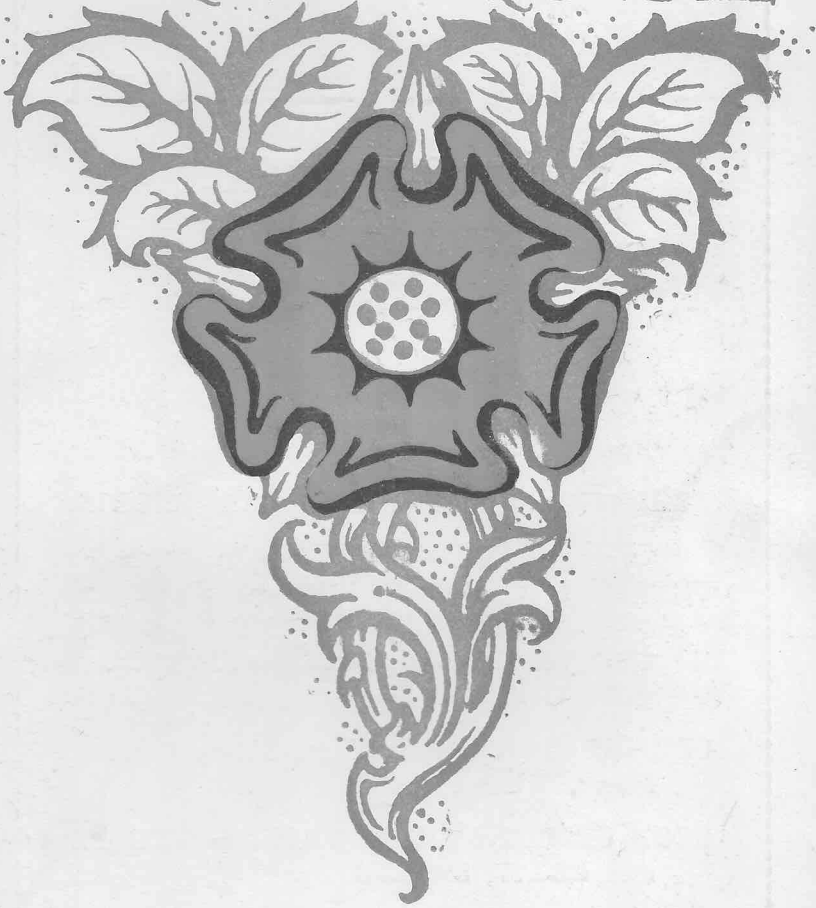


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## MRS. MILLWARD

It was with very deep sorrow that the School learned, towards the end of last term, that Mrs. Millward had passed away on 11th December after a painful illness.

Those who knew her, when she was in daily contact with the life of the School, will recall the keen interest she always took in all its activities.

The patience and endurance with which she bore, for years, the ever-increasing burden and anxiety of failing health; the way in which she faced adversity with cheerfulness and optimism, are outstanding examples of fortitude and courage exciting our admiration.

The School extends to Mr. Millward its heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement.

## School Notes

Before the war the School Prospectus was issued for the benefit of parents and others interested and this contained an up-to-date list of the Staff and their qualifications. As this is no longer available we propose to publish such a list at intervals in the "Red Rose."

Mr. P. G. Lacey joined the staff in a temporary capacity at the beginning of this term in place of Mr. I. Evans. Mr. Lacey was at school at Blundell's School, Devon, and subsequently went to Balliol College, Oxford, where he read History. He has had teaching experience at Sevenoaks School and has recently had nearly two years in the Army Educational Corps.

We also welcome Mr. J. A. Crabtree this term. He is taking Mr. Hardaker's place until he returns. Mr. Crabtree was at school at the Royal Grammar School, Clitheroe, and then read Geography at Jesus College, Oxford. Mr. Crabtree is a very good cricketer but unfortunately we shall not have the benefit of his experience in this respect.

The School will be glad to hear that Mr. Hardaker is making satisfactory progress and is now able to get out for walks. He hopes to be back on full-time duty at the beginning of next term.

Mr. Wakefield's production of "Toad of Toad Hall" in December is recorded elsewhere in this issue. We have come to expect from Mr. Wakefield an ambitious production and this year's was no exception. Particular praise is also due to Mr.

Williams in his first term in the School for his skilful direction of the delightful music.

The Old Boys' Dance held on 19th December in the School hall was again a most enjoyable occasion. This seems to be now a firmly-established annual event.

The annual showing of educational films took place on 18th February, just before the half-term holiday. The two chief items were a three-reel film on "Science in the Orchestra" and the complete documentary film "Desert Victory" dealing with the battle of El Alamein and the subsequent advance on Tripoli.

The charity collection this term was in aid of the National Spastics Fund and realised £11 11s. 8d.

### VALETE

Hardisty, K. R., 1947-53.—Mason's, Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (02), Colts XV Colours 1951-52, 2nd XI Colours 1953, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion.  
Bevan, P. A., 1948-53.—Rogers', Lower VI Modern, G.C.E. (03).  
Newton, E. R., 1948-53.—Woodham's, Lower VI ScB, G.C.E. (03).  
Smith, R. H. D., 1948-53.—Spencer's, Upper VI ScB, G.C.E. (03), 1st XV Colours 1951-52-53, Cricket 2nd XI Colours 1952-53, House Captain 1952-53, School Prefect 1952-53.  
Douglas, M. J., 1950-53.—Spencer's, Lower VY.  
Bruford, R. H., 1951-53.—Mason's, Lower Vb.  
Johnston, J. N., 1953.—Gear's, Trans. X.  
Searle, D. R., 1953.—Evans'. IIB.

### SALVETE

F. Bibby, D. P. Dobson, J. S. Gadd.

## House Reports

### EDWARDS'

The House has progressed steadily in its activities during the term.

Mr. Hardaker's return to health is as quick as can be expected and we look forward to his being with us soon. In the meantime Mr. Norris continues capably as our Housemaster.

Chess sessions are held daily and the number of junior members present is a very encouraging sign.

There has been a large number of entries for the Boxing Competition and we hope we shall retain our high standard in this activity.

Life-saving practices are held regularly and it is hoped that all members will train for the Gala and be able to qualify next term.

We would like to thank Stopforth for his keenness and enthusiasm in his able support of the House. He is leaving soon to take up a post in the Admiralty and we wish him every success in his career.

Next term sees the Athletic Sports and we strongly advise all members to train vigorously for this event.

Lastly we wish our Junior Rugby team success in their coming matches.

A. B.

### EVANS'

#### "Disce prodesse"

At the end of last term the House team gained a great victory in the Chess Competition, winning the Chess Cup without the loss of a single match. We should like to congratulate Dandy (Captain), Livesley, B., Livesley, G., and also Mann and Dearnley on their achievement. Ellis has offered to keep the cup polished regularly.

In the School play the House was well represented by Brunt, Heyes, Hoyle, Latchford, Mann and Williams, whilst Bass was assistant stage-manager.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather this term the Juniors have had only two Rugby practices to date, but the support was enthusiastic and we hope that the team, under its captain, Perry, will do well in the competition.

The Boxing Competition is now being held and the House has the following entrants: Wilson (captain), Rimmer, B., Heeley, Perry, Keeley, Rimmer, W. T., Green, Taylor, Johnston and Rawlinson.

Chess classes, under the direction of Livesley, B., and Livesley, G., have been held for the Juniors during dinner hours. Livesley B., has also been holding a number of Junior Life-saving practices. In the Royal Life-Saving Society examinations at the end of last term the following boys gained awards: M. J. Forbes (Bronze Medallion and Intermediate Certificate); F. H. Dearnley (Elementary Certificate); G. Livesley and L. A. E. Ashworth (Bar to Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and Award of Merit); and B. Rimmer (Bar to Bronze Medallion and Award of Merit).



In the Form positions at the end of last term the House again held a disappointing position and we urge members to strive really hard to gain a place in the Honours List, and so improve our position.

Finally, we hope that during the Easter holidays as many members of the House as possible will put in practice for the Athletics, Cricket and Swimming Competitions which are held during the Summer Term.

P. W. B.

### GREAR'S

*Captain:* B. G. Murgatroyd.      *Vice-Captain:* D. D. Steele.

*Secretary:* C. M. Griffiths.

After going to press last term it was announced that Murgatroyd, our House Captain, had been made a School Prefect. We all congratulate him on his appointment.

The end of last term saw the completion of the Senior Rugby competition. After defeating Woodham's and Evans' with reasonable ease there came a needle match against Mason's which we won after a hard fight. The day of the final against Rogers' came and with it rain. Until the last quarter of an hour we were in the lead by six points, but eventually Rogers' won by scoring eight points. Rogers' are to be congratulated on the way in which they continued to fight back until the final whistle.

The Junior Rugby and Junior Seven-a-Side Rugby competitions will be decided this term. Our prospects for both of these competitions appear to be very good.

Last term very few boys took Life-saving examinations. It is to be hoped that now the charge has been removed more boys will support the Life-saving Captain, for there is plenty of talent in the House.

Undaunted by last term's defeats, the Captain of the Chess team is holding classes for Junior boys at dinner times, and we gather that these are being well supported.

On Monday nights of this term, boys have been fighting for the honour of the House in the Boxing competition. We wish all members taking part good luck in their bouts.

Two of the most important events of next term are the Athletic Sports and the Swimming Gala. Both these events call for serious training, which should start as soon as possible. The Swimming Gala should not, however, be allowed to eclipse that

other part of School swimming, that is, the Qualifying Competition. Every boy capable of swimming should endeavour to get the maximum points.

In closing, we wish all boys taking G.C.E. Examinations easy papers and good results.

C. M. G.

### LEECH'S

Last term the Senior Rugby XV, though successful in only two matches, put up some very creditable performances and the wealth of young talent in the team augurs well for the future.

Bad weather has prevented the Junior team from having a full practice. We hope, however, that under R. Whitehead's captaincy they will put up a good show in this term's competition.

The list of members who have represented one or other of this year's School teams may now be brought more up to date. B. Ramm has since played for the 1st XV, M. K. Davies for the Under Fifteens', P. I. Woodhall for the Under Fourteens', and P. Bullock for the Chicks'. In all, fourteen members of the House have played for a School XV this year.

The Boxing captain, I. Blair, has managed to gather together quite a strong, though numerically small, team for the House Competition. To date G. Szymanski, L. M. Burrill and P. Bullock have won fights, while the last-mentioned, together with Carey, has been eliminated. This activity is one of which the House can hardly be proud this year, and it is hoped that support will be better next year.

J. B. Knowles and C. E. Morris are continuing to work hard with their Life-Saving classes, and members who attend these are to be commended.

The Juniors have formed a Chess group this term and have met regularly during the lunch break. D. Howard has been in charge of this group and reports excellent progress by some of the youngest members.

P. Griffith, the House Almoner, has appealed to the House to make a generous contribution to the National Spastics Fund. So far, there has been excellent support for this deserving cause.

Members need no reminding of next term's Athletic Sports. It is intended shortly to arrange practices for these, and House Captain G. Topping will soon be asking for support in this direction.

R. S. R.

## MASON'S

Though the Senior Rugby team did not do as well as was hoped, the Junior team, under the captaincy of Morton, appears to be progressing very well, although as yet no matches have been played.

Saturday morning Swimming classes, held by C. T. Smith since the beginning of last term, are paying dividends and the Life-saving classes held last term proved their value when the members of the classes took the Life-saving Examinations at the end of last term.

A Junior Chess Competition within the House has been arranged by the Chess Captain, Lyons, and it is hoped that it will encourage boys to take up this game so that in future years the House may have stronger teams.

The performance of those who have so far boxed for the House in the Boxing Competition has been very satisfactory indeed.

The support of the School Societies is greatly to be encouraged, and so it was pleasing to note that Greenhalgh and Meadowcroft were two of the principal speakers in the Junior Debate.

It is to be hoped, however, that the small number of points obtained last term in the Honours List will have been increased this term and will increase still further next.

R. N. J.

## ROGERS'

Last term, for the fourth season in succession, the Senior House team gained the Rugby Shield. We congratulate the captain, S. N. Booth, on this achievement, and also for being selected to play in the Lancashire Schoolboys' XV against Cheshire.

Our thanks go to the House Badminton team, J. B. A. Hyde and P. T. Walsh, who retained the trophy won by the same pair twelve months ago.

Our efforts in Life-saving activities must be disappointing to C. Ineson and P. F. Norman who both worked hard last term to stimulate interest. We hope that the members of their classes will develop sufficient keenness to pass their exams before the end of the year.

Although entries in the Boxing Competition are insufficient, they have been considerably increased by the enthusiastic leadership of M. A. Adler. We hope his efforts will result in greater interest in future years.

In answer to our charities appeal in the "Red Rose" last term, the first collection suggests a better response this term. The House Almoner, J. Ashcroft, wishes to express his thanks to the House for its increased generosity.

Next term will bring us into the Athletics season, and we should like to remind our potential athletes that the holidays provide an excellent opportunity for training.

Lastly, we wish good luck to those taking the G.C.E. Examinations next term, but tactfully suggest to them that no one has ever fulfilled the Board's requirements with luck alone.

C. H. S.

## SPENCER'S

At the end of last term we were unfortunate to lose the excellent services of Smith, R. H. D., the House Captain, to whom we extend our good wishes for his success in the Army where he is doing his National Service. Wareing, J., has taken over the Captaincy of the House and Hughes, J., has been appointed Vice-captain.

In the academic field we had our worst term for a few years and could only finish seventh in the Honours List. We hope that by now everybody has got down to some really hard work and that by the end of the year we will have risen to a much more respectable position.

In the remaining House matches at the end of last term, the Senior XV did well to beat Edwards' by a substantial margin, but unfortunately lost to Leech's in the last match. In the Junior section of the House there is an abundance of keenness, and all looks well for the Junior XV, with a good blend of the older experienced boys and 2nd and 3rd Formers.

As a result of the remaining matches played in the Chess competition at the end of last term, we came a good second, being beaten by Evans'.

We congratulate all members of the House who took part in the Life-saving exams last term and helped us to reach a high position in the table. All Life-saving classes are now well under way and we hope to repeat last term's good performance.

At the time of going to press the position in the Boxing competition is that Halsall, F., and Knowles, J. H., have reached the second round of their weights. We wish these and all other boys in the competition the best of luck.

J. B. F.

## WOODHAM'S

At the end of last term the Senior House Rugby team recorded its only victory against Evans' by winning 8-5.

Also at the end of last term in the Badminton competition our team, consisting of B. Shaw and D. Walker, won through to meet Rogers' in the final but unfortunately they proved to be the better team and we were not able to regain the Badminton Cup.

With the help of R. Pactor of Spencer's, Life-Saving classes are now in full swing, and already two boys have passed the examination for the Bronze Medallion. Swimming practices are taking place regularly on Saturday mornings, and if any boy is interested in Swimming then he should attend.

The capabilities of our Junior House Rugby team are still not fully tested, but in their first match against Leech's, they won 12-0 and it is hoped that they will have similar successes in the matches to come.

The Athletic Sports take place very soon after the beginning of next term and as very little time will be available for practice after the beginning of next term, some practices will be held during the Easter holidays and it is hoped that all boys intending to compete will attend them.

G. J. H. H.

## Old Boys' Section

### NEWS OF OLD GEORGIANS

Dr. E. F. B. Cadman (S) (1931-37) has been appointed by the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board as visiting Consultant Physician to the Southport Group of Hospitals from October 1953.

Dr. E. Gruber (W) (1936-42) has been appointed Instructor in Surgery at Cornell University Medical College, U.S.A., and also Senior Resident Surgeon in Ophthalmology at the New York Hospital—Cornell University Medical Centre.

Dr. D. R. W. Haddock (L) (1937-44) has passed the qualifying examination to become a member of the Royal College of Physicians. He is at present Medical Registrar at Walton Hospital.

Dr. C. E. Nelson (M) (1936-43) has gained the licence of the Royal College of Physicians and diploma of member of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Dr. H. Lees (S) (1927-35), Aberdeen University, gave a talk in Science Survey on the Radio on Autotrophs on 7th January.

T. Allen (Ed) (1936-41) has been appointed Accountant and Assistant Manager of the Metal Box Co. at Kingston, Jamaica.

G. Haley (M) (1930-36), who has gained his B.Sc. and M.I.E.E., is employed at the Post Office Research Station in London on work concerning the telephone cable to be laid across the Atlantic between Scotland and America.

G. R. Lund (S) (1938-42) has been appointed Assistant Quantity Surveyor with Birkenhead Corporation.

E. R. McLean (R) (1934-40) is employed as Education Officer at Rolls Royce, Derby.

I. A. Young (R) (1940-44) is employed by the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd., as Inspector of the Northern Suburbs of Sydney.

A. B. Dodd (Ev) (1933-39) has been elected an Associate of the British Institute of Architects. He is at present employed in the Liverpool City Architect's Department.

J. S. Mann (M) (1927-33) visited us recently. He is home on leave for six months from Tanganyika where he is resident Registrar.

J. Chapman (S) (1945-51) has passed the intermediate examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors.

G. A. Noar (Ed) (1944-52) has passed the first examination Part II for the degree of B.D.S. at Liverpool.

D. M. Marsh (R) (1944-53) has been awarded his Blue for Golf at Cambridge and was selected to play for Cambridge against Oxford in the inter-university golf match at Rye on 19th and 20th March.

D. Preston (S) (1944-52), Captain of Sheffield University Rugby team, played for the English Universities against the Welsh Universities at Gloucester in December.

Gordon Rimmer (G) (1936-41) was selected to play in the Rugby International match for England v. Wales at Twickenham on 16th January.

H. J. Foster (G) (1942-49) and N. Slack (G) (1943-51) have played for the Lancashire County team this season.

Dr. W. H. Scott (G) (1933-40), lecturer at Liverpool University, has been elected Chairman of an International Committee on Industrial Research. Last year he broadcast in discussions by the "51 Society."



## MARRIAGES

- E. T. Newton to Doris Allen at All Saints' Church on 7th November.  
P. Walsh to Sylvia Dodgson at St. Peter's Church on 28th November.  
J. Leeming to Greta Ballam at St. Peter's Church, Parkstone, on 5th December.  
M. Drury to Dorothy Riley at Wilpshire, Nr. Blackburn, on 10th December.  
J. T. Haines to Eileen Rawnsley at Ainsdale Congregational Church on 12th December.  
G. Siocombe to Glenda Pryor at West Tamworth, Australia, on 12th December.  
G. N. E. Aughton to Marion Prescott at St. Philip's Church on 26th December.  
A. W. Halsall to Gertrude Rosemann at St. John's Church, Birkdale, on 26th December.  
R. E. Holmes to Joan Critchley at St. Philip's Church on 9th January.  
A. E. Styche to Freda Cornish at Mornington Road Methodist Church on 9th February.  
A. Hoyles to Winifred Murtagh at the Church of Our Lady, Birkenhead, on 13th February.  
J. Peet to Vera Shea at Holy Family Church on 18th February.  
B. B. Warren to Jeanne Cooke at Chapel St. Congregational Church on March 6th.

## MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY LETTER

The outstanding event of this term is the Shrove Rag, whose object is to collect money for children's charities. The preliminaries have included the surprise visit of the presidents of the Liverpool University Unions who spent a day here after having been kidnapped in Liverpool late one evening. Amongst the many pre-Rag stunts was that of the Law Students' Association. One could see W. E. Shorrocks and E. G. Cowen carrying rather doubtful banners in a strike procession; whilst H. D. Silverton was at the wheel of the car in which the "Spanish Ambassador" made what was to be his last journey. Unfortunately, on Rag Day itself a number of Old Georgians will no doubt follow the example of all too many students by staying at home. This is not the place to go into the matter, but it must be said in passing that student apathy here is appalling.

Of the few members we have heard anything of this term: C. E. Bracken has played hockey for the 1st XI, and D. Buckles and B. H. Shorrocks rugby for Tech.; A. T. Jones' car is going great guns (at least that is what it sounds like); E. G. Cowen can now boast of having played cricket at Old Trafford (albeit only at the winter nets in the members' dining-room); and finally, H. D. Silverton was unfortunate enough to miss his terminal examinations because of a dose of bronchitis.

## Sport

### RUGBY

#### 1st XV Matches

Nov. 18th. v. Arnold S., Blackpool (Home) ..... Lost 6—14

Although our team was far below full strength we put up a good performance against a very strong team.

Nov. 25th. v. King Edward VII S., Lytham (Away) ..... Won 13—5

This game was certainly an improvement on the previous match as we had almost our full team out. The forwards played well and were well supported by the three-quarters.

Nov. 28th. v. Calday Grange G.S. (Home) ..... Lost 11—16

Our opponents were quick in getting the ball out of loose and set scrums. Prompt action by our loose forwards in tackling their centre three-quarters before, not after, the ball got out to the wing, would have saved the game.

Dec. 5th. v. Kirkham G.S. (Home) ..... Lost 3—26

With only two members of our normal pack playing, the team played well against a very strong team.

Jan. 16th. v. Blackpool G.S. (Home) ..... Won 31—0

The School played very well indeed for their first fixture of the Lent Term in spite of cold winds and a hailstorm. In the second half, the School continued its offensive without leaving any gaps in its own defence.

Jan. 23rd. v. Sale R.U.F.C. (Home) ..... Won 31—8

In this game, our backs played very well. Passing was quick and accurate, with favourable results. The forwards did well to hold a very heavy opposing pack.

Feb. 20th. v. Hutton G.S. (Away) ..... Lost 9—23

Our opponents scored the first try of the match within a minute of the kick-off. The poorest display of the season by the forwards gave the three-quarters very little chance to develop attacks.



Feb. 27th. v. Waterloo R.U.F.C. (Home) ..... Draw 16—16

The forwards were slow moving in the first half, but after the change-over the team as a whole played excellent rugby and a draw was a fair result to a thrilling game.  
C. H. S.

### Under-Fifteens

All the boys who have played for the Under 15 team during the past season deserve commendation on their attitude towards the games. Their whole-hearted interest in the team produced enthusiastic and vigorous play which was often of a very high standard.

After a poor start (the first match was lost), the team, which consisted mainly of old Bantams, settled down, and the play which followed was quite satisfactory. Only two of the seven matches were lost, and, to off-set this, the team had two good wins, 27-0 and 52-0, against Liverpool College.

The pack, under the leadership of Pickering (Gear's), proved to be a strong and efficient body, Burdell (Spencer's) and Pickering himself being outstanding. Probyn, the stand-off half, having also played in the centre, showed great resource in attack and was a gallant defender. The left wing, however, proved to be the greatest attacking force, consisting of Rawcliffe (Mason's) in the centre, and Smith (Gear's) on the wing. They are both powerful runners and scored many tries between them.

The side was captained by the full-back, E. M. Bennett (Woodham's).  
E. M. B.

### Junior Rugby

#### Captains:

Under 14 XV: Perry, A. (Evans').

Bantams: Rostron, P. S. (Gear's).

Chicks: Swindlehurst, W. E. (Rogers').

Chicks (1st year): Husband, L. C. (Woodhams).

A growing tendency among other schools to favour an age rather than a weight-and-height limit means that we now have to field an Under 14 team as well as a Bantam XV. In addition, we have, at intervals, put out two different Chicks XV's. Any youngster, therefore, who is willing to work hard at the game and play enthusiastically, has every chance of playing for one school XV or another.

A great deal of the Bantam play has been of a refreshing nature: the ball has been thrown about even when in defensive positions, and much lively, open play has resulted. However, some of the play, particularly at the beginning of the season, revealed an unwillingness on the part of many boys to carry out basic essentials correctly. There is no adequate substitute for fearless dropping, hard shoulder tackling and strong, determined running. Some of the members of the side have carried out these duties faithfully; notably Swindlehurst, a thoughtful, vigorous player—and a pack leader who encourages by example; King, a determined tackler and a resolute player at all times; Barton, F., an elusive runner, and, when at full-back, a hard tackler; Perry, Rimmer and Kershaw, all dogged and tireless workers; and Rostron, the captain, whose own keenness, on or off the field, has done much to bring about a steady improvement in playing standards; (of the games since October, three have been won and three drawn, 32 points having been scored against 6.). Others have been less consistent in performance, but nevertheless have done much good work. Of these Sinnott, Barton, J. R., Morton, Davies, Schober, Jackson, Whalley and Burgess have been most prominent.

Of the newcomers to the side, Whiteley, M. J., Ripley, Szymanski and Halsall, F., have already shown themselves to be useful members of the side.

Most promising material has been in evidence in the 2nd Forms. Husband has been the outstanding player, but many others, Lloyd, Brown, Turtle, Knowles, Sutton, McMinn, Hulm and Taylor amongst them, have quickly picked up enough of the game to have played intelligently for the School teams for which they have played.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.
Under 14	2	0	0	2	6	23
Bantams	11	4	2	5	78	103
Chicks	3	2	0	1	48	20

### Rugby Results

#### Second XV

Nov. 25th—(Away) v. King Edward VII G.S. Won 24—13  
Nov. 28th—(Home) v. Calday Grange ..... Won 13— 6  
Jan. 16th—(Away) v. Blackpool ..... Won 30— 0

### Colts XV

Jan. 16th—(Home) v. Blackpool .....	Won	20—0
Feb. 20th—(Home) v. Hutton .....	Won	19—3
Mar. 6th—(Away) v. Hutton .....	Lost	5—9
Mar. 10th—(Away) v. Wigan .....	Won	16—5

### Under 15

Nov. 25th— (Home) v. King Edward VII, ....	Won	10—3
Nov. 28th—(Away) v. Calday Grange .....	Lost	6—17
Feb. 27th—(Home) v. Liverpool College .....	Won	52—0

### Under 14

Feb. 27th—(Home) v. Liverpool College .....	Lost	3—12
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### Bantams

Nov. 28th—(Away) v. Calday Grange .....	Won	5—0
Dec. 2nd—(Home) v. King Edward VII .....	Won	18—0
Jan. 16th—(Away) v. Blackpool G.S. ....	Draw	3—3
Feb. 20th—(Away) v. Hutton G.S. ....	Won	3—0
Mar. 6th—(Home) v. Hutton G.S. ....	Draw	0—0

### Chicks

Nov. 25th—(Away) v. Bishops' Court .....	Lost	8—9
Feb. 20th—(Home) v. Hutton G.S. ....	Won	27—3
Feb. 24th—(Home) v. Bishops' Court .....	Won	13—8
Mar. 6th—(Away) v. Hutton G.S. ....	Won	11—0

## BADMINTON

The House Trophy this year was retained by Rogers' whose team of J. B. A. Hyde and P. T. Walsh was unchanged from that of last year.

In the final Edwards', represented by A. Bond and H. Carr, put up a very good fight and were unlucky not to win the second game. Score: Rogers' won by 21-13, 21-19.

This year there have been two fixtures with Hutton Grammar School. At home the School won by seven games to two. The team was: Hyde and Walsh; G. R. Cheffins and D. Walker; B. Shaw and K. C. Slater.

At Hutton G.S. School won by seven games to two. The team was: Hyde and Bond; Cheffins and Walker; H. Rigby and B. Shaw.

At the present time the standard of badminton in the School is very high and it is pleasing to note that several younger members of the House teams show promise that this standard will be maintained in the future.

J. B. A. H.

## BOXING CLUB

Throughout last term and the beginning of this, the Boxing Club has met in the gym every Monday for training. There has been a steady attendance of about twenty boys each week. All the gymnastic equipment has been available to club members, and Mr. Smith has kindly provided instruction in the rudiments of the sport.

The annual competition is staged this term, and at the time of going to press, the semi-finals are in progress. Between seventy and eighty boys have entered, the majority coming from the Junior School. It is noteworthy that the entry from Edwards', last year's cup-winners, is about double the average entry from other Houses. The standard of the boxing so far in the competition has shown a marked improvement on previous years, and as most of the contestants are still in the Junior School, one can hold out bright hopes for School Boxing in the immediate future.

I. M. B.

## Verse

### FISHING

The first of March has come at last  
When I unearth my line, and cast.  
Rod and reel I fix with care  
And to the river I repair.

Then at the brink I set my creel.  
I sight the slinky-moving eel;  
My fly I gently cast right out,  
Hoping to hook a big fat trout.

A rise! I strike, a whirr of reel,  
A short, sharp fight, and he's in the creel;  
Out comes the ginger-beer and cake,  
Whilst on the bank a rest I take.

B. Partington (2B).

## ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

To be absent from school is a pleasure,  
While thinking of all the poor boys  
Who are working so hard at their lessons,  
To attain intellectual poise;

When the window is pattered with hailstones,  
And the flames are dancing with glee,  
And you cast your mind on your old Form room,  
Whilst lying upon the settee.

But when, back at school, you start to catch up  
With the terrible torments again,  
All the history, maths and analysis notes,  
You pay for your pleasures with pain.

R. Pearson (Trans. X).

## THE SNOW-DROP

As I was trudging through the snow,  
A snow-drop I espied.  
I wondered how so frail a thing  
Could grow on the bare hill side.

Above, below and round about,  
No solitary thing did grow;  
But there amidst the dazzling white  
Stood my snow-drop in the snow.

I stooped and gazed at its bowed head;  
What hidden thoughts lay there,  
Could it but speak and let me know  
About the spring so fair?

P. J. Rigby (2B.).

## THE SOCIOLOGICAL EFFECT OF THE WHITE CIVILIZATION ON THE ABORIGINALS OF NORTH AMERICA

Then in Autumn, Hiawatha  
Travelled to the forests Northwards  
To the Kingdom of Wabasso,  
To the land of the White Rabbit,  
Where in Summer is no darkness,  
Where in Winter is no sunshine.  
There he built a great log cabin,  
(Built of pine and built of alder.).  
There he took his express rifle  
On a sledge drawn by his huskies.  
Through the winter Hiawatha  
Trapped and shot the fox and beaver.  
Through the long and cruel winter  
Killed the fox with fur of sable,  
Killed the fox with fur of silver,  
Shot the otter and the ermine,  
Skinned them in his great log cabin  
(Built with pine and built with alder).  
In the spring then Hiawatha  
Travelled back across the prairie,  
Back across the swollen rivers,  
Back unto the haunts of whiteman.  
There he sold his furs of sable,  
Sold his furs of mink and marten,  
Sold the lot for many dollars.  
Hiawatha then bought whisky,  
For he liked the hot fire-water,  
But it cost him many dollars  
And it made him very dizzy.

Then the swaying Hiawatha  
Went into a room for card play  
And he drank down gin and water,  
And he lost on wheel and dice throw.  
At the game of Bowl and Counters,  
At the game like Pugasaing  
Lost the rest of all his dollars,  
Till at last he fell down drunken,  
Shouting that the wheel was fixed,  
Crying that the cards were marked.  
Then the brawny Chuckeroutah  
Took the mighty Hiawatha,  
Hurled him from the room of card play,  
Laid him gently in the gutter,



Stripped him of his belt of wampum,  
Relieved him of his last few dollars.  
In the morning Hiawatha  
Found his head ached something shocking;  
Couldn't cause his eyes to focus,  
And his tongue was just like rubber.

So the tired Hiawatha  
Staggered back unto his people,  
Cursed the whiteman and his money,  
Cursed the paleface and his dollars,  
Swore he never more would journey  
From the lodge of old Nokomis  
On the shores of Gitchee Gumee,  
Near the shining Big-Sea-Water.

But in Autumn Hiawatha  
Travelled to the forests Northwards,  
To the Kingdom of Wobasso,  
To the land of the White Rabbit,  
Where in Summer is no darkness,  
Where in Winter . . .

D. R. K. Seddon (Up. VI. Mod.).

### IMAGINATION

Full is the mind though clouded skies,  
Dull with damp mist, conceal the great  
Hot stars, hiding from mortal view  
Red Mars and giant Jupiter;  
And though ringed Saturn drifts in gloom,  
Yet man's winged fancy sees him still:  
One simple small thought recreates  
Lost comets, all the globes that spin  
Through swinging blackness round young suns,  
Or huddle lifeless, sheathed in ice,  
While dying embers glow their dirge.  
A seeking mind will show the deeps  
Beyond our skies; will find white spheres  
That give to men, who these bright hordes  
Would know, the wonder they disperse:  
The splendour of this universe.

J. Ashcroft (Upper VI. Mod.).

## Society Reports

### ART SOCIETY

The Art Society has been very well supported again this term, especially by junior members.

The emphasis this term has been on the production of highly imaginative compositions consisting of grotesque and awe-inspiring space-men together with their weird space-ships. Some more individualistic members have remained uninfluenced by this ultra-modern school of thought and have concentrated on subjects of their own choice. A selection of work is being shown on the corridors and we do hope that everybody will profit by this opportunity to improve his eyesight.

We should like to point out to all intending members that the possession of duffel coats, jeans and bright yellow socks are not an essential condition of membership.

J. H.

### BEE CLUB

*Chairman:* J. B. Knowles.

*Secretary:* M. L. Salkie.

*Treasurer:* Mr. G. F. Drake

*Committee:* J. Ashurst, G. Livesley, I. Ziment.

As spring approaches the members of the Bee Club are preparing for the busy months ahead. Owing to the hibernation of the bees during the winter months the hive has not been examined for some time, although the bees have been "frowed" to protect them from acarine. On the summer days some of the more venturesome bees may be seen on the wing.

Lectures have been given by members of the committee, but there has been a noticeable lack of support by the new boys, and it is hoped that the more junior boys will begin to show more interest in the club once the outdoor activities begin. If a veil is worn there is little fear of being stung.

M. L. S.

### THE CHRISTIAN UNION

*Chairman:* P. W. Brunt.

*Vice-Chairman:* J. M. M. Dalby.

*Secretary:* A. T. Williams.

The activities of the Autumn Term were concluded by a Christmas Service at which Mr. Long gave an interesting and stimulating talk on the Christmas Story. Outstanding amongst study-groups previously held was one entitled "Which Religion?" when emphasis was laid on the power of Christianity as a moral force.

The first meeting of this term was the annual Brains Trust, the team of which consisted of Mr. H. Evans, Mr. Garnett and two senior boys. The subjects of questions ranged from the state of the Church to gambling and Sunday newspapers, and a diversity of answers was given. On February 4th, Mr. Drake spoke on "The Christian and Society." After some time of discussion we began to realise the difficulty of resolving a question so complex in structure and found ourselves unable to solve in the time available the social and political problems involved. "The Voice of the Deep," one of the Fact and Faith films prepared by the Moody Institute of Science, was shown after half-term, and an appreciative audience saw the influence of God in nature revealed through science. Study-groups this term have discussed the reliability of the Bible and the Christian's attitude to Sunday.

The committee heard with pleasure on February 1st of the acceptance of the Union's application for membership of the Inter-School Christian Fellowship, whose travelling secretary, Mr. B. A. Burbridge, is to visit us before the end of the term. We look to the School for the support which will make this association with a nation-wide organisation fruitful.

A. T. W.

### CHESS CLUB

The Inter-House Chess Tournament which took place last term had a very close ending, the final result being in doubt until the last round. Two Houses, Spencer's and Evans', were leading the others throughout the competition. The deciding game was when these two Houses met, the latter winning 3-0. The final placings are listed below:

	Place	Points
Evans' .....	1 .....	13
Spencer's .....	2 .....	12
Woodham's .....	3 .....	8

D. D.

### C.E.W.C.

*Chairman:* C. Hershon.      *Secretary:* E. E. Restall.

*Librarian and Publications Officer:* D. R. Isenberg.

#### *Committee:*

Mr. H. Booth, D. N. Max, R. K. Wright, A. T. Williams.

The Council for Education in World Citizenship is a non-political organisation for the promotion of international study in schools and youth clubs.

The object of our Society is to gain a knowledge and understanding of international problems without political bias. We aim to do this by dividing our members up into various study groups, each group choosing a topical problem for discussion; after these discussions the group leaders will combine all contributions and then deliver their information in the form of a report.

An important day in the School-year was Monday, March 1st, the day on which the first meeting of our newly-formed Society took place. The purpose of the meeting was the election of officers. We are very grateful to Mr. Booth who acted as chairman during the election. The meeting was well attended by an enthusiastic group of senior boys, although there was a disappointing lack of boys from the science side. We do hope that this will be rectified at next term's meetings.

We propose to hold five meetings next term, at which we will be able to hear the group reports. It is hoped that we will be able to arrange a brains-trust and some debates during the term in addition to some talks on world problems by outside speakers.

E. E. R.

### THE DEBATING SOCIETY

*Chairman:* J. B. A. Hyde.      *Vice-Chairman:* P. W. Brunt.

*Secretary:* D. J. Farrant.

#### *Committee:*

R. N. Jenkin, S. N. Booth, D. R. Isenberg, P. A. McLean.

On Friday, November 20th, R. N. Jenkin, seconded by D. Seddon, proposed the motion that "this House approves the trend for brighter clothes for men." After P. W. Brunt and P. A. McLean had spoken against the subject, a rather quiet audience rejected the motion by 27 votes to 18.

On Friday, November 27th, the annual Junior Elocution Contest took place. The judges, Messrs. Kirkby, Ellison and H. Evans, expressed their pleasure at the high standard of the entries, and awarded the first prize to N. Freeman, and the second prize to J. Adams, both of 4A. Apart from the prize-winners, they picked out Armstrong of Trans. Y, Murphy of 3A, Howgate and Raynor of Trans. X, and Desser of 2B for special commendation.

In the confined quarters of the Lecture Theatre on December 4th, L. Lyons, seconded by C. Ineson, proposed that "Great Britain should become a Republic." J. M. M. Dalby led the opposition, and he was supported by J. V. Boothman. Their arguments

were so convincing that the motion was rejected nem. con. Owing to the absence of both chairman and vice-chairman, R. N. Jenkin was in charge of proceedings.

On the afternoon of the 9th December, the School Play, "Toad of Toad Hall," adapted by A. A. Milne from Kenneth Grahame's book, "Wind in the Willows," was presented to an audience of girls from various Southport schools. On the subsequent evenings of the 10th, 11th and 12th December the play was presented to enthusiastic audiences of parents, old boys friends and members of the School. The music was played by a section of the School Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. J. R. Williams, and the play was produced by Mr. G. P. Wakefield.

On Friday, January 8th, R. N. Jenkin and C. Ineson proposed the motion "that the Press is the enemy of the people." P. A. McLean and A. T. Williams opposed the motion, and they succeeded in gaining the favour of the audience, with the result that the motion was rejected by 20 votes to 10.

This session's Extempore Speeches were held on January 15th, when 12 members gave three-minute talks on various subjects ranging from "How to run a Brownie Troop" to "Poppa Piccolino," and from "The market gardening situation in Northern Zululand" to "Teddy Tail." The meeting was very well attended by an audience which greatly appreciated the sometimes successful attempts at humour.

Another large audience attended the debate on January 22nd. P. W. Brunt, seconded by D. J. Farrant, proposed "that Columbus went too far." S. N. Booth and D. R. Isenberg opposed the motion, which was ultimately passed by 44 votes to 18.

The annual Junior Debate took place on Friday, February 12th, when R. M. Greenhalgh proposed "that work is an unnecessary evil." He was seconded by J. Hulm. The opposition was led by R. Williams, who was supported by M. J. Meadowcroft. After a lively debate, with several speakers from the floor, the motion was finally rejected by 39 votes to 12.

On February 26th, the Senior Play Reading, "The Dear Departed," by Stanley Houghton, was presented. A considerable audience appreciated a well-written play. Those taking part were: C. Hershon, D. J. Farrant, P. A. McLean, A. T. Williams, R. P. Jenkin and P. W. Brunt. The lighting effects were in charge of C. Ineson, and the play was produced by P. A. McLean and D. R. Isenberg.

The subject for this year's Chairman's Debate, which was held on March 5th, was "that murder is both useful and praiseworthy." P. W. Brunt, seconded by P. A. McLean, proposed this motion, and the opposition was led by D. J. Farrant, supported by D. R. Isenberg. After a lively debate, the motion was carried by 53 votes to 7.

The other meetings to be held this term are joint debates with the High School Literary and Debating Society, with the motion "that beauty nowadays is more important than brains"; and with the King George V School Old Boys' Association with the motion "that the advantages of National Service outweigh the disadvantages." The last meeting of the season will be the Senior Elocution Contest, which will take place on March 19th.

D. J. F.

### SCHOOL LIBRARY

There has been a large number of additions this term, and many of these have been presented. We thank Mrs. I. Evans, J. D. Adams, J. M. C. Davidson, D. J. Farrant, A. Haigh, C. P. Hershon, D. N. Max, G. S. Morrell, and E. E. Restall for their kind gifts.

Among this term's purchased books may be noted: "The Ascent of Everest," by Brigadier Sir John Hunt; "Two Cheers for Democracy," by E. M. Forster; "Rebel Heiress," by Robert Neill; "Down With Skool!" by Geoffrey Williams, illustrated by Ronald Searle; "Sound Barrier," by Neville Duke and Edward Lanchbery; Sir Frank Whittle's pioneer story, "Jet"; "No Picnic on Mount Kenya," by Felice Benuzzi; and "The Jungle is Neutral," by F. Spencer Chapman.

### MODEL CLUB

*Chairman:* Mr. T. H. Evans.      *Vice-Chairman:* R. Pactor.  
*Secretary:*      *Committee:*  
P. D. Bagshaw.      G. M. Halley, A. J. Cranshaw.

The first meeting of the term was held on February 16th, when boys saw two films. The first was "Model Flight," which showed excellent examples of Control Line flying. The second was "The History of the Helicopter," a very instructive film which showed the Helicopter in its development through the years.

The second film show was on March 16th, when boys saw three films: "We've Come a Long Way," "The Fell Loco," and "Model Racing Cars."



Although the club is still in its infancy, it has incorporated many junior boys this term. We are hoping that more senior boys will join the Society.

Last Summer Term the first Model Exhibition was held. This was a great success. An exhibition on a much larger scale is being planned for next term. We are also hoping to have some practical demonstrations of model flight on the School fields in the near future.

All boys are cordially invited to take part in Club activities.  
P. D. B.

### MUSIC SOCIETY

As the radiogram is at present out of order, both the series of lectures we intended to give this term and our Friday dinner-time recitals have had to be postponed.

During the Christmas holidays a party of about fifteen attended a concert given by the Hallé Orchestra, under Sir John Barbirolli, in Liverpool. The concert consisted of symphonies by Haydn, William Alwyn and Sibelius. It was the first performance in Liverpool of Alwyn's Second Symphony.

Other trips are being arranged for this term and next, and boys who are interested should keep an eye on the Music Society notice-board for details.

Finally, the Society would like to thank B. G. Murgatroyd for the trouble and care he has taken in recovering and making a complete catalogue of all School records.  
R. S. R.

### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

So far this term the Society has held three meetings. The first was on Tuesday, January 12th, when Squadron-Leader J. E. Taylor, the School's Liaison Officer of the Royal Air Force (Manchester) gave an interesting talk on the "History of Aviation in the R.A.F." His talk was followed by a film, after which Squadron-Leader Taylor answered a barrage of questions mainly about jet aircraft.

Following up its idea of having boy lecturers, the Society invited the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman each to give talks. On Tuesday, January 26th, R. N. Jenkin gave a talk on "Coniferous Trees," and on Tuesday, February 9th, R. S. Rubins (Chairman) gave a talk on "Einstein and the Special Theory of Relativity."

The Society hopes to have two more meetings this term, a film show and an "Experimental Evening."  
P. W. B.

### HOBBIES COMPETITION

On the evening of the 12th February a Hobbies Competition was held by the Troop. The four patrols were just adding the finishing touches to their patrol-rooms, in which an imposing array of hobbies ranging from pet rabbits to photographic art had been skilfully and rapidly set out, when the first visitors made their appearance on the stroke of half-past six. Parents and friends were conducted round the rooms, where they were at leisure to examine the exhibits until summoned to the library for warm refreshment. After a few words of welcome from Mr. Long, C. M. Griffiths opened the programme for the evening with a talk on the rise of the Scout Movement, and was followed by J. Wareing, who explained what he personally found attractive about Scouting. The District Commissioner, Mr. Slater, summed up some of the notable achievements performed by Scouts as a whole over the past year, drawing particular attention to the part played by Scouts at the Coronation and the help they rendered during the period of heavy floods.

After these three speeches the Troop assembled in patrols for a ceremony of enrolment. The Assistant District Commissioner, Mr. Peters, officiated and several Tenderfoots took the Scout Promise and were solemnly accepted into the Brotherhood of Scouts. Following immediately upon this the result was announced of the competition, for which Mr. T. H. Evans and an Old Boy and Scout of the School, Mr. Fairclough, had kindly consented to act as judges. Curlews' Patrol had won most points. The Inter-Patrol trophy was awarded also to this patrol for having been the most efficient patrol during the past year. The Headmaster rounded off this part of the evening's proceedings with a speech admirably suited by its humour and sincerity to win ardent supporters to Scouting.

There followed some examples of Scouting in action, J. M. M. Dalby, Patrol-leader of the Eagles, and H. B. Wyman, of the Curlews, each captaining a team of Scouts in demonstrations of First Aid. Had the two unfortunate victims been really as seriously injured as the demonstrations supposed, they would have had little to fear in the competent hands of the two teams. Gentleness and speed were smoothly combined.

As a suitable conclusion to the evening, the Troop gathered round an imaginary fire and sang camp-songs. Mr. Garnett was helped by Mr. Peters in leading the songs. The evening ended with Troop prayers led by Mr. Berry.

## "TOAD OF TOAD HALL"

Once more the Debating Society can chalk up a success. This time, however, of an only mediocre play. In his adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's charming story, "Wind in the Willows," A. A. Milne failed to capture its full flavour. The result is a play rather more suitable for children than for an adult audience. The scenes are short, the humour forced, and the dialogue poor. The School production overcame the many obstacles such a work must inevitably set and was extremely enjoyable. With a better orchestra than ever before and with full choral effects, the play was very well acted and great credit goes to all concerned. The actors conveyed the impression that they believed in the cardboard characters they had been called up to portray. We were able to watch rabbits, squirrels, and stoats singing and dancing and even talking like human beings, and yet we did not find it incredible. If these roles had been overplayed, we should have found them too ludicrous and the play would have failed.

P. A. McLean, as Toad, gave a first-class performance. He had to make the audience love his character in spite of all the rash things he did. He succeeded, and when the play ended it was Toad we continued to remember. His imitation of a motor car was highly amusing. Though his singing voice was not very good, his articulation and voice production were an example to many others in the cast. After having played female roles for the last three years, his versatility was shown by this piece of creditable acting.

A good interpretation of Mole was given by R. J. Elliot. His small steps and gestures were exactly right and his inability to relax even in the dance contributed towards his success. His voice came over very well, especially in his songs.

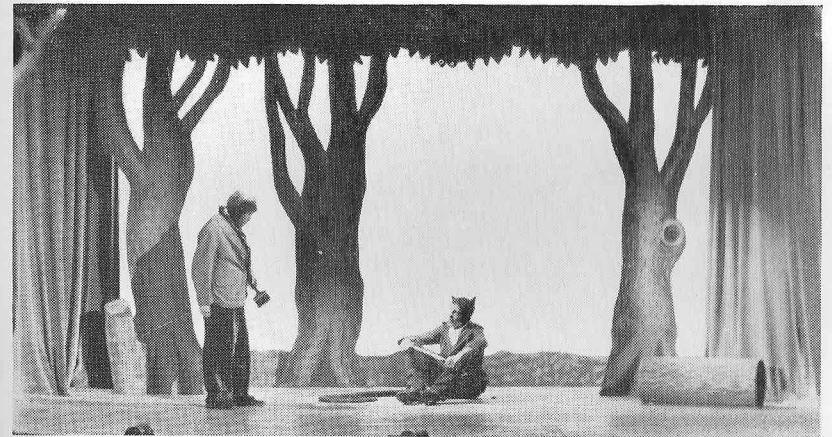
P. W. Brunt was refreshingly natural as Rat. He seemed really at ease on the stage and threw himself entirely into the fun. He could not have been better cast, even though he was a rather tall water rat, and gave an excellent performance.

Badger was a really lovable old fellow, like a big cuddly teddy-bear! His character was well drawn and well executed throughout, except on one occasion. In the quartet it was C. Her-shon who danced and sang, while poor old Badger was forgotten. The carefully built up illusion of age was lost. Elsewhere, Her-shon acted very competently indeed.

## "TOAD OF TOAD HALL" — December, 1953



THE TRIAL SCENE



THE RIVER BANK

Those who act in the subordinate roles of a play can make or mar it. "Toad of Toad Hall" was extremely fortunate in having nearly thirty capable small-part players. Of all these, the most amusing was, without doubt, Alfred the Horse. He was one of the "hits" of the play and was beautifully manipulated by M. Noar and D. G. Mann, who made the horse-skin live. Their performance as a whole, but especially when Alfred sat down, will long be remembered. The jaws of the animal were, unfortunately, inclined to clap, and it was a great pity that the costumiers could not supply a different coat for the barge-horse. When he came on we wanted some more of Alfred's drollery.

The most beautiful item in the entire evening was the carol sung by the field-mice. Their voices were both sweet and resonant, and the two who spoke, B. W. Howgate and J. H. Knowles, showed great promise for future plays and were a lesson in clarity and expression to many older members of the cast. The other mice were P. Bullock, D. J. Elias, and R. C. Hind.

J. B. Whittaker's Judge was very well portrayed, except for the fact that he tended to overplay the humour. He stooped and swung his arms a little too much during his otherwise excellent song, and his nondescript noise when he ran across the stage at Rat's objection was too much. N. H. Freeman, as the Barge-woman, lived up to his former promise. His talent is shown to advantage in all he plays. A. T. Williams was a gloriously wicked Chief Weasel. His villainy was well conceived and his was one of the best singing voices. Why does T. M. Burstall always have such small roles? He gave us a very melancholy usher and made a person out of what could have remained a wooden figure.

There were many other well-played parts which deserve mention. As the Washerwoman, D. J. Farrant, a newcomer to School drama, made a very good attempt but could not sustain the firmness such a character required. He did not exact the full ludicrousness from the old woman and his accent was inconsistent. He did have one handicap in the fact that the part seemed to have been written for a present-day popular Lancashire comedian. Phoebe looked very charming, but R. F. Chapman was a little unsure during his dancing. It was a pity his voice was so boyish for it tended to spoil his study of this little girl.

Creditable performances were also recorded by J. Wareing, M. F. Savage, D. R. Seddon, J. M. M. Dalby, J. A. Hoyle, G. F. Bowyer, F. R. Entwistle, A. D. Hughes, D. Latchford, P. N. Heyes, J. W. Gatiss, P. F. Hopwood, D. R. Holt, and D. R. Bancroft.



The décor was extremely well designed and executed. The colourful setting added greatly to our enjoyment of the play. Mr. J. R. Williams' orchestra and singers performed beautifully under his baton and it is due to their combined effort that H. Fraser-Simson's tuneful music came over so well. The success of "Toad of Toad Hall" was due, above all, to the producer, Mr. G. P. Wakefield. His presentation was artistic and one scene was cleverly blended with the next, thus achieving an effect of unity.

D. R. Isenberg.

### THE SCOUT TROOP

A number of meetings this term have been spent in preparing for the Hobbies Competition and Open Evening. The preparations proved fully justified by the success of the occasion. Full details are reported below. The Troop was proud to receive the commendations of the Headmaster after the event.

There have been many tests taken this term and it has been difficult to satisfy the enthusiastic requests for testing. We have welcomed a number of new recruits who have done well in passing the Tenderfoot stage and proceeding to Second Class work. Dalby has now qualified for the First Class Badge and White has completed his Second Class. Chapman has received the Rescuer Badge. We shall be entering a team of juniors for the Inter-Troop Quiz, which takes place before the end of term.

A number of Scouts went on a hike to Freshfield. It is hoped that this form of meeting will become a regular activity of the Troop.

Arrangements are being made for a group of Scouts to spend a week in the Lake District during the Easter holidays. They intend to do some fell walking and to visit some of the places we had hoped to see during our last summer camp.

These notes would not be complete without expressing our thanks to Mr. Chadderton who has reconditioned one of our dixies and to Mr. Porter who is repairing a bell tent. The co-operation of the parents who help in many ways is most gratifying to the officials of the Troop.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term begins .....	April 21st
Athletic Sports .....	May 11th
G.C. of E. Exams. begin .....	June 2nd
Half-term .....	June 7th, 8th
Summer Exams. begin .....	June 29th
Summer & G.C. of E. Exams. end .....	July 2nd
Term ends .....	July 16th