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## EDITORIAL NOTES

We congratulate Group Captain F. W. Thompson, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., B.Sc., who was President of the Old Boys' Association in 1945-46, on the award, in the New Year Honours List, of the C.B.E. We understand that he is to return before very long to England to take up the position of Deputy Director (1) of Operational Requirements.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of two Old Boys who have recently died. Mr. Richard Talbot, B.Sc., who died on March 15th, was President of the Old Boys' Association in 1936-37; we are indebted to Mr. George Shaw, M.B.E., B.A., for the obituary notice which we print elsewhere. Mr. John Birkbeck, who died on March 25th, at the early age of 48, attended B.G.S. between 1920 and 1924.

This issue of the "Poultonian" is somewhat slender, because there are not many long reports of School activities. From the finance point of view, which we have always at the back of our mind, this is a good thing, as losses on last term's rather bulky edition can be recouped.

The thanks of the School are extended to Mr. F. Lord, an Old Boy, for his gifts to the School of long-playing records.

We congratulate Mr. Okell on his award of a long-service medal for National Savings work.

To boys of the present generation, the name of Mrs. Margaret Eleanor Hampson, who died on January 28th, in her 83rd year, is unknown, but the many hundreds of Old Boys who knew her during her long years as cook-supervisor of the dining room, from 1925 onwards, remember her with

affection and respect, and will, we know, join us in extending to her daughter and grandchildren our sympathy in their bereavement.

N. Thomas, K. Whitehead, A. J. Watt and J. Gardner represented the School in the public-speaking competition recently organised by the South Shore Rotary Club. Our team was placed third out of six, Blackpool Grammar School being the winners.

## SCHOOL OFFICIALS

(Changes since December, 1956)

SCHOOL PREFECTS : The name of J. R. Algar has been added to the list.

AIR TRAINING CORPS : Corporal R. Weightman is promoted to Sergeant; Cadets A. J. Bassett and E. Davies are promoted to Corporal.

SCOUTS : Mr. P. S. Ward becomes Assistant Scoutmaster.

SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP : T. Reddy is appointed Secretary.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, 1956-57

Easter: Friday, April 12th to Tuesday, April 30th.

Whitsuntide: Thursday, June 6th to Monday, June 17th.

Summer: Tuesday, July 23rd to Tuesday, September 10th.

## HONOURS LIST, APPOINTMENTS, Etc.

T. E. Croft (left 1934) : Elected Chairman of Thornton Cleveleys Urban District Council.

W. Grimshaw, B. Com. (left 1928) : Appointed Headmaster of the new Witton Park Secondary Modern School, Blackburn.

R. Park (left 1918) : Appointed Borough Treasurer, Walthamstow.

F. W. Thompson, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., B.Sc. (left 1932) : Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

## SCOUT NOTES

In the place of Mr. Kearns, who left at the end of last term, we welcome Mr. Ward, who has had considerable Scouting experience. Another end of term occasion was the Old Scouts' Reunion, held to celebrate Scouting's 25th birthday at Baines. Upwards of 30 Old Scouts, including some of the 'originals', attended and it was agreed that this should become an annual event, held towards the end of the Autumn term. Details will be published in the next issue of Scout Notes.

The term has been notable for a considerable increase in the number of Second Class badges won, the result of a prolonged drive, so that now 72% of the Troop have the badge. Next term, in addition to our usual camping programme—and we hope that many Scouts will apply for permission to have week-end hikes and camps—we propose a further drive, this time to secure more First Class badges. Some work to this end has been done this term, and three Seniors, Chadwick, Hardy and Woods, are to be congratulated on the standard of their First Class Journey reports, which they completed at half term. They were accompanied by four members of the Junior Troop on their way to the Scout camp site on the Brock. Further practice in First Class Hike reporting was had at a later meeting, when patrols spread over Hardhorn, Poulton, Carleton and Marton with instructions to report on their discoveries.

We marked the hundredth anniversary of the birth of 'B.P.', which was celebrated throughout the Scouting world, by a special programme which included a description of his character and some of his adventures and an attempt, which failed, to observe, undetected, the activities of some neighbouring 'Boers' and their leaders. On February 24th a joint Guide and Scout Service was held in Poulton Church, and at the beginning of next term, celebrations are to be held in Poulton from Friday to Sunday, May 10th to 12th, which are to include a Social, a Camp Fire and a Scout's Own. A suggestion for this red-letter year in Scouting to all Scouts who read these notes: read, re-read and inwardly digest B.P.'s "Scouting for Boys", and, for the older Scouts, his "Rovering to Success".

Summaries of Patrol Leaders' reports follow:—

**Beavers**, winners of the inter-patrol competition up to half term. All members now have Second Class, one of them

gaining it in record time. Troop and Patrol meetings well attended. Two members practised First Class Hike at half term. Some First Class tests passed.

**Otters.** P.L. confesses: "Much progress by all members except, perhaps, by the P.L." Ramsden, the new Patrol Second, did a practice hike at half term and has won his Second Class badge, but "the 'Squares' of the Patrol were not sufficiently interested". 60% without Second Class.

**Owls.** Two members have won Second Class badges and juniors have been particularly enthusiastic, some of them now well on their way to becoming First Class Scouts.

**Squirrels.** Some progress in badge work, although two members have still to complete Second Class.

**Seniors** have attended Troop meetings regularly, though not always "uniformly", and have helped to run them. At half term, three members passed First Class Journey and should shortly receive First Class badges when re-testing has been finished.

Brief reminders of things to come:—'Bob a Job' week, April 22nd to 27th; Poulton Scout Celebrations, May 10th to 12th; Whitsuntide Patrol Camps, which patrols should be arranging now; Summer Camp will be held at Gatehouse of Fleet—all members expected to attend.

"Good Camping" to those who are going with the T.L. to 'Great Tower' for a week, and, to all Scouts, "Good Scouting". Don't forget those "good turns" (without the 'bobs' incentive) and "Scouting for Boys".

## A.T.C.

At the close of the Autumn Term a weekend camp was arranged for our squadron and was held at the R.A.F. Station, Weeton. Twenty cadets, F./Lt. A. C. Smith and F./O. A. Etchells attended the camp. The programme included range practice, jet engine instruction, P.T. and drill, "lay-out—barrack room of, A.T.C. Officer instruction by."

A second weekend camp at Weeton was held at the end of March and an Easter camp lasting five days will be held at Weeton and will be attended by cadets from squadrons throughout the wing.

We congratulate Cdt. Ramsden on passing the proficiency examination.

The names of cadets wishing to attend gliding courses with the R.A.F. this summer have been forwarded to headquarters and we hope that all of these cadets will have the opportunity to learn the art of gliding.

Congratulations go to Sgt. Weightman on his promotion (he replaces Sgt. Holroyd, who has now joined the R.A.F.) and also to Cpl. Davies and Bassett who have been promoted from the ranks.

We are sorry to announce that the strength of the squadron has decreased this year. The squadron would therefore welcome a number of new recruits. Recruits must be at least 14 years old and be keen and air-minded. There is no obligation to join the R.A.F. although the Air Ministry provides free gliding courses, flying scholarships and overseas visits for keen cadets.

D. G. FARRER (Flt. Sgt.)

## THE HOUSES

### Founder's House

The "joys of Spring" are upon us once more and so is the Cross-Country race.

The response has been remarkably good, especially from the juniors. We are urging all members of Founder's House not to be content with merely trotting round, but to make a strong effort to gain bonus points. A little more general determination will result in a greatly increased total.

Next term sees the return of the cricket and athletics season. We can win both the cricket and the inter-house sports if we maintain the excellent House spirit which prevails at the moment.

M.F.H.

### Hibbert House

There has been little House activity this term, since the football competition was completed before Christmas. At the time of writing this report, practices for the cross-country run are being made; more juniors have qualified than both middle-school and senior members. We hope, however, for 100 per cent. entry from Hibbert.

Next term is particularly busy with sports. There are the cricket, swimming and athletics competitions. Much hard work and training will have to be done if we are to win these and the Cock House Cup.

We welcome to the House Mr. Harrison, whose sojourn, though short, will no doubt be of value to the House. We wish all members of the House taking G.C.E. examinations every success.

T.C.

### Hodgson House

Since the last edition of the "Poultonian" there has been little to report except that the preliminary qualifying runs are going quite well, because response has been whole-hearted. If all members pull their weight there is no reason why the House should not repeat last year's resounding success and again confound those who criticise us.

The swimming sports are included in the summer term's activities and boys who are interested should see the House swimming captain, Davies (L.VI).

In conclusion let us offer our congratulations to K. Whitehead, who has been awarded his football colours, and also to J. Cardwell, who is to represent the School at Cambridge during the F.A. week.

A.J.C.

### Whittington House

During this term there has been no inter-house competition so far. Only the cross country race is held during the Spring term and because it is held so late, it cannot be reported in this magazine.

The keenness of the juniors for this event is clearly shown. Some boys qualified on the first two evenings and there has been a steady flow of qualifiers since. It is hoped that this keenness will also be found in the middle and senior school because without it the House can achieve nothing.

Next term, with athletics and cricket, is the most important part of the year so far as Cock House competitions are concerned. The athletics are held in June. This event needs detailed organising and it is hoped that all will co-operate by turning up for heats when required.

A new feature has been added to the House Assemblies which were introduced last term. Now the House Masters, in rotation, read the prayers.

Congratulations to R. Robinson on the award of Football Colours.

J.R.H.

## NATIONAL SAVINGS BRANCH

For the eleven weeks of this term up to 29th March, our returns are:—

Total amount subscribed, £124 12s. 0d.

Average number of subscribers per week, 116.  
(24% of the School).

Forms with the best averages: IV alpha 44%; Vs 35%;  
V alpha 30%.

On February 28th, M. F. Harmer and C. V. Stafford of Upper Sixth attended a social gathering organised by the Poulton Savings Committee, at which long service badges were presented by the North Western Regional Deputy Commissioner. One result of this visit will be a debate on Saving by the Senior Debating Society, towards the end of this term.

The special National Savings badges awarded each term to form secretaries for particularly good work have been gained by P. L. Rothwell, IV alpha; B. Garstang, Vs, and G. Jenkins, V alpha.  
A.C.O.

## SCHOOL SOCIETY

That it pays to advertise has certainly been proved this term. Sections which advertise their meetings with highly coloured and often imaginative posters have been well rewarded by large attendances. With regard to this, special mention must be made of the Film Society, whose officials show both artistic talent and imagination.

This term has seen a rare occurrence, a meeting of the Senior Debating Society. We hope that the seniors will take notice and offer the society the benefit of their talents, so that meetings may be held regularly in the future.

During the summer term, meetings are usually ill attended because of G.C.E. examinations and House activities. We hope that all society officials will attempt to combat this decrease and that members will continue faithfully to support their societies.

T.C. & R.E.S.

## Junior Debating Society

Several meetings have been held this term, all of them taking the form of debates. We had a "house" of 40 at one meeting; speakers on that occasion were G. P. Chippendale, M. J. Chippendale, Suffolk, Phillips, Day, Charnley and Beesley. One set of minutes was unfortunately lost, and on one occasion the minutes were not retaken; the committee therefore wishes to convey its apologies to speakers whose names are not here recorded.

R.J.S.

## The Science Society

We are pleased to announce that we have just completed a highly successful term of regular meetings.

At our first meeting in the new year, A. Robins (who is now at the Manchester University) spoke about "Carbohydrate Utilisation in the Human Body".

"Coal and its Uses" was the subject of a talk, film and demonstration by Rigby (L. VI.).

On February 5th the society recorded an attendance of over 60 boys, a figure which we believe can only be beaten by the Film Society. The speaker was S. Blackamore (U.VI) whose subject was "The Social Life of Insects". A colour film, "The Rival World", was shown at this meeting.

M. Leeming (U.VI) spoke about the preparation of dyes, and a colour film illustrated the discovery of a new pigment.

The problem presented to society by the large number of mental defectives was one of the main points discussed in the talk by J. Algar (U.VI), entitled "Heredity".

At our final meeting of the term, P. Schofield (also now at the Manchester University) spoke on the subject of "Star types, and their formation".

A "splinter group", the Junior Science Society, has now been formed to allow younger boys to have their say about subjects of a less advanced nature, and we wish them well in the future. We also wish to thank all our speakers and our projectionist for their services.

D.G.F.

### Modern Music Society

This term meetings have been held fairly regularly in the Science Lecture Room, which was considered more suitable than the Sixth Form Room, previously used. Because of limited scope of material, programmes have been mainly concerned with the complexities of modern jazz. The most popular programme provided a selection of music showing the genius of the late Art Tatum. The material was kindly provided by J. Greaves. We are also indebted to J. R. Algar who has often provided records and whose appreciation of guitar music has influenced the taste of the members. Programmes of Django Reinhardt's music have proved popular. Sarah Vaughan and Mel Tormé have provided enjoyable vocal relief.

L.M.T., J.S.

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### The Table Tennis Club

Meetings have been held every Friday in the Dining Hall, and the standard of play among most of the members has improved considerably.

The winner of last term's "handicap" tournament can now be announced: B. Morris, of Upper VI was a very worthy winner, and E. R. Johnston, also of the Upper VI, was runner-up. We were surprised at some of the hidden talent the tournament produced!

Finally we should like to thank the Headmaster for his kind permission to use the Dining Hall for our meetings.

I.S.T.

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### Photographic Society

Group meetings have been held regularly this term and work has included developing, printing and enlarging. Most of our new members now have a reasonable basic knowledge of photography and so, next term, a series of lectures will be given that will deal with the more detailed aspects of photography.

It is hoped that, with summer approaching, members will take advantage of the better conditions for photography.

P.H.H.

### School Sketching Club

Meetings have been held regularly throughout the term. Good efforts have been made in Landscape Composition. Several members are keenly interested in Poster Work, and have produced some very good examples. J.C.

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### Junior Table Tennis Club

The Junior Table Tennis Club was very sorry to lose Mr. Kearns, who had been in charge since its formation last term. N. Thomas of the Upper Sixth has taken his place and the club is still enjoying a pleasing attendance. We have held our meetings in the canteen this term as the gym is not available. We wish to thank N.T. for his help and co-operation.

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### The Geographical Society

The Society began the term with two illustrated lectures by Messrs. Wilde and Charnley of their visit with a school party to Austria. Films about Oil, West Indies and Norway, were shown at our next three meetings. Attendances, though quite large at the beginning of term have gradually decreased with the advent of the finer weather.

We have purchased a number of geological maps and photographs which we hope will be of great use at future meetings.

Our thanks are extended to Mr. Wilde for his unfailing support and encouragement.

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### The Stamp Society

At the end of last term P. Williams (IIm) was awarded a prize for his display of stamps.

This term the Society has held regular meetings and there have been several items of interest, including a competition quiz kindly prepared by Mr. Okell. The winners

were: 1st, A. J. Watt (Sen.), 2nd: R. N. Corkhill (Middle School); 3rd, J. D. Edge (Junior).

At one of our meetings we examined the school collection which has recently been re-arranged and classified by Mr. Okell.

We are indebted to T. Holme (Vs) for the kind gift of a stamp catalogue to add to our small but gradually increasing library of stamp books for the use of members.

In the near future we shall stage another quiz competition, the results of which will appear in next term's report.

A.J.W., B.G.

### School Christian Fellowship

Meetings this term have continued with success, and have been enjoyed by all the members of the Fellowship.

This term has seen our membership increase, and the average attendance has been higher. There is, however, room for more members.

The first epistle to the Thessalonians has been studied in full, the studies being led by five boys in turn.

The only open meeting of this term has taken the form of a "Padre's Innings" at which the Rev. A. G. Allcock of Blackpool invited questions on "Matters of Religion".

K.A.Y. & T.R.

### Film Society

This term has been a relatively inactive one for the Film Society. At the time of writing only one meeting has been held. However, we have continued our policy of co-operation with the other Societies and a joint meeting was held with the Classical Music Society when two classical music films were shown.

The meeting this term consisted of a programme of short films and was held on February 28th. The film of main interest was "MetroScopix" which explained and demon-

strated stereoscopic three-dimensional film-making. The process used was the two-coloured method. Two pictures, one in red, the other green, are shown simultaneously on the screen. When viewed through matching spectacles, the pictures appear to be three-dimensional and are uncannily realistic.

There were many gasps from the audience as knives appeared to be flung in their faces, when a hose was turned on them, and when a ride on a roller-coaster was shown. However, we sustained no casualties although a few complained of giddiness.

A short Technicolor surrealist cartoon was also shown, together with the 1953 Cup Final film, "Fire at Duchan", "Some of the Best", and the 1956 School Camp Film. Approximately 150 saw the programme.

Next term there will be no meetings except, perhaps, a special end of term show. We do hope, however, to arrange another outing to a Manchester Television studio, Granada, A.B.C., or B.B.C., but further details will be announced next term.

R.K.

### Chess Club

Meetings have continued regularly, and attendances have been quite good, but we are concerned about the sudden decline of enthusiasm amongst the junior members.

Match results this year have not been quite as good as before, the last two games against Blackpool G.S. both being lost, though by a narrow margin only. Let us hope that these setbacks will act as an incentive to an improved standard of play.

Our thanks must once again be extended to Mr. Hood, who gives freely of his valuable time in advising us and supporting our efforts.

C.V.S.

### Model Engineering Section

Meetings have again been held every Wednesday night after school. Attendances have decreased during this term, but it is hoped that at the beginning of next term this will

be remedied. Some of the models unfinished last term have been completed, and the steam engines are nearing completion. We are indebted to the advice and encouragement of Mr. Astell, without whom the section would be in difficulties.

We are grateful to Mr. Charnley and Mr. Shrimpton for the use of the workshop.

G.D.H.

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### THE CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM. Spring 1957

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We have had a number of fixtures this term in which the team has met with varying success. The team is mainly a young one, and although much enthusiasm has been shown, its strength has been sapped somewhat by members having commitments with School football elevens.

Johnson (senior) and Hill and Ferry (intermediate), have been selected for the Blackpool and District Grammar School teams to take part in the forthcoming Lancashire Schools' Championships.

The matches this term have been:—

St. Joseph's College—won. 1, Whitehead; 2, Ferry; 4, Hill.

Blackpool Grammar School—lost. 4, Ferry.

Result of 5-sided match at Kirkham: 1, Blackpool; 2, Lancaster; 3, Kirkham; 4, Balshaw's; 5, Baines.

Kirkham Grammar School—lost. 1, Johnson.

Barrow Grammar School—lost. 5, Ferry.

The team has been chosen from: Johnson, Blackamore, Hyde, Ramsden (P.), Hill, Whitehead, Morrison, Ferry, Newton, Bowes, Brookfield and Swain.

We should like to thank Copple, Bland, Marsden, Mayoh, Langham, Gamble, Charnley and other boys who have assisted as markers during the home matches.

N.H.J.

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### THE SWIMMING TEAM

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The past term has been used in preparation for the match against Manchester Grammar School on April 6th.

Training programmes have been arranged to prepare boys for their events. Tuesday afternoon sessions at Lytham Baths have been kept for the team and for boys taking Life-Saving courses. The younger boys wishing to learn how to swim have had their chance on Thursdays when Mr. Hollingworth, the superintendent at Cocker Street Baths, has allowed us sole admittance to the pool between 4-0 and 4-45 p.m.

It is essential that the members of the team should take advantage of these facilities and train hard to achieve good results.

A number of boys were entered for Life-Saving awards; the standards ranged from the Intermediate examination to the Bronze Cross and Instructor's Certificate. We are pleased to see that every boy passed.

We congratulate K. M. Smith who has once again been chosen to attend the Easter Training and Coaching Course in diving.

We thank Messrs. Etchells and Gregson for making us train hard throughout these tiring winter months.

In the next report the results of the away match with Manchester Grammar School will be given. Better results than in the last match are hoped for. This should not be found difficult since this year a junior team as well as the seniors will represent the School.

D.H.

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### SCHOOL CLIMATOLOGICAL STATION

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In the last report I concluded by saying: "We are dreaming of the poor observer trudging knee-deep in the snow of a white Christmas". This forecast was near the

mark. As you may well remember, Boxing Day was very cold with temperatures between 30—35° F. On the following day the temperature fell to the lowest recorded this year, 20° F. However, the winter has been mild, as our results show:—

	Average Max. Temp.	Average Min. Temp.	Total Rainfall
December	... ...	43.0° F.	39.0° F. 3.86 ins.
January	... ...	46.7° F.	37.7° F. 2.78 ins.
February	... ...	46.3° F.	34.6° F. 2.69 ins.

While comparing our results for January with those on the Meteorological sample copy for Stanley Park, January, 1949, it was noticed that our average dry, wet and minimum temperatures almost coincided, in fact to within two or three tenths of a degree. Could this possibly mean that we have discovered an eight year cycle? If so, we are due for a warm summer.

Should this be incorrect, we shall no longer have to wade in the mud as we take readings, for a concrete path has been built in front of the screen. Many thanks are once more due to Messrs. Charnley and Shrimpton and members of the Sixth form for their work on the laying of the path.

Finally, we are looking forward to the installation of an anemometer in the near future.

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### SCHOOL DINNERS

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There's a big long whitewashed building and it's called the School Canteen  
Which every day's invaded from twelve to one fifteen.  
It's here those boys who work so hard come every day for meat,  
But by the way their food's devoured, you'd think they lived to eat.

The manners here are like those seen in restaurants in town,  
Except for: "Smith, do as you're told and put that dish-cloth down!"  
A mournful cry then follows and the warning is too late  
Now Jackson's peas keep comp'ny with a dish-cloth on their plate.

The rations are quite adequate for boys with simple need,  
But boys with Bunter appetites' they very rarely feed.  
And so we say to absentees, while wishing them no ill,  
The longer they're away from school, the more we have our fill.

The canteen staff each day prepare the meal with special skill,  
Meat, potatoes, veg. and sweet, with one eye on the bill.  
Each day the menu's different, designed to do us good,  
And if some food we do not eat, our parents say we should.

But cabbage, we are all agreed, is not "schoolboys' delight",  
Unless reposing in the bin it makes a pretty sight.  
But by and large though we complain and sometimes may be rude,  
We're thankful for the school canteen and quality of food.

D. HEPWORTH, III<sub>s</sub>.

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### "THE CIRCUS"

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Boom! Boom! Boom!  
The circus has come to town.  
Look at the elephants curling their trunks,  
Look at the funny old clown!  
Look at the piebald ponies  
And the horses as white as milk;  
Look at the animal trainers  
All dressed in spangles and silk;  
Look at the painted wagons—  
Scarlet and yellow and brown!  
The music is playing, there is no delaying,  
The circus has come to town.

R. J. LANGAN, III<sub>s</sub>.

## One of Nature's Peculiarities: Plants which eat Insects.

In old, stagnant bogs there is often a real shortage of substances which are absolutely essential to life for plants, and some of the plants which grow in such places have discovered that they can obtain these missing foodstuffs from the bodies of insects.

The commonest of these insect-eating plants is the round-leaved sundew, which you can easily identify by the rounded ends to its reddish-looking leaves, all of which are covered with hairs which seem to carry glistening dew-drops at their tips. These drops, however, are not made of water, but of a substance as sticky as glue, and they are able to hold firmly any small insect that may alight on them.

Nor is the insect merely held. The leaf of the sundew is very sensitive and it will often fold upon the insect like a tiny hand closing upon a treasure. The leaf then behaves like the stomach of an animal. Digestive juices are poured out upon the insect, and the nourishing parts of its body are slowly absorbed.

Another well known insect-eating plant is the common butterwort, which grows in similar places to those favoured by the sundew. The leaves of the butterwort are very different from those of the sundew. They are pale green in colour, succulent in texture, and usually lie flat upon the ground in the form of a rosette.

These leaves also catch flies and they also fold inwards upon their prey and digest it. The indigestible remains of flies are often seen on the leaves.

Rising above the water of ponds and ditches you may sometimes see pretty yellow flowers of the common bladderwort. The little "bladders", from which the name arises, can be found in plenty among the submerged stems. Each is an ingenious trap to catch the tiny aquatic animals on which the bladderwort feeds.

The venus fly-trap plant has leaves like the butterwort except that they have soft spikes round them. On the leaf are several sensitive hairs which, on being touched, cause the leaf to snap shut on the unfortunate insect which touches them. The insect is then duly digested in the normal way.

There are many other plants which eat insects. This procedure is, however, only one of the many ways in which a member of the plant world has met a difficulty and overcome it.

G. KAY, III.

## MEMORIES OF AUSTRIA

We arrived in Steinach at about half past two in the afternoon of New Year's Day. The previous night we had, of course, seen the New Year in, but this year we were able to do it twice: once in Greenwich Mean Time, and the second time in Central European Time. There was little snow in the valley when we arrived, and we feared that there would be no skiing until a fresh fall occurred.

On our arrival in Steinach, we discovered a party of Bolton boys staying at another hotel just up the road. They were thoroughly "fed up" as they had been unable to obtain skis. They were, however, able to inform certain members of the party where all the village dances were held.

Next morning, we collected our skis and ski-boots from the ski-school and shoe shop. That afternoon we received our first skiing lesson on the slopes on the side of the valley. These faced north-east, and thus received little sunshine, so there was adequate snow for our sport.

Most of the party enjoyed the sport of skiing, but one R—— soon succumbed to injuries to a certain part of his anatomy, and G.W.W. unfortunately sprained his ankle. Others tried their skill on the ice rink, where music was frequently played. On the whole, winter sports proved very popular, although a few of the party had dismissed them as dangerous.

On Saturday, most of the party made the train journey to Innsbruck, capital of the Tyrol, to buy presents and see the sights of the city. The famous golden roof, built by the Emperor Maximilian, although rather faded, proved quite interesting. Most articles were found to be cheaper than in English shops and many boys returned with smuggling ambitions.

The next day there was an excursion to the Brenner Pass, over which run the main road and railway links with Italy. The town of Brennero is actually in Italy, and the Italian customs were unwilling to allow us into the country without the visa which, they said, was necessary. We were finally escorted back to the Austrian border by armed guards.

On Tuesday, however, our holiday came to an end, and we departed by coach to Innsbruck railway station. We had had good food, good accommodation and a thoroughly enjoyable winter sports holiday in one of the most beautiful parts of Europe.

J. CHARNLEY, III.

## First Eleven

Record: Played 16, Won 10, Drawn 3, Lost 3, Goals for 72, Goals against 30.

### Results this term:—

v. Morecambe G.S. (away) .....	Won	6—1
v. Bolton School (home) .....	Drawn	1—1
v. Burnley G.S. (away) .....	Won	4—2
v. Old Boys (home) .....	Lost	3—6
v. Clitheroe R.G.S. (home) .....	Lost	2—4
v. Accrington G.S. (home) .....	Drawn	3—3
v. North Manchester G.S. (home) ...	Won	3—2
v. Barrow G.S. (home) .....	Lost	2—5

Whilst still playing clever football, the team has been weakened this term by enforced changes and the results have not been as good. The forwards have not been sufficiently penetrative and the team has lacked a satisfactory connecting link between attack and defence.

In the absence of Cardwell, Priest kept goal extremely well and is to be congratulated on his displays. Coming into the team at the end of the season, R. Taylor showed promising form and should develop into a good footballer. Anderson, playing on the wing in an unaccustomed position, always gave of his best and his fast, aggressive play added punch to the attack. Recovering from his ankle injury, Davies returned to the team and in addition to captaining the team with quiet efficiency, he again proved himself an excellent centre-half.

We congratulate Cardwell on being chosen to attend the Football Association Schools' Week at Cambridge this year; also on his successful first appearance for the Lancashire and Cheshire Grammar Schools' XI against Manchester University.

Football Colours have been awarded to K. Whitehead and R. Robinson.

## Second Eleven

Results of 2nd XI matches played this term:—

Jan. 12—v. B'pool Tech. Col. 1st XI (home)	Lost	3—5
Jan. 26—v. Bolton G.S. (home) .....	Lost	0—11
Feb. 2—v. Burnley G.S. (away) .....	Lost	3—5
Feb. 23—v. Old Boys (home) .....	Won	7—1
Feb. 27—v. Clitheroe G.S. (home) .....	Won	2—1
Mar. 9—v. Accrington G.S. (home) .....	Won	1—0
Mar. 16—v. N. Manchester G.S. (home) .....	Won	3—0
Mar. 23—v. Barrow G.S. (home) .....	Won	4—2

The record of this term's matches shows two distinct phases. At the beginning of the term there was a need for re-organisation when the team lost four players. Three matches were lost, including the heavy defeat inflicted by Bolton, which in itself was not a true reflection of the game. Since that time the team has won its remaining five games.

Team-spirit and high endeavour have been the notable factors in the season's success. J. Sutter, as captain, has been largely responsible for the consistency of the team. It would be unfair to single out any player for especial mention, since every one has given of his best.

The team has had a most successful season—well done!

Record: Played 16, Won 10, Drawn 3, Lost 3. Goals—  
For 53, Against 38.

Team: Priest (Sherlock); Leeming, Cookson; Hill, Sutter, Ingham (3); Ashcroft (7), Heap, Algar (4), Morris (2), Brand (2).

Anderson (1), Johnson, Sunderland, Whalley and Rowe (1), have also played. Individual scoring in brackets. D.G.

## Under 15 Eleven

Results to date: Played 11, Won 9, Drawn 0, Lost 2.  
Goals—For 86, Against 17

### Results this term:

Results this term.—		Lost	2—3
Dec. 15—St. John Vianney Sec. Mod. School (h)		Won	12—0
Jan. 26—Thames Rd. Sec. Mod. School (h) ....		Won	10—2
Feb. 2—Tyldesley Sec. Mod. School (h) .....		Won	5—1
Feb. 16—Palatine Sec. Tech. School (a) .....		Won	15—2
Mar. 2—Thornton Clev's Sec. Mod. School (h)		Won	11—0

Despite having five changes in the team since Christmas owing to age limit, the team has continued to play excellent football, and has now won the League Championship.

Team work and spirit have been the main factors in the success, but in addition every member has possessed a high standard of individual skill and given of his best at all times.

Congratulations again go to Sherlock, Taylor R., Taylor J., Newton, Blackamore, Latham and Rowe who continued to play for the Blackpool and District Secondary Schools' Eleven in the English and Lancashire Trophy and Cup Competitions.

The following have played: Sherlock, Fryer, Latham, Curwen, Taylor J., Taylor R., Rowe, Newton, Blackamore, Whalley, Rothwell, Brookfield, Wright P., Howarth, Mayoh, Taylor G. and Etchells.

A.E.

#### Under 14 Eleven

Last term's struggle to achieve a satisfactory blend has borne little fruit, and the only victories to our credit this season have been recorded against local league opposition of indifferent calibre. Several third year boys who ought to have made for themselves places in the team have proved unreliable in various ways, and the gaps have been filled by Under 13 players.

Results since Christmas:—

Jan. 19—v. Thames Road (h) .....	Won 7—3
Jan. 26—v. Hodgson (a) .....	Won 3—1
Feb. 2—v. Burnley G.S. (a) .....	Lost 1—6
Feb. 9—v. Tyldesley (a) .....	Lost 0—2
Feb. 27—v. Clitheroe G.S. (h) .....	Lost 0—6
Mar. 5—v. St. John Vianney (a) .....	Won 5—0
Mar. 16—v. North Manchester G.S. (h) ...	Lost 2—6
Mar. 23—v. Barrow G.S. (h) .....	Lost 2—3

Full results for the season: Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 12, Goals For 40, Against 65.

Individual scores are bracketed in the following list of those who have played: Taylor G., Cook, Ball, Massey, Brown A., Brown I., Sharrock, Nottingham, Clarke, Wood; West, Wright E., Catherall (1), Tinsley, Gamble (3), Rossell (2), Partington, Hepworth, Corbit, Etchells (6), Wright R. (1), Longden (8), Mayoh (8), Perry, Barker, Minns (5), Hoban, Lilley (1), Hulse (1), Lang (2), Flint, Crowe.

#### Under 13 Eleven

The team has continued to play well in pursuit of the Parr Cup. A vital match with Tyldesley was lost by the odd goal—the only defeat of the season—but there was still a chance to overhaul Tyldesley by winning our remaining three matches. This we did, and the Parr Cup is now with us. Well done!

Apart from the league programme, two friendly matches have been played, one against Worsley Wardley, a new Grammar School near Manchester, and one against a team from a Manchester boys' club managed by P. Schofield, the Under 13 team's late "honorary linesman," now at Manchester University.

Results since the Christmas magazine:—

Dec. 15—v. St. John Vianney (h) .....	Won 10—2
Jan. 12—v. Thames Road (h) .....	Won 17—0
Feb. 2—v. Tyldesley (a) .....	Lost 2—3
Feb. 9—v. Ancoats Boys (Manchester) (h) ...	Won 5—2
Feb. 23—v. Bailey (h) .....	Won 14—0
Mar. 9—v. Worsley Wardley G.S. (h) .....	Won 6—2
Mar. 16—v. Highfield (a) .....	Won 6—3
Mar. 28—v. Palatine (a) .....	Won 4—1
Mar. 30—v. Claremont (h) .....	Won 5—2
Apr. 2—v. Tyldesley (h) .....	Won 4—1

Results for the season: Played 16, Won 14, Drawn 1, Lost 1. Goals For 107, Against 22.

The regular team has been Rothwell; Glover, Brown; Wright, Gamble, Partington; Perry, Longdon, Minns, Hulse, Lang. Also played: Dell, Crowe, Orrell, Cottrell, Latus.

Scorers: Longden (20), Minns (17), Hulse (13), Perry (12), Crowe (11), Lang (9), Partington (8), Cottrell (6), Wright (3), Gamble (2), Glover (1), Dell (1), opponents (4).

#### Under 12 Eleven

As last term, the Under 12 XI has carried all before it with fast, aggressive yet thoughtful football, displaying an astonishing maturity for so young a team. We are certain to play again for the "Gazette" Cup at Bloomfield Road on Friday, May 3rd against Highfield, and we hope to have many vociferous supporters, as we had last year, to encourage the School's youngest team.

Results this term:—

Jan. 19—v. Thames Road (a) .....	Won 19—0
Feb. 16—v. Palatine (friendly) (h) .....	Won 3—1
Mar. 9—v. Bailey (h) .....	Won 14—0
Mar. 23—v. St. John Vianney (h) .....	Won 10—0
Mar. 30—v. Tyldesley (h) .....	Won 5—0

Results for the season: Played and won 10, Goals for 82, against 7.

The regular team has been Christy; Hitchen, Roberts; Appleby, Orrell, Coombs; Goldberg, Warburton, Hamer, Scott, Cottrell. Also played: Ormrod, Riley, Thomason, Anderson. Scorers: Cottrell (15), Goldberg (15), Scott (14), Coombs (11), Warburton (11), Hamer (10), Appleby (2), Thomason (1), Orrell (1), opponents (2).

#### CRICKET FIXTURES, 1957

##### First XI

May 4—Arnold (a)  
May 11—St. Joseph's (a)  
May 18—Blackpool (h)  
May 25—Kirkham (a)  
May 29—Blackpool (a)  
June 1—Arnold (h)  
June 22—Morecambe (a)  
June 29—Fleetwood (h)  
July 6—St. Joseph's (h)  
July 13—Old Boys (h)  
July 20—Fleetwood (a)

##### Second XI

May 4—Arnold (h)  
May 11—St. Joseph's (h)  
May 18—  
May 25—Kirkham (h)  
May 29—Blackpool (h)  
June 1—Arnold (a)  
June 22—  
June 29—  
July 6—St. Joseph's (a)  
July 13—  
July 20—Blackpool (h)

##### Under 14 XI

May 4—Arnold (h)  
May 11—St. Joseph's (h)  
May 18—Blackpool (h)  
May 25—Kirkham (h)  
May 29—Blackpool (a)  
June 1—Arnold (h)  
June 22—Under 15. Morecambe (a)  
June 29—Fleetwood (h)  
July 6—St. Joseph's (h)  
July 13—  
July 20—Fleetwood (a)

#### BY THE WAY

There are 484 names on the School Roll.

##### Salvete

D. S. Ball (V alpha and Hibbert House), P. G. Ball (IIx and Hibbert House), and G. E. Liddle (IIx and Founder's House).

##### Valete

H. W. Paterson, P. D. Mellor, P. Cross, D. Cross, W. J. Kyle-Price.

In our very early school-days (quite a few years ago, but **not** before the Crimean war, believe it or not!), as a change from the thrills of adventure stories by Henty, Ballantyne, Marryat, Jules Verne and a host of others, we were accustomed to amuse ourselves by reading paper-backed weekly publications which dispensed a good line in stories of life in boarding schools (you may occasionally see the characters from one of them coming to life on the television screen, though the publication itself ceased to exist many years ago), or others which described the adventures of amateur detectives, cowboys and Indians, or one "Buffalo Bill". Most of these stories, we suspect, would seem far too tame to most of you, brought up as you have been on ideas of space-ships, sten-guns, atom-bombs and all the other paraphernalia of modern scientific invention. You require Action (with a capital 'A'), rapid and devastating, in such leisure reading matter as the radio and the television leave you time to peruse.

We must, however, admit that at least one of you has been reading something about a subject which we thought had long ago gone out of fashion, namely—cannibals. In an essay which has come into our hands some time ago, a certain member of a junior form provides us with some interesting details which throw new light on a fascinating subject. "Cannibals," he says, "are wild and ferocious savages. Usually they eat nothing but men." The reader may well ask whether there is no "close season", or what happens when this article of diet is "in short supply". as the Ministry of Food puts it when it can't think of the word "scarce"; or he may well ask what are the vitamin shortages to which

the cannibal is condemned by his monotonous, unbalanced diet. However, we heave a sigh of relief as we read the next sentence: "It is said that white men make cannibals sick." But, on second thoughts, suppose we met a cannibal who didn't know that? Ah, well! We should at least cause him some physical discomfort, however temporary!

The writer goes on to say: "Their complexion is dark. They have dark, bushy hair. . . . They hunt with spears and knives." We breathe again; we must remember, next time we are likely to be near these people, to provide ourselves with something more effective than these — a bren-gun might be handy! But we must not forget that these creatures are not to be treated lightly: we must remember that they are not likely to observe the rules of the Hague Convention, for, our author re-iterates: "They are uncivilised and primitive, wild and uncontrolled, cruel and barbaric." Ugh!

But now we come to more precise information. "They mostly live on desert islands. Sometimes it is very dangerous for them to hunt animals, for there are snakes and scorpions." He changes his mind here, for in the next sentence but one he says: "The only two animals are rats and scorpions." Snakes at any rate, seem to be out! There now occurs a statement which may be lucid to some of you; it beats us, but we offer no prizes for any enlightenment you may cast upon it: "They might live round an oasis for no it is impossible for growing food on sand, but by an oasis some form of agriculture is possible." We should have thought agriculture was an unnecessary waste of time, in view of previous statements, but there follows a further change of mind: "Only now and then they eat vegetables when men are scarce." There must be a close season, after all!

Next we read: "When really savage, they might kill one of their own tribe." (A practice to be encouraged, don't you think?). "Probably they eat them raw, but if they have invented fire they might eat them cooked. I prefer cooked meat, but—" (he doesn't want any misunderstanding about this) "but not cooked humans."

"Nowadays," we are assured, "cannibals are scarce," and then, with a note of warning, "but still as dangerous. They might keep cactus if it is on their island." We can imagine the change in expression from ferocity to tenderness as they bend lovingly over their pet plants.

By way of conclusion, the writer adds: "Never visit a desert island, because of cannibals. I would not like to be put in a cooking pot alive, and then be eaten by a cannibal around a camp-fire." We are grateful for all this information and advice, and hope that our writer will be spared from gracing any such festivity.

The history text-book is not always as clearly understood as some of us think. The boy who read: "Some reformers . . . wanted England to go much further in the direction of the new doctrines," reproduced the statement in his own words as: "Some people wanted Henry to have new medicines invented." He evidently thought that trouble in the National Health Service was nothing new.

"Thomas More," we are told by another boy, "was a lover of animals, and especially his family."

The thirteenth Annual Sixth Form Conference at Arnold High School for Girls, Bispham, on March 29th and 30th, was attended by about 400 Sixth-form boys and girls from some 37 schools in the North of England. It is seldom that one hears any but absolutely first-rate speakers at these Conferences, thanks to the great pains taken by Miss Moore, the Headmistress, to secure the services of the highest authorities on the chosen subject. This year, the subject was "the Sixth Formers and their Problems", and the score of Baines boys who attended must have derived great benefit from the remarks of the four excellent speakers and from the group discussions which followed each address, and which, it was agreed on all sides, were the best and liveliest heard at any of these conferences.

Two members of the Baines contingent were heard in full assembly: C. A. Brand put a very pertinent question to one of the speakers, and T. Croft gave an able summary of the discussions of his group.

The School Climatological Station is nowadays playing a steady part in Air Ministry statistics. We hear that an anemometer (a device for measuring wind speeds) is to be its next instrument. For a useful concrete path leading to the instruments, the School is indebted to the efforts of the Sixth form "Lab-Arts" class.

The pavilion work is making progress. At the time of writing these notes, the plastering of the interior should have been completed, but the plasterer who had been en-

gaged for the purpose was unavailable at the last moment. Efforts are being made to obtain the services of another of these elusive experts, and in the meantime other jobs are going ahead.

This is an age of "visual aids". There was a time when text-book and blackboard were the only visual aids available and the unfortunate schoolboy had to "eke out their imperfections" with his imagination. The educational film has changed all that. The lesson in geography or history seems (perhaps we may be exaggerating just a little!) to take place as often in the darkened Hall as out of it. There is no limit to this kind of thing. We can visualise classrooms of the future, fitted with screens, loud-speakers and black curtains, in which pupils will be privileged not only to see films on all kinds of subjects, but to be addressed from some far-distant place by teachers and other speakers who will be able to talk to many classes or schools at one and the same time. The apostles of uniformity will rejoice because, say, every Fourth form in the North of England is receiving the same instruction at a given time. The "usher" will be there to keep order; his pupils, at the end of a morning or afternoon session, will emerge into the daylight blinking like newly-released pit ponies, and suffering from a combination of torticollis, miner's nystagmus and excess of CO<sub>2</sub>. (If you don't know what these things mean, there is always an appropriate reference book in the School Library). On the whole, we prefer to be living under the conditions of today!

Mr. E. Harrison, who has postponed his retirement to fill the gap caused by the departure of Mr. Kearns, will be leaving us in July. He has settled down happily among us, and has earned the respect of everyone. He will be succeeded in September by Mr. E. J. Slater, at present of Prescot Grammar School, where he has taught Mathematics since 1952. Mr. Slater was educated at Dudley Grammar School and Birmingham University, where he took the degree of B.Sc. with Honours in Mathematics. He has had three years' service in the navy, and is especially interested in football and swimming. (Hibbert House, please note!). Incidentally, there will, when he comes, be two members of the staff who are products of the same school and university. An unusual coincidence, to say the least!

The House Assemblies, begun last Autumn, and held every alternate Wednesday, have been much appreciated by everyone, and we are all glad that, after a trial period last

term, it has been decided that they shall continue. The only difficulty is that, while the Library, the Hall, and the Art Room have been adequate meeting-places for Founder's, Hibbert and Whittington, respectively, the Biology Room, in the absence of any other suitable room, has had to suffice for Hodgson. The present solution is that the other three Houses shall exchange with Hodgson for a term each. Next term, therefore, Hodgson will meet in the Hall, and Hibbert in the Biology Room.

We congratulate the School football teams which have done so well this season, particularly the First Eleven, Second Eleven, the Under 15s, Under 13s and Under 12s, all of whom have been most successful. The Under 14s are having a lean time, but no doubt a revival will take place when some of the cup-hungry juniors are a year older.

The Founder's Day Service will be held in St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Friday, May 31st, when the preacher will be the Bishop of Lancaster, the Right Reverend A. L. E. Hoskyns-Abrahall.

A Happy Easter to all, and success next term to all boys who are sitting for G.C.E. and University Entrance examinations!

## THE ARNOLD HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE

On Friday and Saturday, March 29th and 30th, the thirteenth annual Sixth Forms' Conference took place at Arnold High School for Girls. The conference was attended by Sixth Formers from schools all over the North of England, including a number of boys, and two masters, from this school. The subject for discussion this year was "The Sixth Formers and their Problems."

The conference assembled at 6.30 p.m. on the Friday evening when the delegates were divided into thirteen pre-arranged groups. During the same evening, a talk was given by T. J. P. York, Esq., M.A., Headmaster of Merchant Taylors' School, Great Crosby. The talk did not inform the audience of anything that was new, but it did provide a good resumé of the problems of a Sixth Form student, and therefore gave a good basis for discussion. At the conclusion of his address, Mr. York put several questions to the conference, which he said might be of use in discussion groups. It

appeared at the end of the conference that, in answer to some of these questions, the groups had decided on one main factor, "that a Sixth Form is indispensable to a school." The placing of responsibility on some Sixth Formers was thought to be a good thing, and several other points, too numerous to mention here, were thrashed out in discussion groups.

On Saturday morning, a lecture was given by Professor Clapton, M.A., Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, Professor of French Language and Literature in the University of Leeds. It was thought by all to be the best lecture given during the conference, and provided material which was to be quoted in the Sunday National Press.

The Professor thought that in many cases women were a menace to Universities, a point which caused wide division of opinion. Another important point which he made, was that university students should not become lost in specialisation, but should attempt to widen their knowledge in other fields.

After a short break another very lively discussion group session followed.

Lunch was served at the school, for those who wanted it, and the conference assembled again at 1-45 p.m. for talks on "The Financial Problem: Industry or Continuation of Studies: Scholarship and other Awards." The speakers were H. Jackson, Esq., M.Sc., Director and Works Manager, Leyland and Birmingham Rubber Co., and E. Alton, Esq., B.Sc., Chief Education Officer of Blackpool.

The talks were very factual, and it was generally agreed that, although they were very useful to members of the audience, they afforded limited scope for discussion.

Discussion groups and Tea then followed, and at 4-30 p.m. the Final Session took place. This was attended by the Mayoress of Blackpool, who gave a short address. Reports from the groups were excellently given by Group secretaries, and the conference closed at 5-30 p.m.

On Saturday evening a dance took place, which was extremely well attended. The evening was very enjoyable, and, like the whole conference, a credit to the School which had taken the time and trouble to organise it.

C.A.B. (U.VI).

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## OLD BOYS' EDITORIAL

In the last year or two we have suffered grievous losses to the Association through the deaths of Old Boys who have been staunch members over many, many years. Once again we sadly record the passing of a stalwart in every sense of the word—Dick Talbot, who, like Arthur Smith and Tommy Newton, had little warning of his call. We are deeply grateful to another stalwart—his friend George Shaw—for the following tribute to yet another Old Boy whom we can ill spare.

"It is with profound regret that we record the death, on Friday, 15th March, of Richard Talbot.

Dick was in his 65th year, and just about to retire.

A month before he died my wife and I were chatting with him in his home at Bramhall where he mentioned that he was about to spend a restful week at Colwyn Bay to recuperate after an indisposition. His restful moments were few, since he was a dynamic personality who worked hard and played hard, gaining distinction in work and play.

He won a scholarship to Baines and always attributed much of his success to the foundation laid there. At school he passed the London Matriculation Examination, played cricket with the 1st XI, and won the Senior Athletic Championship, while fleetness of foot, added to his splendid physique, made him an outstanding footballer. Later he played for Manchester University and Northern Nomads.

He spent some time as a Junior Master at School before he took up a career in chemistry. During the 1914-18 war he was in the Liverpool Scottish Regiment, spending two years of his spell in the army on active service in France.

After the war he gained a B.Sc. (Tech.) at Manchester University and joined the Calico Printers' Association as a Research Chemist. At different mills he progressed from post to post—Works Chemist, Assistant Manager, Manager—so becoming a valued member of their senior staff. One of his duties in recent years was the visiting of Grammar Schools and Universities to interview candidates for positions with the C.P.A., and he would offer unstinting help to any boy from B.G.S. who approached him.

Recognising his valued services to the O.B.A. the Association conferred on him its highest honour by making him President in 1936-37.

Many will miss Dick at O.B.'s Dinners. Certainly no Dinner shall I attend without being conscious that an old friend is missing.

As a conversationalist he will be missed; as an after-dinner speaker he will be missed; and most of all as Dick Talbot he will be missed.

We offer sincere sympathy to his widow and two daughters."

The Christmas Dinner was attended by some two dozen Old Boys and guests at the Clifton Hotel. As usual this was preceded by a visit to the Royal Pavilion Theatre.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Clifton Hotel on Saturday, February 16th, and was quite well attended, possibly because of the reversion this year to the pre-war starting time of about 5 p.m.

There were two particularly important items on the agenda. The first concerned proposed alteration of and addition to Rules, and the following modification was agreed to Rule 11: "That the words 'and must do so' be omitted and the words 'the Committee shall also call a Special General Meeting' be substituted." This modification was intended to remove an ambiguity in the existing rule. Rule 11 now reads:

"The Committee shall be empowered to call a Special General Meeting of the Association at any time. The Committee shall also call a Special General Meeting on the requisition of not fewer than ten members, given in writing to the Secretaries. The Secretaries shall then give to all members ten days' notice of such meeting."

The recent appointment of an Association representative on the Governing Body of the School has called for an addition to the clauses of Rule 6, to cover the procedure for the election of this Governor. The proposed addition being approved, Rule 6 has this additional clause:

"The Association's Representative Governor on the Governing Body of the School shall be elected at any General Meeting of the Association (whether Annual or

Special) as occasion requires. No past or present Headmaster or Assistant Master of the School shall be eligible for election as Representative Governor."

The second important item was the F. J. Stafford Memorial. For a long time, various discussions have been held concerning the scope and form which our corporate tribute to the memory of the late Headmaster should take. After various ideas had been put forward, it was decided, virtually unanimously, that a fund should be established to obtain a permanent camp site in the Lake District or other suitable area, and that monies already in hand should be put to this fund. Camping was an activity very dear to Mr. Stafford's heart, and it was felt that this permanent site, which would benefit both present and past Baines boys, would have earned his approval.

It can now be reported that a committee with power to act has been elected, and we are on the alert for any suitable opportunity to acquire a suitable site. We need that generous help on which we can always count from members, but there are, we are sure, many non-members who would wish to be associated in this enterprise through a contribution to the funds. Will you all please do your best to make the project known to Old Boys whom you know who are not members? Gifts should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Secretaries.

Another unanimously approved proposal was that which offered Honorary Life Membership to two old friends, Messrs. Peel and Shaw, in recognition of their long service to the School, from whose staff they retired in July, 1955, and to the Association. We congratulate both on this deserved distinction.

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In spite of the adversities of petrol rationing, the Dinner was well attended, about 100 being present. The attendance, in fact, was not far short of last year's Jubilee Dinner figure, which is believed to be a record. The Headmaster and the President were accompanied by the following guests: Coun. C. Eddleston (Governor), Coun. R. J. Hull (Chairman of the Poulton-le-Fylde U.D.C.), Mr. L. M. Ball (Clerk of the Governors), Mr. T. H. Tomlinson, (President's Guest), C. A. Brand (Senior Prefect), N. Thomas (Deputy Senior Prefect), Rev. B. Brown, and the Presidents of the Associa-

tions of Arnold School, Blackpool Grammar School, King Edward VII School and St. Joseph's College. The following Old Boys and Masters were also present:

D. Airey, J. W. Anderton, H. Ardron, A. P. Ardron.  
A. J. W. Beck, P. D. Bell, J. R. Bennett, M. Benson, J. M. Bibby,  
A. K. Bisbrown, W. V. Bolton, K. Brearley, G. Brimelow.  
G. L. Cardy, J. Charnley, D. Clough, R. Cookson, J. H. T. Copley,  
J. R. Croft, R. D. Currie, G. Curwen.  
W. Derbyshire, F. Davies, F. S. Davies, H. R. Dennison, W. T.  
Dewhurst, R. H. Duxbury.  
H. Eddleston, J. Edge, A. Etchells.  
J. Fairburn, C. D. Fowler.  
D. Gardiner, P. Goodhall, D. Gregson.  
H. Hanson, E. F. Harris, B. Hey, I. B. Holland, J. M. Hopkinson,  
E. A. Horner.  
T. Jenkinson.  
R. A. Kerr, S. King.  
W. B. C. Lister, P. A. Lord.  
R. S. Martyn, C. W. Masters, H. N. Moulding.  
J. W. Nuttall.  
A. C. Okell, H. R. Owen.  
R. A. Partington, J. A. Paterson, J. H. Peel, R. Pye.  
F. Rawes, L. Reay, B. Ridehalgh, D. R. Rimmer, H. Roscoe, J.  
Rowlinson, W. Rowlinson.  
P. Schofield, F. L. Scupholme, W. B. Sefton, P. Sherdley, B. Six-  
smith, W. S. Slater, A. C. Smith, W. S. Stahel, P. Stansfield,  
A. W. Stark, R. S. Still, A. Stuart, R. Stuttard, J. H. Sutton,  
R. Swift.  
A. W. Taylor, A. G. Thompson, J. L. Thompson.  
J. F. Walker, P. Walker, A. Walton, D. Walton, T. J. Walton,  
E. Wilkinson, F. Williams, W. F. Williams, T. S. Winder, A. Wood,  
J. B. Wright, S. Wright.

For the first time, so far as we know, a toast was proposed to the memory of the Founder. Its omission hitherto may seem strange in retrospect, but there is no doubt that James Baines has always been so closely identified with the School that he has been implicitly associated with the toast to the School. It was felt, however, that a separate toast should be instituted to remind us that, as the President said, "without this good man's vision and humanity we should not be met here tonight."

The toast to the President was proposed by his oldest school friend, Alec Unsworth, who, revealing that he had been given leave to be "humorous, reminiscent, or downright derogatory", skilfully contrived to manifest all three aspects, though in the last he was more than magnanimous. Reminiscences, except in so far as they may illustrate the character of the subject, can be tedious to those not concerned, and Alec did not "overdo it"; it is astonishing, how-

ever, to think how vividly some absurd little incident in School life a generation ago can be recreated, and such incidents do remain with us as little oases of entertainment in the arid curricular desert which of necessity constitutes much of one's School career.

Replying, the President paid tribute to the influence of School—masters, colleagues, friends and boys—and especially of the late Headmaster, in his career and life. Baines, he said, had a happy and friendly atmosphere which determined him to return there if possible as a master. This was achieved through the incidence of a world war, and this, he explained, only went to show to what lengths a B.G.S. man could go to further his aims. He recalled his predecessor's cogent remark that although we should no doubt continue to produce our quota of Old Boys distinguished in various careers, we should certainly continue to produce the "Baines Old Boy", a vigorous and characteristic personality in his own right; this, said the President, was an end in itself and he was sure that the steady flow of these fine characters would continue. Baines Old Boys, he said, were to be found everywhere, and he mentioned that it was a Past President, the late V. H. Johnston, his French master at his previous school, who had insisted that "there was only one School to go to in the Fylde—and that's my old School, Baines." So Baines it was. This, said the President amid applause, was in no sense derogatory to the name of our sister schools in the district whose representatives were so welcome among us; it was simply an illustration of the fact that everyone's school is the "best" school, just as, in School, every House is the "best" House.

The President thanked the Association for conferring this greatly valued honour on him, and pledged his utmost efforts to the service of the Association, saying that if he should prove half as successful as his predecessors he would do very well indeed.

The composite toast was proposed by the Reverend Alan Bisbrown, who was proud to acknowledge the debt he owed to Baines in furthering his career and shaping his character. The strength of the School, it was often said, resided in the strength of its Governors and Old Boys' Association, and in these two bodies Baines was especially fortunate. The Headmaster replied on behalf of the School, giving some details of recent successes, and H. Dennison replied at short notice

for the Governors, whose Chairman, County Alderman J. R. Hull, was unfortunately indisposed, and J. M. Bibby made the response on behalf of the Association.

Replying to the Guests' Toast, Mr. Ashton, the Blackpool Grammar School Old Boys' President, echoed our President's appreciation of the cordial feelings existing between the local Associations.

Owing to the delayed start to the Dinner, the time for musical entertainment was considerably reduced, but, as usual, Mr. Rawes and Horace Roscoe combined to delight us.

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Jim Croft's report on the Football Club must be preceded by our special congratulations to the team this season. To have reached the Ramsden Shield final is a wonderful achievement, but the steady progress of the team in the League shows that an excellent standard of fitness and skill has been achieved and that success has been well deserved. Let us hope that the foundation has been laid for success in many seasons to come.

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#### OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB

President: H. R. Dennison.

The club has continued to have a successful run in the Fylde League and is at present in third position. Whether or not we can get into one of the top two positions and ensure First Division status for ourselves next season largely depends on our rivals who, however, do not show any signs of faltering. The results of games played since the last magazine are:—

Dec. 8—Poulton Utd (Fylde Cup, Rd. 1) (h)	Won	4—3
Dec. 15—Hawtins (a) .....	Won	5—1
Dec. 22—Hillhouse Res. (h) .....	Won	12—0
Jan. 5—Thornton Sports (a) .....	Won	4—0
Jan. 12—Poulton Athletic (h) .....	Won	9—0
Jan. 19—F'wood Res. (Fylde Cup, Rd. 2) (h)	Drawn	2—2
Jan. 26—Fleetwood Res. (Replay) (a) .....	Lost	2—3
Feb. 2—Lytham C. (h) .....	Won	7—1

Feb. 9—Anchorholme	
(Ramsden S'd, Rd. 2) (a) .....	Won 5—1
Feb. 16—N.A.L.G.O. (a) .....	Won 12—3
Feb. 23—School 1st XI .....	Won 6—3
Feb. 23—School 2nd XI .....	Lost 1—7
Mar. 2—Warton Utd. (h) .....	Won 6—0
Mar. 9—Wesham (h) .....	Lost 1—6
Mar. 16—Freckleton (Ramsden S'd, S. Final)	Won 4—2
Mar. 23—Lytham C. (a) .....	Won 10—0

The team has given a very creditable account of itself in the Cup and Shield Competitions. In the Fylde Cup it defeated Poulton United, last season's First Division Champions in the first round and in the second round was only narrowly beaten by the strong Fleetwood Reserve team after a replay. More success has been achieved in the Ramsden Shield and by winning a thrilling semi-final against Freckleton in extra time the team has qualified to meet Thornton Sports in the final. The final will be played some evening in April. Full details of the time and place of the final will be published in the local press and we hope many Old Boys will come along and give us their support.

The games against the School were played under atrocious conditions and most of the Old Boys' goals against the School 1st XI came in the last ten minutes.

The School played as well as their record suggests and it was only sheer physique and stamina that carried the day in these final minutes.

Owing to a road accident in which Bill Taylor and Ian Smith were involved on the way to the match—neither, fortunately, suffering injury—the teams had to be re-shuffled. This considerably weakened the Old Boys' 2nd XI who had only nine "men"—but who was this exiguous figure determinedly stripping and dropping into a huge blue jersey to make us into a gallant ten? It was the captain of the School Under 13 XI, David Partington (Bob's minor), who, although he had played a hard game in the morning, turned out as a premature Old Boy on the left wing and made a very fine job of it, too. However, the School 2nd XI (also reshuffled and a man short), were too skilful for the Old Boys, in spite of the combined weight of Jack Fairburn and the Association's new President in the attack.

Two more of our players have lost their single status. John West was married on the 23rd February, and Ian Smith on the 30th March. The club extends its best wishes to both these players for many years of happiness.

A full report of the Old Boys' games is now being printed each week in the Poulton-le-Fylde News which is published each Friday.

## PERSONALIA

Only last December we mentioned Vincent Tilsley's growing fame as a television writer. Now we have to offer him our condolences on the premature death of his novelist father, Frank, to whom he avowedly owes so much. We hope Vincent will continue to be inspired by the memory of his father's work, and perhaps carry on in his literary tradition as well as in the visual field.

We also offer our sympathy to R. S. Martyn in his recent similar loss.

Congratulations to T. E. ("Tommy") Croft on his election as Chairman-Designate of Thornton Cleveleys U.D.C. Tommy has been in civic life few years in comparison with the generality of city fathers, but his energy and ability have earned him quick recognition.

Also in local government circles, another Old Boy has earned promotion, Robert Park, who recently became Borough Treasurer of Walthamstow, Essex.

It was nice to see the name of Tom Pamely in the Blackpool Technical College Prize List, for distinguished work in the examinations of the Institute of Meat.

David Durie, the Blackpool inside-left, was chosen to play for the England "B" team recently, but had to withdraw because of injury. We are sure he will gain further representative honours, however, and meanwhile we congratulate him on the birth of a daughter.

## Southern Section

The Southern Section Dinner last year was so successful that another has been arranged this year for April 27th, when Blackpool play at Tottenham. The Dinner will be held at "The Feathers", Tudor Square, off Fleet Street, at 6-30. Most of those likely to be able to attend have been notified, but if you find you can turn up unexpectedly, do not hesitate to do so. As usual, Harold Mason is making the arrangements.

## NEW MEMBERS (since publication of Booklet, Dec., 1956)

1956—Brian J. Kenworthy, 134 Poulton New Road, Layton, Blackpool.  
1925—Colin Janes, "Lansdowne Arms", Farm Road, Hove, Sussex.

### Add to your Booklet:

1941—F. Roberts, 19 Norwood Ave., Lowton St. Mary's, Nr. Warrington.  
1919—R. Stubbs, "Marsh House," 107 Marsh Road, Thornton-le-Fylde.

### Changes of address

Gordon B. Hall, 280 Elmwood Street, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.  
H. N. Heywood, "Rotherfield Cottage," 62 Southcote Lane, Reading, Berks.  
Group Captain F. W. Thompson, DDOR (1), Air Ministry, Whitehall Gardens, London.  
Home Address: "Northall," Stag Lane, Chorley Wood, Herts.  
W. S. Slater, M.B.E., 26 Bryan Road, Blackpool.  
J. M. Ross, address should read: 3 Tebay Ave., not Terry Ave. as printed.

We wish to apologise sincerely to the following Members for omissions from the Members' Handbook published December, 1956.

To Mr. G. Shaw for omitting M.B.E. after his name.  
To Mr. Reg. Stubbs for completely omitting his name and address—details as follows:  
1919—Reg. Stubbs, "Marsh House," 107 Marsh Rd., Thornton-le-Fylde. (Stubbs [Removers] Ltd., St. Albans Road, Lytham St. Annes).

### For Your Diary

Sat., April 27th—Southern Section Dinner, "The Feathers," Tudor Square, London, E.C.4. (6-30).  
Sun., June 23rd—Summer Outing to Ingleton.  
Sat., July 13th—Old Boys v. School (Cricket).  
Fri., July 19th—Old Boys' Sports, at School.

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