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## EDITORIAL NOTES

Printing costs have risen enormously since the War but the price paid by purchasers of this Magazine has increased by comparatively little. It follows therefore, that we are scarcely able to continue without some form of financial assistance. The Magazine Committee is reluctant to increase the price, and has decided to take other steps to enable us to balance the budget.

One of the ways in which contributors can help us is to make reports of School activities as brief and factual as possible. Please bear this in mind in future.

The Pavilion Committee wishes to convey its warmest thanks to Mr. J. A. Walton, one of the past presidents of the Old Boys' Association, for his gift of five doors for the building.

## SCHOOL OFFICIALS

(Changes since April, 1957)

### CRICKET

*First Eleven*:

Captains: C. A. Brand and D. P. Ramsden.

*Second Eleven*:

Captain: M. R. G. Leeming. Vice-Captain: J. W. Greaves.

*Under 15 Eleven*:

Captain: D. W. Brookfield.

*Under 14 Eleven*:

Captain: J. P. Stevenson, Vice-Captain: A. Marsden.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

1956-57

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

1957-58

Autumn Half-Term: Friday, 25th October, and Monday, 28th October.

Christmas: Thursday, 19th December, to Wednesday, 8th January.

Spring Half-Term: Friday, 28th February, and Monday, 3rd March.

Easter: Tuesday, 1st April, to Tuesday, 22nd April.

Whitsuntide: Thursday, 23rd May, to Monday, 2nd June.

Summer: Friday, 25th July, to Tuesday, 9th September.

## HONOURS LIST, APPOINTMENTS, Etc.

J. E. Bowman (left 1937): Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music.

J. M. Burrill (left 1955): Appointed to the Staff of Hodgson Secondary Modern School, Poulton-le-Fylde.

F. Davies (left 1954): B.Sc. Class I, University of Sheffield.

D. C. Flenley (left 1950): M.B., Ch.B. (Honours), University of Edinburgh.

W. Green (left 1945): Ordained Methodist Minister.

I. B. Holland (left 1954): B.Sc. (2nd Class, General Honours), University of Sheffield.

Peter Ramsden (left 1954): B.A. (2nd Class, Division 2, Honours French), University of Durham.

H. Webb (left 1954): B.Sc. Eng. (2nd Class Honours), University of Manchester.

Congratulations to the team which, led by P. L. Lascelles, retained the Corporation Flag in competition with teams from many other Blackpool and District Troops; to those who, by their proficiency in swimming, have helped the Troop to regain the "Skipper" (Michaelson) Trophy; and to those Senior Scouts who have gained their First Class Badges. Unfortunately, it must also be recorded that for the first time our Junior Troop is unable to run its own Summer Camp through lack of support—though the Easter Camp at G.T. was well attended—so that the three or four Juniors who are able to camp will be joining those Seniors and Scouters whom Mr. Charnley will be introducing to Salen in Argyllshire.

After Easter, with its successful Camp and its "Bob a Job" week, in which some younger Scouts excelled (may we remind all Scouts of the "Free" Good Turns they should be doing for the rest of the year?), there followed Poulton's celebrations of this Centenary and Jubilee Year. On successive days Poulton and District Scouts and Guides had a Social, a Camp Fire and a Scouts' Own Service.

A new venture, which deserves support, has been our attempt at a Troop "Good Turn" by attending meetings of the Handicapped Scout Group at Singleton Hall. Only a few of Baines's Scouts have attended so far. All Scouts will be welcome, for their presence helps the Singleton Scouts to realise that, despite the disabilities, they are members of a Brotherhood. Certainly they are an inspiration to the rest of us. Some seventeen or eighteen of the twenty-four have their Second Class Badge; patrols meet regularly; and wide games, and indeed all games, are played with great gusto, even though some of the lads are in wheel-chairs. Johnnie Walker, who joins us whenever he can, has volunteered to arrange for them a special tour of Blackpool Illuminations—just a part of what we have come to look upon as the "Walker Service."

"Good Camping" and "Good Scouting" to all, especially those who may be leaving. May we remind all Old Scouts—no matter of what "vintage"—that we are always glad to see them, at meetings or Camps, or on other occasions. The Old Scouts' Reunion, which we promised to make an annual event, will take place in the School Dining Room on Wednesday, 18th December, starting at 7 p.m., with supper at 7.30 p.m. Make a note of the date now, and join us if you possibly can, even if only for a short time. A note to the G.S.M. at School, if you intend joining us at the meal, would be appreciated. Members of the "Old Brigade" will like to know that our first G.S.M., Mr. Ramsden, has made a good recovery and, when he called after Easter, was looking very fit.

The annual five-day Wing Easter Camp, which was held at the R.A.F. Station, Weeton, was not attended this year by members of our Squadron. As we had already attended two weekend camps we volunteered to stand down this time to make room for cadets from less fortunate squadrons. The Squadron will, however, attend the Summer Camp at the R.A.F. Station, Dishforth, near Ripon, and from the programme we have received it should be most enjoyable.

As in previous years, the Squadron had the pleasure of acting as host for the Wing Inter-Squadron Sports in which the Squadron won the Bell Trophy. A number of our cadets then continued their success at the Group Sports which were held at the R.A.F. Station, Cosford, the results being:—

100 yards:	1st, Templar.
220 yards:	2nd, Richards.
880 yards:	4th, Vincent.
Shot and Javelin:	1st, Spore.

In the Relay, after its success in the Wing Sports, the Squadron team was selected to represent the Wing and again won! The team was: Richards, Templar, Vincent and Birch.

Cadets Spore, Templar and Richards have been selected to take part in the All-England Championships to be held in London later in the month.

Sergeant Spencer, who was awarded a Flying Scholarship at the end of the Spring Term, has now completed his flying training at Barton Airport and is awaiting the award of his A.T.C. Wings and Civilian "A" Licence.

At the time of publication, Flt.-Sgt. Farrer should have just returned from a four-day trip to Gibraltar as a guest of the R.A.F. He will fly from Lyneham as a member of the crew of a Hastings of Transport Command.

We congratulate Corporal Bassett on gaining his A and B Gliding Certificates during a course at Hawkinge R.A.F. Station.

D.G.F.

## NATIONAL SAVINGS BRANCH

For the ten weeks of this term, up to 12th July, our returns are:

Amount subscribed	....	....	£144 10s. 6d.
Average number of subscribers per week	108		
		(22% of the School.)	

Forms with the best records      II Alpha (36%), Vs (28%),  
V Alpha (27%).

The Special National Saving's Badges, awarded each term to Form Secretaries for particularly good work, are all retained by last term's winners:—P. L. Rothwell, IV Alpha; B. Garstang, Vs; G. Jenkins, V Alpha.  
A.C.O.

## SCHOOL SOCIETY

Because of G.C.E. and sports events, meetings this term have been somewhat infrequent to date. After the examinations, meetings will no doubt recommence, although only for a short time.

As has been reported in an earlier edition of the *Poultonian*, our finances are now obtained from the "School Fund," but the balance remaining from previous years has made it unnecessary to draw upon this source. Of this balance of £15 15s. 6d., £13 5s. 1d. has been spent, and so we have a balance of £2 10s. 5d. The distribution of money amongst the sections has been fairly even.

It would be impossible for the Society to function without the voluntary services of the section officials and the members of the Staff who take an interest in the Society. We thank all these officials for their work. We extend our thanks to two members of the Staff who are leaving this term, Messrs. Croswell and Wilde, for giving their support to the Sketching Club and Geographical Society respectively.  
T.C. and R.E.S.

## The Senior Debating Society

We are delighted to report two more highly successful meetings of this newly-resurrected society.

The first had a well attended house, the motion being, "That this house decries the special creation of man." This motion was duly carried, following able speeches by the proposers, Messrs. Algar and Blackamore. The second debate (we suspect pressure from Mr. Okell) had for its motion, "That this house believes saving

to be worth while." During this debate, the experiment of having the appointed chairman of the Society actually presiding was tried, which aroused comment, and even commendation, from some quarters.

It is hoped to hold at least one more meeting this term, and freedom from examination worries is expected to raise the standard of performance. The Society has arisen phoenix-like; it is the duty and, we hope, the privilege of the Sixth Form to further its progress until the heights of the 1950-54 sessions are once more attained.

K.W.

## Film Society

During the past term the Film Society has, because of the G.C.E. examinations and the fine weather, held only one meeting, at which the film record of the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games entitled "Melbourne Olympiad" was shown to a small but appreciative audience.

However, we hope to organise an end of term visit to the Manchester Studios of the Independent Television Station of Granada Television Network Limited.

We should like to thank Swadkins for his expert projection, also Messrs. Croswell and Smith for their valuable advice and keen support during the past year.

P.B.P. and R.K.

## School Sketching Club

Meetings have been held regularly throughout the term.

In addition to object drawing and landscape composition, members interested in poster work have continued with increasing success.

J.C.

## THE SCHOOL CLIMATOLOGICAL STATION

In the last report I suggested that, if the eight-year weather cycle theory was correct, we were due for a warm summer, and, as the following results show, we have had very good weather so far:—

	Average Max. Temp.	Average Min. Temp.	Total Rainfall
March	54.0° F.	42.0° F.	1.83 ins.
April	54.8° F.	38.6° F.	0.41 ins.
May	56.0° F.	42.1° F.	3.21 ins.
June	65.8° F.	46.4° F.	0.73 ins.

It would appear from the May readings that it was a very wet month. On the contrary, it was completely dry until the 10th, and again completely dry from the 20th till the end of the month. April was exceptionally dry.

While our poor Sixth Formers have been "slaving away" taking examinations we have recorded a heat wave with a maximum temperature of 83° F. on 16th June and a temperature of over 80° F. on two other days. The heat wave was due to the persistence of an anticyclone over the British Isles.

The prime object of the Meteorological Observations during the International Geophysical Year is to obtain a greater knowledge of the winds, temperatures and humidities in the Earth's atmosphere. Though the School Station has no special task to perform during the proceedings of the next eighteen months, we shall be taking an interest in the results of the experiment.

We have pleasure in recording the fact that the results of our observations are now being published in the Meteorological Magazine. Thus we have reached another milestone at the beginning of our third year.

N.T.

## ATHLETICS

After last year's performance in the Inter-Grammar Schools Sports we have experienced a revival in this important branch of sport.

The Olympic flame has kindled the enthusiasm of both First and Sixth Formers, although the latter seem to think that the soccer season never rests. Nevertheless, we are well on the way to success and show marked improvement in fixture after fixture, as the results indicate. Athletics are now a vital School sporting activity.

We have the following teams:—Under Thirteen, Fourteen, Fifteen and School Senior team. As well as the Inter-Grammar School Sports, we have entered the Blackpool and District Schools' Championships and established an Athletics fixture list with individual Grammar Schools.

### INTER-GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS.

Miller (Javelin, 3rd; Discus, 4th). Templar (100 yards, 4th; 220 yards, 4th). Juniors: Crowe (100 yards, 3rd). Barnes (440 yards, 4th). Relay: Hoban, Crowe, Barnes, R. Taylor, (4th).

### R.A.F. WEETON SPORTS—SCHOOLS "INVITATION" EVENTS.

Templar (100 yards, 1st), Weston (100 yards, 2nd), Richards (220 yards, 2nd), Vincent (220 yards, 3rd); Relay: Templar, Halstead, Richards, Weston, (2nd).

The following boys were selected to take part in the Lancashire Schools' Championships at the White City Manchester, 26th June. It should be noted in the results that competitors took part in heats and semi-finals before actually reaching the final:

Miller (Javelin, 4th), Weston (Long Jump, 4th), Templar (Inter-100 yards, 5th), Hill (Inter-880 yards, 5th), Anderson (Inter-Javelin, unplaced), Rowe (Jnr.-Javelin, 2nd), Hall (Jnr.-Discus, unplaced), Nottingham (Jnr.-High Jump, 4th).

### SCHOOL MATCHES.

Under 14 Team v. Fleetwood Grammar School; School won, 25 points to 22.

Under 13, 14, 15 Teams v. St. Joseph's College; School won, 123 points to 108.

School Senior Team v. Blackpool Grammar School; School won, 99 points to 76.

### BLACKPOOL AND DISTRICT SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Junior Championship: 4th

Intermediate Championship: 3rd

Senior Championship: 3rd

The above results are a tribute to all athletes concerned who have trained hard during the term, but we must continue to train harder in order to build up a greater reputation in this field of sport.

A.E.

### SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1957

The Athletic Sports took place on Wednesday, 5th June, 1957. The prizes were presented by Mrs. H. E. Tomlinson, wife of the President of the Old Boys' Association.

#### EVENTS ON SPORTS DAY.

##### 100 YARDS, FIRST FORMS:

1, Bamber (Hi.); 2, Riley (F.); 3, Hunt (W.).

##### 100 YARDS, THIRD FORMS:

1, Crowe (Hi.); 2, Curwen (Hi.); 3, Stevenson (W.).

##### 100 YARDS, FIFTH FORMS:

1, Richards (Ho.); 2, Ashcroft (F.); 3, Sillis (F.).

##### 880 YARDS, MIDDLE SCHOOL:

1, Rothwell (Ho.); 2, Ferry (Hi.); 3, Vincent (Ho.).

##### 880 YARDS, SENIOR:

1, Johnson (Ho.); 2, Hyde (W.); 3, Hill (F.).

##### 100 YARDS, JUNIOR:

1, Bamber (Hi.); 2, N. Perry, (W.); 3, M. Perry, (W.).

##### 100 YARDS, MIDDLE SCHOOL:

1, Halstead (F.); 2, Sherlock (F.); 3, Birch (F.).

100 YARDS, SENIOR:  
1, Templar (F.); 2, Bignall (Ho.); 3, Weston (F.).

DISCUS, SENIOR:  
1, Priest (F.); 2, Miller (F.); 3, Leeming (Ho.).

HIGH JUMP, SENIOR:  
1, Miller (F.); 2, Sunderland (W.); 3, Morris (Ho.).

220 YARDS, JUNIOR:  
1, Bamber (Hi.); 2, N. Perry, (W.); 3, M. Perry, (W.).

220 YARDS, MIDDLE SCHOOL:  
1, Newton (F.); 2, Halstead (F.); 3, Barnes (W.).

220 YARDS, SENIOR:  
1, Templar (F.); 2, Oldroyd (Ho.); 3, Richards (Ho.).

HIGH JUMP, JUNIOR:  
1, Phillips (F.); 2, Anderson (Hi.); 3, Ward (F.).

JAVELIN, SENIOR.  
1, Miller (F.); 2, D. P. Ramsden, (W.) and Leeming (Ho.).

440 YARDS JUNIOR.  
1, Bamber (Hi.); 2, N. Perry, (W.); 3, Hulse (W.).

440 YARDS, MIDDLE SCHOOL:  
1, Vincent (Ho.); 2, Halstead (F.); 3, Barnes (W.).

440 YARDS, SENIOR.:  
1, Johnson (Ho.); 2, Templar (F.); 3, Hyde (W.).

MILE, MIDDLE SCHOOL:  
1, Ferry (Hi.); 2, Rothwell (Ho.); 3, Taylor (F.).

MILE, SENIOR:  
1, Hill (F.); 2, Johnson (Ho.); 3, Donaldson (Hi.).

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

#### EVENTS BEFORE SPORTS DAY.

LONG JUMP, JUNIOR:  
1, Hulse (W.); 2, Gleave (Hi.); 3, N. Perry, (W.).

LONG JUMP, MIDDLE SCHOOL:  
1, Sherlock (F.); 2, Newton (F.); 3, Barnes (W.).

LONG JUMP, SENIOR:  
1, Weston (F.); 2, Templar (F.); 3, Pearson (W.).

HIGH JUMP, MIDDLE SCHOOL:  
1, Newton (F.); 2, Lang (Hi.); 3, Nottingham (Ho.).

PUTTING THE WEIGHT, SENIOR:  
1, Leeming (Ho.); 2, D. P. Ramsden, (W.); 3, Miller (F.).

PUTTING THE WEIGHT, MIDDLE SCHOOL:  
1, Blundell (W.); 2, Birch (F.); 3, Blackamore (Ho.).

HURDLES, SENIOR:  
1, Weston (F.); 2, C. B. Davies, (W.); 3, Pearson (W.).

DISCUS, MIDDLE SCHOOL:  
1, Barker (Ho.); 2, Sherlock (F.); 3, Wright (F.).

JAVELIN, MIDDLE SCHOOL:  
1, Rowe (Hi.); 2, Maguire (Ho.); 3, Blackamore (Ho.).

#### RESULT OF HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP:

1, Founder's	....	361	3, Hodgson	....	228
2, Whittington	....	232	4, Hibbert	....	203

#### JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP:

1, Bamber (Hi.) (15 points); 2, N. Perry, (W.) (10 points).

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP:

1, Ferry (Hi.) and Newton (F.) (13 points).

#### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP:

1, N. Johnson, (Ho.) (18 points); 2, Templar (F.) (16 points).

## SWIMMING

On Saturday, 2nd March, the School team visited Manchester in order to swim in the match against Manchester Grammar School. The result of this match was a win for Manchester, but it must be said that our defeat was nothing of which to be ashamed. Our Juniors were swimming against boys who were older than most of our Senior team; we thank them for fighting against such overwhelming odds.

A number of boys have gained Life Saving Awards during the past term, including 12 Bronze Crosses, eight Bronze Medallions, one Instructor's Badge and three Intermediate Certificates.

Within a week of this report going to print a team will have represented the School in the Inter-Schools Swimming Competition at Derby Baths, and the Inter-House Swimming Sports will have taken place. Good luck to all boys concerned!

We congratulate Smith and Bell on having been chosen to swim for the Lancashire Schools at Manchester.

Thank you, Mr. Etchells, for all you have done to help us this last term!

D.H., Upper VI.

## THE HOUSES

### Founder's House

This term has been notable for our runaway victory in Athletics. We have by this virtually assured our fourth successive year as Cock House. It is hoped that the final result of the championship will reveal a decisive lead for us, but this can only be gained by a final effort in the cricket and swimming.

As this is the last report of the School year I take this opportunity, on behalf of the members, of thanking Housemasters, officials and all those who have made any contribution towards the achievements and successful administration of Founder's House.

M.F.H.

### Hibbert House

Every House has its lean years, and this one promises to be the leanest of all for us. Our results in the Athletic Sports were disappointing, though we commend the performance of Bamber (Junior Champion) and Ferry (Joint Middle School Champion). With most of our cricket programme completed, one tie has been our best result. Swimming has, for some years now, been the weakest part of our armour, and we have little hope of success at the baths.

We regret the departure of Messrs. Croswell and Harrison, and extend to them our best wishes for their future and our thanks for their interest in House affairs.

T.C.

### Hodgson House

The dominant feature of this term's activities has been the Inter-House Sports, when Hodgson were beaten into third place by Whittington, who had a narrow lead in the last event. House representation in the middle and long distance events was particularly strong. Johnson carried off the Senior House Championship, and deserves the hearty congratulations of the House.

Towards the end of the season the Inter-House cricket matches began and the first game ended in complete victory for the Senior team who swamped Founder's with some spectacular batting! The Middle School team also had its share of victories, winning two of the three matches, while the Juniors, having played only two, have managed to tie one of them.

It is hoped that in this term's Swimming Competition the House will achieve successes comparable with those of recent years.

A.J.C.

### Whittington House

We congratulate all those who took part in the Sports on their success in gaining us second place. So far we are second in the Cock House Championship, and now it depends on cricket and swimming results, which have not yet been completed, to determine our final position.

J.R.H.

### PATTERDALE CAMP, WHITSUNTIDE

At twenty-five past ten on 7th June, some 25 boys boarded the 'bus which was to take them to Patterdale for a week's camping in one of the most picturesque parts of the English Lake District.

They arrived at the site to find the tents erected, and were soon ready for a short walk by the side of Ullswater. It was found that there was a pleasant beach and a good bathing place only a few minutes' walk from the site, and this proved popular throughout the week.

After a good breakfast, the camp prepared for the first tent inspection. This had hardly been completed, however, when it began to rain, and there was a rush to get the kit under cover. The downpour continued steadily until about five o'clock, but, in spite of this, an excursion to Patterdale and Glenridding was held.

Sunday morning was free time, but in the afternoon there was a walk to Angle Tarn. From there, views of High Street, Brother's Water, the Kirkstone Pass and Saint Sunday Crag were seen. There was also an awe-inspiring view of Helvellyn, which was to be the next day's climb.

Monday was the day for the ascent of Helvellyn, whose summit is 3,118 feet above sea level. The ascent first involves a lengthy climb up the flank of Birkhouse Moor, followed by a walk across Striding Edge. This latter comprises a narrow path with a little space each side bounded by a steep drop into the valley below, and ending in an awkward rock chimney. The last part of the ascent consists of a scree. The summit of Helvellyn is a long, flat, stony piece of ground with a small rise in the centre on which the summit cairn is built. There is a windbreak near the summit and also two monuments; one to a man who landed and took off in an aeroplane successfully in 1923, the other to the poetry of Wordsworth describing the death of one Gough, whose dog was found guarding his body three months after he fell from the summit onto the rocks below. From the top of Helvellyn could be seen Ullswater, High Street, Sca Fell Pike and the Langdale Pikes. To the south we had a magnificent view of

Windermere, Coniston, Esthwaite, Dollywaggon Pike, Morecambe Bay and far-away Ingleborough. The descent was made via the lead mines and Glenridding village.

After a free Tuesday morning, it was found that the Masters had been able to hire a boat for the use of the camp at a very low price. Boating was popular for the rest of the week. Wednesday was thought too hot for walking, so there was boating and bathing. Thursday morning was free for boating and bathing, but in the afternoon, a wide game was held.

The evenings of the week were not wasted. Several of the campers were keen anglers and tried their luck on numerous occasions. The best catch was an eight-inch trout which, after being on display in the store tent, was eaten. The chief evening activity, however, was the game of "croccer." This game was well supported throughout the camp and provided much excitement for all its participants.

Friday, to everyone's regret, was the day on which the camp was to be struck. The site was quickly cleared, and the boys left the camp carrying happy memories of the games, walks, boating and meals they had enjoyed in the past week. The campers all wish to express their thanks to the Masters concerned for a most enjoyable camping holiday.

J. CHARNLEY, III<sub>s</sub>.

### THE SCHOOL CAMP

This year our annual School Camp was held at Patterdale;  
To enjoy yourself and have some fun you really couldn't fail.  
There was climbing, boating, swimming, and first-class feeding, too,  
And certain boys went fishing when there wasn't much to do.

They woke us up at crack of dawn (well, really ten to eight !),  
And early boys got more to eat, so there weren't many late.  
For breakfast we had porridge with bacon, beans and bread,  
Or sometimes porridge, bread and beans, and scrambled eggs instead.

Then followed tent inspection with everything set neat;  
Each tent was trying very hard the other ones to beat.  
We then set out on walking tours to mountain, tarn and fell,  
And from these grand adventures, there's many a tale to tell.

Of how a member of the Staff, whose whistle set the pace,  
Lost his pea upon Helvellyn and went redder in the face.  
While visiting the Angle Tarn, some boys, 'tis sad to tell,  
Got lost because they didn't know their geometry too well.

It was just the kind of holiday to make you really fit,  
Providing you could wangle out of carrying all the kit.  
With all this healthy outdoor life our skins began to tan,  
And everyone was full of beans (the kind that's in a can !).

To finish with, now let us, on behalf of all the lads,  
Give thanks to all the masters who looked after us like dads;  
We may not have been on safari or trod the jungle deep,  
But they tended to our wants as a shepherd tends his sheep.

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

(The annual School Camp was held in Patterdale from 7th June to 14th June. Thirty boys took part, under the supervision of Messrs. Smith, Charnley, Thompson and Cardy).

### HOW TO GROW MINIATURE TREES

The growing of miniature trees is a pastime that has been practised by the Chinese for many centuries.

Either an orange cut in half with the fruit and pith removed or a fibre plant-pot will suffice for a growing vessel. The seed of any tree can be used but it is best to use the seed of a tree with a characteristic shape.

When the seed has been planted, water regularly, not letting the soil become too dry. After a while a few roots of the plant will protrude through the vessel. These must be cut off.

Soon a miniature tree will have grown which, but for its size, will be exactly similar to its fully-grown counterpart.

J. A. CATHERALL, III<sub>s</sub>.

### THE MARTIANS

The little Martians with saucer-like eyes, goldfish-bowl heads and cubist bodies may not be so far-fetched after all. It seems from the results brought back by experimental animals that it will take more than ordinary men to venture into space.

There are at least three major hazards; number one is the problem of withstanding the enormous pressure caused by very great speeds, the escape velocity, and getting back without space-ship and men fizzling out like a shooting star as a result of the tremendous friction of re-entering the earth's atmosphere at speeds of five miles per second or more.

Secondly, there is the weightless feeling of cruising around in space, which is, say scientists, like falling down a bottomless shaft.

The third is the most important ; cosmic radiation, heavy atomic particles from outer space which are smashed by the earth's atmospheric screen. Without this screen, space travellers will be exposed to the full impact of these heavy bullets. Research indicates that these rays will not only damage body tissues and cause disease, but will also bring about changes in man's hereditary mechanism. The United States Air Research and Development Command flew black mice and monkeys twenty miles out into space in huge balloons; they were kept there up to 36 hours at a stretch. The monkeys received 8,600 direct hits from these rays and suffered slight body damage. The mice had turned grey and white in patches and some weeks later began to grow tumours on the parts which had been bombarded with rays.

A. MARSDEN, IIIs.

## THE MANY LANGUAGES OF BRITAIN

English is used universally and is, so to speak, the official language of the Commonwealth and the Empire. It is the language of the United States of America; and "pidgin" English is the *lingua franca* of the Pacific Islands and all the Far East. Nevertheless, there are millions of people, British subjects, who do not speak it or understand it.

Now take another language question. How many different languages are spoken in, and by the inhabitants of, the British Isles? Ignore foreign languages spoken by overseas people living here. There are, in fact, six, seven, or perhaps eight native languages, though some, of course, are restricted to small groups of people. Some, other than English, are fairly widely used. Cornish, a British language which was spoken in the south-west corner of England not so very long ago, may be said to be dead for all practical purposes. Manx, still spoken in the Isle of Man, was once taught in schools, but nowadays the language is only maintained by some of the older folk and students. Few people realise that the ancient Celtic language of Wales is spoken by about two million people, and that a large number use it as their first tongue, English being a second language for use only when necessary.

The nearest relative to Welsh is Cornish; Breton, a kindred language, still flourishes in the most north-westerly provinces of France. Close to Welsh, too, is the Gaelic of the people of the

Western Isles and the Highlands of Scotland. There, Church services are in Gaelic.

The Irish, Erse, a language with tradition, is allied to the Manx, but despite the efforts of the Government of Eire, its use as a first language makes difficult headway.

There are other minor tongues used by little isolated groups, like the form of Romani used by the Welsh gipsies; the simplified Romani of the English gipsies; and Shasta. This last is a dialect of Erse, and was once the secret language of the priests, but to-day is used only by the tramp.

L. ROBERTS, IIIs.

## BY THE WAY

There are 479 names on the School Roll.

### Salvete

J. D. Bamber, Is (Hibbert); I. M. Barlow, Im (Hodgson); G. H. Mather, IV Alpha (Hibbert); I. Rowlands, Shell (Whittington); J. F. Whatmough, Im (Founder's).

### Valete

L. W. Barker, I. R. Corbit, D. Corbit, A. Stowe, E. J. White, C. Williams.

Mr. E. Harrison, whose appointment as a temporary master now comes to an end, carries with him, as he begins his life of retirement, the grateful thanks of the School for the excellent way in which he has "filled the gap" until Mr. Slater was free to come. Mr. Harrison's departure is regretted by all, for his interest in Baines has been wholehearted, whether he has been teaching Mathematics, interesting himself in Hibbert House, or lending a capable hand in the plastering of the pavilion.

Mr. J. Croswell has been in charge of the Art department since early in 1933, and during the years between then and now has earned the affection of all who worked with him and under him. Present and past pupils of the School join his colleagues in wishing him many happy years of retirement. Outside School, Mr. Croswell is well-known in local art circles, and has long been a member of the Blackpool and Fylde Art Society, of which he is a past president. His

water-colour paintings have always been a joy to behold, and many of them have been seen in art exhibitions in Blackpool and Preston. The School Sketching Club, a select band of enthusiasts, owes its inception to him and has always benefited from his inspiration and guidance. Needless to say, when any dramatic production has taken place in the Hall, Mr. Croswell has always been called upon to design and paint the scenery, and he has given hours of ungrudging toil to such work, with excellent results. As a faithful member of the School Choir and as a House Master of Hibbert House, he has given valuable service.

Mr. J. C. Poppleton, who takes over the teaching of Art in September, has taught at the Stalybridge Secondary School, and is an Old Boy of Blackpool Grammar School. After attending Blackpool School of Art and Manchester College of Art, he gained his Art Teacher's Diploma.

Mr. G. W. Wilde, who is going to take charge of the teaching of Geography in the Grammar School, Hereford, has, in the short space of five years, left upon the School the impress of a vigorous personality. The teaching of Geography has been, of course, his chief concern, but he has also been a keen supporter of various out-of-school activities. It was he who founded the School Geographical Society, and it is because of his unflagging energy that it has flourished; his lusty bass has added richness to the melodies of the School Choir; and who can ever forget his performances on the stage, and particularly his exuberant, uproarious portrayal of Sir Toby Belch, two years ago? Mr. Wilde has also made his mark in local Methodist circles as a lay preacher, and has played hockey for Blackpool and cricket for Fylde and for Blackpool Schoolmasters. It must be placed on record that his youthful appearance led to his being mistaken, only last year at Speech Day, for a member of the Sixth Form! We all hope that he will long retain this priceless gift of energy and youthful zest, and that he will prosper in his future career.

Mr. G. M. Randell, who succeeds him, was educated at the City of Norwich School and Bristol University, where he graduated B.A., with Honours in Geography. He has been teaching, since 1951, at Mattersey Hall School, near Doncaster.

This has been a prosperous year for School Football, a rather poor one for cricket, a hopeful one for athletics, and a lamentable one for swimming. It is, of course, a tremendous handicap to have no swimming-baths of our own, but that fact did not prevent us, a few years ago, from doing quite well on many occasions in the Inter-Grammar School Swimming Sports, and winning the Wilkinson Trophy in 1946 and 1950. It is to be hoped that a fresh wave of enthusiasm, and some putting into practice of the School motto, will bring us back to our former pre-eminence.

The plastering of the pavilion is almost completed. In building circles, plastering is considered a job which can be done only by experts; but our amateur plasterers, having received a little instruction, have accomplished an excellent piece of work, and are to be congratulated.

The annual Founder's Day Service took place in St. Chad's Parish Church, Poulton, on 31st May. Among the visitors present were Councillor G. C. Bishop, J.P. (Chairman of Poulton-le-Fylde Urban District Council); Messrs. H. Denner, F.C.A.; H. R. Dennison; Russell Smith; Councillors Mrs. Abbott and F. Farnsides (Governors); Messrs. G. Shaw, B.A., M.B.E., and B. A. Pickett, B.A. (former members of the Staff), and the Reverend A. K. Bisbrow, B.A.; B. Morris; R. Pye; W. S. Slater, M.B.E., and J. F. Walker (Old Boys).

The service was conducted by the Reverend T. J. Stretch, B.A., and the Headmaster, and the Lessons were read by C. A. Brand and N. Thomas. The Choir sang Hopkins' *Te Deum* in G, and the anthem "Magnify the Lord" (G. C. Martin). The sermon was preached by the Right Reverend A. L. E. Hoskyns-Abrahall, Bishop of Lancaster, who took as his text the words, "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!" (*Proverbs xvi, 16*).

The annual Speech Day will take place on 31st October in the Winter Gardens Pavilion, when the prizes will be presented by Alderman Welch, C.B.E., Chairman of the Lancashire Education Committee.

We wish success in the future to all leavers, and a pleasant holiday to all!

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## JUNIOR FOOTBALL

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Last year we reported the climax of the Under Twelve team's successful season, when the youngest of the School teams won the *Evening Gazette* Cup. We are happy to undertake the task again, as this year's Under Twelve team retained the Cup, defeating Highfield at Bloomfield Road on 3rd May, 3—1. The terms of the competition were different from those of previous years, in which the knock-out principle was applied; this time the matches were played as a League Championship Competition, the Cup to be played for by the teams finishing first and second in the League. Our team had won all its League games, but Highfield had lost only one—and that to our team by 4—3, so a keen game was envisaged. The pitch was

very hard and dusty, and the ball was rather difficult to control, but both teams played hard, fast football, and it was no surprise when Cottrell scored with a typical "thunderbolt" after five minutes. Shortly before the interval our defence paid the penalty of "over-venturing" and "under-marking" when the Highfield centre and inside right ran through untackled and lured Christy out of goal. In the second half, however, the defence was more compact, and the forwards pressed almost continuously. Good goals from close quarters by Hamer and Cottrell (who also hit the bar from 20 yards and missed a "sitter" from 20 inches) settled the issue. Highfield played well-disciplined football throughout, and often looked the more impressive side, but they lacked the sudden inspiration and ability to switch the danger and to create scoring chances. Our team was Christy; Hitchens, Roberts; Appleby, Orrell (Captain), Coombs; Goldberg, Warburton, Hamer, Scott, Cottrell.

Their predecessors, now the Under Thirteen team, won the Parr Cup, as hastily reported in the last issue. This was a "straight" championship competition, and the destination of the Cup was to be determined by the result of the last League match, on our ground, against Tyldesley, our opponents in the Under Twelve Final last year. A draw would have given Tyldesley the Cup, but although our opponents scored first through a huge shot from a massive cherub designated Charlie, our team had the advantage of slope in the second half and attacked with determination. A penalty by Partington (who missed another one), a "soft" goal by Lang (the goalkeeper being unsighted), and a fierce shot by Cottrell, who also converted another "panic-penalty," gave us a 4-1 win which rather flattered our side, although Tyldesley were quick to acknowledge that we deserved to win. Our team was Rothwell; Orrell, Brown; Wright, Gamble, Partington (Captain); Lang, Perry, Longden, Hulse, Cottrell.

## SCHOOL CRICKET, 1957

### First Eleven

Record to date: Played 8, Won 1, Drawn 3, Lost 4.

#### DETAILS OF RESULTS:

##### v. ARNOLD SCHOOL.

Arnold, 121 for 5 declared (Metcalf, 3 for 23; Anderson, 2 for 21); School, 59 (Anderson, 20; Knapman, 13 not out). Arnold won by 62 runs.

##### v. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

School, 71 (Brand, 35; Anderson, 16); St. Joseph's, 60 for 5 (Miller, 5 for 33). Match drawn.

##### v. BLACKPOOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Blackpool, 125 for 6 declared (Metcalf, 2 for 14); School, 64 (Anderson, 25; Maguire, 10). Blackpool won by 61 runs.

##### v. KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

School, 49 (Brand, 12; Metcalf, 12; Sherlock, 12); Kirkham, 50 for 6 (Miller, 2 for 20). Kirkham won by 4 wickets.

##### v. BLACKPOOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

School, 37 (Knapman, 11 not out); Blackpool, 41 for 3 (Metcalf, 3 for 14). Blackpool won by 7 wickets.

##### v. ARNOLD SCHOOL.

Arnold, 65 (Anderson, 4 for 9; Ramsden, 2 for 8); School, 67 for 9 (Anderson, 26; Ramsden, 22). School won by 1 wicket.

##### v. MORECAMBE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Morecambe, 99 (Miller, 3 for 19; Brand, 2 for 16; Ramsden, 2 for 22); School, 62 for 7 (Sherlock, 17; Maguire, 12). Match drawn.

##### v. FLEETWOOD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Fleetwood, 38 for 6 wickets (Ramsden, 4 for 14). Rain stopped play. Match abandoned

### Second Eleven

Record to date: Played 5, Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 2.

##### v. ARNOLD SCHOOL.

School, 62 (Sherlock, 30); Arnold, 67 for 6 (Longden, 3 for 16). Arnold won by 4 wickets.

##### v. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

St. Joseph's, 42 (Edwards, 4 for 18; Wood, 3 for 5; Sherlock, 3 for 12); School, 43 for 6 (Longden, 18; Brookfield, 10). School won by 4 wickets.

##### v. KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Kirkham, 73 for 9 declared (Longden, 4 for 22); School, 63 for 6 (Longden, 23 not out; Leeming, 16; Greaves, 14). Match drawn.

##### v. BLACKPOOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Blackpool, 33 (Edwards, 7 for 11; Longden, 3 for 8); School 36 for 1 (Greaves, 19; Johnson, 16 not out). School won by 9 wickets.

##### v. ARNOLD SCHOOL.

Arnold, 96 (Brookfield, 3 for 24; Rowe, 3 for 27); School, 56 (Greaves, 14; Leeming, 11; Padgett, 10). Arnold won by 40 runs.

### Under 15 Eleven

##### v. BLACKPOOL SCHOOLS' ELEVEN.

School, 85 for 5 (Knapman, 19; Halstead, 18; Rowe, 17); Blackpool, 72 (Rowe, 3 for 3; Wood, 2 for 1). School won by 13 runs.

##### v. MORECAMBE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

School, 95 (Brookfield, 34 not out; Bowers, 16); Morecambe, 56 (Stevenson, 8 for 8). School won by 39 runs.

## OLD BOYS' PAGES

### OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

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At the end of the recent football season the Old Boys had double cause to remember it. On 28th April the last Football League fixture saw Blackpool playing at Tottenham and providing an occasion for a Southern Section Dinner, and two days later our own team won the Ramsden Shield.

As many of you know, we have in recent years arranged a joint Dinner in London on a date when Blackpool have been engaged there. Last year, the last Saturday in April was chosen, as Blackpool were at Chelsea; this year the same Saturday again proved convenient, and next year Blackpool are at Tottenham again. We must personally deny having made surreptitious arrangements with the League to ensure the incidence of a London fixture on the same Saturday for three successive years, but we should be quite content if the precedent were followed indefinitely so that the London Dinner could become as regular a fixture as the Annual at Blackpool—with, of course, a saving clause in the event of Blackpool's being engaged at Wembley the week following !

This year, Harold Mason had arranged for the Dinner to be held at the Feathers, Tudor Street, almost under the shadow of his own office. Whether this remote corner of the Fleet Street jungle was too elusive, or whether the Tottenham supporters were too

hostile, will never be known, but the melancholy fact remains that of the 20-odd members who had definitely arranged to attend this dinner, a third of the number never arrived, nor have we received any news of any of them except one, who later confessed to sudden illness. We can only hope that the others have recovered from their amnesia or wounds; meanwhile we must reluctantly state that, enjoyable though the occasion was for those of us who were there, it could hardly be called a success, as the Association suffered a financial loss. It was very pleasant to welcome to this function our old colleague, "Jack" Horner, who left the Staff in 1955 and happened to be able to come along. As usual, our best thanks are due to Harold Mason for the trouble he took to arrange this meeting; we can but hope that if we have another one next April his efforts will be better rewarded.

We congratulate the Old Boys' team on winning the Ramsden Shield to crown a very good season. The game, played on an unseasonably bitter evening, 30th April, at the I.C.I. ground, was full of interest and excitement. The Old Boys were unquestionably dominant and well-disciplined in defence, and the opponents, Thornton Sports, had few real opportunities to score. Our forwards, though strangely hesitant at times, kept the Thornton defence very busy, and it was a first-half goal that decided the match—a very well-judged lob by Keith Bentley. Just before the end Skipper Lucas failed to score from a penalty and was visibly relieved when the final whistle was blown, but there is no doubt that he and his men fully deserved their win in this keen but very sporting game.

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Three Bowling matches have taken place this term; two were "domestic," and to the other the Fylde Group of Associations sent several representatives. Members who are not adept at this fascinating pastime should not be diffident of attending on future occasions; the game seems to be a secondary consideration and indeed most of those present seem to be strictly novices. In fact, if you occasionally mutter, "Too merry," or "A bit proud," or "No legs," you will very likely be acclaimed as a veteran and achieve an immoral advantage over those who have not picked up any of the mysterious vocabulary of the green. After the game, of course, everyone is on equal terms in the next stage of the competition !

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The Summer Trip took the form of an excursion by car to Ingleton on 23rd June. Nine cars, with a total cargo of some 30 members and passengers, left Poulton in line ahead, with Admiral Pye flying his flag in the first vessel, at about 9.45. Avoiding the

A6 "Rat-Race," we went via Quernmore, Caton and Bentham to Ingleton, after commandeering a side-road for a picnic lunch. After visiting the White Scar caves we continued along the Hawes road, round Ingleborough, and stayed for an hour or so at Slaidburn. Here occurred the only misfortune of the day, for when we reported at the "Dog and Partridge" at Chipping for our evening meal, it was found that Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walton and Dennis Airey were missing. They arrived some 20 minutes later, complaining bitterly that nobody had seen fit to waken them up when the convoy quitted Slaidburn. We can only account for this lapse by assuming that we counted an alien vehicle among our strength, and we must gently remind Dennis that if he is determined to drive "last man" he must accept the occupational hazard. However, the excellence of the meal dispelled all gloom. This was one of our most enjoyable trips, and we here repeat our thanks to Dick Pye for his very efficient timing, organization and leadership.

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May we again draw members' attention to our recent appeal for support for the F. J. Stafford Memorial Fund. It remains open indefinitely, but we need substantial contributions now, so that if an opportunity arises suddenly whereby a suitable site for the camp may be acquired, we shall not be without adequate resources. Please help us now if you have not yet done so, not only by personal support but by contacting your friends among Old Boys who are not members of the Association. The Treasurer, Secretaries or President will gladly receive any further contributions.

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The School Pavilion is not, we fear, ready for use this cricket season. Delay has occurred in the arrangements for interior plastering, but this is now in hand and it really looks as if we might be using the Pavilion next season. It has already proved its worth as a temporary refuge, however; at the School Sports, during two irritating periods of fairly heavy rain, many of our guests found shelter on the verandah.

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### Personalia

The following is an extract from the annual report of Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, Ltd.:

"It is with considerable regret that I have to advise you that under our rules Mr. J. H. Jolly, having attained the age of 70, resigns from your board and also from the boards of those

subsidiary companies of which he has been a director. Mr. Jolly joined the Company as Secretary in 1918 and has since then given us a life-time's work in the capacity of secretary, director, joint managing director and chairman. Under his leadership much was achieved and we express our deep appreciation of all he has done for us, and at the same time wish him a long and happy retirement."

This tribute needs little elaboration from us. Mr. Jolly has remained a faithful Old Boy from the earliest days of the Association, and many of you will remember that only two or three years ago he officiated at the School Speech Day with an enthusiastic gaiety rarely matched on such occasions. It was characteristic of his loyalty and generosity that, being unable to attend the Annual Dinner the following year, he invited all the Prefects to attend as his guests. He has given great service, as President and in other offices, to the Association, and has helped the School, unobtrusively but effectively, in various ways. We warmly echo his firm's wishes for "a long and happy retirement" and hope we shall see more of him now.

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We congratulate T. Lucas, J. F. R. Wolstenholme, M. Rogers, A. Ibison and W. Roughley on their recent marriages, and offer our condolences to the President-Elect, Ken Brearley, and to "Johnny" Walker on the death of their fathers.

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We must apologize to Alec and Llew Unsworth for the inadvertent omission of their names from the Dinner List.

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Mr. Okell has recently heard from George Sayer, who says that, much as he would like to revisit England, there is "an awful lot of Australia still to be seen." "Awful" certainly is the word if, as in George's case, your experience includes working on the Nullarbor Plain.

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Last term, in the report of the football matches played against School, we related how Ian Smith was involved in a road accident on his way to the game. Now we are sorry to say that he recently

suffered a more serious injury in another accident and is at present in hospital with head injuries. We hope he will soon be fully recovered and ready to resume his place in the team next season.

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We congratulate J. F. C. Dickinson, who began his career in the operating box of the Imperial Cinema, Blackpool, on his appointment as Manager of the 1,751-seater Rialto Cinema, Rochdale.

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#### New Members

1956 F. J. Balaam, 12 Ashburton Road, Blackpool.  
Ex-Staff Lionel Horner, 17 Eden Drive, Headington, Oxford.  
1926 George Rowlinson, Boar's Head Hotel, Preston Old Road, Blackpool.  
1932 W. Hewitt, 186 Cavendish Road, Bispham, Blackpool.  
1956 A. Peter Ardron, 266 Hardhorn Road, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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