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This term you will have noticed that we can boast of a new cover for the magazine and for this we must thank Fenwick Lawson, who designed it.

Hearty congratulations to June Ross and Roger Simpson on winning State Scholarships. It is seven years since two scholarships have been won and the School should be proud of this result. Roger is now at Cambridge and June is at present working for other examinations hoping to qualify for entrance to Oxford or Cambridge.

The new scheme for the magazine committee has been put into operation this term and we welcome to our permanent committee Miss Thompson.

Miss Thornton, who succeeded Mr. Forster as History teacher after his retirement in the summer, has already proved herself a valuable member of the staff and we hope that she will be happy in her new post and remain with us for many years.

Most of pupils taking French in Form VI, and in other forms of the school as well, have already felt the benefit of having oral lessons with Mademoiselle Ribière, who has come over from France to spend a year at our school. We hope that she will have a

pleasant time here and not be too exasperated by our attempts to speak French.

We also welcome Miss Little, the secretary who has taken over the post which Miss Crossman filled last year.

The recent mass X-ray examination which was carried out in the school provided some excitement for a few days, as everyone was eager to know whether she/he was 'negative' or 'positive,' hoping to avoid the 'prick' which caused some consternation among the girls of the school. The boys, who were 'pricked' in the morning came back to their classrooms with such gruesome stories of the operation—all of which turned out to be quite untrue.

At the beginning of the term the innovation of receiving dinners from two of the centres in the area upset our usual dinner routine but after a while the new scheme was working quite smoothly and will operate until the new cookery apparatus is installed in the kitchen.

In spite of all the exhortations for material for this term's magazine the response was not heartening—until after the closing date and then there was a good showing. Much has therefore had to be held over until next term, when we again ask that you will let us have your contribution EARLY, please.

PAST STUDENTS

Summer Re-union

The annual summer re-union was once again a grand social success. All the week previously the weather threatened to spoil the day, but as usual the day in question was fine. The afternoon sports went with a swing. The tennis tournament, once more ably guided by Mr. Elliott proved very enjoyable. The number of entries was quite up to previous years, in fact we could do with another tennis court. Past students will be pleased to know that a movement is afoot in this direction and the Past Students' committee have helped in some way to foster this move.