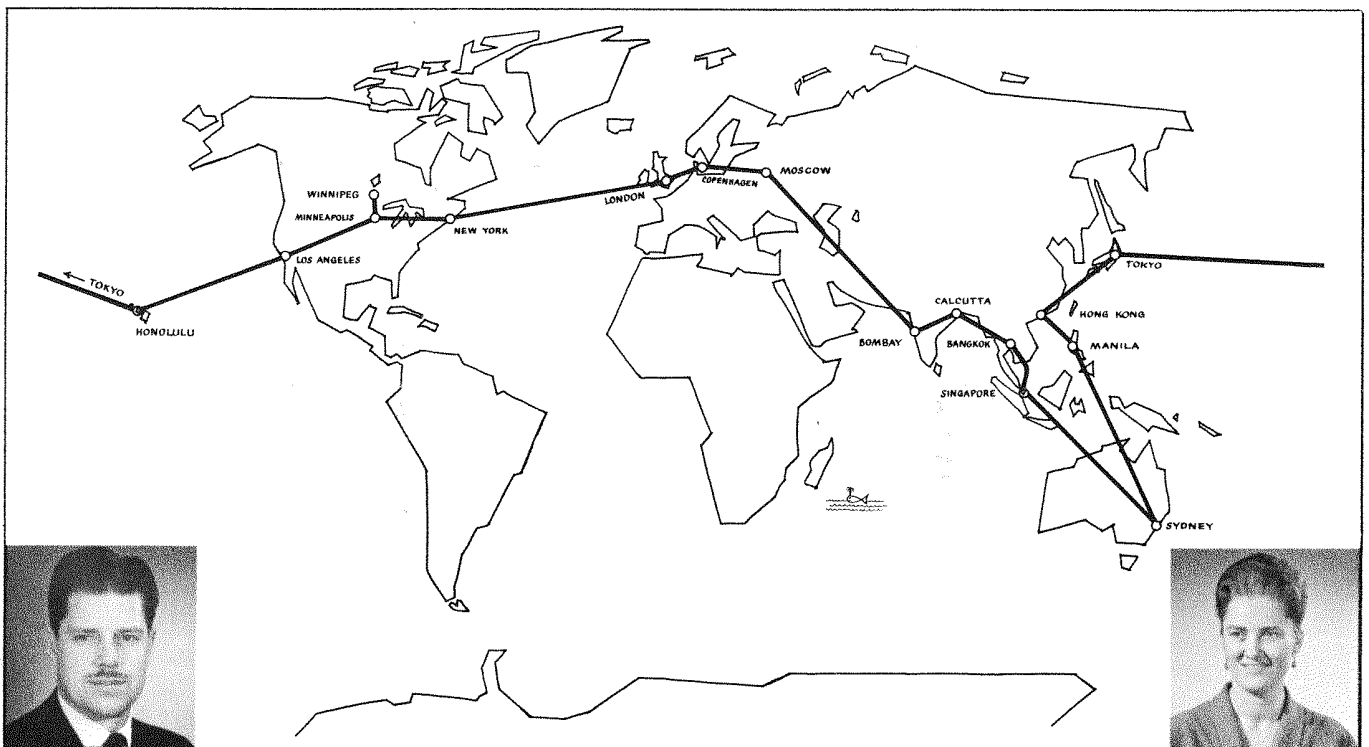




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Mr & Mrs McNAIR COMPLETE WORLD TOUR

Immediately after the Ministerial Conference, we left on our six-week trip to the Orient en route back to England. I had the opportunity of giving the sermon in Honolulu on the Sabbath of the 20th January.

The following Sabbath Mrs. McNair and I spent several hours with Mr. and Mrs. Kondo, a former student and his wife, in Tokyo. They are still studying the literature and he is keeping the Sabbath and Holy Days.

by Mr. Raymond McNair

We were able to observe the Sabbath with the Melbourne and Sydney Churches on February 3rd. I got to speak to about 400 people in the Melbourne Church on the Friday evening, and then spoke to the Sydney Church – there were about 600 present – on the Sabbath.

The following three Sabbaths, i.e. the 10th, 17th and 24th February, were spent with Mr. and Mrs.

Wayne Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Kulasingham in India.

We had a most interesting and profitable trip and were able to visit the following countries: Hawaii, Japan, The Philippines, Australia, Singapore, Thailand, India and Russia, returning via Copenhagen to London.

The highlight of the trip – or the low point, depending on how it is viewed – was the two weeks

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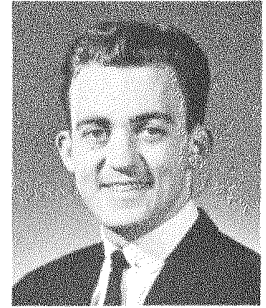
The entire operation was carried out under cover of darkness! The van backed as close to the double doors as possible, completely obscuring to the passer-by any glimpse of the feverish activity of the gang inside the building. At last, with every item of its precious cargo loaded and the doors carefully re-locked, the van drove off into the night.

So scrupulously careful were they not to leave any clue that even now many students don't realise the Transport Department has moved! The code name for Mr. Joe Jones' new H.Q. is "UNIT 5B" and it is situated on the same estate as the College Press. This fine new building of 4,000 square feet provides desperately needed work space which is shared with the Shipping Department.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Stephen Martin, a Local Elder in God's Church, graduated from Bricket Wood in 1966. After graduation he served in the New York area and was soon transferred to Sacramento, California. During his stay here he married Miss Paula Hegvold. Recently Mr. Martin was moved to the church in Reno, Nevada. The Editor recently received this letter.



Thurs., Feb. 22, 1968

Dear Editor & Staff,

We wanted to tell you all how very much we have appreciated receiving *the Portfolio*. We always looked at it as being old stuff & "everyone knows that" - How differently you view things away from College. We devour every juicy tidbit that comes out of that paper! It is all new to us & is our only real contact with the College & its activities now. Occasionally, someone will write us but not on a regular basis, so we are very glad to get *the Portfolio*.

We would like to continue receiving it so we are giving you our *new address*:

644 St. Lawrence Avenue
Reno, Nevada 89502

Many thanks,
Steve and Paula Martin

WORLD TOUR

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spent in India. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Kulasingam and my wife and I were together for the two weeks and got to tour nearly all of the major cities of India, as well as visiting many of the villages and rural districts. We travelled about 2,000 miles by car and 500 by rail.

There are no words to properly convey what we saw in India - especially in Calcutta. Mr. Wayne Cole and I hope to write a series of about three articles for The PLAIN TRUTH on India.

We had hoped to stop over in

Vietnam in order to get material for a PLAIN TRUTH article, but the Communist New Year offensive opened up just a few days before we were scheduled to have flown to Saigon. Commercial flights were cancelled and besides we felt it would be too risky to stop there.

It is certainly good to be back "in harness" once again and no place on earth looks so beautiful to us as England! We are extremely grateful to God Almighty for giving us a safe, interesting and very profitable trip which we will never forget and which will help us to have a much better grasp of things which we hear and read in the news daily. We wish to thank all who prayed for the success of our trip.

FIELD TRIP '68

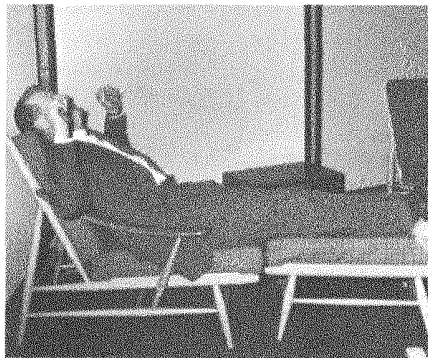
BEST EVER

by Steve Botha

'Variety' was the keynote of the 1968 Bricket Wood Field Trip.

"I really want the students to have a look at British Industry if possible," stated Dr. Martin.

And so it was, on 28th February six coaches sped students to various destinations.



Pete takes time to relax on an Ercol Special.

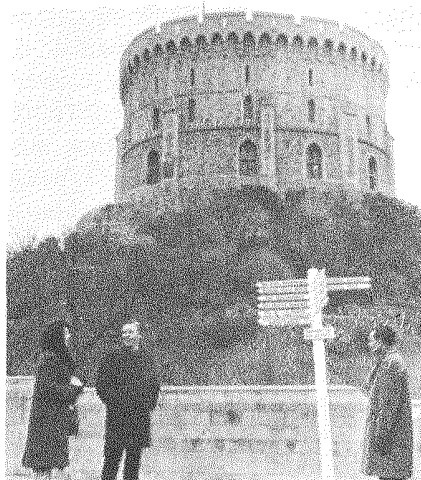
They included three of Britain's leading car manufacturers. BMC in Oxford, Fords at Dagenham, and for the sportsminded there was the Aston-Martin factory at Newport Pagnell, where this 150 m.p.h. steed is produced.

At High Wycombe 39 students looked over the 'Ercol' furniture factory, one of Harrods' main suppliers. Our reporter writes:

"As we swung into the drive we were welcomed by Ercol's Managing Director. We were offered coffee and biscuits while relaxing in samples of their sup-



The latest in 'mod gear' inside The Tower



"Which way now?"

erb furniture. All Ercol's products are made out of solid English Elm or Beech. The accent is on the production of *quality* furniture at a price John Q. Public can afford. No nails are used in their furniture. The techniques employed are the same used by the finest craftsmen in the world.

After a brisk walk around the factory we were entertained to a full colour film on the story of Ercol."

Another stop was *Agfa* - the producers of photographic materials. Here students saw all the stages in the development of a film taken at the College a few days earlier.

For the connoisseurs among us the Gordon's Gin distillery. The management laid on a four course meal with free samples of their products.

Windsor Castle, the seat of the Royal Family, and Hampton Court which dates back to 1080 were other field day attractions.

But this was not all! The final capstone of the day, either the grandiose production of Wagner's 'Die Meistersingers', or the spectacular presentation of 'Cinderella on Ice.'

To all those who made this profitable and enjoyable day possible we students say THANK YOU.

SHOWNIGHT

by Sonnie Schaer

"Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and thank you for your kind applause." With that Mr. John Heddle-Nash opened the Songs from the Shows with a rousing rendition of "It's a Grand Night for Singing". And so it was!

Mr. Nash, Miss Robin Bell, and Mr. Edward Bohan, accompanied by Mr. John Parry entertained both Faculty and students with songs and selections from old favourites.

The audience was entertained as Miss Bell trilled the scale in a piece from *Tom Jones*. Minutes later Mr. Nash appeared, proudly pumping the notes of "The Fishermen of England."

"Segoina", sung by Miss Bell, introduced the Romantic era. Joining in a duet, Mr. Bohan and Miss



"... The bold gendarmes ..."

Bell sang a love scale to the tune of "I'll See You Again".

"Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" introduced the second half as the soloists whisked us through selections from Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma*, *South Pacific* and others. A mixed bag of songs included "Donkey Serenade" and "Take the Sun".

The performance concluded with "The Night They Invented Champagne" - a fitting finale to a sparkling evening!

Women's Club

TEA

"Hospitality!" was the key note of the Women's Club Tea, Sunday, 25th February.

Ministers', Faculty, and married students' wives were all present. The purpose? To give our co-eds experience in the finer arts of hospitality. And what a success it was!

The cosy, relaxing atmosphere



"Have another . . ."

of the International Lounge provided the ideal cultural setting. The beautiful music and appropriate refreshments changed the Lounge into a home. Every girl was able to spend time talking to all the guests – an enjoyable and profitable afternoon!

OFFICE REJUVENATION

by Stuart Powell

Anyone walking into the offices these days could be forgiven for thinking we already *had* the proposed new ADMINISTRATION BUILDING!

First Mr. Hunting's office, then Dr. Martin's and Mr. Dart's newly decorated surroundings – and now a completely refurbished *Letter Answering Department*.

Remember back in 1962 when it was an old concrete-floored garage with inspection pit. If not, you may recall it as Mr. Jewell's domain – the home of the Print Shop bindery section. Or later when it was used as the College science lab. (Not forgetting its ancillary use for the MRD fortnightly feeds and get-togethers.) Some of you have probably seen it since Mr. Boraker had his office built in one corner and took over the whole room for LAD – still complete with uneven concrete floor, hardboard-backed storage shelves, and bare brick walls.

If you walked into LAD today, you would never believe a greasy

mechanic, a bindery machine operator, a formaldehyde-preserved rabbit or coffee-swilling mailreaders had ever been near the place.

A beautiful mustard-coloured carpet now covers the floor. A newly painted wall covers up the former unsightly shelf area and a gilt-framed oil painting of the Scottish Highlands dominates the scene.

This office, shared by LAD's two writers and four typists with Mr. Dart's secretary, Sue, the French Translating Department in the persons of Phillippe and Ida, two representatives from Accounts, and Mr. Villiers, *is now in the luxury class!*



LAD'S 'new look.'

S.E.P. SURPRISE

"Who will be going to Summer Camp?" – a thought which crossed every Bricket Wood student's mind.

And *now* we know!

Mr. Herbert Armstrong made the happy announcement. Eight students from all over the British Isles will wing their way to Orr Minesota this summer.

Those chosen are: John Meakin and Robert Marshall from Kent, Ian Martin (Warwickshire) Peter Hawkins (Sussex), Wendy Millman (Gloucester) Margaret Bond from bonny Scotland, Cathy Mears from Yorkshire, and one of our Irish students, John Cunningham.

Congratulations – we know you will enjoy it.

TRANSPORT

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Plans are already under way to install modern equipment in the new building. The result will be to streamline servicing and maintenance of the College car fleet as well as the farm agricultural machinery.

Expansion of the Transport Department had become essential. If you are familiar with our small fleet of Vauxhalls and Singers, you may be surprised to know that there are actually forty vehicles registered in the College's name! Add to that the cars belonging to faculty members – and Lady Yule's one-car garage just could not cope!

What about the future? Because

of their own pressing needs the gardeners are soon to take delivery of a new Transit van and Mr. Howes' familiar "Black Maria" is to be replaced by a 3 ton Bedford lorry and a 5 cwt. van. But there is one vehicle of particular interest to students! Many of you have already ridden in our 12 seater Ford Custom-bus. In its short life it has already clocked up 21,000 miles and completed three educational student tours to the Chateaux of France, the Swiss Alps and to Rome. Because of the success of these tours the College has approved the purchase of another, much larger, 15 seat Custom-bus!! So, next summer TWO Mini-buses will be touring the Continent helping to provide invaluable experience as part of the Ambassador educational programme!