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EDITORIAL NOTES

A new body of "Governors of the School" has been set up by the Ministry of Education. This body will concern itself with the management of the School; the former body of Governors is still in existence, but is solely concerned with the handling of the endowment. It will be noticed that, for the first time in the existence of the School, there appears in the list, printed in these pages, the name of a lady.

We thank all contributors who have submitted reports and articles. May we remind all of you that a last-minute rush of contributions is unfair both to editor and printer?

We have just received news that Mr. A. G. Pagett, Senior Assistant Master from 1915-1935, died on October 6th, 1955, at the age of 85.

We are asked to remind readers that the School telephone number is now 3019.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS, 1956-57

Head Prefect: C. A. Brand.

Deputy Head Prefect: N. Thomas.

Prefects: S. R. H. Blackamore, W. P. Chattington, C. B. Davies, D. G. Farrer, J. W. Greaves, E. B. Halsall, M. F. Harmer, G. Hindle, N. H. Johnson, E. R. Johnston, B. Morris, T. O. Smalley, C. V. Stafford, R. Weston, J. Wheildon.

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FOUNDER'S HOUSE:

House Masters: Messrs. Rawes, Tomlinson, Mitchell, Wilde, Cardy and Shrimpton.
House Captain: J. R. Algar.
Secretary: M. F. Harmer.
Football Captains: Senior—W. P. Chattington.
Middle School—R. G. Taylor. Junior—E. Wright.
Swimming Captain: I. S. Miller.

HIBBERT HOUSE:

House Masters: Messrs. Harris, Croswell, Charnley, Smith, Kearns and Gregson.
House Captain: G. Hindle.
Vice-Captain: J. Wheildon.
Secretary: T. Croft.
Football Captains: Senior—G. Hindle. Middle School—J. F. Rowe.
Junior—G. D. Lang.
Swimming Captain: M. Grundy.
Athletics Captain: D. G. Farrer.

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House Masters: Messrs. Astell, Marsh, Scupholme, Hadfield, Jowett and Ward.
House Captain: N. H. Johnson.
Vice-Captain: S. R. H. Blackamore.
Secretary: A. J. Cumpsty.
Football Captains: Senior—J. L. Cardwell.
Middle School—H. W. Blackamore. Junior—D. J. Partington.
Swimming Captain: R. L. Davies.
Vice-Captain: W. D. Haslam.

WHITTINGTON HOUSE:

House Masters: Messrs. Hood, Moulding, Hick, Thompson and Green.
House Captain: C. B. Davies.
Secretary: J. R. Hyde.
Football Captains: Senior—F. Pearson.
Middle School—F. Knapman. Junior—B. W. Longden.

AIR TRAINING CORPS:

F./Lt. A. C. Smith, F./O. A. Etchells, P./O. R. C. Hadfield.
F./Sgt. D. G. Farrer. Sgts. J. Holroyd and J. H. Spencer.
Cpls.: R. Weightman and D. Spore.

SCOUT TROOP:

G.S.M.: Mr. H. N. Moulding.
S.M.s: Messrs. E. F. Harris, J. Charnley and K. C. Kearns
T.L.: L. T. J. Metcalf.

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Secretary: T. Croft. Treasurer: R. E. Sutcliffe.

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Chess Section: J. W. Greaves.
Christian Fellowship: T. Croft.
Geographical Section: S. Jackson.
Film Appreciation Section: P. B. Parkinson.
Classical Music Section: T. Holme.
Modern Music Section: L. M. Tate.
Model Engineering Section: G. D. Holstead.
Photographic Section: P. H. Hindle.
Science Section: D. G. Farrer.
Philatelic Section: A. J. Watt.
Table Tennis Section: M. J. Needham.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, 1956-57

Autumn Half Term: Friday, October 26th and Monday, October 29th.

Christmas: Thursday, December 20th to Wednesday, January 9th.

Spring Half Term: Friday, March 1st and Monday, March 4th.

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.

- R. R. Blackburn (left 1949): Final Examination, Law Society.
R. A. Cowen, B.Sc. (left 1953): Awarded a Research Scholarship, tenable at the University of Hull.
G. England, M.A. (left 1942): Appointed Headmaster of Copp (Church of England) School, Great Eccleston.
R. K. Hardman (left 1953): LL.B. (University of London).
F. Oldfield, B.A. (left 1953): Awarded Liverpool University Research Scholarship, tenable at Clare College, Cambridge.
G. B. Shaw (left 1950): Final Examination, Law Society.
P. D. Smith, B.A. (left 1951): Appointed Assistant to the Registrar, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

P. B. Wiener, M.A. (left 1951): Constance Naden Medal for the best M.A. Thesis, University of Birmingham.

M. S. Williams (left 1947): Appointed Resident Engineer to Essex County Council, Manningtree.

M. J. Artis: State Scholarship and Blackpool Major Scholarship.

C. A. Brand: Blackpool Major Bursary.

R. B. Butler: Lancashire County Major Scholarship.

C. D. Clegg: Lancashire County Major Scholarship.

J. H. Elliott: Blackpool Major Exhibition.

B. Hey: Blackpool Major Scholarship.

G. L. Horan: Blackpool Major Bursary.

D. G. James: Lancashire County Major Scholarship.

D. N. Kershaw: Lancashire County Major Scholarship.

K. L. Mayoh: Lancashire County Major Scholarship.

R. A. Partington: Blackpool Major Bursary.

M. L. Powell: Lancashire County Major Scholarship.

A. Robins: Lancashire County Major Scholarship.

P. Schofield: State Scholarship; Open Scholarship in Science, University of Manchester; Open Residential Scholarship, St. Anselm's Hall, University of Manchester.

K. Southworth: Middlesex County University Scholarship.

C. G. White: Lancashire County Major Scholarship.

R. E. Wright: Lancashire County Major Scholarship.

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

Oxford University, Magdalen College: M. J. Artis.

London University, Imperial College: C. G. White.

Manchester University: R. B. Butler, R. A. Partington, A. Robins, P. Schofield, R. A. Wright.

Liverpool University: C. A. Brand, C. D. Clegg, J. H. Elliott, D. G. James, M. L. Powell, J. B. Shepherd.

Sheffield University: D. N. Kershaw.

Hull University: K. L. Mayoh.

Birmingham University: B. Hey.

Bristol University: G. J. Horan.

Durham University: K. Southworth.



"JOHNNY"

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(5th October, 1899—11th November, 1956)

It was in June, 1930, that John Hodgkinson, a little man, spare but wiry, with a cheerful grin and a zest for work, became assistant caretaker in the School. Long before the opening of the new building in 1932, he became caretaker and came to live in the flat near the wooden buildings. He watched the "New School" take shape from the time the first turf was cut, saw its completion, knew every brick, every piece of timber, every article of furniture; knew it, cared for it and tended it lovingly.

During twenty-six years of hard work and generous service, stoking, cleaning, polishing, repairing, dealing with refractory locks (and sometimes with refractory boys), acting as assistant groundsman (how he enjoyed driving like Jehu, with the gang-mowers sway-

ing dizzily behind him!) and doing the hundred-and-one odd jobs which fall to the lot of a caretaker, he saw many hundreds of boys pass through the School, grew to know them in all their moods and with all their failings, and loved them in his way, joked with them and now and then inflicted upon them the chastening lash of his ready tongue. He remembered them after they left: most of them, coming back to School, would find time to ask, "Where's Johnny?" knowing that for them he would have a kindly greeting, a reminiscent chuckle, and a more than perfunctory interest in their careers.

His pride in his work was only equalled by his pride in the School, in its achievements and successes, whether in the academic field or on the field of sport. He would often be seen watching our football or cricket matches in his spare time, and has been known to declare that he found just as much pleasure in watching a Baines first eleven match as in patronising the local professional footballers. (His interest in the latter, by the way, was sufficient to induce him to follow them to Wembley on more than one occasion). He cared for the good name of Baines School, he cared for all that it stood for, and for the well-being of all who were connected with it.

"Johnny" was seldom missing from his duties in School; his last illness kept him in bed for less than a week. At his funeral, the School was represented by the Headmaster, Mr. Okell and two Senior boys, and wreaths were sent on behalf of Staff and Boys.

No-one who knew "Johnny" in School or outside (and he was well-known and deservedly popular in Poulton) will fail to miss his genial presence. In the hearts of all of us there will long remain the memory of a kindly, good-humoured, sympathetic little man, willing and always ready to lend a helping hand.

We extend our sympathy to his widow in her great loss.

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Advanced and Scholarship Level

Three Subjects: M. J. Artis (Distinction in French and Geography), C. A. Brand, W. P. Chattington, C. D. Clegg, J. H. Elliott, B. Hey (Distinction in Mathematics), G. J. Horan, D. G. James (Distinction in Chemistry), D. N. Kershaw, K. P. Lawson, K. L. Mayoh (Distinction in Geography), B. Morris, R. A. Partington, M. L. Powell, A. Robins, P. Schofield (Distinction in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry), J. B. Shepherd (Distinction in Mathematics), C. G. White, R. E. Wright.

Two Subjects: J. R. Algar, S. R. H. Blackamore, R. B. Butler, J. Eccles, E. B. Halsall, N. H. Johnson, J. H. Morgan, K. Southworth.

One Subject: C. B. Davies.

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SPEECH DAY, 1956

Speech Day took place on Tuesday, 23rd October, at the Palace Theatre, Blackpool. The chair was taken by County Alderman J. R. Hull, Chairman of the Governors, and the prizes were distributed by Professor S. Devons, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S., formerly Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, now Professor of Physics and Director of the Physical Laboratories in the University of Manchester. With them on the platform were the Headmaster, Councillors J. Carrabine, C. Eddleston, F. Fearnside and F. Walton, Messrs. H. Denner, F.C.A., H. R. Dennison, F. Walton (Governors of the

School), Councillor J. Keefe (Foundation Governor), Messrs. L. M. Ball, B.A. (Clerk to the Governors), W. Smith (Divisional Education Officer), Eric Alton, B.Sc. (Chief Education Officer, Blackpool), and R. J. Hull, J.P. (Chairman of Poulton U.D.C.).

Professor Devons began his address by referring to his own prowess at school; he was always, he said, either top or second in his Form. That, however, was because there were only two boys in his Form, the school in question being newly opened.

The prizes which he had just presented were rewards for good work, but the main prize gained by boys was the education itself, the privilege of going to a good school. What was the purpose of education. Everyone was agreed about the need for education, but not about its purpose. Let us take first things first; we, as a country, must earn our living, and for that we must train and educate more scientists and technologists. That was only a pre-requisite to the welfare of a country, a beginning but by no means an end. Only a small part of the population received higher education; if we were to compete with other countries we must increase the number of people being educated. There was a tendency to regard education as either Arts, often called the Humanities, or Science. This idea was really unsatisfactory, and his own hopes were that in the not too distant future the distinction between Arts and Science would not be so great as it is today; the two would be blended in a fruitful combination. He congratulated the School on its excellent record.

A vote of thanks to Professor Devons was proposed by Councillor Carrabine.

The following programme of music, directed by Mr. Rawes, concluded the proceedings:—

Part Song—"Polly Oliver" (17th Century)—THE SCHOOL CHOIR.
Violin Solo—Two movements from Sonata in F, (Handel) (a) Adagio, (b) Allegro—G. D. LANG.

Vocal Solo—"The Kerry Dance" (J. L. Molloy)—GLYN JENKINS.
Trio—"Berceuse" (Ilynsky)—

Violin: G. D. LANG, 'Cello: J. LANG. Piano: D. N. PARKINSON.
Part Song—"The Arethusa" (Eric Thiman)—THE SCHOOL CHOIR.
Vocal Solo—"The pipes of Pan are calling" ("The Arcadians") (Lionel Monckton)—DAVID JENKINS.

Trio—Entr'acte from "Rosamunde" (Schubert)—VIOLIN, 'CELLO & PIANO.

Song and Chorus—"Green hills of England" (John Longmire).

PRIZE LIST, 1955-56

FORM AND MERIT PRIZES

Shell: 1. D. J. Gamble, 2. G. E. Blinkhorn; Merit, I. Clayton, F. J. Williams.
Form Is: 1. D. Kent, 2. B. Rossall; Merit, R. J. Suffolk, B. J. Tomlinson
Form Im: 1. L. W. Barker, 2. A. Brown; Merit, D. Henderson, J. A. Illingworth.
Form Iix: 1. J. Charnley, 2. A. M. Taylor; Merit, N. Sharrock.
Form IIs: 1. A. Marsden, 2. D. G. West; Merit, D. J. Stead.
Form IIm: 1. C. J. Copple, 2. D. J. Bland; Merit, J. A. Catherall.
Form III alpha: 1. R. E. Heywood, 2. C. J. Day; Merit, A. Fryer, G. D. Lang.
Form IIIs: 1. A. J. Hawkins, 2. J. A. Maguire; Merit, D. C. Parkinson, P. Robinson, G. J. Parkinson.
Form IIIm: 1. J. A. Swain, 2. N. Beebe; Merit, W. Halstead.
Form IV alpha: 1. D. Jenkins, 2. J. B. Longden; Merit, G. Jenkins, I. M. Robson.
Form IVs: 1. M. Rigby, 2. D. A. Cooper; Merit, F. C. D. Barnes, B. Johnston.
Form IVm: 1. E. K. Sillis, 2. B. Priest; Merit, I. Thomason.
Fifth Year Prizes awarded on General Certificate Results: R. E. Sutcliffe, B. G. Buckley, T. Croft.

SPECIAL AND ENDOWED PRIZES

F. Barrow Robinson Memorial Prize: J. Sutter, L. VI Arts Prize.
Alec Poole Memorial Prize: M. J. Artis, U. VI Arts Prize.
Richard Place Memorial Prize: D. G. Farrer, L. VI Science Prize.
Keith Bamber Memorial Prize: P. Schofield, U. VI Science Prize.
Mrs. Keirby's Prize for Mechanical Science: B. G. Buckley.
Roland Darbyshire Prize for Mathematics: B. Hey.
Public Speaking Prize: Junior—J. Charnley, Bolton-Newton Prize.
Special Prize—R. J. Suffolk.
Lucy Tomlinson School Magazine Prize: P. Schofield.
Richard Thompson Memorial Prize (Photographic Society): T. O. Smalley.
Headmaster's Prefects' Prize: M. L. Powell.
Senior Art Prize: J. Bignall.
Junior Art Prize: W. D. Motlow.
F. J. Stafford Memorial Prize for Languages: D. P. Ramsden.
Public Service Prizes: K. L. Mayoh, P. Schofield, C. A. Brand, J. Eccles, B. Hey, N. Thomas, P. Ramsden.

SCOUT NOTES

There have been several changes in the troop this term. These include a new T.L.—Metcalf—New P.L.s, Lascelles, Parkinson, Robinson and Yarwood; and of course new recruits: Harrop, Singleton, Proctor, Parker, Landauer, Bamber and Towers, only two of whom have been invested.

Apart from our Friday Troop meetings, there have been the regular meetings of scouts at lunchtimes to practise, especially, signalling and first-aid. There have also been meetings on Saturday mornings with Mr. Kearns. We thank him for his valuable assistance and he leaves with our best wishes for his happiness and success in his new post.

Much more hard work will have to be done if we are to retain the Blackpool Corporation Trophy which a Baines patrol won last term.

There have been two successful expeditions this term—the Seniors' visit to Parkamoor (particularly memorable for Chad's unique night hike—8 miles in carpet slippers!) and the Juniors' visit to Dolphinholme. There was, however, a disappointing lack of activity at Half Term. We have helped at Speech Day, and at a meeting of the Blackpool Art Society, and a large contingent was present at the Poulton Remembrance Service.

We have several occasions for celebration during the next year, which include the 50th anniversary of scouting (incidentally the 25th anniversary of our Troop). The world Jamboree is to be held at Sutton Coldfield and our summer camp may be in Norway.

We wish Good Scouting to all Baines Scouts, past and present.

DALEGARTH CAMP, 1956

Eighteen Scouts, three Scouters and five Old Scouts attended this year's camp, held on the same site as that on which our first Troop Camp was held in 1931. There were, as would be expected, many changes: the patrol system with each patrol cooking entirely as a family, instead of centrally; a welcome abundance of Old Scouts and Scouters to help, including two 'old faithfuls' and their cars (one a shaving

saloon, the other a transporter of wet gear on more than one occasion, and both of them and their owners a very present help in time of trouble); abundance, too, of canvas so that cooks and diners did not have to skulk in Patrol tents when the weather did its worst, which was often. But much remained the same: the site almost unchanged, save that the surrounding conifers had shot up; the ground just as stony and difficult to dig, though there were fewer ants this time, and no one to tell ludicrous stories or to shout "if ever a man suffered"; the old Dalegarth Hall at the end of the track, still ready to help dry out sleeping bags, but now equipped with telephone so that a District Commissioner could this year inform us that we had no right to be there (reference to an epidemic in the Whitehaven district which led to extra camp precautions but to no other troubles).

Our journey up was done in style, though it lacked some of the adventure of 1931: no changing of trains or feverish chasing of gear, but sedate progress by superior horse box which could have accommodated another troop and twice as much kit, even though we were carrying all food, 'tuck' and vegetables, as well as mountains of gear and two forms for our 'horses' to sit on. We were set down at the gate to the camp field, where 'Johnny' awaited us, and before long, with the help of 'Betsy', an ancient equipage borrowed from the farm and much appreciated by all campers, patrol and troop gear was on the sites chosen and 'Beavowls', Otters and Squirrels were settling in under perfect weather conditions. So perfect indeed was it, that some began to vote it almost better than 'Southwick'. How could they foretell the future or foresee the rivers which were to compel the Otters to repitch, and to inundate the gear tent and the 'palace', though without unduly disturbing the occupants? But all that was hidden from us, as we trooped down in the late afternoon sun of the first day to enjoy a swim in the Esk and to discover the perfect bathing place, shelving slowly for the novices, yet with a 20 ft. high 'board' and 15 ft. of cool green water for the experts, who were not slow to try it. Having discovered this, we were to make use of it every morning save towards the end of camp when the friendly Esk became a roaring monster and the raft so elaborately constructed, with its heavy spars, was torn from its moorings and tossed downstream like a matchbox.

For the first week, however, the weather was generally fair, although there was little sun after the advent of our met. man and A.S.M., Mr. Kearns, who was having his first

taste of Baines camping. The settling-in process continued steadily: camp ovens arose and were tested, to be inspected with interest by a visiting County Commissioner; pits were dug, a flagstaff erected and the food and gear tents made shipshape. Then a visit by the entire Troop to the famous Stanley Ghyll Falls, a bathe in the Esk and our second day ended with an extempore camp fire in which a variety of B.G.S. characters were discussed and shredded, and similar rough treatment given to a number of songs. At 11-30 p.m. Old Scout Ray Edge stumbled in, having cycled from Blackpool, to be given sleepy instructions on Primus lighting in a somnolent 'palace'. He was joined the following day by another cyclist, T/L. Jimmy Heathcote, who was to return to Poulton and to join us again before the end of camp. Later arrivals were "Nev" Wilson and "Dizzie" Denner, both as helpful as ever.

The highlight of Sunday was the visit to Church and the crossing of the Esk by slippery stepping-stones. Only one Scout dropped his boots and so became camp custodian for the morning. In the afternoon, many Scouts explored the nearby village of Boot and the surrounding hills. As the week went on, we became more familiar with the district, finding the many paths through the bracken or among the trees, knowledge of which was to prove useful in wide games and during our one "night operation." We tramped over the Burnmoor track to Wasdale but low cloud and heavy drizzle prevented us from seeing the hills. Similar weather awaited the older Scouts who, on another day, attempted to climb Scafell via Cowcove Beck, only to 'run out' of path and to be forced back by mist. It did not, however, affect the plans of those who climbed to the Roman fort on Hardknott, or prevent our two Roman "Consuls" from capturing those Juniors who, transformed into ancient Britons, were stealing back from Hardknott. Eskdale Green, some 2½ miles away and the metropolis of the district, was visited twice, Scouts walking there and returning by the 15-inch-gauge railway to Dalegarth terminus. The 'Outward Bound' School at Eskdale Green, planned on Scouting lines, to give young men in industry a month of "high living" in the hills, was thoroughly inspected. Scouts approved particularly of the lake with its canoes, and the "rope walk" with its 20 ft. long rope bridge and its ropes for swarming, swooping and falling from!

A variety of Wide Games, by day or night, was concocted. One Scout was especially prolific of ideas and

produced on one damp afternoon a game involving limpet-mines and frogmen which, played in bathing costumes, was most successful. On another, drier, day, the scene became the Western Desert, the aim to capture the opposing generals, Rommel and Montgomery. The 'night operation', hatched by the Court of Honour, after what sounded like a pitched battle, took us to Cyprus and involved British Commandos, E.O.K.A. bands, international observers and six precious tins of red plums masquerading as high explosives. Apart from surprising, and being surprised by, a party of very superior squatters in what we had thought to be a deserted farm, everything went well, all Scouts stumbling back safely to the comfort of "Kai" and ginger biscuits, then bed and a late breakfast.

Camp fires, of which 'Bill' Hope took some first-class 'flash' shots, were held in a clearing in the nearby woods. We were looking forward to our usual Grand Camp Fire near the end of camp, to which we had planned to invite all the folk of the district. It was not to be. The weather broke on the second Sunday, and the storm of wind and rain continued through Monday, miraculously relented on Tuesday, when sports and "Night Op." were held, then attacked with greater venom on Wednesday. By that time the turf, at which we had looked so approvingly on our arrival, resembled a sponge which has reached saturation point. It was then that the very ground began to weep at a number of points and it was decided to accept the Vicar's kind offer of the Vicarage hayloft for our last night. Once more Johnny's "Consul" volunteered for service and by evening all Scouts and essential equipment had been transferred to the hayloft. That 1931 watchword, "If ever a man suffered!" applied to this, if to any camp. Yet one damp postcard, whose smudgy message caught the eye of our postman, said "Having smashing time. It's raining hard!" So, despite the luxuries of electric razors, acres of tents, super horse-boxes and the rest, the spirit of Scouting, started at Baines' in 1931, lives on.

A.T.C.

The annual training camp was held this summer at the R.A.F. Station, Shawbury, and was attended by 20 cadets, F./Lt. A. C. Smith and our padre, the Rev. A. K. Bisbrown (who was a great help in picking up cadets who fainted dur-

ing inspections). The activities included flying, shooting, swimming and an initiative exercise which became an endurance test for the senior cadets who had to follow a compass bearing for about 15 miles across moorland bogs. There were, however, two major faults with camp; one was that rain fell every day and our tents were surrounded by ankle-deep mud, and the other was that most cadets had only one flight lasting 20 minutes. At previous camps we have had at least two half-hour flights.

Sgt. Farrer, Sgt. Spencer and Cpl. Spore were awarded R.A.F. Swimming Proficiency Certificates during the camp.

Our congratulations go to Sgts. Holroyd and Spencer and Cpls. Spore and Weightman, all of whom have been promoted from the ranks, and also to Cadets Paterson, Ramsden and Richards who were selected, with only one other cadet from this Wing, for the trial to select the Group football team.

The Squadron has now been divided into two flights for competition purposes and a training programme has been arranged by the N.C.O.s who instruct cadets at mid-week meetings.

The annual Wing Inspection and Parade was held at the R.A.F. Station, Weeton on Sunday, September 30th; there was also a good turn out of cadets at the Service of Remembrance on November 11th at St. Chad's Church, Poulton.

We welcome the following Cadets who have joined the Squadron this term—Brookes, W., Hall, M.

Flt. Sgt. FARRER.

THE HOUSES

Founder's House

Since the publication of the last report, we have become Cock House again and we are now well on the way to our fourth successive victory, for the football teams have played magnificently and have regained the football trophy. The middle school team deserve special mention, for they have created a record by not conceding a single goal during the last two seasons. Our hopes for the success of the junior team also were by no means unjustified.

This term has been noteworthy for the arrival of Mr. Shrimpton, to whom we proffer a hearty welcome, and also for the introduction of fortnightly House assemblies. Enthusiasm for one's House used to be a detached emotion, but now there is something more tangible in the conception of a "House" and a definite sense of loyalty, pride and interest is gradually replacing the former, rather apathetic outlook which was bound to prevail.

This, incidentally is a suitable opportunity to ask you for a practical demonstration of your "loyalty, pride and interest": in the Cross Country races at Easter.

M.F.H.

Hibbert House

Once again we just failed in our quest for the Cock House Cup in spite of being successful in athletics. We failed in the cricket cup and in swimming we were placed bottom.

In the football competition, we regret to announce that we have been placed last. This in no way reflects upon the enthusiasm and vigour with which our teams played.

If we are to win the Cock House Cup, as we hope we shall, a great effort must be made in the other events. This is particularly so in swimming, which has been our weakest point for many years. One way in which the points leeway may be reduced is by a full turn-out in the cross-country run.

Our congratulations go to our Captain, Hindle, on his appointment as captain, not only of the school first eleven, but also of the Lancashire Grammar Schools eleven. We also congratulate Farrer, Smalley and Wheildon on being made prefects.

We wish Mr. Kearns success in his new appointment and thank him for his work as a House Master.

T.C.

Hodgson House

The close of the year finds us in the somewhat disappointing position of third in the inter-house competition. This is unfortunate in view of the most inspiring show put on by the senior eleven, who won all their matches. The

juniors unfortunately lost all three matches, whilst the middle school team scraped through with one win. Nevertheless this position is one which should spur each member of the House to do his utmost in the coming year.

Next term's important event is the Inter-House cross-country race. It must be remembered that victory may be gained by a large number of boys entering. That is, if all members turn out we may win by sheer weight of numbers. So your point will be needed.

Points are also awarded for Life-saving certificates and other swimming awards. So that proficiency in life-saving is not only beneficial to you personally, but to the House. Members interested should see the House swimming captain.

All members of the House will be pleased to see that Mr. Okell has recovered from his recent illness and has returned to school to resume his duties as Second Master. We also extend a hearty welcome to our two new House Masters, Mr. Jowett and Mr. Ward. We welcome, also, all new boys. Once more we thank the House Masters for their continued support and encouragement.

A.J.C.

Whittington House

In the inter-house football competition Whittington House gained second place. The football teams deserve credit for their whole-hearted play, especially the juniors who won all three matches.

The next inter-house event will be the annual cross-country race next term. We should do well in this if the full support of all the boys is given.

There has been a fairly good response to the appeal for support for swimming. There are now bronze and intermediate classes which contain a number of Whittington boys.

There are now better opportunities for the House to meet and for announcements to be made. A new system has been adopted whereby all Houses meet separately every alternate Wednesday. Whittington House meets at present in the Art room. These occasions give the new members of the House an opportunity to get to know the other boys in the House and also their House-Masters.

HOUSE FOOTBALL RESULTS, 1956-57

Senior:

	Founder's	Hibbert	Hodgson	Whittington
Founder's	—	1—0	1—2	3—2
Hibbert	0—1	—	0—1	1—5
Hodgson	2—1	1—0	—	3—1
Whittington ...	2—3	5—1	1—3	—

Middle School:

	Founder's	Hibbert	Hodgson	Whittington
Founder's	—	10—0	6—0	8—0
Hibbert	0—10	—	2—0	3—3
Hodgson	0—6	0—2	—	3—2
Whittington ...	0—8	3—3	2—3	—

Junior:

	Founder's	Hibbert	Hodgson	Whittington
Founder's	—	2—0	3—0	0—1
Hibbert	0—2	—	4—1	0—5
Hodgson	0—3	1—4	—	0—8
Whittington ...	1—0	5—0	8—0	—

Final Football Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1. Founder's	9	7	0	2	14
2. Whittington ...	9	4	1	4	9
3. Hodgson	9	4	0	5	8
4. Hibbert	9	2	1	6	5

J.A.P.

NATIONAL SAVINGS BRANCH

For the 12 weeks of this term, ending 30th November, our returns are:—

Amount subscribed, £164 19s. 0d.

Average number of subscribers per week, 127
(26% of the School).

Forms with the best record: IV alpha 48%; Vs 39%.

Congratulations to P. L. Rothwell, IV alpha, and B. Garstang, Vs, form secretaries to whom special National Savings badges have been awarded for particularly good work.

We wish to record our grateful thanks to Mr. Hood, who took over the direction of the School Savings Branch during our prolonged absence in the last school year. A.C.O.

SCHOOL SOCIETY

The Chess Section

Attendances this year have been most encouraging, especially at the opening meetings, but new members from the junior school are always welcome. Unfortunately, the two matches played so far, both against Blackpool Grammar School, have resulted in narrow defeats. We hope to do better in our return matches next term.

Our sincere thanks are extended to Mr. Kearns, who is leaving us this term, and whose help with regard to the junior members has been greatly appreciated. The success of the meetings has been greatly helped by the efforts of Mr. Hood, whose interest in the section never decreases.

J.G.

School Christian Fellowship

Meetings have been held every Monday in Vs form room but these have been ill attended. At these meetings the journeys of St. Paul have been studied.

No open meetings have been held to date. Whilst this report is going to print, correspondence is taking place between the fellowship and Mr. Marsh, organising secretary of the Student Christian movement, with a view to his speaking at a meeting. We have had a visit from Mr. B. Burbridge, the local organising secretary of the I.S.C.F., and the secretary-elect, the Rev. S. Hart.

T.C.

Film Society

This term, the Film Society has had a very full and varied agenda. Comedy, Science Fiction and Mystery Thrillers are the headings under which the films have been classified. We have tried to show the best examples of each type of film.

On September 20th, we showed our very first full-length feature film. Will Hay in "The Ghost of St. Michael's" was the chosen film. We are glad to report that it was well received by our members.

A record attendance of nearly 300 marked the showing, on October 11th, of our next film, H. G. Wells' "War of the Worlds". This film was enthusiastically received by all. Directed by George Pall, famous for his achievements in

films of science fiction, the film told the story of a Martian Invasion. When we reflect that H. G. Wells wrote the book about 50 years ago, we realise the significance of his imaginative work. The film was loosely adapted from the book, brought up to date, and set in America. We do advise our members to read this book and find out for themselves how the film gave us only a glimpse of the real story.

Graham Greene's masterpiece "The Third Man", was shown on November 8th. The film was greatly appreciated by all who saw it, though the attendance was poor. Made in 1949, this was the film which helped to set the British Film Industry back on its feet after the post-war slump. Joseph Cotten, Trevor Howard, Valli and Orson Welles made up the impressive cast, who, under Sir Carol Reed's brilliant direction, made this film one of the best Britain has ever produced.

On November 29th, a poor attendance again being recorded, we moved on to Technicolor and John Ford's "The Quiet Man". This film was chosen for its hilarious fight sequence which forms the climax of the story. Those to whom the film was new, enjoyed it thoroughly, and those of our members who had seen it before nevertheless enjoyed it.

The Film Society also is proud of the fact that it helped in the showing, on December 14th, of Shakespeare's "Henry V", directed by Sir Lawrence Olivier.

So ends a very full and impressive term. We have shown five full-length feature films, some lasting two hours or more. The Film Society wishes to thank its members for their loyal, if somewhat diminishing, support. We also extend our thanks to Mr. Smith for his help and also to Mr. Croswell for his valuable co-operation and advice with the Publicity Department.

Next term there will be fewer meetings owing to the lighter nights and the after-school time necessary for cross-country runs. We do, however, hope to show two full-length films.

R.B.K.

Classical Music Section

During the first half of the Autumn term, the attendances at the meetings of the Musical Society indicated a slight wane in its members' enthusiasm, and this situation was reported at the mid-term meeting of the School Society

committee. However, to dissipate this over-hanging cloud of apathy, it was decided by the secretary to launch a 'popular classics' campaign, in order to attract potential members to the meetings. The result was overwhelming. Not only were the original members regained, but new members were recruited. Of course, the instrument of our campaign was the music of one Piotr Ilytch Tchaikowsky. Its romantic, thunderous chords have rocked the Society on to its feet again.

The scheme has been as follows: Tchaikowsky's 4th, 5th and 6th Symphonies have been played alternately with his 2nd and 3rd piano concertos. Other small pieces of music by Tchaikowsky have been played. To add a mixture of flavour to the programmes, the popular Grieg Piano Concerto was played at one meeting. It is apparent that the Society owes much gratitude to that greatest of Russian geniuses, Tchaikowsky.

In vain it was attempted to organise a public piano recital this term for the purpose of increasing the Society's funds. However, more attempts will be made at a more suitable time of the year.

To sum up, it may be said that the Music Society has had a very successful term and it looks forward to even better seasons in 1957.

T.H., Vs.

Modern Music Society

Meetings have been held regularly throughout the term. A wide range of music has been introduced and jazz from Barber to Brubeck has been enjoyed by the increasing attendances. A gratifying feature has been the interest shown by Mr. Ward, who has willingly brought records of both the modern and traditional idioms. Eric Halsall has obliged the society by applying his artistic talents to our posters, and his mathematical genius to the responsible post of treasurer. Our largest attendance to date was recorded at a recent meeting when records illustrating current tendencies in music were played.

Although the current popularity of traditional jazz is reflected in the tastes of our members, the major interest continues to fall upon the main-stream and progressive styles of jazz.

L.M.T., J.S.

Model Engineering Section

Meetings have again been held regularly every Wednesday afternoon this term. Attendances have been excellent, but new members are always welcome.

Good progress has been made by most members, and it should not be long now before there are a number of steam engines completed.

Again the help and advice of Messrs. Astell and Charnley have proved invaluable. We extend a welcome to Mr. Shrimpton who is the new metal-work master. G.D.H.

Photographic Society

The Society re-opened this term with an amazing response from the Junior forms.

The meetings have taken the form of instructional groups on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and general meetings on Mondays. Attendances, on the whole, have been good and most of us feel that we know a little more about Photography.

At the end of term an exhibition of photographs will be held, and it is hoped that all our members will contribute to this.

I should like to thank R.B.B. (now at University) for the improvement he made on our "old enlarger", and also to thank the masters for their kind co-operation.

P.H.H.

The Science Section

The society has been formed this year with the aim of presenting to both senior and junior boys lectures and films covering topics not normally dealt with in the school syllabus. At first the organisers had difficulty in persuading the scientists to share their knowledge, and for this reason there have been only monthly meetings. The future, however, seems brighter, for a number of "volunteers" have been recruited.

At the inaugural meeting J. Wheildon spoke about oil-prospecting and the speech was followed by a colour film "Prospecting for Petroleum".

At the second meeting D. G. Farrer discussed radioactive isotopes and their uses in industry and medicine.

K. A. Young was the speaker at the third meeting, the subject being "Plastics". This was followed by a colour film "The Nature of Plastics".

A fourth meeting is to be held soon, at which Morgan will discuss "Bird Migration."

D.G.F.

The Stamp Society

This term we are pleased to have Mr. Okell back with us once more after his long illness.

During the first few weeks of term the attendances were fairly poor. Gradually, however, our membership has steadily increased, and at the competition quiz there was an enthusiastic gathering.

The winners of this competition were—Senior: 1st, R. Corkhill, IIIs, and 2nd, S. Ramsden, IIIs; Junior: R. A. Gar-side, 2m. Each winner received an interesting selection of stamps.

At one of our weekly meetings we were pleased to welcome David England, a keen stamp collector, who did a great deal for the Stamp Society whilst at school. We are also indebted to George Sayer, who left seven years ago, for his gift of a wonderful selection of Australian stamps which will provide a welcome addition to the school collection, and some of which may be used as prizes in future competitions.

Before the end of term we are hoping to stage an exhibition of competitive sheets of stamps.

Next term we are looking forward to greater support from stamp collectors in senior forms.

A.J.W., B.G.

The Table Tennis Club

We have had a very successful term; meetings have been held on Fridays for Seniors, and on Wednesdays for Juniors, all of which have been very well attended.

At the time of writing, a tournament is in progress, and the members of both junior and senior sections are improving their play by means of this extra experience.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Kearns for keeping his eye on the junior sections.

I.S.T.

School Sketching Club

Meetings have been held regularly throughout the term.

Senior members have shown interest in Poster work and Lettering—which may be utilised for advertising the various school activities.

Good efforts have also been made in Landscape Composition. J.C.

Junior Debating Society

During this term we have managed to hold four meetings, three of which took the form of debates. The motions were: (1) "That this house considers that life from other planets has already appeared on earth"; (2) "that this house deplores the lack of manners in present-day youth"; (3) "that this house considers ghosts unlikely phenomena". Of these, the first only was carried.

Attendances have not been very large; twenty has been the average. It is a disappointment that so few first-formers have been sufficiently interested to attend.

As the Film Society holds its meetings on Thursdays, the day of our meetings has now been changed to Wednesday. R.J.S.

THE CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

This term we began training early, and at present the team is progressing very well.

So far we have had two fixtures, one with Accrington Grammar School and the other with the Blackpool and Fylde Athletic Club. Although we lost these two matches, it must be added that they were away fixtures, and that until now the team has not been stable. However, as a result of the present methodical training and the early start made, the enthusiasm of the team should reap its reward.

The team has been:—Johnson, Blackamore, Newton, Hyde, Ramsden, Ingham, Whitehead, Bowes, Brookfield, Cookson & Hill.

N.H.J.

THE SWIMMING TEAM

Under the direction of Mr. Etchells the School Swimming team has progressed favourably since the last report. The weekly trip every Tuesday to Lytham Baths is to be continued during the winter months for the team and for Life Saving instruction. Also a Learners' Class is held in Blackpool. Mr. Etchells works with the seniors whilst Mr. Gregson whets his appetite (and wets his clothes) with the juniors, some of whom seem most promising.

The school entered a team in the Blackpool Inter-Schools' Gala for the first time. The team consisted only of senior boys who competed in the open events. The results were:

Open Dive: 1st—K. Smith.

110 yds. Freestyle: R. Barnes 2nd; J. Bell 3rd.

110 yds. Butterfly: M. Grundy 2nd.

110 yds. Breast Stroke: P. Tordoff 2nd.

110 yds. Back Stroke: D. Haslam 3rd; K. Smith 4th;
R. Davies 5th.

In the Open Squadron Race a Team consisting of Smith, Haslam, Bell and Barnes, gained 2nd place.

A full team is expected to do credit to the school in 1957.

We were sorry to see J. Eccles and R. A. Partington leave the school; in past years both these boys have worked hard for swimming at Baines.

We congratulate K. Smith on being selected to represent Lancashire and Cheshire in the diving event at the English Schools Swimming Championships at Gateshead in October. Smith this term received his school colours from the Headmaster.

Training facilities are not perfect at Lytham but the sessions are well arranged, thanks to Messrs. Etchells and Gregson.

We have high hopes for success in the two major competitions next year. W.D.H. (U.VI.)

ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS, July, 1956

25 yds. Back Stroke, Junior: 1. Brown (Ho), 2. Swift (Ho.), 3. Olive (F).

50 yds. Back Stroke, Senior: 1. Partington (Ho), 2. Haslam (Ho), 3. Davies (Ho).

25 yds. Breast Stroke, Junior: 1. Olive (F), 2. Butlin (W), 3. Williams, P. (F).

50 yds. Breast Stroke, Senior: 1. Eccles (Ho), 2. Smith, K. (F), 3. Tordoff (F).

50 yds. Free Style, Junior: 1. Rostron (W), 2. Brown (Ho) and Swift (Ho).

50 yds. Free Style, Senior: 1. Eccles (Ho), 2. Smith, K. (F), 3. Bell (W).

110 yds. Free Style, Senior: 1. Eccles (Ho), 2. Barnes (W), 3. Bell (W).

Life-Saving (2nd Method of Release and Rescue): 1. Hodgson, 2. Whittington, 3. Founder's.

Senior Plunge: 1. Tordoff (F), 48 ft. 7½ ins., 2. Scott (Hi), 3. Grundy (Hi).

Junior Plunge: 1. Wood (Hi) 42 ft. 6 ins., 2. Smith (Ho), 3. Bridge (F)

Senior Dive: 1. Smith, K. (F), 2. Anderson (Hi) 3. Haslam (Ho) and Grundy (Hi).

Junior Dive: 1. Barker (Ho), 2. Lascelles (F), 3. Wood (Hi).

Junior Squadron: 1. Whittington, 2. Founder's.

Senior Squadron: 1. Hodgson, 2. Founder's

CHAMPIONSHIPS—

Junior Championship: 1. Brown, I. (Ho), 2. Swift (Ho), 3. (Tie) Bridge (F), Olive (F), Wood (Hi).

Senior Championship: 1. Eccles (Ho), 2. Smith, K. (Fo), 3. Tordoff (Fo).

House Championship: 1. Whittington 81, 2. Hodgson 73½, 3. Founder's 59, 4. Hibbert 28½ (including Life-Saving Awards).

Life-Saving Awards:

Instructor's Certificate: Hey (W), Kirkman (Hi).

Scholar Instructor's Certificate: Young (W).

Bronze Medallion: Atkinson (W).

Intermediate Certificate: Morfi (W), Williams, P. (F), Chippen-
dale (Ho).

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OLD BOYS' EDITORIAL

As in 1954, the alleged summer does not, in retrospect, encourage us to dwell on events which took place therein. However, the annual Sports were held, this time on July 20th after the School had dispersed for the holidays. Once again there was good, if restricted competition, and once again Roy Halstead proved the champion—and once again Harry Dennison, Founder Member of the Association and newly-appointed Governor, took the field in the sprint handicap. (We are thinking of introducing a special "Over 60" event next year, so that Harry won't have it all his own way).

Mrs. Martin, the President's wife, presented the prizes, and the results were:—

100 yds. Open: 1. F. Davies, 2. W. R. Penny, 3. R. B. Halstead.

100 yds. Handicap: 1. H. R. Dennison and G. Curwen, 3. R. Pye.

Long Jump: 1. R. B. Halstead (17 ft. 3 ins.), 2. F. Davies, 3. H. G. Birtles.

220 yds. Open: 1. R. B. Halstead, 2. F. Davies, 3. W. R. Penny.

Cricket Ball: 1. G. B. Shaw, 2. G. Curwen, 3. H. G. Birtles.

Mile: 1. R. B. Halstead, 2. G. B. Shaw, 3. F. Davies.

Championship: 1. R. B. Halstead (16), 2. F. Davies (12), 3. G. B. Shaw (8).

The winter season began with the Hot Pot Supper on October 19th. It began in earnest, too, with an inopportune deluge which probably kept a number of prospective visitors away. There were some forty present, however, to enjoy a copious and toothsome meal. This year the Hot Pot was itself a gift from an Old Boy, F. L. Stafford, and we hereby publicly acclaim not only his public-spirited generosity but his culinary expertise as well.

The Beetle Drive was exciting, as usual, but well conducted under the appropriately steely eye of Harry Ardron, who has long ago ruthlessly suppressed all ambiguous methods of passing and casting the dice. However, he cannot watch everything, and who is to stop Harry Dennison's lightning throws when he has the bit between his teeth? He won the prize for the highest score, and, contrariwise, W. B. C. Lister had the other.

The Table Tennis Tournament (or, as some think it, Obstacle Race) provided the customary amusement. This year a new hazard was created on the surface; in addition to the fissures, we had a plateau in the middle caused by the different heights of the constituent units. We must explain that these irregularities are not deliberately introduced; we have to construct a second table from four or five dining-room tables. Games on this improvised surface are never dull, and they do give the "rabbit" a chance. This year's champion, G. Walker, came within an "ace" of dismissal on this capricious terrain, but he survived and defeated Mick Ardron in the final on the orthodox table.

Some more or less tuneless singing sufficiently fortified everyone to face the journey home, horrid as it was.

Following the usual pattern of the winter programme, we had the Dinner Dance at the Clifton Hotel on November 9th. The Christmas Dinner was arranged for December 15.

Members have been informed of the establishment of the F. J. Stafford Memorial Fund. It is hoped to make a decision at the A.G.M. on the form the Memorial is to take; naturally the decision will be influenced by the amount contributed, and the Fund itself will remain open until that Meeting on February 16th. Any contributions may still be sent to the Hon. Treasurer. The present total is £70. We seem to have been making appeals constantly for one cause or another in recent years, but they are all worthy, and none more so than this, and many Old Boys will realise that this is a matter which touches their personal feelings and responses more sensibly than some other appeals. Let us make our memorial worthy of the man whose health broke down in selfless service to the School and to ourselves.

The Old Boys' Football Club is having quite a good season, as we hoped would be the case for Jubilee Year, and as Jim Croft's report shows.

Old Boys' Football Club

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A great deal seems to have happened in the last few months, but before reporting these events I should like to thank our President, Mr. H. R. Dennison, for his continued support and also the gentlemen listed above for their very welcome subscriptions as Vice Presidents. The club is also grateful to several other Old Boys who have helped the club in many ways. Dennis Airey has presented the club with a new set of jerseys in the Old Boys' colours of maroon and amber. Ellis Tomlinson has designed a special badge for the football club, using the motifs of the cross and bee from the Old Boys' tie, and he is going to present the first set to us. Alf Stark, who now has a chemist's shop in Hyde, has given us enough bandages and Elastoplast dressings to keep us going for a few seasons. While this gift is very welcome we are sincerely hoping that it will not be necessary to make a great deal of use of it.

A few weeks ago the club lost one of its best friends when Johnny Hodgkinson died after a very short illness. Johnny looked after our welfare for many seasons and I think Mr. Stafford's joking remark on one occasion that "Johnny looks after the Old Boys' Football Club better than the School" sums up the real affection that Johnny felt for the team. We shall all miss him.

The club has had a fairly successful season to date and is at present in 5th position in the Fylde League 2nd Division. We have, however, games in hand on the leading clubs and should they falter our position should be improved before the end of the season. The results of games played so far are:—

Sept. 15—Thornton Sports (h)	D.	2	2
22—Poulton Athletic (a)	W.	5	3
29—Anchorsholme (h)	W.	5	2
Oct. 6—School 1st XI	L.	1	3
6—School 2nd XI	L.	1	3
13—N.A.L.G.O. (h)	W.	11	1
20—Warton Utd. (a)	W.	9	2
27—Wesham (a)	D.	4	4
Nov. 3—Freckleton (h)	L.	0	3
10—Hawkers (a)	W.	5	1
17—B'pool N.E. (h)	L.	1	6
24—B'pool Accts. (a)	W.	3	2
Dec. 1—Hawtins (h)	W.	9	0

Unfortunately we seem to have had quite a number of casualties this season. In the match against the School, Jack Leech fractured an ankle in a collision with the School centre forward. Jack has now almost fully recovered and has resumed in goal. Bob Partington has fractured an ankle while at the University and we hope he will soon be fit enough to play once more. In addition we have had several minor casualties such as pulled muscles and twists, which meant that the players concerned have had to miss one or two games.

Roy Birch, who led the team last season, is now working and living in London. We wish him the best of luck in his new job. The army has taken only one player from us so far this season; Geoff Shaw, who recently passed his final Law examinations and whom the War Office in their wisdom have drafted to the Royal Artillery. We are, however, grateful to the Air Ministry who have released Raymond Hale and flown him back from Hong Kong at tremendous cost. His bronzed figure is now conspicuous amongst his teammates who have just survived an English summer.

The Football Club held a social evening at the River Wyre Hotel on the 24th August at which the runners-up shields in the Ramsden Shield Competition were presented to the team by Mr. H. R. Dennison. Owing to the limited accommodation it was possible to invite only players and members of the committee and their lady friends. Even so, the room was packed to capacity. Everybody had a really grand time and it is hoped that when we have occasion for another such celebration we shall be able to find a suitable venue to which we can invite the many friends of the Club.

Personalia

Our mention of Neville Nelson in the last issue inspired him to write a very interesting account of his continued interest in Finnish affairs and activities in London. It would be interesting to find out how many languages are spoken by the totality of Old Boys, apart from what might be called the commonplace tongues of French, German, Spanish, Italian, Latin, Greek and Hebrew, whose study has informed the normal professional life of numerous members. K. Bodenhams studied Russian. During his service, J. K. Bostock took Oriental languages at his university, and of course many Old Boys learned a fair amount of what we have heard vag-

uely termed "Woggish" during the war. We have noticed that certain boys exhibit noticeable proclivities for Swahili, Mongolian, Vend, Frisian, Osco-Umbrian and other reconcile speech-forms when they are supposed to be learning French, but they never graduate therein eventually. Is Nelson the only speaker of Finnish in our ranks? We think so; if this is the case, he must hold two records at present, for he is believed to be the oldest Old Boy currently playing regular competitive football. He won two championship medals last season at the age of 43, and not even Stanley Matthews has done that—yet. Nelson thinks that F. C. Howarth, who is some years older than he is, is still playing hockey regularly. If any Old Boy can match these performances, we shall be very glad to hear about it.

In March we mentioned news of J. R. A. Dubbin, now a director of a building society in the Rhodesian Copperbelt, and who was hoping to visit School when on leave. He did arrive early this term, looking, as we had anticipated, formidably fit and robust. He hastily declined, however, to stay a little while and turn out for his old House, Hibbert, in an effort to restore its football fortunes!

Congratulations to P. A. Varley on his appointment as Assistant Manager at the Royal Hotel, Ashby de la Zouch. That this town really exists we can personally affirm, for we attended a civic ceremony in that very house in September. If Varley's cuisine maintains the standard of that which we sampled on that occasion, nobody will complain. At any rate we can be sure that he will plunge into his work with enthusiasm and grace.

A colleague of Varley's in the School's most memorable swimming team, which won everything in sight except the F.A. Cup in 1950, was Barry Woolfenden, who attained national fame as a water-polo player with Blackpool. He recently went out to South Africa, where he has already made something of an appropriate splash. One of his water-polo team-mates, by the way, was Jack Hull, another Old Boy who swam splendidly in the School team.

Another well-known O.B. in sport, David Durie, was recently chosen to play for the F.A. XI against the Army and was nominated reserve for the Football League.

Vincent Tilsley continues to write for television. Following his scripts in "Nom de Plume" and collaboration with his father in "the Makepeace Story" (now appearing as the

novel "Seth Makepeace"), his most recent and most sustained work is the T.V. adaptation of "David Copperfield."

Congratulations to the Williams brothers of Thornton on their recent appointments, M.S. as Resident Engineer to the Essex County Council at Manningtree, and P.R. as Physics Demonstrator at Liverpool University.

P. D. Smith, late President of the Guild of Undergraduates at Birmingham University, has gone to join the Registrar's staff at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

Engagements

Williams.—Lewis. Paul Randall Williams to Marion Frances Lewis, 20th September, 1956.

Weddings

Halldearn—Loveless. Derek Mason Halldearn to Barbara Ann Loveless, at St. Peter's Church, Ash, Surrey, 16th June, 1956.

Fishwick—Kay. Geoffrey Fishwick to Sheila Kay, at St. Paul's, North Shore, Blackpool, 2nd July, 1956.

Travis—Hague. Michael Noel Travis to Anne Beatrice Hague, at St. Mary's Church, South Shore, Blackpool, 7th July, 1956.

Williams—Southgate. Michael Stafford Williams to Nora Ann Southgate, at Chelmsford, 7th July, 1956.

Greaves—Green. Reginald Ian Greaves to June Green, at Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool, 3rd November, 1956.

For Your Diary

Please note that the usual List of New Members and Changes of Address is suspended this time, as all up-to-date information is to be found in the new Members' Handbook.

Feb. 16—Annual General Meeting and Dinner, Clifton Hotel, at 4-45 and 7-0 p.m.

Feb. 23—Football Matches v. School (2 teams). Please notify Jim Croft or George Curwen if you would like to play.

SCHOOL CLIMATOLOGICAL STATION

First in this report, may I thank all those who gave up their time to be observers during the first year? Especially are we grateful to "P.S." for his work last year and those who have volunteered for this year.

The major results of our efforts so far this second year are summarised below:

	Average Max. Temp.	Average Min. Temp.	Total Rainfall
July	60.0°F.	53.0°F.	3.67 ins.
August	60.5°F.	53.7°F.	10.27 ins.
September ...	63.9°F.	49.0°F.	3.08 ins.
October	55.6°F.	44.9°F.	2.88 ins.

The heat-wave which P.S. suggested might come in July was replaced by heavy thunder-storms. Many observers were annoyed that B.G.S. failed, one day, to record any rain while Blackpool, on the same day, recorded $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins. in two hours.

However on 1st August we had a record 24-hour recording of 1.17 ins. of rain. It was officially stated that Blackpool was the wettest place in Britain during August, but B.G.S. recorded 0.27 ins. more than Blackpool. It may be noted that this year's and last year's August average minimum temperatures coincide.

The September and October figures are also similar to last year's figures, although the fluctuation has not been as great this year.

November has not only brought us colder weather and foggy days, but we have reached another milestone in the history of the station. On the 7th a wind vane was erected and in the near future we shall be recording wind directions. Many thanks are due to Messrs. Charnley and Shrimpton and members of the sixth form for their work on constructing the mast.

At the time of writing, the temperature is falling rapidly and so we are dreaming of the poor observer trudging knee-deep in the snow of a white Christmas. N.T.

Rock 'n Roll

by Pete Creeper.

Some people now, to our dismay.
Just 'rock 'n' roll' throughout the day.
They swing their "girls" around the floor
Until they can't "enjoy" much more.
The bulk of this unwanted noise
Is made by "things" called "Teddy Boys";
These poor misguided souls contrive
To rock 'n' roll, and jump and jive,
To squeal and scream, to sway and swoon
When some "pop" singer starts to croon.
Sane people cannot understand
What "sends" them when they hear the band.
The jazz band cannot "know its stuff"—
It does not send them far enough!

D. J. BLAND, IIIs.

Winter

Winter's on us once again;
That we don't like it, it is plain.
Lost the bird song in the trees,
Lost the gentle summer breeze,
Lost the lapping on the shore
Of the sea, which now doth roar:
As we sit thinking by the fire,
Maybe of the Great Messiah,
We also think of rain and hail
And posting of the Christmas mail,
And those less happy, blind, in pain.
But come, soon we'll have spring again!

KEITH BAMBER, IIx.

DISPOSING OF THE BODY

He looked quickly about him. Silently he picked up the sack and spade and moved off towards the waste field. Tumbling over the rough ground he thought of the night before. He had come home after a busy day at work, and there she was mumbling and mourning as she always did. This time he had lost his temper, and, picking up the axe, he had struck again and again. Quietly he let the sack rest on the ground and dug the trench. Slowly and with great care he put the sack in the trench and covered it with soil. "Why had he done it?" he thought.

... "Never mind, it was an old wireless, anyway."

D. WILMOT (III)

HISTORY IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

In the eighteenth century we read of Georges one and two,
Of Walpole and of Wesley and of what they tried to do.
We learn of Captain Jenkins and of his bottled ear
Which he displayed in "Commons" to make his grievance clear.
Men scorned and said his ear was lost upon the Pillory
And not as Captain Jenkins said, cut off whilst out at sea.
A war was then to follow about the Spanish trade,
And all about agreements in the "Asiento" made.
Then in Europe came the war of Austrian succession.
It started in Silesia when Prussia took possession.
Prince Charlie was in Scotland, planning for a crown,
And with his loyal Stuarts he marched for London town.
But sad to say for Charlie, "Sweet William" stopped his aim,
Charles's army was defeated, and England won again.
And so progressed the century, with battles won and lost,
And England still maintained her power regardless of the cost.
Great men like Pitt and Clive were born whose ideals were the same.
To men like these Great Britain owes prosperity and fame.

D. J. HEPWORTH, IIIs.

THE OLD SPORT OF ANGLING

Angling is a very old recreation, though the cumbersome tackle used many years ago differed very greatly from the thread line spinning tackles weighing, perhaps, a few ounces, used today for trout fishing. Every exponent of the sport does not, of course, need such elaborate tackle. I remember my first rod, a sixpenny "line, float and hook to gut" attached to one of my father's garden canes. I never caught anything with it, which can be attributed I suppose to the fact that I was fishing in a muddy pond with no fish in it. For my next attempts I made a reel with my 'Meccano' set; the reel worked, but I still caught nothing. Then the great day came. It was just after my birthday and I went down to Blackpool and bought my first proper rod and reel; they were only cheap ones but I still have the rod, which I have now had for about six years. I have caught many fish with it, roach, perch and even a trout.

The main types of fishing are: float-fishing, fly-fishing and spinning, though there are many variations. All the main methods of fishing may be used in the sea or fresh water. Sea fishing usually requires stouter tackle. Fresh-

water fishing is divided into two main sorts, coarse-fishing for fish other than the members of the salmon family, and game-fishing, for fish belonging to the salmon family, that is, salmon, all the many varieties of trout, and grayling. Some coarse fish are: roach, perch, pike, tench, carp and chub. The main sea fish caught around this coast are: dab, plaice, codling, whiting and eels. Coarse fish are usually caught by float-fishing, game fish usually by fly-fishing and spinning, and sea fish (especially off the North Pier), are caught by a paternoster tackle. This consists of a wire at the end of a line, heavily weighted, with two or three bones attached to it, each one having a hook at the end. The usual bait for these hooks is either ragworm or sandworm.

Well, to all you anglers—enjoy the sport, annoy the fish, but above all do not annoy the farmer.

C. J. COPPLE, IIIs.

THE F.A. COACHING COURSE AT MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

From August 27th to 31st, Cardwell, Whitehead and myself went on the Football Association's training course at Dalton Hall, Manchester.

We arrived at about tea time on the 27th, and the following day we began work in earnest. The course was divided into two groups, Cardwell and Whitehead being under the eye of ex-Bolton inside forward Harold Hassall, and myself in the care of England's amateur goalkeeper, Harry Sharratt. As we were unlucky with the weather, the first two days' coaching were confined to the gym but at last the weather did relent and the fields were passed as suitable for play. All types of soccer skills were practised, from heading and trapping to tackling and shooting.

Besides this strenuous practical work, the evenings were devoted to the theoretical outlook on football. Among the evenings' events of that week were a visit to the Manchester United v. Preston match, a talk by Mr. Matt Busby, the Manchester United manager, and a film of the entire England v. Hungary classic international at Wembley.

The week culminated in two matches against impressive amateur opposition. Jim Cardwell was selected as goal-keeper for one of these teams, and Keith Whitehead as left half for the other. I had to be contented as reserve centre-half for both matches. On the whole, however, I feel the school can be proud of the progress and achievement of its three representatives at this most exhaustive course.

R. ROBINSON, Upper VI.

FRENCH RÉUNION, JULY, 1956

The Réunion of the Blackpool and Fylde Schools' French Association was held as usual over a period of two days during which time Sixth Form students were offered not only the normal programme of speeches, lectures and school items, but also, for the first time, a Brains Trust session.

The morning of the first day was occupied by an interesting talk by Mr. Tetley on Provence, a lecture by Max Vivier—which was, as always, both stimulating and amusing—on the subject of Brittany; school's items filled the rest of the time, the most outstanding being a Quiz in which two very self-conscious B.G.S. scholars took part, encouraged (?) by the rest of the Baines contingent. The afternoon session contained an exposition on "Mon petit village lorrain" by Mlle. Kauffling who was followed by the ever-effervescent M. Vivier; in a speech entitled "France today" he vigorously denounced the false notion that France is a decadent nation, producing statistics which showed that it is not in a decline. To one who has visited France, however, much of the sentiment of his speech seemed ill-founded, although this did not detract from the amusing and interesting way in which he delivered it.

The following morning Mr. Arthurson was the first to address the conference, giving a thought-provoking dissertation on "La vie des mots", in which he described the changes in the meaning and form of words. He was thanked on behalf of the assembly by M. J. Artis of B.G.S. After this Mrs. Marks gave a talk on the French theatre today, being followed by P. Kuczynski, a pupil of Rossall School, who spoke about the sixteenth-century poet, Ronsard. The

morning session finished with a programme of song and recitation most ably delivered by pupils of the Collegiate, Queen Mary and Blackburn High Schools.

The final session of the Réunion commenced with another lecture by Mrs. Marks on "Les très riches heures du duc de Berry". This was followed by a Brains Trust, held for the first time at the Réunion, in which pupils were allowed to pose questions to the members of the panel: one unfortunate, having asked what was France's approach to the problem of Alsace and Lorraine, was abruptly told that France had no such problem. E. B. Halsall of B.G.S. was one of the questioners and his inquiry as to the general opinion in France about J. P. Sartre provoked much interesting discussion, from which the general conclusion was drawn that whilst his ability in the field of dramatic art is superb his philosophy has little to commend it. The final talk was delivered by Mr. Hulme, secretary of the Modern Languages Association, who described the contingencies one is likely to experience on going to France—a fitting end to a meeting which necessarily provoked in everyone a desire to visit France itself and so learn something of it at first hand.

M.J.A., B.M.

SCHOOL CRICKET, 1956

First Eleven

Played 13, Won 6, Drawn 4, Lost 3.

Captain: C. D. Clegg. Vice-Captain: J. H. Heathcote.

The first XI, under the enthusiastic captaincy of Clegg, had a satisfactory season, losing only one game to a school team; the other two defeats were at the hands of the Staff and the Fylde C.C.

Clegg was again the outstanding batsman and played many excellent innings; he has a sound defence and is also a powerful driver; his 59 not out against the Fylde was a very fine aggressive innings. Useful innings were played at times by Hindle, Ramsden, Cardwell and Heathcote.

The team had a well varied attack. Ramsden and Heathcote formed a very good opening pair, whilst Brand and Metcalf, the spin bowlers, bowled well without enjoying much luck. Ramsden continued to make progress as a bowler, improving his accuracy without losing his pace. On a difficult wicket he performed a remarkable feat against the Old Boys, taking 9 wickets for 1 run. For this he was awarded a cricket bat by the "News Chronicle" for the outstanding feat of the week. In three seasons he has now taken 92 wickets at an average of 51, a remarkably fine record on which he should improve in the next two seasons.

The fielding of the team generally was good but too many catches were dropped. There is no excuse for bad fielding in a school team and time spent in fielding practice is just as rewarding as time spent in batting and bowling.

We congratulate Clegg and Ramsden on again being chosen to represent the A.T.C. at Plymouth, Clegg captaining the team.
J.A.P.

Baines G.S. v. Fleetwood G.S. at Fleetwood, Saturday, 30th June. Baines won by 9 wickets.

Fleetwood G.S.		Baines G.S.	
Jennings b. Ardron	6	Clegg	6
Stott b. Ramsden	3	Hindle not out	34
Poole b. Ramsden	2	Cardwell not out	41
Wright run out	0	Cook	} Did not bat
Kershaw ct. Hindle b. Heathcote	0	Ramsden	
Martin b. Ardron	1	Heathcote	
Poole st. Cardwell b. Brand	6	Brand	
Shawcross b. Ramsden	32	Ardron	
Frost run out	18	Metcalf	}
Axtell b. Ramsden	1	Kershaw	
Wilkinson not out	2	Robinson	
Extras	10	Extras	2
Total	81	Total (1 wkt.)	83

Bowling: Ramsden 4 for 5, Ardron 2 for 11, Heathcote 1 for 22, Brand 1 for 20.

Baines G.S. v. Fylde C.C. at Poulton, Thursday, 5th July.
Fylde won by 12 runs in a time limit match of 24 overs each.

Fylde		Baines G.S.	
Hill ct. Cookson b. Thompson	12	Clegg	2
Tyas b. Thompson	1	Hindle	18
Ward ct. Hindle b. Heathcote	5	Cookson	1
Dobson retired	23	Curwen	0
Leadbetter retired	15	Heathcote	11
Marsden st. Kershaw b.		Thompson	10
Brand	1	Brand	6
Nichols not out	2	Kershaw	5
Powell ct. Clegg b. Harmer	6	Leeming not out	0
Marsden not out	0	Greaves not out	1
Extras	5	Extras	4
Total (5 wkts.)	70	Total (8 wkts.)	58

Bowling: Thompson 2 for 13, Heathcote 1 for 16, Brand 1 for 16, Harmer 1 for 0.

Baines G.S. v. Morecambe G.S. at Poulton, Saturday, 7th July. Baines won by 45 runs.

Baines G.S.		Morecambe G.S.	
Clegg	22	Newsham b. Heathcote	7
Hindle	3	Shaw ct. Cardwell b.	5
Cardwell	9	Ramsden	0
Moss	4	Johnson run out	0
Ramsden	1	Garlick l.b.w. b. Ramsden	0
Cook	1	Leeming b. Ramsden	0
Heathcote	13	Hartley l.b.w. b. Heathcote	1
Metcalf	0	Procter b. Ramsden	0
Kershaw not out	9	Frobisher b. Heathcote	1
Brand	1	Robinson l.b.w. b. Heathcote	1
Hill	0	Cooper ct. Brand b.	0
Extras	2	Ramsden	0
Total	65	Willacy not out	6
		Extras	20

Bowling: Ramsden 5 for 8, Heathcote 4 for 6.

Baines G.S. v. Fylde C.C. at Poulton, Thursday, 12th July.
Baines won by 3 runs in a time limit match of 24 overs each.

Baines G.S.		Fylde C.C.	
Clegg not out	59	Dobson ct. Weston b.	
Hindle	16	Ramsden	14
Cardwell	20	Marsden b. Gregson	33
Ramsden	0	Tyas not out	29
Curwen	2	Nichols run out	0
Thompson	10	Leadbetter ct. & b. Brand	27
Heathcote not out	3	Hill not out	1
Gregson			
Kershaw	} Did not bat		
Brand			
Weston			
Extras	5	Extras	8
Total (5 wkts.)	115	Total (4 wkts.)	112

Bowling: Brand 1 for 10, Gregson 1 for 14 Ramsden 1 for 21.

Baines G.S. v. Baines Old Boys at School, Saturday, 14th July. School won by 8 wickets.

Old Boys		School	
Stafford b. Ramsden	5	Clegg ct. Halstead b.	
Danson b. Ramsden	1	Walton	0
Fairburn not out	5	Hindle b. Walton	7
Flood b. Ramsden	0	Heathcote not out	4
Taberner b. Ramsden	0	Kershaw not out	6
Walton b. Ramsden	0	Ardron	
Holland b. Ramsden	0	Ramsden	
Eddleston ct. Heathcote b.		Cook	} Did not bat
Ramsden	0	Brand	
White b. Ramsden	0	Metcalf	
Copley b. Heathcote	0	Cookson	
Halstead b. Ramsden	0		
Extras	6	Extras	4
Total	17	Total (2 wkts.)	21

Bowling: Ramsden 9 for 1, Heathcote 1 for 10.

Baines G.S. v. Staff at School, Friday, 20th July. Staff won by 9 wickets (innings continued after game was won).

Baines G.S.		Staff	
Clegg b. Thompson	13	Mr. Paterson retired	34
Moss l.b.w. b. Curwen	15	Mr. Thompson l.b.w. b.	
Cardwell b. Thompson	1	Ramsden	8
Hindle l.b.w. b. Curwen	5	Mr. Curwen retired	6
Cook ct. Gregson b. Curwen	9	Mr. Green st. Cardwell b.	
Ramsden b. Curwen	0	Metcalf	8
Metcalf b. Gregson	0	Mr. Wilde ct. Hill b. Brand	1
Rhodes ct. Thompson b.		Mr. Etchells l.b.w. b. Metcalf	1
Curwen	1	Mr. Scupholme not out	7
Brand b. Gregson	1	Mr. Jowett ct. Hindle b.	
Ardron b. Curwen	0	Metcalf	0
Hill not out	0	Mr. Marsh st. Cardwell b.	
		Hill	1
		Mr. Gregson ct. Metcalf b.	
		Hindle	4
Extras	2	Extras	6
Total	47	Total	76

Bowling: Staff—Curwen 6 for 18, Gregson 2 for 6, Thompson, 2 for 21. School—Metcalf 3 for 6, Ramsden 1 for 19, Brand 1 for 18, Hill 1 for 3, Hindle 1 for 0.

Second Eleven

Captain: J. Algar.

Vice-Captain: M. Leeming.

Played 7, Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 4.

The 2nd XI was rather less successful than usual but the team was rarely at full strength. The batting was not sufficiently reliable, none of the batsmen possessing the concentration, technique and strokes which are necessary in order to score consistently. Cookson and Johnson both have the temperament to play a long innings but they must also develop scoring strokes. Anderson, Leeming and Weston have the spirit of aggression but must strengthen their defence.

Anderson was the most successful bowler, his success being the reward for accuracy in length and direction. Miller again took many wickets, but he lacks the accuracy which comes only with constant practice.

The fielding was satisfactory and some good catches were made but still more time could profitably be spent on fielding practice.

J.A.P.

FOOTBALL, 1956-57

First Eleven

Captain: G. Hindle. Vice-Captain: C. B. Davies.

Record to date: Played 8, Won 7, Drawn 1, Lost 0,

Goals—For: 48; Against: 6.

Results:—

v. Haslingden G.S. (home)	Won 11—0
v. Palatine School (home)	Won 9—0
v. Old Boys (home)	Won 3—1
v. Accrington G.S. (away)	Won 3—0
v. Burnley G.S. (home)	Won 4—0
v. Haslingden G.S. (away)	Won 8—0
v. Manchester University (home)	Drawn 3—3
v. Palatine School (away)	Won 7—2

1st XI: Cardwell; Robinson, Paterson; Hindle, Davies, Ramsden; Chattington, Oxspring, Weston, Pearson, Whitehead. Also played: Ashcroft, Johnson.

With six of last year's successful team still available to form a nucleus, the 1st XI has again developed into a powerful combination. The success is due largely to the strength of the half-back line. Hindle and Ramsden are strong attacking wing-halves, whilst Davies is a most reliable centre-half; good in defence, he also initiates many attacks by well-placed passes. Cardwell has made further progress as a goalkeeper and Paterson and Robinson are a pair of sound backs. The forwards combine well and play clever football and the three inside-forwards all possess a powerful shot.

We congratulate Hindle and Pearson on being chosen to represent the Lancashire and Cheshire Grammar Schools in the match against Shrewsbury School, in which Pearson scored a goal. Hindle was given the honour of captaining the team, a tribute to his character and qualities of leadership as well as to his football skill.

J.A.P.

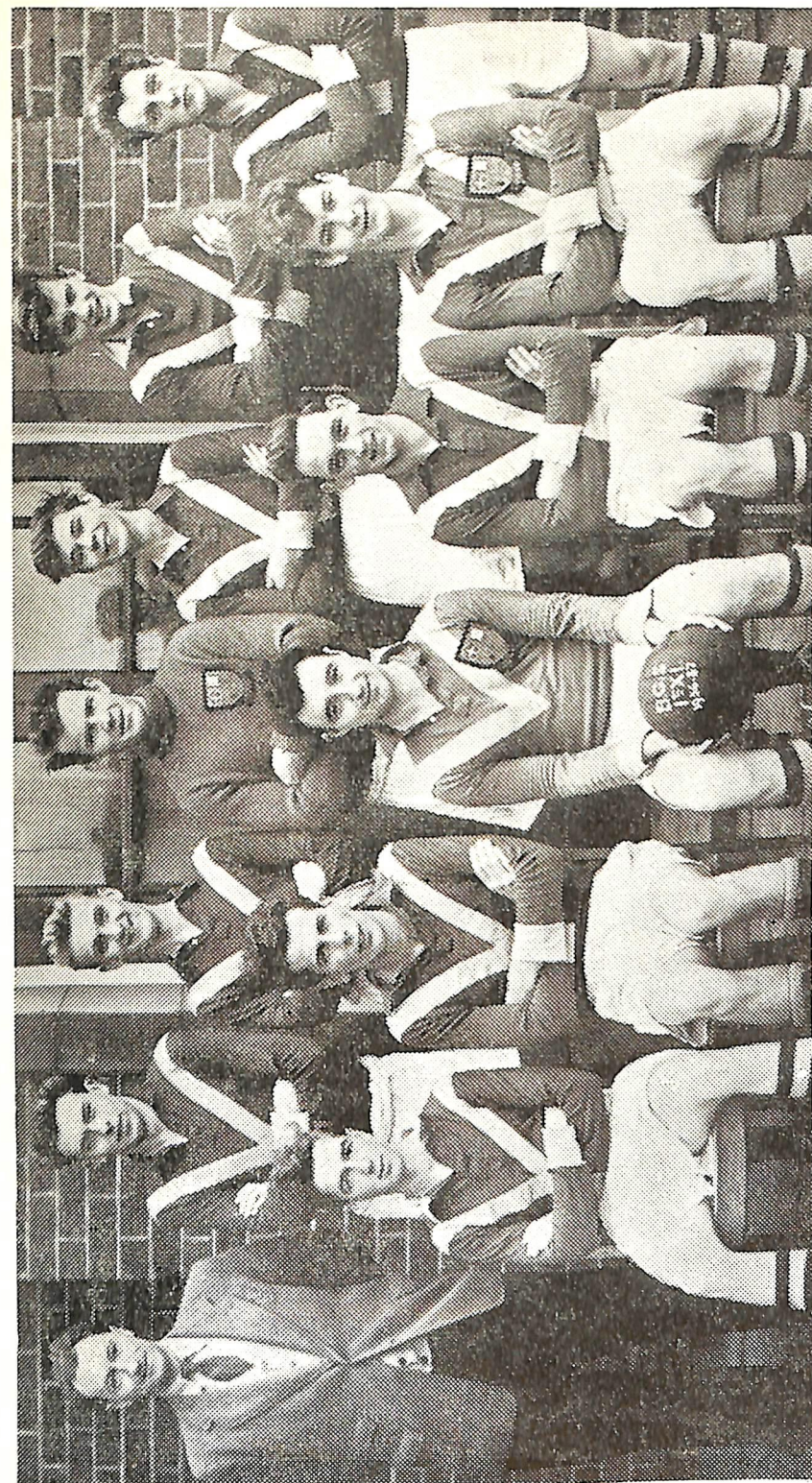


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BAINES GRAMMAR SCHOOL, POULTON-LE-FYLDE, FIRST XI FOOTBALL TEAM

Front row (from left): G. B. Oxspring, C. B. Davies (Vice-Captain), G. Hindle (Captain), R. Weston, F. Pearson.

Back row: Mr. J. A. Paterson, W. B. Chattington, R. Robinson, J. L. Cardwell, K. Whitehead, D. P. Ramsden, C. Johnson.

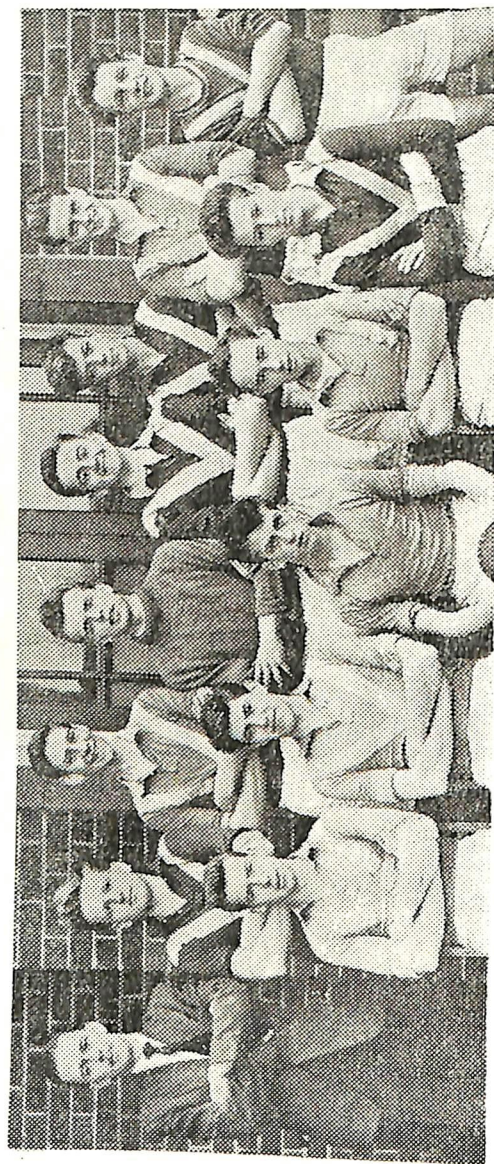


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BAINES GRAMMAR SCHOOL, POULTON-LE-FYLDE, SECOND XI FOOTBALL TEAM

Front row (from left): J. R. Algar, B. Morris (Vice-Captain), J. Sutter (Captain), A. R. Anderson, M. R. G. Leeming.

Back row: Mr. D. Gregson, C. A. Brand, R. Sunderland, A. P. Ardron, J. L. Cookson, G. L. Ronson, V. A. Ashcroft, C. Johnson.

Second Eleven

Results to date: Played 6, Won 4, Drawn 2, Lost 0.

Goals—For: 22; Against: 10.

Results this term:—

v. Palatine S. (home)	Won	6—2
v. Old Boys (home)	Won	3—1
v. Blackpool Schools XI (away)	Won	5—2
v. Accrington G.S. (away)	Drawn	2—2
v. Burnley G.S. (home)	Drawn	2—2
v. Hutton. Ag. Coll. (home)	Won	4—1

This team has had a very successful beginning to the season. The unbeaten record is a tribute to its fighting spirit and excellent teamwork. Every member has given of his best all the time. Individually, Sutter has proved a most capable captain, whilst Morris and Anderson have distinguished themselves in a remodelled forward line which has scored 22 goals. The defence in its entirety has impressed by its soundness.

The regular team has been: Ardron; Leeming, Johnson; Ronson, Sutter, Ingham; Ashcroft (2), Anderson (6), Algar (2), Morris (8), Brand (4). (Individual scoring in brackets).

The following have also played: Cookson, Heap, Whalley, Priest.

Under 15 Eleven

Results this term:—

Sept. 22—Bailey Sec. Modern School (h)	Won	4—0
Oct. 6—Palatine Technical School (a)	Won	6—2
13—Hodgson Sec. Modern School (h)	Won	4—2
20—Highfield Sec. Modern School (a)	Lost	3—4
Nov. 17—Claremont Sec. Modern School (h)	Won	14—1

The team has played very good football and can certainly be proud of its first part of the season as a new member of the Blackpool and District Secondary Schools' Under 15 League. Excellent team-work has been the main factor in the success, as the scores show, but in addition, every member possesses a high standard of individual skill.

Congratulations go to Sherlock, Taylor (R), Newton, Blackamore and Rowe who have represented Blackpool and District Secondary Schools' Eleven in the English and Lancashire Schools' 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.

Goal scorers to date: Rowe 7, Newton 6, Blackamore 5, Whalley 4, Rothwell 3, Taylor (J) 3, Brookfield 2, Taylor (R) 1.
A.E.

Under 14 XI

The team has had a very unsuccessful season so far. In spite of individual competence and some improvement on last year's spirit, it has so far failed to achieve a settled, blended combination capable of holding its own. The forwards **must** make better use of the ball, and relieve pressure on a far from solid defence.

Results to date in friendly games:—

Sept. 15—Haslingden G.S. (h)	Lost 2—3
Oct. 13—Accrington G.S. (a)	Lost 2—8
20—Burnley G.S. (h)	Lost 2—6
Nov. 10—Haslingden G.S. (a)	Lost 0—1

In League games:

Sept. 22—Bailey (a)	Lost 1—9
29—Palatine (h)	Won 7—3
Nov. 24—Claremont (a)	Lost 1—2
Dec. 1—Highfield (h)	Lost 1—2

The following have played: Taylor, G., Massey, Sharrock, Wood, Glover, Brown, A., Wright, E., West, Catherall, Roskell, Brown, I., Gamble, Hepworth, Partington, Etchells, Wright, R., Barker, M., Longden, Minns, Hoban, Mayoh, Flint, Lang.

Under 13 XI

Last year's "Gazette" Cup winners are continuing their run of success and have not yet been defeated. They are a strong and clever side, anxious to improve, and determined to do well in the present League competition.

Results to date:—

Sept. 22—Bailey (a)	Won 6—0
Oct. 6—Palatine (h)	Drawn 2—2
Oct. 13—Hodgson (a)	Won 11—0
Nov. 3—Highfield (h)	Won 3—2
Nov. 17—Claremont (a)	Won 7—1
Dec. 1—St. George's (h)	Won 6—1

The following have played: Rothwell, Dell, Glover, Brown, A., Latus, Wright, E., Gamble, Partington, Perry, Longden, Minns, Hulse, Lang, Crowe.

Under 12 XI

The most promising Junior team for many years, this year's Under 12 team has quickly settled down into a formidable side. Ball control, speed, intelligent positioning and tremendous shooting power in the forward line are backed up by a strong and uncompromising defence. The team is full of enthusiasm and determination to retain the "Gazette" Cup won by last year's Under 12 team, from whom the present team is learning much in regular practices.

Results to date:—

Sept. 29—Palatine (a)	Won 4—0
Oct. 20—Hodgson (h)	Won 10—1
Nov. 10—Highfield (a)	Won 4—3
Nov. 24—Claremont (a)	Won 10—1
Dec. 8—St. George's (h)	Won 3—1

The following have played: Christy, Ormrod, Riley, Hitchen, Roberts, Appleby, Orrell, Hamer, Anderson, Goldberg, Warburton, Coombs, Scott, Cottrell, Thomason.
H.E.T.

BY THE WAY

There are 488 names on the School Registers.

Salvete

Form Shell: B. Appleby (F), S. J. Barker (F), E. J. Baynham (Hi), E. R. Blundell (Ho), T. Boardman (W), R. M. Cartade (W), M. N. Caygill (Hi), A. Christy (F), K. W. Cottrell (Hi), P. Cunliffe (F), A. T. Dronsfield (Hi), J. D. Edge (Hi), C. J. Fletcher (W), W. K. Garrett (F), C. G. Gleave (Hi), H. A. Green (W), A. P. Heywood (F), N. Hitchen (F), S. B. Howarth (Hi), N. H. Hume (W), P. Jackson (Ho), W. J. Kyle-Price (W), M. W. Quarrie (W), P. J. T. Riley (F), B. Roberts (Hi), A. W. Robertson (Ho), C. Wilkinson (Ho).

Form Is: P. Anderson (Hi), J. F. Atherton (Hi), D. J. Chorlton (F), P. M. Clarke (Hi), G. A. Danson (F), A. S. Fleming (W), W. W. Foster (F), P. B. Gamble (F), R. G. Goldberg (Hi), W. J. Hanley (Hi), P. Heaney (Hi), S. Howe (Ho), D. Johnson (Hi), L. B. Kay (Hi), M. Leahy (Hi), P. S. Lovatt (W), J. A. Naylor (F), H. S. Potter (W), M. B. Pound (Ho), D. Pugh (F), P. Ridgway (W), G. A. Smith (W), B. Thomason (Hi), P. Tomlinson (Hi), H. Warburton (F), R. A. Wood (F).

Form Im: I. Ancell (Hi), M. J. Chippendale (Ho), J. R. Collier (W), M. Coombs (W), D. J. Furnival (Hi), M. F. Foster (F), E. D. Hamer (W), K. Hornby (Ho), V. L. Hunt (W), L. Kitching (F), P. R. Landauer (F), R. M. Lyons (W), J. J. Marshall (Ho), D. W. Minto (Hi), B. Ormrod (F), C. S. Orrell (Ho), N. I. Orrett (Ho), A. P. Parker (W), G. H. Proctor (Hi), T. W. Scott (W), J. E. Thorpe (Ho), K. R. Towers (F), D. Ward (F), D. F. Whalley (F), E. J. Whiteside (Hi).

Form IIX: I. Logan (Ho). Form IIm: R. A. Garside (F).

Form IVm: H. Mallandaine (Ho).

Valete

M. J. Artis, R. B. Butler, R. B. Clark, C. D. Clegg, J. Eccles, J. H. Elliott, B. Hey, G. J. Horan, D. G. James, D. N. Kershaw, K. L. Mayoh, R. A. Partington, M. L. Powell, A. Robins, P. Schofield, J. B. Shepherd, C. G. White, J. A. Wilson, K. Southworth, J. H. Heathcote, G. Tolson, T. Kirkman, F. Moss, M. Scott, B. Tufnell, R. Clynes, E. L. Cobb, P. A. Davies, S. T. Hill, B. E. Humphrys, A. Masheder, P. Robinson, W. Wadsworth, R. J. Whiteside, J. R. T. Wright, J. H. Watkins, T. Leighton, P. Barcock, H. G. Birtles, W. H. Cook, D. S. Eaves, R. J. Helsby, P. Lovatt, A. Neath, G. I. Reddington, D. Rhodes, B. Roulton, R. D. Taylor, S. A. Taylor, K. Whalley, S. Windle, B. Cottam, A. Cammell, M. Packer, H. K. Harrison, N. Foulds, F. Grindley, F. G. Rawling, P. A. Wood, M. W. Dagnall, C. C. Bridge, R. E. Wright, C. G. Williamson, B. F. Balaam, M. Francis, K. W. Colley, R. D. McDowell, F. Kirkham, R. Brakewell, R. A. Garside

The pavilion is now well on the way to completion; work is progressing on gates and interior fittings, and it is just possible that the building may be in use sometime next summer.

Mr. Shrimpton, who, with Mr. Ward, joined the staff in September, has been a valuable recruit to the "building staff."

We bid farewell and wish the best of good fortune in his career to Mr. Kearns, who leaves us to take up a post in the Middlesbrough Technical College. He has been with us as a teacher of mathematics for four terms, and during that time has interested himself in various out-of-school activities, particularly the Chess Club and the Scout Troop, in both of which he will be greatly missed. His place will be taken next term by Mr. E. Harrison, who has for many years taught mathematics in Blackpool Grammar School.

A wind vane which has been manufactured in the workshop and installed as part of the climatological station will be useful in determining the very occasional variations from south-westerly gales and biting south-east winds.

Every member of the School sincerely mourns the untimely death of Mr. Hodgkinson, the caretaker, a tribute to whom is found elsewhere in these pages. His place has been taken by Mr. J. Peters, of Thornton, who, like "Johnny", comes to us from the I.C.I. works. Mr. Peters served as a sergeant-major in the Tank Corps during the 1939-45 war.

Sales of poppies for Armistice Day brought in £7 7s. 3d. for the Earl Haig Fund. On Remembrance Sunday, which this year coincided with the date of the original Armistice Day, the School was represented at the eleven o'clock service at the Poulton War Memorial by the Headmaster, Prefects, Scouts and A.T.C. A wreath of poppies was placed on the Memorial by C. A. Brand, Head Prefect.

Sixteen boys and three masters are going on December 30th to Austria, where they will be taking part in winter sports. We wish them a pleasant holiday!

This year's annual French play was "Les Fourberies de Scapin", by Molière. A party of seventy-two boys of Forms V and VI attended. Judging from a photograph of a section of the audience which appeared in the local press and which proved to be a revealing picture of some of our Sixth Formers, the performance was much appreciated.

The Student Christian Movement Conference for Sixth Formers on November 23rd, was convened at short notice and we were able to send only eight delegates. The Conference took the form of a series of replies by three clerical speakers (including the Headmaster of Blackpool Grammar School) and Mr. A. R. Marsh, B.A., B.D., the local S.C.M. Secretary, to questions submitted beforehand by Sixth Formers. The duties of Chairman were shared by the Rev. H. Luft and Mrs. Robinson, Headmistress of the Collegiate School, where the Conference took place.

The film-shows organised by the three enthusiastic officials of the Film Society have drawn very large audiences. So, too, have the sessions of Modern Music. We should like to see equally strong support for other out-of-school activities which have less entertainment value and which call for more effort on the part of the individual.

This year's House Matches have been very keenly fought out, and have attracted more spectators than usual. We observed, also, very large touch-line support for the coaching

sessions for School teams. Could this have been because of the identity of the coach? Perhaps Jack Smith, formerly of Nethwick United, would have attracted less attention than St-nl-y M-rt-ns-n.

Incidentally, the shooting practice at the end of each session produced only one "bull's-eye" — a shot, by one M-rr-s of the Upper Sixth, which knocked the above-mentioned M-rt-ns-n flat on his face!

Here is our latest and final contribution from K.C.K.:

"DASH IT ALL"

The high regard in which the twin virtues of Law and Order are held by the First Forms received fresh confirmation through a conversation which our Intelligence Service recently picked up on the medium-wave receiver. A dark deed, it appeared, had been perpetrated a few hours before. "Do you know," said A to B, in the course of a game of table-tennis, "that C has gone and burst D's balloon?" "My word," came the firm and decisive reply from B, "then we must send for a policeman."

In these appalling days of self-expression for the young (things are not what they were in our youth), it is indeed refreshing to find at least one second-former who has sensible and realistic ideas on the relationship of Master and Pupil. This young gentleman, with a touching faith and belief in the efficacy of our diplomatic contacts, was urging us to transmit a certain request for sympathetic consideration by Higher Authority. We think the date may have been November 5th, but are not quite sure now. At all events, upon our asking the said young gentleman why he should not make a direct appeal himself, we received the highly gratifying reply, "Well you see, Sir, you are of HIGHER QUALITY than we are."

The Fifth Form, perhaps understandably impatient at being continually excluded from these chronicles, apparently decided to show that they, too, are not above a little joke, an occasional harmless frolic. It was, therefore, with much de-

light that we came across a formal Geometry proof, from the hand of one of those august personages, beginning "Imagine a fly crawling round the sides of the polygon." We did imagine, and, unlike Queen Victoria, WERE amused.

Another fifth-former, with Mathematical ideas which are remarkably advanced for his age, found no difficulty at all in reconciling his current work with the Theory of Relativity since, he asserted, "all polygons must finish up where they begin." This statement evoked an unusual feeling of kinship, for schoolmasters, too, sometimes have this view of the Nature of the Universe.

We wish all our readers a very happy Christmas, and renewed vigour in the New Year!

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