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THE INSIDE STORY from PETER PHILLIPS
& CHRISTOPHER JORGENSEN

BAMPTON OVERRUN

DURING THE LAST WEEK A GROUP OF YOUNG TEENAGES HAVE BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH A VIDEO RECORDER BROUGHT BY BRIAN WINSTON FROM THE NATIONAL FILM SCHOOL AT BEACONSFIELD. HE GAVE US THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF USING THE EQUIPMENT AND LET US GET ON WITH IT.

First of all everyone was given a chance to get the feel of it, and this produced some very interesting pictures of roads and feet and even skylines due to the unsteadiness of peoples' hands and their inexperience. After getting over the thrill and excitement of having it we began to take serious shots and experiment with the various buttons. We discovered how to make people and objects just disappear, and we began to use the zoom lens more effectively. This was just the beginning.

On the second day we moved out, equipment and all, into Lavender Square in Bampton, and proceeded to not only interview people but also bring out their expressions and habits such as scratching their heads, tapping feet or expressing things with their hands. We also managed to record a variety of

voices and sayings from innocent pedestrians and here are some examples:

'Yer not taking a picture of me'-
a passing cyclist

'You crafty devils'-
a passing car

'Ooo, look! I'm on telly'-
a camera smasher

'Sorry, can't stop. I've got to find some football pitches'-

a refugee from Montreal

This may seem quite fun, but we can assure you that everyone had to work extremely hard to move and pack away the equipment after each shot. We also took a variety of shots inside the house and in the garden, but we soon discovered that producing a film or videotape can cause problems, as we exper-

VOLUNTEERS COPE!

Matthew Phillips
& Alex Jorgensen

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FIRES

FIRE

The fireman is very busy, he has to be ready for many things, at many times. The Firemen have a practising tower behind the station, because they need a lot of practise. The Firemen clean the fire-engine regularly, and does the same in petrol wise, in case of a breakdown.

The fireman used to be nervous, when the siren went off, but he is not now. The most fires Bampton fire-brigade have put out this year has been this month. The fireman who we talked to Sub-Officer Beckley joined because of community services and it did good. There are twelve men all together at Bampton fire-brigade. The firemen have dealt with fifty fires this summer. There have not been any major fires this summer when people have been killed lately. They have drills every Tuesday and they clean the engine once a week, and after fires. The fireman who I talked to started when he was twenty-three.

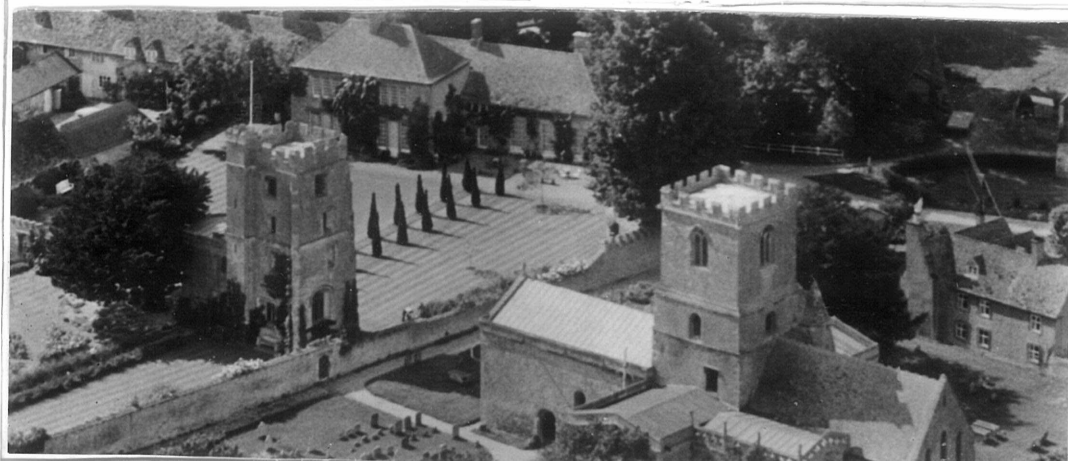
The fire-engine has a water tank which carries in the region of a hundred and ten gallons. In the old days they used to have half a ton of water.

The fire-engines are allowed to cross red lights and it will not be against the law, but if they crash into a car it will be against the law.

The Bampton fire brigade has to get to the fire in at least twenty minutes. The man who we talked to was called Sub-officer Beckley he was very nice about it and very helpful.

TOWER

STANTON HARCOURT FROM NEWTON



by Tim Manly & Charles Garnett

About 576 years ago in the 14th. Century a tower was built. It is famous because in 1718 Alexander Pope finished translating the fifth Iliad by Homer in this very tower. He wrote it in his study. The tower was built long after the manor which was owned by the Harcourts from the 12th. to the 18th. Centuries then it was lost and they went to Nuneham but William Harcourt returned once more to the Harcourt estate in 1903 where he is still Lord Harcourt.

The tower has three stories, one room to each. In one of these rooms Alexander Pope made his study where he translated the 5th. Iliad. The tower is flat topped with a flagstaff on a small roof of about 18 sq. ft. When Lord Harcourt is at home they have the Harcourt flag flying.

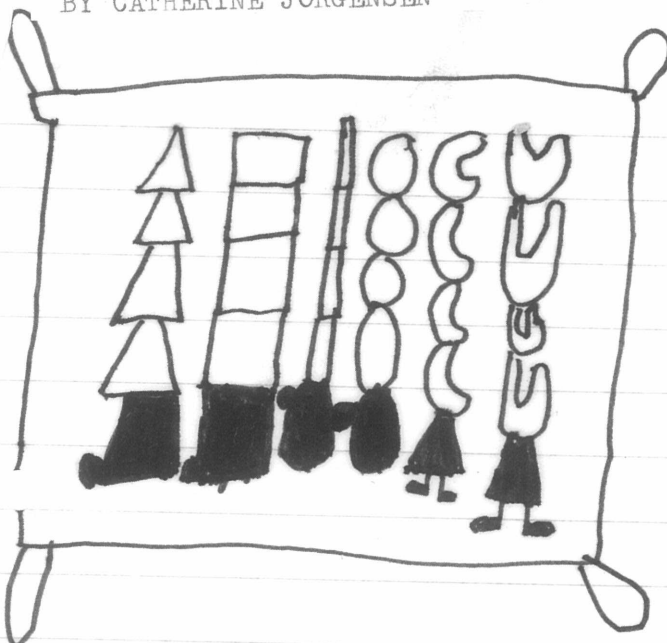
Another place of interest is the Manor, the residence of Lord Harcourt. This is extremely old and extremely large. With the Manor are the gardens which are very magnificent. Also connected to the Manor is the Kitchen, a round tower with a conical top. This is also very old.

Stanton Harcourt is a very good place.

HELP!

A WARNING

BY CATHERINE JORGENSEN



one day a little girl went into the wood and she was eaten by a big bear

HELP



With this Olympics in mind it might be worth taking a look at Britain's medal prospects in the Olympics in Moscow; this is, of course, providing they haven't been stopped completely in the light of the present political happenings, which have defaced this type of competition throughout the world.

I will first look at Britain's future track and field.

There are few British men sprinters who have been able to reach the dizzy heights of the 100 and 200 m. finals, and few ever will. But the women sprinters have shown themselves much better in the appearances of Andrea Lynch and Sonia Lannaman, whose disappointing injury crushed her hopes of winning a medal in the 100 m. in Montreal. Men show better in the 400 m., where David Jenkins is the A.A.U. champion, and is in with a great chance of a medal in four years' time, though ageing. Alan Pascoe, over hurdles, is also a bright hope, providing he is not dogged by injury as he was at the Olympics. Steve Ovett has a bright future in the 800 m. event; as the youngest member of the final he missed a medal by two places this year and seems a very good bet for a medal in Moscow. Brenda Foster, Tony Simmonds, Chris Black, Ian Stewart and Bernie Ford are all men who have chances of medals or good positions at least in the 5,000 and 10,000 metres at Moscow. Ian Thompson and Geoff Capare are two people who lost their chances of a medal but still are in with better hopes for Moscow in 1980.

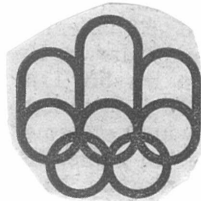
To look at other events, Boxing might play a great part in getting Britain medals, as it did four years ago, with Colin Jones, Pat Cowdell and such boxers still being young enough to fight in Moscow. Judo also might show. With a bronze medal from David Starbrook, who is now retiring, prospects seem good. Also weightlifting with Precious Mackenzie, who lost chances of a medal with a sprained wrist at Montreal, at light flyweight shows good promise. Rowing and yachting with Rodney Paterson, Reg White from the latter and Chris Balieu and Michael Hart from the former have already shown the world their ability to win medals. A surprising medal was got by our Modern Pentathlon team under Jim Fox, now retiring, a team which will probably be led by Adrian Parker at Moscow, who showed outstanding ability on the cross-country course.

Our outstanding event in the whole Olympics in past years seems to be the equestrian part of the Games. In Munich, Britain won the team 3-day event and the individual medal, but haven't approached that in Montreal. Our team includes several outstanding riders who will be fighting for a place throughout the next four years in the equestrian team at Moscow, as every competitor should, even if only to compete, in the true spirit of the Olympic Games.

TOBY PORTER

GONE FOR GOLD

DANIEL PORTER



Gold: our first gold was the pentathlon (modern), which includes show-jumping, running, swimming, shooting and fencing. Only one was awarded for the three athletes who were in the team.

The second was swimming, which was won by Wilkie in the 200 m. breast stroke (he also came second in the 100 m. breast stroke).

And the third one was in the Tornado class sailing. It was won by R. White, who at the end had a race to spare because he was so far ahead that he need not have competed in the final race. Tornados were intro-

duced to the Olympics this year.

Silvers: our first was won by Wilkie, in the 100 m. breast stroke, and on the last length he was gaining on the leader all the time.

Our second was in rowing, by M. Hart and C. Bolieu in the double sculls.

Our third silver was won in the sailing again, in the Flying Dutchman class.

Bronzes: one of the bronzes was won by B. Foster, in spite of having a bad stomach, and another in judo, where at the last Olympics our man got a silver.

CONTEMPLATIONS

The Thinker sits alone,
 Growing more tired as time persists,
 And his strength slowly fails him;
 He shakes his fist
 At Hell, at Evil, at Death;
 For his soul is damned.....
 The Thinker kneels
 Praying more earnestly
 As life is drained from his body;
 He screams;
 For morning, for light, for God;
 For his soul is damned.....

The Thinker slumps,
 Growing older and more bitter
 As his heart is crushed:
 He thinks;
 Of love, of care, of friends,
 But the pain remains,
 For his soul is damned.....
 The light grows dim,
 The sun sinks down,
 And the night turns its eyes on him.
 The Thinker lies and sleeps.
 Perhaps God will have mercy on his soul?
 But the pain remains:
 He awakes suddenly, stirred by the fates,
 Then spits into the depths of emptiness.
 At nothing, at nobody,
 For his soul is damned.....
 But the Thinker cries,
 For himself, unmourned,
 For God, for life:
 He screams
 For sympathy, for the right to live,
 For his soul is damned.....
 His life is empty,
 For his soul is damned.....
 The Thinker shrieks,
 and dies.
 No one hears his cry in the nothingness
 But for Satan,
 Who creeps from Hades to devour his lifeless soul.
 The night draws on
 And dawn shines through,
 And morning lifts the veil of night,
 And the sun shines on an empty stool and bed....
 But nobody mourns for his soul..... Toby Porter

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CRICKET

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Later on in time, the boys start to get cricket fixtures against other villages and towns. They get more the next seas on and then more the next and so on. Now then let me name you some of the local towns and villages, Brize Norton (village not RAF) of which my brother and I play for, Fairford, South Hill and Poulton, these are two very close village and the can only make a team of the right age from both of them, South Cerney, Oaksey, Mister Lovel, and Wotton and many others. Nowadays as well as 11-a-side matches, there is an under 13's competition, where you have 8 boys on each side, as well as this it has different rules. There are also 6-a-side competitions, where each team bats for 5 overs, and every-one on the other side has to bowl an over. Last of all I leave by saying, "If it wasn't for the men, who give up their spare time to coach young boys in this area there wouldn't be any local cricket for boys around this area."

West Oxfordshire Arts Association

West Oxfordshire Writing 1976

Details of this year's competition and entry forms are ready and available from Susan Phillips, Haytor, Lavender Square, Bampton, Oxon. OX8 2JL.

There are poetry and prose classes which will be judged by Shirley Toulson, John Skinner, Gilbert Phelps and Anthony Smith.

The final date for entries is Monday, October 25th. and the prize-giving will be on Friday, December 3rd.

Sunday, July 25th to Saturday, August 7th

Paintings and Drawings by George Cress
 An exhibition of work by Professor Cress of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Gallery hours, Bampton Arts Centre

Tuesday, August 10th - 22nd

Kites and Aerial Sculpture
 An exhibition of work by Kyle Hanton, who is Professor at the School of Art at the Montana State University.
 Private View 6.30-8.00 pm. Sunday, August 8th.

Gallery hours, Bampton Arts Centre

MISS HOBBS

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that she would take up teaching all over again. Before she went to Bampton school she helped at Little Faringdon School. Miss Hobbs taught music to the juniors and needlework to the seniors. She said that the children were the same as today, they were sometimes naughty and sometimes good. The new school was built in 1960 and the school moved in, in the summer Holidays.

Miss Hobbs' Retirement

Wednesday 21st July 1976 was the day when Miss Hobbs was presented with her retirement gift which was a super sewing machine. As it was a such a special occasion Mr. Garne the Chief Education Officer for Oxfordshire came, he presented Miss Hobbs with the sewing machine. Mr. Garne got in a bit of a muddle with the presentation because he did not know whether to present the sewing machine, and then do the speech, or do it the other way round. Miss Hobbs chose the sewing machine because she has got rather an old one which has to be worked by hand and it was her mother's to start with.

FISH

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lake angling club lakes. I then asked him what is the rarest fish around here., he said it was the grayling. He told me a trout and coarse fish licence cost £2.00 if you are over 16, if you are under 16

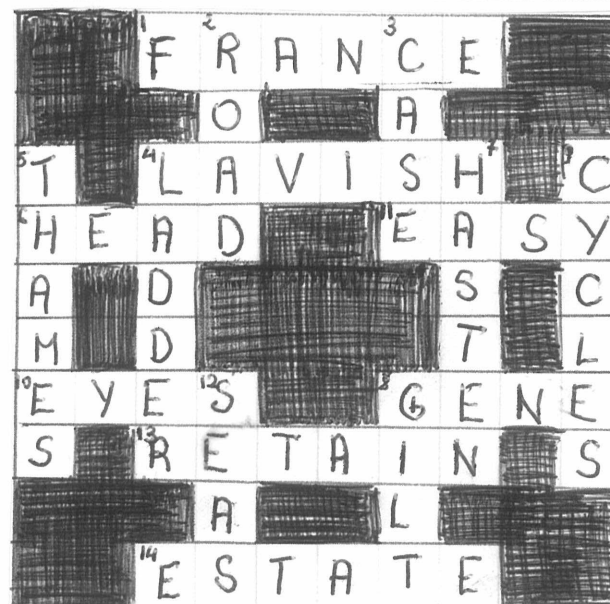
it costs nothing. Finally I asked him what effect the heat had on the fish. "It makes the weeds grow and they take in all the oxygen the fish need and so the fish die.

Gordon MacPherson.

Swimming at Brize Norton.

Caitlin McPherson

I go swimming at Brize Norton. I like it at Brize Norton, it is fun. I also work hard. I went into the deep end and I got a badge because I swam a width. I go swimming but my Daddy is not in the Air Force and other children can go and learn to swim. Our teacher is Mr Beadell.



ANYONE FOR TENNIS

In view of the increasing local interest in tennis, I had an interview with Mrs Mary Tarrell, coach of a local tennis group, and asked her views on tennis locally and in the country as a whole.

Mrs Tarrell thought that if the present keenness of the young players was anything to go by, the future prospects of local tennis should be very rosy in and around Bampton, in coaching and in local tournaments.

She told me that the tennis of the area owed a very great debt to the owners of local courts who make them available for continual play, and with this in view and continuing co-operation from non-playing adults, more tournaments could be organised.

I asked Mrs Tarrell whether locally and nationally she thought that the future of tennis for young people lay with the clubs or with private courts. She answered that for those fortunate to have the use of private courts then with continual practice and circuit training the future prospects of good play should be assured; but with regard to local clubs, far more capital would be needed to increase the numbers of courts to enable young players to have more use of the courts than at present; also, the older club members and players should be prepared to forgo some of their own games and give more time to helping and encouraging the young. Also, clubs should encourage more internal junior tournaments. This country needed much more money spent on the encouragement of sport.

On the subject of the possible boycott by women players of the 1977 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Tournament, Mrs Tarrell said that although she personally was once a member of an organisation known as 'The Women for Westminster', during the war, she had to disagree with equal pay for men and women competitors at Wimbledon, unless the women played the same number of sets as the men.

Toby Porter.

SAILING

When one sees someone sailing a small fourteen foot boat, one does not realise the amount of time and effort put into getting the boat ready to sail. One thinks of how easy it looks to sail, but all the time the person in-charge is looking where the wind is coming from, the course for the boat, and the amount of sail needed and so on.

and various other things, but the hall itself is not properly heated. In the winter gas or electric heaters have to be used to make the place a bit warmer. Also the paint all flakes off. The amount of paint needed and all the other things which need to be done would cost so much money that all the people who use it would have to pay for it themselves.

The old School was built in 1812. If it is decorated it is hoped that it can be used as a community centre or

Sometimes there are numerous moments when the helmsman falls out of the boat when leaning out or going about, and the crew has to take over. When racing or just cruising the wind will change direction and sometimes even rotate through 360 degrees.

When racing it is a contest between the crews in boats and other crews and their boats. The problem with racing is that the helmsman and crew must not argue, and must understand and know the other is thinking of the race and how to handle the problems when they arise.



Often sailing can be a dull sport but other times it can be hair-raising, when two boats are on collision course and the wind is blowing hard, and there are instructions being shouted boat to boat, and the helmsman must know what to do. When there is very little wind, this is when everything goes slowly and sailing becomes dull, and once when I was sailing, there was very little wind, and I proceeded to sail backwards, but without meaning to. At my last sailing club they used to hold a race to see who could sail backwards the fastest!

Tom Edwards

CRICKET

In view of the recent loss of the test series by England under the sheer drive of the Prudential cup winners - the West Indies - it might be worth taking a look at England's past form and future; neither of which, judging by the form of Australia and the West Indies, look very good now.

Our batsmen, who seem to be few, have a future in the form of Peter Willey, Chris Balderstone and the older, more experienced players such as Alan Knott, Tony Greig and the new up-and-coming test all-rounder, Bob Woollmer. Experience plays a great part in this class of cricket, as we saw in the fourth test by the performances of Captain and wicket-keeper which might have saved the series, but the only real batting experience we have is from people like David Steele, now having a bad spell, as with Denis Amis, Mike Denness and Geoff Boycott, who is boycotting selection.

Our bowlers have always looked much better, though they didn't find any headway in the fourth test, and bowlers such as John Snow, Bob Willis, Alan Warde, Chris Old and Mike Hendrick were diminished by the speed and accuracy of the West Indian pace bowlers. However, the England attack classed itself above Pakistan, India and the less-well-known teams like Sri Lanka, and also West Africa, New Zealand and South Africa.

It is well known that our spinners can never find much life in a pitch which has been dried up, as all have in this weather. However, Derek Underwood, who undoubtedly is world class, can bowl out a whole test team in a day on a damp wicket. Tony Greig is less successful, but occasionally takes a large number of catches to make up for lack of wickets in bowling. Catches Alan Knott also takes, our permanent wicket keeper who is second only to Rodney Marsh in good form in the world rankings. Good fielders also we have few, amongst the better ones being Frank Hayes, who will probably lose his place for the fifth test, and Derek Underwood and David Steele, also heading for the same fate.

The prospects of the England team are brighter than one might think, but it seems there is little chance of the fifth test being won to save the honour and pride of the players, selectors and the country.

Toby Porter

LOCAL CRICKET by Thomas Yapp

Local cricket for boys is growing thanks to the effort of some men, who give up their spare time to coach and train young boys who are keen to play.



One of Brize Norton's 6-a-side cricket team.

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maybe something else that would benefit everyone in the village. If all the organisations using the building were to join together to raise money it could be much improved.

Jumble Sales are always a source of easy money and Coffee Mornings appeal to another section of the community. Maybe a Fete should be organised in the Summer or perhaps a sponsored swim or walk. Bottles, clean tins, and newspapers are all of value and saleable if collected in large quantities. Perhaps some of the

other children could arrange for Householders to be given sacks to put these things into, and collections could be made at regular intervals from the houses in Bampton, storing the things in the Old School until enough had been collected to make it worthwhile taking them to a recycling depot.

The building is owned by the County and the youth club need the lease renewing.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO SAVE THIS LARGE AREA OF PUBLICLY OWNED LAND ?

DROUGHT

FIRES ON PAGE ONE MEANS
DROUGHT ON PAGE TWO
RICHARD YAPP Reports:
Research HEATHER MANLY

When we see the fields of golden wheat standing tall and strong we think that whatever the newspapers say, it has been a good year, but the farmers know different.

Around Kencot and Clanfield things aren't going too well.

Farmer Mr. Fred Eustace of Kencot says "It looks good, it looks very good, but when it comes to combining the grain is all shrivelled up and small. The ears are quite large, but they are empty and some of this is due to aphids, as it is so hot it is a good year for aphids and they are really daeling with the crop.

I think it's the heatwave that did it. That fortnight of 90's really was a killer for the crops."

In fact Mr. Eustace said that he had lost 50% of the crop. But he has a good potato crop.

In Clanfield, cattle farmer Mr. Wooliams hasn't done much better.

He has his own well but this year it had to be dug 3ft. deeper otherwise it would have ran dry. This was done by builders who took out 18 barrow-loads of gravel.

He has no grass feed left and has had to start feeding the cattle on hay and already he has had to buy hay (The price of which is rising sharply and you need to buy all your hay now) His hay is meant to last him through to next April.

Although he has only lost 25% of the hay it had to be harvested early

and so he has only 50% of the normal amount of feed.

I asked him whether he had lost anything last year as it was hot then as well, but he said that it was nothing like as bad. Also his potatoes, beans, and carrots are all down by 50%. This is unusual as most farmers have had quite a good potato year.

On the whole around Kencot and Clanfield the harvest has been early, small and very dry. In this area there were about 5 fires in the last week.

In Bampton things don't look much brighter. The harvest is down by approximately 30% and is much the same as around Kencot and Clanfield. The grain is again shrivelled up and small. The ears are blind in some crops. This again caused by the dreaded aphid. On the whole the ears are large, but once again they are mostly empty.

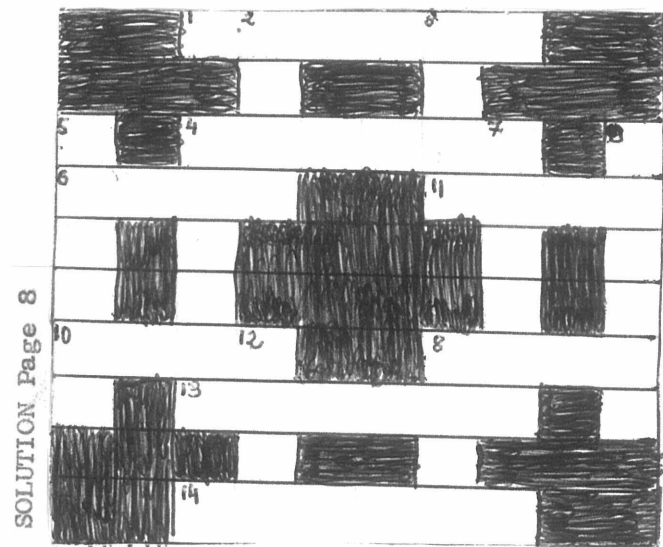
Bampton farmers are also worried by the grass shortage and are already feeding their cattle on hay and buying hay.

Once again the potatoes have been better than expected but the crops have been early and poor.

There are no precautions against fire and also there are no water precautions (watering cans). And, as around Kencot and Clanfield the fodder prices are rising.

On the whole this has been a very bad year for farmers. I think that the next few months will be hard for the farmers and hard for us.

WORDS



Across:

- 1) Country near England.
- 4) Six in the middle of a whip-stroke.
- 6) part of the body.
- 8) Famous dancer
- 10) Part of the head
- 11) Not difficult.
- 13) Keep it.
- 14) Condition of a large car

Down:

- 2) Not for trains
 - 3) For the prosecution?
 - 4) Climb someone's tights.
 - 5) Big never.
 - 7) Does she tam in a hurry? ANAG.
 - 8) Take this off the gingerbread.
 - 9) Rides on two wheels.
 - 12) The atlantic isn't one of them.
- FRED BERNARDEAU
(who is French and worked this out for us in a foreign language -ENGLISH)

VIDEO

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enced when bad interference flashed across the screen.

On Wednesday evening, Brian, our leading electrician was hauled out of his by a group of enthusiastic kids and very kindly showed us how to use the delicate and expensive lighting equipment which we set up eventually outside in the garden and although we felt very professional, the results weren't quite as we expected as once again interference ruined the second part of our filming. By midnight and after few mishaps, we were ready to pack up and

it took us at least half an hour to even make an impression on the cleaning up. We were then further troubled by a group of youths who, like insects, were attracted by the lights but who can blame them.

Well, the filming will continue for some time but we felt that something had to be put into newspaper about it to explain the activities in Bampton over the last week by the Film and Video subgroup of the 'Inquirer's' staff: C. Jorgensen, R. Rosengard, P. Phillips, Ralph, Julian and Anthony Bryans, P. Hudson and R. Yapp.

Miss Hobbs Retires

by Louise Jorgensen
& Monica Phillips

THE SCHOOL WHEN MISS HOBBS FIRST STARTED WAS WHERE THE ANNEXE IS NOW. AT THAT TIME THERE WERE ABOUT 250 CHILDREN FROM DIFFERENT VILLAGES ATTENDING THE SCHOOL. THEY WERE DIVIDED UP INTO 8 CLASSES OF 40 OR MORE CHILDREN. SOME OF THE SENIOR CLASSES WERE SMALLER BECAUSE THE CHILDREN LEFT IN THE MIDDLE OF



THE YEAR THE JUNIOR CHILDREN SAT AT LONG desks usually five at a desk, and the older children had dual desks.

Inquirer staffers Louise and Monica talk to Miss Hobbs. photo: Richard Yapp

They had to tip the whole seat, and to get their books from the desk they had to lift the whole lid.

Most of the Bampton children went home for lunch because they were so near. Children who came from other villages generally stayed for lunch, and ate in the Cookery room. Many children from the surrounding villages brought sandwiches.

The school loos were rather horrible they were kind of buckets in huts in the middle of the play ground.

The subjects taught, were the same as today but they did not do projects or topic work. They had a strict time table, which they kept to and lessons were about half an hour.

Miss Hobbs had always wanted to be a teacher and she never changed her mind. If she was starting again she said

FOOD

MARGERET PULLIN-
Inquirer's new cookery
editor.

Cherry Cake

5 oz butter
5 oz sugar
3 eggs
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb plain flour
salt
 $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoonful baking powder
3 oz glacé cherries

Line a cake tin with paper, cream the butter and sugar together until soft. Beat in the eggs one at a time. Sieve the flour, salt and baking powder into the mixture, and lastly add the cherries cut in halves. See that they are mixed in well. Bake in a moderate oven for about one hour or until firm to the touch: tin diameter should be 7 in, 3 in deep. Decorate with halved cherries. Time about one hour. Temperature: Regulo mark 4, electricity 375° f., solid fuel moderate, oil moderate.

Norwegian Cabbage

1 medium-sized hard cabbage
1 medium-sized onion
large tin tomatoes
salt and pepper.

Chop onion and fry in a little oil until transparent, shred cabbage finely and add to onion in pan with half a cup of water. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, cover and simmer till all water is absorbed. Add tomatoes and simmer gently till cooked.

French Pancakes

3 oz self-raising flour
2 oz margarine
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pint hot milk
2 oz sugar
2 well-beaten eggs
jam.

Cream margarine and sugar, add eggs, then gently stir in flour. Beat well, adding hot milk gradually. Divide mixture between two well-greased sandwich tins. Bake in moderately hot oven for about 20 minutes. Sandwich together with jam and serve with hot custard.

Turkish Delight

$\frac{1}{2}$ oz gelatine
juice of 1 lemon
1 lb loaf sugar
gill water.

Soak the gelatine in half the water. Bring the remainder to the boil, add the sugar, stir until it boils, then put in the gelatine and continue stirring until the gelatine is quite dissolved. Then simmer for twenty minutes, add the strained lemon juice. Rinse a dish with cold water and pour the mixture in to it. It should not be more than one inch deep. When cold, cut in cubes and roll them in fine icing sugar. If liked, stir in a few drops of red colouring into half the mixture.

Coconut Golf Balls

1 egg
3 oz castor sugar
6 oz desiccated coconut.

Lightly whisk the egg, stir in the sugar and the coconut, roll with floured hand into small balls and place on a greased baking tray. Bake in a moderate oven until golden brown, about 20 to 25 minutes.

EGGS

BUT BEFORE YOU BREAK THE EGGS FOR THE RECIPES
ON THIS PAGE Adam Strange says: READ THIS

All sorts of things start life in an egg. To get a hen to lay an egg you have to give it grit to make the shell hard. They also need layers mash and they like corn too, sometimes we give our hens a few household scraps. From our eight chickens - Hubbards Golden Comets - we get about 6 eggs a day. They live in a run on the lawn, which we move every day to give them new grass to peck.

Sometimes they go into the sleeping boxes with the straw where the hens lay the eggs. A young hen is called a pullet, and sometimes when they first lay eggs, they lay "softies" because they haven't had enough grit, to make the shells hard. If you boil a "softie" it comes up to the proper egg shape in the hot water. Bantams lay little eggs, ducks lay bigger eggs and geese lay huge eggs but the ostrich lays the biggest egg of all. Things lay their eggs in different places, like the sea turtle who lays her eggs in the sand in a little hole which she covers over with warm sand to help the eggs to hatch. The crocodile lays eggs on the bank of the river and the cobra lays her eggs in one big bunch.

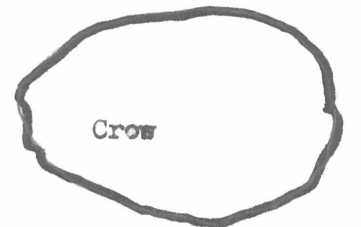
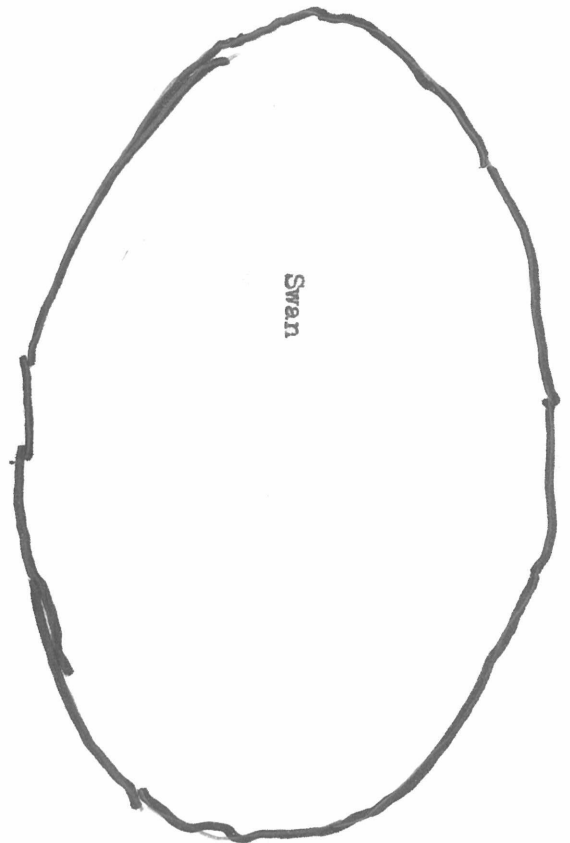
Sometimes a bird is a bad mother and her eggs are put under a foster mother to hatch, then you may see a little bantam being followed by a huge big duckling, who thinks she is her mother, just because she hatched him from the egg.

Most creatures lay their eggs in a nest, have you seen birds making their nests in the spring? Before they do this a male and a female of the same kind must join up to make a pair. The male chases the female and jumps on top of her, then he puts a special kind of seed called sperm into her, which will make young birds grow in the egg, this is called mating. The female lays the egg in the nest that the male has built for her, and she sits there until the baby birds hatch, then they both feed the babies, who grow quickly. When they first hatch they do not have feathers, and their eyes are closed, but they open their beaks very widely to guide the parents to their mouths. Most male birds are brighter than female birds, and they attract the females with their lovely coloured feathers.



Gold crest.

Eggs are this shape because if they were round they would roll off cliffs. Different size birds come from eggs of the same size, the blackbird and the snipe weigh about the same, and so do the thrush and the water rail, yet there are differences in the sizes of their eggs, maybe because the marsh birds are well developed on hatching, and the young thrushes and blackbirds are born bare and helpless.



SCANDAL?

ADELE STRANGE finds out why Bampton's Old School is in such a state.

The Guides, Scouts, Brownies and Cubs as well as the Playgroup all use the building. It is quite sound structurally but the inside badly needs modernising. The Youth Club children have decorated it three times in the last three years with all sorts of pictures

AIR - CONDITIONING AT THE OLD SCHOOL
photo: Richard Yapp

