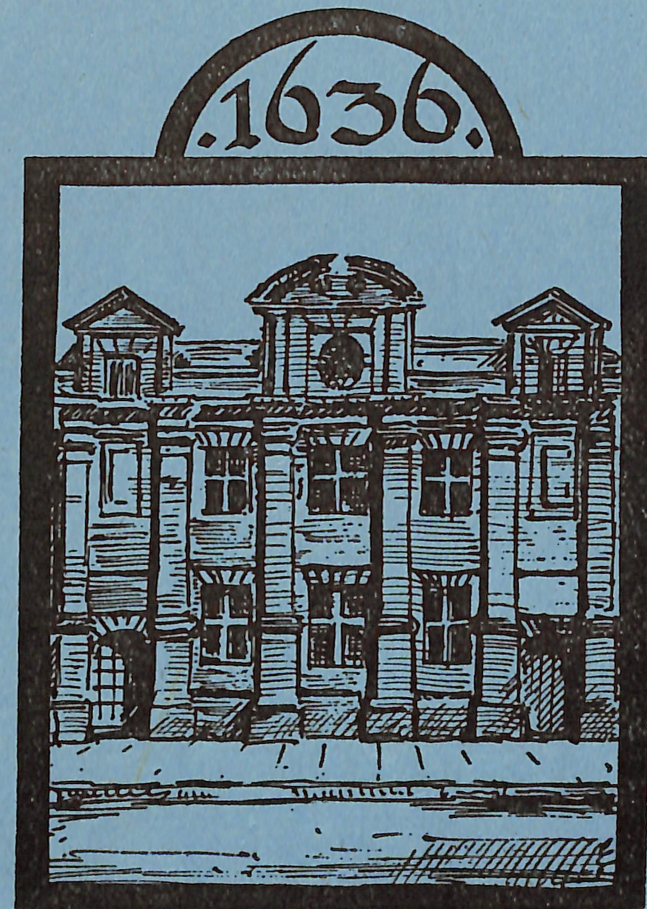


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Editorial

Since our return from Bedford the shortage of material, in the form of good articles and poems, for the School Magazine has been most noticeable and the difficulties of the editors considerably increased. Even although this term many pupils were allotted time in their homework to write an article or poem for the Magazine, the resulting material has been disappointing. Most people wrote poems and many of these were fairly good, but few attempted to write an article and those who did failed to make it either interesting or good reading.

The editors, therefore, make no apologies for the fact that the greater part of this magazine consists of House and Society Reports, which they consider form neither the most interesting nor the most important part of the magazine. The School is now larger and stronger than ever before in its history and its Magazine should improve accordingly. We are back in our own building, our work is of a high standard, our hockey and football teams are stronger than ever and yet there seems to be nobody able to contribute a good article to the Magazine.

We ask you, therefore, as you turn these pages to consider this and when you have considered, to write something that will be of interest to everyone and send it into us for publication, for we feel that although in the past this magazine has been of a very high standard there is room for yet further improvement and that can come not through us, but only through you. So go on writing.

THE EDITORS.

School Diary

- SEPTEMBER 10 The Autumn Term started.
 19 A lecture by Major Selwyn on "India's Fighting Men."
 27 Field Day.
- OCTOBER 2 Lecture by Brig.-Gen. Wace on Local Government.
 12 Commemoration Day.
 13 School Dance in aid of "Rye's Thanksgiving Week."
 20 Junior Social.
 26 Recital by Miss Vera Burston.
 30 Field Day.
- NOVEMBER 2-5 Half-term.
 20 Speech Day.
 22 Musical Recital by Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson.
- DECEMBER 3 School Certificate began.
 7 School Examinations began.
 12 Lecture on the Channel Islands by Mr. Gibson.
 14 Film Show given by Mr. Douglas and Mr. Bull, using the School projector.
 17-18 Speech and Music Competition.
 19 Term ended.

Examination Results—July, 1945

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES GAINED IN JULY, 1945

- J. BULL. *Principal subjects*: Geography and Biology. *Subsidiary subjects*: Economics and Physics.
- B. DAWSON. *Principal subjects*: Zoology and Botany. *Subsidiary subjects*: Chemistry and Physics.
- S. WOOD. *Principal subjects*: History and Geography. *Subsidiary Subjects*: French and Economics.
- J. POPE. *Principal subjects*: History and English. *Subsidiary subjects*: Latin, French and Economics.
- P. WHITING. *Principal subjects*: History and English. *Subsidiary subjects*: Latin, French and Economics.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES GAINED IN JULY, 1945.

- L. ALLEN. "Very Good" in English Language, Mathematics, General Science, Biology and History; 3 Credits. (Matriculation Exemption).
- P. BOYCE. 4 credits.
- R. CATT. 5 credits. (Matriculation Exemption).

- S. CHAPPELL. 5 credits.
- P. GUTSELL. 3 credits.
- G. PAINE. 5 credits.
- A. SHEARER. "Very Good" in English Language and Biology; 6 credits. (Matriculation Exemption).
- P. WOOD. "Very Good" in General Science; 5 credits.
- P. BAKER. 8 credits. (Matriculation Exemption).
- A. BRAKEFIELD. 5 credits. (Matriculation Exemption).
- S. HOULSTON. "Very Good" in English language, Mathematics, General Science and Biology; 4 credits. (Matriculation Exemption).
- I. LEEDS-GEORGE. 5 credits.
- D. STANDEN. 7 credits. (Matriculation Exemption).

Obiter Dicta

During this term the Headmaster received a letter from the Headmaster of Rye County School, New York, in which he said that he had heard our school had been destroyed and offering the sum of £100 to help set us on our feet again. Mr. Jacobs replied to the letter saying that our building was still whole but thanking the American school for its very generous offer.

The dentist has been visiting us regularly this term and Sir Alan Moore paid us one visit.

It was with much relief that the School heard that at long last the School canteen is licensed to provide teas for School functions. The teas provided for the football and hockey teams on Saturdays have shown a marked improvement.

The Rye police held a bicycle "check-up" at School during the term. Very few 'bikes were perfect and many (including a Sixth-former's and a member's of staff) were definitely unsafe.

The Sixth Form have had two special lectures this term. The first was on China by Mrs. Wallbrook and the second was on photography by Mr. Hewitt. Attending the latter were several Fifth-formers.

We were all very pleased to welcome Miss Merry this term. She has taken charge of all music in the School and has revolutionised the musical part of the speech and music competition.

The following have been made Prefects this term: P. Baker, A. Brakefield, G. Hall, S. Houlston, I. Leeds-George, J. Smith, D. Standen, Allen, Catt, Gutsell, Hulbert and Wood.

The Dramatic Society have been coached this term by Mrs. Curren, a one-time member of the "Old Vic Company", while the School is grateful as well to Nurse Rhodes for taking the Mothercraft course and to Miss Kingdon for help with First-Aid lectures.

We were all very pleased to welcome back Mr. Biddle who has now served in two world wars. Mr. Luck has also been demobbed and should be back next term.

We welcome the Rev. W. Hilton Wright as Chairman of the Governing Body. The School will always remember his visit to Bedford, just at a time when we were feeling rather neglected. He has taken over the task at a critical period in the development of the School and we are fortunate that the experience gained from a lifetime's active interest in education is at our disposal. We are also pleased to welcome on the Governing Body for the first time, Miss Warren, the Rev. D. F. Wilkinson, M.C. (Rector of Beckley), Mr. J. Y. Shearer, J.P., and the Vicar of Rye (the Rev. O. E. Brooks). We hope that they will all find their association with the School enjoyable. We know it will be profitable to us.

Miss Warren and Mr. Hilton-Wright attended the breaking-up service this term.

The late Mr. Jenkins presented annually a prize for mathematics. It has been suggested that Old Scholars and friends of his would welcome the opportunity of contributing to a small fund to ensure the annual award of his prize. The fund would be administered by the Foundation Governors, of whom Mr. Jenkins was Chairman for so long. Contributions should be sent to A. R. Jacobs, Esq., M.A., The Grammar School, Rye.

House Reports

Sanders

House Master : MR. DOUGLAS.
House Mistress : MISS DANN.
Boys' Captain : R. CATT.
Girls' Captain : PAULINE BAKER.
Prefects : PAULINE BAKER, SHEILA HOULSTON, PAMELA WHITING, R. CATT, R. HULBERT.

We welcomed several new members to the House at the beginning of this term and they are all progressing very well, both at games and work. The Junior Boys gained second place at football because, owing largely to the absence of their captain, they lost against Peacocke. We hope that next term, with a full team, they will make up their losses. The senior football team also played well and was placed second. They also lost to Peacocke.

The Junior Girls are to be congratulated on gaining first position in netball this term, but the Senior Girls lost both the matches they played. Their hockey, however, is much better and after much improvement throughout the term Saunders now holds first place.

A contribution was sent to the Great Ormand St. Hospital during this term.

On the whole Sanders has done quite well this term (we are now second in work and merit) thanks very largely to the good leadership of our Captains.
M.F.

Meryon

House Master : MR. BROOME.
House Mistress : MISS TUNSTALL.
House Captains : P. WOOD.
I. LEEDS-GEORGE.
House Prefects : I. LEEDS-GEORGE, GERALDINE HALL, L. ALLEN, A. SHEARER, P. WOOD.

In our first House meeting of the term we were pleased to welcome 19 new members: a record number of newcomers for many years. Iris Leeds-George became the new Girls' House Captain and Geraldine Hall the House "Chancellor of Exchequer." Incidentally, this side of House business has been carried on with as much success as usual and collections have realized £2 10s. One guinea of this total has been sent to the National Children's Home and Orphanage, and one guinea to John Groom's Crippleage, from whom the House received a red rose which had been made by the cripple girls as a token of gratitude for our former support.

In the football competition we have not been very successful, but there is still time to redeem our rather precarious position in the second half of the competition which is to be held next term. In the hockey competition, however, the girls have done rather better. After a very hard and fast game they defeated Peacocke by 2 goals to 1 and were unfortunate to lose to Sanders after gaining a half-time lead of 2 goals. Considerable improvement in the Work and Merit Competition has enabled us to gain a slight lead during the term.

The new form of Music Competition initiated by Miss Merry has evoked considerable enthusiasm in the House. The idea of having a conductor and piano-accompanist drawn from the House was revolutionary to our older members, but the matter was taken seriously, and P. Wood and Geraldine Hall are to be congratulated on their respective efforts as conductor and piano-accompanist.

A.A.S.

Peacocke

House Master : MR. MORGAN.
House Mistress : MISS HILL.
Boys' Captain : S. CHAPPELL.
Girls' Captain : JULIA SMITH.
Prefects : JULIA SMITH, KATHLEEN BATEHUP, DOREEN STANDEN, AUDREY BRAKEFIELD, L. FUGGLE, C. SAUNDERS, P. GUTSELL.

This term Peacocke has welcomed many new members, but has lost no old ones. We put the members on the right path by receiving the House Championship Shield from Mr. Grose-Hodge on Speech Day.

The struggles for the football, hockey and netball shields will continue next term. At present Peacocke is winning in the fights for the football and netball shields, but is bottom in hockey. We still seem content to take the second or third place in the Work and Merit competition in almost every form.

£2 10s. has been collected this term and will be sent to the Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings. Our secretary, Doreen Standen, has been absent for the greater part of the term because of illness. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her again next term. We also take this opportunity to thank Miss Merry for everything she has done to help us in the music section of the Speech and Music Competition which was held on December 17th and 18th and in which Meryon beat us by two points.

A.A.F.

Games Report

Football

This season has been both successful and eventful. It has seen the entry of the 1st XI into the Hastings Youth League as "Rye Juniors" and has seen us defeated but once.

We have played 11 matches, of which we have won 9, drawn 1 and lost 1. During most of the games the team played well and attacked with spirit, but the loss to Hastings Grammar School was a regrettable example of bad individual and team work. For the matches against Bexhill and St. Helens T.C. the XI was in top form, their team work being excellent as was shown by the results. The match versus Ashford Grammar School was awaited with some anxiety as last season they were the only team that beat us, but the result was satisfactory, being 3—0 in our favour.

Commendation is due to Robbins, as left back, and Sexton, as right-half. It is their first season in the 1st XI and both have shown exceptional promise. Matches played have been:

	For	Agst.
v. Icklesham Minors	5—0
v. Rye Reserves	2—2
v. Hastings G.S.	6—2
v. Bexhill C.S.	12—0
v. Ashford G.S.	3—0
v. Victoria Rangers	5—0
v. Bexhill C.S.	5—0

v. Victoria Rangers	8—1
v. St. Helens Y.C.	20—0
v. Icklesham Minors	5—0

Total 73 8

The following have played for the team: Cutting, Robbins, Wood, Boyce, Sexton, Bull, Shearer, Chappell, Fuggle, Morris, Roberts, Gutsell.

Mr. Allnut has been invaluable in coaching and advising and it is largely due to his efforts that the team has been so successful.

P.W.

Junior Football

During the past term the Junior Football Team played eight matches, of which six were won and two lost. The forwards, well led by Simmons, showed particularly good form, scoring 39 goals. D. Boyce was prominent at centre-half.

In the opening game, against St. Leonard's Modern School, away, we had much the better of the play, winning by 4—0. Simmons scored all four goals.

Against Bexhill County School, at home, we opened strongly, gaining a half-time lead of 4—0. In a keen and even second half each side scored twice, leaving us winners by 6—2.

At Ashford, our opponents, Ashford Grammar School, were leading 3—1 at half-time, and although we managed to equalise we were finally beaten 6—4. Our forwards gave another good display, but our defence was very uncertain.

The return match against St. Leonard's Modern School produced some very good football, a good start enabling us to win by 6—2.

The following week we defeated Clive Vale Senior School 8—0, scoring four times in each half.

At Bexhill we completed a double over the County School, winning by 7—0. Our forwards again started in good style, scoring five goals in the first twenty minutes. Simmons and Hargrove were in good shooting form.

Against Rye Modern School, at home, we were without Simmons, but won a keen game by 4—1. Hargrove and Crisford each scored twice. An outstanding feature of the match was the fine form of the Modern School goalkeeper.

In its final match the Junior XI was defeated by Hastings Grammar School at Rye by 3—0. Against a much heavier team the defence tackled well—especially Boyce, Cooke and Farrow. But, lacking Simmons, our forwards lacked the thrust necessary to beat a strong defence. Elkins gave a promising display in goal in his first match.

Team : Simpson or Barham ; Farrow, Beeching or Creasey ; Dunster II, D. Boyce, Cooke, E. Godden, Crisford, Simmons (Capt.), C. Godden, Hargrove. Also played : Tickner, Elkins.

Hockey

The Hockey 1st XI have made a successful start to the season. Five matches were played this term, out of which one was lost, one drawn and three won.

On October 6th the School visited Ashford Grammar School. At first play was in our opponents' half, but the defence played well and kept the opposing forwards out while Julia Smith made some very good saves in goal. At half-time neither side had scored. In the second half the game was faster. The Ashford team scored first, but the School soon equalised through Rita Oyler. Just before the end Ashford scored again and this time we failed to equalise. The match was thus lost by 2—1.

On October 20th the 1st XI entertained Hastings High School. Hastings' forwards were quicker to attack and at half-time our opponents had scored twice, though they missed from a penalty bully. In the second half the forwards rushed more but no result was seen until five minutes before the end when, due to the encouragement of Miss Dann and Mr. Jacobs, we equalised through a fine shot from Rosemary Ray and a penalty bully taken by Stephanie Gain. Thus the final result was a draw 2—2.

On October 27th the School entertained Bexhill County School. From the beginning of the game everyone played hard and the forwards rushed well. At half-time the score was 1—0 in our favour, the goal coming from a good shot by Stephanie Gain. In the second half we scored through Stephanie again, and our opponents failed to reply. Thus we won a hard and fast game by 2—0. Pamela Whiting played excellently.

On November 17th we visited Charters Towers School at Bexhill. On a very rough and uneven pitch our opponents chose to play down the slope in the first half. At half-time neither side had scored. In the second half the School scored twice through Stephanie Gain and our opponents failed to reply, thus leaving us the winners by 2—0.

On December 1st the "present" Grammarians played a match against the "past" Grammarians. The "present" XI played with five reserves, but in spite of this the forwards soon broke away and scored. At half-time the score stood at 4—0. In the second half we added three more goals to our score and won the match by 7—0. Goals were scored as follows : Daphne Gill, 3 ; Rita Oyler, 2 ; Mary Metianu, 1 ; Kathleen Batehup, 1.

The standard of the play has gradually improved throughout the term.

The forwards need to combine more and to rush more in the goal circle, although a marked improvement has been seen this term, especially in the match against Bexhill County School.

The backs defend and clear well, but they should combine more with the half-backs, who should try and be both "up" with the forwards and "back" with the backs.

The goalkeeper has played excellently in every match and should be heartily commended on her good play.

The team is as follows : Julia Smith ; Gerry Hall and Lilian Barnes ; Pamela Whiting, Kathleen Batehup, Iris Leeds ; Rosemary Ray, Mary Metianu, Stephanie Gain, Daphne Gill, Rita Oyler. The following have also played in matches : Audrey Brakefield, Betty Whiteman, Marie Hoad, Kitty Dibley, Barbara Catt, Pat Barfoot, Joy Batchup, Clara King, Daphne Weeks.

House Matches

This term there have not been separate Senior and Junior House Matches, but instead House XI have consisted of either Juniors or Seniors, and only one set of matches have been played.

The results were as follows :

Meryon	2	v.	Peacocke	1
Sanders	4	v.	Meryon	2
Sanders	4	v.	Peacocke	0

Thus the order of the Houses so far is :

	Points
Sanders	4
Meryon	2
Peacocke	0

K.M.B.

Netball

This term has not been a very successful one in netball. The team played three matches. The first one was against Hastings High School. Play was not up to its usual standard and passing was bad. We lost 5—23.

The second match was against Bexhill County School. We played better but were still not up to our usual standard and lost 5—13.

The third and last match of the term showed a marked improvement and this time we won 17—4.

The team was as follows : J. Morris, J. Terry, D. Weeks, M. Metianu, I. Elliott, M. Bull, P. Orford.

School Committee

The first meeting of the session was held on September 24th when Fuggle was in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

Allen then made a statement on the functions of the Editorial Committee. He said that a magazine would be ready shortly. Pat Barfoot and Shearer had been elected as new editors.

Audrey Brakefield made a suggestion that a box for the Pound should be placed in the Girls' cloak-room. Allen suggested that one should be placed in the Boys' cloak-room as well.

Pauline Baker suggested that there should be an entertainments sub-committee. It was decided that its constitution should be the School Captains and two members each from the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools.

Mr. Jacobs suggested that the Senior School should consist of the Fifth and Sixth Forms, the Middle School of the Fourth Forms, and the Junior School of the Second and Third Forms.

The second meeting of the term was held on December 13th when Fuggle was in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The reports of the Hockey, Football, Entertainments and Editorial Sub-Committees were then given. With regard to the Editors' report it was suggested that the plate on the cover of the Magazine should be altered.

Audrey Brakefield made a suggestion that three meetings of the Committee should be held termly.

The following suggestions were made to be discussed at the next meeting :

1. That a Fourth House should be introduced into the School.
2. That a penny library fine should be paid when a book was returned later than the date specified.
3. That more time should be allowed for House Meetings.

Wood was elected as Chairman for the next session.

K.M.B.

A.T.C. Report

One of the main changes in the Rye Flight of 304 Squadron has been that instead of meeting at the old Junior School it now meets at the Grammar School where the conditions, both for comfort and work, are much better. On Thursday evenings this term members of the Flight have had the use of the School gymnasium under the instruction of Flt./Lt. Huxstep, and on Friday evenings the officers and instructors

from Hastings have visited us in our new quarters to give their instruction. During these Friday evenings some good work has been done in map-reading, navigation, theory of wireless, and even drill in the quadrangle by floodlight, and moonlight occasionally.

The time devoted to Pre-Service Training in School hours has been the last period on Friday afternoons and in that period F./O. Pigrome has given us some very interesting talks on planets, stars, their constellations, and other heavenly bodies.

One of the instructors from Hastings, F./O. Prevett, gave us some very interesting talks on structure of aircraft and the principle of jet-propulsion.

In the latter half of this term we had frequent visits from Flt./Lt. Harris, a R.A.F. pilot recently demobilised, who has been temporarily attached to our Flight. Due to his most interesting talks and "question times" our knowledge of single-engined fighters, in which he has had four years operational experience, has been greatly increased.

We have had two Field Days this term and they were both fully devoted to A.T.C. work. In the morning of the first one, all the Grammar School section set off on a five-mile walk, which is a part of the physical training required of the Corps. This having been accomplished the cadets sat down to the infamous School lunch, attacking it with more fervour than has before been witnessed in the School dining hall. When their hunger was satisfied and their *bodies* sufficiently rested, the work for the afternoon was started—some very instructive work in navigation. On the second Field Day the morning was occupied by two tests. The four senior cadets took a practice proficiency test in navigation, while the other cadets took a calculations test. In the afternoon we had a visit from Flt./Lt. Harris, who began his talk by explaining the various branches of the R.A.F. concerned with flying, from I.T.W. (Initial Training Wing) to the operational station, and the system of training he went through, from the Tiger Moth to the high-speed single-engined fighters. He finished off a very interesting talk by answering questions, of which there was no shortage.

It did seem, a few months ago, when the Air Ministry announced that no more young men would be accepted as air-crew, that the Corps would break up, and it almost did. Recently, however, the Air Ministry made it known that the Air Training Corps are officially a part of the R.A.F. and will be a peacetime organisation. With so much encouragement, therefore, it is to be hoped that the Corps will flourish in the future.

"CADET."

Girl Guide Report

At the beginning of term the two companies were re-organised and are now run on an entirely voluntary basis. There are about

twenty-five girls in each company. In the 2nd Rye Company the four patrol leaders are June Terry, Joan Morris, Pat Orford and Alison Hilder. In the 4th Rye the leaders are Ann Teasdale, Ann Baker, Ann Fellows and Daphne Gill. Kitty Dibley and Mary Frostick have formed the Foxes Patrol.

Dark evenings have not prevented the Guides from continuing their activities until five o'clock each Friday. Several badges have been worked for and gained. The last few meetings of the term were spent preparing for a Children's Christmas Party, which was held on the last Saturday of term and pronounced a great success. About fifty small children were invited. Games were played and the children watched two short plays—"Cinderella" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." The patrols provided an excellent tea. The "high spot" of the evening was the entry of Father Christmas (Kitty Dibley), who brought sacks of toys on a silver sledge. Each little guest received a gift. The evening ended with carols and "Auld Lang Syne."

We have had two Field Days this term; the first was an excursion to Bodiam, which was greatly enjoyed. The second was spent at Peasmarsh, where the cooking was done and eight Guides passed their 1st class hiker's test.

The Guides were sorry to say goodbye to their District Commissioner, Mrs. Bayfield, who has left Rye. Miss Delves Broughton has taken Mrs. Bayfield's place. We welcome her and wish her every success.

STEPHANIE ORFORD.

Scout Report

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, 1945, several Scouts left the Troops, including three P.L.s from the 2nd Rye. A large number of recruits more than made up for these. Three new P.L.s were elected in the place of those who had left; they were Dunster i, Dunster ii, and Webb. All of the new boys assigned to the 3rd Rye passed their tenderfoot tests before the end of the term. Hartill, of the Falcon Patrol gained his 2nd class badge. Law, Ashwin and Wigg passed their surveyors' badges, and one artist badge was gained by Wigg. The grand sum of £1 1s. 0d. was collected in subs. among the Scouts of the 3rd Rye.

In the 2nd Rye, Farrow, of the Woodpeckers, and Godden ii, also of the Woodpeckers, gained their 2nd class badges. Having obtained much practice in cooking at the summer camp, on returning Sutton and Farrow passed their cook's badges.

During the term two Field Days were held, both at Great-Souden Wood. The two Troops kept to separate parts of the wood and organised their own activities. Many outdoor tests were passed on both occasions.

A Court of Honour decided that the Troops should combine and carry out a stunt in aid of Rye's Thanksgiving Week. On the first Saturday of the Week a party of Scouts joined the town parade, towing the trek-cart on which a cage was fixed. A sign, excellently built by T. Saunders, and bearing the words "Be prepared to catch the Squander Bug," was placed over the cage. Barham, in his own home-made costume, played the part of the Squander Bug very well, T. Saunders acting as his gaoler.

Towards the end of the term, the District Commissioner, Mr. Winch, honoured the Troops with a visit. He suggested that a P.L.s' training course should be held during the Christmas holidays.

A further break may be made in the Troops, in order that senior members may become a separate section and thus be released from instructional work and allowed to carry on with advanced Scouting activities. Due to the short terms, the Scout custom of holding annual concerts has been broken for the first time in five years, but it is hoped that a Scout Concert will be arranged for 1946.

R. B. WIGG.

THE SCOUT CAMP AT BROADSTONE WARREN

During the summer holidays about twenty-five Scouts went for a week's camping at the official camp site at Broadstone Warren. The surroundings proved to be lovely (about 365 acres of woodland) and there was a swimming pool, a sick-bay, and many other attractions. We soon settled down and began to enjoy ourselves thoroughly in spite of the fact that the weather was not exactly favourable. The news that there were deer in the wood soon spread and many amateur stalkers set out to track one, but not so much as a footprint was ever seen.

Among the pioneering feats carried out was the building of an aerial runway across the lilypond just below our camp. When it was completed the S.M. gallantly volunteered to go across, and did so, much to the amusement of the troop, who studied the creaking rope on which he was suspended with more than casual interest. The rope, however, held and the troop went away disappointed. On another occasion we built a bridge, also across the lilypond.

The cooking in camp was of a very high standard and several "bean-feasts" were held. The cooks specialised in date puddings, and I should here warn future campers not to watch these being mixed if they wish to enjoy them, for if they do they will understand then why the puddings are such a rich dark colour.

The rain visited us nearly every day and much of our time was spent in our tents, but we always had something to do and were never idle for a moment.

One day we all went for a hike, following maps made up by the S.M. We walked for miles in patrols and had a jolly good time, but when we got back we all agreed that the S.M. should stick to scientific diagrams. As, however, he had got a terrific supper ready for us we forgave him.

Only on one day were we able to go swimming, and it was then that we heard that the Japanese were likely to surrender.

That night we held a camp-fire and our singing so struck the S.M. of the neighbouring camp that he invited us to join his troop in a joint camp-fire the following evening. This was a great success, especially as the other troop provided supper. It was our last act. The next morning we pushed all our kit up a muddy track—one mile long—in an overlaiden trek-cart (it took four journeys), and left the camp just as the sun began to come out. When we got to Rye the sun was really hot and it never stopped shining for the next four weeks. Such is life!

“SCOUT.”

Chess Society Report

The Chess Society has once more attained its rightful position in the School. After two terms of bare existence it has swollen to 16 members. New members of the Society are :—Ansett, D. Boyce, Clayson, Farrow, N. Godden, Hargrove, G. Hickman, P. Hickman, Metianu, Simmons, Simpson, T. Smith and Wilson. Ashwin, Robbins and Apps remain in the Society. During the term Mr. Pigrome has given valuable aid to all members. A tournament was started during the term, but was not finished owing to the absence of certain members. Many of the new members have shown commendable keenness and are beginning to play quite well. During the term we lost R. Tickner, who left school to join the Royal Navy.

The Society hopes to get back to pre-evacuation standards when it had very many enthusiastic members. The present members are eagerly awaiting the “good old days” of chess games.

“STALEMATE.”

Dramatic Society Report

This term we were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Curran, a former member of the “Old Vic Company,” who has come to run our Society. We meet once a week on Thursday afternoon for two periods, and also have extra practice after School.

It has been decided to present Shakespeare’s “As You Like It” at the end of the Spring Term. The revival of the School Play was welcomed by many as a sign that the Grammar School has taken up its former position in the town of Rye, after its four years’ absence. We hope that our performance will be of the same excellent quality as those of the past.

PAMELA WHITING.

Geography Society

The Geography Society has had a very successful term. At the beginning of the term our numbers increased to thirty and since then we have had two further additions. In spite of the season the weather has been favourable, and Mr. Broome has taken us for several walks. On one occasion we went to the top of Leasam to see the change of course of the Tillingham; on a second occasion we went to study the lower course of the River Rother; and on a third occasion we went down to the Rye shipyards via the Martello Tower.

The high light of the term came when Neeves, an old scholar who is now in the Merchant Navy, came to give us a talk on his experiences and showed us the practical uses of the sextant.

When the weather was unsuitable for outdoor work, Mr. Broome gave us lectures on the following subjects :—Norway, Stonehenge and Avebury and the Lake District, with the aid of the epi-diascope.

We look forward to next term, hoping it will be even more successful than this one has been.

L. FUGGLE.

Handicraft Society

Membership of the Society has been increased this term to the full capacity of the workshop and we have all had a busy and enjoyable time on our various tasks. The difficulty in obtaining good timber, particularly boards, was to some extent overcome by an unexpected wind-fall of odds and ends and the recent arrival of a parcel of veneers should make it possible to carry on our varied work a little longer. A number among us have for the first time gone in for sculpture—masks, fish, birds, etc.—and the results have been at least amusing. We hope to finish a new table for the School Hall during the next term.

The Society spent one afternoon as the guests of the Rother Iron Works, where we were conducted around by the manager, Mr. Best. The external appearance of the buildings could hardly be called attractive, it certainly gave no indication of the very interesting and specialised work that goes on inside. Many of us learnt for the first time the important part played by this firm during the war years. Vital parts for aircraft, many varieties of machine tools and the complicated apparatus necessary for the manufacture of penicillin and anti-typhus toxins were among the articles produced by this firm during the war. Some of us found the lathe shop fascinating, while others were attracted by the interesting work going on in the casting-shop where moulds were being prepared for the next day’s “pouring.” Mr. Best promised to cast for the School some sculptured reliefs which we hope to make. We are very grateful for his generosity and for the interest which he took in the work of our Society.

Major Luxmore, who has taken so much interest in the craft-work of the School and who has awarded some generous prizes for handwork, called in recently to see us at work. During his visit he talked and chatted with many of us.

S. CHAPPELL.

Music Society

The Choir has made great progress and much hard work has been put in during the past few months. Amongst other events a committee has been formed consisting of six members. Its chief work this term was to organise a concert—a recital of piano music, folk songs and carols by Maurice and Susannah Jacobson. Two performances were given, one to the whole School in the afternoon and one to parents and friends in the evening. The afternoon programme included piano music by Chopin and Schubert, and a little Russian piece, "Sledge Drive," by Zilcher, which was enthusiastically received. Mrs. Jacobson contrasted well-known folk songs such as "The Raggle Taggle Gypsies" with other lesser known but equally enjoyable works, among them "The Crawfish Man," an American street cry. The evening performance, besides Chopin Waltzes and Schubert Impromptus, included Debussy's popular descriptive piece, "Clair de Lune," and a short work by de Seueræ, "Tabatiere a Musique." Mrs. Jacobson's recital consisted of negro spirituals, several carols, among them that lovely Czech lullaby, "Rocking," and a French folk song, "En passant par la Lorraine."

Both entertainers were a great success, largely owing to Miss Merry's tireless energy in overcoming all obstacles, and we hope that this will be only the first of a series of concerts to be presented by the Music Society.

GERALDINE HALL.

Commemoration Day

On Friday, 12th October, the School held its first Commemoration Service in Rye since 1939. The service began at 2.45 p.m. and the church was filled long before that time owing to the large attendance of parents and friends of the School. We were lucky enough to have at the service the Bishop of Chichester, who gave the address. The service was taken by the Rev. O. E. Brooks (Vicar of Rye and a Governor of the School) and the Headmaster and Pamela Whiting read the lessons. The hymns and psalms were sung with great gusto, thanks very largely to the efforts of Miss Merry and the School choir, and it has been generally agreed that our stay in Bedford has had a good effect on our vocal efforts.

The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Bell) took as his text a verse from Isaiah: "Hearken to me ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord, look unto the rock whence ye are hewn." He began by saying that like Rye, Rye Grammar School was founded upon a rock. He



said he had read with great interest Mr. Vidler's history of the School and had seen how former scholars had built up its fine traditions and how they had played their part in the two recent World Wars, doing deeds of heroism and making great self-sacrifice. "Unless," continued the Bishop, "You and all of us are determined to show the same spirit of heroism and self-sacrifice in the coming years the last state of Europe, and of Britain and of the world, will be worse than the first." Our job now, he said, was to rebuild the world and to build the life of every man and woman in it on the basic principles of freedom, justice and service. This would need great heroism and self-sacrifice. "Whence is this impulse to this self-sacrifice to come?" asked the Bishop. "I have no doubt that it can only come through religion."

Dr. Bell ended with these words: "Give of your best to your country and do your best to make whatever corner of England you live in a real community of men and women who care for one another, and to set forward the rule of justice and freedom and peace. Be true to the faith on which your School was founded. Look to the rock whence ye are hewn."

After the address the School Commemoration Hymn was sung and the Bishop pronounced the Blessing. After the service he talked with the staff and the Captains of the School.

Speech Day

Our second Speech Day to be held in Rye was so well attended by parents and friends that the Monastery was crammed to overflowing. The Rev. W. Hilton Wright, Chairman of the Board of Governors, took the chair and the proceedings opened with the singing of the Commemoration Hymn. After this the Rev. Hilton Wright made a brief but very amusing introductory speech and then called upon the Headmaster to make his annual report.

Before making his report the Headmaster welcomed Mr. Grose-Hodge, M.A., Headmaster of Bedford School, who had made the long journey from Bedford to Rye in order to present the prizes. He said that this was a golden opportunity for parents to show their appreciation to Mr. Grose-Hodge for the valuable assistance he had given to the School during its stay in Bedford and without which our specialist work would have suffered considerably.

Mr. Jacobs went on to say how sorry he was that, owing to illness, Brig.-Gen. Wace was unable to attend the Speech Day. He was pleased, however, to welcome four other new Governors of the School, namely, Mr. Stutely, Mr. Shearer, Miss Warren, and Rev. Brooks, the Vicar of Rye. He also welcomed Mr. Burra, who had a distinguished record of public service in the cause of education and who had just relinquished his post as Chairman of the Governors to spend a few years of well-earned rest and quiet.

In his report the Headmaster said that the year ending July, 1945, had been one of the most eventful years in the School's history. It

started with a short term in Bedford, which was followed by the re-opening of the School in Rye with all the manifold problems involved, and then, as if this were not enough, the new regime under the Education Act began in the Summer Term. Three crowded terms, but in spite of all this, examination results were very good indeed. Five Higher School Certificates were obtained, special mention being made of those gained by Jean Pope and B. Dawson. In the Junior examination all our candidates obtained their School Certificate, Sheila Houlston and L. Allen doing particularly well.

In games our School sides did very well but the Headmaster thought that he had commented amply on this subject in the last Speech Day. The House Competition was keenly contested and, appropriately enough, on our return home the Championship Shield went to Peacocke House. We held our Swimming Sports last July at Hastings and immediately saw the effect in this sphere—an effect for the worse—of our return home.

Since our return the only change in staff has been the arrival of Miss Green to teach Domestic Science and to supervise the canteen. In this respect the Headmaster said that he felt he could say with some confidence that School dinners were almost popular now. That is indeed high praise and the kitchen staff are to be congratulated on their success which has been achieved despite innumerable difficulties.

Mr. Jacobs then welcomed back Mr. Biddle, our caretaker, who has served for two world wars on His Majesty's destroyers and who was mentioned in despatches during the Dunkirk evacuation. This, the Headmaster said, ended his report, but he hoped that he might be allowed to say a few words on the Education Act which had come into operation during the School year which he had just reviewed.

He said that the Education Committee proposed that there should be one secondary school in Rye—a multilateral school—although he preferred the term community school. Rye Grammar School would have a great opportunity to extend its sphere of usefulness, but everything would depend on how such a change was brought about. The Headmaster said that he agreed with the Old Scholars' Association that should the enlargement of the School come about on a given date there would be very great dangers to the standards and way of life of the Grammar School. If, however, the Education Committee fostered the evolution of the new school by enlarging the Grammar School gradually then the dangers would be largely non-existent.

The Headmaster concluded by paying tribute to the work of the late Mr. J. M. Jenkins, a former Headmaster, who had died in April. Mr. Jenkins came to Rye in 1886 as Headmaster of the Boys' Elementary School, he became Headmaster of the Grammar School in 1894. He was with the school when it moved to its new buildings, and when the first girls were admitted. He ended his teaching career in 1922 after thirty-six years of devoted service to the cause of education in Rye. On his retirement he entered fully into the civic life of

Rye, becoming Mayor, and to the end he was Chairman of the Foundation Governors. Mr. Jacobs concluded: "Such a long record of public service is rare, and the Grammar School remembers him with gratitude." Everyone then stood in silence to his memory.

After the silence Mr. Grose-Hodge was called upon to speak. He said he was rather anxious when he heard that we were coming to Bedford because we were a co-educational school. He had always been dubious about such schools, but his doubts were removed after our arrival, and eventually our girls created a precedent by taking part in athletic sports held on the Bedford School playing fields, the events being watched with keen interest by Mr. Grose-Hodge, who afterwards presented the shield to the winning House.

The main theme of Mr. Grose-Hodge's speech was that hard work was the whole key to success. He said that we could not expect to be spoon fed, in fact if we were we would fail to appreciate it. He said a good education was beneficial to everyone in every walk of life, it not only enabled us to be better citizens, but it helped us to spend our leisure hours to better advantage.

After making his speech, Mr. Grose-Hodge presented the prizes and trophies. He had something to say to every prizewinner and seemed very impressed by the variety of subjects taken in School Certificate. Pamela Whiting then, on behalf of the Parents' Association, presented Mr. Grose-Hodge with two books:—Vidler's "History of Rye" (for Bedford School Library) and Trevelyan's "English Social History" (for himself).

A vote of thanks to Mr. Grose-Hodge was proposed by The Hon. Ruth Buckley.

In General Wace's absence the vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. Stutely. The singing of the National Anthem then brought the Speech Day to an end.

PRIZEWINNERS

The Trollope Award	JEAN POPE
The Old Scholars' Prize	B. DAWSON
The Mayor's Prize for Geography (presented by Alderman Cooper)	L. N. ALLEN
Prize for History (presented by Brig.-Gen. E. G. Wace)	J. O. BULL
Prize for Domestic Science (presented by Mrs. Wace)	JEAN POPE
The T. Philips' Prize for Mathematics (presented by W. Dunlop, Esq.)	AUDREY BRAKEFIELD
The Molyneux Jenkins' Prize for Mathematics	KATHLEEN BATEHUP
The English Essay Prize (presented by J. W. Foster, Esq.	SHEILA HOULSTON
	PAMELA WHITING

Prize for Divinity (presented by Miss Prentice) ..	JOAN HOBDEN
The Head Master's Prize for the best Literary Article in the School Magazine	JEAN POPE
Prize for the best Illustration in the School Magazine	R. MARSHALL
Prizes for Handicraft (presented by Major Luxmoore)	R. E. HULBERT
	D. STREETER
	R. WOOD
Prize for a Victory Essay (presented by Miss Prentice)	KATHLEEN BATEHUP
The Parents' Association Prizes for Progress ..	FREDA FAIRBRASS
	E. G. S. PAIGE

FORM PRIZES

<i>Form VI.</i>	English	JEAN POPE
	Biology	KATHLEEN BATEHUP
	Zoology	B. DAWSON
	Art	R. E MARSHALL
<i>Form V.</i>	English and Biology ..	A. A. SHEARER
	History, Mathematics and Science	L. N. ALLEN
	History and Science ..	SHEILA HOULSTON
	Science	P. WOOD
	Art	DOREEN STANDEN
<i>Form Upper IV.</i>	G. ROBERTS, PATRICIA BARFOOT, I. SMITH, L. PARKS, MARY FROSTICK	
<i>Form Lower IV.</i>	R. WIGG, G. SEXTON, T. SAUNDERS, LILIAN BARNES	
<i>Form III</i>	BARBARA JARVIS, ELAINE FROSTICK, B. BAKER, N. GODDEN	
<i>Form III Remove.</i>	G. HICKMAN, I. ELLIOTT, D. COOKE, OLGA CLARK	
<i>Form II</i>	C. GODDEN, R. WOOD	

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES, JULY, 1945

JEAN POPE, PAMELA WHITING, J. O. BULL, B. DAWSON, L. S. WOOD

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

<i>December, 1944.</i>	JULIA TERRY
<i>July, 1945.</i>	L. N. ALLEN, P. BOYCE, R. CATT, S. H. CHAPPELL, P. GUTSELL, G. F. PAINE, A. A. SHEARER, P. WOOD, PAULINE BAKER, AUDREY BRAKEFIELD, SHEILA HOULSTON, IRIS LEEDS-GEORGE, DOREEN STANDEN

HOUSE COMPETITIONS, 1944-45

Football—Dunlop Shield	PEACOCKE
Hockey—Old Scholars' Shield	PEACOCKE
Netball—Hepworth Shield	PEACOCKE
Cross Country Running (Seniors)—Deacon Cup ..	MERYON
Cross Country Running (Juniors)	SANDERS
Swimming—Gasson Shield	PEACOCKE
Athletics—Bishop Shield	PEACOCKE
Cricket—Heron-Wilson Shield	PEACOCKE
Tennis—Lady Maud Warrender Shield	PEACOCKE
Gymnastics (Boys)—Schofield Shield	MERYON
Gymnastics (Girls)—Howlett Cup	PEACOCKE
House Championship Shield	PEACOCKE
Speech and Music—Gwynne Shield	MERYON
Work and Merit—Hanby White Shield	SANDERS

A. A. S.

The Speech and Music Competition

The Speech and Music Competition was held on December 17th and 18th in the hall. Monday morning was devoted to speech and we heard Forms II, III and L IV Remove and of these Forms Form II set the highest standard. The others were good but nobody spoke up or put such expression into their piece as did the three Second-Formers who recited "The Windmill" by Longfellow. The second half of the Speech Competition was held after break on Tuesday. Outstanding here was the Fifth Form who recited "Death the Leveller" by James Shirley and read a passage from "Of Truth" by Bacon. The Sixth Form's contributions were very interesting. One person from each House made a short speech introducing the Headmaster of Rye Country School, New York (who, it is hardly necessary to state, was not present). The speeches were of a varied nature and were welcomed by the audience. Another person from each House then read a passage from one of the Earl of Chatham's speeches. Here is a summary of the Speech Competition :

FORM II

Prose : St. Luke, Chapter II, verses 8—16.

Poetry : "The Windmill" by H. W. Longfellow.

Result : Peacocke, Sanders, Meryon.

FORM III

Poetry : Lines from "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" by R. Browning.

Prose : Paragraph from "Pickwick Papers" by Dickens.

Result : Peacocke, Sanders, Meryon.

FORM REMOVE

Prose : "John Todd" from "Pastoral" by R. L. Stevenson.

Poetry : "Allen-a-Dale" by Sir Walter Scott.

Result : Sanders, Peacocke, Meryon.

FORM L.IV

Poetry : "Hohenlinden" by Thomas Campbell.

Prose : "Will Wimble" by Joseph Addison.

Result : Peacocke, Sanders, Meryon.

FORM U.IV

Poetry : Lines from "Ode on the Death of the Duke of Wellington" by Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

Prose : "Bridge Elia" from "Mackery End in Hertfordshire", by Charles Lamb.

Result : Sanders, Peacocke, Meryon.

FORM V

Prose : "Of Truth" by Francis Bacon.

Poetry : "Death the Leveller" by James Shirley.

Result : Meryon, Sanders, Peacocke.

FORM VI

Speech introducing Headmaster of Rye Country School, New York.

Extract from a speech on "The Employment of Indians in the American War" delivered to the House of Lords by the Earl of Chatham.

Result : Meryon, Sanders, Peacocke.

The Music Competition was held on Tuesday morning before break. First of all each House sang "Polly Oliver" and "Creations Hymn." They were accompanied by Miss Merry on the piano and each had its own conductor. After this came solos and duets from each House, boys singing "Where 'ere you Walk" and the girls "Rock-a-bye." The results were : Meryon, 122 points ; Peacocke, 107 points ; Sanders, 89 points.

The Headmaster announced the result of the whole Competition in assembly the next day amid a breathless silence—1st, Meryon (476 points) ; 2nd, Peacocke (474 points) ; 3rd, Sanders (468 points). A very close finish.

Thanks are due to Mrs. Curren and Mr. Bodilly who judged the competition.

The Christmas Parties

This year it was decided not to have separate House Parties but to arrange "Inter-House Parties." Accordingly a committee was formed consisting of two senior members from each House and this committee immediately got to work and its activities were watched with great interest by the members of the School. This interest was

focussed on the Sixth Form room where great piles of assorted clothing were accumulating and the usually orderly appearance of the room generally upset. The committee itself attacked its job with great gusto and by Tuesday, December 18th, all was ready for the first party—the Junior one.

The idea of having one hundred and ten Juniors to entertain had, at first, enchanted the committee, but when they saw (and heard) them pouring through the doorway into the hall their ideas suddenly changed and when they tried to control them it became obvious that there were far too many for the size of the hall. Nevertheless, the party went with a swing and before tea most of the Juniors had played winking, musical chairs and musical numbers (a mysterious new game and had had a dip in the bran-tub, and their fortunes told by Madame Rissolio. Tea was a great success, Miss Green and her staff having provided cakes and sandwiches that were really worth eating. After tea the committee got the whole party seated in a circle and more or less kept them there for the rest of the evening. "Slosh" and "musical parcel" (after which there were some very amusing forfeits) came and went and then came "musical clothes," followed by a dress parade which proved very amusing and gave the judges a busy time trying to find the best "get-up." Farrow and Stone won the prizes; Farrow as a heavily-veiled lady and Stone as a sailor. After this came bigamy, that old favourite which still remains the most popular party game, and then the Queen of Sheba arrived. There were many volunteers to go and kiss this fair lady and four were blindfolded and happily set out to do so. Imagine their consternation and the delight of the audience when, on being unblindfolded, they found that the Queen of Sheba had gone and they had kissed—Mr. Douglas! Miss Turner presented the prizes and Miss Hill and the committee were thanked—the former for having provided music on the piano as the radiogram was, as usual, "out of order." The party then broke up and everyone went home happy and contented.

The next day the Committee entertained the Seniors. The entertainment was in the form of a dance, and music was provided by the "Premiere Band," which was found to be more reliable than the radiogram and saved the dance from the same fate as the one held earlier in the term. Supper was provided, and for once there was almost enough to eat—salmon sandwiches, cheese sandwiches, biscuits and lemonade—and so the dance was a great success.

The Head Master presented the prizes, and after singing Auld Lang Syne everyone went home. The Committee breathed a sigh of relief and went to finish up the sandwiches.

The Projector

Soon after half term a car drew up at the main door of the School and the Head Master conscripted a curious bystander to convey three mysterious packages from car to Masters' Common Room.

The packages turned out to be one 16 mm. projector, one box of tricks, and one collapsible table. The car owner came in and gave a brief description of the works to one member of staff and two pupils.

Acting upon the saw that there is no time like the present, they took the projector to the "Chemi. Lab." and tried it out. The timorous M.O.S. religiously read the brief instructions attached to the machine (the official book of words had somehow gone astray) and everyone present (three pupils) tried stopping and starting in proper sequence. There was one plug that no one could find a home for, and to this day it remains coiled up inside the projector. Lens, light, drives, etc., were examined and found to be sound. The film was put in, the motor started and—it worked! The first reel was run through satisfactorily.

The same afternoon a show was given to the School, and after several failures to show one film (the failures were gallantly clapped), the second was shown. After being started back to front (again applause), the whole film was run through with only short pauses when the reels were being changed.

Two or three days later the projector, complete with honorary projectionist, was lent to the China Exhibition—not as a piece of ancient Chinese art—and after a bad start a couple of interesting films were shown.

The last known appearance was shortly before the end of term, when two good films, complete with sound-track, were shown without incident.

It is hoped that the projector will be used to good effect and that as time goes by no incidental applause will be necessary.

(EDITOR'S NOTE.—The School is much indebted to Mr. Suren for the loan of the projector.)

Old Wales

Across the western border of England lies a small but beautiful country. It is a lasting symbol of the old better land and in its hills live the descendants of the Celts who once inhabited the whole of the British Isles.

Many people refer to Wales as the "Land of Dreams"—a very appropriate name since the beauty of the Welsh countryside inspires many dreams of fairyland, and since Wales is still famous for its legends of great heroes, of gallantry and of wine, women and song. All (or nearly all) Welshmen have beautiful voices and they love to have concerts and musical festivals. I once went to a service in a Welsh Orthodox Chapel that was carried on entirely in the Welsh language. The singing fascinated me, especially the hymns, which were sung in three parts: the men taking one part, the women another and the children another. Incidentally, the women at the service were contradicting the belief that all Welsh women wear high pointed hats as most of them had nothing but scarves over their hair.

Wales is very hilly country but generally the hills in the south are lower than those in the north. Through the middle of them run little rivers (many of them tributaries of the Severn) that sparkle in the bright sunshine and which are full of trout and carp. If you stand on the high hill overlooking Aberystwyth on a summer evening you may see that loveliest of sights—a Welsh sunset. Looking westwards over the Irish Sea you will see the sun, like a red ball, sinking into a ruddy sea as Apollo drives his flaming chariot and horses to rest, tinging pink the clouds that float gently by and making them seem like woolly, fleecy masses.

Welsh houses are (in the rural districts) mostly made of blocks of stone and wood. They are little one- or two-storey buildings nestling against the grassy and heather-covered hillside or lying snug and cosy in some little, tucked away valley between the hills.

Wales is indeed a poetic and romantic country with many beautiful memories lost in the dim and distant past and with many still being handed down from generation to generation to remain immortal.

OLGA CLARK,
L. IV Remove.

The Start of a Fishing Day

It is four o'clock in the morning—a clear morning with a freshening breeze coming in from the sea. The moon is disappearing, the shadows, moving shadows, are lengthening and all is quiet, silent, except for the lap, lap of the water.

A faint knocking and murmuring of voices comes across the water as a crew board their small craft and suddenly the silence is shattered by the roar of an engine. Then silence again. More murmuring followed by another roar which drops to a gentle throb. A light is seen rising to the top of a distant mast. It is lighter now, you can see the shape of your own bows and distinguish the different craft around you.

Suddenly your own boat rocks as the crew begin to come aboard, and now there is a buzz of activity, a buzz that can only take place when everything is dead and still. A tinkle is heard below, voices, the splash, splash, as the pump goes into action, and then a mighty roar as your own engine bursts into life. The boat shivers and then settles down again into the gentle swell. And even while the boat rocks in the wash of an outgoing craft the ropes are hauled in, the engine's note becomes stronger and the boat moves slowly out into the river and glides downstream.

The buzz freshens and it becomes suddenly colder as the boat begins to rise and fall to the swell of the opening river. Another roar as the second engine springs into life, and the boat lurches forward, then settles back into its stride. The swell is heavier now, and then, all at once, you are in the open sea.

By now it is dawn and the sun is just coming over the horizon and work on the boat is just beginning. Nets are prepared, engines "trimmed," the fire is lighted below and tea brewed. The engines open out to full throttle and the boat races to the fishing grounds for the crew to earn their daily bread.

S. CHAPPELL,
Form V

Our Cats

I write this as a warning to all animal lovers; a warning not to keep more than two cats, if it is necessary to keep cats at all. If any of my readers are so unfortunate as to live in the same house as several cats, I can bear the deepest sympathy towards them, as I myself am one of the silent sufferers.

Kitten, Toby and Tinker are regular members of the family, but in addition to these three there is a boarder, commonly known as "Smith's Cat." All four can be seen at any time of day, reclining in four of the living-room chairs. Kitten and "Smith's Cat," which I will call the lodger, are the two youngsters of the feline portion of the household. The former, a rather round individual, spends her days eating and sleeping alternately, the first occupation being the cause of her plumpness. I think I may add to this long list of occupations, watching—watching for the next meal to be placed on the mat. So much for the aristocrat of the family. We now come to the lodger, a sleek, glossy-coated cat, who, in spite of the endeavours of an older member of the household, will not be put out, or de-chaired. I refer to him as an adept at the gentle art of mousing, and he is often to be seen marching proudly up to the eating, sleeping or watching kitten to place, with a courtly air, a fresh catch at her feet. The response given depends largely on which of her three occupations our aristocrat is indulging in. To cut a long story short, the lodger is truly a lodger.

Tinker, the cause of Toby, Kitten and perhaps the lodger, is, as you may have guessed, the oldest of the four. Like the lodger, she is an expert mouser, but unlike the lodger, does not submit her catches to charity or kitten. She is one of the first to trip Mrs. ——— at breakfast time, and the last to finish eating (Kitten being forced to retreat and take up a defensive position), but Tinker can be quite docile, and will sometimes join in a game with the rest, in spite of her great age. In fact, she can be called, with an apology to Goldsmith, "a humourist among a family of humourists." There is not much I can say about Toby except that he is the black sheep of the family, and is a regular fighter. (This quality is shown when Tinker has the arm-chair). He has a habit of coming into the house plastered with portions of the field at the back of it; probably the results of numerous skirmishes with local champions, of which there are many, but, alas, very few dogs with heart enough to stand up to them.

R. WIGG.

My First Rabbit

Back in the dim and distant past when the School was evacuated to Bedford there was one bright side to each term—holidays at home. On the way home to spend my Christmas holidays one year I was thinking of all the things I should do when I got home. Suddenly I remembered that my father had an old shot-gun which I now considered I was old enough to use. I resolved to ask him about it as soon as I got home and spent the rest of the journey home thinking of all the things I could shoot if only I had the chance!

Soon after my arrival I approached father on the subject but with no result. I persisted, however, and eventually I was given permission to take the gun out on my own. I was given explicit instructions that I was to always carry the gun with the muzzle pointing to the ground, with the safety catch on whenever possible and that I was never to cross a road or fence without first unloading it. With all these precautions firmly fixed in my mind I triumphantly set off on the following evening with the gun under my arm and a pocketful of cartridges.

Before I left, the family laughed at me, they said: "With feet like yours you'll never get within a hundred yards of a rabbit." I was, however, determined to show them a thing or two and I crept round the well-known haunts on tip-toe, peering carefully through bush and hedgerow. Finally, my patience was rewarded—yes, there was a rabbit romping on the grass, well within range of the gun and as yet it had not seen me. I brought the gun up to my shoulder, took careful aim and then squeezed the trigger—'click.' I had forgotten to load. I was beginning to sweat now although the rabbit did not seem in the least perturbed. I loaded noisily, still the rabbit sat still. I pushed over the safety catch with a loud 'click,' but the rabbit seemed to be deaf. I tried to take aim but I was trembling so noticeably that I could not get the rabbit in the sights. At last I took 'pot luck' and squeezed the trigger. The report which followed made me jump, there was a cloud of smoke and when it cleared, lo and behold! there was the rabbit still sitting there. I moved forward, thinking it was dead, when suddenly, to my horror, it pricked up its ears and with a cheeky look back over its shoulder disappeared into the undergrowth.

I'll admit I was disappointed but I was not going to be beaten, so I renewed my search. My luck was in for shortly afterwards I saw another rabbit, farther away this time, but worth trying for. I stalked it for about twenty minutes until I was well within range. My father had told me that it was not sporting to shoot a sitting rabbit, but my pride was at stake; after all, I could tell them anything when I got home. I made my preparations carefully this time and finally fired. When the smoke had cleared the rabbit was nowhere to be seen. I could have cried, but I thought I might as well make a brave show of it so I walked forward to inspect the scene of the disaster. There on, the ground behind a tuft of grass, was a dead rabbit. At first I could

not believe my eyes, but suddenly the truth dawned upon me and I seized the rabbit and set off home at top speed. I ran nearly all the way and then burst into the living-room to display the rabbit before the family. The next day we had rabbit for dinner and I was as proud as a dog with two tails.

A GUNMAN.

Poet's Corner

A VILLAGE FOOTBALL MATCH

When the Muddlecomb Rangers played Twoddle United,
The crowds looking on became very excited.
With the rain pouring down and the field like a lake
To play that great match was a tragic mistake.

With the Cup Final Match just about to begin,
The crowd was now making a terrible din.
The captains were briefing their teams in the shed—
They had no pavilion so used this instead.

The kick-off took place at a quarter to two,
And ten minutes later the teams were soaked through;
But they still carried on, in spite of the storm,
And, to give them their due, they were in quite good form.

The burly left-back kicked the ball with great force
And the dripping left wing intercepted its course.
He was borne off the field on a stretcher, they say,
And that was the end of one footballer's day.

When half-time arrived they all swam to the shore,
And the captains decided to call it a draw.
'Twas the saddest Cup Final that ever was sighted
When the Muddlecomb Rangers played Twoddle United.

D. THOMAS,
Form L. IV Remove.

THE WEEDS

I have a little garden,
I dig it every day,
I water all the flowers
And throw the weeds away.
Though flowers are very scarce there,
Of weeds there is no lack,
And when I am in bed at night
They all come creeping back.

J. DUNSTER,
Form L. IV.

THE " MISFIT "

When I get home from school each day,
I sit and have my tea,
And when the things are cleared away
I get my books with glee.

Then at the table with my pen,
I do my " prep " with joy,
I do each subject one by one
As should each normal boy.

My homework o'er, I go to bed,
No time for sport and play,
For I must go to sleep and dream
Of work to do next day.

K. THOMPSON,
Form L. IV.

A SALUTE

We've had plenty to be thankful for
During these past six years,
These thanks we owe to the Services
Let's give them all three cheers.
Those who've worked in factories, too,
They deserve our thanks,
The workers who have built our ships,
Our 'planes and guns and tanks.
Those who took evacuees
Should also get some praise,
They took us all without a fuss
Back in the darker days.
Our mothers on the Home Front
Deserve some credit, too,
Although we've had small rations
They've always made them do.
The savers, too, have helped us
So " thanks " is what we say,
But we hope you'll keep on saving
For the dawn of a brighter day.

PAT BARFOOT,
Form V.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Standing at the stable door,
We watch the Christ Child play,
Lying in His cradle
On the soft, sweet hay.

The Blessed Mother, Mary,
Guards the Child at night,
With Joseph standing by her
'Neath their tiny lantern light.

The shepherds kneel with holy awe,
To see the wondrous Child,
Beside the sacred manger
With the lambs so meek and mild.

The kings approach with presents
Of incense, myrrh and gold,
And bowing low before Him
They offer love untold.

The stars shine in the stable
Through the open door,
Where all who love the Christ Child
Do worship and adore.

CECILLY STANDEN,
L. IV Remove.

The Late Joseph Molyneux Jenkins

The death of Mr. Joseph Molyneux Jenkins, at the age of 88, during the Easter vacation severed a connecting link with the School which had lasted unbroken for fifty-one years.

Mr. J. M. Jenkins had received his early education in a private school in Rye. Later, having trained and qualified for the teaching profession in London (1879), he returned to Rye in 1886 as Head Master of the Rye Board School. In 1894, the Head Master of the Grammar School (Mr. Hinde) having retired, Mr. Jenkins took his place. The School, then only for boys, was at that time carried on in the old buildings in High Street. Mr. Jenkins took charge at a time when a new interest in secondary education was being awakened, and the School grew rapidly. In 1902, when the new Education Act was beginning to function it became obvious that the buildings which had served the School so long would no longer be adequate, and the present building was also built and opened as a co-educational School in 1908.

Co-education is now a commonplace of general acceptance, and this makes it difficult to realise the discussions which took place then before the principle was acceptable to the governing body. Mr. Jenkins was always a convinced believer in co-education, and the present School owes more to him than to any other single person for its establishment on a firm basis with sound traditions. The " experiment " under his capable, shrewd, and forceful guidance proved a complete success. The School had just begun to develop

itself when the war years of 1914-18 created problems of their own. In 1922, after twenty-eight years of strenuous service, Mr. Jenkins retired from the Headmastership. But he at once renewed his connection with the School from a different standpoint. Entering into the public life of the town as a member of the Council, he became a representative on the Board of Governors. During his five years of Mayoralty (1929-34) he was Chairman of the Governors and also of the Foundation Trust. Right up to the end of his life he retained his interest in and affection for the School, the affairs of which he had for so long guided and controlled. His last appearance at the School Speech Day in the Monastery in the Spring Term, will be remembered by those who were present, and only a week before his death he visited the School for the last time and chatted with many of the children of his former pupils.

E. R. P.

Applied Quotations

"This blessed plot."—SHAKESPEARE.

Cows in the School field again.

"But he'll remember, with advantages, what deeds he did that day."—SHAKESPEARE.

Peacocke Juniors unexpectedly beat Sanders Juniors at football this term.

"This precious stone set in a silver sea."—SHAKESPEARE.

The football is in the river again.

"How dead I'd been, how dumb, how blind."—MASEFIELD.
After School Cert.

"One morn I missed him from the customed hill."—GRAY.
Why wasn't the Head at assembly this morning?

"Since there's no help come let us kiss and part."—DRAYTON.
Both these kiss-me-excuse-me's.

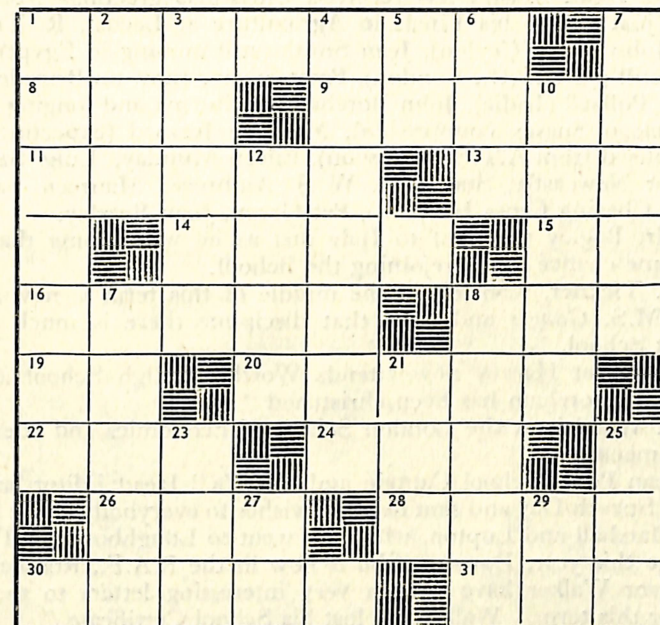
"The Oracles are dumb;
No voice or hideous hum
Runs through the arched roof in words deceiving."—MILTON.
After speech and music.

"No more shall rouse them from their lowly bed."—GRAY
The girls after a mixed hockey match.

"The flocking shadows pale
Troop to the infernal jail."—MILTON.
Another French lesson!

"'Tis time to leave the books in dust
And oil the unused armour's rust."—MARVEL.
Wednesday afternoon.

Puzzle Corner



CLUES ACROSS.

- 1 Does the devil do this to anyone nowadays?
- 8 One of Noah's sons.
- 9 Reluctant.
- 11 Fragrance.
- 13 To make furtive inquiries about something.
- 14 It takes two to do this.
- 15 Behead an animal.
- 16 English river.
- 18 Has your school colours
- 19 Exclamation. [on it.
- 20 Kind of bed.
- 22 Tousled hair.
- 24 Contains gunpowder.
- 26 Made on the 1st day.
- 28 Only 7 parts, even in a giraffe.
- 30 Has the King's head on it.
- 31 Boy's name.

CLUES DOWN.

- 1 Illusion.
- 2 Used in a rowing boat.
- 3 Caused by fire.
- 4 It stretches.
- 5 Conjunction.
- 6 There's plenty of it in a plant.
- 7 Herb.
- 10 There is usually one with a wedding dress.
- 12 Beware of.
- 17 Birds do this.
- 18 Diminishes in thickness towards ends.
- 21 Vehicle.
- 23 Vegetable.
- 25 Sometimes blue, sometimes grey.
- 27 Behead an animal.
- 29 Company.

[Solution on Cover iii.

Old Scholars' News

The Head Master has received Christmas greetings from P. J. Mead (just taking his Finals in Agriculture at Leeds), R. Trott (in Irak), John Ford (Ceylon), Jean Smith (still nursing in Egypt), Colin Jones (still c/o G.P.O., London), Peter Swaine (now on Brigade Staff), Trevor Pollard (India), John Boreham (in Burma and longing for the good, clean Sussex countryside), Marjorie Jezzard (expecting to be demobilised from A.T.S. very soon), Eileen Munday, Luigi Samaden (now at Newcastle, Staffs), A. W. J. Ambrose, Maureen Samaden (at the Charing Cross Hospital), Pat Green, Joan Beasley.

Mr. Bagley was sent to Italy just as he was hoping that there was some chance of his rejoining the School.

R. Tickner, who left in the middle of this term is now serving on H.M.S. *Ganges* and finds that discipline there is much stricter than at School.

Margaret Harvey now attends Worthing High School and her house in Shoreham has been christened "Rye."

S. Wood is at the London School of Economics and is enjoying life immensely.

Jean Pope, School Captain and "Rya's" Head Editor last year, was at Speech Day and sent her best wishes to everybody in the School.

Marshall and Lupton, who both went to Loughborough Training College this year, Dawson, who is now in the R.A.F., Rosalie Green and Ivor Walker have written very interesting letters to the Head Master this term. Walker has lost his School Certificate.

Mary Isaacs has nearly finished her training in Reading Hospital.

Gerald Burt, one of our Newhaven friends, passed his School Certificate, obtaining five "Very Goods," including one in Latin.

Winnie Allen has been teaching at Rye Modern School and is going to Leisten Grammar School next term.

Among those who have visited us this term are John and Bruce Whitehead. John has been with the Kent Yeomanry in Irak and is going back to Canada, where he is a furbroker. Bruce is a Research Chemist and has been in India on water purification work.

Graham Smith and Morton Smith are both expecting to be sent abroad. Morton brought Marjorie along, too, and Graham on a recent occasion brought John Bannister with him on leave from Italy. Joy Hulett is now teaching at Malden Grammar School, where both town and school remind her of Rye. Geoffrey Smith is still looking after bridges in Germany, and his namesake after a weary time as P.O.W. in the Far East is at home once more.

Gordon Braine and his wife (Geraldine Baker) visited us when on leave and he is keener than ever on the Library. Very early in the term Joe Mewse came all the way from Trieste and gave the Head Master plenty of ammunition for history lessons on Central European problems, and Noreen Baker visited us just before taking up an appointment at Blackburn.

Very recently Ron Butler, now at Catterick, came to see us. He hopes to join a London branch of his firm when demobilised.

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 grateful.

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Solution to Crossword

ACROSS

1—Possess. 8—Ham.
9—Loath. 11—Aroma.
13—Pry. 14—Kiss.
15—Am. 16—Trent.
18—Tie. 19—Oo!
20—Divan. 22—Mop.
24—Cap. 26—Sea.
28—Neck. 30—Stamp.
31—Roy.

DOWN.

1—Phantom. 2—Oar.
3—Smoke. 4—Elastic.
5—So. 6—Sap. 7—Thyme.
10—Train. 12—Mind.
17—Roost. 18—Taper.
21—Van. 23—Pea.
25—Sky. 27—Am.
29—Co.