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EDITORIAL

As always at the end of the Summer Term, another generation of pupils leaves School to make its début in the world of men and women. But those who are leaving this year, unlike their pre-war predecessors, have spent most of their school career away from home. Before the war they would not have left home before they had left school—and in many cases not for a long time after that. They would have been out of touch with the world outside their home and school. Evacuation, distressing as it is in many ways, has changed that, and the change is for the better.

Those who are leaving this term were only children of twelve and thirteen when they left Rye. For many it was their first time out of their parents' care—four years earlier than it would have been in normal times. During those four years, which are critical in the development of character of any child, they have grown up in surroundings foreign to that of their own homes. In this new environment they have discovered responsibilities and difficulties which almost without exception they have faced and overcome. Moreover, they faced up to them without realising it—the difficulties occurred in everyday life and were part of the routine. The result is that they have learned to fend for themselves and they have experienced independence—an experience which will be most useful in the hard life of the adult world. Now they will be able to meet confidently the responsibilities of life for which education is designed to fit them. True, evacuation has hindered education in that it has limited the scope of some school activities, but it has also benefited it, since its experiences will be invaluable for the pupils in living a full and useful life.

HISTORY OF THE EVACUATION

With this term we completed the fourth year of the evacuation, which has been in many ways the most successful since we left Rye.

Except that neither a Fête nor an Open Day was held, as in peacetime, the School carried on the normal summer programme, improved in some aspects and deteriorated in others by the fact that the School was in Bedford and away from home. However, on the whole, it has been an enjoyable term except, perhaps, for

the candidates for the Oxford Local Examinations, although the majority of these did not allow their pleasure to be overcast by the exams at the end of term.

The tennis and cricket teams, as will be seen from the more detailed reports elsewhere in this issue, maintained a high standard of play, although, perhaps, not so high as that of the hockey and football XIs in the winter terms. The Junior cricket team was very successful and shows promise of making a splendid first eleven in about three years' time. The boys' tennis VI twice defeated the girls' VI, so proving their superiority over the girls in tennis as well as hockey. A tennis match between the Staff and a mixed School VI had to be abandoned because of rain before the first sets had been finished, but the School was well ahead in games. The Staff VI was Miss Stevens, Miss Letcher, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Pigrome, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Morgan, while Kathleen Batehup, Julia Terry, Pamela Whiting, Dawson, Pollard and Fuggle represented the School.

The Athletic Sports, held early in the term, showed some good performances. One feat was that of Chappell, who, although only just fourteen, was a very close second in the Senior 100 yards. P. Wood again excelled himself in throwing the cricket ball and reached over ninety yards—a very good record for a boy of fifteen. In the girls' hop, step and jump, Julia Smith did very well.

The Swimming Sports were held on the last Monday of term. Again we saw some good performances: P. Wood won the one-length free style and 100 yards for the second year and has some successful swimming to come in the future. Julia Smith, winner of the Girls' 100 yards, gave a fine display in the plunge, when she passed the mark of the winning boy. Before the sports, pupils swam various distances to gain points for their Houses and the successful ones were presented with certificates to show the distance they could swim. These certificates, which were presented last year for the first time, display the School crest in blue and certify the distance, with the signature of the teacher in charge of swimming and of the Headmaster, and have gilt edges.

During the Summer Term, pupils are usually left to find their own amusement in the open air, so the Entertainments Committee arranged only three dances and one Junior picnic. The Junior picnic was held at Honey Hills, Bedford—a stretch of meadows by the side of the river. Rationing made it necessary for each pupil to

bring some food, which was, however, supplemented by cakes and lemonade supplied by the School. Games were played after tea (but some preferred to seek their own amusement in other ways) and, partly due to the interest taken by Miss Turner and Mr. Allnutt, all who were there enjoyed themselves and returned to their billets very sunburnt and very tired.

Little need be said about the dances. Very few people were enthusiastic about them, and even the end-of-term (and, incidentally, the last school dance for several scholars) was not so well patronised as usual; but those who did attend enjoyed it sufficiently to ask for an extension. That is one of the strange things about school dances—the boys are not at all eager to dance and usually sit down most of the time, until a “ladies’ privilege” forces them to stir, but when the clock shows that there is only five minutes more, they clamour for an extra quarter or half and then become disgruntled if it is not allowed.

The Scout Concert, which was postponed until this term, proved a success for a fourth time. The first Scout Concert was given in 1941 and organised by Vic Apps (an airgraph from him will be found elsewhere in the Magazine), when the show included various monologues by Dawson, conjuring by Lupton and a shadow play by Apps himself. Since then a shadow play has always featured in the concert, but we miss the monologues. The first part of this year’s programme consisted of several short items for the patrol competition. All of these were enjoyable and acted enthusiastically. In the interval, Len Allen was in his glory conducting community singing, in which some senior boys gave a peculiar interpretation of the word “singing.” The second part was a play called “The Last-Up Train,” acted by the senior patrol. The two men who had robbed the house of a local squire were trying to make their getaway, unnoticed, by the last train to London, but were discovered by a “deaf” old lady also waiting for the train, who was a detective in disguise, looking for another criminal in the district. The actors were Jury as the man who was robbed, Lupton and Fuggle as the burglar and his accomplice, Allen as the detective, and Simpson as the porter-ticket collector-booking clerk of the station. This play was also acted in Bedford’s Youth Festival Week, when it was again well received.

The various lecturers who visited us this term included Mr. Vidler, who gave two talks on the History of Rye. Mr. Vidler, a

Foundation Governor of the School, has written a history both of Rye town and of the Grammar School and is the best authority on the district. He illustrated his talks with photographs of the town and of various relicts of past ages, which he himself had discovered. Major Hutton, just back from the Burma Front, gave us interesting information about fighting in the Far East, including many humorous episodes. Another lecture was about Russia by Major Hooper, who had visited Russia several times. Major Hooper kept the School interested by his humour, which was almost of the same standard as that of a music hall comedian, and justified the title of lecture by a brief description of his visits. He also showed us some very good photographs, particularly of Moscow. At the end of his lecture he sold two of his books to any one interested to buy.

The County Theatre at Bedford put on a good programme for once in a while, when “Lilac Time” was played. A School party went to the matinée performance and thoroughly enjoyed it. The singing, especially that of the bass, was quite good, but the orchestra was a very poor affair. However, on the whole the play was well and prettily acted. Earlier in the term the School saw the film “Jane Eyre.” The younger pupils did not, perhaps, enjoy this rather gloomy story, but nevertheless the acting was very fine and the senior pupils appreciated the whole film.

The School Committee has again carried on its business successfully. Mr. Broome was welcomed back to School after his illness and was again chairman, at the last meeting of term. Daphne Breeds, whose last meeting this was, was congratulated on her careful work as secretary during the year. Kathleen Batehup was elected as secretary for 1944-45 and Dawson was chosen as chairman for the Autumn Term.

As always at the end of the Summer Term the School has to say goodbye to many Senior pupils. We wish all of them the very best for the future. The School has suffered another loss this term in the retirement of Miss Seed. For twenty-five years she has worked hard for the pupils of the School and it will be a long time before she is forgotten.

T.G.H.P.

OBITER DICTA

Miss Seed is leaving us this term after twenty-five years at the School. We extend our best wishes to her for her happiness in the future.

Miss Letcher left at the same time, at short notice, to take up an appointment at Shrewsbury, in which we wish her the best of good fortune.

Members of forms Lower and Upper IV have given much help on the land this term, such as pea-picking and beet-singling.

Seniors have shown themselves to be extremely enterprising. For a few weeks the School was without a caretaker, but it was kept clean and tidy. Pupils are still doing all the work connected with School dinners very efficiently.

L. S. Wood has passed his Proficiency Examination in the A.T.C.

Air raid practices have been revived after a lapse of over a year. The shelters were found to still have a supply of running water.

The School was pleased to see the first School Foundation Governor to visit us in Bedford, Mr. L. A. Vidler. While here, he gave us two lectures on the history of Rye.

Other lectures given to the School were "The Burma Campaign" by Major Hutton and "Russia" by Major Hooper. Both lecturers were experts on their subjects and gave us a clear idea of the countries about which they spoke.

Two members of the School A.T.C., B. Dawson and J. Bull, came top in an aircraft recognition test against the Observer Corps, the Air Scouts, the Spotters' Club and other A.T.C. squadrons.

Gymnasium Colours have been awarded to Julia Terry, Irene Farrant, J. Bull, B. Dawson, T. Pollard and E. Fellows.

Cricket Colours were renewed to B. Dawson, and awarded to L. Fuggle, J. Jury, T. Pollard, E. Fellows, J. Bull, L. Simpson and P. Wood.

Kathleen Batehup was awarded her Tennis Colours.

Julia Terry and Jean Pope have gained their Home Emergency Service armlets in the Ranger Pre-Service Training Scheme.

MISS SEED

The whole School was sorry to hear of Miss Seed's decision to retire at the end of the Summer Term. Appointed to the Staff in the Spring Term of 1920, as French mistress, she has thus completed nearly twenty-five years of service in that capacity. Her wide knowledge of the language and its country and her vital interest in her "subject" has enabled her to guide successfully many "generations" of scholars throughout their school careers. Yet it is not only as a teacher of French that Miss Seed has exerted a deep and lasting influence upon her pupils. Her musical ability and sense of dramatic art have been placed at the disposal of the School in the teaching of music and the production of dramatic performances.

As Mistress of Sanders House from its beginning, all old members of that House will know the keen interest she has always taken in their welfare and in all forms of out-of-school activities in which they took part.

All members of the School and Staff feel that with her departure from the School, they are losing one whose vigorous and youthful personality enabled her to be on terms of real and personal friendship with all, from the youngest to the oldest. They all unite to wish her many happy years in which to enjoy her well-earned leisure.

"Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale
Her infinite variety."

HOUSE NOTES

PEACOCKE HOUSE

House Master : MR. MORGAN.

House Mistress : MISS LETCHER.

Boys' Captain : L. S. WOOD.

Girls' Captain : JEAN POPE.

Prefects : KATHLEEN BATEHUP, JEAN POPE, HELEN
METIANU, L. S. WOOD.

This term has seen rather more success for Peacocke, but unfortunately the revival has come too late and we have not managed to obtain the Cock House Shield. There seems, however, to have been a definite improvement, and if an effort is made we may hope to win the House Championship Competition next year.

Most credit is due to the girls and Junior boys, whose efforts were mainly responsible for our victory in the Athletic Sports. The work of the girls has also resulted in the winning of the Tennis Shield by Peacocke. We are very fortunate in having four of the School First Tennis VI, including its captain, Kathleen Bateup, in the House. The girls also won their Gymnastics Competition. However, these successes were not enough to offset our defeats in football, cricket, the cross-country run, boys' gymnastics and swimming, although in the two last items we came second.

On the academic side we have been very successful and have carried off the Speech and Music Shield and the Work and Merit Shield, the former only by a small margin. Thus the House has little reason to be ashamed of its record in the last year, although our efforts did not reach the standard which we might have attained.

The collection has done well this term and we have sent thirty-five shillings to the Royal East Sussex Hospital.

At the end of the year, as usual, we have to bid farewell to some members of the House. They are Betty Ford, Ruth Morris, Doreen Smart, Irene Farrant and Saunders. Betty Ford and Ruth Morris have been enthusiastic members of the House and great assets both on the work and sports sides, being members of the School Hockey XI and the School First Tennis VI. Doreen Smart has worked hard, especially on the work and merit side. Irene Farrant, who is leaving us while only in the Fourth Form, has been a great enthusiast both in the work and sports. Saunders has been a steady help to Peacocke during his stay with the School: he has kept up a steady position in form, in spite of illness, and on the sports side he has been a valuable member of the House football team. We wish all these leavers the best of luck in their new life.

L.S.W.

SANDERS HOUSE

House Master: MR. DOUGLAS.

House Mistress: MISS SEED.

Boys' Captain: T. G. H. POLLARD.

Girls' Captain: PAMELA WHITING.

Prefects: ROSALIE GREEN, PAMELA WHITING, E. A. FELLOWS, B. L. JONES, T. G. H. POLLARD.

This term Sanders House has not been very successful in either work or games. In the Work and Merit Competition, unfortunately,

Sanders has been beaten by both Peacocke and Meryon. Form IIa are to be congratulated upon putting up a very good show in this competition. In spite of very good work by Pollard, Sanders came third in the Athletic Sports. The girls were beaten by the other two Houses at hockey, but they managed to gain second place in the tennis competition. In the girls' Gymnastic Competition Sanders tied for second place, but the boys were last in their Competition. Sanders gained first place in the House cricket competition, mainly because of very good play by the Juniors. Simmons, Godden and Sexton in the Junior team, and Hargrove, Pollard and Fellows in the Senior team, are to be specially congratulated on good play.

The collections this term have been rather below our usual high standard, but the House has been able to send a substantial gift to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. At the beginning of the term a special collection was made for the Rye 'Salute-the-Soldier' Week. Our House Treasurer, G. Paine, has managed his difficult task very successfully.

Unfortunately we must say farewell to Miss Seed, our House Mistress, who is leaving us this term. Miss Seed has been with Sanders ever since the House was established in 1923. Through all these years she has done much to make Sanders into a fine House and her cheerfulness has inspired us all.

The House must also say farewell to T. G. H. Pollard, Margaret Kennard, E. A. Fellows and G. Burt. Pollard joined the School from Newhaven, early in the evacuation and has been in the lead of most House activities. He has won the cross country run for two years and also many of the athletic and swimming events. He has been a keen footballer and cricketer and has done much to keep both teams together. As House Captain, 1943-44, he has worked hard in the general organisation of the House. Fellows, as well as Pollard, has played a very great part in all the House activities, particularly swimming, cricket, athletics and football. Margaret Kennard has been with us all through the evacuation and has proved a very helpful and loyal member of the House in all activities. Burt joined the School from Newhaven in 1940, we are to lose him at the end of the fourth form year. He has been a great help to the House, especially in the Work and Merit Competition.

The House is very grateful to Miss Seed and all those who are leaving us and we wish them all the best in the future. B.L.J.

MERYON HOUSE

House Master : MR. BROOME.

House Mistress : MISS TUNSTALL.

Boys' Captain : J. JURY.

Girls' Captain : DAPHNE BREEDS.

Prefects : J. BULL, B. DAWSON, DAPHNE BREEDS.

The winning of the Swimming Sports was the crowning event of a most successful year, which has resulted in Meryon's obtaining the House Championship Shield for the second time during our stay in Bedford.

Unfortunately our work has not been of such a high standard, although we managed to reach second place for the Work and Merit Shield, which Peacocke won by a lead of seventeen-and-a-half points.

The Senior cricket team won every match which they played, but the Juniors were not quite so successful and we only just got second place. In the running we managed to obtain a lead in points before the event, due to the perseverance of both Juniors and the example set by our Captain, Simpson.

Once again, because of the shortage of girls in the House, we came second in the Athletic Sports. The boys easily won the Gymnastics Competition for the fifth time in succession, and the girls, by their good work, tied with Sanders for second place in the girls' Competition.

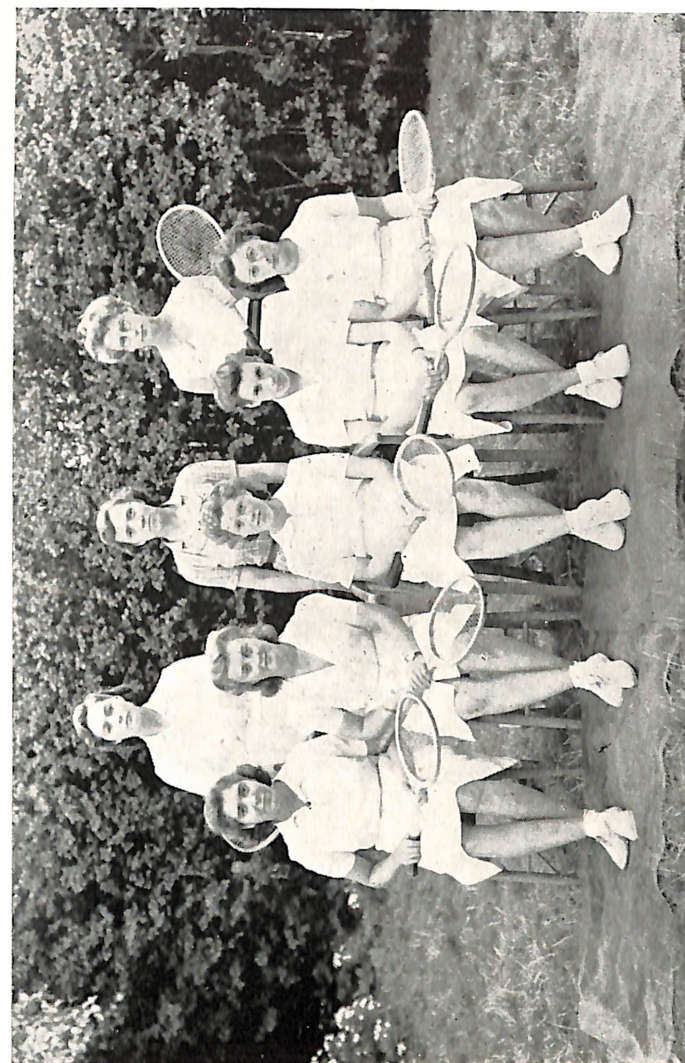
The results of the Speech and Music Competition were rather disappointing, but we look forward to a great improvement in the coming year.

The House is losing many of its Senior members this term and we all wish them the very best of luck for the future. Both our House Captains, who have steered us so well through the past year, namely, J. Jury and Daphne Breeds, are leaving. L. Simpson will also be missed, especially in every sports activity, where he has gained the highest places. Other useful members of the House whom we shall all miss are J. Martin, and Cynthia Cade, our tennis captain.

The collections continued throughout the term as usual and we have been able to send twenty-five shillings to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund.

R.C.F.

1st TENNIS VI



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*Back Row—*PAMELA WHITING, MISS STEVENS, JULIA TERRY
*Front Row—*JULIA SMITH, RUTH MORRIS, KATHLEEN BATHUP, BETTY FORD, DAPHNE BREEDS

[A. Drake Saller

TENNIS REPORT

This season has not been a very successful one, although the standard of play has improved considerably since the beginning of the term. We have to thank Miss Stevens for this, as she has coached us well and also arranged tennis practices regularly.

The First VI has played five matches, not one of which has been won by us. The first match was against the Cedars School at Leighton Buzzard. In this game much lack of practice was evident, but this was remedied by the next match, against the Modern School. Play was keen and fast all the time, but we were beaten by a more experienced team. The same result was obtained in the return match against the Modern School. The remaining two matches were played against Rye Grammar School boys and in both games we were beaten, although the result of the first game was very close. We were to have played the Owen's School, but owing to bad weather this had to be cancelled.

A tennis IV has played two matches against St. Andrew's School, both of which we won.

The Second VI has played two matches against the Modern School, both of which were won by our opponents.

An under fourteen years-old team has also played a match against the Modern School and the result was a loss for the School.

Kathleen Batehup has been awarded tennis colours.

The following girls have played in matches :

First VI—K. Batehup (captain), J. Terry, R. Morris, J. Smith, B. Ford, P. Whiting, D. Breeds.

Second VI—R. Oyler (captain), C. Cade, S. Gain, K. Waterman, S. Mewett, B. Chapman, J. Pope.

Under Fourteens—S. Gain (captain), P. Barfoot, C. Rhind, R. Ray, M. Hoad, D. Caister.

MATCH RESULTS

First VI—

v. The Cedars	....	....	Lost	36—45
v. Modern School	....	....	Lost	38—61
v. Modern School	....	....	Lost	31—68
v. R.G.S. Boys	....	....	Lost	47—52
v. R.G.S. Boys	....	....	Lost	43—56

First IV—

v. St. Andrew's	....	....	Won	23—21
v. St. Andrew's	....	....	Won	27—17

Second VI—

v. Modern School	Lost	27—72
v. Modern School	Lost	30—69

Under Fourteens—

v. Modern School	Lost	24—57
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The House tennis matches have been played. In the Juniors the results were :

Peacocke v. Sanders : Peacocke 25, Sanders 20.

Peacocke v. Meryon : Peacocke 25, Meryon 20.

Meryon v. Sanders : Meryon 23, Sanders 22.

Thus the final order was :

1st Peacocke	50 games.
2nd Meryon	43 games
3rd Sanders	42 games.

The Senior results were :

Sanders v. Meryon : Sanders 52, Meryon 29.

Peacocke (IV) v. Sanders (IV) : Peacocke 50, Sanders 31.

Peacocke v. Meryon : Peacocke 55, Meryon 26.

Thus the final order was :

1st Peacocke	105 games.
2nd Sanders	83 games.
3rd Meryon	55 games.

The Tennis Shield goes to Peacocke, with Sanders and Meryon as runners-up.

K.M.B.

CRICKET REPORT

Our first match was against an Intelligence Corps XI in Bedford Park. We won the toss and batted first, but seven wickets fell for only twenty-eight runs before Shearer and Bullen made a stand of thirty. The last two wickets brought the score to seventy-one. The Intelligence Corps batted and a second wicket stand realised over twenty, but after that their batsmen fell cheaply. However, the last wicket just succeeded in passing our score to defeat us by three runs in a very close game.

A return match was played against the same team a fortnight later. The School again batted first, but were all out for thirty-five only Jury reaching double figures. Our opponents did not begin well, but steady opening batsmen scored slowly and in a sixth wicket partnership our score was passed. The final score was eighty and so we were again beaten by forty-five runs. Dawson bowled well to take five wickets for twenty-five runs.

Our first match against Owen's School First XI was very close. Batting first, the School scored sixty-three, of which Jury had sixteen and Fuggle twenty-two. Owen's first wicket fell to the first ball, but a second wicket stand put on twenty-one runs, and with three wickets to fall they were only eight runs behind. Shearer took the last three wickets for only two runs and thus won us the game by four runs. This match was a great triumph, for it was the first time Rye had ever beaten Owen's School at cricket.

A third match was played against the Intelligence Corps and again the School batted first. It was a batsman's wicket and runs came easily. Fuggle batted very well to score sixty, while Wood, Dawson and Simpson all reached double figures. The School declared with one hundred and forty-two for seven wickets and the Intelligence Corps was left an hour-and-a-half to surpass our score. Their batsmen soon got on top of the bowling and reached one hundred for the loss of six wickets, but stumps were drawn when they had scored one hundred and sixteen for eight wickets. This high-scoring match would probably have ended in our favour had time allowed, but both teams had played well to force a draw.

Clapham Youth Club were our next opponents. Each side was restricted to twenty-four overs. The School won the toss and batted. The first wicket fell early, but a second wicket stand brought the score into double figures. However, three wickets fell without further addition to the score, but the sixth wicket stand by Fuggle and Bull took the score to a hundred and ten before the twenty-four overs had elapsed. Clapham proved to be a team of hard hitters. Their opening batsman hit a six in the first over, but with the score at seventeen he was run out. They reached fifty-seven for six wickets, but the last batsmen were dismissed without addition to the score. Thus we won by fifty-three runs.

The last game was a return one with Owen's School, who were determined to wipe out their previous defeat. For the first time this season we had to field first. Owen's School scored steadily and

two stands brought the score to over seventy. At length the last wicket fell for eighty-eight. Dawson bowled very well to take six for thirty-three, while Morris, behind the stumps, played brilliantly to catch two and run out two. The School's batting was not up to its usual standard and wickets fell cheaply, so that we were all out for twenty-nine runs. Owen's School thus defeated us by fifty-six runs.

Cricket has definitely made an improvement this year especially the batting, while the bowling has, on the whole, been steady. Fielding improved during the season, although in the last match several catches were missed.

B. DAWSON. Has captained the team well during the season. He is a very steady bowler, taking twenty-four wickets for only 6.7 runs each.

E. A. FELLOWS. A careful opening batsman who lacks scoring strokes. Fields as deep third man.

T. G. H. POLLARD. A defensive although slow-scoring opening batsman. He is an erratic change bowler and fields at point.

J. JURY. A good bat with strong forward stroke, which he is apt to use too often. A sound fielder in the slips.

L. FUGGLE. Has made some very good scores this year and obtained the high average of 32.8. A useful change bowler, but inclined to put too many balls to the off.

P. WOOD. One of the opening bowlers who has bowled consistently throughout the season. An aggressive bat, but inclined to hit out early. He fields at cover point.

J. O. BULL. Bats steadily and played a good innings against Clapham Youth Club. Fields at mid-wicket.

L. SIMPSON. The team's hard-hitter, he is inclined to be erratic. Fields well at mid-off.

K. BULLEN. A useful bat, who has not had much opportunity to prove himself. He fields at square leg.

D. MORRIS. Has kept wicket very well, especially in the last match against Owen's School. A useful bat, but he needs to strengthen his defence.

A. A. SHEARER. A change bowler who keeps a good length. Bats steadily. Will improve with practice, he fields at second slip.

Colours were renewed to B. Dawson and awarded to L. Fuggle, J. Jury, P. Wood, E. A. Fellows, T. G. H. Pollard, J. O. Bull and L. Simpson.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES

FIRST XI v. INTELLIGENCE CORPS XI

R.G.S. First XI—

E. A. Fellows, b Prentice	....	....	....	1
J. O. Bull, c Dashwood, b Tyler	....	....	....	0
J. H. Jury, c Dealtry, b Tyler	....	....	....	2
L. Fuggle, c Dealtry, b Tyler	....	....	....	12
B. Dawson, c Davies, b Tyler	....	....	....	4
P. Wood, b Prentice	....	....	....	6
L. Simpson, b Tyler	....	....	....	0
A. A. Shearer, b Dashwood	....	....	....	14
K. Bullen, run out	....	....	....	16
D. Morris, not out	....	....	....	6
G. Paine, b Davies	....	....	....	2
Extras	....	....	....	8

Total

71

Bowling—Tyler, 5 wickets for 29.

Intelligence Corps XI—74.

(Macleod 20; Dawson 4 for 34, Wood 3 for 24.)

Result—Lost by three runs.

FIRST XI v. INTELLIGENCE CORPS XI

R.G.S. First XI—

E. A. Fellows, b Prentice	....	....	....	0
T. G. H. Pollard, b Davies	....	....	....	9
J. H. Jury, lbw, b Davies	....	....	....	12
L. Fuggle, c Squires, b Davies	....	....	....	2
P. Wood, b Tyler	....	....	....	3
B. Dawson, b Davies	....	....	....	0
J. O. Bull, run out	....	....	....	0
K. Bullen, c Pickett, b Tyler	....	....	....	1
A. A. Shearer, b Davies	....	....	....	0
L. Simpson, not out	....	....	....	4
G. Hargrove, b Davies	....	....	....	0
Extras	....	....	....	4

Total

35

Bowling—Davies, 6 wickets for 10.

Intelligence Corps XI—80.

(Simmons 17; Dawson, 5 for 25.)

Result—Lost by 45 runs.

FIRST XI v. OWEN'S SCHOOL FIRST XI

R.G.S. First XI—

E. A. Fellows, c Wakeman, b Seaborne	2
T. G. H. Pollard, c Dommett, b Seaborne	0
J. H. Jury, b Dommett	16
L. Fuggle, b Dommett	22
P. Wood, c Wakeman, b Gould	2
B. Dawson, c George, b Dommett	2
J. O. Bull, c Wakeman, b Morris	5
L. Simpson, not out	6
K. Bullen, b Seaborne	0
D. Morris, b Morris	1
A. A. Shearer, c Seaborne, b Morris	0
Extras	7

Total 63

Bowling—Seaborne, 3 for 12, Dommett, 3 for 15, Morris, 3 for 1.

Owen's School First XI—59.

(Seaborne 17, Blyth 13, Dommett 12; Shearer, 3 for 2, Dawson, 5 for 21.)

Result—Won by four runs.

FIRST XI v. INTELLIGENCE CORPS XI

R.G.S. First XI—

E. A. Fellows, st Dealtry, b Tyler	7
T. G. H. Pollard, lbw Prentice	5
J. H. Jury, b Prentice	0
L. Fuggle, c Johnston-Gilbert, b Keeffe	60
P. Wood, c Dashwood, b Tyler	17
B. Dawson, c Davies, b Brown	19
L. Simpson, not out	16
J. O. Bull, c and b Tyler	1
K. Bullen, not out	2
Extras	15

Total for 7 wickets declared 142

Intelligence Corps XI—116 for 8 wickets.

(Dashwood 38, Brown 22, Davies 22, not out.)

Result—Drawn.

FIRST XI v. CLAPHAM YOUTH CLUB

R.G.S. First XI—

T. G. H. Pollard, c Ponter, b Devereux	7
L. Simpson, c and b Devereux	0
J. H. Jury, c Barnes, b Barker	10
L. Fuggle, not out	61
P. Wood, b Barker	0
B. Dawson, c Sawby, b Barker	12
J. O. Bull, not out	18
Extras	2

Total for 5 wickets 110

Clapham Youth Club—57.

(Barnes, 14; Pollard, 3 for 6, Fuggle, 2 for 3.)

Result—Won by 53 runs.

FIRST XI v. OWEN'S SCHOOL FIRST XI

R.G.S. First XI—

T. G. H. Pollard, lbw Seaborne	0
A. A. Shearer, c Blyth, b Dommett	3
J. H. Jury, c and b Seaborne	5
L. Fuggle, c George, b Dommett	7
P. Wood, run out	0
B. Dawson, c Wakeman, b Dommett	3
L. Simpson, c Gould, b Dommett	1
J. O. Bull, lbw Seaborne	0
K. Bullen, not out	4
D. Morris, b Seaborne	3
P. Gutsell, b Seaborne	0
Extras	3

Total 29

Bowling—Seaborne, 6 wickets for 9, Dommett, 4 for 16.

Owen's School First XI—85.

(George 26, Dommett 15, Blyth 15; Dawson, 6 for 33.)

Result—Lost by 56 runs.

SENIOR HOUSE CRICKET MATCHES

SANDERS v. MERYON—

Sanders 16 (P. Wood, 6 for 6, Shearer, 3 for 1).

Meryon 37 (P. Wood 10; Pollard, 5 for 7, Hargrove, 5 for 23).

Result—Meryon won by 21 runs.

SANDERS v. PEACOCKE—

Sanders 75 for 6 (Fellows 14, Pollard 22, Cutting 11; Gutsell, 3 for 25).

Peacocke 41 (L. S. Wood 10, M. Boyce 12; Hargrove, 3 for 20, Pollard, 7 for 20).

Result—Sanders won by 4 wickets.

PEACOCKE v. MERYON—

Peacocke 27 (Fuggle 11; Dawson, 6 for 12, Wood, 3 for 8).

Meryon 122 (Simpson 50 not out, Jury 23, Dawson 17; Fuggle, 3 for 47).

Result—Meryon won by 95 runs.

T.G.H.P.

JUNIOR CRICKET REPORT

The feature of Junior cricket this term has been the good form shown by several members of the Second Form: Simmons, D. Boyce and Godden have done particularly well, both at batting and bowling. Dunster ii has proved a capable wicket-keeper and Brown a promising bowler.

Of the remainder of the team, Parks has made a good opening batsman and Sexton's hard hitting has brought him some useful scores. The fielding has been keen and smart: D. Boyce, Wigg and Godden being especially good.

Simmons is to be congratulated on performing the hat-trick in two successive innings, against Rushmoor and Kempston. He also compiled the highest score—60, against Rushmoor, he and Sexton adding 81 for the seventh wicket.

Matches against London Bunyan School and Harpur Central School unfortunately had to be cancelled owing to rain.

The team was as follows: Sinden, Parks, Sexton, Wigg, Bryant, Simmons, D. Boyce, Godden, Dunster ii, Brown. Also played: Chappell, Morris, Shearer, Ashwin, Funnell, Petherwick, A. Smith.

CRICKET 1st XI



Photo
Back Row—G. F. PAINE, P. WOOD, E. A. FELLOWS, K. BULLEN, H. L. H. SIMPSON,
J. O. BULL, G. BURT (Score), D. MORRIS
Front Row—J. H. JURY, T. G. H. POLLARD, MR. BROOME, B. DAWSON, MR. AILNUTT,
A. A. SHEARER, L. J. FUGGLE

MATCH RESULTS

- June 10th (away)—Bedford School Preparatory Dept., 27 and 34 ; School, 81 for 4 (declared). (Parks 24, D. Boyce 12 not out, Simmons 16 not out ; Godden 4 for 9, Brown 4 for 10, Simmons 4 for 14, Wigg 4 for 16, D. Boyce 3 for 5.)
- June 17th (away)—Rushmoor School, 65 ; School, 155. (Simmons 60, Parks 26, Sexton 22 not out ; Godden 3 for 18.)
- June 22nd (home)—Kempston Senior School Under 14½, 32 ; School, 115. (Morris 31, D. Boyce 19, Parks 17 ; Godden 4 for 15, D. Boyce 3 for 7.)
- June 27th (home)—Kempston Senior School Under 14½, 23 and 49 ; School, 120. (Morris 39, Shearer 27, Simmons 14 ; Simmons 7 for 14, Morris 4 for 21, Godden 3 for 19.)
- July 1st (away)—Rushmoor School, 16 ; School, 102 for 8. (Simmons 33, Sexton 29 not out, D. Boyce 16 ; Simmons 3 for 6, Funnell 3 for 3, Godden 2 for 7.)
- July 7th (away)—Bedford School Preparatory Dept., 33 ; School, 108. (D. Boyce 29 retd., Sexton 15 retd., Wigg 10, Simmons 12 ; Simmons 5 for 4, Godden 2 for 10.)

UNDER 15 MATCH RESULTS

- June 2nd (home)—Mr. Blake's XI, 68 ; School, 43. (Samaden 14 not out, Gutsell 10 ; Bullen 4 for 15.)
- July 12th (home)—Owen's School, 101 for 7 ; School, 57. (Gutsell 18 not out.)

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES (8 a side)

- Sanders 85, Meryon 18.
 For Sanders : Sexton 33, Godden 21, Simmons 17, Creasey 10, Brown took 3 wickets, Simmons 2, Godden 1.
 For Meryon : Dunster ii took 4 wickets, Beeching 2.
 Meryon 56, Peacocke 86.
 For Meryon : Dunster ii 27, Beeching 15.
 For Peacocke : Bryant 27, Ashwin 32, Fletcher 12. D. Boyce took 3 wickets, Wigg 3, Ashwin 1.
 Peacocke 31, Sanders 60.
 For Peacocke : D. Boyce took 5 wickets, Wigg 2.
 For Sanders : Simmons 27 not out, Godden 15. Simmons took 3 wickets, Godden 2, Brown 2.

RANGER REPORT

The Ranger meetings have been held as usual this term, the majority of them in the garden of a house in Goldington Road, in preference to Russell Park Hall.

We have continued with the usual Ranger work. A few people have been working for their Home Emergency Service test, which took place at the beginning of term. Two Rye Rangers, Julia Terry and Jean Pope entered, and both of them are to be congratulated upon gaining their armlets. This means that we now have five H.E.S. Rangers in the Rye Group.

In preparation for the test, Miss Hewetson, our Captain, arranged some interesting lectures. Mr. Andrews lectured on the correct use of gas-masks, and a Scout showed us how to splice and lash. Those Rangers who already have their armlets have done some work in preparation for more advanced examination.

Several Rangers attended a parade and a service in Holy Trinity Church on Empire Youth Sunday. Unfortunately the weather was not at its best, so that the march was not very enjoyable. After the service the salute was taken by the Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire.

A few weeks ago an enrolment was held, when Miss Hewetson enrolled Betty Ford as a Ranger.

Everyone was very disappointed when, owing to the temporary danger of possible air raids, the Chief Guide was unable to come to Bedford. She was supposed to have come on June 24th and to have met all the Rangers, Guides and Brownies of the County at a rally. However, it is hoped she will be able to come in September, after all.

K.M.B.

GUIDE REPORT

Throughout the term the 4th Rye Company has been progressing slowly but surely. At the beginning of the term an enrolment was held at the Riverside Club, where both Companies were present. Miss Hewetson enrolled several Guides and later attended a Court of Honour held by the Flower Company.

On May 23rd the Company walked to Renhold for a Field Day. Our thanks are due to Mr. Joyce, who very kindly allowed us the use of one of his fields. There were various attempts at cooking and then a trail was followed through the wood. After practising

square lashing it was time to return home and a rather weary Company of Guides trudged back to Bedford.

Work was continued on each Tuesday in Russell Park Hall or in Bedford Park or Russell Park. Square lashing was an important factor, as a Guide Rally was to be held at the Modern School.

We should all like to thank Miss Stevens for her interest in the Company and all her help and advice to the leaders.

B. CHAPMAN.

This term has not been a very busy one for the 2nd Rye Grammar School Company. Our only Field Day was spent at Stagsden. The Guides enjoyed this, especially as they were invited by the Scouts to watch them build a signalling tower. We cooked our own dinner and had a mixture of egg, jam tart, baked beans, soup and trifle. The Kingfisher Patrol ended up with half-boiled tea. While waiting for the tea, they started a sing-song, which must have been heard all over the wood. We had a competition, which the Swallows won.

Daphne Caister has passed her knitter's badge and other Guides have passed some of their first and second class tests.

We were disappointed that Lady Baden-Powell did not come to Bedford as arranged. We had been working hard for her visit. Next term we hope to keep up this standard of work successfully.

STEPHANIE GAIN.

SCOUT REPORT

The Scout Troop began this term with a concert. Although it was produced rather hurriedly this concert was a great success and realised over £5 10s. 0d. Each patrol contributed a short item and the result, for the Patrol Competition, was, first, Eagles; second, Woodpeckers; third, Hawks; fourth, Ravens.

Having got this concert off its mind, the troop settled down to make the most of the best term of the year. Three Patrol Leaders and one Second started working to gain their first class badges before the end of term, but, unfortunately, only two of these were able to go on their journey and therefore get their badges.

Troop activities have included signalling, pioneering (building model bridges, etc.), mapping and, near the end of term, camping. The camp was only a week-end one and it was unpleasantly near the town, just across the river.

On the whole this term has been successful, but the number of second class badges gained has been disappointing, and those who have gained their tenderfoot must show more effort to gain this next important badge.

L. ALLEN.

A.T.C. REPORT

The A.T.C. commenced its term's training on Friday, May 5th, at Riverside. Four promotions were announced, that of Sgt. Davis to Flt.-Sgt., of Cpl. Dommett to Sgt., and of Leading Cadets How and Coutts-Cowen to Cpl. Section I began training with the Aldis Lamp and commenced a course in the Principles of Flight, with F.O. Pigrome. Certain cadets of Section II began to prepare for the forthcoming Proficiency examination, while cadets of Section III started on work to prepare for the First Class tests.

Steady work continued each Friday, and on May 19th certain First Class cadets took their Proficiency tests in calculations and navigation. S. Wood is to be congratulated on being among the successful cadets. Following this examination a re-organisation of the Sections took place. Sections I and II were merged to form Section I, and Section III became Section II, together with certain sub-divisions into classes for instruction.

By the end of the term all cadets of Section II had taken their First Class tests and many of them have been successful. Owing to both internal and external school examinations, parades were suspended after June 24th.

All cadets of Rye Grammar School paid a visit to a nearby aerodrome in the evening of May 30th, and had an opportunity of flying. For most of the cadets it was their first flight and it was greatly enjoyed by all.

On Friday, May 26th, the Flight had another visit from Squadron Leader Shore, who gave details of entry into the R.A.F. and of the new aptitude tests by which the various members of air crews are now chosen. Afterwards he interviewed certain cadets proposing to join the R.A.F. or Fleet Air Arm in the near future and gave them valuable advice.

There were two public parades, in which the unit was represented, during the term. On May 21st, Empire Youth Sunday was celebrated by a service in Holy Trinity Church, followed by an inspection in the High School grounds by the Lord-Lieutenant of

Bedfordshire and a march past in Union Street. The unit also took part in the "Salute-the-Soldier" parade on Saturday, June 10th. The parade assembled in Bedford Park and marched to the Embankment, *via* the High Street, where there was a march-past.

On Tuesday, July 11th, a team of six cadets represented the Flight in a very keen aircraft recognition contest. The issue was undecided until the very end, when we emerged victorious with 41½ points, although 645 Squadron and the Spotters Club came a very close second with 41 points. It is hoped to have one of these contests every two months, together with some sort of trophy for the winning team.

During the holidays several cadets are camping at an R.A.F. station in Norfolk for a week, where they hope to have an interesting and profitable time.

CORPORAL.

THE CHESS CLUB REPORT

This term we were pleased to see Mr. Broome back again with us, helping us to improve our play. He presided over the tournament which took place on the only Field Day of the term. Apps won this tournament, but was closely followed by Robbins.

In the latter half of the term a number of Masters' games were studied and many of the moves were found to be new, but helpful to us.

G. M. BURT.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS

After much practice and preparation during the term, the Swimming Sports were held on July 17th at the Bedford Modern School Baths.

The programme included races with various strokes, and style events. With only small numbers available, several Junior swimmers stepped into the breach in open events and put up a very good show. Competition was keen and there were many hard-fought finishes.

During an interval a very interesting demonstration of strokes and diving was given by Master Bruce Rogers, who has had intensive training.

Excitement ran highest in the final relay races, both of which were won by Peacocke.

As in previous years, points were awarded during the term for swimming distances and attaining a good standard style in the various strokes and diving. These points, when proportioned and added to the points earned in the sports, turned the scale in favour of Meryon, who won, with 165 points. Peacocke was second with 152 points and Sanders third with 113 points.

Miss Seed, at her last School function as a member of the Staff, presented the shield to the winning House.

The individual results were as follows :

<i>Event</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>House order</i>
1 Length, Boys, Senior	P. Wood	M P S
1 Length, Girls, Senior	C. Rhind	M P S
1 Length, Boys, Junior	Wigg	P S M
1 Length, Girls, Junior	R. Oyler	M P S
100 Yards, Boys, Open	P. Wood	M S P
100 Yards, Girls, Open	J. Smith	P M S
Diving, Boys, Junior	Wigg	P S M
1 Length Breast, Boys, Senior	Frehner	M P S
1 Length Breast, Girls, Senior	I. Farrant	P M S
1 Width Beginners, Boys, Open	Franklin	S M P
1 Width Beginners, Girls, Open	B. Whiteman	S M P
Non-Swimmers' Race, Boys	D. Boyce	M P S
Non-Swimmers' Race, Girls	B. Brett	M P S
Diving, Boys, Senior	Simpson	M P S
Diving, Girls, Open	J. Smith	P S —
1 Length Back, Boys, Senior	Frehner	M S P
1 Length Back, Girls, Senior	C. Rhind	M P S
Plunge, Boys, Open	Catt	S M P
Plunge, Girls, Open	J. Smith	P M S
Style Breast, Open	Pollard	S M P
Style Crawl, Open	Wigg	P M S
Relay, Mixed, Junior	—	P M S
Relay, Mixed, Senior	—	P M S

ATHLETIC SPORTS

This year, for the first time, the School made use of a system of standards to assess the athletic attainments of the Houses. Two standards were set for each event. For example, the times for the 100 yards for boys over sixteen were 13 seconds and 12 seconds.

Any boy obtaining the 13-second standard received one point for his House, while any one reaching the 12-second standard obtained two points. The lower standard, in all events, was judged to be that which the average person of a certain age should be able to pass, while the higher standard was for those a little above average.

This year was an experimental year, and it was found that very few passed the second standards. For instance, only three boys over 16 reached the best standard of time for the mile. However, the introduction of the system lent much enthusiasm to athletics and the School's standard as a whole has risen. Miss Stevens, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Allnutt were responsible for drawing up the standards and are to be congratulated on a sound piece of work.

Sports Day was held in Bedford School grounds on May 2nd. It was a fine day, and several foster-parents came to watch the competition. Every event was keenly contested, but it was noticed early in the programme that Peacocke had gained a lead over the other two Houses. This lead they kept and before the events had finished, Peacocke had won the shield. At the close of the competition, Mr. Jacobs thanked Mr. Grose-Hodge, M.A., Head Master of Bedford School, for the loan of such pleasant grounds for our competition and asked him to present the shield to the winning House. Mr. Grose-Hodge said that he was pleased to help in every way possible to facilitate the Grammar School's sojourn in Bedford. He also said that we had created a precedent, for never before had girls participated in athletic events at the Bedford School Field. The shield was presented to Peacocke's Athletics Captains, Julia Smith and Fuggle, who proposed three cheers for Mr. Grose-Hodge.

The day was one of keen interest and pleasure and Peacocke deserved to win.

The individual results were as follows :

<i>Event</i>	<i>House order</i>
Senior Boys' 100 yds.	
1st, J. Jury ; 2nd, S. Chappell	M P S
Junior Boys' 100 yds.	
1st, M. Metianu ; 2nd, G. Sexton	P S M
Senior Girls' 100 yds.	
1st, B. Ford ; 2nd, H. Metianu	P S M
Junior Girls' 100 yds.	
1st, B. Brakefield ; 2nd, R. Wells	P M S

<i>Event</i>	<i>House order</i>
Boys' Under 12½ years 80 yds. 1st, G. Simmons ; 2nd, J. Dunster	S M P
Girls' Under 12½ years 80 yds. 1st, M. Metianu ; 2nd, A. Teasdale	P M S
Senior Boys' 220 yds. 1st, L. Simpson ; 2nd, J. Jury	M P S
Junior Boys' 220 yds. 1st, M. Metianu ; 2nd, G. Sexton	P S M
Senior Girls 1st, S. Mewett ; 2nd, H. Metianu 2nd, K. Waterman	M S P
Boys' Senior Cricket Ball Throw 1st, P. Wood ; 2nd, G. Paine	M S P
Senior Girls' High Jump 1st, J. Pope ; 2nd, S. Gain	P S M
Junior Boys' Cricket Ball Throw 1st, J. Funnell ; 2nd, E. Paige	M P S
Junior Girls' High Jump 1st, P. Barfoot ; 2nd, B. Whiteman	M S P
Senior Boys' Hop, Step, Jump 1st, P. Wood ; 2nd, J. Bull	M P S
Senior Girls' Standing Broad Jump	P S M
Junior Boys' Hop, Step, Jump	M P S
Senior Boys' Long Jump 1st, T. Pollard ; 2nd, J. Bull	S M P
Boys' Open Half-Mile 1st, T. Pollard ; 2nd, L. Fuggle	S P M
Junior Boys' Relay	S M P
Junior Girls' Relay	P S M
Senior Girls' Relay	S P M
Senior Boys' Relay	M P S
Senior Girls' Rounders Ball Throw 1st, J. Smith ; 2nd, S. Gain	P S M
Junior Girls' Rounders Ball Throw 1st, P. Barfoot ; 2nd, M. Hoad	M P S
Senior Boys' High Jump 1st, L. Simpson ; 2nd, R. Marshall	M P S
Junior Boys' Long Jump 1st, J. Dunster ; 2nd, D. Boyce	M P S

<i>Event</i>	<i>House order</i>
Junior Girls' Standing Broad Jump	P S M
Senior Girls' Hop, Step, Jump 1st, J. Smith ; 2nd, H. Metianu	P S M
Junior Boys' High Jump 1st, R. Wigg ; 2nd, E. Paige	P M S
Junior Mixed Relay	M P S
Senior Mixed Relay	S P M

THE MODEL CAMP

A Scout model camp was held in Mill Meadows, Bedford, on July 8th and 9th. A number of experienced Scouts, with other Troops of the town, took the opportunity to show the public how to camp.

Some School Scouts brought the equipment down to the site in the trek-cart. The Troop erected the tents, made the site tidy and put up useful gadgets. The trek-cart was made into a sink and a fence was put round the camp site. A doorway and door were put up and across the doorway was tied a sign, "2nd Rye Grammar," made out of sticks. After a tiring day we had supper. Then two Scouts turned up late at ten o'clock expecting supper and we gave them a cup of cocoa. The flag was lowered and the Scouts retired to rest.

While everyone was in bed, there was a constant hum of talking, it seemed for hours. One reason for this noise, was that it was a warm night and this prevented us from going to sleep. The camp quietened and then there was heard that dreaded pit-pat of rain-drops, so an unlucky Scout from each tent had to get up and loosen the guy-ropes.

The next morning everyone was awakened by some enthusiasts at a quarter-past six. Then, when a tired Patrol Leader tried to get back to sleep, he was pulled out of his tent, blankets and all, into the damp grass and then had a wet mop thrown at him.

After breakfast we were paraded and we and our kit were inspected by the District Commissioner. We then paraded with the other Troops to raise the main flag in the centre of the field. After this a number of Scouts set off for Church, where they arrived just in time.

When the Scouts had returned from Church we had dinner. In the afternoon it rained hard, and everyone was soaked three or four times. Then everything was packed up and the site cleared. Some

Scouts set off with the trek-cart and equipment to Ixworth Court, leaving a Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster to have the last look round. So ended the camp in a joyful, but slightly damp way.

S. CHAPPELL.

FISHING

There are many interesting hobbies, such as the collection of stamps or old coins, but my favourite pastime is fishing.

There is nothing so pleasant as a swift mill stream or a placid lake, glittering in the morning light and studded with green islands which are full of bird life.

A gut hook, piercing a boiled hemp seed, will perhaps find a shoal of feeding roach, until they grow suspicious at the disappearance of three or four of their fellows.

The coming of a ravenous pike is heralded by the roach's speedy disappearance. Then a long, green-grey shape, with flat shovel jaws, lined with inwardly-slanting teeth, comes gliding into the inlet, like a submarine on the prowl.

This fish is worth trying for. Tackle is hastily changed. The gut is discarded for tough-stranded wire and the thirteen hook is replaced by two sets of three-tempered steel hooks. The slender porcupine quill gives way to a large sphere, red on top and green beneath. All is ready. A small roach is fixed to the snap tackle and cast into the middle of the stream. The red of the float careers around, towed by the lively roach. Five minutes pass and there are still no results.

The float stops, it bobs and submerges a short distance. Slowly the red disappears, as if a weight is bearing on it. The water rises to the stem. Where is that float? It was there a moment ago. There it goes, streaking along at a foot below the surface. It seems as if the pike has returned after all. If I allow him two minutes for gorging, it should be plenty. He is on, I have hooked him! Round and round the pool he rushes and up the stream for the open river, only to be arrested by my strong flax line. I give him time to make himself exhausted, and then up and over the bank he comes, a goodly fish of approximately five pounds.

If you have ever caught a really large fish you will know the excitement that comes with it, the desire to show it to everyone in sight, and the wish to rush home to show the catch to an incredulous mother.

R. B. WIGG.

THE SIXTH FORM



Photo
A. Drake Sadler

Back Row—ROSALIE GREEN, B. DAWSON, B. L. JONES, T. G. H. POLLARD,
E. A. FELLOWS, J. O. BULL, L. S. WOOD, JEAN POPE
Front Row—DAPHNE BREEDS, KATHLEEN BATEHUP, THE HEADMASTER,
THE SENIOR MISTRESS, HELEN METIANU, PAMELA WHITING

A FAREWELL TO MISS SEED

Miss Seed, I think you've always been
Associated with esteem.
You always made the lessons bright,
And filled the pupils with delight.
Your quaint French ways and smiling looks
Quite charmed the pupils with their books.
And if a boy did something wrong,
It was not talked about for long.
And these few lines are just to say,
How very much we'll hate the day
When you go home, with trunks and cases,
And leave us in our present places.
We'll think of you when you're in Rye
Watching aircraft in the sky.
I cannot think of any more,
So this is all from Lower Four.

J. E. FUNNELL, *Form Lower IV.*

THE FARMER'S BOY

Who walks beside the plough?
Who helps to milk each cow?
Who works from morn to night
But still he whistles bright?
The farmer's boy.

Who helps to plant the corn?
And who, though tired and worn,
Will always take his turn
With the large butter churn?
The farmer's boy.

CLARA KING, *Form Lower IV.*

OVER THERE

Recently the Headmaster got into touch with the Principal of the Country Day School at Rye, in New York State, America. The Principal, Mr. Snyder, sent us the yearly school magazine, *The Echo*, and several copies of an unofficial monthly magazine, *Rye Crop*.

The former contained several photographs of the school and the pupils. The building is a large house in spacious grounds, evidently on the outskirts of Rye. We were surprised to see that no uniform is worn by the scholars and more astonished still to find that a typical menu for school lunch consisted of chicken and ice-cream.

In American schools, evidently the staff is called the "faculty," and the forms, "grades."

The C.D.S. was founded in 1868 as a girls' school, but by now girls and boys up to about eighteen years of age study there, under a large, mixed staff. Thus, by the co-educational system of the C.D.S. we are linked to it in more than name, and we hope to strengthen this tie by starting to correspond with our American counterparts.

J.M.P.

VALETE

Record of scholars who left between July, 1943, and July, 1944.

J. S. L. PULFORD. Entered School, 1936; School Certificate, 1941; Editor of *Nova Rya*, 1941; Prefect, 1941; Member of A.T.C.; Oxford Higher School Certificate, 1942; History Prize, 1942; Sanders House Captain, 1943; School Captain and Senior Editor, 1943; Higher School Certificate, July, 1943; Mayor's History Prize; Joined R.A.F., 1943.

P. J. MEAD. Entered School, 1939; School Certificate, 1941; Prefect, 1941; Peacocke House Captain; Higher School Certificate, 1943; Reading in Agriculture at Leeds University by 1943.

EILEEN MUNDAY. Entered School, 1937; School Certificate, 1942; Senior Girl Prefect, 1942; Guide Patrol Leader; Hockey and Tennis Colours, 1943.

JOAN HOAD. Entered School, 1938; Hockey First XI Colours, 1943; Tennis Colours, 1943; School Certificate, 1943; Left, 1943.

HELEN MILLS. Entered School, 1936; in Hockey First XI and Tennis Team, 1942; Tennis Captain, 1943; Colours, 1943; Gymnasium Colours; Left, 1943.

W. COLVIN. Entered School, 1937; Football First XI Colours, 1943; Cricket First XI, 1941-3; Colours, 1942; Cricket Captain, 1942; R.A.F. University Short Course, 1943.

OLD SCHOLARS' CONTRIBUTIONS

Depression clouds the mind and over all
The hand of Death remains. Which way to turn?
Perhaps 'tis better now to die than burn
As if for ever in this thickening pall.
Come Death, and wipe away this hateful wall
And bring the tranquil peace for which I yearn!
It is too late to start again and learn,
And try once more—yet I must heed the call.

The darkest hue must needs give place to light,
As through the pattern runs the brilliant thread,
And, as a trumpet call comes echoing down,
Bids all oppressed continue in the fight.
By doing so victorious peace can lead
Out of the depths and into realms unknown.

May, 1944.

A. E. MARSON.

THE BEAUTY THAT WAS BRITAIN

This land our fathers handed down to us
Was grand enough to die for, so they thought;
An heritage to cherish very dear
When viewing all that beauty their death bought,
The beauty that was Britain.

Grand snow-kissed peaks and heather-covered dales,
Wide rolling rivers, roaring to the sea;
A panorama known to Highland Men:
To nature-lovers, blissful ecstasy,
The beauty that was Britain.

Fields ripe with corn, and apple orchards pink,
Hop-gardens in the homely Weald of Kent,
The Norfolk Broads, the Pennines' stately crests,
And Evesham's Vale England do represent,
The beauty that was Britain.

Now Wales we see, a multitude of hills,
Whose green tops cover o'er thick seams of coal;
The swans of Ellesmere, a rugged coast,

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The sights that fill a Welshman's soul ;
The beauty that was Britain.

The fleecy clouds sweep grandly o'er the Downs,
The willow's click is heard in cricket fields,
And fleets of boats fill rivers, lochs and streams ;
Here are some pleasures that our summer yields,
The beauty that was Britain.

The leaves begin to change to autumn tints,
The flowers are fading, birds begin to leave
For warmer climes ; the squirrels store up nuts,
And rivers swell with rains they now receive,
The beauty that was Britain.

Then once more winter shows his icy hand,
Covering this old earth with a mantle white ;
And robins tamed by hunger, hop indoors
To beg for crumbs and fly back into night.
The beauty that was Britain.

Now winter's weary course is nearly run
And trees begin to waken from the dead.
A harbinger of spring, soul-stirring sight,
The sleepy snowdrop hangs its pure white head,
The beauty that was Britain.

The birds and flowers and trees bring evidence
How nature once more has a change ordained.
The season of new birth is here again,
Life's mystery remains still unexplained.
The beauty that was Britain.

What greater bliss can be than in some shaw
To rest in silence, listing to the tune
Of nightingale, of thrush, of blackbird, too,
While slowly, light of sun gives place to moon,
The beauty that was Britain.

And, by the shore, or over marshland wild,
Appearing like a speck at early morn,
The lark disseminates his liquid notes
Just like the sower scattering the corn.
The beauty that was Britain.

The gentle waves lap on the shingle bank,
The sun sinks gently in a splash of gore,
And our last sight, ere nature sleeps that night—
The sea-gulls swooping o'er the windswept shore,
The beauty that was Britain.

Grand trees that signify Man's upward trend
To reach that plane by God alone attained ;
Fair flowers that symbolise God's beauteous gifts
To Man : those coloured sentinels maintained
The beauty that was Britain.

The homely rabbits scampering up the glen,
A regal stag remote from human sight,
Our playful squirrels skimming through their glade,
The craven fox that seeks its prey by night,
The beauty that was Britain.

Now all around, a change of front is seen,
Where formerly Dame Nature held her sway,
Huge camps are seen, manoeuvres taking place,
And man-made birds swoop down upon their prey,
The Glory that is Britain.

Where formerly the placid fisherman
Hung nets to bring our people Neptune's gifts,
Amid the pale haze of the breaking dawn,
We see arrayed there, when the curtain lifts,
The Glory that is Britain.

Men bronzed by wind and sun have left their homes.
The scenes they love in their hearts they enfold,
A mem'ry only, till their labours cease.
These are the men determined to uphold
The Glory that is Britain.

G. R. SMITH.

REPORT ON SOUTH AFRICA, 1944

The Union of South Africa—what pictures does the term conjure up in your mind ? Orange trees on postage stamps, gold mines, lions and snakes, dour old Boers with long white beards, and Voortrekker hats. All these and many more, in greater or lesser degree, go to form the popular conception of life within the Union.

I have just come back from the Union after twelve months with Royal Air Force schools out there, and thought that perhaps a first-hand picture of life and opportunities in the youngest dominion would be interesting.

Of course, my voyage out took rather longer than the peacetime fourteen days, but our welcome at the other end more than made up for this. The South Africans, whether of English or Dutch origin, provided first-rate hospitality throughout our stay.

Within an area three times the size of the British Isles reside two million Europeans and nine million non-Europeans. In this latter group we come across the "coloured" Indian and native sub-divisions. The "coloured" people are half-castes, the children of mixed marriages which took place prior to the now rigid application of the colour bar. The Indian populace in South Africa constitutes quite a problem, as in many respects they have completely absorbed western civilisation, but are excluded from white society on account of their colour. The most backward of the non-Europeans are the natives, of innumerable tribes, from Zulu to Hottentot, each with their varied tribal languages and customs (some tribes permit of six wives and up to a score of children!).

Much as the easy-going native would prefer to remain in his transhii or natural home, he is very much needed in the more urban districts in order to provide labour for the Union war effort. Consequently the authorities have imposed a tax on natives which will necessitate their working in the towns before they can pay it off. They perform a variety of unskilled tasks for about three shillings per day, plus their ration of mealies, the basic diet. The natives have been slower than the other non-Europeans to adapt themselves to the European mode of life, but progress is continually being made in this direction.

To a casual observer like myself the colour bar, whereby all non-Europeans are not allowed to share places of worship and entertainment and some means of transport with Europeans, seemed to be directly contrary to the democratic principles for which we are fighting. Unfortunately it is only by upholding the white man's prestige and thus holding out the prize of equal status to the coloured, that the coloured populace can be encouraged to educate themselves to our own standard.

The Europeans themselves are not without their internal differences, in that those of English extraction cannot always agree

with those of Dutch extraction. However, the Boer Prime Minister, Field-Marshal Jan Smuts, is doing a great deal towards establishing Union solidarity behind the war effort, and it is to be hoped that Boer and Briton will work together in peace as in war. Even so, there is still sufficient partisan feeling prevalent on both sides to necessitate all newspapers, film titles and public announcements to be published in both English and Afrikaans (the language of the Boers). Postage stamps are printed in equal quantities in both languages.

The climate varies in different parts of the Union, but generally speaking it is more pleasant than ours. All kinds of agricultural activities are pursued. Livestock farming is carried out on the Veldt and more arable farming in the Transvaal.

Industry for home consumption within the Union was on a comparatively small scale prior to the present war, which has given a big impetus to the production of goods for home consumption, from cosmetics to streamlined motor buses.

Life in the Union is of a more carefree nature than in the home country. I saw very little sign of poverty amongst the people and labour disputes are almost unheard of. The employer and employees work together for the good of all concerned in the undertaking.

As is only natural in such a young country, the big cities have a very up-to-date air about them, usually the result of careful planning. The skyline is dotted with miniature skyscrapers and blocks of flats, designed in the modern manner, are the rule rather than the exception. Cinemas are air-conditioned and comfortable in all respects. Gas, electricity, water and telephone services are all operated by the municipal authorities for the Government. Railways are also a state-owned undertaking and run on a three-foot gauge. Prices are much higher than in this country, but this is met by a corresponding increase in wages, usually about four times those paid in England. Houses and clothing demand exceptionally high prices. Food, on the other hand, is both plentiful and cheap, as it can be easily obtained locally.

Some of the large towns, especially Johannesburg and Durban, have adopted American methods of building and commerce and have an Americanised atmosphere about them.

Cultural activity is limited by the counter attractions of earning one's living and outdoor pursuits. Live theatre is at present non-existent, but this will probably be remedied after the war.

Without the exercise of great care by the authorities, disease could easily become a menace in South Africa. Happily, the medical services are of the very highest order. Cases of malaria are very rare and cases of enteric fever are strictly quarantined.

Contrary to the old story pictures of the African lion and his kingdom, the wild animals are almost entirely confined to game reserves and national parks (Whipsnades on a gigantic scale!). Snakes, however, are more common and black and green mambas, cobras, puff adders and boomstangs (tree-snakes) are all lethal. Normally they run away if pursued, through the undergrowth, but the mamba, if attacked, will put up a fight and unleash its deadly sting, which requires only three minutes to kill.

Opportunities for ambitious and qualified emigrants abound in South Africa. Farming is only profitable if carried out on a large scale and requires capital, ambition and plenty of hard work. Emigrants with technical qualifications can easily be absorbed into all branches of engineering, building and mining. Administrative posts are less easily secured. Plans are already made for post-war expansion of civil air lines and broadcasting. At present, there are some half-dozen broadcasting stations under Government supervision.

I hope I have presented a true-to-life picture of modern South Africa as well as a few pointers to any prospective Empire-builders from Rye.

R. AXELL, R.A.F.

Mr. Douglas has received this letter from Vic Apps, a former Scoutmaster and founder of the School Troop:

"After much travel I feel you might perhaps like to hear a word from me. I am at the moment in the jungle on the Indo-Burmese border (this is where Scouting comes in). I am quite well and hope all at School are also. Please remember me to them all, especially the Scouts. This life is so vastly different from anything that I imagined, that it will be some time before I adapt myself. However, I am getting a further pip in a day or two. One thing, here one has to put into use construction of bivouacs, bridges, etc., fieldcraft, semaphore, first aid, etc. All are vital to one's existence."

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

We are pleased to hear that Reg Bourne, R.A.F., is now recovering from serious injuries sustained during an air raid on his aerodrome.

Helen Rook, A.T.S., was in the first party of A.T.S. girls to go abroad. She writes of all the food she is getting and of the innumerable steps she has to climb.

Sidney Vincett, R.N., has just finished his torpedo course.

Gordon Brain has been in the forefront of the advance in France all the time. He was last reported at Douai.

We offer congratulations to Harry Kennard, who has done well in his first R.A.F. examination. He has been accepted for flight engineer.

John Pulford, R.A.F., writes regularly to the School and paid us a short visit during the term.

We have seen a good deal of Bob Burnett, R.A.F., who has been near the School for some months.

John Ford, R.A.F., is now in France.

Philip Mead called in on his way home from Leeds, where he has done very well in his agricultural course.

We also had a visit from Lansky this term. He now holds a commission in the Navy.

Rex Cowper, at Brighton Technical College, had a very successful athletics season, winning the sprints and the long-distance events. We have had a long letter from him in which he says he now hopes to go in for fleet engineer in the Navy.

We have also heard from Paulina Metianu, who is working and making expeditions in Snowdonia.

Vic Apps was last heard of in the Army in Burma. Extracts from a letter of his will be found elsewhere in this Magazine.

We have heard from Swaine, who complains of the temperature where he is now.

Graham Smith still writes to us regularly.

We have also heard from Andy Dunlop. Like so many others at this stage of the war, he wonders what he is going to do afterwards, to judge from his letter he is thinking of politics. He tells how he saw a short film of Rye while in Egypt, which included the School.

In a long letter, Eileen Mundy still inquires about school dinners, especially the custard. She is helping to serve out in her school, so her school dinner days have been useful.

Marjorie Smith, A.T.S., is now in the south.

Margaret Sands is now specialising in English in her school and sees a good deal of Geraldine Baker (Mrs. Brain) in London.

Joyce Hulbert is still with Avery Hill Training College at Huddersfield, and finds Yorkshire growing on her.

Colvin visited us this term. He had just taken an R.A.F. examination, but we have no further news of him.

Jean Austen, A.T.S., writes that she is now fully qualified as a cook. She hopes to visit us on her next leave. She has spent much time in York.

We offer hearty congratulations to Joy Hulett and Winnie Allen, at Reading, and Noreen Baker, at Oxford, who have all obtained their degrees in English.

Pat Green, W.A.A.F., now in London, is doing important work at the Air Ministry.

Mary Isaac, with the Royal Berkshire Hospital at Reading, has met Old Grammarians at the University there.

Mewse is now back with his old regiment, the Royal Norfolks.

H. Spedding is a prisoner of war and, we are glad to hear, is safe.

We have heard recently from Ashdown, in the Royal Corps of Signals. He claims to be with one of the greatest mechanised wonders of the British Army.

Betty Mouat is still anxious to get on with her studies.

We have had an airgraph from P. Cooper, R.N., who is in the Pacific area.

This term we had a visit from Cynthia Breeds, the first one since she left School.

Will Dunlop, Secretary of the O.S.A., came up to Bedford this term on one of his regular visits.

TO FRIENDS AND OLD SCHOLARS

We are always glad to receive news from Old Scholars and if any of you could contribute an article, letter or even some criticism we should be very grateful.

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