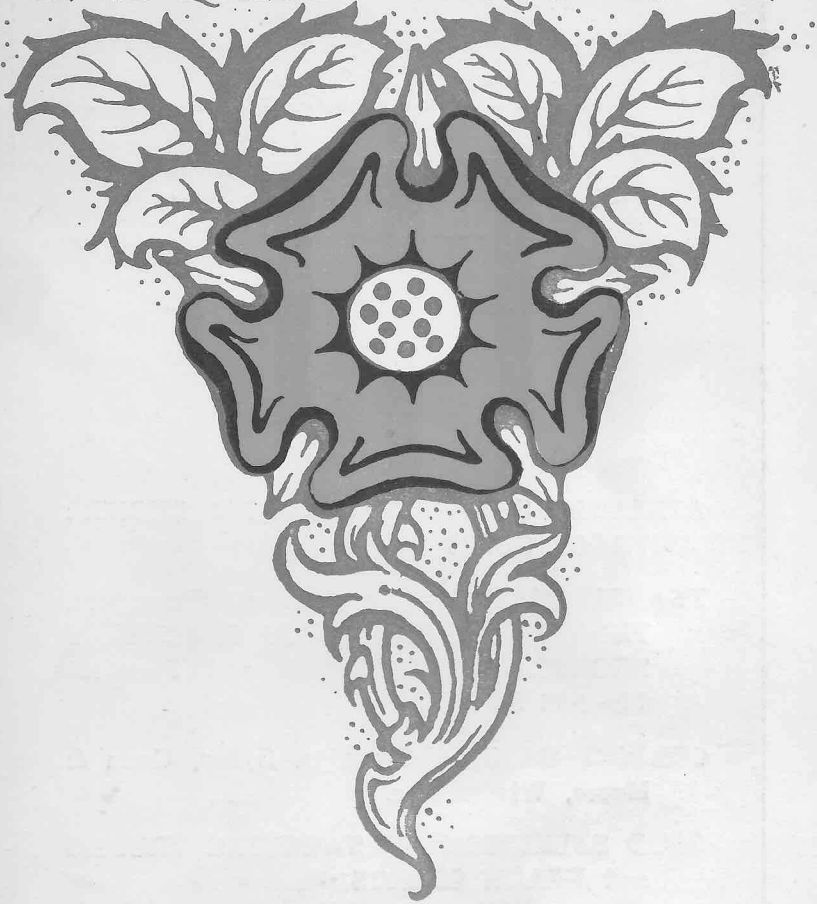


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It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Brian H. Lowe on 10th May after a long illness. Brian Lowe entered the School in September 1950, was in Rogers' House and Form Lower Vb.

School Notes

It is with regret that we say goodbye to Mr. R. J. Thompson who retires on reaching the age limit at the end of this term. He has been a member of the staff for exactly 30 years and for 23 of these years was Housemaster of Leech's House. Since the retirement of Mr. Charnley in 1950 he has been Senior Modern Languages master. An appreciation of Mr. Thompson's work in this school appears elsewhere. He is a man of many talents and we are sure that he will have a happy and busy time in his retirement. We wish both him and Mrs. Thompson many years of happiness.

It came as a shock to the school early this term to learn that Mr. Booth had been advised to retire on medical grounds. For a number of years now Mr. Booth has been in indifferent health and has fought very courageously against his disability. He has been a member of the staff for 26 years and for the last 4 years has been Housemaster of Woodham's House.

In his younger days Mr. Booth was an outstanding athlete and has given much help throughout his time here with the athletics of the School. An appreciation of Mr. Booth also appears elsewhere. We hope sincerely that with greater leisure and time for rest he will be able to enjoy many years of happy retirement.

Mr. Woodham has had the honour of being appointed Chairman of the Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters for the year 1955. We congratulate him most heartily on this appointment and wish him every success in his high office.

RECENT EVENTS

March 16th—Annual Rugger match against the Old Boys which resulted in a win by the Old Boys, 19-9. It was a most exciting match and the School did extremely well against very powerful opposition.

March 19th—Old Boys' Dinner. For the first time the principal guest was an Old Boy, Dr. S. K. Runcorn, Lecturer and Fellow of Caius College, Cambridge.

March 26th.—Choral and Orchestral Concert. The concert was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience, and we congratulate Mr. Williams on the excellent standard reached in his first concert.

May 5th.—Meeting of parents of boys in the Lower V Forms was held at which discussions on careers took place. The Headmaster and Careers master both addressed the parents.

May 10th.—Annual General Meeting of Parents. Mr. T. T. Williams was re-elected parents' representative for the year 1954-55.

May 11th—Athletic Sports were held in good weather. A full report of the performance is given elsewhere.

June 1st.—Founder's Day celebrations. We were again lucky with the weather and the staff team convincingly beat the 1st XI by 6 wickets.

The term's collection was taken for "U.N.I.C.E.F." and realised £9 5s.

We congratulate R. S. Rubins on the award of an Open Exhibition in Natural Science at St. Catherine's Society, Oxford, and also F. H. Dearnley on the award of a University Open Scholarship in Mathematics and Physics at Sheffield University.

C. M. Drake, J. D. Giddens and B. G. Murgatroyd have passed the Civil Service Executive examination and have been accepted without interview.

VALETE

Stopforth, R., 1946-54—Edwards', Upper VI Modern, G.C.E. (A3, 05). School Prefect, Senior Librarian, Swimming, Colours 1953, R.L.S.S. Award of Merit.

Marsh, P. E. W., 1948-54—Rogers', Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (04).

Winrow, F. R., 1948-53—Edwards', Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (06).

Sutton, B. H. 1950-54—Spencer's, Lower VI ScB., G.C.E. (05).

Wright, C. R., 1950-54—Evans', Lower Vb, Bantam Colours, 1953.

Davis, H. M., 1951-54—Masons', Lower VY.

Geldard, B., 1953-54—Edwards', Lower VI Modern, G.C.E. (05).

Knight, J. W., 1953-54—Grear's IIb.

Webb, P., 1953-54—Spencer's IIa.

Dobson, D. P., 1954—Spencer's 1Vb.

SALVETE

G. K. Clarke, B. Hodson, I. Le Cornec, B. E. Milne, I. J. Milne, A. Scholes, B. V. Smith, J. R. Ward, C. T. Williamson.

Mr. H. BOOTH

Everyone associated with King George V School, including all Old Boys, will regret the news that Mr. Booth has resigned from the Staff because of ill health.

The School had been in existence only eight years when Mr. Booth was selected to join the Staff and the choice proved to be a fortunate one in those early years of the School's development. No one has contributed more to the welfare of our community and to the high reputation that the School has established in its various activities. Although he recognised that scholarship is the foundation of a Grammar School system, he appreciated the equally important value of the good work to be done outside the classroom in both physical and cultural activities.

Both at school and university Mr. Booth had been an outstanding performer on the track and his enthusiasm in this field of sport rapidly improved the standards of our own school athletes. Under his influence, keenness for athletics developed to such an extent that inter-school athletics fixtures shared equal prominence with cricket in the summer term and he devoted much time and energy to the School teams where his expert tuition was reflected in the high standard of performance.

Being a good schoolmaster Mr. Booth was always striving to prepare boys for the part they must play eventually in the functioning of a democratic society. With this object in view he used frequently the agency of the School Debating Society to acquaint boys with the procedure in Local and National government and many civic institutions upon which our way of life is based.

In recent years when his disability was most acute, Mr. Booth displayed great interest in the newly-formed Music and Orchestral Society and many boys are indebted to him for the opportunity to participate in these activities. Indeed the rapid progress made by this society is due in no small measure to his determined efforts.

That Mr. Booth has been prevented from continuing such valuable work is a great loss to the School in particular and to Southport as a whole. We all have the greatest admiration for the courage that Mr. Booth has shown in struggling so successfully against his physical disability which has not prevented him from making the best use of his talents for our benefit. Along with our regrets may we express our very sincere thanks and also our congratulations on the many victories he has achieved. His story is surely an inspiration to all of us and now that he is relieved of professional anxieties we earnestly hope that his health will recover sufficiently to enable him to enjoy many years of happiness with his family.

His advice and helpful criticism will still be available to many of us and his presence at events on the School field, where so much of his good work was done, will be most welcome.

Mr. R. J. THOMPSON

Mr. R. J. Thompson retires this term after serving the School for thirty years, interrupted by the war years when he served in M.I.5. with the rank of Captain. His part in the life of the School has been important from the beginning—the modern languages department in any school has a great influence whoever may be its masters but under Mr. Thompson the department has developed a well-defined character; that character is shown by the continual desire to bring into the classroom the atmosphere of the foreign country and to create the situation wherein the foreign language seems to be part of the general classroom arrangement and not something from outside forced upon a reluctant group. To bring this about requires great gifts both as a linguist and as a teacher. Mr. Thompson has these gifts enhanced by an enthusiastic devotion to his subject, enthusiasm which could be set off anywhere, at any time, in school or out; his work is such a part of himself that at times he seems to view our ways through the eye of the foreigner; an attitude provocative of intense and interesting verbal exchanges especially among his colleagues or among his senior scholars.

One asset he has, not so apparent in school, but well known to his friends—his skill in mechanical matters. In the early days he provided the School and some of us with our first wireless set; years ago he had some success with home made television; he has always been making things work, undertaking tasks at home which most of us would never dare to attempt and finally as the time of retirement approaches he has acquired a motor car straight from the assembly line but already fitted with a gadget of his own devising and accepted by the manufacturers as an improvement. The inside of that motor car has become familiar to him through his probing inquisitiveness and one day when we call upon him we shall expect to see him surrounded by a heap of spare parts—the well known gleam in his eye—and we shall expect to hear him offer to show us how to re-assemble the car in one hour in such a way as to get it to move forward, backward or sideways at the press of a button.

This account by no means exhausts Mr. Thompson's achievements—we remember his introduction of his short plays in French, when the School hall might be turned into a French court room and villains, victims, police and legal officials expressed themselves excitedly and at length in French. These plays were later assembled in book form and were long a feature of the School

French lessons. From this early adventure in publication Mr. Thompson went on later to publish other books in which his powers of observation and his imagination were generously displayed; in fact his enjoyment of his experiences was time and again most willingly and effectively communicated to us either in his talks or in his writings. He believes in recording his experiences and those of us who have watched the results of his cine-recordings have gained, as if at first hand, a holiday at leisure—a stimulating and thoroughly enjoyable process—never to be forgotten by those fortunately placed within his friendly circle.

The members of his House will remember him for the interest he took in their welfare and for the encouragement he gave them in their work; he was keen and clear in his criticism but generous in his praise, always ready to reward merit and always constructive whether in praise or blame.

His colleagues will remember him for his loyal co-operation, his friendly approach, his readiness to lend a helping hand or to offer a word of wisdom in season. In lighter mood he could be prompted to a side-splitting display of his powers of mimicry and portrayal of character. It made us think he saw our foibles too exactly for our comfort but his kindness and geniality cleared his virtuosity of harmful intent and we remember only our enjoyment of his efforts. Mrs. Thompson and he will carry with them from all of us at school, colleagues and boys past and present, best wishes for a long retirement to which their gift of friendship will bring the abiding reward of happiness.

House Notes

EDWARDS'

In the main sphere of activity this term, namely, cricket, the House can be congratulated on a good record. The Senior XI, led by Bond, performed creditably in beating Rogers', although we lost our following match to Gear's. We were able to field a strong Junior Cricket XI, under the captaincy of Davies, and we wish the team a successful encounter in the Final.

The House has been well represented in the School Cricket teams. Bond and Miley have been stalwart members of the 1st XI, and Llewellyn has played regularly for the 2nd XI, and on occasions in the 1st. It is pleasing to note that out of the Juniors, Bailey, Davies and Jackson have represented the School in the Under-fifteens at cricket, whilst Timperley has played for the Under-fourteens, a fact which augurs well for the future.

The School Sports did not prove to be a cause of jubilation, the House being finally placed next to the last in the competition.

Nevertheless, the House acquitted itself as well as could be expected, in view of the lamentable paucity of senior boys, and Hornby, Jerram and Davies are to be commended for their performances.

Qualifications for Swimming are progressing favourably, although there are still some boys who have not qualified and must still do so. All the non-swimmers in the House are urged to take advantage of the summer holidays to learn to swim, not merely to help the House, but also to benefit themselves materially in later life. Although the House has lost a very keen and efficient Swimming Captain in R. Stopforth, Dixon has filled the breach admirably, and it is hoped that the swimming talent, latent among the Junior members of the House, will display itself to advantage in the Swimming Sports later this term.

The House Charity Collection this term for U.N.I.C.E.F. mounted to £1/2/2½d, and D. G. Farrant is to be thanked for his efficient year of office as House Almoner.

We are pleased to note that Mr. Hardaker is making a sure but steady recovery to his former health and vigour, and hope that in the not too distant future he will again take over the activities of the House. In the meanwhile, we acknowledge our great debt to Mr. Norris for his enthusiasm and leadership as Housemaster.

For most boys, this term is clouded by the gloom of examinations, and to all candidates we extend our hopes that they will reap a just reward for their endeavours. Lastly to all those who are leaving School this term, we wish happiness and prosperity in their chosen careers, and hope that they will carry away with them pleasurable memories of the School and House.

J.V.B.

EVANS'

“ Disce prodesse ”

At the end of last term, the Junior Rugby team, captained by Perry, played well but was unable to beat its somewhat stronger opponents. We congratulate the following on being awarded colours for Rugby:—Dandy, Wilson and Latchford (2nd XV colours); Perry and Whiteley (Bantam XV colours).

In the Boxing Competition, the House came third. We had five finalists and Wilson (Capt.), Perry and Rimmer, W. T. each won his contest.

All the boys entered for the Life-saving Examinations were successful. Large, Peet and Ditchfield gained Intermediate Certificates and Ashton, Dickinson, Johnson and Rawlinson, Elementary Certificates.

In the Senior Elocution contest, the House gained three of the first five places. Brunt was placed first, Isenburg second and Williams fifth. Isenburg has also been made a House Prefect.

During this term, the House has not fared as well as expected in the Cricket competitions, our only success being by the Juniors against Woodhams's although the support given has been enthusiastic. The Captain of the Senior team is Rimmer, S. B. and the Vice-captain, Colledge; Whiteley is Captain of the Junior team. Colledge has played regularly for the School Ist XI and Dandy (Capt.) and Rimmer S. B. for the 2nd XI.

In the Athletic Sports the House was fourth, being represented on Sports day by Gillett, Large, Keeley, Wilson, Perry and McLachlan. Gillett has also represented the School.

We should like to congratulate Dearnley on gaining an open scholarship to Sheffield University.

There was a marked improvement in the general work of the House last term and we are slowly but steadily improving our position. We expect all boys to try really hard and place themselves as high in their forms as possible.

The entries for the Swimming Competition are very encouraging and we are hoping to do well.

At the end of this term we shall be losing a number of our Senior members and the House wishes them every success in the future. We shall always be very pleased to see them again.

P.W.B.

GREAR'S

Labore atque Ludo

House Captain: B. G. Murgatroyd. Vice-Captain: D. D. Steele.
Secretary: C. M. Griffiths

Last term after three very convincing wins the Junior Rugby team won a well-fought final against Spencer's. In the Seven-a-Side competition on the last morning of the term, our team won through to the final only to be defeated by Mason's. Several members of the House were awarded colours last term: Brown and Steele, 1st XV; Pearce, Sharpe and Whittaker, 2nd XV; Ball and Hindley, Under 16 XV; Bennett, Gibbons, Pickering and Smith, Under 15 XV; and Rostron, who played as captain, Barton, Ker-shaw and King obtained their Bantam colours.

Although we had only five finalists in the Boxing Competition all five won and we were well placed in the championship.

The main interest this term has been in Athletics and Cricket. In the Athletic Sports our competitors acquitted themselves extremely well by winning three of the four trophies, the Mawdsley Shield, the Pariser Cup and the Taylor Cup. We congratulate all the competitors and our Athletics captain J. B. Whittaker who

played a great part in gaining these trophies. Several members of this team have taken part in contests against other schools.

The Senior Cricket team, is having a successful season having won both matches so far played. The Junior side, although it is having better luck with weather, has not been so successful, winning one match and losing the other. We are again well represented in School Cricket teams.

In Swimming, Pearce, Pickering, Gibbons and Rowntree have represented the School. The points so far obtained in the Ingham Cup for qualifications are not very encouraging and it is hoped that many more boys will come forward.

We can claim on the whole to have had a very satisfactory term in sport.

Finally to all those who are leaving us at the end of the School year, we wish prosperity in their new life, whatever it may be.

C.M.G.

LEECH'S

Captain: G. Topping. Secretary: R. S. Rubins

Almoner: P. Griffith.

Committee: I. M. Blair, G. Halley, J. B. Knowles, B. Ramm.

The first important event this term was the Athletic Sports. Although we failed to win any trophies we put up a good performance, and were satisfied with the outcome. Particular praise should go to the Athletics Captain, Topping, who was largely responsible for organising and supervising the practices.

Playing for School teams this term we have Knowles and R. Twist in the Swimming team, Halley in the 1st XI Cricket team, Blair, Key, Topping in the 2nd XI, Brooks in the Under 15's, E. and R. Whitehead in the Under 14's and Topping in the Athletics team.

The Senior Cricket team captained by Halley has won one match and lost one so far. Against Grear's we lost by 10 runs, in spite of Proctor scoring 24 not out. An easy 9 wicket victory over Rogers' was brought about mainly by good fielding, good bowling by Blair who took 7 wickets for 11 runs, and by Ramm who hit 24 not out.

The Juniors under Davies have lost both their matches, although a great improvement in their fielding has been observed. The best performance was by R. Whitehead who took 6 wickets for 8 runs against Rogers'.

Swimming Captain Knowles and C. E. Morris report that several boys will be taking part in the Life-saving Examinations

towards the end of this term. They also think that our prospects in the School Swimming Gala are quite good.

At the end of last term we were second in the Honours List, and we are hoping to improve further this term.

The House offers its congratulations to Rubins who was awarded an Open Exhibition to St. Catherine's Society, Oxford.

Finally, we wish every success to all those boys who are taking part in the external Examinations, and we offer our best wishes to all who are leaving.

R.S.R.

MASON'S

This year has seen thirteen members of the House awarded School Rugby Colours. They are Taylor (1st XV), Ball, Bray, Belmont, Hetherington, Ormesher and Waiters (2nd XV), Johnson and Seale (under 16 XV), Batty and Rawcliffe (under 15 XV), and Burgess and Morton (Bantam XV).

Last term the Junior Rugby team under the captaincy of Morton was not as successful in the inter-House competition as we had hoped but somewhat atoned for this by winning the VII's contest on the last day of the term.

This term there has been a greater interest in House activities, and in the Athletic Sports we won the Hepburn Cup for individual track events. The House is represented in the School Athletics team by Ball, Burgess, Kissensky, Ormesher, Rawcliffe, Taylor and Waiters.

Bray, Giddens and Waiters play for the 1st XI, Batty and Bradford for the 2nd XI, and Barnes, Mentha and Moister for the Under 14's XI.

Both Senior and Junior House Cricket teams are quite strong this year and it is hoped that a big effort will be made to retain the two cricket shields now in our possession.

Mason's are well up in the list of Swimming qualifications and it is hoped that the Ingham cup will be retained.

The response to the Charity this term has been very poor indeed and the House is urged to better efforts next year.

Looking back over the year we see that it has not been quite as successful from the cup-winning angle as last year but nevertheless much good work has been and is being done.

Finally the House wishes success to all candidates taking external examinations this year.

R.N.J.

ROGERS'

It was with great regret that the House learnt of the death of Brian Lowe, a member of the House for the past three years. Lowe took a very active part in the life of the House and his enthusiasm and very worthy effort on the games field set a very good example for other boys to follow. We send our deepest sympathies to his parents.

This year we have only two regular members of the School Cricket teams. They are Hyde (1st XI) and Probyn (2nd XI). The Senior House XI did not qualify for the final but the Junior XI, having won once and lost once, may still do so under the keen captaincy of Barnett.

S. N. Booth, the School Athletics Captain, was able to field a creditable House team on Sports Day and, although we were unable to retain the trophies gained last year, we were well represented in most events. S. N. Booth, D. Hughes, D. L. Booth, R. Crompton and J. B. A. Hyde have taken part in Athletics matches against other schools.

R. Brookfield swims in the School team and we hope to acquit ourselves well in the Gala at the end of the term.

To those taking examinations we wish a just reward for their endeavours and, finally, we wish a successful career to all members of the House who are leaving School at the end of term.

J.B.A.H.

SPENCER'S

Although the response to the call for greater effort in the academic field was not forthcoming last term there have been some heartening achievements on the sport side.

The following boys have represented the School: at Swimming, Hill, I. and Rimmer, B. W.; at Cricket, 1st XI Hughes, J.; 2nd XI, McLean, P. A.; Under 15 XI, Fox, Ball, and Blundell; Under 14 XI, Fox, Ball and Halsall.

The performances of the Junior Rugby and Cricket teams show great promise for the future. The Rugby team must be congratulated on reaching the final in which it was beaten by only 0-6 under very bad conditions.

In the first match of the Senior Cricket competition this year we were heavily beaten by Mason's by 10 wickets. In the next match, however, some atonement was gained in the shape of a 9 wickets win over Woodham's (Hughes 55 not out; McLean 5 wickets for 24; Groves 4 for 9).

The Junior team has won its way to the final and the impressive record deserves mention. In the first match Evans' were beaten by 15 runs (Hall 16; Halsall 4 for 6; Goddard 3 for 7). Woodham's were beaten by 35 runs (Halsall 17 and 5 for 4; Goddard 3 for 5). In the last match we beat Mason's by 41 runs (Halsall 25 and 3 for 7; Knowles J. H., 14; Goddard, 4 for 9).

We wish the team luck in the final.

After the success of last term's examinations we are hopeful of winning the Life-saving cup.

The Swimming qualifications are going well and we ask all those who have not yet qualified to do so as quickly as possible.

Although the general standard of House athletics was not high in the sports, the following must be congratulated on their performances; Jones, A. K.; Gill, B, Farrington A. H. B.; Nyman H. B.; Wright, E.; Riding, J. C.; and the Junior tug-team.

Finally, the House extends its best wishes to all those who are leaving at the end of this term and thanks them for all their hard work in the past.

J.B.F.

WOODHAM'S

It came as a great shock to the House to hear of the sudden retirement of Mr. Booth due to ill-health. Our thanks are due to him for devoting much valuable energy to the workings of the House and it is hoped that the good spirit which prevailed while he was in charge of the House will continue.

The House welcomes Mr. Abram as its new permanent House-master. Mr. Abram has been in charge of the House before, during one of Mr. Booth's absences, and is, therefore, no stranger to the members of the House. It is now up to the House to give him its fullest support.

The Athletic Sports took place at the beginning of this term and though the House did not particularly distinguish itself the running of Beattie in the 100 yards and 220 yards deserves praise and he has been chosen to run for the Juniors in the School Athletics team.

In the House Cricket competition the Seniors have won one match and lost one match. The Juniors have proved disappointing and to date out of 3 matches played they have tied one and lost two.

Lastly we wish all boys who have taken the General Certificate of Education every success.

G.J.H.H.

Old Boys' Section

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION DEBATE

The Annual Debate with the School took place on Friday 12th March in the School Library. The motion debated was "That the advantages of national service outweigh the disadvantages," and it was finally carried by a narrow majority without the aid of the Whips. Mr. A. V. Cunliffe was in the Chair.

Mr. G. C. Booth, now a Pilot Officer in the Royal Air Force, opened the case for the proposition. He stressed the advantages to the individual which are the opportunity to develop one's talents by following one's own trade or learning another, the widening of outlook, and the possibility of seeing the world. The seconder was R. N. Jenkin who stressed the advantages to the state of compulsory national service in order to fulfil our many commitments abroad, and to bolster up the numbers of regular troops to deter any potential aggressor.

P. W. Brunt, in opposing the motion, deplored the assumption that national service was a necessity: he thought it was neither necessary nor desirable because the state suffered by the diversion of people from industry, the individual suffered because his studies and professional training were interrupted, and employers did not like it because the ex-soldier had to be taught his job all over again. Mr. B. J. Hartwell, LL.M., seconding, based his objections on various grounds. The principle of conscription was alien to the British constitution (see the Bill of Rights 1689). Reservists turned out not to be as useful as had been hoped. He suggested that the ideal system was the formation of a strategic reserve.

Many and varied were the speeches from the Floor, and so were the arguments used by those speakers,—the peril that was confronting us was not a potential aggressor but our own inability to be self-supporting, and that national service killed the creative spirit of the individual, were among the more notable.

The conclusion seems to be that national service can be advantageous to both the individual and the state, if both the authorities and the state treat it in the right spirit. But what is that spirit?

H.J.M.R.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION DINNER

The Fifth Annual Dinner of the Association was held at the Queen's Hotel on Friday 19th March. Some seventy-five Old Boys together with their guests attended to do justice to an excellent meal and listen attentively to the interesting speeches.

Our first speaker was Dr. S. K. Runcorn, Ph.D., M.A., who proposed the toast "The School": he is an Old Boy whose claim to fame is based on his discoveries relating to terrestrial magnetism. In order to complete the amenities of the School, Dr. Runcorn advocated the construction of a swimming pool in the School grounds. Although later on doubts were expressed about putting this proposal into effect, the idea still remains. The Headmaster in his reply to the toast agreed with the proposer that a swimming pool would be very desirable. He thanked those Old Boys who had visited the School during the past year and hoped that more would do so in the coming year, for the sight of an Old Boy doing well in the world acted as an incentive to the young schoolboy to do the same. The saying that a "School is only as good as its staff" is as true now as it ever was: the first class staff at K.G.V. had given the School the fine reputation which it is proud to bear.

The toast of "The Association" was proposed by Mr. T. Crossley B.Sc., a former master at the School who has now become Headmaster of Hindley Grammar School. Mr. Crossley had in mind the establishment of a fund to augment the grants of former pupils while they pursued their University or professional training. This idea will give the Association food for thought. We hope that Mr. Crossley's bicycle was able to carry the joint weight of Mr. Crossley and Mr. Higham at least as far as welcome hospitality of the Red Lion Inn at Newburgh! The Chairman of the Association, Mr. L. Duckworth, B.A., replying to this toast expressed the hope that more Old Boys would join the Association, so that with a larger membership more projects could be undertaken. The membership figures of those boys just leaving School were very encouraging, but the speaker felt that more could be done to enrol those who had left School in years past.

Mr. J. W. Lord, M. Sc., proposed the toast "Our Guests" in an extremely humorous vein with a host of anecdotes and witticisms too numerous to mention. The reply to the toast was given by Councillor G. B. Woolfenden, who was both Chairman of the Education Committee and of the Board of Governors. He said that the new science wing, now being built, necessitated foundations forty feet in depth, and he would therefore not like to hazard a guess at the depth required for a swimming pool.

Our very able toastmaster was Pilot Officer G. C. Booth.
H.J.M.R.

NEWS OF OLD GEORGIANS

J. D. Bonney (G) (1941-49) Hertford College, Oxford, has been appointed to a Graduate Research Fellowship in Law for 1954-5 at the University of California and goes there in August.

S. Gerrard (M) (1939-44) appointed Chief Assistant in the Borough Treasurer's Department of the Conway Borough Council.

F. K. Marriner (S) (1931-37) has been elected Hon. Secretary of the Liverpool Junior Chamber of Commerce and has been appointed resident Inspector in Southport for the Phoenix Assurance Company.

P. J. Owens (Ev) (1935-44) Assistant Lecturer in Mathematics Department at the University College of Leicester.

B. Trueman (S) (1941-46) has been elected President of the Southport Organists' and Choirmasters' Association.

J. G. N. Wood (R) (1940-44) appointed as a Technical Assistant at the B.B.C. transmitting station at Penrith.

Elected to the Southport Town Council:

R. Jeffs (Ed) (1936-42) Conservative—Craven Ward.

K. Tissot (M) (1930-32) Liberal—Scarbrick Ward.

MARRIAGES

M. L. A. Moncrieff to Beryl Gibbings at Emmanuel United Church, Montreal, on 26th March.

J. E. Ball to Margaret Forrest at S. Cuthbert's Church on 27th March.

F. L. Greene to Barbara Medley at S. John's Church, Ainsdale on 27th March.

T. E. Davies to Eileen Rockliffe at All Souls' Church on 3rd April.

R. Gregson to Joan Toft at St. John's Church, Ainsdale, on 3rd April.

J. B. Leal to Patricia Walker at St. Philip's Church on 3rd April.

E. W. Marsden to Margaret Overton at Christ Church, Willaston-in-Wirral on 3rd April.

R. T. Yates to Margaret Halsall at Churchtown Congregational Church on 6th April.

J. R. Pilling to Mary Render at St. Andrew's Church on 10th April.

R. Watson to Pamela Hilton at Christ Church on 17th April.

D. Newcomb to Jean Leak at St. Peter's Church, Anlaby, Hull, on 24th April.

D. N. Shields to Romaine Butterfield at St. John's Church, Birkdale, on 15th May.

G. V. Edwards to Mary Prout at the Holy Apostles' Church, Cheltenham, on 7th June.

G. Horrocks to Coleen Moore at St. James' Church on 12th June.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of the following:—

On 26th March—N. A. Gordon (R) (1933-40).

On 14th May—W. Middlehurst (M) (1924-30).

University Letters

Cambridge

The Easter term in Cambridge means, in addition to the Tripos Examinations, long afternoons in punts on the River Cam; the Bumps, with their inevitable parties which always seem to celebrate in inverse proportion to the success achieved: in fact, May Week and all its delights. As soon as the Tripos is over people continue to do what they have been doing all the year: but with a clearer conscience.

The Cambridge Old Georgians flourish in their own unsavoury ways. It is mercifully impossible to keep track with all of them. Ted Royds and Mike Heaton continue to beat themselves at Patience, whilst Rodney Burstall ignores the musical tradition of King's so far as to blast a trombone at the Jazz Club. David Marsh, now a member of the Hawk's and Secretary of the University Golf Club, daily adds to his already distinguished record. J. M. C. Davidson has played for the Crusaders. Nothing has been seen of George Findley since he made an elegant, but vertical, descent into the Cam on the bridge of his punt, at the salute. He has gone down in the best possible tradition.

Peter Stephens has been taking an active part in The Footlights Revue for the last two weeks of term. The show then made the brave venture of playing in Oxford for a week. Having survived the University the wrong side of Bletchley, the company made off for London. There the Footlights took over the Phoenix Theatre in the West End, following the Oliviers. He abandons Cambridge this year for a career in the Big City.

Peter Owen will be amongst the stalwarts remaining to initiate the freshmen who will be joining us from School next year. Three years seem a long time until they are over: but it is worth every effort to spend nine terms in Cambridge. We hope that you will continue to join us in ever increasing numbers.

Liverpool

Summer term is on us once more and the empty tables of "Caf" contrast sharply with the hordes of students who daily pack the Cohen. Needless to say one may find an Old Georgian

or two in the precincts of the said Cohen, and R. A. Eccles, A. Leadbeater, and A. C. Wynne, who take finals this year, may usually be found therein.

In the field of sport, D. Mcleod and J. D. Lewis wield the willow wand for the 1st and 3rd University Cricket teams respectively, but while the athletics field remains sadly deserted by members of L.O.U.G.S., the tennis courts sizzle under the hot shots of the University Doubles pair, J. Smith and J. C. Meunier.

K. F. Edwardson and M. H. Irving depart amid sighs of relief for the wide open spaces of Canada, but we regret to say that they have every intention of returning to British soil.

G. A. Noar has been elected on to the Executive of Guild Council, and is now in charge of the entertainment of all University students for next Session. C. B. Wilson has been elected Librarian of the Music Society, and spends his time reading all about classical music in such respectable periodicals as "Esquire" and "Tit-Bits." H. Gordon and B. F. Bracewell are to be seen each morning scanning the Death columns of the "Liverpool Daily Post" for the latest news of their patients.

Finally we wish all Advanced Level candidates the best of luck in their examinations and look forward to seeing many new arrivals from our old School at Mrs. Macs each day at 12-30 p.m.

London School of Economics

This term has been remarkable for the contrast it has shown between the life of the first and of the third year student. R. A. Norman has been working even harder than usual for his finals and has steadfastly resisted all attempts by the two first year students here to draw him off to the baths or to the tennis courts. On the other hand M. R. Boothroyd has taken up Judo and is a very dangerous fellow to cross when he is not suffering from a sprained neck. W. A. Burgess has confined himself to the noble art of rowing interspersed with water-polo, which leave him very little time for other studies. All three of us here would like to extend a hearty welcome to any new O.G.s who might be joining us here next session and strongly advise them to try and get into Passfield Hall where we all sojourn.

Manchester

We shall know by the time this is read the results of the annual regurgitation from memory of the scraps of learning fed to us, albeit not with a spoon as at school, during the year. Some of us shall have ended our university careers with a handle to our names; to be replaced by the annual influx from school. We should like to

see amongst next year's offering some students of the "modern side," at present outnumbered in M.U.O.G.S. by five to one.

Preoccupation with exams this term has given an excuse for the non-participation in Union activities which as far as most Muogs are concerned extends without excuse into the other two terms. There is in consequence little to report about our members' activities.

A. T. Jones, one of the few without exams this term, has been seen with various lengths of pipe in his mouth at different times; whether imbibing the narcotic weed or conducting some complicated physical experiment, we have been unable to discover.

E. G. Cowen has attempted to make up for the political apathy of the remaining Muogs by simultaneous membership of both the Labour Club and the Liberal Society, proclaiming himself as an anti-socialist-independent-radical.

C. E. Bracken, it is rumoured, has shown proficiency on the tennis court. For other examples of proficiency in courtship we recommend perusal of the "engagements" columns of the local press. We have heard tell that more than one of our new graduates will not be satisfied for long with a bachelordom other than the academic type.

We should like, in conclusion, to remind intending Muogs of our previous request for them to learn at least the elements of contract bridge; we absolutely refuse to endure another year of solo whist.

Sheffield

The summer term here is rapidly drawing to a close and with it the work and examination tension is dying its inevitable death leaving, in most cases, the judgement day of results still to come. It doesn't seem long since we were shaking at the knees waiting for our School Certificate results to drop into our anxious letter boxes! In this connection Peter Lapes (Engineering) and Dave Williams (Chemistry) await their finals result—the very last of exams! Dave Preston and Dave Howard have arrived safely at the end of their second year while Bill Marsden has done a year in the Education Department.

However we do not work all the summer term—far from it! Dave Preston for instance may be seen exhausting himself on the billiard table after his winter efforts at rugby. Dave Williams still plays cricket for the University 1st XI and now is unable to decide which is his worse bowling arm, left or right.

A word about Sheffield for a sixth former anticipating a University course. A dirty, loveable city with some of the most beautiful countryside in England only half an hour out. Come and join our happy band!

Miscellaneous Reports

CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

The School Choir and Orchestra gave the fifth Choral and Orchestral Concert on Friday, 26th March, 1954. The programme was as follows:—

Orchestra—Bourée, Air and Allegro Deciso from Handel's Water Music Suite.	
Junior Choir—(a) "Who is Sylvia"	Schubert
(b) Linden Lea"	Vaughan Williams
Brass Band—"The Spirit of Youth,"	Greenwood
Choir and Orchestra—Excerpts from "The Creation"	Haydn
Orchestra—"Sonnenbichl"	Elgar
Choir—Partsong—"Chillingham"	Stanford
Brass Band—(a) Andante in G,	Batiste
(b) "Gloria in Excelsis" (12th Mass)	Mozart
Madrigal Choir—"As Matchless Beauty"	Wilbye
Orchestra—Largo (New World Symphony)	Dvorak
Choir—Partsong—"All in the April Evening"	Robertson
Orchestra—(a) Organ Concerto No. 4 in F (1st Movement)	Handel
(b) Bourrée	Bach
Choir and Orchestra—Coronation Anthem, "Zadok the Priest"	Handel

The programme was performed under the conductorship of Mr. J. R. Williams by an orchestra of 36 players, led by S. N. Booth, and by a choir of 95 voices. This was a slight reduction in the number of performers, to which earlier concerts had gradually built up, but the reduction in size was more than compensated for by the improvements in diction and in sweetness of tone. Their qualities were demonstrated most clearly by the choir's performance of Robertson's "All in the April Evening" which, if not yet quite in the Glasgow Orpheus manner, was treated with a moving delicacy.

There are some excellent Junior voices in the school, some stalwart basses, and a most welcome strengthening of the tenors. In the midst of a programme, which reflected the variety of the School's musical activities, it was pleasing to find these leading voices brought together in the Madrigal Choir, charmingly and skilfully to weave the vocal patterns of Wilbye's "Matchless Beauty." It is to be hoped that the Madrigal Choir will establish itself firmly, and will allow us, annually, to hear some sample of its work.

The Brass Band also, which has been growing up for several years, gave its first public performance and, as is natural in a Lancashire town, was welcomed warmly.

The Orchestra had, as in some previous years, been busily occupied throughout the Autumn Term with the musical accompaniment to the School play, and, for those engaged in that small orchestra, the work had brought a rapid improvement in their

performance. They provided much of the backbone for the larger orchestra, though further strengthening of the strings section was again provided by our friends from the Girls' High School; for that assistance we should like, once more, to express our gratitude. But, as is natural in any school orchestra, which must recruit its novices, and shed its more skilled players, annually, there was a large proportion of comparative beginners in work of this kind. Active membership of a group of music-makers can give immense pleasure to the performers; the judicious use of the School's recording machine should assist in impressing upon new and little-skilled members how much hard work and loyal attendance at rehearsals is required if that pleasure is to be transferred, unalloyed, to the audience.

The orchestra was probably happiest in the music by Handel; the sections of the Water Music Suite went well, and the Organ Concerto, arranged by Mr. Williams for piano and school orchestra, provided also some attractive piano playing by J. B. Hodge. Choir and Orchestra continued to give us a rousing finale in Handel's "Zadok the Priest," All concerned—Conductor, Orchestra and Choir—are to be congratulated on their achievement.

WILD BIRDS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

The school grounds are at first sight an unpromising place for spotting wild birds, but an observer who keeps his eyes open can collect quite an impressive list over a period of time.

My most exciting discovery was on a Saturday morning in March 1953, when I saw a peregrine falcon circling high above the field and being mobbed by two excited jackdaws. After a time the falcon, tired of the attentions of the jackdaws dived at tremendous speed with wings nearly closed and disappeared behind the houses on Scarisbrick New Road.

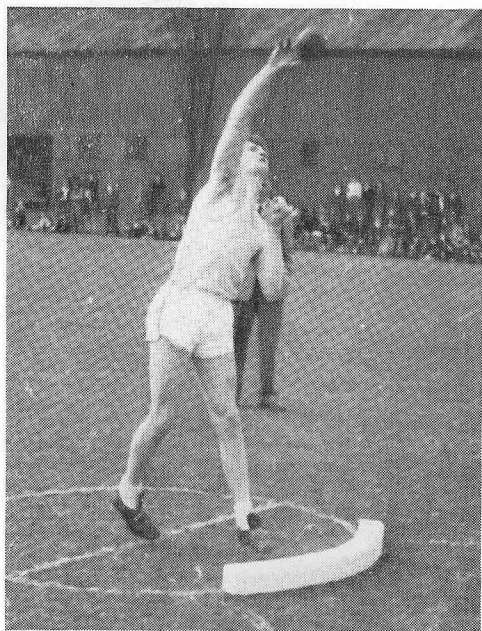
Another interesting occasion was one day in October, 1949 when, before morning school, there was a greater spotted woodpecker on one of the trees bordering Scarisbrick New Road. I have not seen another of this species anywhere in the Southport district during the last five years.

Records of actual nesting in the grounds are very few and I have only noted linnets, blackbird and pied wagtail.

As in most places the best seasons for spotting uncommon birds are the spring and autumn. A few wheatears are to be seen in March and April. Later in the spring house martins and sand martins can often be seen flying over Fine Jane's brook. Warblers are uncommon. I have seen willow warblers in spring and autumn, an occasional chiff chaff in September, and this year in



STAFF CRICKET XI



S. N. BOOTH, ATHLETICS CAPTAIN



J. B. WHITTAKER'S RECORD JUMP OF 21' 4"



A GOOD BATON CHANGE IN THE ATHLETIC HEATS

May for a few days a sedge warbler remained in the trees bordering my garden, but this completes the list. I have no record for the School Grounds of a number of birds which are quite common locally, for instance in the Town Lane area. These include corn bunting, yellow bunting, skylark, meadow pipit and whitethroat.

My complete list for the School Grounds since September 1949 totals 45 species as follows:—

Carrion Crow.	Sedge Warbler.	Greater Spotted Woodpecker.
Rook.	Mistle Thrush.	Cuckoo.
Jackdaw.	Song Thrush.	Little Owl.
Starling.	Redwing.	Tawny Owl.
Greenfinch.	Blackbird.	Peregrine Falcon.
Linnet.	Wheatear.	Kestrel.
Chaffinch.	Stonechat.	Buzzard.
House Sparrow.	Redstart.	Mallard.
Yellow Wagtail.	Robin.	Snipe.
Grey Wagtail.	Hedge Sparrow.	Redshank.
Pied Wagtail.	Wren.	Lapwing.
Blue Tit.	Swallow.	Black Headed Gull.
Great Tit.	House Martin.	Common Gull.
Chiff Chaff.	Sand Martin.	Herring Gull.
Willow Warbler.	Swift.	Moorhen.

This list does not include birds, such as Wild Geese, whose species could not be identified with certainty.

It would be interesting if others who see other species and certain identification of them would publish them in the "Red Rose." In this way a complete bird list for this small area could gradually be compiled.

BIRDS AROUND THE SCHOOL PREMISES

I have not been compiling a list of birds seen in the school grounds, and find the one compiled by the Headmaster quite impressive. Especially the stray visits of a peregrine falcon and a great spotted woodpecker give an honour to the school which a Chief Inspector himself could not outshine.

If the net were cast a littler wider to include Kew Wood and its lake the list could be extended considerably. I can only add with certainty two species to the list of birds seen in the grounds; a heron can occasionally be seen crossing over, and in winter oystercatchers not infrequently alight on the field.

Last year a mistle thrush built a conspicuous nest in a poplar near the senior entrance, and this year a mallard has reared her brood, outside the grounds, it is true, but within a very few yards of them.

On two successive winter mornings I saw a party of goldfinches in the lane behind Kew Wood, but have watched the same spot in vain ever since. Bramblings have appeared one in the beech trees there, and one spring dinner-hour I spent a pleasant quarter of an hour watching a goldcrest creeping about the brambles. On another occasion it was a tree-creeper working in ascending spirals the elm-tree boles.

The wagtails have been less in evidence this year than in previous years. A fascinating study might be made of their patterns of behaviour, especially the pied wagtails which carry on their courtship before the eyes of the whole school in the quadrangles. The yellow wagtail is one of our loveliest summer visitors, and the school is fortunate in being in an area of abundance. I was interested to find the grey in the Headmaster's list. I have seen only one in the neighbourhood, and it was skating on thin ice near one of the islands of the lake.

G. F. Drake.

Sports Section

ATHLETIC SPORTS

11th April, 1954

Honours go to Gear's House this year for winning three out of the four trophies, the Taylor Cup, the Pariser Cup and the Mawdsley Shield. Mason's House gained the Hepburn Cup.

Only one School record was broken this year. C. Rawcliffe ran the 120 yards Hurdles Group 2 in 17.9 seconds, 0.1 second inside the previous record.

Outstanding in Group 1 were S. N. Booth (the Athletics Captain) who won the 440 yards and weight, G. Topping, 100 yards and 220 yards, D. D. Steele, 120 yards hurdles and javelin, and B. Whittaker long and high jumps, while B. D. Ormesher shone in the mile and half-mile. A. D. Hughes did well for his first year in Group 1.

From Group 2, B. M. Large, A. K. Jones and C. J. Gillett deserve congratulation while in Group 3, A. Beattie and L. G. Husband did very well.

Trophies:—

The Hepburn Cup for Individual Track Events goes to Mason's.

The Taylor Cup for Individual Field Events goes to Gear's.

The Pariser Cup for Team Events goes to Gear's.

The Mawdsley Shield for Highest Aggregate goes to Gear's.

Final Results

- 100 Yards, Group I.—1. Topping, G. (L); 2. Whittaker, J. B. (G); 3. Hughes, A. D. (R). 10.6 seconds.
- 100 Yards, Group II.—1. Gillett, C. J. (Ev); 2. Rawcliffe, C. (M); 3. Davies, P. G. (Ed). 12 seconds.
- 100 Yards, Group III.—1. Beattie, A. (W); 2. Carey, J. A. (L); 3. Wilson, J. C. (G). 12.8 seconds.
- 220 Yards, Group I.—1. Topping, G. (L); 2. Whittaker, J. B. (Gr); 3. Hughes, A. D. (R).
- 220 Yards, Group II.—1. Large, B. M. (Ev); 2. Raynor, C. (R); 3. Burgess, G. F. (M).
- 220 Yards, Group III.—1. Beattie, A. (W); 2. Wilson, J. C. (G); 3. McLachlan, J. H. (Ev).
- 440 Yards, Group I.—1. Booth, S. N. (R); 2. Crompton, N. R. (R); 3. Wilson, C. F. (Ev). 56.2 seconds.
- 440 Yards, Group II.—1. Jones, A. K. (S); 2. Rimmer, J. B. (W); 3. Whitehead, C. A. (L). 61.8 seconds.
- 440 Yards, Group III.—1. Husband, L. G. (W); 2. Szymanski, G. (L); 2. Henshaw, B. S. (Ed). 70.7 seconds.
- 880 Yards, Group I.—1. Ormesher, B. D. (M), 2. Ball, F. W. (M); 3. Ineson, C. (R). 2min. 19.1secs.
- 880 Yards, Group II.—1. Gillett, C. J. (Ev); 2. Barton, F. (G); 3. Jones, A. K. (S). 2min. 30secs.
- 1 Mile, Open.—1. Ormesher, B. D. (M). 2. Ball, F. W. (M); 3. Clayton, M. (G). 5min 2.2secs.
- 120 Yards, Hurdles Group I.—1. Steele, D. D. (G); 2. Brown, W. A. (G); 3. Taylor, B. G. (M). 18.6 seconds.
- 120 Yards, Hurdles Group II.—1. Rawcliffe, C. (M); 2. Davies, P. G. (Ed); 3. Barton, J. (R). 17.9secs. (Record).
- Long Jump, Group I.—1. Whittaker, J. B. (G); 2. Waiters, A. K. (M) 2. Hughes, A. D. (R). 19ft 8½ins.
- Long Jump, Group II.—1. Gillett, C. J. (Ev); 2. Gautrey, R. (L); 3. Rimmer, J. B. (W). 16ft. 5½ins.
- Long Jump, Group III.—1. Jerram, C. W. (Ed); 2. Beattie, A. (W), 3. Wilson, J. C. (G). 13ft. 7ins.
- High Jump, Group I.—1. Whittaker, J. B. (G); 2. Waiters, A. K. (M); 3. Kissenisky, J. O. (M). 4ft. 10¼ins.
- High Jump, Group II.—1. Bennett, R. (Gr); 2. Twist, R. (L); 3. Burgess, G. F. (M). 4ft 9¼ins.
- High Jump, Group III.—1. Whitehead, R. (L); 2. Beattie, A. (W); 3. Wilson, J. C. (G); 2. Husband, L. G. (W) 4ft. 2ins.
- Discus, Group I.—1. Taylor, B. G. (M); 2. Gill, B. F. (S); 3. Waiters, A. K. (M). 92ft. 7½ins.
- Discus, Group II.—1. Pond, J. C. (R); 2. Keeley, W. T., (Ev); 3. Brookfield, W. E. (R). 75ft. 5ins.
- Javelin, Group I.—1. Steele, D. D. (G); 2. Waiters, A. K. (M); 3. Bray, T. B. (M). 141ft. 9ins.
- Javelin, Group II.—1. Riding, J. C. (S); 2. Nickson, J. (G); 3. Hornby, A. (Ed). 86ft. 7ins.

Shot, Group I.—1. Booth, S. N. (R); 2. Hyde, J. B. A. (R); 3. Waiters, A. K. (M) 35ft. 8ins.
 Shot, Group II.—1. Large, B. M. (Ev); 2. Hornby, A. (Ed); 3. Brookfield, W. E. (R); 34ft. 3ins.
 Relay, Group I.—1. Grear's; 2. Rogers'; 3. Leech's; 1min. 43.7secs.
 Relay, Group II.—1. Evan's; 2. Leech's; 3. Edwards'. 53.6 secs.
 Relay, Group III.—1. Woodham's; 2. Leech's; 3. Edwards'. 60.3 secs.
 Senior Tug-of-War—Grear's.
 Junior Tug-of-War—Edwards'.

ATHLETICS MATCHES

K.G.V.S. Kirkham G.S. Balshaw's G.S.

Wednesday, 28th April, 1954.

Result: 1, Kirkham G.S. 131 points; 2. K.G.V.S. 67 points; 3. Balshaw's G.S. 56 points.

Our first match showed the lack of fitness of our team. We suffered a heavy defeat by Kirkham. The fact that this meeting was early in our season whereas Kirkham were at the end of theirs, no doubt gave them an advantage. Balshaw's G. S. put up a creditable performance losing to us by eleven points.

The "under 16s" was our best team and D. L. Booth is to be congratulated on coming first in both the 100 yards and the 220 yards in that group. The only other first place we gained was in the open javelin in which D. D. Steele made a throw of 146ft 7½ins.

Results

120 Yards Hurdles: 1, Thorp (K.G.S.); 2, Garstang (K.G.S.); 3, Steele (K.G.V.S.); 4, Farrant (K.G.V.S.) 16.8secs.
 Long Jump: 1, Wilcock (K.G.S.); 2, Jeffery (K.G.S.); 3, Topping (K.G.V.S.); 4, Gill (B.G.S.) 19ft. 6ins.
 Discus: 1, Whalley (K.G.S.); 2, Whittaker (K.G.V.S.); 3, Hancock (K.G.S.); 4, Robinson (B.G.S.) 103ft. 6ins.
 100 Yards (under 16)—1, Booth (K.G.V.S.); 2, Hughes (K.G.V.S.); 3, Kaye (K.G.S.); 4, Bowe (K.G.S.) 11.3 secs.
 100 Yards (under 14)—1, Blossom (K.G.S.); 2, Hothersall (B.G.S.); 3, Macauley (B.G.S.); 4, Blackburn; (K.G.S.) 12.2 secs.
 100 Yards—1, Jeffery (K.G.S.); 2, Topping (K.G.V.S.); 3, Hall (B.G.S.); 4, Wilcock (K.G.S.) 10.6secs.
 Javelin.—1, Steele (K.G.V.S.); 2, Jackson (K.G.S.); 3, Waiters; (K.G.V.S.); 4, Smith, (B.G.S.); 146ft. 7½ins.
 220 Yards Hurdles—1, Thorp (K.G.S.); 2, Topping (K.G.V.S.); 3 Myerscough (K.G.S.); 4, Farrant (K.G.V.S.) 26.4secs.
 High Jump (under 16)—1, Mee (B.G.S.); 2, Thwaiter (B.G.S.); 3, Jackson (K.G.S.); 4, Robinson (K.G.S.) 4ft. 8ins.
 880 Yards—Pemrose (K.G.S.); 2, Ormesher (K.G.V.S.); 3, Ineson (K.G.V.S.); 4, Robinson (B.G.S.) 2mins 15secs.
 220 Yards (under 14)—1, Blossom (K.G.S.); 2, Blackburn (K.G.S.); 3, Hothersall (B.G.S.); 4, Macauley (B.G.S.) 28.4secs.

220 Yards (under 16); 1, Booth (K.G.V.S.); 2, Kaye (K.G.S.); 3, Pickering (K.G.V.S.); 4, Bowe (K.G.S.) 26.1secs.
 220 Yards—1, Jeffery (K.G.S.); 2, Whittaker (K.G.V.S.); 3, Wilcock (K.G.S.); 4, Parker (B.G.S.) 24.2secs.
 Weight—1, Hancock (K.G.S.); 2, Cookson (K.G.S.); 3, Ryding, (B.G.S.); 4, Hyde (K.G.V.S.) 37ft 5½ins.
 Long Jump (under 14)—1, Syms (K.G.S.); 2, Bamber (K.G.S.); 3, Jones (B.G.S.); 4, Burgess (K.G.V.S.) 15ft. 1in.
 440 Yards (under 16)—1, Martin (K.G.S.); 2, Laraway (B.G.S.); 3, Malley (B.G.S.); 4 Rimmer; (K.G.V.S.) 58.5secs.
 440 Yards Open—1, Whalley (K.G.S.); 2, Hall (B.G.S.); 3, Parker (B.G.S.); 4, Ormesher (K.G.V.S.) 56.2secs.
 High Jump—1, Duncan (K.G.S.); 2, Whittaker (K.G.V.S.) 3, Mee (B.G.S.); 4, Egerton (B.G.S.) 5ft. 2ins.
 Mile—1, Slater (K.G.S.); 2, Ball (K.G.V.S.); 3, Ineson (K.G.V.S.); 4, Robinson (B.G.S.) 5mins. 6.4secs.
 Relay (under 14)—1, Kirkham G.S.; 2, Balshaw's G.S.; 3, K.G.V.S.
 Relay (under 16)—1, K.G.V.S.; 2, Balshaw's G.S.; 3, Kirkham G.S.
 Relay—1, Kirkham G.S.; 2, Balshaw's G.S.; 3, K.G.V.S.

K.G.V.S. Wigan G.S. Ormskirk G.S.

Friday, 28th May, 1954.

Result: 1, K.G.V.S. 90 points; 2 Wigan G.S. 75 points; 3. Ormskirk G.S. 48 points.

In spite of bad weather conditions we acquitted ourselves well in our second meeting, beating Wigan by 15 points. The standard of performance was distinctly higher than in our previous match, although there is still room for more improvement especially in the "under 14" team.

An outstanding individual performance was that of J. B. Whittaker in the open long jump who jumped 20ft. 8ins. to break the previous school record by 7¾ inches.

Results

100 Yards (under 14)—1, Buer (W.G.S.); 2, Bolton (W.G.S.); 3, Edge (O.G.S.); 4, Beattie (K.G.V.S.) 12secs.
 100 Yards (under 16)—1, Booth (K.G.V.S.); 2, Halliwell (W.G.S.); 3, Newall (O.G.S.); 4, Pickering (K.G.V.S.) 11.2secs.
 100 Yards—1, Topping (K.G.V.S.); 2, Whittaker, (K.G.V.S.); 3, Hutchinson (O.G.S.); 4, Berry (W.G.S.); 10.8secs.
 Javelin—1, Waiters, (K.G.V.S.); 2, Horrocks (W.G.S.); 3, Swift (W.G.S.) 117 ft. 9ins.
 High Jump (under 14)—1, Lindley (W.G.S.); 2, Edge (O.G.S.); 3, Burgess (K.G.V.S.); 4, Bolton (W.G.S.) 4ft. 7ins.
 880 Yards—1, Morris (O.G.S.); 2, Ormesher (K.G.V.S.); 3, Cusani (W.G.S.); 4, Berry (W.G.S.) 2min. 15secs.
 High Jump—1, Whittaker (K.G.V.S.); 2, Leary (O.G.S.); 3, Latimer (W.G.S.); 4, Waiters (K.G.V.S.) 5ft.
 Weight—1, Booth (K.G.V.S.); 2, Carr (O.G.S.); 3, Hyde (K.G.V.S.); 4, Horrocks (W.G.S.) 37ft. 4ins.

- 220 Yards (under 16)—1, Hughes (K.G.V.S.); 2, Booth (K.G.V.S.); 3, Dugdale (O.G.S.); 4, Spencer (O.G.S.) 25.2secs.
- 220 Yards (under 14)—1, Buer (W.G.S.); 2, Draper (W.G.S.); 3, Burgess (K.G.V.S.); 4, Beatie (K.G.V.S.) 27.8secs.
- 220 Yards—1, Topping (K.G.V.S.); 2, Hutchinson (O.G.S.); 3, Booth (K.G.V.S.); 4, Martindale (W.G.S.) 23.8secs.
- Discus—1, Booth (K.G.V.S.); 2, Carr (O.G.S.); 3, Hutchinson (O.G.S.); 4, Taylor, (K.G.V.S.) 96ft. 3ins.
- Long Jump (under 16)—1, Hughes (K.G.V.S.); 2, Latimer (W.G.S.); 3, Newall (O.G.S.); 4, Gillett (K.G.V.S.) 18ft. 6ins.
- 120 Yards Hurdles—1, Steele (K.G.V.S.); 2, Thomas (W.G.S.); 3, Taylor (K.G.V.S.) 18.7secs.
- Long Jump—1, Whittaker (K.G.V.S.); 2, Martindale (W.G.S.); 3, Berry (W.G.S.); 4, Baybutt (O.G.S.) 20ft. 8½ins. (School Record).
- 440 Yards (under 16)—1, Dugdale (O.G.S.); 2, Halliwell (W.G.S.); 3, Gillett (K.G.V.S.); 4, Parkinson (W.G.S.) 58.6secs.
- 440 Yards—1, Booth (K.G.V.S.); 2, Berry (W.G.S.); 3, Crompton (K.G.V.S.); 4, Thomas (W.G.S.) 56.6secs.
- Mile—1, Heney (O.G.S.); 2, Lea (O.G.S.); 3, Ball (K.G.V.S.); 4, Ormesher (K.G.V.S.) 5mins. 7secs.
- Relay (under 14)—1, Wigan G.S.; 2, Ormskirk G.S.; 3, K.G.V.S. 54.8secs.
- Relay (under 16)—1, Wigan G.S.; 2, K.G.V.S.; 3, Ormskirk G.S. 50secs.
- Relay—1, K.G.V.S. 2, Wigan G.S. 3, Ormskirk G.S. 1min. 42.2sec.

K.G.V.S. Hutton G.S.

Thursday, 10th June, 1954.

Result: 1, K.G.V.S. 100 points. 2, Hutton G.S. 63 points.

We had a comfortable victory against Hutton G.S. Again the team had made considerable progress since the last match. There were only two groups taking part in this meeting, the open, and the under 14s. In the open we won every event except the mile in which we came second.

The members of our team performed very creditably, in particular we congratulate G. Topping on breaking the open 100 yards record with a time of 10.1 secs., and J. B. Whittaker on improving his own open long jump record with a leap of 21ft 4ins.

Results

- 100 Yards; 1, Topping (K.G.V.S.); 2, Whittaker (K.G.V.S.); 3, Fidler (H.G.S.) 10.1secs. (School Record).
- 100 Yards (under 14)—1, Threlfall (H.G.S.); 2, Burgess (K.G.V.S.); 3, Paisley (H.G.S.) 12.0secs.
- 220 Yards—1, Topping (K.G.V.S.); 2, Fidler (H.G.S.); 3, Booth (K.G.V.S.) 23.4secs.
- 220 Yards (under 14)—1, Burgess (K.G.V.S.); 2, Addison (H.G.S.); 3, Vickers (H.G.S.) 28.4secs.
- 440 Yards—1, Crompton (K.G.V.S.); 2, Booth (K.G.V.S.); 3, Hunt (H.G.S.) 58.8secs.

- 330 Yards—(under 14)—1, Threlfall (H.G.S.); 2, Paisley (H.G.S.); 3 Szymanski (K.G.V.S.) 46secs.
- 880 Yards—1, Ormesher (K.G.V.S.); 2, Pincher (H.G.S.); 3, Bates (H.G.S.) 2mins, 25.3secs.
- 1 Mile—1, Bates (H.G.S.); 2, Ormesher (K.G.V.S.); 3, Ball (K.G.V.S.); 5mins 10.8secs.
- 120 Yards Hurdles—1, Steele (K.G.V.S.); 2, Kitchen (H.G.S.); 3, Baxter (H.G.S.) 17.8secs.
- 120 Yards Hurdles (under 14)—1, Husband (K.G.V.S.); 2, Vickers (H.G.S.); 3, Addison (H.G.S.) 19.4secs.
- High Jump—1, Whittaker (K.G.V.S.); 2, Hull (H.G.S.); 3, Waiters (K.G.V.S.) 5ft. 2ins.
- High Jump (under 14)—1, Burgess (K.G.V.S.); 2, Lawyer (H.G.S.); 3, Wilson (K.G.V.S.) 4ft. 3ins.
- Long Jump—1, Whittaker (K.G.V.S.); 2, Kitchen (H.G.S.); 3, Waiters (K.G.V.S.) 21ft. 4ins. (School Record).
- Long Jump (under 14)—1, Lawyer (H.G.S.); 2, Barton (K.G.V.S.); 3, Thomson (H.G.S.) 14ft. 1in.
- Weight—1, Booth (K.G.V.S.) and Hyde (K.G.V.S.); 3, Hunt (H.G.S.) 35ft. 2ins.
- Discus—1, Booth (K.G.V.S.); 2, Taylor (K.G.V.S.); 3, Hull (H.G.S.) 107ft. 5ins.
- Javelin—1, Steele (K.G.V.S.); 2, Waiters (K.G.V.S.); 3, Iddon (H.G.S.) 157ft. 2ins.
- Relay—1, K.G.V.S.; 2, Hutton G.S. 1min. 41.7 secs.
- Relay (under 14)—1, Hutton G.S.; 2, K.G.V.S. 55.2secs.

J.B.W

CRICKET

First XI Results

May 1st, K.G.V.S. v. Wigan Grammar School (at home).

K.G.V.S.

Did not bat.

WIGAN G.S.

Cain not out	21
Smith b Bray	3
Little c Miley b Colledge	5
Mcleod not out	4
Extras	2

K.G.V.S. Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.	Total (2 wickets)
Bray	8	—	15	1	15	35
Colledge	7	2	18	1	18	

Fall of wickets—1-13, 2-18.

RESULT — MATCH ABANDONED

May 12th K.G.V.S. v. Stockport Grammar School (at home).

K.G.V.S.		STOCKPORT G.S.	
Hughes st Middleton b Rickson	21	Campbell lbw b Colledge	18
Miley run out	21	Dunmore c Hyde b Bray	16
Andrews c Herridge b Rickson	22	Oldham not out	29
Steele b Challoner	0	Crowther not out	29
Hyde c Summerfield b Rickson	9	Extras	2
Sharp run out	6		
Waiters c Rickson b Challoner	0		
Bray c Middleton b Oldham	5		
Halley c Middleton b Rickson	0		
Colledge b Rickson	0		
Giddens not out	1		
Extras	7		
Total	92	Total (2 wickets)	94

Fall of wickets—1-37, 2-61, 3-63, 4-71, 5-76, 6-76, 7-91, 8-91, 9-91, 10-92.

Fall of wickets—1-29, 2-35.

K.G.V.S. Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Bray	6	—	28	1	28
Colledge	4	—	18	1	18
Steele	5	—	20	—	—
Giddens	2	—	9	—	—
Andrews	2	—	10	—	—
Halley	1	—	6	—	—

RESULT — STOCKPORT WON BY 8 WICKETS.

May 15th, K.G.V.S. v. Hutton Grammar School (away).

K.G.V.S.		HUTTON G.S.	
Hughes st Frankland b Tattersall	15	Tattersall lbw b Bray	15
Miley lbw b Bethel	10	Borrowdale lbw b Andrews	37
Andrews b Tattersall	10	Lee b Colledge	22
Hyde c Iddon b Tattersall	0	Frankland b Andrews	0
Sharp lbw b Tattersall	2	Hull run out	4
Llewellyn st Frankland b Hull	0	Baxter b Colledge	5
Pearce run out	20	Iddon c Sharp b Colledge	4
Halley b Hull	0	Fiddler c Hughes b Colledge	2
Bray b Hull	2	Smith lbw b Andrews	2
Colledge not out	0	Bannister b Colledge	3
Giddens b Hull	0	Bethel not out	0
Extras	5	Extras	6
Total	64	Total	100

Fall of wickets—1-24, 2-26, 3-26, 4-37, 5-38, 6-44, 7-45, 8-64, 9-64, 10-64.

Fall of wickets—1-23, 2-76, 3-76, 4-81, 5-82, 6-86, 7-92, 8-93, 9-100, 10-100.

K.G.V.S. Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Bray	11	6	14	1	14
Colledge	13	3	37	5	7.4
Giddens	4	—	26	—	—
Andrews	7.4	3	13	3	4.3

RESULT — HUTTON WON BY 36 RUNS

May 19th, K.G.V.S. v. King Edward VII Grammar School (away)

K.G.V.S.		KING EDWARD VII G.S.	
Hughes lbw b Cavendish	4	Wiggins b Colledge	61
Miley run out	13	Young c Bray b Giddens	30
Andrews b Cavendish	11	Pons c Hyde b Bray	20
Steele b Cavendish	12	Cavendish not out	24
Hyde c Cavendish b Bewley	13	Ogden run out	8
Waiters c & b Bewley	0	White not out	5
Sharp b Bewley	0	Extras	11
Bray c Ogden b Cavendish	13		
Bond not out	4		
Giddens not out	0		
Extras	8		
Total	80	Total (4 wickets dec.)	159

Fall of wickets—1-4, 2-21, 3-33, 4-54, 5-58, 6-58, 7-66, 8-78, 9-78, 10-80.

Fall of wickets—1-86, 2-120, 3-128, 4-137.

K.G.V.S. Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Bray	10	—	39	1	39
Bond	9	2	22	—	—
Giddens	12	2	33	1	33
Steele	3	—	9	—	—
Colledge	9	—	45	1	45

RESULT — DRAW

May 26th, K.G.V.S. v. Balshaw's Grammar School (at home).

K.G.V.S.		BALSHAW'S G.S.	
Hughes lbw b Smith	2	Bourn c Waiters b Bray	1
Miley b Knowles	0	Hardwick c Waiters b Bond	3
Andrews not out	19	Southworth lbw b Bray	3
Steele not out	26	Parker c Colledge b Bond	0
Extras	2	Owens b Bond	1
Total (2 wickets)	49	Crofts b Bray	8
		Roberts b Bray	0
		Wright c Waiters b Bond	18
Did not bat—Hyde, Pearce, Bray, Waiters, Bond, Colledge, Giddens.		Bamford c Bray b Bond	6
Fall of wickets—1-1, 2-3.		Knowles c Hyde b Bray	1
		Smith not out	2
		Extras	5
Total	48		

K.G.V.S. Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Bray	13	3	17	5	3.4
Bond	14	6	26	5	5.2
Andrews	1	1	—	—	—

Fall of wickets—1-2, 2-9, 3-9, 4-9, 5-11, 6-12, 7-24, 8-37, 9-44, 10-48

RESULT — K.G.V.S. WON BY 8 WICKETS

June 1st, K.G.V. 1st XI v. K.G.V. Staff XI.

SCHOOL XI

Llewellyn c & b Abram	3
Miley c Norris b Abram	8
Pearce b Bevan	19
Steele st Norris b Abram	0
Hyde c & b Bevan	7
Bray c Norris b Abram	12
Halley lbw b Bevan	0
Walters b Bevan	11
Bond lbw b Abram	2
Colledge c Abram b Abram	4
Giddens not out	4
Extras	0

Total 70

Fall of wickets—1-9, 2-24, 3-24, 4-34, 5-37, 6-37, 7-57, 8-60, 9-63, 10-70.

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Bray	13	1	26	2	13
Bond	11.3	2	25	4	6.25
Giddens	6	1	14	2	7
Colledge	5	—	15	1	15

RESULT — STAFF WON BY 22 RUNS

June 12th, K.G.V. 1st XI v. Blackpool Grammar School (away)

K.G.V.S.

Hughes lbw b Lea	5
Miley c Knowles b Lea	24
Andrews b Dalton	0
Hyde c & b Lea	37
Steele not out	7
Pearce not out	13
Extras	1

Total (4 wickets) 87

Bond, Walters, Bray, Colledge, Giddens, did not bat.
Fall of wickets—1-5, 2-6, 3-61, 4-67.

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Bray	7	3	7	—	—
Bond	10.4	—	36	2	18
Giddens	13	3	27	6	4.5
Andrews	10	6	11	2	5.5
Colledge	3	1	6	—	—

RESULT — DRAW

STAFF XI

Crabtree c Colledge b Giddens...	39
Norris b Bray	1
Woodcock c Waiters b Bond	18
Abram c Waiters b Bray	0
Bevan c & b Giddens	6
Dixon b Bond	7
Duncan run out	5
Smith b Colledge	0
Tristram not out	0
Morley b Bond	2
Davies b Bond	0
Extras	14

Total 92

Fall of wickets—1-5, 2-34, 3-39, 4-61, 5-76, 6-87, 7-87 8-87, 9-90, 10-92.

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Bevan	13	—	37	4	9.25
Abram	12.5	1	33	6	5.5

Second XI

Wednesday, May 12th, v. Stockport G.S. (A) Lost.
Stockport 123, K.G.V. 29.

Saturday, May 15th, v. Hutton G.S. (H) Won.
Hutton 10, K.G.V., 17 for 2.

Wednesday, May 19th, v. King Edward VII Lytham (H) Won.
Lytham 50, K.G.V. 59 for 4.

Saturday, June 12th v. Blackpool G.S. (H) Draw.
Blackpool 45 for 6, K.G.V. 97.

Saturday, June 19th v. Calday Grange (A) Draw.
K.G.V. 95, Calday 50 for 6.

Saturday, June 26th v. Calday Grange (H) Won.
K.G.V. 73 for 8. Calday 69.

"Under 15" XI

Wednesday, May 12th, v. Stockport G.S. (A). Lost by 9 wickets.
Scores: K.G.V. 10, Stockport 15 for 1.

Wednesday, May 19th, v. King Edward VII Lytham (L) Draw.
Score: K.G.V. 89, (Rawcliffe 42 Blundell 30) King Edward VII 43 for 9 (Carver 3 for 4).

Saturday, June 12th, v. Blackpool G.S. (A) Lost by 7 wickets.
Scores: K.G.V. 37 (Brooks 16). Blackpool 38 for 3.

"Under 14" XI

Saturday, May 15th v. Hutton G.S. (A), Won by 1 wicket.

Scores: K.G.V. 22 for 9 (Moister 12). Hutton G.S. 18 (Halsall 4 for 0, Wilson 4 for 4).

Wednesday, June 2nd v. Merchant Taylors (A) Won by 7 runs.

Scores: K.G.V. 43 (Ball 27). Merchant Taylors 36 (Wilson 4 for 5, Halsall 4 for 9).

Saturday, June 12th v. Blackpool G.S. (H) Lost by 3 wickets.

K.G.V. 60 (Whitehead, R. 18, Wilson 12). Blackpool 61 for 7. (Whitehead, E. 4 for 20).

Wednesday, June 16th v. Merchant Taylors (H), Lost by 53 runs.

K.G.V. 22. Merchant Taylors 75 for 8, declared.

SWIMMING

Captain: J. B. Knowles. Secretary: R. J. Elliott.

This year the School Swimming team has had five matches. The results are as follows.

Date	Opponents	Result	Score
May 22—(H)	Calday Grange G.S.	Won	43-35
May 29—(H)	Liverpool College	Won	57½-20½
June 5—(H)	Bolton School	Won	40-32
June 9—(A)	Calday Grange G.S.	Won	43-29
June 12—(A)	Lancaster Royal G.S.	Lost	48½-23½

So far only the record for the junior 50 yards backstroke has been broken. It is, however, hoped that this position will improve in the face of keener competition.

The Swimming team as a whole has shown great promise, especially in the relay events and we hope to take a strong team to Blackpool for the annual Fylde and District Gala.

Qualifications have received a good measure of support from most Houses but there are still many boys who have yet to make the effort.

The final positions for the Lancashire Cup for Life-saving are as follows:—

1. Spencer's	324 pts.
2. Grear's	214 pts.
3. Mason's	149 pts.
4. Leech's	148 pts.
5. Evans'	105 pts.
6. Woodham's	29 pts.
7. Edwards'	16 pts.
8. Rogers'	0 pts.

R.J.E.

BOXING

The finals of the Boxing Competition were held in the gym on Wednesday, March 17th. There were sixteen contests in all, and the results were as follows:—

1. 5 stones—Juniors

Elias, D. G. IIa (M) beat Howgate, B. W. Tr.X (R) on points. Elias did most of the attacking, but Howgate countered well, making good use of his longer reach. Elias' aggression gave him the advantage however, in a close contest.

2. 7 stones—Seniors.

Kershaw, J. J. Lr.VY (G) beat Whalley, A. Upp. V Tr.Sc. (Ed) the contest being stopped in the first round. At first, Whalley covered up well to Kershaw's fierce attacks, but he was soon overcome by fast and accurate punching.

3. 5½ stones—Juniors.

Brown, D. J. IIb (W) beat Burrill, M. L. IIIb (L) on points. Brown showed great skill against a taller opponent. He attacked and counter-attacked with great accuracy. Burrill too infrequently took advantage of his longer reach to drive his opponent on to the ropes. He began the last round with a whirlwind attack, but Brown covered up well and was able to maintain his initial advantage.

4. 8½ Stones—Seniors.

Adler, M. A. Upp. V Tr Mod. (R) beat Heeley, M. D. Upp. V. Tr. Sc. (Ev), the contest being stopped in the first round. Strong accurate punching gave Adler an early victory, although Heeley started well.

5. 6 stones—Juniors.

Pond, P. D. Tr. Y (R), beat Geldard, D. IIIa (Ed) on points. Pond used straighter and more accurate punching, which took its toll near the end of the contest. His defence was also superior. Geldard often landed with the inside of the glove.

6. 6¼ stones—Juniors.

Gatiss, R. IIIa (W) beat Knowles, J. H. Tr.X (S) on points. Gatiss used his longer reach to advantage in repelling his opponent's attacks with strong, straight punches. Knowles boxed gamely to the end, but was unable to get to close-quarters.

7. 9 stones—Seniors.

Wilson, C. F. Upp. V Tr. Sc. (Ev) beat Blume, D. Lr. VI Sp. (Ed) on points. Wilson did most of the attacking and was quicker and more agile than his opponent. Blume covered well, but had no answer to Wilson's powerful and accurate straight left.

8. 6½ stones—Juniors

Halsall, F. Tr. Y (S) beat Jerram, C. IIIb (Ed) on points. Both contestants started well, with Halsall leading and Jerram countering, but in the 2nd and 3rd rounds, Halsall's heavier punching began to tell, and gave him a points victory.

9. 9½ stones—Seniors.

Kissenisky, J. Lr. V Y (M) beat Ormesher, B. D. Lr. VI Sc. B. (M) in the second round. Ormesher did most of the attacking, hitting his opponent with straight, crisp, punches, and appeared to be building up a substantial lead. But in the second round, Kissenisky landed a powerful right to Ormesher's head to end the contest.

10. 7 stones—Juniors.

Jackson, D. T. IVa (Ed) beat Timperley, C. Lr. VX (Ed) in the first round. Jackson's more powerful punching and longer reach proved to be too much for his opponent.

11. 10 stones—Senior.

Gibbons, M. Lr. Va (G) beat Belmont, J. E. Lr. VI Mod. (M) on points, in a very close contest. Gibbons used his straight left to advantage, using his right occasionally but with great accuracy. Belmont dealt with his opponent skilfully at the beginning of the contest, but later began to tire.

12. 7½ stones—Juniors.

King, B. IVa (G) beat Langton, W. IVa (Ed) in the first round. King soon overcame his opponent with crisp, accurate punching.

13. 8 stones—Juniors.

Perry, A. IVb (Ev) beat Davies, P. G. Lr. VX (Ed) on points. Perry, did most of the leading, and replied well to his opponent's attacks. Davies' counter-attacks were often badly timed, but nevertheless he managed to land a few punches.

14. 10½ stones—Seniors.

Sharp, J. G. Lr. VI Sc.b (G) beat Hodge, C. Lr. VI Scb. (M) on points. A good contest. Both boxers attacked well, but Sharp was superior in defence, and took a lot of Hodge's punches on his gloves and arms.

15. 8½ stones—Juniors.

Rimmer, W. T. IIIa (Ev) beat Green, D. IIIa (Ev) on points.

16. 11½ stones—Seniors.

Whittaker, J. B. Lr. VI Sc.A (G) beat Wareing, J. Upp. VI. Mod. (S) on points. Whittaker did most of the attacking with powerful, accurate punching. Wareing countered well with straight lefts, many of which pierced Whittaker's defence.

The standard of the boxing, both in the finals and throughout the competition, has, in general, been high. But the small number of entries from the Senior School was disappointing. In the finals, four points were awarded to the winner, two points to the loser. In all other contests, each of the contestants received one point. On this basis, the result of the House competition was as follows:—

Edwards'	35 points
Grear's	27 points
Evans'	24 points
Mason's	22 points
Woodham's	18 points
Rogers'	16 points
Spencer's	14 points
Leech's	10 points

And so, once again, the Boxing Cup goes to Edwards'. I.M.B

RUGBY

1st XV

March—			
6th v.	Hutton G.S. (Home)	Won	25-6
10th v.	Wigan G.S. (Home)	Won	16-3
16th v.	K.G.V. Old Boys (Home)	Lost	9-19

Under 15

March 6th v.	Lytham (Home)	Won	13-3
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Bantams

March 10th v.	Wigan G.S (Home)	Lost	0-11
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Prose and Verse

R.S.V.P.

It was about a week before Christmas, a time of great festivity and intense jollifications. As I pranced gaily down the stairs in the grey light of the breaking day, I discovered through the gloom a gleaming white envelope reposing on the doormat. With a cry of triumph I seized upon the aforementioned missive and galloped with the utmost celerity into the lighted living room. The envelope bore in large black letters the legend "Post Early for Christmas." I realized at once that there was more in this than immediately met the eye. With this thought in mind I opened the envelope and extracted the contents, or perhaps more correctly the content—a small white card bearing a message in silver letters and with gold edges. The gist of the message was at once apparent to me even at that early hour. It was an invitation to a Christmas party. One thing, however, puzzled me. In the bottom right-hand corner of the card, was the cryptic comment, 'R.S.V.P.'

You can, no doubt, imagine the great state of mental perplexity into which I was thrust by this baffling discovery. I could only guess at the meaning of this mystic cypher. Several possibilities came to mind. The Royal Society of Vermin Protectors suggested itself to me. The author of my invitation had, however, previously impressed me by his singular lack of sympathy for the above odious creatures, so that this hypothesis was crushed

at the very outset. My ignorance had placed me in a very awkward predicament.

On reading the card, my first impulse had been to write back at once communicating my sincere thanks and acceptance of the invitation but the strange appendage aroused numerous doubts in my mind. Perhaps my unawareness of the meaning of R.S.V.P. would produce some accidental breach of etiquette and I should find that I had lost a very good friend.

As I pondered on the problem a great idea struck me, a ray of hope. It was, of course, the name of the printer. My worries were over at last. As I relaxed with relief the card slipped from my nerveless fingers and fell, face downwards, upon the floor. I bent to pick it up and saw to my horror, the words, "Fred Bogg, Printer," printed on the back. Pressing my handkerchief to my fevered brow I sank back into a chair.

At this touching stage of the drama my father entered the room. Seeing my distressed condition, he asked me what was troubling me. At great length I explained my worries to him and showed him the card. He perused it in silence for a brief moment and then burst into peals of hearty laughter. I finally managed to stop him and demanded an explanation. "Why," he said, "It's obvious that R.S.V.P. means 'Reply Soon Very Please.'"

Of course, knowing this I could not accept the invitation. To think that such ignorance exists among my friends! Some of them can't even speak the Queen's English. 'Reply Soon Very Please' indeed!

F. W. Ball (Upp. VI. Sc. Schol.)

STAR

"... for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

Christ-leading, milk-rich star burst blared
The wool-night, fired the clouds with burning frost,
Lathered a flame-foam round the grains of heaven.
Our ice-stone spiring tower
God incandescent-oil-anointed,
Tongued the silence, rawed the sleepness,
Warped the air with boomed pronouncement.
Disfluted-sobbing cypresses, haze-feathering,
Frothed with the blood of dawn; we moved moth-footed
Through a maze of dusks, brittle and star-seared
In the gardens. Cold husks in the world's lust
Can kindle no flared-spirit at the prospect
Of another juvenescence; we were sucked sullen
From dying to a birth along the dust.

Dazed with desert, shuffling the storm-choired sands,
 Coughing with thirst, flecked in the flame of sun;
 Fevered in the syropped swamps; crawling
 The cloud-flaked mountains; lonely on the quivering seas;
 Avoiding the scabbed cities, sweating, flopping
 A tempest-body-ballet, girroting like flies
 In hungered, heated, frenzied swarming:
 Same everywhere, the dancing spirit clothed in flesh,
 Castanetted drunken dancing fleshed in the screw of years.
 Then riding wonderwards past Damascan rocks,
 Older than the dead rocks in weariness,
 Gauze-rain moistured, thinking tearly
 Of our lenten years remaining acrid, leaden,
 Felt throbbing in our fragile cells the pulse of universe;
 In us, joy-leached by carnal-plucking years,
 The force of molten sun and spinning stars.
 For know ye, forked into the cyclic scheme
 Of jostled seasons, passions, ageing daily
 Even in the tender time by dawnment
 Of terror in the see-saw of the spirit,
 We saw mankind as locusts on a sterile world.
 Sap bubbled on the branches, flared to leaf,
 Dried in the acid earth; the ravenous wind
 Tormented the trees down. Destroyers flailed
 The swollen harvest of a summer's peace; lives
 Indifferently were spat away: after each,
 New gods and doctrines, such as this
 To which we ache across the barren land,
 Drugged the human beast until the next war's whip-lash.
 Cosmic hands sprung the perpetual pendulum
 Of spirit fiery in our flesh—Our young belief.
 But lust of living embered, realised
 That universe is mind, timeless, dispatial;
 Matter and the seasons, fretted human soul,
 Ancestral song, passions and the gods, but
 Different thought-extensions, interacting
 Ceaselessly to solve intellect's being.
 We can foresee no Nirvana, infinite
 The speculation of the mind upon itself.
 We three points of meditation after our
 Cancellation, as such will never greet again,
 Will enter being in another form:
 Perhaps as prophet or licentious caesar,
 Rock or rain, or fused in fire,
 Spawn of new creations spilled on the stars.

R. K. Wright (Up. VI Mod).

Society Reports

BEE CLUB

Chairman: J. B. Knowles.
 Secretary: M. L. Salkie. Treasurer: Mr. G. F. Drake.
 Committee: J. Ashurst, G. Livesley, I. Ziment.

In spite of the bad weather, the members of the Bee Club have been very active during this term.

The club received some undesired publicity when the bees swarmed and took up quarters in the gutter of the Junior Quadrangle. J. B. Knowles risked life and limb to place a baited hive on the roof, but even though it rained heavily the bees could not be tempted. When they did move from the roof they took refuge in the bushes in front of the Masters' Common Room. The hive was retrieved from the roof and placed near to the cluster. The bees not only ignored the hive but flew away to the base of a tree in the junior drive. Knowles was now beginning to doubt the effectiveness of patience and kindness and decided to resort to brute force. The swarm was brushed into a box, as directed by all the Bee-keeping Manuals, but unfortunately the bees had not read any Manuals and immediately left the box and returned to the tree. Mr. Drake was now sent for but the bees continued to keep control of the situation. Suddenly, to the surprise of all concerned, the swarm took to flight and entered the spare hive in the quadrangle. Unfortunately the swarm was only weak, and during Whit week-end was robbed by the main hive. Many bees died fighting to defend their stores and the little colony is now weaker than ever! Mr. Drake, however, considers that this was only a cast and that the prime swarm has escaped unnoticed.

There has been a pleasing increase in the number of junior members and they will be pleased to know that the purchase of a new queen is being considered. This would ensure a docile hard-working strain of bees for future years.

M.L.S.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION

Chairman: P. W. Brunt. Vice-Chairman: J. M. M. Dalby.
 Secretary: A. T. Williams

After the visit of Mr. A. Burbridge, D.S.O., D.F.C., M.A., towards the end of the Lent term, two more meetings were held, the first of which, on March 23rd, was a discussion on the problems confronting Church unity. The speaker at the final meeting, a Passiontide service, was Mr. Berry to whom we are indebted for a well-balanced interpretation of the significance of the death of Christ.

We were privileged on May 13th to be visited by the Rev. T. T. Williams. He gave us a thought-provoking talk on the Christian's duty in a world torn by war and the fear of war, reminding us of the power available in Christ to all who earnestly seek it. In this as in the following meeting the use of the Music Room enabled us to add hymn-singing to the usual prayers and Bible-reading. On May 27th two members of the Union who had attended Harringay services gave their impressions of the Greater London Crusade. Both agreed as to the great value of the work done by Dr. Billy Graham and his helpers.

A talk by the Rev. Fletcher Fleet and a business meeting, including an address by the retiring Chairman, conclude this term's activities. We trust that next year will see a continuance of the good work.

A.T.W.

C.E.W.C. SOCIETY

Chairman: C. P. Hershon.

Secretary: E. E. Restall.

Librarian and Publications Officer: D. R. Isenberg.

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

The announcement of Mr. Booth's retirement came as a great shock to the committee. He worked very hard to make the Society a success and he was always ready to help us with any difficulty. The Society wishes him the best of health, and hopes that he will enjoy a long and happy retirement.

The Society has now completed its first full term of activities, and we can say without doubt that it has been a great success.

On Monday, April 26th, D. R. Isenberg seconded by D. R. K. Seddon, proposed the motion that "the colour-bar and democracy are compatible." P. W. Brunt and J. Ashcroft opposed the motion and they succeeded in gaining the favour of the audience, with the result that the motion was rejected by 9 votes to 3.

On Friday, May 7th, Mr. R. J. Thompson gave a first rate account of one of his journeys through France and the Black Forest district of Germany. This was followed by a film which he had made whilst on the journey. Owing to the absence of the chairman, D. R. Isenberg was in charge of the proceedings. "Atomic Energy for World Peace" was the subject for the annual general discussion, which took place on Friday 28th. J. Ashcroft opened the discussion with a reminder of the effects of the Hiroshima Bomb. He emphasised that the scientist must not be blamed for the bomb,

the blame is attached to those people who misuse it. The meeting was very lively indeed with many ideas coming forth from the audience. As a conclusion, everyone agreed that Atomic Energy is not a sufficient deterrent for war.

The last meeting to be held this term is on July 12th, when Mr. R. Lorimer (regional secretary for U.N.A.), will give a talk on "The work of the United Nations."

After hearing Mrs. Burns' account of the work of U.N.I.C.E.F. in Haiti, we decided to support the Unesco Gift Coupon Scheme. This scheme assists students in distressed countries. We are very grateful to all those who contributed to our target of £2.

Perhaps the most interesting scheme which we have introduced is the one concerning pen-friends. It has certainly proved to be very popular and no less than fifty boys have received correspondents in other countries. We cannot emphasise how greatly this scheme can help in promoting race-relations, and we hope that next term even more boys will come forward to receive pen-friends.

In the past boys have gone to C.E.W.C. Christmas Holiday Lectures at Westminster Hall, without doing any reading beforehand on the topic for discussion. The Society is going to devote the whole of the Autumn Term to discussing and preparing for this year's lectures which are concerned with Latin America. Incidentally, attendance at this year's conference will be restricted to those boys who have attended the Society's meetings.

E.E.R.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

This term has seen the addition to the shelves of a considerable number of books. We extend our thanks to Mr. Mayne, who has given a very large number, and also to R. M. Whiteley, D. N. Max, M. F. Savage, and D. J. Farrant.

Among the books purchased some of the more notable titles include "The Silver Locusts," a science fiction book by Ray Bradbury; "Television's Story and Challenge," by Derek Norton; "How and Why It Works," in three volumes, by F. Boothroyd; "The M.C.C. Cricket Coaching Book," by H. S. Altham and G. O. Allen; John Arlott's story of the West Indian Tour, "Days at the Cricket"; "Rugby," by Danie Craven, a famous South African international; Hugh Hunts's "Old Vic Prefaces;" and lastly a reference book, "Architecture in Britain, 1530-1830," by John Summerson.

MATHEMATICS LIBRARY

The Mathematics Library is situated in the Advanced Physics Laboratory and the librarian is L. Lyons, Upp. 6 Sc. Schol.

It is highly probable that many boys have not heard of the Maths. Library while many more are deterred from using it by its title.

The library, however, contains many books which are of much wider interest than mere text books. There are books containing selections of interesting and amusing problems in maths.

There is also a number of advanced books in all branches of maths. which are invaluable to those wishing to study for examinations.

To sum up, there are books to suit all tastes, and I hope that all boys will make the fullest possible use of the library during the coming year.

F.W.B.

MODEL CLUB

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

Largely as a result of the bad weather, the Model Club has been unable to hold more than one meeting this term. This was on 18th May, when a large number of boys assembled on the School fields to see some control-line flying, but after making several attempts, we found the wind too strong for the aircraft. We had another meeting scheduled for 15th June, but, owing to the examinations, this had to be cancelled.

However we hope to dispel any disappointment, which members may have had at the lack of meetings during the term, by holding a Model Exhibition on 13th July which we hope will surpass, in quantity and quality, the standard of last year's Exhibition.

There is still an absence of senior boys in the club, and we hope that this will be rectified next term.

All boys are invited to take part in Club activities.

P.D.B.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

At the end of last term the Society held two meetings. At the first, three films were shown: "Water Cycle," "Man against

Insect," and the "Story of Penicillin." The second took the form of a number of experiments carried out by members of the society in front of an amused and, we hope, enlightened audience. These varied from chemical gardens to melting iron nails and we might add that the society succeeded in blowing fuses on four separate occasions during the day (this was not one of the experiments).

On May 6th the committee of the society met to elect a secretary for next season. J. Gatiss was chosen. We wish the society success in the coming year and hope that more boys will take an interest in its activities.

P.W.B

SCOUTS

The Troop has welcomed a number of new recruits this term and we wish them success and hope that they will derive the maximum pleasure from scouting by putting their maximum effort into it. They have made a good start in passing preliminary tests and some have had their first experiences of camping.

The rest of the Troop have continued with First and Second class work and Ashworth and Harris have qualified for the Pathfinder badge. A number of tests are planned for the summer months when we hope the weather will enable outdoor work to be undertaken.

The Whit camp was rather marred by the wet conditions and we were very glad to have civilized comforts close at hand. Everybody worked well and the recruits will not be completely unprepared for life under canvas when we go to the summer camp.

We have again chosen Aberystwyth as our site this year. It is an almost ideal place in good weather and Maj.-Gen. Lewis Evans, V.C. and Miss Evans have always given us a warm welcome to 'Lovesgrove.'

It is a pleasure to record that our Troop leader, Johnnie Wareing, has applied for a warrant as an Assistant Scoutmaster with the 46th Southport Troop. We are not to lose his services immediately but it is very gratifying to know that after he has left school his active interest in scouting will continue. He was one of the original members when the Troop re-formed in 1949 and he attained the rank of Queen's Scout. He has given loyal service to the School Troop and we wish him every success.

EASTER VISIT TO THE LAKE DISTRICT

On the first Saturday of the Easter Holidays, a party of six Senior Scouts, under A.S.M.'s Garnett and Berry, made their way by cycle, bus or car to Hammarbank, the Lancashire Association of Boys' Clubs hostel near Windermere. This was to be their base for a week's hiking and climbing in the Lake District. A quite palatial base it turned out to be, in spite of the fact that reveille at 7-30 each morning consisted of a fanfare of trumpets and the wailing of bagpipes over the loudspeaker system. The warden and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Barritt, did everything possible for our comfort and convenience, and this included supplying us with excellent food throughout the week.

The party was most fortunate with regard to the weather: there was only one wet day in the week, and even that was not bad enough to keep us indoors, though it was impossible to go on to mountains because of low cloud. For the remainder of the week, however, visibility was excellent; in fact from the summit of Helvellyn it was possible to see clearly the mountains of southern Scotland across the Solway Firth. The ascent of Helvellyn was made from Sticks Pass, and as the summit was approached, a plume of snow could be seen blowing off it—just like Everest, as everyone remarked. From the summit the more adventurous members of the party made the Swirral Edge—Red Tarn—Striding Edge circuit, a route made more than usually difficult by the conditions of ice, snow and wind prevailing at the time.

Other mountains climbed during the week included Scafell Pike, the highest mountain in England, from the summit of which the atomic factory at Windscale in Cumberland was clearly visible; and Sergeant Man and the Langdale Pikes, which were approached from Grasmere via Sour Milk Ghyll and Easedale Tarn.

The members of the party were awarded certificates of "Achievement, Perseverance and Endurance" by the Lancashire Association of Boys' Clubs as a result of the expeditions undertaken during the week. All concerned deemed the holiday such a success that it is hoped to make this Easter visit to the Lake District an annual event in future.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Chairman/Secretary: I. H. Bass. Librarian: D. R. K. Seddon,
Committee: A. W. A. Brown, C. A. Griffiths, R. A. Hargreaves,
A. Henderson, D. R. Holt, A. C. Jackson.

Dark room activity has continued fairly steadily, but a lack of support for lectures of late has caused some meetings to be abandoned. During the Summer Term this is accounted for by

the light nights and many outdoor activities, but we should have liked to see more members at meetings last term.

Since the December report, a lecture on "Enlarging" has been held, being the last in the series of fundamental lecture demonstrations. The small audience was appreciative and newer members learnt much from the lecture.

A lecture on "Print Spotting and Retouching" is planned for the near future in connection with the forthcoming Exhibition. This will prove instructive to all members and it is hoped that as many as possible will attend.

The Exhibition is drawing ever closer and, while the Society is smaller this year, it is hoped that all will support our largest activity of the School year and help to make it as good as, or better than previous Exhibitions. Finally, we wish the best of luck to all those who enter prints.

I.H.B.

IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn Term begins	7th September
Half-Term	29th October, 1st and 2nd November
Term-end	21st December