | } |
| 3. " J. S. Sidhu | } II |

(B) *Declamation* :

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| 1. | " | Cadet S. K. Dixit | I |
| 2. | " | Yogendra Singh | II |

(C) *Elocution* :

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| 1. | Cadet Pradeep Kochhar | I |
| 2. | " B. K. Sinha | II |

Intensive and concerted efforts of the Hindi Faculty went into making the function a great success.

In his scholarly presidential address, Shri Mahesh Prasad shed ample light on Sur and his achievements as well as the message of Lord Krishna in the changed political situation of our nation today. In his opinion, Sur and Krishna are inseparable and shall ever remain so, for, at the mention of one, we can't help thinking of the other. He explained how Sur was a devotee first, and a poet afterwards, for it was his intense devotion to Krishna that found a spontaneous overflow in his supreme lyrical verses. Krishna was the perennial source of his poetic inspiration and vast literary creation. Enlogizing the creative genius of Sur which, (unimpeded by his complete blindness), flowed into his massive production, he brought out a comparison between Sur and Milton by alluding to the latter's sonnet 'On His Blindness,' and his two epics the *Paradise Lost* and the *Paradise Regained* composed after the loss of his eyesight.

Elucidating the message of Lord Krishna, he pointed out that it consists primarily in our selfless and steadfast devotion to duty irrespective of rewards thereof, for in terms unequivocal said the Lord to Arjun 'कर्मण्ये वाधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु कदाचन' (Work is thy duty, reward is not thy claim). And it is the clarion call of our duty today to defend our motherland at every cost. He went on to say that in His enlightening utterances, Lord Krishna condemned the futility of our fear of death and moanings over transient and ephemeral things, for 'Self' is Indestructible, Eternal, Unborn and Inexhaustible :

वाससिजीर्णनियथा विहाय, नवानि गृह्णति नरोऽपराणि ।
तथा शरीराणि विहाय जीर्णान्य न्यानि संयाति नवानि देही ॥

(Just as a man casts off his worn-out clothes and puts on new ones, so also the embodied-self casts off its worn-out bodies and enters others which are new)
Gita II-22.

He emphasised that the Lord's message is universal and, more than ever, we need it now for the protection of our motherland with zeal and determination.

At the close of his speech, Mr. Mahesh Prasad expressed satisfaction at a high standard of performance by the Cadets.

The Prizes were given away by Mrs. Mohini Mahesh Prasad.

The Principal thanked Shri Mahesh Prasad for his profoundly learned speech and for having presided over the function. He thanked Mrs. M. Prasad and Mr. M. C. Sharma, Supdt. of Police, Dehra Dun, for having kindly acted as judges. He stressed the need of cultivating love for, and offering whole-hearted co-operation to the growth of Hindi as our national language. He asked the cadets to serve Hindi by making intensive studies of great Hindi poets and authors and exhorted them to understand and act upon the message of Lord Krishna.

He appreciated the efforts of the Hindi Faculty in organizing such an instructive and entertaining programme and congratulated Mr. G. S. Bisht, Head of the Hindi Deptt. and his colleague. He congratulated the participating cadets also on their creditable performances.

Science Corner

HEAPS OF DIAMONDS IN THE MOON

It is said that the first man who will land on the moon will find himself surrounded by black diamonds. We know that the stars have been falling on the moon's surface for thousands of years. They fall on the earth's surface also, but due to certain gases they burn and change to other gases before they reach the ground. Since there is no such gas on the moon, they easily drop on it and form a sort of diamond carpet.

—K.K. Panda

THE ATOM

An atom is built up like our solar system. It is almost all empty space. The nucleus is the only solid piece. Scientists say that if we eliminate all the space in every atom of a 200 lbs. man, he will be no bigger than a particle of dust. The earth without space in its atoms would be a ball half a mile in diameter.

—S. Mukherji

THE WORLD IN A YEAR

If we imagine the whole of the world's history compressed into a single year, then, on this scale, the first 8 months would be completely without life. The following 2 months would be devoted to the most primitive creatures ranging from viruses and single-cell bacteria to jellyfish, while mammals would not have appeared until the second week in December. Man, as we know him, would have strutted onto the stage at 11:45 p.m. on December 31. The age of the written history would have occupied little more than the last 60 seconds on the clock.

—S. Mukherji



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VISIT

Thursday, Sept 30.

Major-General Virendra Singh, an ardent Rimcollian, Director General National Cadet Corps, New Delhi, visited the College and had breakfast with the cadets. He was accompanied by Brigadier U.C Pant and some other Military Officers.

COLLEGE NEWS

Friday, Sept. 17.

Under the auspices of the English Literary Society, a Literary Quiz was held in the College Convocation Hall at 1420 hours. Each Class from III-A and above was represented by a team of 6 cadets. Questions for the competition were based on the linguistic and literary ability and achievement of our cadets. The competition was quite interesting and the cadets seemed to have benefited by this creative literary pastime, for it provided an impetus to them for deeper study and better knowledge.

Class V-A secured the first place.

Saturday, Sept. 18.

At a special Staff meeting in the Education Block, the Principal stressed the need of keeping our morale very high in this hour of national trial. He expected every one of us to extend his best contribution to the safety and security of our mother-country. Laying special emphasis on constant vigilance, curtailment of needs and the necessity of saving money for the National Defence Fund, he declared that no sacrifice is too great for the preservation of freedom and national integrity. He held that everyone of us has to do a lot to see our nation triumph. He detailed the programme of security

measures taken in the college and asked members of the staff to prevent the spread of rumours and help the government in many other ways. In the end he paid glowing tributes to all martyrs on behalf of the college.

Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Football match—RIMC vs Gorkha Boys Inter College—(Home). Draw (2 each).

The game started on a fast pace and was played with zeal and determination. Both the teams put in every effort to win but the match ended in a draw.

Thursday, Sept. 30.

Football match—RIMC vs Cambrian Hall (Juniors)—Home. Won 4-0

Despite the formidable resistance of their opponents, our stalwart players broke through their defence and scored four goals.

We congratulate our Junior team for their commendable performance.

RIMCOLLIANA

We exult in pride to congratulate our Old Cadet Major Jitendra Kumar on being awarded the Vir Chakra for gallantry and heroism in the battlefield.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Capt. Manabendra S. Dutta on his marriage with Manjusree at Calcutta.

We feel proud to record our sense of appreciation and admiration at the gallantry of Capt Amarjit Singh Bal, (the second son of Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal), who was recently wounded in the Sialkot sector in defending our nation.

RIMCOLLIAN MARTYRS.

Maj. Mohinder Singh Bal joined this college in the year 1946 and left in 1951.

Maj. M.S. Bal was a worthy son of a distinguished Rimcollian Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal. Maj. Bal, as a Cadet, was very smart, active and courageous. He had all the qualities of a good officer and as such he passed out from the college as Section Commander of the Shivaji Section. He was a fine sportsman.

We are proud of Maj. M.S. Bal, who has set an example of supreme sacrifice by laying down his life in defending the honour of our motherland. We pray that his heroic name may ever remain a perennial source of inspiration and strength to all generations.

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Flt. Lt. Tapan Kumar Chaudhary joined this college in the year 1948 and left in 1953.

Flt.Lt. T.K. Chaudhary was an all-round sportsman—a fine cricketer, footballer and a smashing boxer. There was hardly any sphere of outdoor activities where he did not shine. The career of Flt. Lt. Chaudhary was in keeping with the promise he gave as a cadet at the RIMC. We are all proud of him and offer our prayers for his glorious name which shall ever shine not only in the annals of the RIMC but also in the annals of the heroes of our motherland.

THE LAST LETTER

(Following is the letter which Flt. Lt. Chaudhary wrote to his father a few days before his death.)

Dear father,

We have been carrying out devastating attacks on the enemy since September 5. Each time we have soared high in the sky, we have destroyed Pakistani tanks and military installations, one by one.

I have been fulfilling my sacred and solemn duty of safeguarding the honour of my motherland.

The enemy has not been able to put even a scratch on my plane. This is all due to the blessings of Mother Kali and my dear parents. These blessings are the most precious things which sustain me in my missions. Please pray for me so that I may cripple the enemy every day.

I have not had any rest since September 5. Today is the 12th. Please ask everybody to write to me because letters strengthen me in my determination.

I shall continue to do my duty to the country and the nation undeterred.

I am not writing to mother separately, but please tell her that her third unworthy son is doing his best to be of some use.

I have no time now. I must get back to air—to strike the enemy. What a great thrill and opportunity!

Sportsfolio

INTER-SECTION SWIMMING COMPETITION

It was a gloomy afternoon, with the clouds thundering loud, when the cadets waited in keen anticipation at the swimming pool for the Inter-Section Swimming Competition. On 20th Sept. the heats were held and also the finals of the Diving and Plunging events. The swimming pool was gaily attired in flags and festoons and for a moment we forgot "the rolling heavens" and the thundering cannons at our borders. At the finish on the pre-finals the Ranjit Section was leading but the points were so close that the final results were anybody's guess.

The next day was more eventful, the clouds were thicker and the Chinese had threatened to open new fronts. Everyone was on the edge of excitement and it was natural that the shouting was louder

and the races more close. A number of old records were shattered and many surprises were in store for us. The results given below bear a clear testimony to the excitement that we all had. It was sad that a number of good swimmers could not participate because they had gone for their Selection Board interviews.

The Shivaji Section claimed the Swimming Cup with 92 points and the Ranjit Section was second with 79 points. The Pratap Section, the winners of last year, were at the third place with 60 points. The 'best swimmer' place was shared by J.S. Narwal of Pratap and S. Bhadra of Ranjit for the seniors, and Cadet M.C. Pradhan of Shivaji for the Juniors.

No individual prizes were distributed as the amount to be spent on them was given for the National Defence Fund.

Brig. M.M. S. Mathur, Commander, Sub-Area, Dehra Dun kindly presided over the function and Mrs. Mathur gave away the Swimming Cup.

INTER-SECTION SWIMMING COMPETITION '65

Event	Name	Dist. Time	OPEN		
UNDER 12½ YEARS			60 yards Free Style	1st S. Bhadra (R) 2nd J.S. Narwal (P)	37.6 38.5
30 yards Free Style	1st D.K. Paul (S) 2nd A.K. Naik (C)	22.3 22.9	30 yards Back Stroke	1st K. Ashokraaj (P) 2nd S. Bhadra (R)	22.3 22.6
2 × 30 yards Free Style Relay	1st Shivaji Section	46 sec.	30 yards Breast Stroke	1st J. Tiwari (S) 2nd G.S. Kochhar (P)	
UNDER 13½ YEARS			4 × 30 yards Free Style Relay	1st Pratap Section	
30 yards Free Style	1st K.C. Cherian (R) 2nd B.N. Mazumdar (S)	21.6 22.7	4 × 30 yards Medley Relay	1st Ranjit Section	
30 yards Breast Stroke	1st K.G. Bewoor (S) 2nd B.N. Mazumdar (S)	26.8 27.1	Plunging	1st A.K. Tiwari (S) 2nd P. Mittal (P)	43'-7" 41'-11¼"
2 × 30 yards Free Style Relay	1st Ranjit Section		Diving	1st J.S. Narwal (P) 2nd D.S. Grewal (R)	
UNDER 14½ YEARS			Best Swimmer	Senior S. Bhadra (R) J.S. Narwal (P) Junior M.C. Pradhan (S)	
60 yards Free Style	1st M.C. Pradhan (S) 2nd A.K. Gupta (C)	48.3 49.8	RESULTS—SWIMMING COMPETITION		
30 yards Breast Stroke	1st M.C. Pradhan (S) 2nd S. Singh (C)	24.9 25.7	Section	Points	Position
30 yards Back Stroke	1st M.C. Pradhan (S) 2nd B.N. Mazumdar (S)	23.6 25.7	1. Shivaji	92	First
4 × 30 yards Free Style Relay	1st Shivaji Section		2. Ranjit	79	Second
			3. Pratap	60	Third
			4. Chandragupta	47	Fourth

Science Corner

SCIENTISTS SEARCH TO STOP RAIN

Some American military scientists are searching for ways by which the rain tap may be turned 'off or on' at man's request.

So far they have achieved reasonable success. They have found that by squirting chemicals into rain clouds, heat is generated which warms up the clouds. These then rise and float off.

Scientists declare with certainty that they can move clouds from places where rain is not needed to those where it is eagerly awaited, and modify monsoon-type showers in tropical areas.

Cadet Arvind Kumar, IVA.

SKIN BANKS

'SKIN BANKS' similar to the present blood banks may be available to the victims of severe burns in the near future.

Current research at three new burn centres could well lead to solving the problem of a patient's body rejecting skin grafts from another person.

Skin burns are considered the greatest single hazard of childhood, filling a number of hospital beds daily. Researchers have developed an air-powered "plane" (machine) that scrapes skin so thinly that it recovers 16 times more body surface than that from which it was removed.

—K. K. Panda, V-A.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

'Happiness is the only good reason, the only torch, justice the only worship, humanity the only religion, and love the only priest.'

—R.G. Ingersoll

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'We come nearest to the great when we are great in humanity.'

—Tagore

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A silly young man from Clyde
In a funeral carriage was spied.
When asked, "Who is dead?"
He giggled and said:

"I don't know who—I just came for the ride."

* * *

The bottle of perfume that Willie sent
Was highly displeasing to Millicent;
Her thanks were cold
That they quarelled, I'm told,
Through that silly scent Willie sent
Millicent

* * *

And then there was a young lady who
arrived forty minutes late to watch India
and Pakistan play the Hockey Final at
Tokyo, and asked the score.

"No goals." came the reply.

"Thank God for that," she said, "I haven't missed anything".

—W.

'HOW SLEEP THE BRAVE'—(AN OBITUARY)

The Rashtriya Indian Military College feels deeply grieved at the irreparable loss of her valiant sons, who have laid down their lives for the protection of our motherland. Their names will ever shine in the annals of our nation for their gallantry and martyrdom.

We express our deepest sympathy with and offer heartfelt condolences to all those who are left behind to mourn their heroic deaths.

We pray to God to bless the departed souls with eternal peace and rest in their heavenly abode. May their noble deeds ever serve to pave our path of Courage and Confidence, Duty and Devotion, Service and Sacrifice.

1. Major Mohinder Singh Bal, son of Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal, was killed in action on the Lahore Front and was cremated at Amritsar on 24th Sept. with full military honours.
2. Flight Lt. Tapan Kumar Chaudhary laid down his life in the Lahore-Sialkot Sector on 15th Sept. in safeguarding the honour of our nation.



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VISITS

We congratulate Brigadier N.L. Kapoor on his appointment as Deputy Commander, I.M.A. He was kind enough to visit his old school on 30th September.

Lt. G.B.S. Madan visited the College with his wife and child on 12th Oct.

COLLEGE NEWS

The RIMC Diploma has now been recognized as equivalent to High School Examination, Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan.

The Inter-Section Football Competitions are being held on 13th and 14th October.

Saturday, Oct. 2 to Monday Oct. 4

The College had its mid-term break on 2nd, 3rd and 4th October. During this period, the cadets enjoyed a sweet sojourn at Mussoorie with their Section Masters or tutors. Those who chose to stay at the College, had outings to the near-about places of interest.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

The Staff-club gave a farewell party to Mr. R.K. Kichlu at 1515 hours in the Education Block. Mr. Kichlu was formerly Head of the Science Department in our College.

Saturday, Oct. 9

The following films were screened in the Convocation Hall:

- (a) Let's Play Fair.
- (b) Songs of the Snow.
- (c) The Naked Spur.

We congratulate Section Commander J.S. Malhotra of the Shivaji Section on his appointment, in rotation, as Cadet Captain of the College. We hope, he will rise to the occasion.

Cadet Captain Prakash Singh of the Ranjit Section, who passed the tabs to the new Cadet Captain, had done his job worthily.

Sportsfolio

Return Football Match RIMC vs H.N. Inter College. (Home) Won 3-1.

Friday, October 1. This time their team came with full determination and high hopes to make good their previous defeat. Since they had lost to us in the first match, they made some changes in reorganizing their team.

Right from the beginning our opponents strove hard for a goal and were mostly on the offensive. Their speed and consistency were remarkable. For this they were soon rewarded through a brilliant kick from their inside-left, the shot proving too much for our custodian, Prakash Singh. No sooner had the game commenced again than D.S. Grewal took advantage of a corner-kick and swerved the ball home.

After half time our team played on the offensive and gradually their team showed signs of fatigue. We took advantage of this, and ten minutes after the half time two goals were scored, one after the other. The scorers were S. Bhadra and P. P. Agarwal. Our opponents made a desperate attempt to score a goal but their attack was repulsed by our backs who played with great vigour and dash.

The players of our team, who put up a commendable standard of performance,

were Cadets S. Mukherjee, M.S. Mullick, D.S. Grewal and S. Bhadra. When the final whistle was blown the score board showed three goals in favour of our team and one goal in favour of the visitors. Thus the last match of the season came to an end with a victory for us. We won by 3 goals to 1.

Our football team deserves congratulations on their well deserved victory.

—P.P. Agarwal, III-A

FOOTBALL: Heading-How to score ?

1. Watch the ball closely as you prepare for impact. Never attempt to take impact on the top of the head. Remember that the forehead or sides of the head are used. Flicking the head forward or sideways on impact will give added power.
2. When passing with the head, it is not necessary to jump for the ball if no opponent is nearby to challenge. Use your arms for balance.
3. When leaping to head a ball, clear off oncoming forwards. It is essential that you jump higher than your opponent. Start your jump-action a second before your opponent and attempt to meet the ball at the top of the jump or, better still, just before it. Jumping before your opponent will also enable you to keep your shoulders and arms clear.
4. As you jump, attempt to rise a little higher than the ball. You will then be able to head the ball downwards.

—Sec. Com. Prakash Singh

Science Corner

DEATH-RAYS IN THE HOME

There are two common sources of death rays in the home.

The television-set produces x-rays but when these get through the thick glass in the front of the picture-tube, they are quite harmless at the distance of a few feet.

The fluorescent lamps used for light produce ultra-violet rays, but they do not get through the glass of the tubes in appreciable amount. Instead, they shine on the phosphor, the powdery substance inside the tube, and the phosphor in turn gives forth the visible and harmless light that we see and use.

Both x-rays and ultra-violet rays can cause death to living beings. But don't worry about them in the home. Their normal concentration is not fatal, when you are reading some book in the drawing room.

—Cadet SS Thakur IV.

THE BIOLOGY OF SPACE

What man faces in space

To survive and to fulfil the missions assigned to him in space, man must learn to live there with a reasonable degree of comfort and freedom. The greatest problem posed for man in this regard is the necessity of creating for himself in space an environment which will reasonably duplicate the one to which he is accustomed on earth.

Man is a complex mechanism. He lives under one set of conditions. Although he can be trained and acclimatised, he cannot be re-engineered. He must take his manner of living with him wherever he goes. This involves not only the air he breathes and the temperature and humidity he feels, but also his protection from heat, cold, weightlessness and radiation. In addition to these, there are the related problems of food and water and the disposal of human wastes plus the factors of fatigue and boredom.

Man uses approximately two pounds of oxygen each day, from the atmosphere. In space there is no atmosphere. For human beings' breathing-purposes the atmosphere ends well below 50,000 feet. An aircraft pressurizes its cabin from surrounding atmosphere even at 40,000 feet.

Cosmic rays lose their original power and intensity when they enter the atmosphere. But, in space outside the atmosphere, any object is exposed to a powerful bombardment of cosmic ray-particles.

Sunburn is caused by the ultra-violet rays of solar radiation. On earth the atmosphere gives life-saving protection from solar radiation. But out in space its intensity is lethal.

Thousands of tiny meteoroids cross the regions of space. As they enter the atmosphere they normally are set on fire by friction and become meteors and burn up. But they constitute a possible hazard to any craft in space.

There are many psychological problems. Man is accustomed to a certain

day-and-night cycle and is at his best when he works. In space, man faces the problem of fatigue—the kind that comes from long commitment to one task and confinement to a relatively small compartment.

I.J.S. Ahluwalia

AN INTERVIEW

Mr. Jack Dunwell, who comes to us as a member of V.S.O. from U.K., told at an exclusive interview that he was educated first at Holbrook C.P. School up to the age of 11, and then went on to Ipswich School, which he left only 2 months ago. He chose India partly because of his father's own experience in this country during war and partly because he had the feeling that he could work best in the Indian atmosphere. In reply to a question regarding his choice of the RIMC in particular, he said, "I can say that it is unlikely that a better choice could have been made".

Narrating his first impressions on landing, he disclosed that he found himself completely exhausted after his flight through the night and felt 'dizzy' in the torrid heat of places like Bombay and Delhi. He added that at Palam airport his party was warmly received by the Press. Bringing out a comparison between an average Indian student and an English Public School student, he has made it clear that the standard of English is fairly high at this place. In his opinion the main difference between the two lies in the 'Indian way of cramming for a subject, using powers of memory more than reason' and accepting statements as proof in themselves.

Referring to the things that struck him at the RIMC specially, he has stated that the eagerness of the cadets to learn has impressed him most. Among other things, the beautiful surroundings, helpful people and the variety of food, have had their effects on him.

Answering a question relating to the alterations that he has made in his ideas about this vast country, he has frankly told that he has experienced only a 'minute', part of India and her way of life, but, from what he has seen, a definite change has come over his views. To cite but a few instances, he has revised his ideas about the taste of Indian food, his general ideas about vegetarians and certain other socio-cultural matters.

When asked to make any other comments, Mr. Dunwell said that he would like the cadets to take an active part in running the 'Chronicle'.

Polished in manners and sober in disposition, Mr. Dunwell has a living interest in his subject (with all due care for grammatical precision and accuracy) and a keen surge for games, sports and other Co-curricular programmes.

We hope Mr. Dunwell will enjoy his stay with us.

THE WORLD I WANT

Dangerous diseases, unending wars and all-pervasive discord in the state of affairs of the present-day world has been the butt of burning denunciation all around. Our search for a better 'Tomorrow' for our fellow-beings has led to many a discussion on the ideal state of conditions which should prevail on earth.

Usually when I discuss with people the kind of world we want, they astonish me by outlining the picture of Utopia. To most of them, the world we live in seems to provide a glaring contrast to the realm of romance—with its Arcadian beauty, floral fragrance and Utopian richness—that they desire to be in the possession of.

As for me I like the world we have. I am content to live in this century—so full of struggles and strivings that I feel to have become a part of this wonderful and exciting pageant. I like the suspense that gives to life its true zest. Let me have this world with dreams for me to dream, problems for me to solve, and pragmatic ideals for me to cherish. I like to 'live, live in the living present' for life here is 'a splendid mystery, everyday of which is:

an arch wherethrough,
Gleams the untravelled world'.

If I had lived before the advent of the Atom and hydrogen bombs, I should have been less optimistic about the future and the shape of things that it has in reserve for us. But today I am full of hopes for a world which will enjoy peace and prosperity, for I feel deeply that no nation will possibly launch a war for the extinction of the entire human race.

I believe that, the world we have, deserves a vote of confidence. With all its and cleanliness and squalor, its ups and downs and its amazing unexpectedness, it has given and continues to give us

more pleasure than pain. Whatever else it may be, this century of ours is still the most thought-provoking, the most exciting and the most promising of all. And the dynamic character of the world has ever been a source of fascination. To quote Alpha of the Plough (Mr. A.G. Gardiner):

'Take away the uncertainty of life and you take away all its magic..... And it is because every dawn breaks as full of wonder as the first day of creation that life preserves the enchantment of a tale that is never told.'

So what I wish is: May this world always remain as challenging as it is. May it always have something for us to create, to solve and to mend. And conversely enough, may this world never be a soft place, for soft people with soft heads and soft hands to enjoy. For I would like to see a world where man, by braving all the hazards that come in his path of progress, may prove his stout manliness. With a world of such a challenge and scope for us, we will never slip into complacency and will strive to live worthily to prove that life is certainly worth living.

—Cadet NCO S. Mukherjee.

WHEN THE GUNS ROARED

There were beds of wild flowers
And the rivulets mazed,
'Neath the shadows of hills
That looked blue in the shade.
When breeze whispered around
Each flower did bend,
To hear this sound
Then danced as if dazed.

Here played the sweet child,
Sometimes wading across,
Then floating a petal
On a cushion of moss.

Then the thunders arose !
not a cloud on the sky—
Sulphurous smoke choked
the air and the child,
The droning of planes,
and the blasting of shells,
Made the child to run wild
and a shelter to find.

Then it stopped—
The blasting and shelling,
The anguished cries.
It smelt strangely of flesh,
Decaying, rotting but fresh.
The echoes stopped in a while
It was silent and still,
But the child—
The child—was he sleeping ?
Or hiding ?
Or dead !

—W

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Nothing is more advantageous and more creditable than a rich heritage, but nothing is more dangerous for a nation than to sit back and live on that heritage. A nation cannot progress if it merely imitates its ancestors: what builds a nation is creative, inventive and vital activity."

—Nehru

"It is good to have money and the things that money can buy. But it is good to check up once in a while and make sure you have not lost the things that money cannot buy".

—George Horace Lovimer.



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COLLEGE NEWS

Saturday, Oct. 16th.

Under the auspices of the English Dramatic Society, two one-act plays—'The Hold Up' and 'The Boatswain's Mate' were staged in the Convocation Hall by the junior cadets of the College.

The Music Club also arranged a few items of entertainment at the programme.

Wednesday, Oct. 20th

Lt. Col. K. K. Tewari, GSO I, MT-6 & 11, paid an official visit to the College. He spent the whole day at the College discussing the various problems.

Thursday, Oct. 21st

The following films were screened in the Convocation Hall :

- (i) Defence Against Invasion.
- (ii) Basketball Fundamentals.

Friday, Oct. 22nd

Cadets R. Pillai and Jasbir Singh represented the College at the Tenth Inter School Debate held at the Doon School. In a very close contest our team secured the third place. Since it was the maiden appearance of the two cadets at any platform outside the College, we do not consider it a poor show.

Sunday, Oct. 24th

Members of the Staff and Cadets celebrated the Deepawali in the gaily decorated temple of the College.

Wednesday, Oct. 27th

The Annual Inter-Section English Declamation Contest was held at 1830 hrs.

Saturday, Oct. 30th

The RIMC Inter-Section Athletic Meet was held on the College ground. The meet was presided over by Maj.

Gen. (Retd.) Hira Lal Atal, the first passing out Cadet as well as the first Cadet Captain of the College.

* The following English films were screened in the Convocation Hall at 1415 hrs.

- (i) Television
- (ii) Improve Your Spelling.

INTER-SECTION ENGLISH DECLAMATION CONTEST

The annual Inter-Section English Declamation Contest was held in the Convocation Hall. Lt. Col. Bhatnagar from the I.M.A., Mr. Doutre, Principal Cambrian Hall and Mr. G. D. Shukla, Head of the English Department, D.A.V. College, were the judges.

Shivaji Section secured the first place, both in Seniors and Juniors. Among the seniors Cadets R. Pillai (Shivaji) and M. Sujit (Pratap) were bracketed for the first place. Cadet Jasbir Singh (Ranjit) was second and Cadet NCO S. Mukerji (Ranjit) third.

At the Juniors Cadets P.V. John (Shivaji) was placed first, Y. Singh (Ranjit) second and C.S. Thapa (Pratap) third.

Mr. Shukla, at the end of the contest, commenting upon the speakers, said that he felt the standard was high, the delivery better and same with the style. He said that he had given similar comments a few years ago and had found the general standard now to be much higher. He advised the speakers against dramatization and unnecessary gesticulations.

Principal S. P. Sharma gave away the trophy to the Shivaji Section. The trophy was donated by him.

PLACING

Shivaji	... First	(799 points)	—
Ranjit	... Second	(761 "))
Pratap	... Third	(705 "))
Chandragupta	... Fourth	(528 "))

*Sportsfolio***CRICKET FIXTURES****RIMC vs The Staff- 17th October**

The Staff batted first as usual and immediately set about the College bowling, Mr. Dubey and Mr. Chaturvedi taking runs when they liked. Mr. Dubey was eventually out for 35 and with the College XI taking it easy, the Staff made 95 for 5, with Mr. Puri on 27. However, the next five runs came at the cost of the remaining wickets, and the Staff slumped to 100 all out. The College immediately hit back and due to their greater agility were piling on the runs. M.P. Mullick on 34 and S. Bhadra on 36 were retired, and the runs were achieved for the loss of only 5 wickets. This was a good win for the College in their first fixture of the season, and with more alert fielding has the promise of being an excellent team. The match was played in good spirit and provided many amusing incidents which were appreciated by all.

—J.D.

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RIMC vs The Lawrence Club—24th Oct.

The college made a disastrous start in the match against the Lawrence Club played on our own ground. A quick run-out, another couple of wickets literally thrown away and the team was completely demoralised with half the wickets gone for 30 runs on the board. Thoughts were turned to a walkover for the Lawrence Club team before lunch. But V. Hari-babu coupled with Mr. H.D. Puri to make a stand against the fierce bowling, Hari-babu being out eventually for 18. Thanks to the last wicket stand between P. Mazumdar and Mr. H.D. Puri the total was doubled and the College were all out for 95 having been 59 for 9. P. Mazumdar was hit-wicket for 13 runs and Mr. Puri remained not-out with 43 runs.

A comparatively easy score to beat and the whole afternoon to do it. The Lawrence Club openers came out, looking good bats, but some accurate bowling by Prakash Singh and they were soon back in the pavilion, the score standing at 10 for 2. A quick wicket after lunch and College hopes rose. This was followed by some determined batting, but Dawar decided to start playing skittles with the stump and three more batsmen were taken care of. Two wickets more to fall, and victory seemed within reach. Every

possibility was tried to remove the dour batsmen, but victory was snatched away when time ran out with the last batsman in and the score at 82.

—J.D.

AN EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT**'THE HOLD-UP AND THE BOATSWAIN'S MATE'****THE HOLD UP**

Mr. Popjoy	A.K. Das III
Mr. Redfern	R.A. George
Tom	A. Dhar
Dick	Ravindra
Larry	R.S. Rathee
Morgan	L.T. Singh
Weeb	A.K. Singh

Behind a brown and silver post office counter stands a grey-haired old man of sixty five, not daring to breathe in case the shaky bars in front of him should collapse. They wobble, they lean, but never collapse entirely. In walks an old age pensioner, heavily disguised as George, in sports jacket and flannels. In the corner stand two typical schoolboys, nice, healthy, kind boys, with a lust for murder, crime, comics, playing dubious jokes on poor defenceless people and with a hearty dislike of "Dickens and Scott". As the pensioner tries to make himself heard by the decrepit, deaf, shortsighted, irritable and entirely nasty postmaster, the two cunning rascals work out their plan in whispers designed, practised and perfected, to carry at least thirty yards.

Exit old age pensioner, happy in the knowledge that he does not have to return. Curtain falls. Crashes, shouts and the result is the postmaster at his counter (still standing!) Enter man definitely a criminal, nasty type, wanted by the police. He strides to the counter, gun in hand and demands the cash. The postmaster, mildly surprised, stammers professionally at the gruff-voiced villain before him. All is lost! But lo, the door wobbles open and the gunman is surprised by a strange looking figure in felt hat and raincoat. The postmaster, having taken the gun, fires it off as an introduction to Diwali, Tom throws himself to the floor, and in the confusion two policemen arrive in their impeccable way and soon sort out the mess. But a second figure arrives, drowned in coat and hat, and hair falling over his eyes, he grasps a shotgun in his hands, twice his size. Is

everything going to start again? No, the ferocious looking new arrival is thwarted and the play finishes on a happy note—congratulations to the representatives of classes I & I-A.

THE BOATSWAIN'S MATE

Mrs Waters	P.S. Negi
Mr. Benn	S.R. Gokhale
Ned Travers	J.P. Mondle

A middle-aged boatswain's mate, his beloved, the landlady of the "Beehives" and an old soldier make up this drama. The first, desperate at the widow's rejection of his proposals, wheedles his way at first uncertainly and with little luck, and then more confidently, to get the soldier to agree to his plan and carry it out. The result is a cunning trick which fails comically. In the part of the boatswain's mate, S.R. Gokhale managed to interpret his character very adequately, and J.P. Mondle was excellent as the old soldier. P.S. Negi had a difficult part as Mrs. Waters, but despite this he managed very well. The play had many humorous touches, sometimes in the original script, often added by the cast, and at least one moment where adjustments had to be made at the last minute. All in all, the play came off well, and the actors are to be commended on their performances.

J.D.

Science Corner

ELECTRIC SHOCKS

Seeds were given electric shocks with 240 watts Alternating Current by immersing the seeds in distilled water in a beaker acidified with the few drops of hydrochloric acid. The current was passed through the copper electrodes immersed in the beaker. The duration of shock was 30 seconds, 1 minute, 1½ min., 2 minutes, 3 minutes, 4 minutes and 5 minutes. After giving the shock, seeds were thoroughly washed and put for germination. High germination was noted under 2 and 3 minutes of exposures, bring 62 and 69 percent respectively.

—K.K. Panda.

HEART BEAT TELEMETRY

The transmitter, the size of a packet of 20 cigarettes and weighing only a few ounces, is fixed over the subject's chest. Leads from the transmitter pass to electrodes fixed on the skin over the heart

and armpit by contact cement. The transmitter picks up impulses from the chest walls and broadcasts a signal to a receiver which can be up to 150 feet away. The signal is passed through a sub-carrier oscillator to a tape recorder. It is then demodulated and played back to an oscilloscope.

—GS

THE BIOLOGY OF SPACE

Food is a morale factor. Food is highly important to the space explorer both for nutrition and sustaining his morale. The cook, the engineer, the flight-surgeon and the nutrition expert have all joined hand in creating a menu the astronaut will look forward to, and of giving him a way to eat it. Three general feeding plans have been worked out for space flights. The first covers a short trip of 2 or 3 days. The second covers from 3 days to several months. The third or long range covers a flight extending over months or years.

The first plan includes food bars each of 250 calories, cut into bite-size pieces; water in plastic bags with plastic drinking tubes; both liquid and semi-solid food packed in squeezed tubes (soup, meat, chocolate, milk, ham and cheese).

For the second plan the food experts assume that space scientists will have perfected a means of producing artificial gravity within the space craft. They also assume that water will be recovered from the atmosphere within the space-craft and from bodywaste, purified and reused. The meals will consist of pre-cooked, dehydrated food plus beverages.

Long flights in the distant future will require a completely regenerative and closed system capable of producing food and oxygen and of recycling wastes to supply materials essential to the human body. (to be concluded)

—IJS

GLIMPSES OF INTER-SECTION FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

Ranjit vs Chandragupta (Juniors) Ranjit won 1-0.

It was rather a droll affair with one side as much in the picture as the other.

In the very beginning of the game the goal came—it was scored by P.P. Roy. Numerous attacks went waste and the game ended with the same score.

Seniors. Ranjit won 5-0.

This was a one-sided affair and would have been as painstaking to watch as the juniors one, had it not been for the beautiful way the goals were scored. The first goal was a timid affair, Y. Singh pushing the ball in with his knee and the goalkeeper being helpless. But then A.K. Das II's lob was far too much and swerved away from Thakar's hands before getting into the net. Bali, too, scored in an exactly similar manner twice. Grewal ended up the issue with a calmly-placed shot from a close range.

SHIVAJI vs PRATAP

Juniors. Shivaji won 2-0

The Shivaji juniors were certainly the better team and deserved a bigger margin. But the Pratap's defence stood firm. The goals were scored by K. Ghoshal and D.B. Shivane. From the Pratap side P.S. Curung and J.S. Mann played well.

Seniors. Drawn 0-0

This was an exciting game, full of thrills and certainly no side deserved to lose. Good tackling, dribbling, shots and saves were seldom or ever witnessed in one game. But there it was, and time and again, we saw R. Bhatia, P. Mazumdar and S.C. Sharma avoid the downfall of the Pratap citadel. J.S. Narwal, too, played his best. On the other hand M.S. Malik dribbled and shot again and again only to see them miss the mark or hit the legs of a tireless defender. J.B. Singh was a tough nut to crack and the Pratap forwards failed to get past him either. Two shots deserve mention—R. Datta's and M.S. Malik's. Both of them were lobs and got the top of the bar.

Pratap entered the finals on the basis of having earned five corners to Shivaji's three.

DECIDING OF THE THIRD PLACE

Juniors. Pratap vs Chandragupta. Chandragupta won 1-0.

Chandragupta Section refused to be beaten and, again and again counter-attacked to find victory coming their way just one minute before the end of extra time.

Seniors. Shivaji vs Chandragupta. Shivaji won 4-1.

After the unexpected setback in the semi-finals, the Shivajians were in a fierce mood. However, at half-time they had quenched their thirst for scoring goals and took it easy in the second half. Chandragupta, on the other hand, played their best, but a self-goal at the outset pulled their spirits down. Trying to push away a weak centre by A.K. Singh, Madhu Kumar directed the ball into his own goal with Thakar absolutely amazed and helpless. The second and third goals were well-placed ones and came off the foot of M.S. Malik. The fourth one could have been saved, but perhaps Thakar thought it useless to dive and D.K. Chaudry got the goal. Chandragupta scored through P.P. Agarwal when he converted a penalty. Another penalty in the second half, however, eluded him.

FINALS

Juniors. Shivaji vs Ranjit. Shivaji won 4-0.

Following up their senior's performance the previous day, the Shivaji juniors made short work of the Ranjit team by scoring four goals in a row without reply. Had it not been due to good saves by P.S. Malhotra, Rathee and Negi, the score would have been much more. The four goals were shared by D.B. Shivane, K. Ghoshal and L.T. Singh.

Seniors. Pratap vs Ranjit. Ranjit won 6-0.

Though Pratap had put up a good fight against Shivaji, they were absolutely outdone by the Ranjit forwards. P. Singh the Ranjit goalkeeper, stood at the half-line for more than half the game. S.C. Sharma seemed lost, Mazumdar helpless and even R. Bhatia's dangerous charges were of no avail. Six goals were scored in a row, including a hat-trick by S. Mukherjee.

A.K. Dass II scored the first goal with a terrific shot that nearly went through the goalie's hands. S. Mukherjee missed one in the next minute but compensated for that by scoring one in the far corner of the net. S. Bhadra followed—his shot sailing into the net with Mazumdar beaten. S. Mukherjee scored the next three goals to complete the tally and the game.

RESULTS

1st	...	Ranjit
2nd	...	Shivaji
3rd	...	Pratap
4th	...	Chandragupta

—S. Mukherjee



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RIMCOLLIANA

We are very grateful to Maj. Gen. Hira Lal Atal, the first passing-out Cadet as well as first Cadet Captain of the College, who kindly presided over the RIMC Inter-Section Athletic Meet held on 30th October. Maj. Gen. and Mrs Atal took the trouble of coming over all the way from Lucknow to grace the occasion by their presence. Maj. Gen. Atal was full of reminiscences of his alma mater. He had lunch with the members of the staff at the Principal's residence.

We feel proud of Lt. Gen. K.S. Katoch and Lt. Gen. J.S. Dhillon, two ardent Rimcollians, and extend our heartiest congratulations to them on their being awarded 'Padma Bhushan' for their leadership of an exceptional order in the recent Indo-Pak conflict.

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We take pride in congratulating Major M.M.A. Zaki on his being awarded 'Vir Chakra' for exemplary courage and bravery in the battlefield.



Maj. Gen. Atal giving the trophy to H.S. Vaid of the Ranjit Section.

Maj. Gen. Atal donated to the College a nice trophy, which he had won when he was a Cadet at the College.

Cadet H.S. Vaid of the Ranjit Section, who was declared the best athlete for the year won the trophy.

Among the distinguished guests at the Athletic Meet were Maj. Gen. A.A. Rudra, Maj. Gen. Sheo Dutt Singh, Brig. N.L. Kapur, Mrs. Mathur, Mr. Martyn and Col. N. Ghosh.

We are delighted at the award of Rs. 3000/- to Major Zaki by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

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We take pride in congratulating Lt. R.S. Bedi on being awarded "Vir Chakra" for his courage and bravery in the battle field.

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It is a matter of great satisfaction and pride that all the top positions at the Indian

Military Academy are held by our ardent Rimcollians. They are: Maj. Gen. K. Zorawar Singh, Commandant; Brigadier N.L.L. Kapoor, Deputy Commandant and Col. S.C. Sabharwal, Colonel Administration.

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Our Ex-Cadet D. Mukherjee has been adjudged the most promising boxer at the National Defence Academy and has been awarded a merit card.

Cadet K.S. Rao has also been awarded a merit card for being a promising boxer.

Cadet M.L. Bhagat has been adjudged the best runner in 1500 metres race at the N.D.A. and has been awarded merit card.

We are glad to note that our Ex-Cadet D.H. Parab has been adjudged the most scientific boxer at the National Defence Academy.

We congratulate them and wish them all the best.

COLLEGE NEWS

Saturday, Nov. 13.—We congratulate Section Commander M. Sujit of the Pratap Section on his appointment, in turn, as Cadet Captain of the College.

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Cadet Captain J.S. Malhotra of the Shivaji Section, who passed the tabs to the new Cadet Captain, had done a good job.

Sunday, Nov 14.—Two minutes' silence was observed at the College to pay homage to those who have sacrificed their lives in defence of the motherland.

Inter-Section Hindi Declamation Contest

Under the auspices of the College Sahitya Samiti, the seventh annual Inter-Section Hindi Declamation Contest was held in the Convocation Hall on the 15th instant. Prof. Gaya Prasad Shukla, (Retd.) Head of the Hindi Dept. D.A.V. College, Shri V.N. Kapoor, Principal, Guru Ram Rai Public School, and Shri H. D. Bhatt from the Doon School kindly acted as judges.

The Ranjit Section secured the first place both in Juniors and Seniors. Among the Juniors Cadet Satendra Singh (Ranjit) was placed first and Cadet B.K. Sinha (Chandragupta) and D.K. Gupta (Ranjit) were bracketted for the second place. Among the Seniors Cadet S.K. Dixit (Ranjit) secured the first place and Cadet Indrapal Singh (Ranjit) second.

At the close of the contest Prof. G.P. Shukla said that the standard of the declamation was definitely high. He expressed his sense of satisfaction at the overall performance of the Cadets and gave them many valuable suggestions for still better results. He elucidated the qualities of a good speaker and advised cadets to cultivate in themselves the art of oratory. He threw light on the pitfalls of cramming and suggested ways for better delivery. He said that the topics chosen for the contest were good and in tune with the times and hence opened up vast scope for thought and expression. In short, Prof. Shukla discussed the ways and means to make a speech effective and forceful.

The trophy was given away by Shrimati S.P. Sharma to the Ranjit Section. The Trophy was donated by her.

PLACING

Ranjit Section	418 points	First
Pratap Section	343	Second
Chandragupta Section	331	Third

Sportsfolio

Inter Section Athletic Meet

The Inter-Section Athletic Meet was held on 30th Oct. on the College ground. Major General Hiralal Atal—the first passing out Cadet and Cadet Captain of the R.I.M.C.—presided over the Meet and gave away the prizes. Maj. Gen. Atal donated a trophy to the College. The trophy was given away by him to Cadet H. S. Vaid (R) for being the best Athlete. Among the guests were Maj. Gen. A. A. Rudra and Maj. Gen. Sheo Dutt Singh.

The Chief Guest Maj. Gen. Atal, accompanied by Mrs. Atal, had lunch with the members of the Staff at the Principal's residence.

In his presidential address, he appreciated the commendable performance of the cadets in various events.

Inter Section Athletic Competition Results

Under 12½ Yrs

100 Metres	K. Ghoshal (S) 1st
" "	Harmit Singh (C) 2nd
200 Metres	K. Ghoshal (S) 1st
" "	Harmit Singh (C) 2nd
4×100 Metres	P.P. Roy (R) 1st
" Relay	Hari Mohan (R) 2nd
" "	K.S. Makin (R) 3rd
" "	N. Ghosh (R) 4th
Long Jump	K.G. Bewoor (S) 1st
" "	Harmit Singh (C) 2nd

Under 14 Yrs

100 Metres	S.C. Verma (R) 1st
" "	L.T. Singh (S) 2nd
200 Metres	S.C. Verma (R) 1st
" "	L.T. Singh (S) 2nd
400 Metres	S.C. Verma (R) 1st
" "	A.K. Sinha (C) 2nd
4×100 Relay	D.B. Shivane (S) 1st
" "	B.N. Mazumdar (S) 2nd
" "	R.K. Manucha (S) 3rd
" "	L.T. Singh (S) 4th
100 Metres	Vinay Sagar (R) 1st
Hurdles	S. Ramtri (C) 2nd
Long Jump	P.S. Negi (R) 1st
" "	D.B. Shivane (S) 2nd
High Jump	Harmit Singh (C) 1st
" "	A.K. Nayak (C) 2nd

Open

100 Metres	J.B. Singh (S) 1st
" "	H.S. Vaid (R) 2nd
200 Metres	H.S. Vaid (R) 1st
" "	J.S. Sidhu (C) 2nd
400 Metres	R.L. Tyagi (S) 1st
" "	S. Mukerjee (R) 2nd
800 Metres	M.S. Malik (S) 1st
" "	R.L. Tyagi (S) 2nd
1500 Metres	M.S. Malik (S) 1st
" "	A.K. Sharma (R) 2nd
3000 Metres	M.S. Malik (S) 1st
" "	A.K. Sharma (R) 2nd

100 Metres	D.S. Chauhan (R) 1st
" Hurdles	S.R. Banerjee (S) 2nd
4×100 Relay	H.S. Vaid (R) 1st
" "	Parkash Singh (R) 2nd
" "	S.S. Gil (R) 3rd
" "	A.K. Das II (R) 4th
High Jump	Jasbir Singh (R) 1st
" "	D.S. Grewal (R) 2nd
Long Jump	R. Datta (P) 1st
" "	R.L. Tyagi (S) 2nd
Hop Step & Jump	J.S. Sidhu (C) 1st
	C.P. Chowdry (R) 2nd
Javelin	W.M. Singh (C) 1st
" "	D.S. Grewal (R) 2nd
Shot Put	S.S. Butalia (S) 1st
" "	A.K. Bhalla (R) 2nd
Discus	Prakash Singh (R) 1st
" "	S.S. Butalia (S) 2nd

Results

	<i>Section</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Position</i>
1.	Shivaji	161	First
2.	Ranjit	158	Second
3.	Chandragupta	101	Third
4.	Pratap	54	Fourth

Best Athlete—H.S. Vaid (R)

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CRICKET FIXTURES

RIMC vs D.A.V. College—31st Oct.

A late declaration by D.A.V. College deprived them of any chance of victory. Batting on after lunch, they left the RIMC side one hour and forty minutes to reach their total of 168 for 7 declared. R. Pal scored his half-century and he was backed up by A.V. Singh who scored 40. None of the RIMC bowlers managed to get on top of the batting but A. Malhotra took 3 useful wickets in capturing 3 for 27. The D.A.V. opening bowlers started off in a hostile way. Krishnan, after being at the crease for five minutes was retired hurt, having received a nasty blow in the midriff. From this point on, the game gradually fizzled out. V. Haribabu played sensibly before being bowled for 29, and at 70 for 4, time was up. An interesting practice, but hardly a game.

RIMC vs Aryan Club.—7th November,

For those who had watched the previous match against the D.A.V. College, the standard of the College bowlers seemed to be entirely different. Prakash Singh, bowling from the top end,

produced some brilliant, yes brilliant bowling, beating the bat nine times out of ten. With better slip fielders he would surely have taken more than the meagre 2 for 12 which was his share. Dawar bowled cunningly to capture 6 wickets for 20 runs and the Aryans fell for 64. The RIMC openers S. Bhadra and V. Haribabu punished the loose bowling of the Aryan opening bowlers and this was followed by a steady knock by Malick for 10 runs. However, after this Yash got completely on top of the rest of the batsmen, and the college slumped to fifty two all out. As somebody said afterwards, "Win or lose, we always have a close game." But need it have been like this?

Science Corner

When houses float in the air

Most people probably think of a mirage as something that appears only in the burning, empty desert—a tantalising picture of something that is not really there, but that deludes thirsty travellers into believing that they are getting near to a lovely lake of clear water.

Of course, there are such mirages or illusions caused by the intense heat to the ground, acting in a special way, on the air above it. Mirages, however, are far from being confined to deserts and they can be caused by extremely cold as well as hot climatic conditions. All the imaginary images that we call mirages are caused by what we call refraction, that is, an alteration in the direction of light. A very simple example of this is: when we stand a spoon in a glass of water, it appears (but only appears) to be bent just at the point it enters the water.

Another kind of mirage may be seen over the sea and especially in the cold Arctic regions. It is liable to appear when the surface of the sea is a good deal colder than the general mass of the atmosphere above it, so that the sea cools the lower levels of the air.

Sea-mirages are far from being limited to the Arctic and some of them are very beautiful. A very famous one has often been seen in the island of Sicily. What appear to be real houses, palaces, trees and even human beings are seen sometimes in the air and sometimes on the surface of the water. This illusion has become known as the *Fata Morgana* because people used to believe that it was caused by a fairy of that time.

These mirages not only seem to bring distant objects nearer by their curious effect of reflection, but they sometimes make the objects appear more wonderful than they actually are. The mirage-image of a distant cottage may look like a splendid castle, floating in the air when the freak light waves have done with it.

—Jasbir Singh,
Class IV.

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When is a person dead?

In death the brain ceases to function before the heart, which may go on beating, particularly if aided, for sometime after. New techniques of resuscitation in cases of drowning, asphyxia and operations on the heart pose a problem because although the brain may have been deprived of oxygen for so long that its survival is impossible, the heart continues to beat. The heart lung machine can prolong the life of the heart for days even when the brain is dead.

What if the patient's relatives insist that he is not dead because the heart is still beating? Would a coroner ever ask why the heart was allowed to stop?

G.S.

AN OBITUARY

The RIMC feels deeply grieved at the irreparable loss of Lt. P.K. Singh, an ex-cadet, who laid down his life cheerfully in defence of the motherland.

We offer heartfelt condolences to all those who are left behind to mourn his heroic death.

We pray to God to bless the departed soul with eternal peace and rest in the heavenly abode. May his noble sacrifice inspire in us the sense of duty and dedication.

We feel deeply grieved at Major G.C. Verma's heroic death. We are proud that he laid down his life fighting in defence of the motherland.

Major Varma studied at this College from 1951 to 1955. We pray God to grant peace to the departed soul.



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VISIT

Tuesday, Nov. 30. Maj. Gen. Gobinder Singh, GOC, U.P. Area paid a visit to the College. He was pleased with the standards of the college.

COLLEGE NEWS

N.D.A. Results (35th Course)

It is a matter of great satisfaction that, in keeping with the traditions of the college, our cadets have once again topped the All India Merit List for admission to the 35th Course of the National Defence Academy. This bears testimony to the sound academic and co-curricular standards maintained at the college.

We congratulate the following cadets on their well-merited success and wish them all the best. We hope that they will keep up the reputation of their Alma Mater at the N.D.A. by striving for better achievements.

1. Cadet NCO S. Mukherjee (Ranjit)
—First in Army/Navy/Air Force.
2. Cadet Captain M. Sujit (Pratap)
—Second in Army/Navy/Air Force.
3. Cadet R. Talwar (Pratap)—Sixth in Air Force and Ninth in Army/Navy.

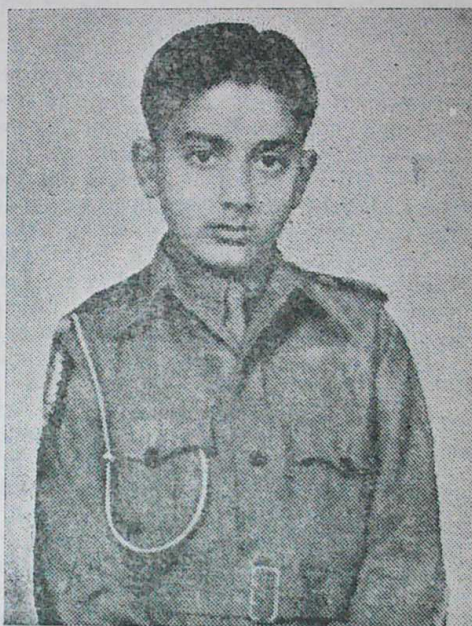
OUTSTANDING PRIZE WINNERS OF THE YEAR 1965.

Awards for the First Term

1. President's Gold Medal—GC Gautam Dutt (Pratap)
2. Upendra Nath Jha Memorial Gold Medal—GC J. S. Oberoi
(Chandragupta)
3. Col. Houghton's Silver Medal—Cadet A. K. Chawla (Pratap)

Awards for the Second Term

1. President's Gold Medal—Cadet Captain M. Sujit (Pratap)
2. U. N. Jha Memorial Gold Medal—Cadet NCO S. Mukerjee (Ranjit)
3. Col. Houghton's Silver Medal—Cadet R. Talwar (Pratap)

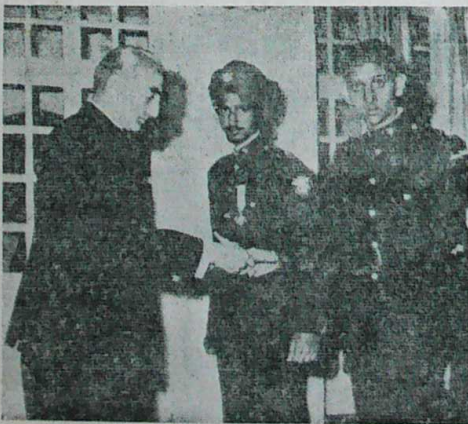


Ex-cadet (Late) Upendra Nath Jha, in whose Memory the U.N. Jha Memorial Gold Medal has been instituted.

UPENDRA NATH JHA GOLD MEDAL

The second award of the Upendra N. Jha Memorial Gold Medal was made by Brig. Gambhir Singh, Surveyor Gen. of India, on 9th December 1965 at the End of Term function to G.C. J.S. Oberoi, Chandragupta Sec., who had topped the All India Merit List for entry into the 34th N.D.A. Course. The Upendra N. Jha Gold Medal was instituted on donation of Rs. 10,000/- made by Shri B.N. Jha, I.C.S., Chairman, U.P.S.C., in loving memory of his son Upendra Nath Jha who was a Cadet at the R.I.M.C. from July 1947 to August 1951. The Defence Ministry accepted the proposal to make the award of a Gold Medal to the best Cadet of the R.I.M.C. joining the N.D.A. from January 1965 onwards.

The records at the R.I.M.C. show that Cadet Upendra Jha was a brilliant student and a fine sportsman. He represented his Section in Hockey, Cricket and Football creditably and won the Section colours in Boxing for his excellent performances in the Inter-Section Tournaments. Cadet Upendra Jha's brilliant career at the R.I.M.C. culminated in his topping the All India Merit List of the Cadets who joined and completed the 6th J.S.W. Course, now the National Defence Academy. In Services Selection Board, he established a record which remained unbeaten for ten years by any R.I.M.C. Cadet. At the Joint Services Wing G.C. Upendra Nath Jha marched on with his triumphant career and was given the honour of commanding a Squadron at the passing-out parade for his course at the J.S.W. During the break, before joining the I.M.A. he fell seriously ill, yet he joined the Academy after a term's leave. After a heroic struggle against a fell disease Cadet Upendra Jha passed away in January 1956 leaving behind his father, mother, sister and numerous friends and relatives desolate and lamenting the departed soul. Sad to say, in 1963 in August the grief stricken mother also left to join her son in his heavenly abode, leaving behind her desire with her husband Shri B.N. Jha to have a suitable memorial for their son Cadet Upendra Jha. Shri B.N. Jha has fulfilled this desire of hers by instituting the Upendra Jha Memorial Gold Medal, awarded on 9th December. The Medal for the Second term, 1965 was awarded to Cadet S. Mukerjee (Ranjit).



G.C. J. S. Oberoi (Chandragupta) received the Upendra Nath Jha Gold Medal from Brigadier Gambhir Singh for standing first in the All India Merit List, 34th N.D.A. Course.

G.C. Gautam Dutt (Pratap) recipient of the President's Gold Medal is seen standing.

COLLEGE NEWS

We congratulate Mr. R.C. Singhal, Head of the Academics, on bringing out a book 'Core Mathematics' (Algebra and Geometry) in collaboration with Mr. Din Dayal, Ex-Principal of this College (now Principal, Delhi Public School, New Delhi) and Mr. R.S. Lugani, Principal, Central School, Jullunder.

The book has been published by Macmillan & Co. and is intended for standards VII and VIII of the Public and Indian Higher Secondary Schools. The book has been written on the latest pattern and its approach to the subject is remarkably novel and absorbing.

We hope the book will receive all encouragement that it deserves.

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The Inter-Section Championship Cup for the year 1965 has been annexed by the Shivaji Section. We congratulate Mr. R. C. Sharma as well as his Section Tutors on having led his Section to victory.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. I. J.S. Ahluwalia on his marriage with Kuldeep Kaur, B.A. at Patiala.

RIMCOLLIANA

At the passing-out parade at the Indian Military Academy on 24th December, our Ex-Cadet R.K. Manchanda was decorated with the Gold Medal for standing first in order of merit. Manchanda had also won the President's Gold Medal for being the best all-round cadet at the R.I.M. College in December 1961.

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Our Ex-Cadet A.A. Sinha received the Chief of the Army Staff's Banner for leading his company to championship at the passing-out parade.

The salute at the passing-out parade was taken by Defence Minister Y.B. Chavan.

THE END-OF-TERM FUNCTION

On 9th December, 1965 we celebrated the End-of-Term Function with glowing enthusiasm and customary grandeur. We are grateful to Brig. Gambhir Singh, Surveyor General of India, and a distinguished Rimcollian for gracing the occasion by his presence as the chief guest and giving away the prizes.

The function was characterized by a successful organization of an exhibition by various hobbies and clubs, English

and Hindi plays and a programme of Variety Entertainment.

Earlier in the day, Mr. J.A.K. Martyn, Headmaster, Doon School and a friend of the College, was our Chief Guest at the out-going Cadets' luncheon at the Principal's residence. The lunch was attended, among, others by Brigadier N. L. Kapoor, Deputy Commandant, I.M.A., Shrimati and Shri B. D. Sanwai, Commissioner Meerut Division, Colonel N. Ghosh, Commandant XI G.R.C., members of the teaching staff, their wives and the passing-out cadets.

After lunch, the distinguished guests were taken round the Education Block to see the exhibition organized by various hobby clubs. The tastefully decorated corridors, galleries and halls of the exhibition were humming with activity. We congratulate the Masters in-charge and cadets of various clubs on putting up on the occasion a very good show which drew the admiration of all who went round to see how the creative urge and aesthetic sensibilities of the youngsters could be channelized into worthwhile pursuits of life.

Later, in the afternoon, the guests were led to the Convocation Hall, where the Principal Mr. S. P. Sharma gave a short and illuminating introduction to the work and achievements of Mr. J. A. K. Martyn, the Chief Guest. Mr. Martyn gave away the academic prizes to the meritorious cadets. At the end of the prize distribution, Mr. R. C. Singhal, the Head of Academics, thanked Mr. Martyn for kindly giving away the prizes.

In the evening the highlights of the function were English and Hindi plays and a Variety Entertainment Programme which preceded the Principal's annual report and the prize distribution. In his speech the Principal gave a brief history of the college, its growth and achievements. He shed light on the work, progress and outcome of the term 1965 and congratulated the members of the Staff and all concerned on their willing co-operation and zealous work. He congratulated the winners of various prizes and awards and exhorted them to go ahead on the path of progress. The text of the Principal's speech will appear in the College Magazine.

There was a break after the English play and in it the guests were served coffee. Besides Brigadier and Mrs. Gambhir Singh, the following were present at the evening function :—

Maj. Gen. A. A. Rudra, Maj. Gen. Zorawar Singh, Commandant, I.M.A.,

Brig. N.L. Kapoor, Deputy Commandant, I.M.A., District Magistrate and Mrs. Mahesh Prasad, Col. Raghavan, Offg. Commander, Dehra Dun Sub-Area, Col. K.S. Thapa, Mr. M. C. Sharma, Supdt. of Police, Dehra Dun, Kunwar Brij Bhushan, Chairman, Municipal Board, Dehra Dun, Gentlemen Cadets from the I.M.A., the Prize-winning Cadets from the N.D.A., members of the Staff and cadets.

Brigadier Gambhir Singh gave away the prizes which, among others, comprised President's Gold Medal, Upendra Nath Jha Memorial Gold Medal, Col. Haughton's Silver Medal, Championship Cup, various Shields and Proficiency Cups.

The function ended with a 'golden-night' dinner.

Sportsfolio

Result of Inter-Section P.T. Competition

Section	Seniors	Juniors	Total	Position
Pratap	530.25	386.75	917.00	First
Ranjit	517.00	371.75	888.75	Second
Shivaji	476.75	388.25	865.00	Third
Chandragupta	490.00	352.25	842.25	Fourth

Leaders (Seniors)

Cadet S. C. Sharma (P)	18.5	points
Cadet J. S. Sidhu (C)	17.00	"

Leaders (Juniors)

Cadet S. M. Garg (S)	20.75	points
Cadet S. S. Gill (R)	20.5	"

District Athletic Meet 1965

The creditable performance put up by the following cadets of our College at the District Athletic Meet at the Doon School deserves admiration. Our College won the 'A' Section Cup and 18 Certificates of Merit. We congratulate our athletes and hope that they would continue their efforts for better results.

Cadets K. K. Ghosal, Harmit Singh, D. B. Shivane and S. C. Varma.

Results of Inter-Section Rifle Shooting and Squash Competitions held on 8th December, 1965.

Rifle Shooting

Chandragupta	Section 130	points	First
Shivaji	Section 103	"	Second
Pratap	Section 85	"	Third
Ranjit	Section 81	"	Fourth

Squash

Shivaji	Section 6	points	First
Ranjit	Section 4	"	Second
Pratap	Section		

and Chandragupta Section } 2., each Third

Results of Inter-Section Competitions, 1965

Col. Choudhary's Boxing Cup	... Shivaji Sec.
Cricket	... Shivaji Sec.
Squad Drill	... Ranjit Sec.
Basket Ball	... Ranjit Sec.
Hockey	... Shivaji Sec.
Swimming	... Shivaji Sec.
Football	... Ranjit Sec.
Athletics	... Shivaji Sec.
Vice Admiral Katari's Cross-Country Shield	... Shivaji Sec.
P.T.	... Pratap Sec.
General Thorat's Rifle Shooting Shield	... Chandragupta Sec.
Squash	... Shivaji Sec.
Education	... Pratap Sec.
Co-Curricular Activities (Gen. Thimayya Shield)	... Ranjit Sec.
Championship Cup	... Shivaji Sec.

Proficiency Cups

Cricket	... Sec. Com.	Prakash Singh (R)
"	"	V. Haribabu (C)
Hockey	"	Prakash Singh (R)
"	"	J. S. Malhotra (S)
Football	"	Prakash Singh (R)
"	"	S. Mukerjee (R)
Best Sportsman of the year	"	Prakash Singh (R)

Positions for championship

Shivaji Section	107 points	First
Pratap Section	89	" Second
Ranjit Section	84	" Third
Chandragupta Section	68	" Fourth

'THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE'

G.B. Shaw's comedy 'The Devil's Disciple' was successfully staged by our cadets at the evening programme of the End of Term function. The play, in which the author has mercilessly caricatured the Puritans' conventionalism and lack of positive natural religion, presents a set of contrasts. The hero, Dudgeon, a man of instinctive morality and one who sees beyond the gaze of ordinary things, is not only looked down upon as an outcast by the people around him but also accused of devilry, but his one act of self-sacrifice is regarded by all as a noble deed, while to him it embodies a sinner's will.

During the American Independence War, British forces under Gen. Burgoyne have just taken over a small town in New England and are about to make an

example of the local priest by hanging him. Unfortunately, they get the wrong man in the shape of Richard Dudgeon, the devil's disciple, who is ready to sacrifice his own worthless self for Pastor Anderson—a last attempt to make good a life unacceptable to the bourgeois townsmen. His own resolution to die, the attempts by the pastor's wife Judith to stop him and his eventual reprieve form the theme of the play.

A fascinating introduction to the play in the candle light preceded the actual performance which was really striking in its effect. It was a treat to watch almost all the dramatis personae playing their roles with profound absorption and genuine feeling. Cadet S.R. Gokhale played a very convincing Judith, Cadet S. Mukherjee, with all his ability and articulation, coped with the changing feelings of Richard and gave an adequate exposition of his role. Cadet M. Sujit tended to steal the show, as perhaps he did, in the role of General Burgoyne. Cadet R. Talwar, brought in the last moment, succeeded in carrying his part under difficult circumstances. Cadets L.M. Krishnan, L.K. Bhatia and S.M. Garg supported excellently and Cadet J.P. Mondle, as Anderson, completed a successful denouement. A difficult play done very competently.

The credit for such an spectacular performance goes to Mr. H.S.K. Wilson and Mr. J. Dunwell and we congratulate them on their able guidance and admirable direction.

'UNDER SECRETARY'

The Hindi play 'Under Secretary' is a 'drama within drama' in which all the characters try to show what they are not and not to show what they are. The play starts with the hectic arrangements made by Mrs. Pushpa (Cadet S.K. Dixit) to furnish her house with all the borrowed articles that seemingly give it a look of opulence and prevails upon her husband Mr. Bhatnagar—a clerk—to take upon himself the dignified role of an Under Secretary with a view to throwing dust into the eyes of her friend Saroj who is shortly expected to visit her. But the guests are no less imposters. Mrs. Saroj (Cadet P.C. Singh) accompanied by her husband, a cloth merchant with an assumed air of a Dy. Director, arrives. The poor clerk, finding himself incapable of posing himself as Under-Secretary, prefers to enact as a servant after his friend Kishore has promised to play his role.

The entire plot explodes when, in a fit of excitement, the so-called servant

Mr. Bhatnagar declares himself to be the real owner of the house. And lo! the whole truth comes to light. The Deputy Director happens to be his old friend.

Now both the friends contrive situations to reveal their identity in the presence of their wives in order to teach them a lesson. The sudden revelation of their pitiable lot makes their wives dumbfounded and they faint.

The play was marked by superb action, striking denouement and abiding impact. The female roles—Mrs. Pushpa (Cadet S.K. Dixit) and Mrs. Saroj (Cadet P.C. Singh) were really excellent. The roles of the Under Secretary Mr. Bhatnagar (Cadet M.S. Mullick), the Deputy Director (Cadet Prakash Singh), Kishore (Cadet I.P. Singh) and the servant (Cadet B.K. Sinha) were no less admirable. The play drew warm appreciation and applause from all corners of the largely-attended hall.

The play owes its remarkable success to the able guidance and competent direction of Mr. G.S. Bisht, who was also the overall in-charge of the evening entertainment programme, Mr. K. Kumar and Mr. H.D. Puri who extended their valuable contribution to the play.

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME

The Music Club afforded delightful items of variety entertainment including orchestra, tunes on instruments and songs in coordination with the English and Hindi plays at the End of Term Function. The performances of Cadets S. Bhadra (Instrumental) and P. Kochhar (Vocal) were much appreciated.

We congratulate Mr. Gurbachan Master in-charge of the club on a successful organization of the programme.

PRIZES

The following cadets were awarded Proficiency Prizes at the End of Term Function held on 9th December, 1965:—

English	... R.K. Singh (I), A.K. Das III (I-A), A.K. Naik (II), Satendra Singh (II-A), P.V. John, P.P. Agarwal (III & III-A), R. Pillai, A.S. Kajla (Diploma), S.C. Sharma (V & VI).
Mathematics	... B.D. Sinha (I), R. Yesunathasen (I-A), D.C. Kumarya (II), P.P. Roy (II-A), M.C. Pradhan, S.K. Jaiswal (III & III-A), J.S. Sidhu, S. Bhadra (Diploma), R. Mahaveera (V & VI).
History	... C.S. Rathore (I), R. Choudhary (I-A), N. Arun Kumar (II), W.M. Singh (II-A), A.K. Tiwari, Y. Singh (III & III-A), V.K. Sinha, D.K. Das (Diploma).
Geography	... Ashoke Dhar (I), A.K. Gupta (I-A), R.K. Manucha (II), L.J. Singh (II-A), M.S. Mullick, D.B. Shivane (III & III-A), J. Tiwari, C.S. Lehl (Diploma).
Science	... C. Arvind (I), A. Chatterjee (I-A), S. Krishan Singh (II), P.K. Gongoli (II-A), D. Saha, G.S. Salklan (III & III-A), Anil Bhalla, K. Ashokraj (Diploma).
Lower Hindi	... Virendra Pal (I & I-A), P.S. Gurung (II & II-A), P.S. Malhotra (III & III-A), P. Majumdar (Diploma).
Higher Hindi	... Suman Misra (I & I-A), B.K. Sinha (II & II-A), A.K. Kapur, Deepak Sud (III & III-A), P.C. Singh, Madhu Kumar (Diploma)
Art	... L.T. Singh, A.K. Singh (I & I-A), J.P. Mondle, S.S. Singh (II & II-A), Mohn John, S.R. Banerjee (III & III-A).
C.A.	... Munu Datt (IV A) and R. Nautiyal (III A).

Hobby Prizes

Debating (English)	... M. Sujit and P.V. John.
Debating (Hindi)	.. S.K. Dixit and I.P. Singh.
Meccano	... Deepak Sud.
Art	... M.C. Pradhan.
Craft	... J.P. Mondle.
Dramatics (English)	M. Sujit, S. Mukerjee, S.R. Gokhale.

Dramatics (Hindi)	.... S.K. Dixit, M.S. Mullick, Prakash Singh
Nature Study	.... P.K. Gongoli.
Stamp Collecting	.... R.S. Uppal.
C.A. Gallery	... A.S. Kajla.
Rifle Club	... R. Talwar.
Music Club	... Ashoke Dhar.
Aero Modelling	.... R. Dutta.
Photography	.... A.K. Mamgain.
Young Newtons	... R.S. Gill.
Alchemist	.... S. Mukerjee.

General Proficiency

B.D. Sinha (I), A.K. Das III (I-A),
D.C. Kumarya (II), Satendra Singh
(II-A), S.K. Jaiswal (III & III-A),
Anil Bhalla (Diploma), R. Mahaveera
(V & VI):

Science Corner**A POCKET ELECTRIC STATION**

Radioactive isotopes enable us to obtain electrical energy from the energy of radioactive radiation directly. Tiny atomic electric batteries have been constructed.

A thin layer of some radioactive substance, say an isotope of strontium, Strontium-90, is deposited on a semi-conductor wafer which, after special treatment, conducts current only in one direction. This isotope is a nuclear reactor "by-product" and gives a stream of beta particles without producing the harmful gamma radiation.

The fast electrons emerging from the radioactive substance dislodge large numbers of new electrons in the semi conductor. This produces a flow of electrons in one direction, or, in other words, an electric current. True, this current is very small, but the atomic cells can be combined into a battery to produce a strong enough current to feed radio sets, telephones and the like.

Atomic cells are very small, light and durable. Atomic electric batteries can operate without being recharged for decades.

—G.S.

Standing On An Autobahn Between Hamburg And Nowhere

Cars, streams of them. Opulent mercedes, cosy little Volkswagens, grumbling trucks and smoky lorries. Purring, burring, growling and howling, dust and oily fumes scattering before and after, they eat up to the road as they force down the miles between here and somewhere. And I am left standing. Three hours of hope, renewed every second and smashed in the same—three hours of hope is torture. I lift a hand, weary from countless refusals and again the cold stare of a stone-faced businessman freezes it in mid air and it droops once more at my side. They say that compassion is found in the coldest hearts but my weariness is witness to the opposite. The noon-day sun glares oppressively; the shimmering road slowly roasts my tired feet, and my mouth feels old, dried by dust and heat. A staring farmer plods by, bent and wrinkled, bound for home and rest. A millionth hope rises in my breast as a middle-aged family man and his stout wife drive up. I thumb. They look—he attempts a weak smile, whose awkwardness he realises immediately and in embarrassed confusion accelerates away. And I am left standing. Smothered and choked, faint and footsore, I turn back. The body walks on as the mind slowly detaches itself and slips into a gulf of nothingness, killed by sustained hope.

—Jack Dunwell.

OBITUARY

The Rashtriya Indian Military College feels deeply shocked at the sudden demise of Gen. K.S. Thimayya, former Chief of the Army Staff and at present Indian Commander of the United Nations' Forces in Cyprus. Gen. Thimayya was the most illustrious Ex-cadet of the College. He joined the College in 1922 when he was barely 16 and studied here up to 1924. During his stay here he distinguished himself as the most promising cadet in the classroom as well as on the playground and his reputation as one of the best Generals of the world bears ample testimony to his brilliant career.

We offer our sincere condolences to the family in this hour of bereavement and pray that his noble soul may rest in eternal peace in the heavenly abode.