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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

HOLIDAYS.—Easter, April 14th to May 3rd.

Whitsuntide, June 8th to June 15th.

Summer, July 23rd to September 8th.

We welcome to the staff this term Mrs. Liversedge, B.A., who replaces Mrs. Dodds.

Reference is made in "By the Way" to the departure of Miss Crookes at the end of the present term. Her place will be taken by Miss F. G. Jonas, B.A. (Hons.), Manchester University.

The A.T.C. will be in camp at an R.A.F. Station in the north during the Easter holidays.

The welcome news has been received that Trooper D. W. Cross, R.A.C., who was "missing" for many months, is now a prisoner of war in Italian hands.

Corporal G. H. Chapman (Master) is shortly proceeding to an O.C.T.U., prior to being Commissioned in the Royal Corps of Signals.

R. D. Page and H. B. Clarke begin this month short University courses for potential Officers (the former at Oxford and the latter at Cambridge). Page has been accepted by the R.A.F., and Clarke by the Royal Navy.

Mr. J. Croswell has had three water-colours accepted for the Spring Exhibition of Lancashire Art at the Preston Art Gallery.

We regret to announce the death of Councillor J. P. Dobson, a Governor of the School. He was a valuable member of the Poulton U.D.C. for 43 years and on three occasions was its Chairman.

G. Aspin has completed a short R.A.F. University course at Cambridge.

An interesting letter has been received from Sergeant B. Wilmot, R.A.M.C., who is now serving with a Field Hygiene Section in West Africa.

A.C. Jack Fairburn writes regularly in cheerful vein; his latest letter comes from South Wales and concludes with the slogan, "Baines's for Ever."

## SCOUT NOTES.

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Easter, 1943.

As is usual during the winter months, Troop activities have been somewhat restricted this term, and it was decided to revert to the Scandinavian custom of holding Troop meetings fortnightly with Patrol meetings the other weeks. The Patrols have made good use of their dens, and those of the Badger and Seagull Patrols are particularly noteworthy, great credit being due to their respective P.L.'s, J. R. Eccles and J. C. Dagnall. The Badger Patrol is leading in the points system this term.

It was with deep regret that we received the news of the death of Mr. Moulding's father-in-law, Mr. W. Miller, who had done much for this Troop in the past.

The Troop is now filled practically to capacity and several new recruits have been invested. Our heartiest congratulations are due to P.L. J. C. Dagnall, who has gained his Bushman's Thong, the fourth ever gained in the School Troop. Several National Service Badges have been gained.

Seven members of the Troop visited Great Tower for a week during New Year, having an excellent time. A Court of Honour Week-end Camp was held at Scorton. Four Patrols are camping at Great Tower during the Easter holidays.

"Mick."

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## WOLF-CUB NOTES.

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Philip and Murray have been awarded the First Star. Shaw has gained his Second Star. Blacks lead with 68 points to 53.

Chave, a former Cub, now in the Scouts, is training for one of his Badges by helping with the Pack.

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## NATIONAL SAVINGS BRANCH.

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For the 11 weeks up to 26th March, 1943, our returns are:—

Average number of subscribers per week, 244. (52% of the School.)

Amount subscribed this term, £357.

Forms with the best records: Form Vm., 100%; Forms Iib. and IIib., 82%.

Amount subscribed since September, 1939, £9,662 8s. 0d.

The special National Savings Badges, awarded to the Form Secretaries each term for particularly good work, are all retained by J. K. Rigby, Vm.; R. N. Carruthers, IIib.; D. L. Chave, Iib.; R. F. Gornall, Iic.

A.C.O.

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## SCHOOL SKETCHING CLUB.

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A few faithful members have continued to meet for sketching, or practice, throughout the Spring Term.

Six meetings have been held. Old buildings in Poulton have been useful studies.

Summer will supply new subjects, and, we hope, enthusiasm.



## A.T.C.

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Routine parades have proceeded as usual throughout the term, and it is hoped that many Cadets will be ready to sit for Proficiency Certificate, Part I., in May.

Our former Flight Sergeant, F. B. Robinson, has paid us several visits during his leave, and on one occasion gave Cadets a vivid impression of how he had found life at an I.T.W. He had worked hard, thoroughly enjoyed it all, and looked remarkably fit.

Charas. to an R.A.F. Station, dinner and tea on the station, the sight of bombs of all sorts and sizes up to the 8,000 lbs. bomb, unrestricted investigation (inside and out) of many types of aeroplanes, bombing up, swinging about in electrically-operated gun turrets, with the guns freely moving as they would when controlled by air-gunners; and dozens of other things to see and to handle: surely enough to make the most grudging Cadet acknowledge that it had not been a bad day. Such was our lot one day this term, and there are more excursions of a different nature to follow.

Sixty Cadets from 191 Squadron are to spend a week at an R.A.F. Station at Easter, and the programme just to hand makes provision for them to have flights. Thirty-three are from our School Flight, and more wanted to go.

We shall make our contribution to the activities taking place during Blackpool's "Wings for Victory Week" by participating in the Services Procession, supplying exhibits for exhibitions, and by furnishing all but one of the swimmers representing the Squadron in competitions to take place at Derby Baths.

B.G.S. Flight is holding its own. As our Senior Cadets leave School we shall want many recruits to take their places. As soon as you are old enough join the School Flight. It entails some effort, but the pleasure and profit to be derived, physically and mentally, is well worth it.

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## SCHOOL AND HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RESULTS.

JULY, 1942.

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### SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

Benson, M.; Bostock, J. F. (3); Challoner, M.; Eccles, J. R.; England, G.; England, P. G.; Fitton, K.; Godfrey, P. H.; Halsted, J. C.; Henderson, K. W. F.; Hodgkinson, J.; Holden, G. S.; Kendrick, E. (3); Lawrenson, W. (2); Lowe, M. (1); Naylor, P. B.; Nightingale, J. J.; Pickover, A. (3); Rimmer, D. R.; Sixsmith, B. T.; Smalley, B. A.; Southern, K.; Stewart, G. K.; Taylor, A. (1); Wilkinson, E. (3); Wyatt, A. C. (1).

Beck, A. J. W.; Bowker, R. (2); Brewer, R. S.; Cardwell, P. (2); Catterall, J. E.; Cryer, F. M.; Greenwood, A. (3); Hargreaves, J.; Holden, J. A. (3); King, S. (3); Lawrenson, W. H.; Merrill, J. W.; Page, R. D.; Robinson, N. F.; Samson, V. H.; Stock, H. K.; Taylor, J.; Tweedale, A.

(The figure in brackets indicates the number of subjects in which a "Very Good" mark was obtained.)

## HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

Lawson, R. W. (M., P., \*C., t.); Marsden, K. (\*E., \*H., F., also "Good" mark in E. Scholarship paper); Milne, S. W. (P., \*C., t., m.); Starkie, R. (H., \*T., e.); Williamson, F. S. (W., \*P., \*C., also "Good" mark in P. Scholarship paper).

(Capital letters denote Principal Subjects, small letters Subsidiary Subjects; \* denotes "Good" mark.)

(C., Chemistry; E., English Literature; F., French; H., History; M., Pure Maths.; P., Physics; T., Geography; W., Pure and Applied Maths.)

H.S.C. (SUBSIDIARY).—Charnock, R. S. (4); Eddleston, H. (4); Hall, G. B. (4); Murray, A. S. (1); Ord, D. (3); Robinson (4); Scott, W. N. (3); Walker, W. (4).

(Number in Brackets indicates the number of subjects in which the candidate passed.)

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## SCHOOL YEAR, 1941-1942.

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### PRIZE LIST.

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FORM PRIZES.—*Prep. B.*: Philip, D. S.; Williams, F. T. *Prep. A.*: Houston, I. B.; Tilsley, F. V. *Shell*: Walton, A.; Garner, W. F. *Ib.*: Ross, J. M.; Lee, D. *Ia.*: Booth, G. C.; Holden, T. S.; Wright, K. J. *Iic.*: Mortimer, D.; Cookson, J. *Iib.*: Barrett, E. L.; Green, W. *Ila.*: Barnett, M. P.; Henry, R. I. *IIb.*: Jackson, H.; Singleton, D. W. J. *IIla.*: Haythornthwaite, E.; Hardwick, D. E. *IIIm.*: Green, G. T.; James, L. *IVs.*: Walton, D.; Taylor, D. M. *IVm.*: Rigby, J. K.; Schofield, D. *Vs.*: Greenwood, A.; King, S. *Vm.*: Pickover, A.; Wilkinson, E. *Vib.*: Eddleston, H.

MERIT PRIZES.—*Prep. B.*: Gribben, W. P. *Prep. A.*: Keen, D. P. *Iib.*: Longworth, B. *IIib.*: Jones, C. W. *IIla.*: Greaves, R. I. *IIIm.*: Butler, E. *IVs.*: Hope, G. *Vm.*: Kendrick, E.; Wyatt, A. G.

### SUBJECT PRIZES.

*Vs.*: Holden, J. A. (Geography); King, S. (Physics and Chemistry); Bowker, R. (Engineering); Watson, R. C. (Art).

*Vm.*: Wilkinson, E. (History); Bostock, J. F. (French); England, G. (German); Lawrenson, W. (Mathematics).

*Vib.*: Hall, G. B., and Scott, W. N. (Chemistry and Physics).

*Vla.*: Milne, S. W. (Chemistry); Starkie, R. (Geography).

RICHARD PLACE MEMORIAL PRIZE.—Marsden, K.

OLD BOYS' MEMORIAL PRIZE.—Williamson, F. S.

PUBLIC SERVICE PRIZES.—Martin, H. S.; Eccles, J.; Eddleston, H.; Lowe, M.; Nightingale, J. J.; Starkie, R.; Stock, H. K.; Robinson, F. B.



## SWIMMING.

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During the Summer Term a Learners' Class will be held at the Derby Learners' Pool, commencing on Friday, 7th May, from 4-0 to 5-0 p.m.

It is hoped that a good number of boys will take advantage of this opportunity to learn to swim or improve their swimming. Approximate cost will be 4s. 6d.

The Life-Savers will take their examination after the Easter vacation. They have put in some hard work and we wish them every success.

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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 :* E. F. WHITTAKER.

*Vice-Captain :* G. B. HALL.

*Secretary :* J. F. BOSTOCK.

We are pleased to announce that we came second in the Football Cup Competition.

Under the skilful and energetic leadership of Driver, the Senior Captain, our football activities have prospered this season.

Hearty congratulations go to the Middle School Team, in particular, which has won all its fixtures with a wide margin.

There was an enthusiastic response to the appeal for competitors for the Cross-Country Race, in which we hope to regain our former prowess.

Finally, we wish the best of luck and success to all our members in the coming School activities.

J.B.

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### HODGSON HOUSE.

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

*Captain :* D. EAKINS.

*Secretary :* E. KENDRICK.

We regret that J. Taylor, who was Vice-Captain last term, has left.

This term's football results have been disappointing, as we have lost all our matches except two.

The Cross-Country Run gives us a good chance to make up for the set-backs in football, so we are hoping for some good results.

E.K.

## HIBBERT HOUSE.

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

*Captain* : H. K. STOCK.

*Vice-Captain* : J. A. ROBINSON.

*Secretary* : J. J. NIGHTINGALE.

We are pleased to announce that once again we have carried off the Football Championship. Special commendation goes to our First Eleven, which has won all its games.

The Cross-Country is to take place at the end of this term, and in this event we hope to have as large a number of entries as possible.

We must remind all members of the coming events, the Cricket Championship, the Athletic and Swimming Sports, and the Gym. Competition.

J.J.N.

## WHITTINGTON HOUSE.

*House Masters* : Messrs. PICKETT, HOOD and MOULDING.

*Captain* : H. EDDLESTON.

*Secretary* : D. ORD.

During the past term the football fixtures have been completed, our final position being third. Of the eight points gained the Third Team, having won all their matches, have contributed six, and the Second Team two.

At the moment we are busy preparing for the Cross-Country Run, in which we hope to gain a good position.

Next term the activities include cricket, swimming and athletics, and all members must realise that only by a determined effort can we hope to win the Cock House Trophy for the third year in succession.

D.O.

## STAMP SECTION OF THE SCHOOL SOCIETY.

There have been several meetings of the Stamp Section this term, under the supervision of Ord and Bostock. It is hoped that the meetings will be continued next term, and all boys interested in this hobby are invited to join.

## OLD BOYS' PAGES.

## OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

### ABRIDGED LIST OF OFFICERS, 1943-1944.

*President* : W. V. BOLTON.

*Hon. Secretaries* :

G. SHAW, B.A., Ash Drive, Poulton-le-Fylde.

J. RAWCLIFFE, 14, St. Luke's Road, South Shore, Blackpool.

*Hon. Treasurers* :

E. A. HORNER, 22, St. Luke's Road, South Shore, Blackpool.

J. SHIELDS, "Snibfield," Hardhorn Road, Poulton-le-Fylde.

*Old Boys' Editor* :

A. C. OKELL, B.A., "Knaresgarth," Staining Road, Normoss, Blackpool.



## OLD BOYS' EDITORIAL.

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"Facts" are again the order of the day, and in connection with the Reunion in particular we are obliged to confine our report to a record of those who were there and of those who did anything "officially"; for the things that were said we have unfortunately not the necessary space to spare. Consequently we cannot do justice to what was our record Reunion numerically. In other respects too it was "one of the best yet," and if there still remained any doubt as to the advisability of carrying on with this function of the O.B.A. during wartime, the 1943 Reunion has definitely dispelled it.

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O.B.E.

37th ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER.

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SATURDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1943.

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The following attended the Business Meeting held in the afternoon at the Savoy Café, Blackpool:—H. Ardron, J. R. Bennett, J. S. Blades, W. V. Bolton, H. H. Bridge, R. Clayton, F. W. Coope, G. S. Holden, Sapper E. A. Horner, A.C.2 E. A. Lees, Flight-Lieut. G. H. Mason, L. S. McKnight, A. C. Okell, R. Pye, J. Rawcliffe, G. Shaw, J. Smith, J. Shields, A. B. Simpson, F. J. Stafford, B. B. Syddall, R. Talbot, W. Walker, J. A. Walton, G. M. Whiteside.

New appointments were:—President, W. V. Bolton; Vice-Presidents, Col. T. D. Roberts, O.B.E., and Wing-Commander F. W. Thompson, D.F.C.; Joint Treasurer, J. Shields; Joint Auditor, J. R. Bennett; Co-opted Members of Committee, H. Ardron, J. S. Blades, G. Holden, A. B. Simpson, J. Smith, B. B. Syddall.

The Statement of Accounts showed a balance of £57 19s. 7d., compared with £60 12s. 8d. of the previous year. It was decided to set aside £20 to be distributed amongst the local Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund organisations. It was resolved that the subscription payable by members of the Association serving in H.M. Forces be 2s. 6d. per year, retrospective to 1st November, 1941, for the duration of the war.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. Rawes for the great amount of time and trouble he had devoted to the keeping of the records of O.B.'s in the Services and for his work in connection with the Christmas greetings, etc., sent to these O.B.'s. At the Dinner the party was increased by the following guests:—Group-Capt. A. S. Thompson; Councillor T. Huddleston, Chairman, Poulton U.D.C.; R. D. Paley, Esq., Clerk to the Poulton U.D.C.; W. Haslam, Esq.; H. Priestley, Esq., O.B.E., President, Blackpool Grammar School O.B.A.; F. Place, Esq.; J. A. Robinson, Senior Prefect of the School. Other O.B.'s present were:—D. D. Airey, J. Crosswell, G. F. Doyle, Sergt. Jas. Dickinson, R. Fielding, Pte. P. Fish, E. F. Harris, A.C. W. K. Hindle, W. Hewitt, D. P. Keirby, L.A.C. J. E. Lawson, A. S. Murray, S. Milne, J. H. Peel, B. A. Pickett, F. Rawes, W. B. Sefton, A. Shufflebotham, W. S. Slater, R. B. Warburton, C. Whitehead, J. C. Whittaker, A.C. R. Wilkins.

Regrets at inability to be present were received from Sir William Hodgson, T. D. Whittington, Esq., L.A.C. F. Roberts, Pte. A. F. Swarbrick, W. N. Walsh, Harold Mason, T. Newton, Wing Commander F. W. Thompson, H. Dennison, V. H. Johnston, J. Jolly, Major A. M. Hutchinson, H. N. Heywood, A. W. Greenwood, A.C.2 J. Fairburn, W. S. Blundell, D. G. Southworth, L.A.C. L. A. Haworth, Lieut. A. Hodgkinson, Col. T. D. Roberts.

#### TOAST LIST :

- "The King"; proposed by the President.
- "H.M. and Allied Forces"; proposed by R. Talbot; reply by Group-Captain A. S. Thompson.
- "The President"; proposed by J. A. Walton, the retiring President; reply by W. V. Bolton, President.
- "The School, its Founder and Governors, the O.B.A. and its Founder"; proposed by F. W. Coope; replies by J. A. Robinson, Senior Prefect of the School, the Headmaster, and Councillor T. Huddleston, Chairman, Poulton U.D.C.

Those who contributed to the night's entertainment were the Headmaster, Councillor T. Huddleston, J. Shields, J. H. Peel and F. Rawes.

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### OLD BOYS' NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE.

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Amongst those who have visited the School since the last Magazine was issued have been :—2nd Officer R. W. Greenwood (who took part in the opening of the North African campaign), Corpl. G. H. Chapman (Master), Corpl. W. Swire, J. T. Coope (who was entering the Navy the next week), Lieut. J. A. Paterson (Master), Gnr. J. W. Halkyard, L.A.C. F. Roberts, A.C.2 F. B. Robinson, Sub-Lieut. H. Roskell, A.M.2 E. Allsopp, Pte. J. F. Nield, Pte. W. H. Hargreaves, Sig. J. K. Rhodes, F./Lieut. B. D. Alderson (Master), Sergt. F. T. Hairsnape, A.C.2 R. Wilkins, A.C.1 D. S. Lane, Sergt.-Obs. L. Howarth, Sergt.-Obs. H. Mottershead (on leave after completing over 40 operational flights against the enemy; although only 20 years of age he has, during his six months in North Africa, been in many important attacks on Tobruck, Benghazi, Halfaya, El Agheila and Crete—and still found time to earn a reputation as our most regular correspondent!), Ord. Seaman J. G. Hughes (also took part in the initial landing in North Africa), Flight-Lieut. G. H. Mason, Pte. N. H. Lord, A./P.O. L. R. Seeling, F. C. Davies (joining the Signals the same week), Sergt.-Pilot J. K. Livingstone, Observer J. Bradshaw, Marine Engineer W. E. Chapman (Merch. Navy), Sig. J. R. Holden, L./Bdr. R. H. Crawshaw, L.A.C. F. B. Robinson, Sergt.-Observer L. Howarth, Sub-Lieut. F. E. Thompson (R.N.V.R.).

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Rev. H. F. Riley is now Vicar of St. Francis, South Shields. An O.B. who has featured prominently in the Press lately is Rear-Gunner Alan Wright, who shot down two night fighters out of three encountered in two recent raids over enemy territory. The first was an F.W. over Berlin, the second an Me. 110 over Hamburg. Officially reported missing is Able Seaman Donald Harvey, aged 19, who joined the Merchant Navy in 1939, and was engaged in evacuating our troops from Greece and Crete. R. Park, A.S.A.A., A.I.M.T.A., has been appointed Treasurer-Accountant of the West Riding Mental Hospitals Board, Wakefield. "Who's Who" of the President is unavoidably postponed until the next issue. An Old Boy, an Engineer on repair work in the Middle East, wrote home that a lorry had come into his station for repairs, and on it was painted the School crest; he was unable to trace the origin of this "homely touch."

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Again it has been our privilege and pleasure to read through the very many letters received from the O.B.'s. Most of these come from the Middle



East, and a noticeable feature has been the number of Christmas cards, both of official and unofficial type, from those on active service abroad. Very reluctantly we comply with the demands of the Paper Controller, but assure every O.B. that a mere acknowledgment signifies our thanks and appreciation of their welcome letters just as much as would a full reproduction, which we should be so happy to print if space permitted it.

Our most regular correspondent, Sergt.-Obser. H. Mottershead, sent us several letters from the Middle East. Lieut. D. H. Bamber wrote from India, "as hot and sticky as ever" (15/10/42), and told us that he had met Heywood and Bailey ("Force"). A./Convoy Yeoman K. Richmond (Bombay, 18/10/42) sent a long and interesting letter from "on board somewhere at sea," describing his visit to Singapore and his life in the various cities of India. Ord. Seaman H. F. Wellerman tells (29/11/42) of his early training for gunnery and of having "met a sailor who had two lemons and four bananas"! Lance-Corpl. K. Hudson wrote (30/11/42) from his camp near Carlisle, and Trooper J. Wood from Norfolk (3/12/42) tells of the assistance rendered by various "parties" to the farmers and how much he had enjoyed his "temporary transfer to the W.L.A.!" P./O. A. K. Ingle sent a greetings airgraph from M.E.F., and cards, all M.E.F., came from P./O. E. S. Charlton, L.A.C. F. S. Dixon and L.A.C. D. W. Berrie. Lance-Corpl. R. J. Walker tells of his recommendation for O.C.T.U. Before joining the R.A.C. he "passed his Final Examination (Teacher's Certificate), and at St. John's College during his short stay was in succession Secretary, Vice-Captain and finally Captain of the Boating Club, receiving in 1941 and 1942 his Rowing Colours." Greetings came from Staff Sergt. and Mrs. S. S. Heywood. Airgraphs came from Lieut. A. S. Binnie (Bombay, 7/12/42) and Sergt.-Observer L. Howarth (South Africa, 12/12/42), the latter telling of his 19 examinations since writing two months previously! Pte. S. R. Hargreaves was (29/12/42) training for Radio Mechanic. Trooper J. C. Hellowell was (22/12/42) expecting to complete his training by the end of the year. Sec. Lieut. F. E. Thompson, H.M.S. "—," found it "much colder, but infinitely more preferable than at Singapore." Radio Officer (Merchant Navy) R. H. Lewtas was expecting to be at sea at the time of the Reunion. Corpl. K. Whitaker, Army Air Corps, was (21/1/43) expecting to receive his wings soon and so become Baines's first O.B. Glider Pilot. L./R. Mech. P. V. Edwards sent good wishes (6/1/43). A.C.1 N. Taylor sends a very long and interesting letter written (6/1/43) amongst an environment of "direction finders" in the middle of a rather damp pastureland. His diatribe on the present and future of national and international politics concludes with a reference to a chance meeting with an old classmate, Don Keirby, on the Fallowfield sports track. Guardsman D. Smalley tells (9/1/43) what he has done since joining the Guards and of the excitements, of the assault courses! Sig. H. W. Atherton, 2nd Officer R. W. Greenwood (Merch. Navy), Lance-Corpl. F. Pender, Lieut. J. W. Yates, Sub-Lieut. W. K. Hunter, A.M.1 E. Allsopp, Corpl. P. C. Palin, Pte. N. H. Lord, L.A.C. A. G. Madders, Lance-Corpl. F. S. Taylor and Sig. W. H. Barrowclough all sent greetings at the beginning of the year. A.C.2 S. H. Hodgson is "realising the force of *Nil Sine Labore*." An interesting letter (21/1/43) from Lance-Corpl. R. N. Johnstone in North Africa describes above all the "rain" and the "rivers" with the "fords" of stones ready for the time when the bridges are "swept away." Pte. W. K. Tomlinson, writing from "near Carlisle" (27/1/43) tells of a chance meeting with Pte. J. Strickland, "as plump as ever, in spite of the fact that he had changed his P.C.'s uniform for that of the Loyal Regiment." F./O. E. Greenwood writes (25/1/43) from North Africa as one of the "initial party" to arrive there; he gives a vivid pen-picture of the land and the "natives," the friendly reception and of the "fun" of which the "R.A.F. is getting all its fair share." From Ohio, U.S.A., Corpl. D. D. England tells (12/2/43) of the overwhelming hospitality of the Americans. Pte. P. J. Thatcher joined the R.E. at the end of January.



We welcome as New Members :—

1941. K. M. Backhouse, "Earnsdale," 23, Mereland Road, Blackpool.  
1942. J. S. Blades, 22, Devonshire Road, Blackpool.  
1942. R. B. Charnock, "Thorne Bank," Great Eccleston, near Preston.  
1942. H. B. Clarke, 147, High Cross Road, Poulton-le-Fylde.  
1939. C. E. Donald, 137, Poulton Road, Fleetwood.  
1935. G. H. Mason, "Edale," Rosslyn Avenue, Knott End.  
1942. F. B. Robinson, "Rivington," Derby Road, Poulton-le-Fylde.  
1942. G. K. Stewart, 35a, Dronsfield Road, Fleetwood.  
1935. L. R. Seeling, 94, School Road, Thornton Cleveleys.

#### MARRIAGES.

HIRST : COLLINS.—On Saturday, 20th March, 1943, at St. Stephen-on-the-Cliffs Church, Blackpool, Sergt. Air-Gunner Kenneth Hirst to Vera Collins.

SANDS : HORROCKS.—On Saturday, 20th March, 1943, at St. John's Parish Church, Blackpool, Gunner Kenneth Sands to Marjorie Horrocks, of Blackpool.

BOWNESS : KAY.—On Saturday, 27th March, 1943, at St. Chad's Parish Church, Poulton, William Raymond Bowness to Beryl Kay, of Poulton.

#### BY THE WAY.

There are 466 boys on the School Roll.

New boys this term are :—

NAME.	FORM.	HOUSE.
P. Lee .....	IIIa. ....	Hibbert.
M. P. Miller .....	Ib. ....	Hodgson.

Easter Sunday is on the latest possible date this year ; this fact, combined with our early start, has resulted in an unusually long Spring Term. There will be a few more late Easters this century, but none quite so late as this year's until 2038 ; most of you, despite the probable increased expectation of life in the years ahead, will have ceased by that time to take any interest in the matter. In any case, a "fixed Easter" may be thrust upon us before then. Many of us would not welcome such a change. After all, variety has some claim, as our wireless sets so often remind us, to be called the spice of life !

But not, perhaps, in the matter of your newly-instituted morning-interval drink. The powers that be have so far made no suggestion that your daily third-of-a-pint should be varied by an occasional bottle of one or other of the highly-coloured beverages so dear to the heart of the young. We have often, in the past, viewed with some trepidation your indulgence in these "gassy" tipples ; but it is a pleasure to see you solemnly imbibing your ration of milk through a straw. This daily ritual serves at any rate to keep you out of mischief during "break."

We mourn the loss of our railings. They provided a handsome finish to the eastern side of our building and main field ; in their absence (temporary, we hope !) the School has a naked and forlorn appearance. We can only hope that the metal from which they were wrought may be used to hit the Axis where it hurts most.



Mr. Moulding has been "in transit" for a long time, and is still far from his destination. We understand that he has been enjoying himself right royally in a pleasant corner of the Empire where, for instance, certain fruits which have become rare at home are a commonplace. He has given one or two song-recitals on the radio of the country concerned. He is the second member of the Staff to become a broadcaster; most of you present boys may not know that the Headmaster used to broadcast regularly in the far-off days of the infancy of the B.B.C.

Since chemicals are nowadays in comparatively short supply, it is only to be expected that a number of you, if only out of sheer perversity, should be possessed by a craze for conducting chemical experiments at home, mostly with explosive mixtures. One of you, recently, just failed to do himself serious injury, and a puppy belonging to another of you upset himself seriously by indulging in an unwonted diet of copper sulphate. Perhaps these minor mishaps may be worth while if you manage, as a result of running the risk of them, to contribute a little to our store of scientific knowledge.

Miss Crookes is leaving us to take up a position in a school in Staffordshire. We all regret her departure from among us; we are grateful for all she has done here, and she takes with her our best wishes for her future career.

Senior boys have this term listened to four extremely interesting talks. Colonel Roberts, an Old Boy who is a Senior Officer in the R.E.M.E., resplendent in red-tabs and the bright new ribbon of the O.B.E., gave them some insight into the important work of his Regiment. A young Lieutenant in the R.N.V.R. told amusing and racy stories of life in the Navy, and Dr. Kennett, of Liverpool University, showed how events in Germany during the last quarter-of-a-century led up to the present war.

Mr. J. Coatman, North Regional Director of the B.B.C., and a former Commissioner on the North-West Frontier, told a number of interesting stories of his life in India, and skilfully used them to illustrate the way in which the British Commonwealth of Nations is organised and governed.

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## FOOTBALL.

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### RESULTS.

B.G.S. "A" Team, 8; Palatine Seniors, 2. H.  
B.G.S. "A" Team, 14; Ministry of Supply Apprentices, 1. H.  
B.G.S. First Eleven, 8; R.A.F. Eleven, 0. H.  
B.G.S. "A" Team, 10; Palatine A.T.C., 2. H.  
B.G.S. First Eleven, 1; Preston Grammar, 3. A.  
Football Colours have been awarded to Nightingale and Craine.

#### "UNDER FIFTEEN" ELEVEN.

Jan. 30th. v. Alleyn's School. H. Won, 6—2.  
Mar. 20th. v. Thornton Army Cadets. H. Lost, 0—1.

#### "UNDER FOURTEEN" ELEVEN.

Dec. 19th. v. Highfield School. A. Won, 6—3.  
Mar. 13th. v. Blackpool Boys' Brigade. H. Won, 14—0.  
Apr. 3rd. v. Bailey Senior School. H. Won, 10—2.

RESULTS FOR THE SEASON: Won, 9; Lost, 2; Drawn, 1.

SCORERS FOR THE SEASON: Lunn (17), Martin (15), Hopson (7), Taylor and Withers (5), Darbyshire (4), Lucas (2), Dewhurst, Bardsley and Lowe (1).

## " UNDER THIRTEEN " ELEVEN.

Captain : W. S. TAYLOR.

Vice-Captain : J. WIGNALL.

This is the first time we have had an " Under Thirteen " Eleven. Fixtures are arranged for the Easter Term, after the completion of the " Under Fourteen " games, and these afford valuable experience for Juniors.

Jan. 23rd. v. Hodgson Senior School. H. Won, 3—0.

Jan. 30th. v. Hodgson Senior School. A. Won, 4—1.

Mar. 6th. v. Bailey Senior School. H. Won, 5—0.

Mar. 13th. v. Thornton Senior School. A. Won, 2—0.

Mar. 27th. v. Claremont Senior School. A. Won, 2—1.

SCORERS : Taylor (6), Coe (4), Dawson and Hopson (2), Johnston and Durie (1).

H.E.T.

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## CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM.

Scott, Nightingale, Stock, Craine, Eddleston, Merrill, Eakins, Taylor, A.  
Also ran : Lowe, M., Bostock, Page, Taylor, A. W.

J.B.

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## ROLL OF HONOUR.

*Pro Patria et Justitia.*

Trooper T. PENSWICK.

Penswick attended this School from 1923 to 1926, leaving from the Fourth Form. In recent years he resided in Penrith Avenue, Cleveleys. We regret to learn that he was killed on active service in North Africa.

We extend our deep sympathy to his wife and two children.

Reported Missing : Sergeant/Air Gunner A. Wright.  
Sergeant/Observer H. Mottershead.