

Queen's Park School

Scrapbook

1968 Onwards

We are very grateful to Sandra HARRISON nee BURTON, who leant us her scrap book of the time she was at Queens Park School. We have copied articles that hopefully will get other people remembering, their time at the school and generate more photographs and happy memories.

Sandra joined the school in 1968 and there are articles up to 1970. When Sandra left school she joined the Royal Air Force.

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P. G. THOMAS

SENIOR MISTRESS :
MRS. M. J. MATHER

QUEEN'S PARK SCHOOL,
OSWESTRY,
SHROPSHIRE.

Dear Parents,

Now that the boarding "family" has increased and in particular the number of overseas girls the time has come when it is necessary to restrict the amount of non-uniform clothes each girl may keep at school. We must give preference in wardrobe space to girls who only return home once a year or less.

As from next term we ask for parents co-operation and ask that each girl be limited to the following:-

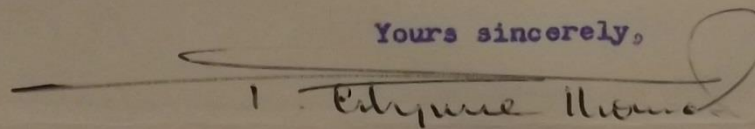
- 2 pairs of trews.
- 2 skirts.
- 4 woollen tops to wear with trews or skirts.
- 2 blouses, other than uniform ones.
- 1 dress for wear on Sundays.
- 1 coat full length.

Anoraks for girls who go riding and girls who will participate in outdoor activities.

1 pair of shoes other than regulation shoes.

All items, please, to be clearly marked.

Yours sincerely,



P. G. Thomas.

FEES.

DEERS.

Fees include textbooks, stationery and laundry.

Termly Boarders.....	£108	per term.
Weekly Boarders. (under 10 years only).....	£ 96	per term.

Second child in same family, when both at School, £8 less per term.

DAY PUPILS.

Fees include textbooks, stationery and mid-day dinners.

Under 5 years.....	Occasional mornings only.....	6/-	per session
	Occasional afternoons.....	4/-	" "
	Occasional whole days.....	12/-	" day
	Mornings only.....	£ 16	per term
	Whole days.....	£ 30	" "
5 - 7 years.....		£ 37	" "
7 - 11 "		£ 42	" "
Over 11 "		£ 50	" "

Second child in same family, when both at School, 2 Guineas less per term.

ENROLMENT FEE £3 not returnable but deducted from first term's fees.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS.

Music.....	£5/5/0	per 10 lessons
Extra Diction (classes limited to six).....	£2/0/0	" " "
Dancing.....	£2/2/0	" " "
Shorthand and Typing.....	£5/5/0	per term
Riding.....	£6/6/0	" "

Holiday boarding..... 8 Guineas per week.

All fees are payable in advance and are due on or before the first day of term.

Fees for optional extras and incidental expenses for boarders are charged a term in arrears.

A TERM'S NOTICE IN WRITING, (by the first day of that term), is required before the removal of a pupil, a change from boarding to day status, or the discontinuation of an extra subject. Otherwise, a full term's fees are due in full of notice.

Fees cannot be remitted for absence from any cause whatsoever, so parents are strongly advised to join the School Fees Remission Insurance Scheme, details of which may be had on application.

QUEEN'S PARK SCHOOL,
OSWESTRY.

UNIFORM

The present materials used for our junior and senior style summer dresses are now in short supply. If we are to continue with the same material a large yardage will have to be purchased in advance to ensure future supplies. As the senior dress style is now out of date and difficult to launder and present stocks held by Dickins & Jones are low, we feel that this summer is an opportune time to make a change. A new shirt waist style dress in minimum iron poplin is to be introduced for the Summer Term 1969. The style and material will be the same throughout the school. The choice of material had to be restricted since it was essential that the choice made would ensure that the material was available for a number of years ahead in order to avoid frequent changes. We have been assured that the material itself is of better quality than that used in the present dresses. Only as and when girls require new dresses will they be expected to change to the new style.

A new platted straw boater, which will keep its shape better, will also be available for the Summer Term.

SHOES:

Commencing in the Lent Term 1969, regulation outdoor and indoor shoes are being introduced in the Senior School only, at the request of many parents.

OUTDOOR SHOES: Kay's Skip Fives style 4006 J - a dark tan leather, lace up type of shoe made in several width fittings. Available at CRANSTONS, Oswestry.

INDOOR SHOES:- Slip on Hush Puppies in dark tan leather available at MANSFIELDS, Oswestry.



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These four pupils of Queen's Park School, Oswestry, gained a credit in the English Speaking Board examinations which took place last weekend. They are (left to right): Nerys Howel, Jane Jones, Ceri Hammond and Suzanne Hudson.

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Germany, where her husband is serving with the Army, another is in Cardiff, and the third lives in Liverpool.

Queen's Park

THE following pupils of Queen's Park School, were successful in the Cambridge General Certificate of Education, Summer 1968 Examination:

Madeleine Cleaver, Bible Knowledge; Arlene Davies, English Language, English Literature, Bible Knowledge, History, Art; Veronica Demu History; Susan Gore, English Language, English Literature, History, Geography; Nerys Howell, English Language, Hilary Jackson, History; Jane Jones, English Language, English Literature, Bible Knowledge, History, Geography, Biology, Art; Correen Knott, English Literature, Bible Knowledge, Needlework/Dress-making; Maureen Power, English Language; Collette Pryce, English Language; Andree Purcell, English Language, English Literature, History, Geography; Frances Thomas, English Language, English Literature, History.



The choir of Oswestry Queen's Park School which took part in a concert in the Boys' Secondary Modern School on Thursday.



The recorder group of Queen's Park School, Oswestry, who played at a school concert given at Oswestry Boys' Modern School on Thursday.

School concert

THE programme for the Queen's Park School half-term concert, held in the Boys' Modern School Hall, on Thursday night, opened with two part songs by Mendelssohn, "Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains", the Trio from 'Elijah' and "I waited for the Lord", sung by the senior choir.

This was followed by folk songs and rounds played and sung by the junior members of the school. Piano solos were played by Jane Blades, Janet Ward, Susan Wilson, Margaret Davies and Jennifer Gladwell. Elizabeth Jones sang "Ann Sings in the Morning", by Michael Head.

Lower II played two folk tunes on the descant recorders, and the treble recorder group played two more folk tunes.

The first half of the concert concluded with Upper II and Lower IV playing in two parts on the recorder "Barcarolle", from the "Tales of Hoffman", by Offenbach, and "March", from 'A Little Suite', by Trevor Duncan.

In the second part of the concert, the combined choirs sang a cantata, "The Christmas Rose", by Thomas F. Dunhill. The soloist was Elizabeth Jones and the recorder solo was played by Gillian Morris.

The accompanist was Marjorie Jones and the conductor was Deryl Oliver.

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AWARDS TO NURSING CADETS

THE annual inspection of the Oswestry St. John Ambulance Brigade took place on Monday, when the inspecting officers were Mrs A. Whittles, County Cadet Officer, and Mrs H. Jaboor, County Nursing Superintendent.

Mrs Whittles enrolled Cadet Gwennan Humphreys and Cadet Olwen Jones as members of the Division and later presented awards to the cadets.

Mrs D. J. Johnson, president, congratulated the cadets on their awards and attendance at church parades. She also commended Corporals Maureen Aincham and Vivienne Livesey on their success in a county bed-making competition, and presented them each with a silver spoon.

Dr E. P. Cadbury thanked Mrs Whittles and Mrs H. Jaboor, and the evening ended with refreshments.

AWARDS

The awards were:

Essentials of First Aid:
Christine Hughes, Olwen Jones, Gwennan Humphreys.

Preliminary Home Nursing: Christine Hughes, Olwen Jones, Sandra Pell, Glenys Williams, Patricia Williams.

Preliminary Hygiene: Maureen Aincham, Margaret Davies, Vivienne Livesey, Mrs I. Holloway.

Re-examination in first aid and home nursing: Maureen Aincham, Vivienne Livesey, Elizabeth Stokes, Margaret Davies, Sybil Martin, Linda Gordrich, Jane Jones, Evelyn Morris, Meryl Jones, Rosemary Worthen, Hazel Wood, Gwennan Humphreys.



Miss J. Carson, Mrs E. Cadbury, Mrs M. H. Williams and Mrs J. M. Livesey at Oswestry Division of the St. John Ambulance dinner on Thursday.



SUSAN GORE, Nerys Howell, and Hilary Jackson, three of the party of 22 who covered 22 miles on a sponsored walk on Wednesday.

Martins, Dudleston, Hindford, Whittington and arrived back in Oswestry in the early evening.

Miss G. Salway, of The Hayes, Mount Road, Oswestry, who organised the walk says the money raised will be sent to "Shelter" an organisation to help homeless people.

The boys and girls from several schools started out from Oswestry Park Gates and walked through Selatyn, Weston Rhyn, St.

Exams ^{22ND JAN-69}

The following Queen's Park School pupils were successful in the autumn 1968 G.C.E. "O" level examinations. In several cases subjects were additional to those gained in the summer and the total now held is shown in brackets:— Jane Caroline Jones, English language, history; Nerys Howell, Bible knowledge, art (3); Jane Christine Jones, art (8); Correen Knott, English language, history (5); Andree Purcell, biology, art (6); Maureen Power, history (2); Frances Thomas, English language (4).

Pitman Examination Institute: Intermediate typewriting, 1st class passes: Margaret Davies, Mary Edwards, Susan Gore, Coreen Knott, Evelyn Morris, Patricia Taylor. Passes: Nerys Howell, Maureen Power.

Elementary typewriting: Angela Brookes, Hilary Jackson, Madeline Cleaver.

Royal Society of Arts, typewriting stage 1: Patricia Taylor.

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, pianoforte, grade III: Sally Wilson.

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Some of the guests at the Queen's Park School ball at the Derwen on Friday.
Left to right: Christine Olive, Adrian Caissie, Marie Bates, Ryan Stockbridge.



Mrs D. E. F. Davies, Dr F. T. Jones, Jane Jones and Susan Halstead at Queen's Park School ball at the Derwen on Friday.

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Three of the school's pupils who welcomed some of the guests to the Queen's Park School Ball, held on Friday at the Derwen, Hilary Jackson, Veronica Demy and Nerys Howell. With them are Mr P. G. Thomas, headmaster of the school, and Mrs M. Mather, assistant head,

26th MARCH '69



Officiating clergy at the Confirmation service at Oswestry on Friday were The Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt. Rev. Dr. A. S. Reeve, Preb. T. O. Boulton, the Rev. R. J. Oliver, the Rev. G. D. Jones and the Rev. Mr Birch.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS TO THE
ROBERT JONES & AGNES HUNT ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, Oswestry.

Dear *Sandra* -

I am enclosing the new Rota for Hospital service, commencing on Monday 21st April, and I would like to thank you all for kindly volunteering to help in this way.

Please let me know if your name is down for a day you cannot come - otherwise the rota has been sent to Matron, and we should be very glad indeed if you can report to the Enquiry Office as soon as possible after 4.30 p.m. on the dates arranged. Overalls and Badges will now be provided and you will be given the name of the Ward on which your services are needed. Please note that Saturdays and Sundays the times are 10.30 a.m./ 12.30 p.m. During the week the times will be 4.30/6.30 p.m.

We are most grateful for your kind offer of assistance, and if you have any queries, please let me know.

Sincerely,

B. Chapman

B. Chapman (Mrs.)
Organising Secretary.
LEAGUE OF FRIENDS.

7th MAY 1969

Oswestry

Schools combine for joint study project

TWO Sixth-form pupils from Queen's Park School, Oswestry, are joining five boys from Oswestry School Lower Sixth form to study "A" level history this term.



This is the beginning of a facility-sharing scheme between the two schools for sixth-form pupils, under which many more subjects at "A" level can be offered to the students.

The two girls taking advantage of the scheme are Jane Jones and Frances Thomas, both boarders at Queen's Park, and they are being tutored by Mr Peter Gem, headmaster of Oswestry School and Mr Alan Stratford, history master at the school.

History is the only subject being shared at the moment, but it is hoped that more pupils will take advantage of the scheme when the new academic year begins in September.

Mr Peter Thomas, principal of Queen's Park School, said his school could offer "A" level studies in English, geography, geology and art to boys from Oswestry School if necessary, but as yet no boys were going to Queen's Park for lessons.

Both headmasters agreed that it was a good idea for pupils from the two schools to study together. The mixed group got on well together in their combined lessons. They were not strangers to each other, however, as groups from the two schools had met socially on various previous occasions.

In the picture are Jane Jones, Frances Thomas, John Benyon Brown, Christopher Kelly, Tom Davies and Saleen Khan with their respective headmasters, Mr Peter Thomas (left) and Mr P. Gem (right).

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Staff and pupils at Queen's Park School speech day on Wednesday. Centre are Mr. Peter Gem, headmaster of Oswestry School, and his wife, who was guest speaker. Mr. Peter Thomas, principal of Queen's Park, is on Mr. Gem's left.

Record number of pupils at Queen's Park

A PARTICULARLY active year and a record number of pupils at the school were reported by the principal, Mr Peter Thomas, at Queen's Park School's prize-giving on Wednesday.

Mr Thomas said that the year had been a particularly successful one. The school has gained knowledge, history, needle-

work, and art. Pupils who have won prizes are: Gillian Morris, Jane Purcell, Rachael Seragg and Barbara Temley.

Intermediate certificate: Sonia Eckart, Margaret Ede, Valerie Hughes and Lesley Ryan.

Brooke Bond National School Awards, 1969, school prizes: Nerys Howell, senior art: Jane Purcell,

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Mr Thomas said that the year had been a particularly active one in many old and new fields. There was a record number of pupils at the school, a record number of boarders, and also a good set of academic results.

Advantage

He thought that girls were getting better results at the school than they could possibly get elsewhere.

"We have an advantage over larger schools in that our classes are limited to 15 pupils. The fruits of this can be seen by our fifth year 'O' Level results, with three girls getting 100 per cent. passes," he added.

Mr Thomas said that until recently "A" Level work had been limited, but now that Queen's Park and Oswestry School's sixth forms were working together, the number of subjects available at "A" Level was 12.

He hoped that more girls would consider taking sixth-year "A" Level courses. Qualifications were becoming more and more important, he added.

The first year's commercial course had been a success, helped by the fact that the girls on the course had been able to work in actual offices in the town. He thanked everyone concerned for their co-operation with this course.

On the sporting side, the school had again been very much in the league, both in swimming and athletics, and two new sports, badminton and golf, had been introduced during the year.

Mr Thomas appealed to parents to make sure that their daughters wore the correct school uniform, particularly shoes. "We are a country which has some of the pluckiest youth in the world, and we will always have them. We should be proud of our nationality, our schools and particularly the uniform we

wear". The school captain, Nerys Howell, thanked everyone for attending the prize-giving including her mother, who presented the various school cups.

In demand

Earlier, Mrs Peter Gem, wife of the headmaster of Oswestry School, had presented the prizes.

Mrs Gem said that education was a marketable product and if it was good enough people would buy it.

"Judging from the school's academic and sporting results this school should be in big demand", she added.

She said it was quite clear that people wanted independent schools where more attention could be given to the individual, and they were willing to sacrifice a price so that their son or daughter could receive a better education.

Referring to the recent amalgamation of Queen's Park School's and Oswestry School's sixth forms, she said it was an extremely good idea to share the sixth-form resources.

Members of the school sang two songs, "Passant par la Lorraine", a 16th century French folk song, and "Non Nobis Domine", words by Rudyard Kipling and music by Roger Quilter.

The recorder group played a piece by Beethoven entitled "Ecosaise".

Exam results

"O" Level G.C.E.: Jane Christine Jones (English language, English literature, Bible knowledge, history, geography, biology, art); Andree Purcell (English language, English literature, history, geography, biology, art); Arlene Davies (English language, English literature, Bible knowledge, history, art); Correen Knott (English language, English literature, Bible

knowledge, history, needlework dressmaking); Susan Gore (English language, English literature, history, geography); Frances Thomas (English language, English literature, history).

Nerys Howell (English language, Bible knowledge, art); Jane Caroline Jones (English language, history); Maureen Power (English language, history); Madeleine Cleaver (Bible knowledge); Veronica Demu (history); Hilary Jackson (history); Collette Pryce (English language).

Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music — Pianoforte grade IV: Jennifer Gladwell and Susan Wilson; grade III: Jennifer Gladwell, Susan Wilson and Sarah Wilson.

Speech and drama, grade IV: Jane Christine Jones. Grade III: Helene Bebb. Grade II with merit: Ceri Hammond. Grade II: Sonia Eckart and Ruth Kendrick. Preparatory grade: Elizabeth Lloyd and Emma Bonner Maurice.

Royal Society of Arts. Typewriting Stage I: Susan Gore (pass with credit); Glenys Davies, Susan Halstead, Nerys Howell, Correen Knott, Evelyn Morris, Maureen Power, Patricia Taylor (passes).

Pitman Examination Institute: Intermediate Typewriting: Margaret Davies, Mary Edwards, Susan Gore, Correen Knott, Evelyn Morris, Patricia Taylor (first class passes). Glenys Davies, Susan Halstead, Nerys Howell, Maureen Power (passes). Elementary Typewriting: Angela Brookes, Madeline Cleaver, Hilary Jackson, Augusta Pepple (passes).

The Royal Life Saving Society examinations: Junior instructors certificate: Nerys Howell; award of merit, June Edwards and Evelyn Morris; bronze cross, Lynne Batterham, Susan Blades, June Edwards and Sarah Halstead; bronze medallion, Susan Blades, Jane Blades, Jane Blake, Diana Gregory, Ceri Hammond, Ann Jackson, Suzanne Jones, Eliza-

beth Kennerley, Gillian Morris, Jane Purcell, Rachael Scragg and Barbara Temley.

Intermediate certificate: Sonia Eckart, Margaret Ede, Valerie Hughes and Lesley Ryan.

Brooke Bond National School Awards, 1969, school prizes: Nerys Howell, senior art; Jane Purcell, intermediate art; Emma Bonnor Maurice, junior art; Vanessa Ferguson, infant art; Linda Royle, certificate of merit junior art; Flavia Bonnor Maurice, certificate of merit infant art.

Ministry of Transport driving Test: Madeleine Cleaver.

Sport

Shropshire Amateur Swimming Association Age Group Competition: 15 years backstroke, June Edwards; 15 years breaststroke, Elizabeth Kennerley; 14 years backstroke, 3, Gillian Morris; 13 years backstroke, 3, Lesley Ryan; Other finalist, Jane Purcell.

Shropshire County Schools' Swimming Gala at Shrewsbury: The following were chosen as members of the North West Area team: Under 14, medley, Ann Jackson; Under 16, 110 yds breaststroke, Elizabeth Kennerley; Under 16, medley team, Elizabeth Kennerley; Under 16, 110 yards backstroke, June Edwards; Under 16, medley backstroke, June Edwards; Under 19, 110 yards backstroke, Evelyn Morris; Under 19, medley team, Evelyn Morris.

North West Area Schools' Swimming Gala at Oswestry: Under 14 100 yards, breaststroke, 3, Rachael Scragg; Under 16, 100 yards breaststroke, 1, Elizabeth Kennerley; Under 16, 100 yards backstroke, 1, June Edwards; 2, Lynne Batterham; Under 16, 100 yards freestyle, 3, Susan Blades; Under 19, 100 yards breaststroke, 2, Margaret Davies; Under 19, 100 yards backstroke, 1, Evelyn Morris; Under 14, medley relay team, 1, L. Ryan, Ann Jackson, Rachael Scragg, Jane Blades; Under 16, medley relay team: 1, June Edwards, Jane Purcell, Elizabeth Kennerley, Susan Blades.

Shropshire County Schools' Netball Competition, Section A: Queen's Park School.

December

1969



A one-act play, "Michael," by Miles Malleson, is being performed tonight by Queens Park School Drama Group, Oswestry. Taking part are (from left), Jennifer Gledwell, Susan Blades, Sandra Burton and Jane Purcell.

General Certificate of Education Results,

Summer 1970.

Advanced levels.

Jane Christine Jones.	English, History, Geography, Use of English
Frances Thomas.	English, Geography.

A.O. levels

Heather Mitchell	History.
Frances Thomas	History.

The above represent a 100% pass list.

Ordinary levels:

Jane Blake	History
Sandra Burton	English language; English Literature, Religious Knowledge, History, Dressmaking.
Glenys Davies (4)	Religious Knowledge *
Mary Edwards (5)	French *
Philippa Edwards	English Literature, History, Art, Dressmaking.
Jennifer Gladwell (5)	Religious Knowledge, History. *
Sarah Halstead	English language.
Ruth Kendrick	English Literature, History.
Gail Schofield.	English Language, English Literature, History, Geography.

Figures in brackets denote subjects now passed.

* Additional subjects gained.

West Midlands Examination Board. Summer 1970
Certificate of Secondary Education.

Lynne Batterham	Art & Craft.	
Angela Brookes	Typewriting	*
Sandra Burton	Mathematics	Grade 1 *
	Art & Craft.	*
Glenys Davies	Typewriting	Grade 1
	Shorthand	*
Mary Edwards	Typewriting	Grade 1 *
	Shorthand	Grade 1 *
Philippa Edwards	Art & Craft.	
Jennifer Gladwell	Mathematics	
Elizabeth Jones	Art & Craft	
Christine Lieter	Typewriting	
Gail Schofield	Mathematics	*
Susan Vallat	Typewriting	Grade 1
	Shorthand	
Janice Wilde	Mathematics	

* Grade 1 pass is equivalent to a pass in G.C.E. O level.



A DERELICT coach house and adjoining stables have been converted into an attractive art department at Queen's Park School, Oswestry.

The building, which was once used by a country veterinary surgeon, has been restored in such a way as to preserve its atmosphere. The old ceiling beams have been left in position but modern plate glass windows and overhead fluorescent lighting have been added to produce suitable working conditions for an art centre.

Delighted

The coach house part of the building is now used as an art and needlework classroom with the adjoining stables containing exhibition tables, sewing machines and other equipment. The old ostler's room leading off the main room, has been converted into an art store. Because of the derelict state of the building the whole of the upper storey has had to be removed.

Mrs Dorothy Davies, the art mistress, said she is delighted with the new centre. Art is taught right through the school to 'O' level and it is now planned to start an 'A' level course in the subject in September.

The photograph above shows a class at work in the new art department.

LEFT: Jane Scott, second right, shows a specimen of her collage work to Rachel Scragg, Heather Roberts and Caroline Lewis.

QUEENS PARK SCHOOL REUNION

1955  1975

ENGRAVING PLUS
BAILEY STREET,
OSWESTRY.

Contact Nerys Simpson, Nee Howell,
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Dear *Sandra,*

How would you like to get together with some old friends for an evening? We've been planning a Q.P.S reunion on Saturday November 6th 1993 at The Wynnstaf Hotel in Oswestry.

The years we're including are from 1955 to 1975, but are very flexible.

The tickets will be £7 each, this covers a buffet & expences. Partners and friends are most welcome, the more the merrier, even teachers! If you know the whereabouts of any old girls or boys, please put them in touch.

I look forward to hearing from you all soon.

*Tour of School organised for 2.30pm on Saturday 6th November 1993
Please tell Nerys if you wish to go, on application of tickets.*

R.S.V.P By *Mon 4th Dec.*

Cheques made payable to Queen's Park Reunion

Former school head dies

Mr Peter Thomas, former joint proprietor with his wife Shirley of Queens Park School, Oswestry, died at the weekend at his retirement home in the Cotswolds. He sold Queens Park School two years ago.

While in Oswestry he was a prominent lay churchman holding positions in both the parish, the deanery and the diocese.

The funeral is to take place in the Cotswolds on Monday.

C O D E O F C H I V A L R Y

To serve God.

To be loyal to the Queen and to my Officers.

To observe the Mottos of the Order, which are -

"Pro Fide" - For the Faith.

"Pro Utilitate Hominum" - For the Service of Mankind.

To be thorough in work and play.

To help the suffering and needy.

To be kind to all animals.

To be cheerful and prompt in all I do.

And to be truthful and just in all things.

19 JUNE 1968



Mrs. D. F. Davies instructing Correen Knott and Susan Gore in make-up techniques as part of Queen's Park School's secretarial and finishing course.



Queen's Park School girls on the Christmas card stall at the N.S.P.C.C. fair on Thursday. Left to right are Andre Purcell, Maureen Power, Frances Thomas, Correen Knott, Nerys Howell and Susan Gore.

NURSING HAT-TRICK



Mrs Purcell (left), Mrs Jane Errington and Mrs Andrea Page (right).

A Montgomery family has achieved a hat-trick in nursing successes.

They are Mrs C. J. Purcell, The Bungalow, Cherry Orchard, Montgomery, wife of Mr I. H. Purcell, and their two daughters, Mrs Jane Errington, and Mrs Andrea Page, who lives

in Camberwell, London.

Mrs Purcell, gained her R.M.N. in the February State Finals. She trained at the Shrewsbury Group of Hospitals and is now employed as a staff nurse at Shelton Hospital.

Jane, qualified as SRN and RSCN in the February State finals and trained

at the Westminster Group of Hospitals, London. She will be working as a staff nurse in Wolverhampton.

Andrea, who also trained in the Westminster Group, gained her SRN and RSCN two years ago. She is now a sister at the Renal Dialysis Unit at King's College Hospital, London.

FINISHING SCHOOL FOR BUDDING SECRETARIES

FEW girls are sent to school to learn how to mix drinks, choose a meal from a menu printed in a foreign language, or play a good hand of bridge. Some parents would be surprised at the idea but Mr Peter Thomas, principal of Queen's Park School, is convinced there is a demand for training Oswestry girls to become social assets in their work as well as being efficient secretaries.

To provide the sort of training that can only be had in larger towns a

secretarial and finishing course is starting at Queen's Park next September, taking girls from the age of 16 as resident or non-resident students.

By the time they are 16 many girls have finished their 'O' levels, and can concentrate on developing the skills required from a private secretary.

What the course is seeking to do is to teach the girls grooming, etiquette and to develop a pleasant manner, good telephone voice, and be able to talk intelligently

with business associates of her boss.

Driving, riding, organising ability, games, dancing, deportment, good manners and grooming, are now essential for a good private secretary, Mr Thomas says.

Queen's Park hope by the end of their new course to turn out a young lady who knows what to wear, what to do and what to say for all business and social occasions and who will be equipped to command posts more responsible and interesting than just "working in an office"



Typewriting is still one of the basic skills acquired by girls of Queen's Park School on the secretarial and finishing course. These girls are taking a preliminary course before they take part in the full course which starts next September.



Pupils from Queen's Park School, Oswestry, visited Caxton Press on Thursday. They are watching a Linotype machine in action.