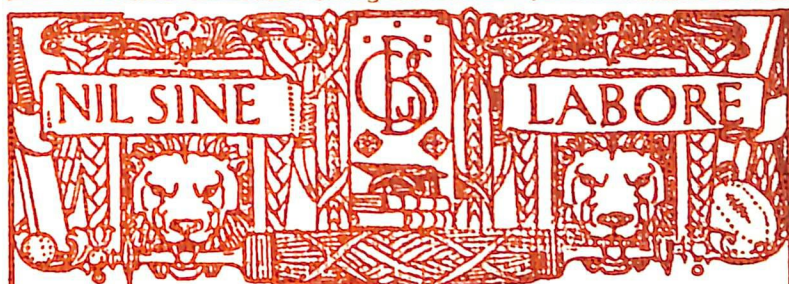
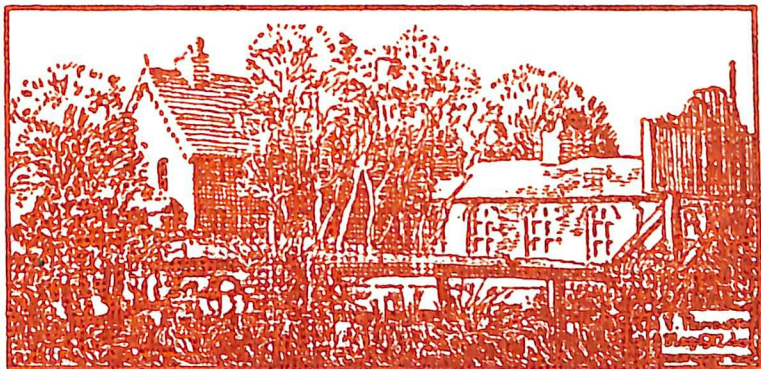


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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Next Term begins on Monday, September 8th.

Arrangements for Forestry Camps broke down through no fault of ours ; this was a great disappointment, for many senior boys were anxious to continue this summer the good work that was done last year in Grizedale and Scotland. We have an acre and a half under cultivation on the playing-fields and this will provide an opportunity of work on the land for a number of boys during the holidays ; others will assist where required locally.

The camp at Wray, near Ambleside, under the direction of Messrs. Peel, Shaw and Reade, gained a ready response.

Fire-watching has presented a difficult problem to a number of schools during the holidays, but at Baines's, volunteers for this work were not hard to find ; there is a full quota of fire-watchers for the holidays, which speaks well for the enthusiasm of Masters and senior boys. The scheme has worked perfectly since its inauguration some months ago and there has not been a single case of a boy failing to report for duty. At their June meeting the Governors expressed their appreciation of the good work done by our fire-watching teams.

Flight-Lieutenant G. Shaw has been appointed Squadron-Leader of the 191st Blackpool (Schools) Squadron, A.T.C., with which our School flight is now associated. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Peel have been gazetted Flight-Lieutenant and Flying-Officer respectively in the R.A.F. (V.R.) for duty with the Air Training Corps.

A special word of congratulation is due to G. Haworth who, at the age of 18, has gained the LL.B. degree of the Manchester University.

A. H. Beckett, whose name also appears in the Honours List, appears to have almost swept the board in the Pharmacy Examinations of the London University. It is his intention to continue his studies for the Ph.C. degree and possibly for a London University degree.

Fred Thompson, who returned from Rhodesia as a pilot in the R.A.F. during the spring, has recently been promoted Flight-Lieutenant. He is engaged in flying heavy bombers over an area which can be readily identified from newspaper reports during the past month.

C. R. Kingswell, of the Fleet Air Arm, in a letter dated April 1st, 1941, states that he had just received the Christmas parcel sent by the School. The delay was probably due to his being in hospital suffering from shrapnel wounds. We are pleased to hear that he is now quite well again. He writes: "Much to my disgust I am now no longer on the 'Illustrious'."

Squadron-Leader F. McD. C. Turner, M.C., D.F.C., visited the School on July 23rd and addressed senior boys on the various methods of entry into the R.A.F. He also interviewed a number of potential entrants.

The School Secretary, Mr. G. Curwen, who was a member of the Poulton A.F.S., has been called up for full-time service and transferred to another district. He takes with him our best wishes.

W. Lawrenson, who joined the Regular Army, is now, at the age of 24, a Sergeant-Major and doing duty at the War Office.

We regret to announce that Sergeant-Pilot Norman Baron, who recently gained the D.F.M., is reported missing. There are, however, good grounds for hoping that he is safe, though in enemy hands. He visited the School when on leave a few weeks ago.

A report of the magnificent result of our campaign during the Poulton War Weapons Week is given elsewhere. We shall confine our remarks to a word of commendation and thanks to Mr. A. C. Okell for his splendid work.

Miss M. Crooke, B.A. (Hons.), Miss L. Fenwick, B.A. (Hons.), and Miss F. E. Rutter, B.A. (Hons.) will join the School staff next term.

A full list of leavers will be published in the next issue of "The Poultonian." Six members of the Sixth Form are proceeding to Universities:—Roberts, Backhouse, Astley, Charnock, Holden and Haworth. Syddall is taking up Pharmacy, Doyle banking, while the future plans of Fielden and Stuart are not yet settled. We wish them and the other leavers every success and happiness in the careers they have chosen.

F. Roberts, Senior Prefect, has given most valuable assistance in most of the School activities and has the distinction of being the first Sergeant in the A.T.C. ; his personal influence and loyalty to the School have been greatly appreciated. K. M. Backhouse, Deputy Senior Prefect, has by dint of enthusiasm and hard work lifted the School field athletics on to a higher plane and it is hoped that a worthy successor will be found to consolidate the sound foundations he has laid. The School owes a special debt of gratitude to these two senior officials.

Councillor and Mrs. A. S. Keirby, parents of Donald P. Keirby, have presented a handsome silver trophy to the School, to be known as the Middle School Challenge Cup, and we wish to express our grateful thanks to them for this generous gift.





## SCOUT NOTES.

This term has been especially notable for the many out-of-door activities of members of both Senior and Junior Troops. During the Easter holiday Scouts of the Senior Troop camped at "Great Tower," and since then there have been Whitsuntide and week-end camps at Scorton. Two members of the Group—H. B. Clarke and J. W. Merrill—are to be especially congratulated on winning First Class and King's Scout Badges. In addition, many more Scouts have prepared to be of service by winning the Civil Defence Badge, whilst other Badges awarded include Backwoodsman, Interpreter, Handyman and Rescuer.

Both Senior and Junior Troops have been run almost entirely by their Courts of Honour and much excellent work has been done by P.L.'s and their Patrols. Patrol "logs" refer constantly to separate Patrol meetings; and we have good proof of the value of this training, for in the inter-patrol Wide Game, organised by the Northern Area of Blackpool, our five Patrols gained the first five places, the results being:—

1, Badgers; 2, Woodpeckers and Seagulls; 4, Squirrels; 5, Bulldogs. A number of these Patrols intend to enter the Competition for Patrols which has been organised by the Editor of *The Scout*.

The School wood has been used frequently, and from the logs which have accumulated from the felling of dying and diseased trees, a number of Patrol dens have been built. This is an excellent introduction to backwoodsmanship, providing that careful supervision is exercised by the P.L. in charge. The training thus obtained would normally find its culminating point in the Annual Camp, but this year, owing to lack of Scouters, such a camp is not possible. However, a number of Scouts have arranged to camp on the site specially reserved for Scouts at Wray Castle, Windermere, and although this is not so fine a "backwoods" site as "G.T.," it is beautifully situated and in good Scouting country.

Of Old Scouts we continue to hear occasionally. At the beginning of the term a most interesting "Airgraph" letter came



from Driver F. Brown, now serving in the Middle East. Later, Jack Nuttall and D. H. Bamber visited us; and now we hear that Bill Halkyard, who has served us so faithfully at many a Troop Camp, has joined the R.A. and is training in a "North-West" town. Mr. Chapman called in to give the latest news about tank training, and Len Haworth, his A.S.M., having passed the final of his Law Society Examinations, is expecting to be called up before long.

Many former members of the Group will have learned with regret of the death of Keith Bamber, formerly of the Beaver Patrol. Although in his Scouting days smallish in stature, Keith was great of heart, and proved himself to be a loyal member of the Group.

The Derby Shield Final was once more keenly contested, and although it achieved only a third place, the Group team, under the leadership of L. S. McKnight, acquitted itself well, and has already expressed its determination to go not one, but two better in next year's competition. A very welcome innovation this term was the Blackpool Inter-Troop Ambulance Competition, which is to be an annual fixture. Once again, our friends, Messrs. Horn and Pilkington, of the Poulton St. John's Ambulance Brigade, rendered valuable assistance by setting the tests and judging the competitions. They received, at the hands of Mr. Thomas, Deputy District Commissioner, the Scout "Thanks" Badges which they certainly deserve. The Editor of *The Scout* was present at the Final, and handed to the leader of our "B" team the certificate awarded to the winners. Congratulations to the team members—J. R. Eccles (Capt.); A. Pickover; J. W. Merrill and A. Britton; and to their "trainer," L. S. McKnight.

To all Old Scouts, wherever they may be, the members of the Group send their greetings and good wishes. It seems probable that before long Mr. Pickett will be the only Scout Master left in School. We know that all Scouts will continue, under his guidance and with the assistance of the C. of H., to work as happily and as heartily as they have done in the past.

"Good Scouting" to you all.

G.S.M.

## WOLF-CUB NOTES.

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Meetings have been held twice weekly and have been well-attended.

New Cubs are :—Hawkins, Reay, Murray and Whewell.

Shaw has been awarded his First Star and Hampson his Second Star. Badge-winners are :—Hillind : House Orderly ; Abbatt : House Orderly ; Cowell : Collector and First Aider.

We have re-formed into three Sixes :—Reds, Blacks and Greys. Chave is Senior Sixer and Sixer of Blacks, with Hampson as his Second ; Cowell and Abbatt are Sixer and Second of Reds ; and Walton, A., is Sixer of Greys.

On the term's points, Blacks lead with 90, Reds are second with 77, and Greys have 54.

We are very grateful to Mr. Chave, of Fleetwood, for the very fine Totem Pole which he made and presented to the Pack, and hereby convey to him the thanks of us all.

Miss Lloyd, District Cub Master, paid us a visit and expressed satisfaction with the keenness of the Pack.

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## NATIONAL SAVINGS BRANCH.

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For the nine weeks of this term (excluding War Weapons' Week), up to 4th July, our returns are as follows :—

Number of Members, 280.

Average number of subscribers per week, 132.

Amount subscribed, £184 10s. od.

Form with the best record : IIIIm., 48%.

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## WAR WEAPONS' WEEK.

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Total amount subscribed, £4,297 9s. od.

(Including £310 0s. od. in Bonds).

Number of subscribers, 355.

Total amount subscribed to National Savings to date,  
£9,663 8s. 6d.

The Special National Savings Badges gained for good work as Form Secretaries during the term have been awarded to R. G. H. Allen, Form IIc. (retained); G. Musson, Form IIa.; and R. Matthews, Form IIIm.

### WAR WEAPONS' WEEK, 24th to 31st May, 1941.

We did not find it easy to fix the sum of money that should be the "aim" of the School National Savings Branch in connection with the Poulton Weapons' Week. Mindful as we were of the fact that during a similar special week last year our aim had been obtained more than six times over, we did not feel too optimistic about the result this time. Most of the districts from which the boys at the School are drawn had already had their own successful Weapons' Weeks and unluckily Thornton-Cleveleys had selected the same week as that of Poulton.

£500 seemed too small an amount for a school of over 400 boys; £1,000 was a very doubtful proposition. Finally, deciding that it would be better to aim high, even if the objective were not realised, we started a brisk but brief period of propaganda with the larger amount as our aim.

To stimulate interest, two competitions are arranged, a Poster Competition and a Guessing Competition, and various charts were prepared ready to indicate the progress day by day during the week. Enthusiasm was further increased by showing all results on a competitive basis between the Houses.

### HOUSE RESULTS.

	Amount.			Subscribers.
	£	s.	d.	
Founder's ....	1,794	19	6	95
Hibbert ....	1,108	6	0	98
Hodgson ....	1,079	5	6	91
Whittington ....	314	18	0	71



## POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS :

Senior : R. C. Watson, Form IVs.

Junior : P. D. Bell, Form IIIs.

## GUESSING COMPETITION WINNER :

A. J. W. Beck, Form IVs.

The figures above indicate the great success of this hectic week. Luckily a week's holiday followed and gave us the opportunity to recuperate and then get down to the completion of all the clerical details of what had been a full time job every day and all day. We still dream about it !

As the Headmaster has remarked on more than one occasion, the real success of War Weapons' Week may be judged only by the resulting number of regular subscribers. In this respect we must admit that we have not experienced the increase of weekly subscriptions that new enrolments seemed to promise, and until we reach a figure very much nearer to 100% we cannot feel satisfied that Baines's is doing all that it ought to do and could do in this important part of the national war effort.

Next term we are hoping to carry out the suggestion set down by the National Savings Committee in their latest scheme, by giving ourselves a weekly or fortnightly objective of sufficient money to pay for a particular piece of war equipment. Our Weapons' Week effort was nearly a " Spitfire." Surely we could manage a few parachutes a week !

A.C.O.

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SCHOOL SKETCHING CLUB.

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Ideal weather has at last rewarded the patient efforts of the Sketching Club members.

Five meetings have been held during this term and the countryside in the vicinity of School has provided suitable subjects.

The members have shown keen interest and the attendance has been good.

J.C.



## AIR TRAINING CORPS.

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Baines's Grammar School Flight, 191 Squadron, Blackpool Wing.  
Officers : Flight-Lieut. G. SHAW ; Flying-Officer J. H. PEEL.

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Last term in our School Magazine, we did little more than announce the formation of a School Flight. This term we would press the claims of this new School activity on every senior boy for, with a full school year before us for the first time, we should be able to cover the excellent syllabus and derive immense benefit therefrom. First of all we address ourselves to all boys who will be sixteen years of age or over by 31st July, 1942, and to the parents of such boys, for they could help us to awake the enthusiasm of the occasional boy who just lets things slide because he will not be bothered to come to a decision. Such boys may enjoy all the advantages of membership of the A.T.C. at no cost whatever to themselves. The Royal Air Force has accepted us as a junior partner and officers and N.C.O.'s have already given us much help and promised us more. We need not stress the privilege of being associated with, and wearing the uniform of, such a body as the R.A.F., the exploits of whose pilots, observers and air crews generally have so stirred the imagination of all. That you know. You will not know that in the opinion of many of us the A.T.C. provides outlets for a boy's activities which are most desirable, even in time of peace. Smartness of bearing, uprightness of carriage, and a proper pride and confidence in oneself are desirable attributes inculcated by movements performed on drill parades. Physical training receives due attention. The ability to send and receive messages in the Morse Code has long been one of the ambitions of most boys. To be able to identify planes of all shapes, sizes and nationalities is a game which has relegated the old pastime of recognising a motor-car by its bonnet into a back number. The plotting of a pilot's course after giving due consideration to his engine speed, speed and direction of wind and height of his plane, can have something of romance in it. And, dare we whisper it, a reasonable proficiency in mathematics is an essential.

All the above-mentioned subjects are part of the course, but there are other activities too. A boy who is interested in music, for instance, might join the Wing Band and receive free tuition on instruments provided for him. Those who take up ground duties only receive instruction in engineering as required by the R.A.F.

Parades are so arranged as to interfere little with school work and home-work.

We think that if careful thought is given to the advantages offered there should not be more than an occasional boy of appropriate age outside the A.T.C.

Mr. Pickett, Mr. Astell and Mr. Warburton have been conducting their respective classes during the term. A model aeroplane section is now in being. Occasional Church Parades and Ceremonial Parades have been attended; a dance at the Casino attracted officers and cadets, while many cadets have had the opportunity of seeing the working of an R.A.F. Station by visiting the aerodrome to which we are attached.

During the holidays it is almost certain that the Blackpool Wing will go into camp, and for about ten days, be closely associated with the R.A.F. and its work. The Commanding Officer has warmly approved of the project and promised us the use of so much equipment and such help in many ways that, coupled with concessions we are to receive from other sources, cadets will be able to join this camp at a merely nominal charge.

The following appointments have been made :—

F. ROBERTS.—Sergeant.

F. B. ROBINSON.—Corporal.

S. W. MILNE.—Corporal.

Arnold School, Blackpool Grammar School, St. Josephs' College and ourselves now constitute one squadron.



## FOUNDER'S DAY, 1941.

The Annual Founder's Day Service was held on July 4th. The address was given by the Rev. G. W. Clarkson, M.A., formerly Vicar of Fleetwood and Sub-Dean of St. Albans, now Rector of Dunstable. The service was conducted by Mr. Clarkson and the Rev. N. H. Fogg, B.A., the lessons being read by the Headmaster and the Senior Prefect, F. Roberts. Also present on the platform were Messrs. R. Parkinson (Governor) J. Rawcliffe (President, O.B.A.), and J. R. Bennett.

The special music sung by the School Choir consisted of Stanford's *Te Deum* in B Flat; the Anthem, "The Lord is Loving," by Garrett; and Walford Davies's, "God Be in My Head."

In his address, Mr. Clarkson said that we were assembled to give thanks to God because, in the words of the Founder's Prayer, "this school was endowed (by James Baines) for the promotion of godliness and good learning."

The devil had staged the biggest war in history in order to kill the biggest idea the world has ever known—the idea of peace and amity between the nations. This idea had been spoken of by the crocodiles, weeping their crocodile tears and lashing their crocodile tails, as a sign of decadence, but *we* knew that it was not such a sign. Greater things would be required of all when the war was over, because the idea of no more war had come to stay; it was part of the fruits of men like James Baines, who decided to endow the working fellowship of godliness and good learning.

Learning by itself might bring about more badness than goodness: it was impossible to control earning in the interests of man unless one knew what man was and of what he was capable, and unless men acted as brethren to help each other and not to wreck each other's lives.

So the twin sisters, godliness and good learning, had been given quiet places in which to work, but they quarrelled sometimes, as they did last century when the bishops protested

because Darwin called their fathers monkeys. And men sought to prostitute learning to their own advancement, so that the fair earth had become a blasted heath on which the witches came to croak their songs at night. There was a great resemblance between Macbeth's witches and certain people of the present day.

We were looking back on that beautiful, sunny morning, and thinking of those who were missing and gone, and we wondered why the earth was a blasted heath and when the sisters would come together again and where. Quiet places were difficult to find ; the clatter of war created a desert in our lives. But there was a quiet place in the inner, secret heart where we planned what we should do on the morrow, whether we should be honest or dishonest, friendly or unkind ; where we dreamed dreams of our own future and made bricks of our own ambitions. Perhaps some of the dreams in the classroom were of more important things than the material of the lesson.

Boredom could be a danger to the inner life ; this could be seen in the effect of Hitler's doctrine, forbidding independent thought ; this caused men to become bored, and when that happened cruelty became right, because men thought only of their own bodies.

The speaker had had experience of this on the Somme during the last war ; in his boredom he had begun to think himself so much better than his fellows ; but he had begun to think of godliness and good living, things spoken about by those in authority during his school-days. He had let these ideas—ideas about God and Jesus Christ—play about in his mind, and had become a much better person to live with. He found that the same held good to-day.

James Baines did better than he knew when he established a school where godliness and good learning might walk together with happiness. Greater courage and harder work would be needed to bring men through to the exercise of liberty when they would decide what was going to be important to them and to the world.



## ANNUAL SPORTS.

We were once more fortunate in having a fine day for the School Sports on May 28th, and there was a good attendance despite transport difficulties. The trophies and merit awards were distributed by Mrs. J. Rawcliffe, wife of this year's President of the Old Boys' Association.

### RESULTS.

- SLOW BICYCLE RACE (Junior).—1, Ramsden (W.) ; 2, Crook (F.).  
 SLOW BICYCLE RACE (Senior).—1, Wellerman (Hi.) and Rigby (F.) ; 3, Jackson (W.).  
 CRICKET BALL (Junior).—1, Daley (Hi.) ; 2, Bell (Hi.).  
 CRICKET BALL (Senior).—1, Whittaker (F.) ; 2, Matton (Hi.).  
 100 YARDS HANDICAP (Senior).—1, Kerwin (Ho.) ; 2, Whittaker (F.) ; 3, Skinner (Hi.).  
 220 YARDS HANDICAP (Senior).—1, Rimmer (Ho.) ; 2, Kerwin (Ho.) ; 3, Stewart (W.).  
 440 YARDS HANDICAP (Senior).—1, Backhouse (W.) ; 2, Taylor (W.) ; 3, Boardman (W.).  
 LONG JUMP (Junior).—1, Wright (F.) ; 2, Eakins (Ho.) ; 3, Hoyle (F.).  
 LONG JUMP (Senior).—1, F. B. Robinson (Hi.) ; 2, Backhouse (W.) ; 3, W. Walker (W.).  
 100 YARDS HANDICAP (Junior).—1, Eakins (Ho.) ; 2, Hopson (Ho.) ; 3, Hoyle (F.).  
 220 YARDS HANDICAP (Junior).—1, Eakins (Ho.) ; 2, Kings (W.) ; 3, Gennis (Hi.).  
 440 YARDS HANDICAP (Junior).—1, Eakins (Ho.) ; 2, Hopson (Ho.) ; 3, Walker (Hi.).  
 100 YARDS (Under 11).—1, Pennington (W.) ; 2, Tilsley (Ho.) ; 3, Hollinrake (Hi.).  
 CROSS COUNTRY RACE (Junior).—1, Eakins (Ho.) ; 2, Crook (F.) ; 3, Hopson (Ho.) ; 4, P. D. Bell (Hi.).  
 CROSS COUNTRY RACE (Senior).—1, Backhouse (W.) ; 2, Haworth (F.) ; 3, Boardman (W.) ; 4, Mathieson (F.).  
 100 YARDS JUNIOR (Open).—1, Eakins (Ho.) ; 2, Hoyle (F.) ; 3, Lunn (Hi.) ; 4, Wright (F.).  
 100 YARDS SENIOR (Open).—1, F. B. Robinson (Hi.) ; 2, Skinner (Hi.) ; 3, Corbridge (Hi.) ; 4, Shufflebotham (Hi.).  
 220 YARDS (Under 11).—1, Pennington (W.) ; 2, Nevison (F.) ; 3, Hollinrake (Hi.) ; 4, Houston.  
 120 YARDS HURDLES (Open).—1, Backhouse (W.) ; 2, Whittaker (F.).  
 220 YARDS JUNIOR (Open).—2, Eakins (Ho.) ; 2, P. D. Bell (Hi.) ; 3, Hoyle (F.) ; 4, Walker (Hi.).  
 220 YARDS SENIOR (Open).—1, Rimmer (Ho.) ; 2, Shufflebotham (Hi.) ; 3, Corbridge (Hi.) ; 4, Boardman (W.).

- 880 YARDS HANDICAP.—1, Haworth (F.) ; 2, Eakins (Ho.) ; 3, Danson (Hi.) ; 4, A. Taylor (W.).
- 880 YARDS (Open).—1, Backhouse (W.) ; 2, Boardman (W.) ; 3, Fielden (W.) ; 4, J. T. Robinson (Ho.).
- HIGH JUMP (Junior).—1, Eakins (Ho.) ; 2, Cooper (W.) ; 3, Hoyle (F.) ; 4, Withers (F.).
- HIGH JUMP (Senior).—1, F. B. Robinson (Hi.) ; 2, Danson (Hi.) ; 3, Starkie (W.) ; 4, Backhouse (W.).
- RELAY RACE (Junior House Teams).—1, Founder ; 2, Hibbert.
- RELAY RACE (Senior House Teams).—1, Hibbert ; 2, Whittington.
- 440 YARDS OPEN (Junior).—1, Eakins (Ho.) ; 2, P. D. Bell (Hi.) ; 3, Gardiner (F.) ; 4, Walker (Hi.).
- 440 YARDS OPEN (Senior).—1, Backhouse (W.) ; 2, Boardman (W.) ; 3, Stewart (W.) ; 4, J. T. Robinson (Ho.).
- TUG-OF-WAR (Junior House Teams).—1, Hibbert ; 2, Founders.
- TUG-OF-WAR (Senior House Teams).—1, Whittington ; 2, Hodgson.
- OBSTACLE RACE (Junior).—1, Mortimer (F.) ; 2, Chapman (W.) ; 3, Coxall (Hi.) ; 4, Derbyshire (Ho.).
- OBSTACLE RACE (Senior).—1, Fitton (Hi.) ; 2, Haworth (F.) ; 3, Boardman (W.) ; 4, Corbridge (Hi.).
- OBSTACLE RACE (Under 11).—1, Houston ; 2, Hollinrake (Hi.) ; 3, Hywte ( ) ; 4, Varley.
- 1 MILE OPEN (Senior).—1, Backhouse (W.) ; 2, Haworth (F.) ; 3, Starkie (W.) ; 4, Hardwick (Hi.).
- JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.—1, Eakins (Ho.), 26 pts. ; 2, Hoyle (F.), 8 pts.
- SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.—1, Backhouse (W.), 28 pts. ; 2, F. B. Robinson (Hi.), 15 pts.

## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP :

	Points.
1. Hibbert House	189½
2. Whittington House	179½
3. Hodgson House	141
4. Founder's House	139½

## MERIT AWARDS :

"A" GRADE: K. M. Backhouse, D. Eakins, D. H. Haworth, T. Boardman, F. B. Robinson, Rimmer, Wright, P. D. Bell, Hoyle.

"B" GRADE: Kerwin E. A. Whittaker, Ranson, Hopson, Crook, Skinner, Corbridge, Shufflebotham, Cooper, Starkie, Mortimer, Fitton.



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## ATHLETICS.

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*Captain:* K. M. BACKHOUSE.

*Vice-Captain:* F. B. ROBINSON.

This term the School Athletics team have run in three meetings and in each have acquitted themselves with credit.

### BLACKPOOL INTER-SCHOOLS SPORTS.

The meeting was held on the Blackpool Grammar School ground, as the cricket ground was not available this year. The weather conditions were unfavourable, due to rain falling, but the standard of athletics was high. We were honoured at the meeting by Squadron-Leader Rev. K. T. Jenkins (Manchester A.C. and Achilles), the Oxford University 220 Yards record holder and English International, who presented the Certificates to the winners, and Air Commodore E. L. Howard-Williams.

The School was represented by K. M. Backhouse, F. B. Robinson, D. H. Haworth, F. Kerwin, T. Boardman, R. J. Skinner, G. W. D. Dishman and A. Shufflebotham, and we were placed fourth among the competing schools, Lancaster R.G.S. winning the Cup.

Individual honours were gained by F. B. Robinson, who jumped his own height (5 ft. 3 ins.) in the High Jump, and was placed first in that event and the Long Jump; F. Kerwin took second place in the 100 Yards, and K. M. Backhouse was third in the 880 Yards.

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### NORTHERN COUNTIES PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORTS.

These were held at the Manchester Athletic Club Stadium, the School being represented in three events by K. M. Backhouse (One Mile), D. H. Haworth (Three-quarter Mile Steeplechase), and F. Kerwin (100 Yards).

In a keenly-fought race in the One Mile event K. M. Backhouse took third place in standard time (4 mins. 45 secs.), only 1/5th second separating the first and third runners.



D. H. Haworth took fourth place in the Steeplechase, but F. Kerwin was unlucky in the 100 Yards in being in the fastest heat, and was narrowly beaten.

It is of interest to note that following this meeting Backhouse was invited by the Manchester Athletic Club to run in an invitation One Mile event, along with such athletes as D. B. Pell, Frank Close, A. Littler and A. Brand, and of the six runners was placed fifth.

### R.A.F. MATCH.

The only match of the season was run against an R.A.F. (Blackpool) team. This team, although not generally very good included such well-known athletes as Macoy and Round (One Mile) and Sherrington (Quarter Mile).

Scoring was 5, 3, and 1 points for all events but the Relay Race, which carried 3 points, whilst the events were handicapped.

The School team lost by 35 points to 31.

100 YARDS (3 yards).—1, F. Kerwin; 2, F. B. Robinson.

220 YARDS (7 yards).—2, D. R. Rimmer.

440 YARDS (14 yards).—3, T. Boardman.

ONE MILE (35 yards).—3, K. M. Backhouse.

HIGH JUMP (3 inches).—1, F. B. Robinson; 3, J. J. Danson.

LONG JUMP (9 inches).—1, F. B. Robinson; 3, K. M. Backhouse.

SHOT (12 pound to 16 pound shot).—2, G. W. D. Dishman.

ONE MILE MEDLEY RELAY (35 yards).—440 Yards, T. Boardman; 220 Yards, F. B. Robinson; 220 Yards, F. Kerwin; 880 Yards, K. M. Backhouse. School Team won.

Finally, I should like to record our gratitude to Mr. R. Taylor for the work he has done in coaching the team, especially the Field event people, up to its present standard.

A note on the fine performances of D. P. Keirby, who was our Captain last year, will be found in the Old Boys' pages of this publication.

K.M.B



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## THE HOUSES.

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### FOUNDER'S HOUSE.

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*House Masters:* Messrs. RAWES, CHARLTON and TOMLINSON.

*Captain:* D. HAWORTH.

*Vice-Captain:* J. E. CATTERALL.

*Secretary:* F. S. WILLIAMSON.

Since the publication of last term's report the Cross Country Run was held. This gave members of the House an excellent opportunity of regaining some of our lost points, and they achieved our fullest expectations by winning the Senior Cross Country. Haworth and Matthieson took second and fourth places respectively, thus giving us a greater average on points than the other Houses.

The School Sports were held just before Half Term, but unfortunately we took bottom place, although a narrow margin of points separated us from the winners.

Haworth won the 880 yards Handicap from scratch and several good places were obtained in the Junior events. Our Junior Relay Team put up an excellent performance in winning the Relay Race.

The same week Poulton War Weapons' Week was held and the School set out to raise £1,000. This sum was contributed by members of Founder's House alone during the morning of the first day of the campaign.

Our cricket teams have had very little success this season, but we have great hopes of making up our losses in the Swimming Sports, to be held at the end of term. These we have already won for the last two years, and a "hat-trick" is possible.

In conclusion, we wish members of the House every success in their examinations, and our good wishes go with those who leave us this term.

F.S.W.

## HIBBERT HOUSE.

*House Masters:* MESSRS. HARRIS, WARBURTON and READE.

*Captain:* F. B. ROBINSON.     *Vice-Captain:* A. S. MURRAY.

*Secretary:* K. MARSDEN.

This year we are again in the running for the "Cock House" Championship, but it is clear that a determined and sustained effort must be made if the Trophy is to remain in our possession for another year.

Up to the present we have met with considerable success. We were second in the "Gym." Competition and took first place in the Athletic Sports. The Annual Cross-Country Race provided an interesting example of what can be done with a lack of "star" performers but plenty of enthusiasm.

Several of our members, including the Captain and Vice-Captain, are members of the First Eleven; and this fact should stand us in good stead for the Cricket Cup. Our results to date are:—

		First Eleven	Second Eleven	Third Eleven
v. Whittington House	....	Lost	Lost	Won
v. Hodgson House	....	Won	Won	Won
v. Founder's House	....	Won	Won	Lost

The remainder of the Cricket Matches and the Swimming Sports provide opportunities, which should not be missed, for gathering points.

The House's finest distinction is that gained by an Old Boy, who is a product of Hibbert's. We refer to the Distinguished Flying Medal, gained by Norman Baron.

Finally, we wish the best of luck to all sitting for the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations and to all those who may be leaving us this term.

K.M.

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HODGSON HOUSE.

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*House Masters* : Messrs. WADDINGTON, OKELL and ASTELL.

*House Captain* : D. B. LLOYD.

*Vice-Captain* : F. KERWIN.

*Secretary* : J. HOLDEN.

Despite the record number of entries for the Annual Athletic Sports, success did not attend all our efforts, nevertheless we are not discouraged. The Junior Championship was again won by Eakins, a very fine performance.

The Inter-House Cricket matches are still uncompleted and we are accordingly unable to estimate our position with certainty. We have lost several matches by very small margins, but hope to be more successful in the remaining games.

The Swimming Sports, to be held on July 21st, offers members of the House a chance to gain valuable points.

We are grateful to all members of the House who have worked on the House Plot to such good effect.

We wish all candidates for the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate the best of luck, and to those who are leaving us, every success in their future careers.

J.H.

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WHITTINGTON HOUSE.

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*House Masters* :

Messrs. B. A. PICKETT, E. HOOD and H. N. MOULDING.

*House Captain* : F. ROBERTS.

*Vice-Captain* : J. ASTLEY.

*Cricket Captain* : T. BOARDMAN.

*Vice-Captain* : K. M. BACKHOUSE.

*Athletics, Cross-Country and Gymnastics Captain* :

K. M. BACKHOUSE.

*Swimming Captain* : W. WALKER.

*Secretary* : K. M. BACKHOUSE.

From last term we have to report on the Cross-Country Race and the Gymnastics Competition.



In the Inter-House Cross-Country Match we took second place to Hodgson House, individual performers being:—Senior: 1, K. M. Backhouse; 3, T. Boardman; and 4, R. Starkie; whilst eleven boys qualified for points. Junior: No "Stars," but eleven boys qualified for points.

The Gymnastic Competition resulted in a win for Whittington House. The Junior team gained first place in the Junior Competition, whilst in the Senior event we were placed second to Hibbert House, but when the points were totalled we led by a narrow margin. Good individual performers were:—Junior: Robinson and Morgan. Senior: Backhouse, Brooker and McKnight.

Athletics performances this term are recorded elsewhere in this publication so that it is sufficient to say in these notes that on Sports Day we were placed second to Hibbert House—10 points in arrears of the winners.

The Senior Tug Team won their event, whilst in the Senior Relay Race we were placed second. The Athletics Captain, K. M. Backhouse, was the Senior Champion with 28 points, whilst T. Boardman was placed third with seven points.

The Cricket fixtures have yet to be completed, but the first and second teams have won all matches to date, whilst the third (Junior) team has won one and lost two.

Congratulations to our Cricket Captain and School Vice-Captain on gaining his Cricket Colours.

Mr. Moulding will probably be leaving us this term to take up an Air Force appointment. We wish him the best of luck and a safe return.

Several boys are going up to the University this term:—F. Roberts (Liverpool), K. M. Backhouse (London—St. Bart's Medical College at Queen's College, Cambridge), J. Astley (Manchester), and R. B. Charnock (Manchester). We wish them and all other leavers the best of luck.

Finally, to all members of the House—why not try a little work of national importance during the coming "Long Vacation"? Farmers are short of labour and farming is a job that you can do, and at the same time you will raise a little money to put in National Savings next term.

K.M.B.

## INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION, 1940-41.

	Football.	Cricket.	Athletic Sports.	Swimming.	Gym.	Total.
Founder's ....	18.75	14.30	73.61	25.00	20.40	152.06
Hibbert .....	56.25	85.68	100.00	19.52	24.72	286.17
Hodgson ....	31.25	28.60	74.41	10.02	23.50	167.78
Whittington	100.00	100.00	94.72	9.04	25.00	328.76

### COCK HOUSE.

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## ROLL OF HONOUR.

*Pro Patria et Justitia.*

Sergeant-Observer WALTER ARDERN, R.A.F.

We regret to record that Sergeant-Observer Walter Ardern, of the Royal Air Force, an Old Boy reported missing 12 months ago as the result of enemy action at sea, is now, in the words of the Air Ministry, "presumed killed in action."

Walter entered B.G.S. in September, 1927, and passed the School Certificate Examination in 1932, in which year he removed with his parents to Ormskirk. He will be remembered with affection by his contemporaries at School as "Enoch," a splendid type of boy in every way, one who worked well and played well. He was a promising footballer, a First-Eleven cricketer, a member of the School Choir, and a chorister at Poulton Parish Church. After leaving B.G.S. he attended Ormskirk Grammar School, where he was goal-keeper for the school team. He continued to play football after leaving school, and he also distinguished himself in his local amateur operatic society.

He held a clerical post in Liverpool with a firm of importers, but, although he would no doubt have done well in business, he felt that a more active and adventurous career was to be found in the Royal Air Force. He joined up prior to the war, and quickly rose to the rank of Sergeant-Observer. His letters were



always happy and full of enthusiasm for his work. He loved flying as he loved everything he did, for he knew

“ How good is man’s life, the mere living ! how fit to employ  
All the heart and the soul and the senses for ever in joy ! ”

The toll of war is a heavy one. Again a life full of promise is demanded, and with many regrets but with happy memories we place Walter Ardern’s name among those who have gone forth from us to serve humanity in the noblest manner—through service and sacrifice. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ardern in the loss of their only son.

Sergeant KEITH BAMBER,  
Wireless Operator, Air Gunner, R.A.F.

The news of the death of Keith Bamber as the result of a flying accident in the Middle East came as a great shock to those of us who knew him well. He attended this School for eight years, the last three being spent in the Sixth Form, where he found ample opportunity for the development of those sterling qualities of heart and mind which were his in great measure. Keith was a Patrol Leader in the Scouts, a Prefect, and during his last year at School Deputy Senior Prefect. He matriculated well at an early age, later gained the Higher School Certificate as a prelude to a University Course, but his inclination was for a more active life and, on leaving School, he entered the departmental stores of Selfridge’s, Ltd., as a trainee.

When the threat of war came, Bamber joined the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve and in September, 1939, was mobilised for service. During training, his long, interesting letters reached us regularly, giving shrewd, humorous and enlightening sketches of his life as a trainee in the much sterner business of war. He was living in a new world, devoting all his abundant energy and keenness to the task in hand, as was his custom ; moreover, he was consumed by a glowing fire of loyalty and devotion to his country.

Now that he has been called to Higher Service we, who admired his lion-heartedness and loved him for his human, manly qualities, will always cherish his memory and remember with pride the example of a stalwart of Baines’s, who from his



earliest days revealed the noblest attributes of British youth. The sense of irreparable loss felt by his parents and family is shared by us all.

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### MISSING.

Pilot-Officer TOM FAIRHURST, R.A.F.

Tom Fairhurst was reported missing some weeks ago, after a night raid over enemy territory. It is sincerely hoped that he managed to make a safe landing and that news to this effect will be received in the near future.

Sergeant GEORGE CARNALL, R.A.F.

As we go to press, we learn with great regret that George Carnall, Wireless Operator and Air Gunner, who was previously reported missing after a raid, must now be regarded as killed in action. His plane was forced down into the sea after one of the engines was seriously damaged.

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### HONOURS LIST.

Sergeant N. Baron.—D.F.M.

R. W. Greenwood.—2nd Mate's Ticket.

D. D. Airey.—Inter LL.B., Manchester University.

G. Haworth.—Final LL.B. Degree, Manchester University.

J. Wardleworth.—B.Sc. Degree, Manchester University.

R. S. Martyn, L.D.S.—House Surgeon, Liverpool Dental Hospital

D. P. Keirby.—Full Athletics Colours, Manchester University.

A. H. Beckett.—M.P.S., F.S.M.C. Greenish Memorial Scholarship, College of Pharmaceutical Society, London University. Bronze Medals in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Physiology. Certificate of Honour in Practical Chemistry and Pharmacy. Morrison Memorial Medal for highest aggregate in the Prize Examination in Pharmacy.

A. G. Hartley, M.Sc., Deputy Gas Manager to the Plymouth Corporation, has been awarded the M.B.E.

# OLD BOYS' PAGES

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## OLD BOYS' EDITORIAL.

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With no activity of the Association to record since the last issue of the Magazine and no activity in the immediate future to bring to the notice of our members, we find our thoughts turning to persons rather than to things and dwelling especially on those O.B.'s who are serving in the Forces, some still near to their native heath, some now in the farthest corners of the globe, and we experience a desire to write about them, to write to them some message—not just a message of “best wishes and a safe return,” but something more and yet we cannot say quite what.

But all our efforts to this end are now resting in the salvage basket and we must confess ourselves unequal to the task.

Perhaps it is because we belong to the species of human nature whose train of thought tends to run in grooves of material things and to leave to the weaker sex that delight in an abstract interest in persons that is their characteristic.

Whatever may be the reason we find words will not express adequately the thrill of pleasure at hearing on the wireless the announcement that Norman Baron (who is an O.B. of Baines's—if only *that* could have been announced!) had been awarded the D.F.M., the feeling of thankfulness when we learnt that J. W. Yates had been transferred from H.M.S. Hood only a few hours before she set out on the voyage that was destined to be her last, or the sorrow and sympathy as we were reminded by one of the prayers on Founder's Day of Terry Lendrum, Tom Noble, Walter Arden, Keith Bamber, Samuel Hamer, who have all made the supreme sacrifice, and J. M. Beattie and Tom Fairhurst who are reported missing.

So we must content ourselves with the recording of facts, knowing that every member of the Association shares with us the pleasures or sorrows that arise from them.

O.B.E.



## NORMAN BARON, D.F.M.

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Sergeant-Pilot Norman Baron, of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy.

In May, Sergeant Baron as bomber pilot, took part in an attack against a 6,000 ton enemy merchant vessel. In June he participated in an attack on a large and strongly escorted convoy. Bombs from one of the leading aircraft struck two of the ships, one of which, an ammunition ship, blew up, and the aircraft in which he was flying was severely damaged by the blast. Despite the wreckage of the turret the wireless operator-air gunner obtained excellent photographs and Sergeant Baron succeeded in flying the damaged aircraft back to base.

Sergeant Baron, who is now twenty years of age, left Baines's in 1936 and was appointed to the staff of Martin's Bank, Blackpool. He was always keenly interested in flying and was in the R.A.F., V.R., and joined up before the outbreak of war.

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## OLD BOYS' NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE.

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We welcome to our ranks as new members of the Association this term the following :—C. W. Binns, R. W. Lawson and G. M. Whiteside.

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## MARRIAGES.

PALMER : BLAKEMORE.—On Saturday, 3rd May, 1941, at St. Paul's Church, North Shore, Blackpool, Arthur Palmer to Ruby Lilian Blakemore, of Blackpool.

TOMLINSON : SUTTON.—On Saturday, 31st May, 1941, at the Wignall Memorial Methodist Church, Thornton, John Yeadon Tomlinson, to Freda Marjorie Sutton, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

JOWETT : CASS.—On Saturday, 12th July, 1941, at St. John's Parish Church, Blackpool, Harry Jowett to Edith M. Cass, of Blackpool.

ROUTLEDGE : BRAITHWAITE.—On Tuesday, 8th July, 1941, at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, Blackpool, William Major Routledge to Sergt. Joan Braithwaite, W.A.A.F., of Blackpool.

BARKER : BRAMWELL.—On June 10th, 1941, at Lees Street Congregational Church, Openshaw, Manchester, John H. Barker to Marjorie Bramwell, of Droylesden, Manchester.

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Congratulations to all O.B.'s whose names are included in the Honours List or whose promotions in the Services are recorded on another page, and particularly to Sergeant-Pilot Norman Baron, R.A.F., V.R., for whose gallantry in flying operations the King has approved the award of the D.F.M.

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D. P. Keirby, who left the School last year and has become one of the outstanding freshmen in the Manchester University Athletic Club, has, on several occasions lately, gained distinction by his performances against other clubs. At the Manchester Athletic Club Sports a few weeks ago he won the quarter mile, with 30 yards start, in the fast time of 47 seconds and was recently described in the Press as "one of the most promising athletes who have ever been at the University."

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Mrs. J. Rawcliffe, the wife of the President of the Association, presented the prizes at the School Sports, held on Wednesday, 28th May.

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The Old Boys v. School Cricket Match was played on the School ground, on Saturday, 14th June. The O.B.'s won by four runs with a score of 67. More details of this match will be found amongst the Cricket Pages of this issue. Sergeant-Pilot N. Baron, D.F.M., who had come on leave only the day before, captained

the O.B.'s side. How remote must have seemed to him that sphere of war where but a short time before he had successfully brought home his aircraft which had been severely damaged by the blast of a blown up enemy ammunition ship.

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Congratulations to R. W. Greenwood, who has recently gained his 2nd Mate's Ticket and is now serving as an officer in the Booth Line.

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Also to Geoffrey Haworth, who at the remarkably young age of eighteen, has successfully passed the Bachelor of Laws Degree, at the Manchester University. During the last six months he has been combining his studies with training as a pilot in the University Air Training Corps.

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R. S. Charnley, writing from the Royal Military College, Camberley, tells us that he "had just finished reading in the School Magazine that his friend, Eric Taylor (also an O.B.), had just left Sandhurst when he received word that he himself was due to go there the following day. "Just a coincidence," he concludes, "but I was very sorry not to have been there with him."

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A long and interesting letter from Lieut. A. S. Binnie (1/6/41) tells us of his experiences in blitzed cities and of his work there in connection with demolitions, etc. "It brought me in contact with so many people who had lost their homes and businesses," he writes, "and it was noticeable that with most of them, no matter how much they had lost, a merry quip was infinitely more effective than words of martial severity." He is now "enjoying a month's course in Range Finding at one of the finest training centres in Britain."

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From Leeds comes a letter from Lieut.-Col. V. Pendleton, who holds a "rather responsible whole time ministerial appointment." He writes (30/6/41): "I did not expect that any of our



old friends would have to face up to another war after the 1914-1918 effort, but here we are at it again."

(Some thirty years ago Vivian Pendleton designed for the School Magazine the fine cover which is so familiar to us all.—ED.).

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We were particularly pleased to meet amongst those O.B.'s who have visited the School since the issue of the last Magazine, J. Smith, whose long and interesting letter to the Headmaster appeared in last December's Magazine. In a long chat he gave us more details of his life in Africa, and in particular a vivid description of the "round-up" of the Germans in that area which he has travelled so much and knows so well.

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Many O.B.'s have visited us again this term and our only regret is that economy of space forbids a short paragraph devoted to each one. Almost every day it seems our pleasure to meet some representative of one of the Services, a raw recruit or a hardy seaman enjoying (?) leave on account of "enemy action," but longing to "have another go at Jerry." We try to "book" them all. Any omission in our record of those who have visited us must be put down to our own personal negligence:—A/C J. F. Walker, A/C J. H. Copley, Lance-Corporal A. Seddon, I. M. Robertson, R. J. Walker, A. F. Wiseman (Wireless Operator, Merch. Navy), H. S. Quinn, Trooper D. W. Cross, A/C P. C. Palin, J. Smith (from Africa), Sergt. P. W. Gillooley, Gunner J. W. Nuttall, A/C J. S. Fell, J. Cross, Trooper G. H. Chapman, Ordinary Seaman J. W. Yates (who was transferred from H.M.S. *Hood* a few hours before she set sail on her fateful voyage), G. Chapman (from London), Ordinary Seaman W. Overstall, Sergt.-Pilot N. Baron (who told us of some of his recent exploits, but dropped no hint about the D.F.M. that was officially awarded to him a few days later!), Wireless Instructor C. D. Noble, K. W. Tomlinson P. G. Quayle, Pilot-Officer B. D. Alderson, Radio-Officer A. B. Taylor, A. E. Adams, R. Downing and A/C. F. W. Tattersall are those whose names we have not forgotten to book!

It is with regret that we have to record the loss on active service of two more of our young airmen Old Boys. They are Sergt. Keith Bamber and Sergt.-Observer Walter Ardern.

Sergt. Bamber was twenty-one years of age and had been in the R.A.F. since before the outbreak of war.

Sergt.-Observer Ardern was reported missing in June last year and his parents have now received official intimation that he has been presumed killed.

The Association extends to the relatives of each of these fine young Old Boys its sorrow and sympathy at their sad loss.

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## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE LIST OF MEMBERS

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### NEW MEMBERS :

- 1940. C. W. Binns, 23, St. Martin's Road, Blackpool.
- 1940. R. W. Lawson, 4, York Avenue, Cleveleys.
- 1940. G. M. Whiteside, 176, Preston Old Road, Blackpool.

### CORRECTION :

- 1936. N. Baron, "Denehurst," Normoss Road, Hardhorn, near Blackpool.



## BY THE WAY

Our School Roll numbers 425.

New boys this term are :—

NAME.	FORM.	HOUSE.
K. Hilton .....	Ib. ....	Hodgson.
E. E. Mullineux ....	Ia. ....	Whittington.
E. Haythornthwaite	IIa. ....	Hodgson.
R. V. Lancashire ....	IIIa. ....	Hibbert.

A certain irrepressible member of our Prep. Form appeared at School one day, not very long ago, clad in garments manifestly inappropriate for the season—the solemn, sombre attire so beloved of the greybeards of the more ancient of our learned institutions, and known to them as “sub-fusc.” Perhaps the sober hue of these garments might have attracted some attention, perhaps the unfamiliar spectacle of a Prep. boy in long trousers might have called for ribald comment from his fellows, but there was a story behind the wearing of this unusual garb which accounted for the presence of a horde of small boys, who immediately concealed their fellow-pupil from view. It was the story of an experience unique in the history of Prep., for our young friend had been, so to speak, hob-nobbing with the great ones of the land, only the previous day.

It began with a journey by night to a large city some 250 miles away. (We shall refrain from mentioning its name ; the Censor would not allow it to be printed !). It continued with a rapid inspection of bomb damage, seen from the inside of a taxi on the way to a certain Palace. Damaged houses and shops, craters in streets, massive heaps of rubble all these he saw ; but perhaps the greatest impression was made on our young friend by a statue of Richard Cœur de Lion with its sword bent, a statue of Cromwell with its head “rather wobbly,” as he put it, a hole in the roof of a certain building where many



important speeches of national importance have been made, and, last, but not least, the continued imperturbable presence of the statue of a well-known sailor (Wellington, or someone of the sort !). In short, life in the city in question, despite the presence of a few honourable scars, was, we gathered, much as usual.

The crowning-point of the adventure came when he arrived at the Palace. (We gather that the latter was not a picture-house, by the way.) To begin with, there was a surreptitious peep through a providentially open door, rewarded by a glimpse of the King himself, seated at a table, busily engaged in writing, while behind him stood two Generals ! (The boy is quite certain of the rank of these latter, though we must confess to some doubt about it !). There followed a period of waiting, during which there was leisure for taking note of the appointments of the place, gilded ceilings, solid gold tables ("at least, the legs were of solid gold, sir !"), strange clocks which were obviously working ("though you couldn't tell the time by them !"), many menservants, bedecked with rows of medals, and even Julius Cæsar himself (rather objectionable by this time, we commented, but were reproachfully assured that this was merely a statue).

Then came the important business of the day ; the entry into a very large room, with 300 men and women waiting to receive decorations, more bemedalled men holding huge trays of medals and insignia, the arrival of the King and the ceremony of presentations and investitures, which lasted for some two-and-a-half hours. Perhaps the outstanding impression of this was that the King, in conferring the dignity of knighthood, did not, as our young friend had hitherto believed, tap the recipient upon the head as well as upon each shoulder. (We suggest that perhaps this part of the ceremony was discontinued long ago, after some unfortunate "accident" to a would-be knight who had been unfortunate enough to incur the displeasure of his Sovereign !)

We doubt whether Mr. Churchill was present, though we are assured that the official whose duty it was to read out the names "looked like a sort of Prime Minister, sir !" Nevertheless,

you will agree that our young enthusiast has not failed to record in his mind some vivid impressions of his latest adventure, and we can imagine the feeling of pride with which he watched his own father receive the British Empire Medal for gallant conduct. He is already a much-travelled boy (he can talk of Malta, for example, with almost lyric enthusiasm), and we understand that he is going to live on the South Coast, a part of the country where further thrills may be in store for him.

For the rest of us, the greatest event of the term was the Poulton War Weapons Week, and the really undreamt-of contribution to its total which was raised by our own Savings Association. Mr. Okell anticipated having an unusually busy week, especially if we managed to achieve the thousand pounds which the self-styled "optimists" hoped for, but the work involved in dealing with more than four times that amount must have been enough to make even so ardent an enthusiast rather tired of the sight of stamps and certificates. However, it is pleasing to hear that the Association is still taking in large sums of money. We can only suggest that another such Week be held at some not-too-distant date, with the modest object of reaching a five-figure total! After all, the object for which this money is being raised is of vital importance to every one of us; why should there be any relaxing of our efforts?

Speech Day, at the end of last term, was a very much abbreviated affair. In fact, it could scarcely be called a Speech Day, since there were no speeches apart from a few words from the Headmaster and even fewer from Mr. Bithell, the Chairman of the Poulton Council, who presented the prizes. Perhaps you will not repine over that; but remember that there is much to be said in favour of the traditional Speech Day; it may, and does, quite frequently happen that advice addressed to you by a stranger at one of these functions has some important influence for good upon your future, despite that almost overmastering desire which seems at times to lay violent hands upon you and urge you to squirm vigorously in your seat or administer a hearty kick to a neighbouring ankle.



Still, you have for the moment been deprived, by the follies of a hag-ridden continent, of these traditional gatherings; it is gradually, indeed, becoming apparent even to you that the particular madness in whose grip the world is writhing is bound to deprive you of things which you may regard as even more important. And it is small consolation to reflect, for instance, that those very people who urged upon you, a few years ago, the necessity of eating more fruit, now spend their time laboriously proving to you that you can very well do without any. Nor does it comfort one to realise that there is a certain amount of truth in both these points of view. Yet when the war is over, we shall be only too glad to agree with the first of them, which will doubtless be given prominence once more; we shall be only too glad to enjoy the good things of the earth. And perhaps this may apply even to Speech Days!

However, there are some things of which even the malice of a Hitler cannot deprive us. Our sense of humour is one; but you may have noticed that the enemy has at least recognised the importance of that peculiarly British characteristic, for he has "borrowed" one of our most widely-read humorists and is using him for his own evil purposes. And even Hitler cannot deprive us of our wonderful British climate. It was only a few days ago that some writer referred to the British winter as "notoriously the worst in Europe." Well, this term we have passed in a few weeks from weather of the coldest to glorious summer sun and heat; by the time these words appear in print some other change may have taken place with equal swiftness.

Another thing which no human agency can take from us in this immediate district is the spectacle of occasional gorgeous sunsets, such as the great landscape painter, Turner, used to come to Cleveleys to paint. We saw one quite recently. It was a still, quiet evening, with not a leaf stirring on the trees; the peace of the declining day was perfect, and to crown it all there was the lovely rich colouring in the western sky, purple, red, orange, duck-egg blue, and the infinite variety of shadings between them.



We have been cheered by the performances of our cricket teams this season. Last year, following a period of success which had lasted a number of years, our First Eleven succeeded in doing nothing right, but this year has seen a great improvement. There is, at the moment of writing, every prospect that the Staff will suffer a total eclipse in the annual match, as their forces are much depleted. The latest to join the Forces is Mr. Curwen, the School Secretary, who 10 years ago made a century for the First Eleven against the Masters, and who, for the last half-dozen years or so, has been a useful member of the Masters' side.

The strict rationing of petrol is evidently having its effect on our boys. "Owing to my *carelessness*," writes one of them in an examination paper, "I left my bag on the bus."

There are some gems of knowledge in our examination papers this term. How do you like the following short selection? :—

"The water at the Manchester end of the Ship Cana is *pure* water."

"Deltas are folding mountains which are difficult to climb. To look at them from the front you would think it was a graph."

"A condor is a very large fish and is very like a shark."

"The Roman Emperor at the time of the Crucifixion was Caractacus."

And here is a blatant libel on the Press :—

"To make his ballad exciting, the minstrel added make-beliefs and untruths . . . but he may have been the forerunner of our newspapers."

Another bright boy has unwittingly introduced a pocket Hercules into Dickens's "Christmas Carol." "When told he would get half-a-crown if he was quick, the boy returned in five minutes with the poulterer and the turkey in a basket."

But perhaps the biggest laugh was raised by the new boy who was asked (in class) if he had been allocated to a House. "No, sir!" said he in tones of pained surprise. "I have been living here all my life!"

A revival of the "straw boater" followed the visit of a certain Public School to our playing-fields. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery! Still, it was unfortunate that the School hat-band which our two daring leaders of fashion unearthed from the depths of some outfitter's stock was at least 15 years out of date. Perhaps that was why its wearers looked so sheepish!

The exclusive masculinity of our establishment has at last been invaded by a member of the opposite sex, owing to the demands of National Service. We welcome Mrs. Thomas as a member of the Staff; she may be pleased to know that she will before long be joined by others of her sex.



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CRICKET.

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*Captain* : F. B. ROBINSON.      *Vice-Captain* : T. BOARDMAN.

*Secretary* : R. STARKIE.

We continue our policy of restricting travel and confining our games to teams in the immediate neighbourhood. Also we continue to enjoy a full fixture list and all our games.

Whilst this year's team has few players of outstanding ability it is to be commended for its smartness in the field. Few runs have been thrown away by slack fielding, whereas, on many occasions, bowlers have owed wickets to those who have snapped up difficult catches.

F. B. ROBINSON.—A good captain who always gets the best out of his team. Opening bowler and forceful batsman.

T. BOARDMAN.—A good opening bowler and successful batsman.

J. HOLDEN.—A stylish batsman capable of holding his end up against good bowling, but should deal ruthlessly with poor bowling. Rather slow in the field.

D. B. THORPE.—Promises well, especially with a bat.

W. WALKER.—Pounces on any ball within reach, seldom misses even difficult catches, and at times bats effectively.

A. S. MURRAY.—An aggressive batsman and a wide-awake wicket-keeper.

J. T. ROBINSON.—With more confidence should improve in batting and bowling.

J. J. DAWSON.—Good in the field and a fair batsman.

R. STARKIE.—Keeness compensates considerably for lack of outstanding prowess, especially in the field.

G. F. DOYLE.—Not a stylish batsman, but a hard-hitting one. A good fielder.

L. S. MCKNIGHT.—Keen. Good in the field.



Mr. Curwen and K. M. Backhouse have also played on occasion.

Cricket Colours have been awarded to F. B. Robinson and T. Boardman.

### CRICKET RESULTS, 1941.

- May 3—(Away): Blackpool Grammar School, 114 for 5 wickets; B.G.S., 35.  
 „ 10—(Home): B.G.S., 147 for 8 wickets; Ministry of Pensions, 105.  
 „ 17—(Away): B.G.S., 48; Fleetwood Grammar School, 42.  
 June 14—(Home): Old Boys, 67; B.G.S., 63.  
 „ 17—(Home): Almeyn's School, 139 for 3 wickets; B.G.S., 51.  
 „ 21—(Home): B.G.S., 69; Blackpool Grammar School, 28.  
 „ 28—(Home): Kirkham Grammar School, 53; B.G.S., 39.  
 July 5—(Home): B.G.S., 111; An Army XI., 96.

### BOWLING.

Boardman has taken 25 wickets. Best performance—5 wickets for 3 runs, v. Blackpool Grammar School.

Robinson, F. B., has taken 22 wickets. Best performance—5 wickets for 18 runs, v. Blackpool Grammar School.

### BATTING.

			Runs.	Highest Score.
Robinson, F. B.	....	....	107	25
Boardman	....	....	66	35*
Holden	....	....	53	20
Danson	....	....	51	13*
Walker	....	....	49	25

\* Denotes "Not out."

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" UNDER FOURTEEN " CRICKET

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The following boys have played regularly this season :—  
K. Craine (Captain), E. Whittaker (Vice-Captain), G. Brown,  
J. K. Rigby, R. F. Taylor, J. Taylor, D. Eakins, J. Nightingale,  
P. Smalley, C. Driver and W. Darbyshire, while A. S. Fitton  
has proved himself a reliable reserve and scorer.

Of the six games so far played, five have been won and one  
lost. The results are as follows :—

B.G.S. v. BAILEY JUNIOR SCHOOL.

At Fleetwood, Saturday, May 24th.

After a few overs this game had to be postponed owing to  
rain.

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B.G.S. v. HODGSON SENIOR SCHOOL.

At Home, Saturday, May 31st.

RESULT : B.G.S., 71 (J. Taylor, 35) ; Hodgson Senior  
School, 41.

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B.G.S. v. HODGSON SENIOR SCHOOL.

At Poulton, Saturday, June 21st.

RESULT : Hodgson Senior School, 20 ; B.G.S., 47.

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B.G.S. v. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

At Blackpool, Wednesday, June 25th.

RESULT : B.G.S., 55 ; St. Joseph's College, 71.

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B.G.S. v. BAILEY SENIOR SCHOOL.

At Home, Saturday, June 28th.

RESULT : B.G.S., 88 (Whittaker, 26 ; Eakins, 26) ; Bailey  
Senior School, 35.

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