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## EDITORIAL NOTES

Original work in prose and verse has been submitted, this term, in much greater quantity than usual. We are glad to be able to print quite a number of pieces of original verse; those whose work has not been accepted for publication will realise that they are the victims, not of limited space, nor of editorial bias, but of their own inadequacy.

The following new members of the Board of Governors have recently been elected: Councillors T. E. Croft (of Thornton), J. Keeffe (of Fleetwood), and Messrs. H. R. Dennison and Russell Smith. Mr. Dennison is the official representative of the Old Boys' Association, but in actual fact there are altogether six Old Boys on the Board. The five others are Alderman Hull, Councillors Croft and Keeffe, and Messrs R. L. Roe and Russell Smith.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the Wigan Grammar School Magazine.

The thanks of the School go to Mr. Frank Lord (left 1914), for his generous addition to the School Gramophone Library.

## APPOINTMENTS OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS

(Since April, 1956).

### Cricket

1st Eleven Captain: C. D. Clegg.

Vice-Captain: J. H. Heathcote.

### Athletics

Captain: C. B. Davies.

Vice-Captain: D. G. James.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, 1956

Summer: Friday, 20th July to Tuesday, 11th September.

## HONOURS LIST, APPOINTMENTS, Etc.

- J. McN. Dodgson, B.A. (left 1947): Appointed Lecturer in English Language, University College, London.
- R. I. Henry (left 1947): M.B., Ch.B., London University: Appointed Lecturer in Anatomy, Guy's Hospital.
- David Hull (left 1950): M.B., Ch.B., Liverpool University.
- Derek Hull, B.Sc. (left 1950): Ph.D. (Metallurgy), University of Wales (Cardiff).
- R. Leach, B.Sc. (left 1952): M.Sc., Birmingham University.
- H. Mason (left 1914): Appointed a Director of the "News of the World".
- F. Oldfield (left 1953): B.A. (1st Class Hons. Geography), Liverpool University.
- D. R. Palmer (left 1953): B.Sc. (1st Class Hons. Chemistry) Liverpool University.
- B. Ridehalgh (left 1953): B.Sc., Nottingham University.
- J. G. Robinson (left 1953): B.Sc. Tech., Manchester University.
- R. Still (left 1953): Ll.B. (2nd Class Hons.), Manchester University.
- G. J. Horan (Upper VI): Placed 33rd out of 858 candidates, Civil Service Executive Examination.
- R. A. Cowen (left 1953): B.Sc. (2nd Class, Div. 2, Hons. Chemistry), Liverpool University.
- J. G. Hall (left 1946): B.Sc. (3rd Class Hons. Mathematics), Nottingham University.
- B. R. Stead (left 1950): M.B., Ch.B., Edinburgh University.

## SCOUT NOTES

We welcome Mr. Kearns as a Group Scouter and wish him "Good Scouting" with the Junior Troop. He, the G.S.M., 'Nev' Wilson, 'Johnnie' Walker and 'Bill' Hope will help to run this summer's Scout Camp in Eskdale. Seniors, led by Mr. Charnley, with one or two "civilian" members of the Upper School, will be camping about the same time in North West Scotland near Tarndon. "Good Camping" to them all.

Apart from the usual First and Second Class work, Troop Meetings have been concerned with First Aid and Camping, and there have been special evening sessions, run by the Poulton St. John's Ambulance Brigade, in preparation for the First Aider and Ambulance Badges. Patrols have met to continue the Scout training of their members, of whose progress brief accounts are given later. Towards the end of term, when examinations permitted, there were a number of training meetings for our Corporation Trophy team, which includes P. Robinson, D. C. Parkinson, B. Swan and W. Roberts (Squirrels), J. Williamson (Beavers), D. McNab (Otters) and H. Yarwood and J. M. Fryer (Owls).

Several former Scouts have either written, called or phoned, including 'Nev' Wilson (now in Malaya), Sherdley (a Radio Officer, like 'Nev'), 'Bill' Hope, 'Johnnie' Walker and 'Ray' Edge (all to collect grid references and other details of Summer Camp), Derek Cartmell (now serving with the R.N. in Hong Kong and anxious to have news of the Troop, which he left soon after his memorable adventure with it at the 1949 Arran Camp), Brian Stott (recovering from a recurrence of illness) and "Dizzie" (who proposes to join the Seniors in Scotland).

To them and to all Old Scouts, we send greetings and good wishes, and an open invitation to join the Troop whenever they can. Those who were members of the original Troop (1931-2 vintage) will be interested to know that this year's Scout Camp is to be on their old Dalegarth Hall site in Eskdale. One member of that original Troop, a former Owl P/L, now Councillor Tom Croft of Thornton, is to be congratulated on becoming a governor of the school.

#### Patrol Notes

**Beavers** (P/L Lascelles). Three members have taken First Aid Course. E. R. Williams, Patrol Second, has won Swimmer's and Master-at-Arms badges, and P. Lever, who has joined from another Troop and already holds First Class badge, has gained Master-at-Arms and has almost completed Back Woodsman.

**Otters** (P/L Hardy). This large 'family' of nine has six attending summer Camp. Regular patrol meetings have been held, and all members have made progress in First or Second Class badge work.

**Owls** (P/L Woods). Mainly First and Second Class badge progress, although Fryer Jnr. has also won Master-at-Arms, Swimmer's and Athlete's badges.

**Squirrels** (P/L Robinson). Outstanding performance of the term has been D. C. Parkinson's Scout Card, Athlete's and Life-Saver's badges. P/L and Swan have also won proficiency badges and useful First and Second Class work has been done by other members of the patrol.

Good wishes of all Scouts go with Troop Leader Jimmie Heathcote, who will be leaving this term.

#### "G.T." CAMP, EASTER, 1956

(Notes from the logs of 'Nev' Wilson and Neil Chadwick).

Two patrols, Owls and Otters, three Seniors and two Old Scouts travelled to Windermere by rail and lorry, with T/L 'Jimmy' Heathcote in charge, and this year only a 14lb. jar of jam was broken. Patrols quickly settled in on the usual sites and spent some time de-jamming. Seniors began a bivouac shelter, erected a flagstaff and prepared the "Palace". The weather was surprisingly good, though at times cold, and once patrols had established themselves there was plenty of Scouting. Badge tests, such as axeman-ship and cooking, were practised and passed during morning programmes. Afternoons were usually set aside for stalking or wide games, during the course of which "G.T." became the haunt of E.O.K.A., Australian Aborigines and dam-busters. Even "bog-sprites" were reported by one scribe.

Seniors made themselves thoroughly comfortable, as is their wont, completing their bivouac which was nicknamed "Bert's Wonder" and erected and frequently repaired camp beds à la Halstead. Along with the rest of the Troop they spent considerable time doing a good turn for 'G.T.' by repairing a section of the boundary fence.

"Civilisation" (i.e. Bowness) had, of course, to be visited on the first "free" day, and late arrivals there, it is reported, found the rest of the Troop already gorging in their favourite café. That evening as on many evenings, there was a Camp Fire at which the entire company sang itself to a sore throat. Even "Alouette" was rendered, and a certain dirge with its mathematical prelude.

'Bert' reported favourably on all aspects of the Camp and even the junior scribe had little to complain of. "Few camps," he reports, "can be remembered for such punctuality of meals. It has been a successful camp morally and physically, if not, perhaps, financially."

## A.T.C.—191 Squadron

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The Easter camp which was held at the R.A.F. Station, Weeton, proved, as usual, to be most interesting. Our cadets were introduced to the initiative tests and took part in the usual activities, such as firing practice, signalling and ground instruction. It is a pity that some form of flying cannot be arranged for these camps, but apart from this we do manage very regular flying parades during the year. Many of our newer cadets who attended camp, took and passed their first-class examination, a creditable performance considering that some of them have been with us for only a few weeks.

The summer camp, to be held at the end of the summer holidays, will be at the R.A.F. Station, Shawbury, and the 25 cadets who are attending can look forward to an interesting week.

We congratulate Sgt. Clegg and Cdts. Ramsden and Williamson, who have been awarded their winners' medals for playing in the wing championship football competition. Clegg and Ramsden have also been chosen to spend a week at Plymouth, where they will receive some cricket coaching. Our sympathies go to Ramsden, who very narrowly missed representing the A.T.C. at Wembley.

Once more we had the pleasure of acting as the host for the North Lancs. Wing inter-squadron sports competition. In spite of the wet afternoon the events were completed without undue interruption. Our junior cadets (those under 16 years of age) managed to take the first place once more. They are to be congratulated on a very fine afternoon's work.

The squadron took part in the Civic Sunday parade in Poulton, and indeed formed a part of the guard of honour for the Chairman's procession.

At the moment the squadron claims four cadets with "advanced proficiency", eleven cadets with "ordinary proficiency" and nine cadets with "first-class." For the remainder who have not passed their basic exam., I would offer advice to attempt it as soon as possible, for only first-class cadets and above are allowed to fly, whilst a pass in the proficiency examination is a necessary qualification before even being considered for a flying scholarship, a gliding course, or for the various overseas visits which are offered.

As our latest recruits we welcome cadets Birch, Vincent, Rostron, Motlow, Charnley, Higginson, Heywood, Palmer, Clegg, Beebee and Douglas. We also welcome Messrs. Hadfield and Etchells who have recently joined us as officers.

To those cadets who are leaving the squadron this year, I would offer our thanks for their support, and wish them well for the future, and to "those returning" I would say work hard, for you have joined a squadron which will accept only the best from you, but, if you give of your best, I feel sure that membership of the A.T.C. will reward you to the full.

M. L. POWELL, Flt./Sgt.

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## THE HOUSES

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### Founder's House

Once again our efforts have not been in vain, for at present we are leading the Cock House competition by a small margin. We must exert ourselves even more in the Cricket and Swimming to ensure a decisive victory for Founder's.

This year's record is very encouraging — despite the Cross-Country result; we have won the Football championship, we are second in the Athletic Sports and now we are leading the Cricket Points Table. Thanks for this magnificent attempt are due to the House Masters whose trouble and patience have been justly rewarded, and also to the house officials and everyone concerned. With this spirit we should be equally successful next year. K.L.M. & M.F.H.

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### Hibbert House

Since the last report, two important championships have been decided. In the first of these, the Cross-Country run, we were placed third. Although we had a remarkably good turn-out, we had few outstanding runners.

In the Athletics competition on Sports Day we secured first place, a justifiable reward for the determined efforts of all concerned. The juniors and seniors deserve special credit and P. Crowe, Curwen and Hoban of the juniors and James and Rhodes of the seniors were responsible for a very large measure of our success.

Three cricket matches have been played, and up to date the results are very gratifying.

The performances of Tate and Hindle and their amphibious friends, of the gymnasts in the gym competitions, and of the cricketers in their remaining matches will have a great influence upon the destination of the Cock House Cup.

We congratulate G. J. Horan on his excellent result in the Civil Service Executive examination.

We wish all Hibbert "leavers" the very best of good fortune.  
J.W.

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### Hodgson House

We have a number of events to record this term. We must, however, begin with one which took place in the Spring Term, viz, the Cross-Country Race. The Cross-Country run, we are glad to say, ended in a resounding victory for Hodgson. This victory was due, in the main, to places gained by several boys in the House. We must make special mention here of the victory of Glover, in the Junior section. This is the first time for some years that a first-form boy has won. Our thanks also go to our Cross-Country Captain, Reddington, and all boys who helped towards this victory.

Owing to the awkward timing of the G.C.E. examination, the School Athletic Sports were held on June 6th, more than a month before the time when they are usually held. The preparation for the event was hurried, but the result was satisfactory. N. Johnson, Upper Sixth, ran superbly and gained the Best Loser's Cup. Again we must congratulate all boys who gained points and make special note of the performance of I. Brown, IIm, in the Junior Relay.

And so to Cricket. Our success so far has been limited to two victories by the Seniors, something practically unknown in the history of the House.

If our success in the remaining cricket matches is reasonable, and our swimming up to the standard of last year, then, who knows, Hodgson may be Cock House once more.

In conclusion, a word of congratulation for our vice-captain, P. Schofield, who has won an Open Scholarship in Science at Manchester University.  
C.A.B.

### Whittington House

Since the last issue of the magazine, two inter-House competitions have been completed. Last term we were second in the Cross-County run, a creditable performance, but we were last in the inter-House sports, in which we usually do well.

We have made a poor start in the Cricket Competition; perhaps a concerted effort in the Swimming Sports will provide some consolation for disappointments in other branches of athletics.

These disappointments will have proved beneficial if they stimulate, in all members, the desire to work for the House and develop a better House spirit—much more important than any athletic "first"!

Once again our thanks are due to the House Masters for their continued support and encouragement.

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### SCHOOL SOCIETY

School Society meetings have been somewhat irregular this term, as is to be expected when so many boys are busy with G.C.E. examinations and sporting activities.

Two works visits were, however, arranged for Society members. Both took place on June 16th, one to Hawker Aircraft (Blackpool) Ltd. and the other to the English Electric Co. at Preston. Both visits were very interesting and a report of them may be found elsewhere in the magazine.

The final membership of the Society this session was 345, a decrease of approximately 14 per cent. on the record set up in the previous session. It is hoped that the members of the school next year will be more enthusiastic.

Our thanks are extended to members of the staff, secretaries and all others concerned with the successful running of the Society this year.

D. G. FARRER (Sec.), J. WHEILDON (Treas.)

### Film Society

Meetings continued this term with the showing of "The Back of Beyond", a documentary film of the Australian Bush, and a varied programme of short films, including a film of the Cotswolds, "The Heart of England", which contained some excellent colour photography.

The new screen, first used for the School Christian Fellowship's "Prior Claim" has substantially increased the quality of the pictures.

It has been impossible to arrange a full programme this term. It is hoped, however, to increase the quality and quantity of shows next term.

K. H. SWADKINS, G. TOLSON, Hon. Secs.

### Music Society (Classical Section)

It is gratifying to see that at last a gramophone has been added to the School's apparatus. As a result, a resumption of regular meetings for both sections of the Music Society has become possible. Of course, the school activities of Summer Term, along with spasmodic periods of summer weather, have modified the success of meetings, and consequently only two meetings took place this term while the Society paid its respects to Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Cimarosa, Holst, Bach and Brahms. The attendances have been encouraging and it is hoped that a further meeting will be arranged before the end of term.

T.H.

### Modern Music Society

Meetings have been held regularly, every Friday, after school in the Sixth Form Room, and it has been encouraging to see a far greater interest being taken in this type of music.

Programmes have included records by Clifford Brown, Stan Getz, Lionel Hampton and many others.

We are no longer handicapped by the absence of a school gramophone and we are indebted to the School Society for having acquired this long awaited instrument.

J. SUTTER, L. M. TATE.

### Senior Debating Society

As this school year ends, so does another session of the Debating Society. For the second successive year the S.D.S. has faded into oblivion, and it is perhaps time for an assessment of our position.

Only a few years ago, meetings were regular, well-attended and well-conducted; it is only six years since an attendance of over 100 was achieved. Of late, however, the usual difficulty of finding speakers has been overshadowed by a difficulty in obtaining supporters at all. Many are willing to give nominal support, but few will sacrifice time or energy to this end. As a result, meetings have been few and far between and an air of apathy has descended. The committee, some perhaps with too many claims on their time, have failed to overcome this, and we acknowledge some measure of blame. We feel, however, that a little more support from the Lower Sixth could have turned the tide.

Nevertheless, the allocation of blame is fruitless; the essential is to restore the Society to its rightful place. The experience gained in open debate can be invaluable to a boy, and should be available to all. This year many who have supported the Society will be leaving. In September a new effort can be made to defeat the prevailing disinterest. Just a nucleus of enthusiasts could set the S.D.S. on its feet; and by enthusiasts we mean working members, not School Society officials who write sarcastic comments but run a mile at the word "speaker". So we apologise for our failure, and invite you to do better; if you can follow the example of our Junior section, you will be doing the school good service.

P.S.

### Junior Science Society

The year has continued to be successful, and at the time of writing we have three more meetings to report. The first two contrasted the uses of atomic energy, peaceful and criminal. At our next meeting Electrostatics once again provided an interesting subject.

Recently meetings have been prevented by some exams. or other, but we hope to embark on chemistry before the term's end.

We hope someone will be ready to continue the work of this society next year.

P.S.

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### Photographic Society

At our inaugural meeting this term, our group of photographers re-formed, and as the majority were modestly proficient in the art, we decided to hold a general weekly meeting at which members would be able to enlighten us all by lecturing on their own favourite topic.

At one meeting, when a film-strip lecture was being given, I was astonished at the quietness and atmosphere of attention which prevailed. It was so acute that it rather disturbed me until I discovered that W.H.M. was talking to our "guardian angel", next door in the Physics Lab.

Of the speakers at our meetings I should especially like to congratulate P. H. Hindle of Vs. on his lecture entitled "Simple Micro-Photography".

In addition to attending meetings, members were allowed to work in the dark room throughout the term, supervision being provided wherever possible for juniors, although towards the end of this term the G.C.E. examinations have made this almost impossible.

I should like to thank R.B.B. (Upper VI) for his help, and I should also like to take this opportunity to ask you to submit ideas which you may have for raising funds for the improvement of our old enlarger, or for the purchase of a new one. Please send your ideas to the Secretary of the above Society who bids you good hunting (photographic type) over the summer holidays. T.O.S., Upper VI.

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### School Sketching Club

Regular meetings have been held in the Art Room throughout the term.

Studies have been made of birds, animals, and still-life, using the medium of pencil and brush.

There has also been practice in landscape composition.

J.C.

### School Christian Fellowship

Despite the oncoming of the G.C.E. examinations and the attraction of outdoor sport activities, the usual meetings have been held this term.

From Whitsuntide Birch, Coppack and Young, who has assumed leadership during the examination period, have led the Bible Studies. The main subject studied has been Paul's Epistle to the Galatians.

The weekly prayer meetings have been successfully continued on Mondays.

Two open meetings have been held this term, the first a talk entitled "Christ and Communion", by Mr. Marsh, B.A., B.D., secretary of the Student Christian Movement for N.W. Lancashire Schools, and the second a Fact and Faith film entitled "Prior Claim".

During the Easter holidays the Fellowship Committee met a small party from the Morecambe Grammar School Christian Fellowship. At this meeting experiences and ideas were exchanged and speakers were suggested. Some of the recommended speakers will address meetings next term.

Our thanks are due to Wilson (U.VI) for his help on advertising, and to Swadkins, Tolson, Kirk and Parkinson (all L.VI), for their help in connection with the film. T.C.

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### NATIONAL SAVINGS BRANCH

The returns for the first nine weeks of this term are:

Amount subscribed, £121 17s. 6d.

Average number of Subscribers per week, 125  
(25% of the School).

Form with the best record: IIs.

The National Savings Badges have been retained by A. Marsden, IIs, and P. L. Rothwell, IIIAlpha: the third badge has been awarded to J. Charnley, IIX, the Form Secretary who has increased the average weekly number of subscribers to the greatest extent.



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## Old Boys' Editorial

Our first duty is to apologise to W. T. Dewhurst for the inadvertent omission of his name from the list of Past Presidents in the last issue.

The Joint Meeting with the Southern Section took place on April 28th. A dozen members from the North were present at the Dinner held at the Cock Tavern, Fleet Street, which afforded some consolation for the earlier spectacle of Blackpool's defeat at Chelsea.

H. Mason, who had gone to great trouble to make all the arrangements for the Dinner, proposed a toast to the Association and welcomed the visitors from the North. The Headmaster gave some account of progress at School and explained some of the implications of Aided Status. Dick Pye proposed a toast to the School, to which Ellis Tomlinson replied and Harry Dennison, in a reminiscent mood, said how important it was to "stick to the Association." (Harry's exhortation carries the weight of example; he has "stuck to the Association" ever since he helped to found it fifty years ago, and Old Boys will agree that it is most fitting that he should have been elected as the first representative of the Association on the Governing Body).

The following were present: The President, D. D. Airey, Dr. K. M. Backhouse, K. Brearley, G. H. Brimelow, J. A. Corcoran, H. Dennison, J. McN. Dodgson, J. Edge, P. V. Edwards, P. G. England, F. D. Foden, L. H. Hadfield, G. K. G. Heath, Dr. R. I. Henry, Dr. J. A. Holland, E. Hollingworth, E. A. Horner, H. Mason, N. C. Nelson, R. Pye, H. E. Tomlinson, J. F. Walker, T. Walton, W. Walton, A. G. Wyatt. Apologies were received from H. N. Heywood and Dr. M. A. Page, who had had to travel at short notice to take up an appointment at the Bradford Royal Infirmary.

The Summer Trip on June 24th took the form of a cruise from Liverpool to Llandudno. We have no detailed information about the occasion, but we observed the President wearing an unusually rubicund complexion the next day and we understand that everyone enjoyed the trip, which was originally the brain-child of Tom Walton.

The Fylde Group of Associations held a Bowling Match and Supper at the Castle Gardens Hotel on June 29th. Our Association was very well represented in number, if not in skill at bowls. The weather was adverse to bowling, but did not deter most people from pursuing indoor activities. It is

very desirable that we should know something of our neighbour associations and we urge all possible support for functions promoted by the Fylde Group.

The Pavilion is developing very well, though progress is not so apparent at this stage as it was at an earlier period when the addition of a couple of dozen tiles or the lower branches of a roof-tree marked a visible accretion. Much of the present work is concerned with unromantic and recondite details below ground, but we believe that the "beginning of the end" is figuratively in sight, and that before many more moons we shall be able to contemplate the ceremony of opening—or, perhaps, in view of the weather at the time of writing, launching—this latest manifestation of Poultonian enterprise.

We are grateful to Jim Croft for his account of the Old Boys' F.C. activities last season. We congratulate all concerned on a very good show with limited resources.

### Old Boys' Football Club

President: H. R. Dennison

The 1955-56 season ended with the team finishing half way up the Second Division, Fylde League, after completing all their fixtures. It was not expected that the team would have an outstanding season and it was quite a pleasant surprise to find them lining up for the final of the Ramsden Shield. The reaching of the final was no "fluke", either; the semi-final was only won after a hard struggle against Victorians, who were twice in the lead and were only defeated after extra time. The final was played at Four Lane Ends, Thornton, and Fleetwood West End, our opponents, provided the stronger team, winning 3—1. Many spectators expressed the view that Baines were the better team on this occasion, but there is no doubt that West End deserved their victory because they shot harder and had more punch in front of goal.

The summary of the results for the season is as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
League .....	26	11	4	11	104	70
Fylde Cup .....	2	1	0	1	13	7
Ramsden Shield .....	3	2	0	1	7	7
Thornton Medals .....	2	0	1	1	0	2
School XIs .....	4	0	0	4	5	21

The leading scorers were: Taberner, 33; Williamson, 25; White, 18; Hodson, 14; Bentley, 11; West, 8.

The return of Tom Lucas just after Xmas made a big difference to defence and Roy Birch has been an enthusiastic Captain (despite the fact that I forgot to congratulate him on his wedding in these notes just a year ago).

The Club was honoured to have its youngest player, D. S. White ("Chalky"), selected to represent the League. We congratulate "Chalky" and feel sure that he will go on to greater things in the future.

We are very proud that our President, H. R. Dennison, has been elected as the first representative of the Old Boys' Association on the Board of Governors. His quiet enthusiasm in all matters to do with the School will fit him excellently for the job.

By the time these words are in print the Annual Meeting will have been held on the 13th July and our thoughts will be on the coming season. Practice games will be held at School in the evenings on the 14th and 23rd August, 1956. A special welcome is extended to boys who have just left School.

Last season our neighbours, Poulton United, won the three major Trophies in the Fylde League. This is the first time it has been done in the 68 years the League has been in existence. I am sure that if the School players could keep in a team together after leaving School there is no reason why this feat could not be equalled; and what better way is there of keeping together than playing with the Old Boys? Come along to the practices and let us together make Baines' G.S.O.B.'s F.C. the best team in the district. **You can do it!**

### Personalia

We receive as a matter of course the news of the success of Old Boys in academic and commercial life, but it is rarely that we read of distinction in the entertainment world, although many of you showed distinct promise in various ways at School. We have noted earlier the progress of David Durie, who seems to have established himself firmly in First Division football as Blackpool's inside left. He is the only O.B. to have played regularly in first-class soccer since Harold Barton, the former Liverpool and Sheffield

United winger of the '20 and '30 era. It will be a surprise to many to learn that we have an O.B. now achieving fame as a writer of television plays. Vincent Tilsley, the son of the well-known Lancashire writer Frank Tilsley, was at B.G.S. from 1940 to 1942, and we think it no mere coincidence that one of the characters in the television serial "The Makepeace Story", written jointly by Vincent and his father, was one Sir Thomas Baines. Vincent has also written several plays on his own, notably in the "Nom de Plume" series. This is not our only O.B. connection with the B.B.C., as those who have noticed certain heraldic embellishments to the "Radio Times" pages will have discovered, and we must remember the frequent broadcasts made by N. C. Nelson and his wife in the Finnish section of Overseas Broadcasts some years ago.

We had some correspondence recently from J. W. A. Griffiths, now a Customs Officer, who gave us news of other O.B.s whom he has met recently. A. Dewdney and Jack Thackeray are also in the Customs, the former a Water-guard and the latter in the Purchase Tax department (we nearly said "business"). Griffiths' former team-mates, J. Glossop and C. Usherwood are in the Blackpool Police and a well-known ubiquitous soap manufacturing firm respectively.

We congratulate former master "Jack" Horner and Mrs. Horner on the birth of their son, Simon. We had a long and typically Hornerian letter from Oxford, where "Jack" took up his new appointment in January, in which he told us of the appalling difficulties of accommodation in and around the city. These would be eased, he forecast, when the local motor industry began to experience the impending diminuendo in production. This was written in February, and we well know now how accurate was his assessment of the situation. We hope that he, at any rate, has been able to benefit where so many have been disappointed.

As we write, two O.B.s will be cleaving the waters between Torbay and Lisbon in the Yacht Race—but in different crews. J. Fielden, now studying for the M.N. at Southampton University Nautical College, is in the College crew, and in the rival crew of the luxury yacht "Creole", stated to be the largest now in commission in the world, and at present on loan to Dartmouth Royal Naval College, is M. A. P. D. Skidmore, who went from B.G.S. to Rossall and "passed out" last Easter.

Colin A. Powell, B.A., who has been teaching in Middlewich, writes to say that he has been accepted by the powers-that-be as a candidate for training for the Church of England ministry and is expected to begin his course of study at Oak Hill Theological College, London, in October. He hopes to be ordained in 1958.

### Weddings

Stock—Parratt. Peter Harley Stock to Shirley Eva Parratt, at Fleetwood Road Methodist Church, Thornton, 2nd April, 1956.

Haythornthwaite—Bury. Robert H. Haythornthwaite to Carol Bury, at St. Chad's Parish Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, 4th April, 1956.

Walton—Bennett. Alan Walton to Kathleen Bennett, at Fleetwood Parish Church, 23rd June, 1956.

Speight—Forrester. Arthur John Peter Speight to Mary Forrester, at Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool, 16th June, 1956.

Green—Gornall. John Green to Audrey Gornall, at Hambleton Parish Church, 23th June, 1956.

Owen—Greenwood. Harry Radcliffe Owen to Jacqueline Greenwood, at St. Chad's Parish Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, 30th June, 1956.

Wigglesworth—Richardson. Eric Wigglesworth to Kathleen Richardson, at Poulton Methodist Church, 12th May, 1956.

### New Members

1955 W. J. Carter, 31 South Promenade, St. Annes-on-Sea.

1956 I. D. Braithwaite, 42 Argyle Road, Poulton-le-Fylde.

1942 Stanley Wright, 509 North Drive, Cleveleys.

1953 Peter R. Smith, 8 Highfield Road, Blackpool, S.S.

1955 Colin Fish, 78 Dronsfield Road, Fleetwood.

Staff A. Etchells, 167 Blackpool Old Rd., Poulton-le-Fylde.

1925 J. Threlfall, 38 Eastry Road, Erith, Kent.

1953 Ken. Hornby, 74 Lindel Road, Fleetwood.

Staff J. A. Paterson, 17 High Cross Avenue, Hardhorn, Poulton-le-Fylde.

### Change of Address

- R. T. Birch, 24 Westminster Road, Blackpool.  
B. Taberner, 6 Argyll Road, Blackpool, N.S.  
J. R. Eccles, Blue House Farm, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks.  
W. F. Williams, 10 Arley Drive, Brooklands, Sale, Cheshire.  
A. Ian Howarth, "Waverley", 17 Crompton Park Road, Mannamead, Plymouth.  
F. D. Foden, 11 Corfton Road, Ealing, London, W.5.  
E. F. Harris (Staff), 7 The Spinney, Moorland Rd., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
W. B. C. Lister, 201 Hornby Road, Blackpool.  
Dr. Peter Rudman, 112 Gilbert Rd, Preston, N.18, Victoria, Australia.  
Ronald D. Page, 146 Sandhurst Ave., Nobel, Ontario, Canada.  
B. B. Syddall, 20 Marlow Drive, Kingston Rd., Handforth, Wilmslow, Cheshire.  
D. Walton, 32 Devonshire Road, Salford, 6.  
John M. Taylor, "Geris Cottage", Station Road, Singleton, Nr. Blackpool.  
N.B.: E. A. Horner (Hon. Treas.), 94 Hardhorn Rd., Poulton-le-Fylde, Nr. Blackpool.

We regret very much that we are not able to enclose the new Members' Handbook with this term's magazine as we had planned, but hope to send the booklets out with the Winter Programme in September. The delay is caused mainly by the onerous task imposed on the Secretaries of calling two special general meetings during May and June.

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### THE SWIMMING TEAM

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Gradually, as 1956 has progressed, and the rain has become warmer, a vague suspicion has become a firm conviction. The summer has arrived. This is by tradition the season of activity for the swimming team. By the time this

report is published the day of glory will have taken place on Wednesday, 4th July, when the Derby Baths are filched from Jerry Allen, the Aquagoons, and the Baine's Mermaids (no connection, I think) for a matinée of the Inter-Grammar Schools' Swimming Gala.

Training has progressed throughout the year with a certain dogged reluctance, but efforts are now being increased and a reasonable result is expected. We have an excellent free-style swimmer in J. Eccles, whom we congratulate upon his selection for the Blackpool Amateur Swimming Club. Also in Smith we have an excellent diver, who receives coaching from the B.A.S.C., and is, so to speak, out of the same stable as divers such as Cann and Walsh. He won the dive at the Inter-Schools last year, and is a main hope this year.

We should like to thank Mr. Gregson for his assistance with the winter training at Lytham and Norbreck. He was a worthy successor to Mr. Yates in wielding that instrument of torture, the stop-watch. Since Easter Mr. Etchells has been extremely good-humoured in his efforts to convert dross into gold. I am certain that with better facilities for training (we are unfortunately debarred from using the excellent Derby Baths during the summer), we could achieve great things in future under the direction of Mr. Etchells.

R.A.P. (U.VI).

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### CROSS COUNTRY RACE, 1956

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Senior: 1. Reddington (Ho) 18 mins. 48 secs.; 2. Johnson, N. (Ho); 3. Kershaw (Hi); 4. Hyde (W); 5. Whitehead (Ho).

Middle School: 1. Ingham (W) 16 mins. 10 secs.; 2. Cookson (Ho); 3. Newton (F); 4. Donaldson (Hi); 5. Padgett (Hi).

Junior: 1. Glover (Ho) 17 mins. 50 secs.; 2. Hulse (W); 3. Curwen (Hi); 4. Cox (Ho); 5. Catherall (Ho).

House Points: 1. Hodgson 182; 2. Whittington 151; 3. Hibbert 134; 4. Founder's 123.

There were 359 runners, of whom all but 7 qualified.

## SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1956

The Athletic Sports took place on Wednesday, 6th June, 1956. The prizes were presented by Mrs. W. H. Martin, wife of the President of the Old Boys' Association.

### EVENTS ON SPORTS DAY

- 100 Yards, First Forms.**—1. D. G. Hulse (W), 2. T. H. Rothwell (F), 3. A. Brown (Hi), 4. J. Glover (Ho), 5. J. Lang (Hi).
- 100 Yards, Third Forms.**—1. C. Vincent (Ho), 2. A. Newton (F), 3. J. E. Barnes (W), 4. I. R. Sherlock (F), 5. T. Birch (F).
- 100 Yards, Fifth Forms.**—1. J. Holroyd (F), 2. H. G. Birtles (Hi), 3. L. T. J. Metcalf (F), 4. R. E. Sutcliffe (Ho), 5. G. L. Ronson (F).
- 880 Yards, Middle School.**—1. V. I. O. Williams (W), 2. B. Ingham (W), 3. G. W. Bowes (W), 4. F. Knapman (W), 5. G. R. Ferry (Hi).
- 880 Yards, Senior.**—1. N. H. Johnson (Ho), 2. P. A. Davies (Hi), 3. A. H. Hill (Fo), 4. J. R. Hyde (W), 5. K. Southworth (W).
- 100 Yards, Junior.**—1. J. Curwen (Hi), 2. P. A. Crowe (Hi), 3. G. W. Hoban (Hi), 4. I. M. Brown (Ho), 5. J. D. Phillips (F).
- 100 Yards, Middle School.**—1. W. Halstead (F), 2. P. M. Richards (Ho), 3. C. Vincent (Ho), 4. I. R. Sherlock (F), 5. J. E. Barnes (W).
- 100 Yards, Senior.**—1. D. Rhodes (Hi), 2. R. Weston (F), 3. D. G. James (Hi), 4. R. B. Clark (F), 5. P. Schofield (Ho).
- Discus, Senior.**—1. I. S. Miller (F), 2. J. L. Cardwell (Ho), 3. M. R. G. Leeming (Ho), 4. J. H. Heathcote (F), 5. D. P. Ramsden (W).
- High Jump, Senior.**—1. D. Rhodes (Hi), 2. J. R. Hyde (W), 3. M. F. Harmer (F), 4. D. G. Farrer (Hi), 5. R. L. Davies (Ho).
- 220 Yards, Junior.**—1. P. A. Crowe (Hi), 2. J. Curwen (Hi), 3. G. W. Hoban (Hi), 4. J. A. Catherall (Ho), 5. J. P. Stevenson (W).
- 220 Yards, Middle School.**—1. W. Halstead (F), 2. P. M. Richards (Ho), 3. V. I. O. Williams (W), 4. V. Ashcroft (F), 5. I. R. Sherlock (F).
- 220 Yards, Senior.**—1. D. Rhodes (Hi), 2. D. G. James (Hi), 3. R. B. Clark (F), 4. R. Weston (F), 5. H. G. Birtles (Hi).
- High Jump, Middle School.**—1. R. Sunderland (W), 2. V. Ashcroft (F), 3. A. R. Anderson (Hi), 4. A. Newton (F), 5. C. Williams (Ho).
- Javelin, Senior.**—1. I. S. Miller (F), 2. J. H. Heathcote (F), 3. M. R. G. Leeming (Ho), 4. G. D. Holstead (Ho).
- 440 Yards, Junior.**—1. G. W. Hoban (Hi), 2. J. P. Stevenson (W), 3. J. Curwen (Hi), 4. J. A. Catherall (Ho), 5. D. G. Hulse (W).
- 440 Yards, Middle School.**—1. A. Newton (F), 2. B. Ingham (W), 3. W. Halstead (F), 4. V. I. O. Williams (W), 5. V. Ashcroft (F).
- 440 Yards, Senior.**—1. N. H. Johnson (Ho), 2. D. Rhodes (Hi), 3. A. H. Hill (F), 4. C. B. Davies (W), 5. P. Schofield (Ho).

### House Relay.—

Middle School: 1. Founder's; 2. Whittington.  
Senior: 1. Hibbert; 2. Founder's.  
Junior: 1. Hibbert; 2. Hodgson.

**One Mile, Middle School.**—1. J. L. Cookson (Ho), 2. B. Ingham (W), 3. G. R. Ferry (Hi), 4. P. L. Rothwell (Ho), 5. F. Knapman (W).

**One Mile, Senior.**—1. P. A. Davies (Hi), 2. N. H. Johnson (Ho), 3. D. N. Kershaw (Hi), 4. A. H. Hill (F), 5. E. L. Cobb (Ho).

### EVENTS BEFORE SPORTS DAY

**Long Jump, Junior.**—1. J. Curwen (Hi), 2. G. W. Hoban (Hi), 3. J. P. Stevenson (W), 4. G. Massey (W), 5. I. M. Brown (Ho).

**Long Jump, Middle School.**—1. V. Ashcroft (F), 2. C. Williams (Ho), 3. I. R. Sherlock (F), 4. V. I. O. Williams (W) & B. Whalley (Ho).

**Long Jump, Senior.**—1. S. J. Templar (F), 2. R. Weston (F), 3. D. G. James (Hi), 4. J. B. Shepherd (Hi), 5. K. A. Young (W).

**High Jump, Junior.**—1. P. A. Crowe (Hi), 2. J. Curwen (Hi), 3. A. R. Nottingham (Ho), 4. J. A. Catherall (Ho), 5. G. W. Hoban (Hi).

**Putting the Weight, Senior.**—1. J. L. Cardwell (Ho), 2. J. H. Heathcote (F), 3. M. R. G. Leeming (Ho), 4. I. S. Miller (F), 5. F. Moss (Hi).

**120 Yards Hurdles, Senior.**—1. C. B. Davies (W), 2. J. Eccles (Ho) and H. G. Birtles (Hi), 4. P. Chattington (F), 5. R. Weston (F).

### CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### House Athletics Championship.—

1. Hibbert 266, 2. Founder's 257, 3. Hodgson 181, 4. Whittington 157

#### Junior Championship.—

1. J. Curwen (Hi), 17 points; 2. P. A. Crowe (Hi), 13 points.

#### Middle School Championship.—

1. B. Ingham (W), 14 points; 2. W. Halstead (F), 11 points.

#### Senior Championship.—

1. D. Rhodes (Hi), 18 points; 2. N. H. Johnson (Ho), 16 points.

#### Best Loser's Trophy (The Hutchinson Cup).—N. H. Johnson (Ho).

#### "A" Awards

Founder's: J. H. Heathcote, I. S. Miller, S. J. Templar, R. Weston, V. Ashcroft, W. Halstead, A. Newton.

Hibbert: P. A. Davies, D. Rhodes, P. A. Crowe, J. Curwen, G. W. Hoban.

Hodgson: J. L. Cardwell, N. H. Johnson, G. I. Reddington, J. L. Cookson, P. M. Richards, J. Glover.

Whittington: C. B. Davies, B. Ingham, V. I. O. Williams.

#### "B" Awards

Founder's: A. H. Hill, J. Holroyd.

Hibbert: D. G. James, D. N. Kershaw, H. G. Birtles.

Hodgson: J. Eccles, M. R. G. Leeming, C. Vincent, C. Williams.

Whittington: D. G. Hulse, J. P. Stevenson.

## INTER- SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

Held at Blackpool Cricket Ground on Wednesday, 16th May.

The team this year was of a young average age and did not meet with much success. Congratulations to our sole points-winner, Miller, who gained places in the discus and javelin. Our other representatives were: D. G. Jones, N. H. Johnson, J. L. Cardwell, P. H. Davies, D. Rhodes, A. Hill, R. Weston, W. Halstead, C. Vincent and C. B. Davies.

The under-mentioned boys represented Blackpool and District Schools' Athletic Championships at the White City, Manchester, on Saturday, June 16th:—

Cardwell (Inter. weight), Miller (Inter. Javelin), A. Hill (Inter. 880 yds.), Rhodes (Inter 220 yds. and Relay), Halstead (Junior 220 yards and Relay), Vincent (Jun. 220 yards and Relay), Sherlock (Jun. Relay).

Results: Cardwell 2nd, Miller 4th, Rhodes 5th.

## INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING CONTEST

In this contest, held at the Derby Baths, Blackpool, on Wednesday, July 4th, the Blackpool Grammar School Team retained the Charles Wilkinson Trophy which they won in 1955, by gaining 35 points, ten points ahead of the runners-up, King George Vth School, Southport. Our team gained 11 points and were placed joint fourth, with Arnold School, out of eight competing schools.

The following places were gained by members of the senior team.

Dive—K. M. Smith, 1st.

55 yards Freestyle—J. Eccles, 2nd.

110 yards Freestyle—J. Eccles, 2nd.

Although no juniors were placed, they put up a very creditable performance, against keen competition, and offer high hopes for future events.

J. ECCLES, Capt.

## SCHOOL CLIMATOLOGICAL STATION

We present this report in sack-cloth and ashes, having perpetrated a dreadful howler. How many of you realise that in our last two summaries all temperatures have been given as °C.? The writer has been gently reminded that Fahrenheit is still in use, and wishes to apologise for crediting last August with a temperature of 170° in the shade. However, results to date are as follows:

	Average Max. Temp.	Average Min. Temp.	Total Rainfall
March	50.7°F.	37.0°F.	0.97 ins.
April	51.3°F.	35.7°F.	1.53 ins.
May	58.6°F.	43.8°F.	1.52 ins.
June	60.8°F.	48.3°F.	1.80 ins.

March turned out to be considerably warmer than the preceding month, but it was characterised by high winds and much cloud. Showery conditions helped to bring in a typical English spring.

The winds dropped in April, but so also did the temperatures—there were nine nights of frost. Showery, cloudy weather gave way to clear, crisp, conditions in mid-month. These unfortunately broke to give May a wet and windy start. Although temperatures rose, the month was not pleasant, and a thunderstorm occurred on the 25th.

June has borne little resemblance to summer as yet; temperatures have been kept down by high winds, and showers have been common. It is interesting to notice that on many days cloudy mornings have been followed by very clear afternoons.

As I write, there is little sign of a heat-wave, but conditions are so changeable at present that you may be reading this in the blazing heat of an English summer!

Finally, we are proud to report that, following the visit of an inspector, this station, number 3056/3, was accepted as an official source of Met. Office statistics on June 12th. We now appear as Poulton-le-Fylde station in official publications. Congratulations to Messrs. Scupholme and Marsh, and all others concerned.

P.S.



Photo: Evening Gazette

CAPTAIN IS "CHAIRER."—D. J. Partington, Captain of the School, under 12 year-old Football Team is carried off the Field at Bloomfield Road by his team-mates after winning the "Evening Gazette" Cup. They beat Tyldesley 3—0.

## A FAMOUS VICTORY

—"Come, fill the Cup; what boots it to repeat  
How hard the mud clings to our tiny feet?  
Stiffness tomorrow; homework yesterday—  
What matter they, if Tyldesley can be beat?"

Our avid readers will remember that at the time of printing the last issue, we were awaiting news of our Under 12 team's opponents-to-be in the "Gazette" Cup Final. Tyldesley proved to be the other finalists, and we met at Bloomfield Road on Thursday, April 26th, at 6 p.m. There had been heavy rain earlier in the day and the going was heavy, especially for boys to whom the Blackpool pitch must have looked as big and as firm as the Sargasso Sea. Our team had a surprise dressingroom visit from David Durie, whose advice to "get after the goals straight away" was meticulously followed. A long pass down the right gave Longden a good long ground shot at goal, and as everyone waited for the anticipated save, the elephantine Minns, generating a pace of which nobody had thought him capable, slid forward a Mortensenian leg and diverted the ball into goal just inside the post. A goal after one minute is an exhilarating incentive, and School, continuing to press hard, were rewarded with another goal a few minutes later. Hulse shot accurately but slowly along the ground and the goalkeeper, distracted by another menacing advance by Minns, allowed the ball to go in at almost the same spot as before. It was a curious goal, but they all count!

Tyldesley were rather confounded for a short time by this early deficit, but to their infinite credit they came back strongly into the game and had the better of it for a period before half-time, moving the ball well and running thoughtfully into position. In the words of the hymn, however, our defence was sure, even if on occasions sufficient was Rothwell's arm alone.

Towards the end of the game, Minns, who had played with élan and intelligence throughout, had a chance for his favourite ploy—a powerful hook into the top corner (of the net, let us hasten to add, not the Kop)—and the day was won, although Tyldesley refused to admit it until the "Pot" was safely clutched in the loving *enceinte* of Captain Partington's filthy little hands.

This was a *team* victory. Every man (for each played with the heart of a man) did his bit, and some of their "bits" were a great deal. We remember Longden at inside right, fighting as his father so often fought on the same pitch; Hulse at inside-left, normally casual and almost delicate in his style, working like a beaver all over the field and, at the end, running off with full-back Glover, both apparently as fresh as paint as on the day when they came trotting in to win the first two places in the Cross-Country a few weeks earlier; Gamble at centre-half, sealing up the middle and refusing to be enticed away; Rothwell, Farm-like, catching everything at every angle; Partington, a fine captain with his eyes on the ball and his men all the time. If we do not signalise the others, it is not because their work was inferior or unnoticed. Everyone deserved a medal—and got it! The losers, too, well deserved their medals, and they congratulated our lads like the fine sportsmen they are. And who was thrilled perhaps more than anyone present? A little wing-half from Shell, Kenny Garrett, who was absent, lying in his hospital bed and listening to the game on the Blackpool F.C. relay service, and nearly jumping out of that bed when that first goal came. Partington went up into the "box" and spoke to him about the match, and we like to think that this memorable day helped him to his present recovery.

We must not forget the "disappointed men"—the official reserves, Perry and Dell, and all the other boys who in weekly practice helped to build up the team and enable it to achieve what we hope is only the first of many successes; and finally "Scodger," watching for the last time what we know he regards as "his" team.

Here are their names: Rothwell (Shell); Glover (Is), Brown (Im); Wright (Shell), Gamble (Shell), Partington (Is); Crowe (Is), Longden (Shell), Minns (IIs), Hulse (Shell), Lang (Shell). Reserves: Perry (Is), Dell (Shell).  
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### WHITSUNTIDE CAMP, 1956

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The camp was again held in the Langdale Valley of the Lake District. There cannot be many better camping sites than this one. There are excellent facilities for games, drinking water is quite near, and, what is probably the most

important, the valley offers the enthusiastic climber almost inexhaustible possibilities.

On Friday, 18th May, the main party, 26 or so, arrived by coach at the camp. A meal was waiting for us. As we sat eating it we listened to the Advance Party's tale of how squally the weather had been the preceding day and we wondered if we were going to have fine weather. Weather can make or mar a camping holiday. However, the afternoon proved to be fine and so we set out for the "loosener-up", Harrison Stickle, affectionately known as "Heart-break Mountain" owing to the fact that it disillusiones the novices with its succession of false peaks. After about an hour and a half's solid climbing, we found, much to our dismay, that we were engulfed in a miniature blizzard. We sat tight for about a quarter of an hour and hoped that it would blow itself out. However, our luck was out and we had to make our way back to the camp. Was this to be a foretaste of the following week's weather?

Apparently not, because the next day we awoke to find the sun shining, the birds singing and Mr. Sm-th at the tent door shouting his worst abuses in his frantic efforts to get us up. We were told, after tent inspection, that it had been decided to arrange a walk on Bowfell. The route was to be: up the Band, round by Bowfell and down Rossett Ghyll. This is a very pleasant walk and as it takes a party most of the day to complete it, we set off early, complete with sandwiches and the knowledge that a fine stew would be ready for us when we returned.

As is the practice at camp, Sunday was a free day. Sunday was also the day when we had the best dinner: roast beef with Swiss roll. In the evening, we played crugger, a traditional camp game, and great fun too.

In the mornings at camp, the routine is always the same. After breakfast, each tent prepares for tent inspection. It is up to each individual member of his tent to see that his tent wins. Marks are given for personal cleanliness, kit, the condition of the tent (i.e. if it is neatly brailed, if the pegs are properly spaced, and so on), and a general mark, which includes behaviour, willingness and general attitude. Awards are given to the best tent.

On Monday, a party set out for Blea Tarn, a delightful little mountain lake nearby. Grasmere was the destination for Tuesday's outing. Here most of the party went to Words-



worth's grave and one or two paid their 1/6d. to visit his cottage and memorial museum. Also at Grasmere, though not as famous as Wordsworth's memorials, but well-known to the members of the camp who have been before, is the delightful café which overhangs the river.

This café appears in the film which was made at this year's camp. Though not in Technicolor or CinemaScope, the film does capture the atmosphere of camp, as those who saw the private showing agreed. Incidentally, this film, when the processes of cutting and editing are finished, will be shown by the Film Society sometime next term.

Wednesday was another free day. Most of the campers went either to Ambleside or Windermere. The "old hands" showed the others around in that friendly atmosphere which is so typical of the school camps. Some tasted the delights of the lake—dashing around in a hired motor-boat or just leisurely rowing. Others explored the town of Ambleside: the beautiful cascading waterfalls, cold, crisp and clear; the interesting house-on-the-bridge, owned by the National Trust; the absorbing studios of the local potter and painters; all these and many more are so typical of that delightful Lakeland town.

Thursday came—the next-to-the-last day—and we began to feel sorry that the time had gone so quickly. A walk which the school camp had never done before was chosen for our last outing. Pike of Blisco was the target. We set off a little before noon and it was not long before we could see the camp apparently diminishing in size as we gained altitude. It was our last opportunity to say farewell to the valley. On our way home we passed through a slate quarry and many of the members of the party were fascinated by a saw which cut through slate as if it were butter.

At last Friday arrived. In some ways the last day is the busiest day of the camp. Everything has to be packed, the tents pulled down, the cookhouse, with its list of names augmented, dismantled, and the site cleared of paper. There was no time for reminiscences in the morning, but as we sat in the coach on the way home we all thought how we would miss the bleats of the lambs, the sound of the wind high on the mountains, Mr. Tho-ps-n's cries of "Tuck!", and the sound of the crisp mountain water tumbling down the hillsides.

We should like to thank Messrs. Smith, Thompson, Cardy and Charnley for making this camp so enjoyable. We extend our thanks to Mrs. Charnley and also Miss Bowden whose Cornish Pasties ("Patsies" according to Mr. Sm-th) were the hit of the camp.

R. KIRK, L.VI., P. B. PARKINSON, L.VI.

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## PREFECTORIAL PERAMBULATIONS

(Part the Second).

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The same person who was responsible for the initial perambulations (reported in March), was consulting a master one day, when a match was suggested. Immediately this challenge was accepted and arrangements made.

On an afternoon late in the Spring Term a team(?) of Prefects took the field, followed by a number of masters who issued forth from various common rooms and changing rooms. After "shooting in" for several minutes, during which time the goalkeepers received much advice from small boys, leering round the goalposts, the two teams lined up.

The referee, one Weston, of First Eleven repute, started the match with the aid of a whistle. A fatal move!? For several minutes the Masters laid siege to the Prefects' goal. Before five minutes had passed the Masters scored. The ball was seen proceeding in a South-Easterly direction towards the Prefects' goal, whereupon the goalkeeper(?) was seen to pounce on it. Like a shot out of a gun, one Gregson attacked. From a somewhat tangled mess, the ball emerged for one of the Masters' Under Fifteen recruits to shoot into the net.

Not satisfied with one goal, the Masters continued to attack, and scored cunningly. The right-winger charged up the field at a great speed and centred into the goalmouth. The ball was next seen entering the net, helped considerably by the wind. Now whether this current of air was natural or produced by a wind machine concealed in one of the shelters by the Masters we shall never know.

During the second half the only events to note were two goals by the Prefects and one other incident. The same forward who aided the scoring of the Masters' first goal

charged the goalkeeper. The goalkeeper was seen to mutter something, charge the forward from the goal-mouth to the edge of the Penalty Area and throw the ball into touch, still muttering.

The match ended in a draw, a fair result, but alas! that winger is still showing a leaning towards the corner flag.

C.A.B., U.VI.

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### THE F.A. SCHOOLS' WEEK AT OXFORD

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The fifth Schools' Week, organised by the Football Association, was held this year at *St. John's College, Oxford*.

The primary object of the courses, which are held alternately at Oxford and Cambridge, is to assemble boys from public and grammar schools and give them an opportunity of playing in representative games against well-known teams.

The first day of the five-day course was devoted to trial games and to a general sorting out of players from whom subsequent teams for representative matches during the week were selected.

Seven graded teams were chosen and each boy played in at least two or three matches, and at the end of the week a team to represent England (Public and Grammar Schools) was chosen to play a corresponding side from Scotland at Stamford Bridge, which England won 1—0.

Each succeeding morning was devoted to coaching demonstrations, match practices and arduous training under the direction of Mr. F. N. S. Creek, assistant director of coaching to the F.A.

Every afternoon at least three representative games were played on the Iffley Road grounds of the O.U.A.F.C., and of the fifteen games played during the week, seven were won, seven lost and one drawn. Considering that members of selected teams were not accustomed to playing regularly together and that the games were played against such notable teams as Pegasus, Corinthian Casuals, the Universities Athletics Union and many other reputed amateur sides, the results were very satisfactory.

The facilities and playing conditions provided by the University were almost perfect, and the F.A. is to be congratulated on the splendid organisation of the whole week.

As one of the 80 boys privileged to be present, I am sure everyone gained invaluable experience, and enjoyed the visit to the University as well as the football.

G. HINDLE, L.VI.

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### SIXTH FORM CONFERENCE

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(Arnold High School for Girls, March, 1956).

The Twelfth Annual Conference of Sixth-formers, attended by delegates from 36 schools, took as its subject "Industrial Relations".

After the usual formalities, we were addressed by the first speaker, Mr. P. H. Flatt, B.Sc., F.C.I.S., A.M.I.E.E., F.C.W.A., A.M.I.I.A., Divisional Secretary of the Central Electricity Authority. Mr. Flatt deputised for the Area Controller, who was engaged with a certain Russian visitor, and had a cold. These two facts in some measure excuse the fact that this was one of the worst speeches we have heard for some time. It was disjointed, full of clichés, and rather unoriginal. From it we learned that good Industrial Relations depend on mutual confidence, and are essential to efficiency.

The following morning Sir Alfred Roberts, C.B.E., a past chairman of the T.U.C. Council, followed up these profound revelations. Here, however, was a masterly lecturer, who took us lucidly through all the aspects of negotiation, and showed us just what machinery lies behind the present industrial system. He concluded that the source of friction is at the lowest level on the shop floor, between workers and their immediate superiors. To overcome the difficulties it is essential that all workers should be able to feel themselves a part of the system, with complete frankness between them and the management. The foreman should be chosen carefully, and given the responsibility of conveying the reasons for decisions to the staff, and their reactions back to his superiors. Our only quarrel with Sir Alfred was in his very low view of people's attitude to work—"no one enjoys work," and "workers have no particular loyalty".

Our final speaker was Mr. Alan Green, M.P. for Preston South. Again, this was a brilliant dissertation, well reasoned and convincingly given. Mr. Green first supervised us by regarding the problem as a minor one. He said that well under 1% of our total man-hours were lost by stoppages, and explained that this small amount was inevitable. As other countries develop their industries, dormant for so long, to preserve our position we must change our economy. This gradual change is the cause of friction, notably in our oldest industries. We have for so long been unchallenged that our industries have lost mobility. In order to effect this progression there needs to be a much more flexible system of control. The politicians must be restricted to direction of general policies; detailed plans must be left to individual works managers. The removal of beurocracy and the delegation of authority would do much to help.

Although two of the three talks were brilliant, the "sweet reasonableness" of the speakers left little room for argument. No controversy was evident, and our separate discussion groups were rather ineffectual. In general, the conference was instructive, but rather unsuccessful as a means of promoting lively discussion. P.S., U.VI.

(We were represented at the Conference by about a dozen boys. A special word of congratulation to the author of the above account, who made an excellent little speech at the end of the proceedings.—Ed.).

### VISIT TO MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY, JULY, 1955

It has come to our notice that no contribution was received regarding the visit to the University of Manchester, July, 1955. This account has now been compiled and we wish to apologise for our previous laxity.

The purpose of this visit was to illustrate the advantages of a possible University career and give an insight into the work carried on there.

Approximately fifteen would-be Science graduates of what was the Lower VI, set off for Manchester with Mr. Green, late of the same University. The remainder of the coach party was composed of Vith formers going to the Student Christian Conference at Manchester Grammar

School. Having cautious respect for the Manchester climate, most of us were clothed in raincoats and boots, but on our arrival, it was found that khaki shorts, sandals and sun-glasses were the order of the day, if student dress was to be taken as the criterion.

We were welcomed at the University by Dr. M. A. Skinner, of the Physical Chemistry Laboratories. In order to avoid heat-stroke, our excess garb was deposited in the Chemistry Department. Here, we were taken to the basement, where we saw the shrine of atomic chemists—John Dalton's work-bench. Unfortunately, the University year had just ended and so, apart from research, no other work was in progress. Numerous photographs of students were found hung in the corridors, where a youthful photograph of Mr. Green was observed.

After a brief tour of this department, we crossed the road to the new chemistry department for medical students. Automation was prominent in the Lecture Theatre. A series of buttons on the lecturer's bench governed the opening and closing of windows, shutters, screens, lights and doors. As a result of Dr. Skinner's efforts to demonstrate, we left the building in total darkness.

Dr. Skinner then removed us to the sanctuary of his own department, the Physical Chemistry laboratories. Mr. Green had to be revived with smelling salts on seeing much mercury flowing about the floor (4/- per oz.!). The use (or misuse) of liquid air was demonstrated by immersing a flexible rubber tube into the liquid and then breaking it into fragments on removal, with a hammer. Also a notable feature of the labs. was the presence of artistic photographs pinned to the doors and walls. After a quick tour, we went over to the University refectory, where a reasonable meal was obtained for a reasonable price.

After lunch, we visited the McDougall Recreation Centre, where there are numerous opportunities for the student to indulge in sport, e.g. swimming baths, boxing equipment and badminton courts. In the mid-day heat one felt tempted to bathe in the cool, inviting waters. (It was difficult to prevent Eccles from returning to his natural habitat.)

We thence sauntered across lawns on which "grad-uettes" were sun-bathing to the Physics department, which, true to custom, was littered with wiry apparatus and

bearded students. Amongst other apparatus, the Wilson Cloud Chamber was demonstrated. This renders visible the paths taken by small electrical particles such as electrons, protons and alpha particles. The rays under investigation pass through a chamber containing saturated water-vapour and air, whence, by means of a diaphragm, the chamber expands, and the particle's path is shown by condensed water droplets. If a permanent record is desired, these latter are photographed.

In the upper department, we examined specially treated microslides under a microscope which depicted paths of collisions of these particles. This department was also connected with cosmic ray research, in particular the reception of mesons. Since the latter were rare in Manchester, a special station had been set up in the Alps, and also at the Jodrell Bank Radio Astronomy Station in Cheshire.

Having left the Physics building intact, we proceeded down Oxford Road, passing the dreaded No. 315 or the seat of the N.U.J.M.B., viz. the mecca of G.C.E. candidates. After replacing shoes, we entered Dover Street where the new Electronics Department is situated. This building was magnificent in every respect. Unfortunately, time was running out and we had only time to visit the three electronic computers or "brains". These consist of thousands of valves mounted on frames. The actual feeding mechanism is not very large and the questions are fed in on perforated tape. Likewise, the answer is fed out on perforated tape which is translated by a machine resembling a typewriter.

After a quick tea, the coach was boarded. On the journey home, we stopped at a wayside restaurant where a certain prefect gave a piano recital on a none too tuneful piano. Thus, "a good time was had by all," and we now hope that those who went will be going to other Universities if not Manchester this coming October.

A. ROBINS, U.VI.

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### VISIT TO HAWKERS

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On Saturday morning, June 16th, a party of boys visited the Blackpool factory of Hawker Aircraft Ltd. This has been described as the finest fighter production unit in Europe, and the reason soon became apparent. In contrast to its external appearance, the building is of surprising size.

All parts of the factory are under one roof, from the stores of raw materials to the flight shed accommodating some 50 aircraft.

As we followed the production line we first saw the manufacture of the thousands of little gadgets which go into this seven ton aircraft. The wing and fuselage formers were made and assembled, link collectors completed, and so on. After assembly the wings are tested under simulated flight conditions, and then joined to the rear and front fuselage sections. Then the hundreds of finishing jobs are performed—fitting of radar, checking of fuel pipelines, testing of all hydraulics, insertion of the extremely neat gun-pack, until the aircraft is ready for flight testing. All these things we saw, and marvelled at the complexity of the machine. Even the cockpit controls were staggering in their number.

After seeing the first Hunters F.50 for Sweden on the line, and the last of the R.A.F. order complete, we passed through the paint shop and on to the repair shop. Here some twenty aircraft were in for reconstruction after accidents—a formidable and very slow task.

During our visit we were shown almost every detail of this fighter, and our questions were answered frankly and tactfully. We received much interesting information which it would be unwise to quote, and came away well satisfied.

P.S.

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM

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Yet another crop of startling revelations has been made in recent essays. We append some to show the astounding products of the junior mind:—

Football: ". . . in the sixteenth century. Tripping, hacking and rough play were allowed, from which Rugby Union was formed."

"Too much capital punishment would be a bad thing."

". . . prehistoric bird . . . gifted with the power to destroy the laws of gravity."

"Altogether, France is a pleasant, low country."

"The word 'autobiography' is the opposite of the word 'biography'."

"Besides open events . . . Handy capped events."

"Centred round Birkenhead are flour mining and brewing."

"Trains are the last means of transport."

"Medicine owes a lot to Sir William Penny, who was responsible for the introduction of *pennysilin*"

"Scotland is surrounded by sea on three sides . . . I suppose you could call it a peninsula."

"Although the Iron Curtain countries are much larger than Britain, the population is not half as dense."

"Marshes are very dangerous"—(beware D.G.M.!).

P.S.

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### TWO WAYS OF SAYING . . .

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The successful Camford entrant feared his Roman triumph. His erstwhile intimates sat around the room affecting self-possession, but exuding discomfort. They were waiting . . . waiting for him. His determination to be the informal sun of conversation leaked away. He entered the room, the focus of all eyes. There were muttered words of congratulation and greeting. They did not move. They did not cease to stare.

Who were these strangers wearing his old school tie? Had he really fed the same flock by fountain, shade and rill, with the yokel who now offered his work-stained hand amid an aura of manure and axle-grease, or this youth with transparent, grey skin and coal-dark, lustreless eyes who now swayed uncertainly through the mounting débris? Amid calls for 'a stunt' several inebrious youths gave a suitably ribald rendition of 'Water Melon', in male-voice unison. This was followed by a string-quartet playing Brahms for a quarter hour . . . Brahms lost.

Then Strix arose, and brooding over the assembly, told in dulcet tones, how he had begun a book by Balzac once. He had been so shocked by it that he had spoken to the librarian who took it off the shelves. "I'm not narrow, but life is so full of temptations that in literature one wants only that which is pure and uplifting," he screeched earnestly, then relapsed into his former moody silence.

At this point a retired tutor of these Philistines became distraught, as in a moment of truth he realised the futility of his vocation, and escaped from a window, muttering vaguely. The Camford scholar, seeing in his own disillusion and disgust the close of a boyish era, immediately utilized the same window. The celebration continued unheeding, until when all had departed for home, there remained only Stetson, an old man in a dry month, being read to by a boy, waiting for rain.

(Apologies to all original sources).

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### . . . THE SAME THING

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One of the most stirring events of the Summer Term took place on Thursday, the 26th July in that luxurious, newly-appointed haven of rest, the VI form common room, "a land fit for heroes to live in." Many of the prominent senior members of the school gathered to bid farewell and god-speed to their popular idol, upon his departure for 'pastures new' at Camford University. Musical items and stunts were the order of the day, with merry talk and conversation. At a late hour stimulating (?) refreshments were served, and the party broke up with many expressions of pleasure at the pleasant affair.

One regrets that the guest of honour had unavoidably to depart before the end of the proceedings, also our respected tutor, who made a special journey from his place of retirement to be present at our cultural little gathering. One hopes he still "notes our progress with satisfaction." He leaves a host of old friends, who regret his absence, and hope to see him soon with us again.

(Apologies to all Magazine Prize-winners 1950-56).

R.A.P., U.VI.

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### TO THE COUNTRY OF GRIEG

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On Friday the 5th of April the S.S. "Leda" tossed and rolled on the wind-whipped waves of the North Sea. She was bound for Bergen in Norway. On board were 70 members of the Lancashire Youth Orchestra who were at very frequent intervals parting company with their breakfasts over the side.

In the early evening we went ashore at Stavanger and one hour later set sail through the innumerable islands which border the coast of Norway. In the early hours of Saturday morning we docked in Bergen.

After many customs formalities and a long wait in a cold customs shed, we were taken in relays in a very antique bus to the place where we were to stay, which was the Norwegian equivalent of the Y.M.C.A.

After settling in, we were whisked off to a very luxurious restaurant where we ate a sumptuous lunch. The meal took two hours, including speeches.

Our first concert took place at one o'clock on the Sunday afternoon; the programme included:

- "The Thievish Magpie" ..... Rossini
- Suite in E ..... Holst
- Peer Gynt Suite ..... Grieg
- and songs by Bizet and Mozart.

During the concert we experienced the Norwegian way of showing appreciation, which is slow handclapping.

After this concert we also tasted a fair example of Norwegian rain, which is considerably wetter than that of England.

In the evening we were taken to a social evening, held in the renovated houses of some German merchants who lived and worked in Bergen many years ago. The houses were complete down to kitchen utensils and a whip for punishing offenders. After being shown round the houses, we sat down to a full-sized meal of sausages and mash and beer (or squash). While we were eating, we were entertained by a boys' brass band and a team of folk dancers who danced to an eight-stringed Hardanger fiddle.

The next day we were taken round Bergen's fishing museum. Here we saw large maps showing the long journeys made by fish around the coast of Norway. Also we saw a large collection of models showing the improvements made in fishing craft over the years, and also a collection of very savage-looking fishing implements.

On the following days we were taken (between concerts) round an old stave-church and the home of the great Norwegian composer, Grieg.

The stave-church dated from the fourteenth century and was completely made of wood.

Grieg's home is situated on a little hill which looks over a small lake. Here Grieg could sit and compose in peace and serenity. The house itself has been left exactly as it was when Grieg lived in it. We saw a number of Grieg's original scores, including that of his great A minor piano concerto.

After we had driven through a snow shower, we stopped for tea at a house which members of the above-mentioned boys' brass band, may visit for week-ends, and where they may stay over-night. The house is situated where the boys can ski and skate.

On this trip we saw a fair amount of the scenery around Bergen. This area is very mountainous compared with England. Snow fell on these mountains even in April. At the top of the Floyen, one of the mountains which surround Bergen, three inches of snow fell in one night. Bergen has the same latitude as the Shetland Islands and is affected by the Gulf Stream.

Going up the Floyen mountain is a funicular railway, from the top of which a magnificent view of Bergen can be seen. Also at the head of the railway is a restaurant at which we were given a farewell luncheon.

Throughout the trip we were very much aware of the great friendliness and generosity of the Norwegian people, which made us feel very much at home.

Thus when the time came for departure, we left with great regret. Our last glimpse of Bergen was of the lights going up the funicular railway, then it was all over.

On our return journey, the sea was like glass, which permitted everybody to have a less sickly voyage. After docking in the early hours in Newcastle, we went through a very exacting customs check, and then we boarded coaches which brought us regretfully home.

G. D. LANG, III alpha.

## The Memoirs of a Tram-Driver's Mate

or

### 24,000 feet from China

(unsuitable for sane people and young Chinese).

I had a mate whose name was Sam;  
He used to drive a Blackpool tram,  
And each day he was working hard  
Up and down the promenade.

One wet day in Summertime  
While Sam was driving number  
nine,  
There upon the track he saw  
A sight he'd never seen before.

A fiendish Chinese-looking lad  
Was pedalling away like mad  
Upon a strange and weird machine  
Painted in a brilliant green.

Along the track the gadget ran,  
Steered by the little yellow man.  
Two passengers sat snoozing, while  
He rushed along in fiendish style.

"What's going on there?" shouted  
Sam  
On catching up the little man.  
"Me work here now, my name is  
Fled,"  
The fiendish little Mongol said.

"Get off the track, you yellow  
Neddy,  
I'm half an hour late already!"  
"Solly sir, but contact's signed;  
Me go now, sir, if you don't mind."

"Not so fast, small Oriental;  
I think I'm going rather mental  
To see a little Chinese 'nurke'  
Try to put me out of work!"

By now they'd come to Talbot  
Square,  
And what a sight awaited there.  
Yellow faces wreathed in smiles  
Stretched away for miles and miles.

"I want to see the boss!" Sam  
cried,  
"I'll root him out, he cannot hide.  
And then I'll know the reason why  
Pigs and elephants can't fly!"\*

"Here is boss, he Henly Clun,  
Hon'able fiend of Mao tse Tung."  
"Now just look here, my balded  
friend,  
It's time you brought this to an  
end . . ."

"Hang on a bit," said Henry Crun,  
"Their fiendish work has just be-  
gun.  
Soon the trams will have to go:  
They just can't get the fares, you  
know.  
"These rickshaw boys are here to  
stay,  
The trams will never make it pay.  
From Fleetwood up to Squire's  
Gate  
It only costs a penny, mate."  
It seemed as though poor Sam was  
done,  
The trams by now had ceased to  
run;  
They rusted in the depot sheds.  
Their seats were used as flower  
beds.  
But seated midst this desolation,  
Sam had a sudden inspiration.  
He climbed, therefore, in half an  
hour  
The pagoda known as Blackpool  
Tower.  
There among the wailing moans  
Of scores of bamboo saxophones,  
He found a barnacled loud-hailer  
Left there by some sozzled sailor.  
So shouting through the groaning  
chords,  
Sam addressed the Mongol hordes:  
"I say, you chappies, lend an ear;  
I've got good news for you to hear.  
"The Hong Kong Naafi's giving  
free  
12,000 cups of lukewarm tea.  
It's surplus stock they haven't  
sold,  
So run before it all goes cold."

Old Henry Crun tried to restrain  
The tea-crazed Mongols but . . .  
in vain.  
They all piled on the nearest liner,  
And booked a single, home to  
China.

And now Sam drives his tram again  
In winter sunshine, summer rain.  
So remember it's all due to Sam  
That instead of a rickshaw, you  
ride in a tram.

FRED BLOGGS, Upper II.

\*Old Chinese proverb. See Confucius, Chapter 10.

[Editor's Note:—We respect the author's desire to conceal his identity under the above palpably false name, and wish him good fortune in G.C.E. (Advanced). We understand that this piece of verse owes its inspiration to a certain radio programme which shall also remain anonymous.]

### AMBITION

To make a boat, to build a house,  
To fight with the Foreign Legion,  
To sail a ship on the Seven Seas,  
To thirst in a desert region;

To ride a horse on the open plains,  
To live on a Desert Isle,  
To play in a Test on the ground at  
Lord's,  
To explore the Upper Nile;

To go beneath the solid earth,  
To be caught by dangerous crooks!  
But all these things are beyond my  
scope,  
Except in the Treasure of Books.

R. LASCELLES, IIIs.

### A WISH FULFILLED

If I had my wish,  
There's one place I'd go;  
It's beautiful Ireland  
Where the shamrocks do grow;  
Where the air is so fresh  
And the grass is so green,  
It's the loveliest country that ever  
was seen.

They call it God's country,  
They call it God's Isle,  
And people who go there return  
with a smile.  
And now I know my wish will  
come true.  
I'm going to Ireland when this  
term is through!

J. BUTLIN, IIIs.

### SOMEONE ELSE'S HOME

I hate to spend the night  
In someone else's home,  
When I have no toothbrush,  
And didn't bring a comb.  
I hate to wake up mornings  
And know not where I am,

Then have to eat a breakfast  
Of scrambled egg and ham.  
I feel so awful later,  
Without a change of clothes,  
And no clean folded hanky,  
On which to blow my nose!

P. LEVER, IIIs.

**LANGDALE CAMP, 1956**

Upon a summer's day in May,  
The Baines's campers drove away;  
Advanced party worked with a will,  
So tents were up at Dungeon Gyll.  
A hearty meal was had by all,  
Wash up, and to the waterfall!  
Alas the clouds came very low,  
And we encountered rain and snow.  
We all did try to climb Bow Fell,  
And run down Rossett Ghyll pell  
    mell;  
Grasmere village we did visit,  
Milk shakes, ices, pop—exquisite!

We really ate an awful lot  
Of pastry and Cumberland "taty  
    pot";  
Tent inspection, what a bore!  
Tuck shop? let us have some more!  
Alas! the week is nearly done,  
The games of Crugger lost and won;  
The tents are packed, the site is  
    clear,  
For masters all, let's give a cheer!

J. CHARNLEY, IIx.

**SCHOOL CRICKET, 1956**

**First Eleven**

Record to date: Played 6, Won 2, Drawn 3, Lost 1.

**Baines G.S. v. St. Joseph's College, at Poulton, Saturday, 28th April. St. Joseph's won by 3 wickets.**

Baines		St. Joseph's College	
Clegg .....	11	Hough lbw. b Ramsden .	1
Ramsden .....	4	McKenna b. Metcalf ...	12
Moss, not out .....	15	Grogan c. Moss b.	
Cook .....	5	Ramsden .....	10
Heathcote .....	4	McAuley b. Ramsden ...	0
Rhodes .....	0	Etherington b. Ramsden	15
Brand .....	2	Royle b. Brand .....	2
Greaves .....	4	Parkinson b. Ramsden...	1
Weston .....	2	Lomas not out .....	6
Metcalf .....	1	Eccles c. and b.	
Kershaw .....	0	Heathcote .....	8
		Edwards c. Clegg b.	
		Heathcote .....	0
		Hunt st. Kershaw b.	
		Greaves .....	11
Extras .....	2	Extras .....	1
Total .....	50	Total .....	67

Bowling: Ramsden 5 for 13, Heathcote 2 for 19; Greaves 1 for 7; Brand 1 for 12; Metcalf 1 for 15.

**Baines G.S. v. Fleetwood G.S., at Poulton, Saturday, 5th May. Baines won by 9 wickets.**

Fleetwood G.S.		Baines G.S.	
Jennings b. Heathcote .	1	Clegg not out .....	31
Stott b. Heathcote .....	6	Heathcote .....	30
Poole, G. b. Ardron .....	16	Ramsden not out .....	32
Wright b. Ardron .....	2		
Martin c. Metcalf b.			
Ramsden .....	38		
Shawcross lbw b. Ardron	0		
Kershaw not out .....	25	Extras .....	6
Extras .....	5	Total (1 wkt.) ...	99
Total (6 wkts. dec.)	93		

Bowling: Ardron 3 for 27; Heathcote 2 for 6; Ramsden 1 for 21.

**Baines G.S. v. Blackpool G.S. at Poulton, Saturday, 12th May. Match drawn.**

Blackpool G.S.		Baines	
Brown hit wkt. b.		Clegg .....	20
Ramsden .....	0	Heathcote .....	3
Saer b. Ramsden .....	3	Hindle .....	6
Farrow b. Ramsden .....	4	Ramsden .....	22
Hodgson c. Metcalf b.		Moss not out .....	13
Brand .....	25	Brand not out .....	0
Gobbi lbw. b. Ardron ...	0		
Horner b. Ardron .....	30		
Johnston c. Kershaw b.			
Heathcote .....	13		
Holt c. Moss b. Ramsden	11		
Thornley not out .....	8		
Walton not out .....	0		
Extras .....	9	Extras .....	1
Total (8 wkts. dec.)	103	Total (4 wkts.) .....	65

Bowling: Ramsden 4 for 16; Ardron 2 for 32; Heathcote 1 for 7; Brand 1 for 14.



**Baines G.S. v. Kirkham G.S.** at Kirkham, Saturday, 2nd June. Match drawn.

Kirkham G.S.		Baines G.S.	
Porter lbw. b. Heathcote	21	Clegg	7
Sidebottom c. Brand b. Heathcote	3	Hindle	11
Lloyd lbw. b. Ramsden	0	Cardwell	8
Widdup b. Brand	6	Ramsden	1
Plaster b. Brand	8	Heathcote	0
Mayor st. Kershaw b. Brand	5	Metcalf	0
Hopcroft c. Heathcote b. Brand	13	Algar	5
Robinson run out	7	Cook not out	8
Bamber lbw. b. Ramsden	16	Brand	0
Harrington hit wkt. b. Brand	1	Greaves not out	0
Swarbrick not out	6		
Extras	8	Extras	3
Total	<u>94</u>	Total (8 wks.)	<u>43</u>

Bowling: Brand 5 for 34; Ramsden 2 for 10; Heathcote 2 for 21.

**Baines G.S. v. Arnold School** at Arnold, Saturday, 9th June. Baines won by 87 runs.

Baines		Arnold	
Clegg	27	Seed b. Heathcote	7
Hindle	4	Lowe lbw. b. Ramsden	9
Cardwell	28	Taylor c. Cardwell b. Ramsden	0
Ramsden	0	Parkinson b. Heathcote	1
Heathcote	1	Outhwaite c. Cardwell b. Ramsden	1
Cook not out	38	Hamer b. Heathcote	2
Metcalf	4	Thomas st. Cardwell b. Brand	2
Brand	5	Rostron lbw. b. Brand	3
Kershaw	1	Robinson c. Cardwell b. Heathcote	0
Ardron	2	Naylor c and b. Brand	6
Greaves	2	Neild not out	1
		Extras	2
Extras	9	Total	<u>34</u>
Total	<u>121</u>		

Bowling: Heathcote 4 for 2; Ramsden 3 for 8; Brand 3 for 11.

**Baines G.S. v. Arnold School** at Poulton, Saturday, 16th June. Match abandoned (rain).

Arnold	
Baker lbw. b. Heathcote	8
Seed not out	15
Lowe c. Hindle b Heathcote	15
Outhwaite lbw. b. Heathcote	0
Taylor not out	6
Extras	0
Total (3 wks.)	<u>44</u>

Bowling: Heathcote 3 for 24.

**Baines G.S. v. St. Joseph's College** at Blackpool, Wednesday, 20th June. Match drawn.

Baines		St. Joseph's College	
Clegg	44	Hough not out	39
Hindle	7	McKenna lbw. b. Heathcote	1
Moss	0	Cummings b. Ramsden	0
Cook	8	Etherington b. Ramsden	0
Heathcote	5	Nixon lbw. b. Heathcote	0
Ramsden	9	Grogan c. Hindle b. Ramsden	0
Metcalf not out	9	Hunt b. Ramsden	0
Brand	3	Lomas b. Brand	8
Weston	3	Eccles b. Metcalf	0
Kershaw	5	Parkinson not out	0
Ardron not out	3	Extras	7
Extras	6	Total (8 wks.)	<u>55</u>
Total (9 wks. dec.)	<u>102</u>		

Bowling: Ramsden 4 for 17; Heathcote 2 for 10; Brand 1 for 10; Metcalf 1 for 11.

**Second Eleven**

Captain: J. R. Algar.

Vice-Captain: M. R. G. Leeming.

Record to date: Played 4, Won 2, Drawn 0, Lost 2.

**Baines G.S. v. St. Joseph's College**, at Blackpool, Saturday, 28th April. St. Joseph's won by 5 wickets.

Baines G.S.: 26 (Williamson 1, Anderson 3, Cookson 1, Ardron 0, Leeming 2, Miller 2, Edwards 1, Hill 5, Paterson 6, Barnes 0, Longden not out 0).

St. Joseph's College: 28 for 5 (Miller 3 for 13, Ardron 1 for 10).

**Baines G.S. v. Arnold School**, at Poulton, Saturday, 9th June. Baines won by 9 wickets.

Arnold: 28 (Anderson 5 for 6, Miller 4 for 20).

Baines G.S.: 42 for 1 (Cookson 8, Anderson not out 17, Leeming not out 12).

**Baines Under 15 XI v. Blackpool Schools XI** at Poulton, Monday, 11th June. Baines won by 5 wickets.

Blackpool Schools: 36 (Brookfield 3 for 2, Halstead 3 for 8, Rowe 2 for 1, Anderson 1 for 5, Longden 1 for 8).

Baines G.S.: 47 for 5 (Williamson 0, Cookson not out 28), Anderson 0, Metcalf 0, Ardron 0, Maguire 15, Rowe not out 2).

**Baines G.S. v. Arnold School** at Arnold, Saturday, 16th June. Match abandoned.

Arnold: 39 for 8 (Anderson 6 for 22, Paterson 1 for 16).

**Baines G.S. v. St. Joseph's College** at Baines, Wednesday, 20th June. St. Joseph's won by 13 runs.

St. Joseph's College: 51 (Anderson 7 for 15, Greaves 1 for 11, Miller 1 for 23).

Baines G.S.: 38 (Cookson 1, Greaves 2, Anderson 12, Williamson 2, Leeming 10, Halton 0, Rhodes 8, Hill 1, Johnson 0, Paterson 1, Miller not out 0).

### Under 14 Cricket

Captain: Brookfield, D. W.

Vice-Captain: Wood, D. A.

Scorer: Williams, E. R.

Results to 22/6/56. Played 9, Won 7, Lost 1, Drawn 1.

The team has had a good season and has played some competent and attractive cricket. On the field Brookfield has led his eleven with quiet but thoughtful efficiency, and off it with unselfishness and good manners. It is pleasant to record that he has also led it with success.

The catching has been good on the whole, and one or two difficult chances have been accepted. Every member of the team has made at least one catch. The throwing has been only average and the ground fielding too inconsistent. Even in the later stages of a game there is never any excuse for slowness or untidiness in the field. In its fielding is revealed most clearly the spirit of a team.

In bowling, Halstead, Brookfield, Rowe and Sherlock, aided by their fielders, have all had a fair measure of success. The bowling in Under 14 cricket usually predominates over the batting since batting requires much more an applied technique. Speed alone, against vulnerable batsmen, and on pitches which are suspect, will often produce a crop of wickets. Bowlers must remember the essential virtues of length and direction. Against competent batsmen, on good wickets, nothing else will achieve wickets anything like so consistently. Speed, spin, swing, variation of pace and flight and a host of refinements are valuable additions. But only when the fundamentals have been acquired.

Rowe, Wright and Halstead have had good 'knocks' and have batted with aggression, an admirable quality, welcome on any cricket field. Maguire and Knapman have played technically sound innings, made scores, and promise to become very useful batsmen. At anxious moments, others have made small but welcome contributions to the score.

All batsmen should remember that aggression is no more a substitute for technique than mere technique is an acceptable substitute for the spirit of attack. Bowlers do not always bowl straight or pitch a length, and batsmen worthy of the name should positively enjoy punishing inaccuracy. But not every ball will be a long hop or a full toss. They must be prepared to face good bowling and to play it properly. To do this requires some attention to the basic principles of batsmanship.

Every cricketer has always more to learn, and the team has shown a pleasing enthusiasm to improve. J.L.T.

### Details of Results

#### Baines v. St. Joseph's

School won by 120 runs.

Baines 133 (Rowe 52; Knapman 26).

St. Joseph's 13 (Halstead 6 for 5).

**v. Fleetwood G.S.**

School won by 62 runs.

Baines 95 (Rowe 26; Wright 23).

Fleetwood 23 (Brookfield 4 for 7).

**v. Blackpool G.S.**

Blackpool won by 6 runs.

Blackpool 24 (Sherlock 5 for 3).

Baines 18.

**v. Fylde Juniors U.15.**

School won by 7 wickets.

Fylde Juniors 59 (Brookfield 3 for 3).

Baines 66 for 3 (Rowe 20; Maguire 19; Knapman 14).

**v. St. Joseph's**

School won by 21 runs.

Baines 69 (Halstead 26).

St. Joseph's 48 (Halstead 4 for 3; Brookfield 4 for 9).

**v. Arnold School**

School won by 9 wickets.

Arnold 28 (Halstead 3 for 5; Brookfield 3 for 2).

Baines 30 for 1 (Maguire 18 not out).

**v. Fylde Juniors U.15.**

School won by 15 runs.

Baines 82 for 8 dec. (Knapman 33; Wright 25).

Fylde Juniors 67 (Rowe 6 for 15, Brookfield 3 for 25).

**v. St. Joseph's**

School won by 1 wicket.

St. Joseph's 33 (Brookfield 4 for 10).

Baines 35 for 9 (Wood 9 not out).

**v. Arnold School**

Match abandoned.

Arnold 37 (Rowe 6 for 19; Brookfield 4 for 14).

**TENNIS**

Matches have been played over the last few years, but this is the first season during which games have been played regularly. Five matches have been played up to date, of which we have won three and lost two. Three matches have yet to be played. The team has consisted of Stafford (Capt.), Greaves, Kershaw, Templar, Mayoh, Weston, Smalley and Harmer.

Next season we hope to obtain a more extensive fixture list and we should be pleased if younger members of the school who are interested in playing would approach either Stafford or myself.

We are indebted to Moorland Sports Club for permission to use their courts as a home ground.

M. HARMER, L.VI.

**BY THE WAY**

The School Roll numbers 478.

Salve: Smith, A. J. (IIIs), Hodgson House.

Valete: I. Colman, R.M.G. Coppel.

The painting of the School buildings (not for the first time since 1707 as some facetious contemporary suggested, or even 1717, which might have been more accurate, or even 1932, which was the date of the opening of the new buildings) has taken a long time and involved considerable expenditure of money, but the resultant improvement in their appearance has made it all worth while. It has been particularly interesting to note how the main doors on the east and west sides of the new building, which bore the marks of the wind and weather of a quarter of a century, have been given a "new look".

An interesting event occurred this term in the inner quadrangle. A thrush's nest made its appearance on the mounting of the large bell (a gift to the School by an O.B., Mr. J. R. Bennett, almost twenty years ago) which is used on every Sports Day. In due course, a number of young thrushes made their appearance; what happened to them

subsequently is not quite clear. What, however, is rather remarkable is that the mother thrush should have flown down into the confined space of the 'quad.' and chosen to nest there, in a place where birds very rarely make their appearance.

Mr. Etchells and Mr. Jowett have been welcomed by us all; they have taken the places of Mr. Yates and Mr. Johnson.

Next term, the number of the staff is to be increased by two. Mr. P. S. Ward, B.Sc., who is coming to teach Biology, was educated at Morecambe Grammar School, Sheffield University (where he took a first-class degree in Botany and Zoology), and Manchester University (where he has taken the Diploma in Education). Mr. J. H. Shrimpton is coming to teach Metalwork and Mechanical Science; he was educated at King's Norton Grammar School, Birmingham, and the Technical College, Birmingham. Mr. Shrimpton has had considerable experience in his subjects in industrial concerns. He has the City and Guilds Certificate in Metalwork and Heating.

The Founder's Day service on May 18th was conducted by the Reverend T. J. Stretch, B.A., Vicar of Poulton, and the Headmaster, the lessons were read by M. L. Powell, Head Prefect and P. Schofield, Deputy Head Prefect, and the address was given by the Right Reverend R. Brook, D.D., formerly Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. At the service, the Old Boys were represented by Messrs. H. R. Dennison and J. W. Nuttall, and the Governors by Councillor F. Fearnshides, Colonel W. J. Plant, D.L., J.P., and Messrs. H. Denner, F.C.A., and Russell Smith. Mr. B. A. Pickett, B.A., formerly of the Staff, was also present. The special music consisted of Stanford's *Te Deum* in B flat and G. M. Garrett's anthem: "The Lord is loving unto every man".

Dr. Brook took as his text I Corinthians III, v. 11:—"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid". The School, he said, had an interesting history. It had now new buildings, but it was still the same school; as the old Greek tag had it: "It's men and not walls that make the city." It was right and proper to thank God for the founder of the School, for all who had passed through it and for all it meant to those in it. The service should inspire boys with greater love for the school, greater pride in it, and greater resolve to do whatever they could in its service. Through those present, the school could prove worthy of itself and

able to do more through the coming years. Some boys who were once asked to state the most important thing to learn at school replied: "To learn to be trusted." That was a good answer, but the speaker would have said "to face life with its problems and its tasks with firm faith in God and the resolve to obey all His laws." All that was best and highest in the national character was founded on these two things. Sir Winston Churchill had one single rule in times of difficulty: "Do what you believe is right." The late King George VI was noted for courage and straightforwardness sustained by a deep trust in God.

This faith in God was being undermined on every side: people were concerned only with what was pleasurable or profitable to themselves, and the question of duty never entered in. The present age was an age without basic faith, without standards, without principles. Men had no sense of shame about cheating, stealing or lying: they were losing the sense of the difference between right and wrong. It was the duty of the country to re-create in people faith in God, and the chief purpose of every school was to send out boys who would become men to be trusted, men with a sense of duty and obedience to the laws of God. Therefore it should be the aim and purpose of all to build up the school on a Christian basis. The school should be judged, not so much by the certificates gained by the clever boys at the top, but by the sort of men Old Boys became; they should be honest, reliable, trustworthy, their lives built on the teaching of Christ. The best way boys could serve the school was by seeking to build their lives on faith in God and obedience to His law; they should hold fast to the conviction that that is right, and encourage others in the school so to live, and so to build upon a rock firm against the storms and tempests of life.

Our "temporary" member of the Staff, Mr. J. H. Peel, retired once again from our midst at the end of June, when Mr. Okell, although not completely recovered from his illness, was allowed by his doctors to return to work. We all wish Mr. Okell a more rapid progress towards full recovery.

The Poulton-le-Fylde Urban District Council has resolved to perpetuate the name of our late Headmaster by bestowing the name of Stafford Avenue on a new thoroughfare now being constructed within a stone's throw of the old School buildings. This is a fine gesture and will be appreciated by all who knew Mr. Stafford.

Speech Day will take place this year on Tuesday, October 23rd, when the prizes will be distributed by Prof. S. Devons, Professor of Physics at Manchester University and Director of the Manchester Physical Laboratories.

On Sports Day, the Headmaster, in his remarks at the distribution of cups and medals, mentioned that he had been in constant touch with the President of the Old Boys' Association, and proceeded to elaborate on this remark. Somehow, not a flicker of a smile was to be seen anywhere. Can it be that nobody among the spectators was aware of the identity of the O.B.s' President? Or was it merely slowness in the uptake, or just plain inattention?

At the beginning of term, a football team called Poulton Spartans won the Tower Cup at Bloomfield Road ground, in the final tie of a knock-out competition. By some curious co-incidence, the names of the members of this team bore a striking similarity to those of our First Eleven. We conclude that this resemblance is purely accidental; so is that shown by the Marton Youth Club which won the Hogan Cup during the same week, the week when the Under 12 team won the "Evening Gazette" Cup and when the Old Boys' team lost in the final of the Ramsden Shield.

We are informed also that there is a team called Hardhorn Corinthians which seems to have some affinity with B.G.S.

One of our Sixth Formers, in a poem entitled "Learning," writes:—

"I turn a page and feet move through the shallow waters,  
Stirring up the mud, clouding the clear water.

I cannot see anything—

Every time my feet move a cloud rises."

We sympathise with him. We have felt just like that when marking some Second—or even Sixth-Form papers!

Our unintentional humorists have been exercising their talents more generously than usual, as the following recent "howlers" show:—

(1) "Laud died a broken man . . . his head was cut off."

(2) "Volcanos . . . when the earth's crust starts throwing out lather."

(3) "A waterfall is a volume of water falling down a cliff because there is no other way of getting down."

(4) "The names of some softwood trees are pitch and pine and elum (*sic*) and beach (*sic*)."

(5) "The agents of erosion are wind, running water and botany."

(6) "The rice is grown in fields and the mane (*sic*) animal is the bullock. It is the only animal that does not go moldy (*sic*) in water."

(7) "The parallelogram of forces is that if three forces are in equilibrium both in magnitude and size then any two of them can be made into a parallelogram, the third being resultant."

(8) "Synthesis is a term used in Photography, e.g. Photosynthesis".

(9) "Physical changes occur in everything if you jump and put your legs apart, that's a physical change as there is no great heat involved."

(10) "A canyon is a plateau in the center (*sic*) of a 'big hole'."

(11) "The equatorial forests of Malaya are what you might call musty. Clothing rots away on you."

(12) "Sweden is a popular up-growing country, its transport industry is getting on well. It is getting moderner every day in all sorts of things. Schools are being built all over the place new buildings and sports right on form."

Here are two snippets of French translation showing the dangers of sudden inspiration:—

(13) "His beautiful aunt—sa belle formi."

(14) "Sur le trottoir—on the pig."

Our regular correspondent, K.C.K. sends us the following comments:—

### "Dash it All!"

No ideas of false modesty are permitted to cloud the judgment of a certain first-former who, in a sober and realistic appraisal of his own work, fearlessly described one of his drawings as a "perfect rhombus."

An anguished protest against the oppressive tyranny of the ruling class, coupled with a hint of false imprisonment, was voiced by a second-former who, unable to remain silent any longer beneath the well-nigh intolerable burden, pleaded that "it was not his fault that he was in detention."

To one of the third forms we had been giving a stern lecture on the necessity of cultivating self-reliance in their work, and avoiding misguided acts of good-neighbourliness. Failure to do this, we pointed out, would only bring retribution in the long run. Whereupon an unauthorised voice from the front stalls commented that we were evidently thinking of the cross-country race.

On another occasion, seeing a third-former looking rather peculiar and not his usual self, we remarked as much. To which, by way of explanation, we received the prompt reply, "Yes sir, I've just had a wash."

During the term our espionage service picked up, on the short-wave, the following excellent testimonial to the efficiency of Mr. X:—

First Voice: "By jove, though, he certainly knows his stuff."

Second Voice (with grudging admiration): "Huh, he knows **more** than his stuff."

There appear to have been some violent earth-movements in the Iberian Peninsula, to judge by the third-former who wrote "The republic of Portugal, which lies off the east coast of Spain . . ." That these changes have been accompanied by complementary antipodal disturbances seems clear from another statement that "the capital of Portugal is Brisbane." Britain's oldest ally has certainly been hit for six, and we should not be surprised if the Australian touring team have to take part in a bull-fight before they get home.

Crossing the school field towards the end of the lunch-hour one day, we came upon two third-formers engaged in a friendly (?) scuffle on the grass. A bystander — an old friend of ours — asked us if we knew the meaning of the word "amorphous". We said that we did, and were preparing to give a definition, when our friend continued, "Well, sir, 'A' said that 'B's' girl friend is amorphous and that's what the fight is about."

### COCK HOUSE

1. Founder's: 352 pts.; 2. Hibbert: 288 pts.; 3. Hodgson: 234 pts.; 4. Whittington: 208 pts.

A happy holiday to all!

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