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Editorial Notes

Don't shoot, dear reader; the Editor is really doing his best. Your first sight of the Magazine is the cover and you have been startled not to see the old familiar design which was made by D. C. Warner when at School in 1912. Well, there you have the reason. Even blocks wear out in time and after the many thousands of impressions which have been made it is not surprising that the printer informed us that the end had come. So we called in an expert who produced the new design. To him we express our gratitude for the unstinted trouble he took over the matter and to the reader our hope that time will heal the wound which must inevitably be caused by innovation in a society such as ours which loves tradition.

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We are glad to notice an increased interest among the Present in the Magazine, and thank them for their literary contributions. But we are sorry that the Past is represented by only one article. Please send us more.

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The Officers for the School for the past term were as follows:
School Captain: P. D. Wilding. Vice-Captain: J. D. Backhurst.

Prefects: G. D. Blunt, R. H. Hewes, B. Philpott, R. D. Short, C. H. Thomas.

Sub-Prefects: A. M. Aylwin, J. R. Cherryman, S. F. Emerson, J. O. Hutchinson, M. P. Lampard, B. D. Lewis, M. E. H. Sturt.

Cricket: M. J. Barnard (Captain), R. H. Hewes (Vice-Captain), D. A. Bowden (Committee Member).

Athletics: B. Philpott (Captain), J. D. Backhurst (Vice-Captain), R. H. Hewes (Committee Member).

Swimming: J. D. Backhurst (Captain), V. K. Winstain (Vice-Captain), B. D. Shakeshaft (Committee Member).

Shooting Committee: J. R. Cherryman, B. Philpott, R. D. Short.

Magazine: V. K. Winstain (Assistant Editor), J. O. Hutchinson (Committee Member).

House Captains: J. D. Backhurst (Childe), J. O. Hutchinson (Harding), B. D. Lewis (Massingberd), H. C. Duffin (Morley), A. M. Aylwin (School).

Assistant Games Secretary: C. H. Thomas.

Congratulations to E. A. Bentley, A. L. Brown and R. R. Knight who passed the School Certificate at the December examination, and to F. W. Taylor who gained a distinction in Latin, which he took as an additional subject.

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Valete: C. S. Alden, H. V. Baddeley, M. Barker, D. R. Benson, E. A. Bentley, I. F. A. Bowler, A. L. Brown, D. B. Geleit, A. R. Green, M. J. Horner, R. R. Knight, J. D. Lewis, J. A. Morris, P. G. D. Naylor, A. G. Sansom, F. E. Sansom, C. M. Sewrey, F. J. G. Sheward, J. Spiers, F. W. Taylor, R. A. Watts, J. H. Wisdom, T. B. Wright.

Salvete: C. W. Appleton, R. F. Bates, R. T. Creasey, W. Klein, P. D. Young.

Speech Day

Our growth in numbers and the more than maintained interest of parents in the life of the School were made very obvious at the prize-giving on Wednesday, 8th December. Although once again, by the kindness of the Headmistress and Governors, we used the Great Hall of the Girls' Grammar School, there was not room for all, and some boys had to be excluded. This should have re-inforced the pleas made by our Chairman of Governors and the Headmaster for the speedy provision of better accommodation; but, alas, our distinguished visitor, Mr. R. Beloe, Chief Education Officer of the County, could only sympathise and tell us that the available materials and labour were earmarked for places where there were no schools at all. After this disappointment we listened as attentively as the occasion demanded to Mr. Beloe propounding the three qualities which he thought were needed in these difficult times. They were: faith in our country, by which he meant working for its good; integrity, by which he meant soundness of character; and enthusiasm, by which he meant doing something for oneself instead of relying on "laid-on" entertainment.

Previous to the speech the prizes had been graciously distributed by Mrs. Beloe, to whom a bouquet was presented by J. Prentice, the youngest boy in the School.

After the votes of thanks we were ready for the programme of music to which everyone looks forward on these occasions. The choir and orchestra deserved their moment in the limelight after their devotion to practice and rehearsal, and were rewarded by the warmth of the applause.

The more material provisions of the afternoon must not be forgotten. Those who were privileged to stay after the School Song and National Anthem will wish to have their thanks expressed to Mr. Borelli, our Chairman, for the delightful tea to which they had been invited.

PRIZEWINNERS

FORM PRIZES.—Form IP: 1, A. K. Common; 2, P. G. Sherwood; Commended, W. Wallis. I: G. L. Pound; 2, D. H. Pullen; commended, D. J. Goddard. IIP: 1, R. F. Gooch; 2, M. F. Wilson; Commended, C. R. Knight. II: 1, D. W. Bassett; 2, J. M. Bassett; Commended, J. E. Brewer. IIIs: 1, F. E. Sansom; 2, A. Butler; Commended, C. J. Beadel. III: 1, D. I. Higton; 2, W. J. Down; Commended, M. R. Hipgrave and P. H. Gates. IVb: 1, S. F. Emerson; 2, D. N. O'Sullivan; Commended, J. Prescott. IV: 1, J. R. Cherryman; 2, D. L. Wilkinson; Commended, W. F. Bodkin and B. Philpott. V and Vb (for specially good performance in the General School Examination): J. D. Backhurst, F. W. Emerson, J. O. Hutchinson, M. D. Lampard, H. S. Massey, J. Thrower, and V. D. Wyatt. VI (for good work in the Higher School Examination): H. C. Frost, G. P. B. Webberley, and P. D. Wilding.

SUBJECT PRIZES: Reading, Senior: G. D. Blunt; Junior: H. S. Massey. Art, Senior: J. Shoebridge; Junior: D. B. Geleit. Music, Senior: I. F. Bowler; Junior: J. M. Cotterill.

MEMORIAL PRIZES: Michael Kilburn Prizes (for School Certificate Work): Mathematics, J. O. Hutchinson; Physics, J. D. Backhurst; Chemistry, R. L. Russell. George Sturt Prize (for Essay): R. D. Short. Arthur Job Prize: D. H. Garner. Headmaster's Prize (for Service): F. W. Emerson. William Stroud Prizes: Geography, J. Thrower; Service, K. N. Anderson.

GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—Passed with exemption from Matriculation (subjects in brackets=distinctions): C. S. Alden (French, Maths.), S. A. Armstrong (Geography, Maths.), J. D. Backhurst (French, Maths., Physics, Chemistry), J. A. Bateman, B. F. Cheesman (French), J. H. Crotty (French), J. Day, H. C. Duffin (Maths., Physics), F. W. Emerson (History, Geography, French, Maths., Physics, Art), J. W. Hawkins, M. J. Horner (French, Maths.), J. O. Hutchinson (English, French w. and o., Maths., Physics), J. M. Jennings, M. D. Lampard (History, Latin, French w. and o., Maths.), K. F. Lovegrove (English, French), F. H. Loveless, H. S. H. Massey (Latin, French w. and o.), R. E. Mead (English, French oral), P. G. D. Naylor, N. J. Parratt (French, Maths.), V. M. Rich, R. L. Russell (Maths., Chemistry), F. J. G. Sheward, J. Shoebridge (Geography, Art), D. J. F. Slater, D. T. Smith (Maths., Physics), F. W. Taylor (French, Chemistry), J. Thrower (History, Geography, Art), A. A. Tooby (French), J. L. Vick (History), H. Walmsley, T. B. Wright (History, Geography), V. D. J. Wyatt (English, History, French). Passed: K. N. Anderson, M. J. Barnard (Physics), D. R. Benson, I. F. A. Bowler (History), M. Player (Physics), C. Prescott, R. A. Watts (Art), J. H. Wisdom.

HIGHER SCHOOL EXAMINATION: Passed, H. C. Frost (with exemption from Inter Sci., London), P. D. Wilding (with exemption from Inter Sci., London), G. P. Webberley (with exemption from Inter Arts, London).

CERTIFICATE "A" EXAMINATION: C. S. Alden, J. D. Backhurst, M. J. Barnard, J. A. Bateman, E. A. Bentley, I. F. A. Bowler, B. F. Cheesman, J. Day, H. C. Duffin, K. M. Gordon, W. F. R. Hale, M. J. Horner, J. O. Hutchinson, M. D. Lampard, K. D. Paget, C. Prescott, R. L. Russell, F. J. G. Sheward, J. Shoebridge, F. W. Taylor, H. Walmsley, T. B. Wright.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

1. The School Orchestra:
Allegro from "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" Mozart
2. Massed Unison Song:
"Worship" Geoffrey Shaw
3. Carols:
(a) Shepherds, shake off your drowsy sleep.
(b) Coventry Carol.
4. Two-part Song.
"It was the Winter Wild" A. E. Horrocks
5. Orchestra:
"Chant Sans Paroles" Tchaikovsky
6. The School Song.

The Chess Club

The Chess Club has had a fairly successful season. Membership has risen and the standard of play is higher than in any of the last two seasons.

Two matches have been played, both against Farnborough Grammar School, whom we defeated 11—1 at Farnborough and 8½—3½ at Farnham.

Results of this year's tournaments are:—

Spring Term Open Tournament.—Winner: B. Philpott. Runner-up: C. Prescott.

Form VI Tournament.—Winner: C. Prescott.

Form Vb Tournament.—Winner: D. O'Sullivan.

School Championship, Junior.—Winner: P. Still. Runner-up, D. Pullen.

The Senior Tournament is in its closing stages.

M. D. LAMPARD, Vice-President.

Debating Society

At the first meeting of last term the officers were elected and a programme of debates was arranged. Mr. Bowler was elected vice-chairman and Messrs. Backhurst, Winstain and Russell were elected to serve on the committee. Mr. Lampard resigned from his post as hon. secretary at the first debate and was succeeded by Mr. Cherryman.

A record number of members (53) was present at the first debate held on 11th February, at which Mr. Philpott proposed and Mr. Crowhurst opposed the motion that "This house disapproves of all kinds of blood sports." After the rather lengthy principal speeches only a short time remained for the other members to speak and the motion was carried by twelve votes to eight.

At the second debate held on February 18th the subject under discussion was that "A National Theatre should be set up." Mr. Hutchinson spoke for the motion and Mr. Russell against. Several good points were brought up by the main speakers and also by the other members when the motion was discussed. Finally the motion was carried by six votes to five.

The last debate of the season took place on Friday, 25th March, when Messrs. Bowler and Lampard proposed, and Messrs. Philpott and Sturt opposed, the motion that "Britain is still the leading power." The motion was defeated by six votes to eleven.

It is an encouraging fact to notice that the attendances at meetings are becoming better, but we would like to hear more from our juniors who seem to be taking an increasing interest in the Society.

J. R. CHERRYMAN, Hon. Secretary.

The Concert

WEDNESDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1949

It would be impossible to deal fully with the large and varied programme presented to us. You will find here only a few impressions of some of the performers, and this short account must necessarily leave out some things which you would have included.

First a word of congratulation to the Church House Committee on providing us with such comfortable seats, and then an adverse comment on the ventilation as it affected the stage. The humid heat presented the youthful fiddlers with too difficult a task; intonation suffered, and even the keyboard of the piano was treacherous.

Still, it was a good concert, interesting and varied in its composition as will be seen from the programme given below. It reached a very high standard in places and never lost the interest of the audience. We were all pleased to see the Dramatic Society come to life again after its war-time hibernation with a short one-act play. In fact it was too short; the subject was worthy of full length treatment, but that was not the fault of the cast. Of them, I mention Blunt for his worthy rendering of those noble lines in which Columbus affirms his faith in his destiny. It was a promising beginning and I would liken it to the hors d'œuvres before the main meal. I look forward to the not distant future when the Society in full strength will give us a three-act play. Is this too ambitious?

Of the orchestral items I select Group I on account of its well contrasted items—an excellent selection. The percussion, with its meagre resources, did well, and the trumpet admirably strengthened the melodic line. In the Bourée the difficulty of Bach was apparent, but it was overcome satisfactorily. A special word of praise must be given to the string quartet which gave the three Purcell fragments in Group 9. They played with the confidence of experienced musicians.

From the piano items, which all had merit, I have only space to mention the brilliance of Mr. Read's rendering of the "Waldstein" Sonata (first movement), the thoughtful, delightfully phrased "Davidsbündler" played by Bowler, and Blunt's good expression in the Chopin Prelude, very cantabile except for the bass in the first subject.

There was a wealth of vocal items of which "Hark, hark, the lark," impressed me most for its clearness and freshness.

I repeat that it was a very good and satisfactory concert and from it I hope will come the wherewithal to provide more instruments for the orchestra. In addition to the acknowledgments given in the programme we must express our thanks to Mrs. Cole for her training of the strings and to Mrs. Evans for so ably coming to the rescue with her 'cello.

PROGRAMME

Part I

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

1. The School Orchestra :
 - (a) "Purcell's Trumpet Voluntary" *arr. G. R. Read*
 - (b) Allegretto from Symphony No. 7 *Beethoven*
 - (c) Bourée from Suite in D *Bach*
2. Songs :
 - (a) Hedge Rose *Schubert*
 - (b) Hark, hark, the lark *Schubert*
 - J. Cockle, B. Harrington, P. Manning, P. Sindle, T. R. Andrews,
B. E. Wyatt.
3. Piano Duet :

"Song Without Words" *Hugh Bradford*
G. D. Blunt and D. R. Highton.
4. The School Choir :
 - (a) England (Massed Unison) *Parry*
 - (b) Glees : "Breathe soft ye winds" *William Paxton*
 - "Anglers Song" *Herbert Murrill*
 - "Lightly Tread" *John Scotland*
5. Piano Solos :
 - (a) Jig *Arne*
A. T. Holt.
 - (b) Minuet in B *Haydn*
D. R. Highton.
 - (c) Mazurka in B Flat *Chopin*
"Davidsbündler" No. 4 *Schumann*
I. F. A. Bowler.
6. Trumpet Solo : Mr. W. F. Wickens.
7. One-Act Play :

THE KING DECIDES

By John Hampden

Cast in order of appearance :

HERNANDO DE TALAVERA	R. L. Russell
RODRIGUEZ DE NAVA	K. Farthing
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS	G. D. Blunt
ALONSO DE QUINTANILLA	B. Philpott
KING FERDINAND	F. D. Clark
QUEEN ISABELLA	J. Prescott

Scene : The Spanish Camp, 1492.

Play produced by MR. CARROLL.

Stage Manager, J. O. HUTCHINSON.

Acknowledgements are due for the following :—

Trumpet calls by Mr. Wickens; chairs, Mr. G. E. Day; spears, A. Harris;
curtains, Mrs. Potter; shield, T. B. Wright; costumes, etc., F.G.G.S.
Dramatic Society.

INTERVAL

Part II

8. Treble Choir :
 - (a) "Summer is icumen in" *John de Fornsete (c.1240)*
 - (b) "The King's Men" *Sarson*
 - (c) "Pilgrim Song" *Dunhill*
9. String Quartet (trained by Mrs. G. O. Cole)
 - (a) Rigadoon *Purcell*
 - (b) Air
 - (c) Lillibullero
 - J. M. Cotterill, G. Hunt, J. O. Hutchinson, G. D. Blunt.
10. SONG : "Where e'er you walk" *Handel*
A. J. Asplin, R. S. Stroyan, E. L. Todd, A. G. Withall.
11. Piano Solos :
 - (a) Prelude in D Flat *Chopin*
G. D. Blunt.
 - (b) "Waldstein" Sonata (First Movement) *Beethoven*
G. R. Read.

13. School Orchestra :

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| (a) Minuet from Symphony in G Minor | <i>Mozart</i> |
| (b) Norwegian Dance | <i>Grieg</i> |
| (c) Marche Militaire | <i>Schubert</i> |

14. The School Song.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

First Violins : D. Bassett, D. Bowtell, J. M. Cotterill, D. R. Higton,
 D. Wilkinson, J. H. Wisdom. Second Violins : S. R. Allen, J. Bassett,
 P. R. Chandler, A. K. Common, D. Cutler, G. Hunt, J. Marshall, C. Payne,
 G. Le Vey, D. Phillips, E. Wells, D. Wyllie. Viola : J. O. Hutchinson.
 'Cello : Mrs. Evans. Double Bass : G. D. Blunt. Percussion : P. D.
 Wilding, A. T. Holt. Piano : I. F. A. Bowler. Trumpet : Mr. W. F. Wickens.

The Scout Troop

This being mainly an account of the Troop's activities during the winter and spring months, there is little to report about what may be termed the Troop's "internal" affairs, which have been rather quiet, especially in the matter of badge work. We can, however, claim a large measure of success in "external" affairs, and the Troop is now taking a much more prominent place in local events.

To take first what was probably our greatest success, we must depart from strict chronological order and mention especially the Local Association Scout Boxing Competition in February. Under the captaincy of P/L Wilson the Troop's team of 17 boxers won the District Boxing Shield easily, gaining 52 points to the 27 points of the runner-up. This is the first time we have won this shield, which is all the more creditable as it is only the second time the Troop has entered for this competition. Continuing on the sporting note we cannot record the same success in football, for out of the four games played, versus other Farnham troops, one was lost, two drawn and one won. Up to the time of writing (Whitsun) one cricket match has been played, and won, and we still have most of the summer term ahead for this. In the Farnham Athletic Sports we shall be entering a team for the first time.

In the winter holidays of 1947, the Troop held a camp fire in the School Field, and last Christmas we went one step further by inaugurating what we hope will become an annual event—a District camp fire. Though Scouts from other troops were not present in exceptionally large numbers (perhaps boys are more shy than girls) the Guides were present in force. This probably raised the standard of singing, if not the volume, more than if Scouts only had been present.

In April occurred Scout "Bob a Job Week," in which the Troop naturally took part; every Scout, Patrol Leader, Scout-master, etc., had to earn one shilling for H.Q. funds. To give a list of the many and varied jobs undertaken by the Scouts would, although making entertaining and even amusing reading, take too

much space. The work during the week was made doubly hard by concurrent preparations for Farnham Scout and Guide Week which followed.

This latter started with a St. George's Day parade on Sunday, 24th April, at which a much larger section of the Troop was present than in previous years. The next day, Monday, a combined Scout and Guide Exhibition was held in the Church House and the Troop supplied three exhibits. The first of these illustrated international Scouting with a good display of photographs, foreign Scout badges, etc.; the second consisted of pioneering models of bridges and various cooking fires, a troop ambulance box, and other small exhibits. One of the highlights of the whole show, the third of our displays, was a full size camping scene laid out in the centre of the floor of the hall. A "two man" snow tent was erected on the wooden floor (may the caretaker never find out how the guy-lines were fastened down!) and arranged in front of this were a fire with billy, a packed rucksack, an axe and block, and various camp gadgets. A flooring of white canvas and sawdust provided a snow setting which was quite realistic in the subdued light of the hall. On Wednesday an inter-troop six-a-side football competition was held on the School Field. Although the Troop got no further than the first round of this, they did well in their match in that after extra time, a replay, and even more extra time, the score remained level. The result in the end was decided by the toss of a coin. We lost!

In the evening of 27th May, the Troop, with other Farnham troops, joined the Guides to welcome Lady Baden-Powell to Farnham and to hear her speak in the Church House.

So far there has been little camping this term, but a patrol of eight Scouts attended the Surrey County Rally at Ranmore during the Whitsun holidays, where they had the opportunity of seeing Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout.

R. D. SHORT, T/L.

Music

In previous years the Summer Term has been a "close season" where the orchestra and choir were concerned. With no concert in the immediate future, the orchestra has hitherto functioned solely for hymn-playing once a week, and the choir disbanded altogether. Not so this year. Under the guidance of Mr. Read, orchestra practices are continuing, and the hymn-singing is led once a week by a select choir. The hymns are also accompanied by the orchestra or a string quartet on other mornings. Mr. Read considers these activities should not remain only for concert work, but should form part of the musical education of those taking part. Another failing of the past was that little or no provision was made for filling the places left by

members of the orchestra when the time came for them to leave. This mistake is being rectified to some extent by allowing a few members of the lower school to practise on the school 'cello and bass.

Parties were organised by Mr. Read to attend two concerts during the Guildford Music Festival, the first being a performance of the Bach Mass in B minor and the second a symphony concert.

G. D. BLUNT.

He Who Laughs

The appearance this term of the new tasselled prefects' caps caused quite a spate of budding humorists among the members of the School, but I doubt if any of the experiences the prefects encountered at School quite equalled those at first received from the man in the street when travelling to and from School. To prove that a prefect's (cf. policeman) lot is not a happy one, here is an account of an incident which happened on the bus coming to School on the very first morning when this new style of headgear was worn. There may be a few dissenters who claim that this incident is not entirely true. To them I say, "How do you know? you weren't there, or were you?" Besides, I never lie; at the most I only bend the truth a little.

I was nearly at the end of my bus journey, and so far had been lucky as there had been very few sarcastic remarks from behind my back. But now it looked as if my luck was out; three roadmenders (complete with appropriate tools) boarded the bus. They had apparently been erecting a new A.A. sign, for overhanging the hedge at the side of the road was a board which proudly announced, "Dangerous bridge, twenty yards, drive slowly." This has always struck me as a vast understatement; it would probably be more effective to use the American method of, "Four men killed at dangerous bridge ahead— don't make it five," or even, "Turn left at bridge for next village, keep straight on for next world." Still, we digress and must return to the story.

As the only spare seats in the bus were behind me, the inevitable happened; there was a clattering on the stairs; three sighs of relief heavily breathed down the back of my neck, and a faint creaking of the seat as three tired bodies gained a no doubt well-earned rest. For the first few seconds there was silence as all three rested from their exertions on the stairs, but then as one happened to look up the storm broke.

"'Struth," (a faint and strangled gasp, for the speaker appeared to be talking through his nose), "wot on earth's that, Bill?"

A pause; then from my right a flat toned voice replied from the addressed Bill.

"Dunno," it said. Then after another pause, "It's a n'at." Yet another pause, "A n'at with a tassel." Bill was evidently quick on the uptake.

From somewhere behind, the third member of this local brains trust gave vent to a subdued "Cor!"

Bill by this time had regained his voice, in fact in such strength that it could be heard all over the bus. I turned my collar up and prepared to weather the gale. Somehow the intricacies of Desorme's experiment in the no doubt interesting physics book before me had suddenly lost their charm.

"But wot's it for? Is 'e wearin' it for a joke? I think it's funny." The conversation was here interrupted for several minutes by Alf's thinking it funny in his own peculiar way and voice. "Shouldn't someone tell 'im about it?"

Bill, evidently the slow, reasoning scientist of the three, missed the no doubt humorous situation entirely, and merely continued theorising.

"It's a n'at, a n'at with a tassel." Somehow I felt I had heard this somewhere before, but Bill did not stop there for his highly trained mind had formulated another hypothesis.

"It's a prefect's 'at—'e's a prefect."

From our third companion, who by his loquaciousness, sparkling wit, and breadth of conversation was evidently a descendant of Erasmus, another "Cor!"

At this point the bus was approaching my destination, so feeling that the best one could do was to leave with as much dignity as possible, I grasped my book and rose smartly. Equally smartly, but with less dignity the roof returned me to a sitting position. It really is wonderful how on the Aldershot buses there are so many ways of hiding the "Mind your head" notices, but remembering Bruce and his spider (though I have always had a sneaking feeling that if that spider had had any sense at all he would have built his web anywhere but in the teeth of a howling gale; perhaps he wanted his name in the history books), I again rose; more cautiously this time, and turned to leave.

Alf was off the mark at once:

"'Struth" (a favourite phrase), "'e's almost 'uman aint 'e?"

Bill, for which I thank him, did not dispute this, but Erasmus, becoming suddenly very verbose, added a further "Cor!" to the proceedings, and then after a pause, "Blimey!"

They all leaned forward, jaws sagging, and Alf, feeling that the occasion could not be allowed to pass unnoticed, fumbled in his pocket and slowly withdrew an imaginary monocle which, with as much unconcern as possible, he screwed into his left eye. He dropped it twice, but finally had it situated to his satisfaction, and leaned forward; his pick and dinner-box were by now neatly balanced on the edge of the seat; he raised his eyebrows and drawled in the best Mayfair manner:

"Bai jove, if it h'isn't Lord Fauntleroy himself who's honouring the district." Then, turning to Bill. "And what 'otel are you staying h'at William?"

Again Bill missed the joke entirely, and taking Alf at his word dug deeply into his breast pocket, from which, after a great struggle during which he successively turned from green through red to violet, he extracted a shiny spoon, and consulting the handle for a few seconds, announced "Bush." He sniffed, breathed on it, rubbed it on his trousers, and returned it to his pocket.

Erasmus, who had decided that his previous two-word outburst had been sufficient for the rest of the day, said nothing.

By this time I had reached the top of the stairs so that they all had to swivel in their seats even more. "Ha, ha," I cackled up my sleeve until I realised that it was this which caused the cold draft round my neck, "now for it." *It* did not happen until until I was halfway down the stairs, however. There was a crash and a clatter; either the pick or dinner-box had fallen on Erasmus' toe. There was a shriek; it was not the dinner-box.

Here Erasmus showed that he really was an earnest philosopher, for, although silent until then, I just caught, while jumping off the bus, the beginnings of a fine Latin speech. I think it was Latin; at any rate it wasn't English.

Does anyone want to buy an off-white silk tassel? No, ah well, it could be worse; at least it's not leap year.

R. D. SHORT.

An Alphabet

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| A. Horses eat this. | N. An egg machine. |
| B. Lives in a hive. | O. A gardening tool. |
| C. The Black one. | P. Mind this. |
| D. River. | Q. For fish. |
| E. Third person singular. | R. -f a mo' |
| F. —er. Baby cow. | S. Infamous German Official. |
| G. Half a horse. | T. 4 2. |
| H. Very often dropped. | U. Lamb's mother. |
| I. Opposite to low. | V. C. |
| J. A dicky-bird. | W. Two lamb's mothers. |
| K. Preceded by an O and followed by an O. | X. -agon. Six-sided figure. |
| L. Swear word. | Y. Every father's terror. |
| M. A kind of sewing. | Z. There's nothing more to be said. |

R. T. BRETT.

“Garden Garbage”

Are you garden conscious?

Several of my friends suffer from this peculiar ailment and whenever one calls on them no reply is received to repeated knocks at the door; however, a sly look into the garden reveals them bravely disentangling the tendrils of the great bindweed from their prized possession, the creeping Jenny (which is almost a weed itself in my opinion). Having thus been discovered, the unwilling host (let's call him “Horticultural Harry”) does his best to indicate to his visitor that he is busy, but the visitor sticks to his guns and at last the “busy” man yields:

“Would you like some of my home-grown, home-cured tobacco?”

To the nostrils of the visitor this brand of tobacco does not seem to have been cured at all, and is at the moment still very ill, since an extremely notorious odour begins to assail him from the pipe of “Haughty Harry.”

However, the visitor no doubt realises that the foul stuff would be good enough to give to old Uncle Jasper next Christmas.

Before Harry and his guest reach the curing shed they have to traverse a wide and formidable stretch of vegetable garden, in the true sense of the word “vegetable!” As far as the eye can see there is a ubiquitous arrangement of leeks, cabbages, artichokes, turnips and potatoes, to say nothing of the land being prepared for a late crop of peas or beans, which resembles the front line of a battle, complete with man traps and trip wires. Eventually the visitor perceives a small shed, cowering beneath several 50ft. high hollyhocks. This shed seems to be rather grey outside and on closer inspection is found to be very black inside! As soon as the door is opened a pungent musty smell and a peculiar sense of forboding assail the visitor; and all the inhabitants, two cockroaches, several woodlice, countless centipedes and one rather sad looking silver fish, come out to see who the intruders are. But they scuttle away to safety when the floorboards begin to creak and quake under the heavy boots of the gardener.

By now Harry has forgotten all about the tobacco and starts to relate the story of how his great grandfather built that shed out of scrap timber eighty years ago. But it is soon obvious that the visitor is not at all interested—“Before you go you must see the flower garden,” the gardener says proudly, “last week it was a picture, but yesterday I dug out all the old plants and began to prepare the ground for some more. When the friends reach the front of the house there is no sign of a well-planned flower garden at all, or any herbaceous borders. Instead there is a complete wilderness; all round the edge of the lawn are freshly dug beds; the lawn does not seem to have been cut for a long time and a

rusty motor-mower, with its works strewn all around it, is standing in one corner. The only signs of life are three magnificent chrysanthemums which the gardener says he will put in for the local flower show.

"Oh! you're just the chap I want," he says, "Come and hold the ladder for me while I tie up this rambling rose tree." Harry rushes off, and returns with some twine (a gardener's term for string) and a small ladder; this he erects against a piece of pergola work and near to his chrysanthemums.

"Now hold tight," he says as he climbs up the ladder, but when he reaches half-way there is a sharp crack and he is precipitated into the foliage of his wonderful chrysanthemums.

The visitor does not say another word; he just lightly vaults over the front gate and sets off at a good pace in the direction of home.

J. R. CHERRYMAN.

Plus ça Change

An unfamiliar species has been seen about the town,

And the feature that is worthy of remark

It that each of them supports a dainty tail upon its crown,

And utters quite a jolly little bark.

But on close investigation you will very quickly know

That its quaint outside conceals a friend within:

They're our same ferocious prefects—and it only goes to show

That you cannot tell a sausage by its skin.

A school that's also new will soon astound us even more

With its majesty, its beauty and its size,

With dining-halls unnumbered, epidiascopes galore

And laborat'ries to charm a chemist's eyes.

But the creatures that we see through this apocalyptic gate,

Are they seraphs gliding gently out and in?

No, they're still the same young sinners, just as dirty, quite as late;

For you cannot tell a sausage by its skin.

Another innovation now arrives upon our desk

Which appears to be some brand-new magazine,

With our blazon freshly rendered in a manner picturesque
on the most æsthetic cover ever seen.

"Yet underneath this work of art," a critic will retort,

"We find the same old articles within,

"With disheartening reviews about debates and other sport."

You cannot tell a sausage by its skin.

J. O. HUTCHINSON.

A Holiday Trip to "Trizonesia"

After all, my father had got his leave and—what was more amazing still—permission to take all his family over to Germany for three weeks.

Our excitement before leaving England was great. We went via Harwich and Hook of Holland, and passed the English, Dutch, and German customs without luggage being interfered with. A lucky sign!

The greatest moment was when we crossed the frontier at Bentheim and steamed on a German train into our homeland. We pressed our noses against the car windows and eagerly watched the landscape flitting by. The "Ruhrgebiet" was still as disconsolate and destroyed looking as when we left it. Before entering "Rheine," the first large town, we passed numerous factory buildings smashed by bombs. Flowers were blooming on the rubble; sometimes we noticed large blocks of steel rusting under sun and rain—unfinished gun-barrels.

Eventually we arrived at Osnabrück Station—burned out and broken; not much change had occurred since the end of the war. It was at Osnabrück that we spent, for the first time, some of our new German money. We gave paper and the small change we got back consisted also of paper. There is only one coin to the present German money-system, namely, the one-pfennig piece.

We arrived at Brunswick late in the evening. Our relations had been waiting for us hours and hours already. Still, after all, we were there—our year-old hopes had been fulfilled!

Next day we went through the town wondering at the great variety of things which were displayed in the shop windows. A very uncommon sight for us in the hunger and poverty stricken Germany of the past years!—sufficient food, cars, motor-cycles, and all kinds of electrical goods. They were clearing the town, and rebuilding it, too. Tram—and bus—services functioned normally again. Yes, the currency reform has brought about a tremendous change.

The airlift (Luftbrücke) was roaring over all the building-up on the ground. Indeed, the greatest and most quickly built bridge of all times!

One day we boarded a train early in the morning and went up to Clausthal in the Harz. It was the first time for a year that we saw a real German forest again. Rocks, and sombre fir trees, and wild torrents tumbling down the mountains; that is the Harz! From Clausthal we could view the summit of the "Brocken" emerging from fog and clouds. The "Brocken," a mountain described in many a German fairy-tale and legend, now belongs to the Russian Zone.

On returning from the Harz our train went alongside the boundary of "Trizonesia"—that is the ironical name of Western Germany—for quite a time. We did not realise this until afterwards when we were told so. The Iron Curtain had been in this case a little river flowing beside the railway line. If I had looked out of the window on the other side of the compartment I could have seen Russian soldiers. On my side I spotted the wreck of a plane.

In this way I could continue telling you the whole story of our journey home. My intention was, however, not to confine this essay to my own feelings and experiences, but also to give you an idea of the "bare" reality which can easily be mistaken by a foreign visitor seeing but the well laid-out German shop windows.

There is great poverty throughout Germany which is hopelessly overcrowded with refugees from the eastern parts. Many people cannot even buy all their food rations.

The magnificent display of goods inside Germany is not a mark of a normally functioning economic system, but is caused by heavy restrictions laid on German export. The majority of the above-mentioned goods were intended for balancing food imports. Germany does not like to live by charity of other states. It is, however, bound to do so at present.

The shortage of money is very serious in Germany. It is not only the man in the street who suffers from it (a well-known fact in all the world). Even busy concerns go bankrupt, despite the greatest efforts, because their products can only be sold for promissary notes which cannot be honoured at the present stage. This, of course, badly undermines Germany's economy.

Finally, let this be said: In 1945 the whole German people confidently looked up to the Western powers. It was full of goodwill to co-operate with the West with a view to healing the wounds of the last world conflict and to obtain real peace in the end. As far as I can judge this general attitude is very much shaken now. In the last few years the German people has apparently been deprived of the hope to do its part in the realisation of the above-mentioned world scheme.

To re-establish mutual understanding should therefore be everybody's future task.

I will try to do my very best in this respect.

GUNTARD KLEIN, *Form IV.*

Entertainment

The road is like innumerable others; on each side a row of houses so alike that at a glance one wonders if huge mirrors are at play. But a more searching look reveals smoke from one or two chimneys, a shed here, a kennel there and sometimes ragged clothes swaying in the breeze. One of the houses has its door opened and a small man in a blue pinstripe appears; he pushes the gate, and with a wave of his hand at a small girl scrabbling in the gutter turns left. At the end of the road he halts, and joins a bus queue. The bus arrives and he boards, sits down, and having paid his fare reads a newspaper until his destination arrives. He descends and walking with a steady pace turns right into London's underground. There, with half a million other ants, he patiently awaits his train. It whooshes up to the platform and he is swept aboard. Again he reads his paper until his station appears. He then leaves the train with slightly quickened steps, hands in his ticket and goes down a street. A large building looms up, and he enters, giving the commissionaire a friendly nod. Making for the lift he moves slightly faster after a glance at his wrist-watch. The lift conveys him to the eighth floor; he trots out and up the corridor, knocks on a door, and enters. A man waves to him and says something in a rather testy voice. He smiles in reply and clears his throat with a cough. Then he goes up to a black metal rod with an oval grilled box hanging from it and says: "A funny thing happened to me as I was coming to the studio"

F. D. CLARK.

The Wanderer

The first weak rays of the new sun were just creeping through the bracken and dispelling the mist which shrouded the ground in a gauze-like curtain. An old elm, leaning in lonely majesty at a drunken angle, its trunk blasted and torn by lightning which had left a wide split at the base, was just being noticed by the sunlight. A tousled bundle of leaves far back in the crevice stirred and with a protesting grunt a black snout and twinkling eyes appeared. The snout sniffed the warm April air and soon, as four little feet appeared, the bundle of leaves ran towards the sunlight.

The hedgehog paused a moment, his sharp eyes darting rapidly yet carefully all round the grassy sun-dappled dell. He was very hungry after his long hibernation, and the thick layer of tallow beneath his armour which had kept him free from hunger during his long torpor, was almost exhausted. The ferns swayed; the spiny shape stiffened and shuddered throughout its length; then it darted forward. The swaying among the ferns ceased and the viper swung his ugly wedge-shaped head back among his coils. The fangs, each needle sharp and with poison

enough to kill the hedgehog, swung into position as the snake opened his jaws. The hunter, realising his danger, bit hard, but sensing he had missed his hold, promptly rolled into a ball. The snake, bleeding copiously from a gash a little to the back of the head, struck again and again, but was rebuffed time after time by the sharp spines. At last, its head torn and bleeding, the snake drew back. The hedgehog took his opportunity and with one snap broke the snake in two. He then began his meal, starting from the tail and only leaving the head, which encased the poison glands.

Grunting with satisfaction, he ran down to the stream to quench his thirst before ambling away to sleep. As he turned, a sense of imminent danger compelled him to roll into a ball; but the stealthy fox had met with such a situation before, and, with practised art, he deftly pushed the ball into the edge of the stream. In the water the hedgehog was forced to relax his muscles. The fox, seeing his chance, reached out his paw and "scooped" the hedgehog on to the bank, where he partook of a tender meal. Then with airy lightness he was away—lost among the bracken—his coat blending perfectly with his surroundings.

An empty shell of spines was left half in and half out of the water—the wanderer had payed his last debt.

P. C. BOWDEN.

Football, 1948-9

Individual performances were not outstanding. Perhaps this factor contributed to more evenly balanced sides than usual, and promoted a good team-spirit. Whatever the reason, this was quite an encouraging season in which the football was of a better standard than the inexperience of the members of the School XIs led us to expect. Keenness was above the standard shown in recent years. When a first XI asks to be permitted to hold a meeting to discover what is wrong with it, as it did this year, then whatever may be wrong, there is also something very right.

It was particularly pleasing to be able to field a second XI which had the ability, as well as the will, to win matches; a very distinct change for the better, which we hope will continue.

The old bogey of slowness in playing the ball, and tackling of opponents was again all too obvious; its results far too clearly evident in the way in which the Colts XI was outplayed in the replayed final of the Chamber of Commerce Cup.

This apparent lack of respect for opponents at the beginning of a game runs through all School XIs; and while it may be exceedingly creditable to pull a losing game out of the fire, it is foolish to allow the necessity for so doing to become habitual.

At the worst this result of slow-thinking and slow-moving—lack of anticipation—leads to a disorganised, and finally hopeless, defence. The phrase, “The best defence lies in attack” is no empty one, and applies throughout the length of the game, and throughout the season.

Colours were awarded to: Archer, G. C., Gudgeon, Harland, A., Lewis, B. D.

FIRST XI

Sept.	25.—v.	Salesian College:	Lost 1—2.
Oct.	2.—v.	Midhurst G.S.:	Lost 1—7.
„	9.—v.	Eggars G.S.:	Won 4—0.
„	16.—v.	Camberley C.S.:	Won 4—3.
„	23.—v.	Odiham G.S.:	Won 4—3.
Nov.	6.—v.	O.F.A.:	Lost 6—13.
„	13.—v.	Farnborough G.S.:	Lost 1—4.
„	20.—v.	Queen Mary's School, Basingstoke:	Draw 3—3.
„	27.—v.	Price's School, Fareham:	Lost 2—6.
Dec.	4.—v.	Farnborough G.S.:	Lost 3—7.
Jan.	22.—v.	Bedale's School, Petersfield:	Won 4—3.
„	29.—v.	Godalming C.S.:	Won 1—0.
Feb.	5.—v.	Queen Mary's School, Basingstoke:	Lost 1—3.
„	19.—v.	Camberley C.S.:	Won 5—4.
Mar.	5.—v.	Odiham G.S.:	Won 6—2.
„	12.—v.	O.F.A.:	Lost 1—7.
„	19.—v.	Woking C.S.:	Draw 2—2.
„	26.—v.	Eggars G.S.:	Won 11—0.
Apr.	2.—v.	Guildford R.G.S.:	Lost 1—5.

P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals
19	8	9	2.	For 61 Against 74

SECOND XI

Sept.	25.—v.	Salesian College:	Lost 3—7.
Oct.	16.—v.	Camberley C.S.:	Draw: 1—1.
Nov.	13.—v.	Farnborough G.S.:	Lost 1—2.
Dec.	4.—v.	Farnborough G.S.:	Draw 2—2.
Jan.	29.—v.	Godalming C.S.:	Won 2—1.
Feb.	19.—v.	Camberley C.S.:	Won 7—1.
Mar.	19.—v.	Woking C.S.:	Won 2—1.
„	26.—v.	Guildford R.G.S.:	Lost 4—6.

P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals
8	3	3	2	For 22 Against 21

COLTS' XI

COLTS' XI — UNDER 15

Oct.	2.—v.	Midhurst G.S.:	Won 5—4.
„	9.—v.	Bedale's School, Petersfield:	Won 5—1.
Nov.	6.—v.	King Edward's School, Witley:	Lost 1—4.
„	20.—v.	Queen Mary's School, Basingstoke:	Won 5—3.
„	27.—v.	Price's School, Fareham:	Lost 0—4.
Feb.	5.—v.	Bedale's School:	Lost 3—6.
Mar.	5.—v.	Queen Mary's School:	Won 4—2.

COLTS' XI — UNDER 16

Oct.	23.—v.	Guildford Junior Technical School:	Won 3—1.
Jan.	22.—v.	Pierrepont House School:	Won 13—0.
Mar.	12.—v.	Pierrepont House School:	Draw 1—1.
Apr.	2.—v.	Guildford Junior Technical School:	Lost 0—7

P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals
11	6	4	1	For 35 Against 29

HOUSE FOOTBALL

AUTUMN TERM

FIRST XI.—Morley 7, Massingberd 2; Childe 5, Harding 0; School 4, Massingberd 4; Morley 3, Childe 4; School 4, Harding 3; Massingberd 5, Childe 4; School 1, Morley 1; Harding 6, Massingberd 2; Childe 6, School 0; Morley 1, Harding 1.

Points.—1, Childe (6); 2, Morley and School (4); 4, Harding and Massingberd (3).

JUNIORS.—Morley 4, Massingberd 1; Harding 2, Childe 1; School 5, Massingberd 0; Morley 2, Childe 1; Harding 2, School 1; Childe 3; Massingberd 0; Morley 5, School 2; Harding 3, Massingberd 0; School 1, Childe 0; Morley 1, Harding 0.

Points.—1, Morley (8); 2, Harding (6); 3, School (4); 4, Childe (2); 5, Massingberd (0).

KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS

SPRING TERM

SENIORS.—First Round: School 6, Morley 2. Semi-finals: School 2, Harding 1; Childe 3, Massingberd 0. Final: Childe 8, School 1.

JUNIORS.—First Round: Morley 1, Childe 1. Replay: Morley 4, Childe 2. Semi-finals: Morley 4, Harding 2; School 5, Massingberd 0. Final: Morley 5, School 1.

The winners of the Knock-out Competitions, Childe and Morley, played teams from the other houses. Childe v. The Rest: Lost 1—3. Morley v. The Rest: Cancelled.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CUP

Semi-finals: v. Frensham: Won 6—1. Final: v. Heath End: Draw 2—2. Replay: Lost 0—5.

 Boxing

The preliminary and intermediate bouts of this year's boxing were fought out, as usual, at the School, but the semi-finals and finals at Wand-Tetley Gymnasium, Aldershot, for which we are indebted to the Army.

On the whole the standard of fighting was higher than last year and we noticed some very promising boxers among the juniors. The high number of scratchings, though, is to be regretted.

CLASS 1

Semi-finals.—J. O. Hutchinson (Harding) beat B. D. Lewis Massingberd); M. P. Power (Massingberd), bye.

Final.—Power beat Hutchinson. Power, with considerable advantages in height and reach, hooking and upper-cutting crudely, but with great force, punished Hutchinson severely. In the second round Hutchinson's lack of experience and inability to bring the fight to close quarters caused him to take heavy punishment from his rather crude opponent. He was in a very sorry state when the referee brought a courageous fight to an end.

CLASS 2

Semi-finals.—S. F. Emerson (Childe) beat M. D. Lampard (School); B. Philpott (Harding) beat P. G. Moore (Morley).

Final.—Philpott beat Emerson. In the first round Philpott stayed calm under fierce attacks by Emerson, using his left well and hooking to advantage. In the second round Emerson staged a "do or die" stand, but after a few moments he petered out and lost the initiative to Philpott, who was the better boxer throughout the fight.

CLASS 3

First Series.—M. E. H. Sturt (School) beat C. J. Coombes (Harding); V. K. Winstain (Harding), C. Prescott (Harding), R. H. Hewes (Childe), byes.

Semi-finals.—Sturt beat Winstain; Hewes beat Prescott.

Final.—Sturt w.o. Hewes (scratched after badly damaging his hand in the semi-finals).

CLASS 4

First Series.—N. Brade (Massingberd) beat C. J. Brooks (Childe); J. D. Knight (Morley), P. J. Davey (School), A. D. Harland (Childe), byes.

Semi-finals.—Brade beat Knight; Davey beat Harland.

Final.—Brade beat Davey. Neither of these had any great skill and both showed more willingness than ability. Davey kept his left well up, but could not keep Brade off. In the early stages of the second round Davey did most of the attacking and generally had the better of these early exchanges, but towards the end Brade's superior strength told, and he just pulled home.

CLASS 5

First Series.—P. D. Swinson (Morley) beat M. J. Barnard (Massingberd); M. J. Cock (Massingberd) beat D. B. Geleit (Morley); M. J. Purslow (Massingberd) beat B. E. Sherwood (Morley); J. D. Backhurst (Childe), bye.

Semi-finals.—Backhurst beat Swinson; Cock beat Purslow.

Final.—Cock beat Backhurst. Backhurst retired after the first round with a damaged right hand. In the first round Backhurst hit hard and fast to Cock's body, also varying his attacks well from body to head. However, Cock remained calm, even when against the ropes, but it was Backhurst who won this round.

CLASS 6

First Series.—T. R. Old (Childe) beat J. R. R. Moore (Morley); D. L. James (Massingberd) beat V. D. J. Wyatt (Harding); D. A. Gudgeon (School), G. C. Archer (Childe), byes.

Semi-finals.—Gudgeon beat Archer; James beat Old.

Final.—James beat Gudgeon. In this fight both attacked ferociously but wildly. James's punches seemed to carry plenty of weight and sting, but Gudgeon took them all with equanimity. In winning, James clearly demonstrated his ability to vary his attacks skilfully, and when at close quarters dealt out heavy punishment.

CLASS 7

First Series.—J. I. Bellman (Massingberd) beat A. J. Tilson (Morley); M. F. Wilson (School) w.o. J. Spiers (Harding), absent; R. Broatch (School) beat K. W. K. Farthing (Morley); D. G. Paget (School) beat P. Harris (Massingberd); J. Prescott (Harding) w.o. J. D. Donovan (Morley) scr.; E. A. Nixon (Childe) beat P. A. D. Mould (Massingberd); M. W. Dawson (Morley) beat A. Trueman (Childe).

Second Series.—Wilson beat Broatch; Prescott beat Paget; Dawson beat Nixon.

Semi-finals.—Wilson beat Bellman; Prescott beat Dawson.

Final.—Prescott beat Wilson. Although he was the smaller, Prescott kept Wilson in trouble for the greater part of both rounds by virtue of his forcing tactics. Wilson never found a suitable counter to Prescott's hooks, and Prescott was returned a good winner of a sporting fight.

CLASS 8

First Series.—R. F. Mitchell (Massingberd) beat B. C. Everingham (Childe); Le Vey (Massingberd) beat D. J. Wood (Harding); R. Parratt (Morley) beat N. H. Whiter (Childe); T. T. Fitzpatrick (School) beat A. M. Bolt (Morley); B. J. Sparrow (Childe) beat V. J. N. Snellock (Morley); R. J. Cheesman (Morley) beat A. M. Aylwin (School).

Second Series.—Parratt beat Fitzpatrick; Cheesman beat Sparrow.

Semi-finals.—Mitchell beat Le Vey; Cheesman beat Parratt.

Final.—Cheesman beat Mitchell. A fast fight with plenty of action. Cheesman used his left hand well and stopped Mitchell's attacks before he could get to close quarters. Mitchell was tired from his semi-final bout and was out-pointed by Cheesman, who never lost the initiative and boxed calmly throughout.

CLASS 9

First Series.—J. D. Munday (Harding) beat B. G. Davey (School); R. P. Gooch (Massingberd) beat D. W. Bassett (Harding); D. S. Nunn (Harding) w.o. J. J. Rhind (Childe), scr.; R. Humphreyies (Morley) beat D. P. O'Mahoney (Harding); J. W. Haigh (Morley) beat J. M. Bassett (Harding).

Second Series.—Humphreyies beat Haigh.

Semi-finals.—Gooch beat Munday; Humphreyies beat Nunn.

Final.—Humphreyies beat Gooch. Humphreyies was too strong for Gooch. His attacks were more methodical and carried more weight. He often had Gooch, who was inclined to slap, in trouble with his forcing attacks. Gooch also was often forced on to the ropes, but if he had kept calm and used his longer reach, he would have had a reasonable chance

CLASS 10

First Series.—P. W. Ferris (Massingberd) beat S. R. Allen (Childe); G. L. Pound (Childe) beat J. Hudson (Harding); M. A. Brazier (School) beat M. E. Jeffreys (Massingberd); M. J. Payne (Massingberd) w.o. J. Jenkins (Childe), absent; A. J. Mullard (Childe) beat E. L. Todd (Massingberd); R. I. Clark (Massingberd) beat C. M. Sewrey (Morley); D. J. Phillips (Harding) beat G. J. Cosway (Childe); M. J. Garside (School) beat A. J. M. Marsden (Childe); A. J. Tull (Childe) beat R. N. Gibby (Harding); E. C. Knight (School), bye.

Second Series.—Ferris beat Knight; Brazier beat Pound; Mullard beat Payne; Clark beat Phillips; Tull beat Garside.

Third Series.—Clark beat Tull.

Semi-finals.—Ferris w.o. Brazier, scr.; Clark beat Mullard.

Final.—Ferris beat Clark. Ferris's attacks in the first round were too wild to be effective, and Clark boxed him off in a very calm manner. Ferris was behind after this round, and in the second attacked ferociously, but more methodically. He had Clark often in trouble and, in spite of good counter-punching, Clark lost the initiative and Ferris ran out a close winner.

CLASS 11

First Series.—C. W. E. Briody (Childe) beat S. H. M. Leishman (School); B. Kenton (Massingberd) beat W. J. T. Painter (School); C. D. Inglis (Massingberd) beat J. Park (School); J. M. Fisher (Harding) w.o. A. K. Common (Childe) scr.; B. F. Lake (Harding) beat A. G. Lovell (Massingberd); D. Penny (Harding) beat A. J. Asplin (School); J. G. Bellamy (Massingberd) beat M. J. Barham (Harding); A. R. Whiter (Childe) w.o. D. A. Wheeler (Massingberd) scr.; K. I. Mentzel (Morley) beat D. Bidwell (Harding); S. G. Hoptroff (Massingberd) beat T. A. Baker (Harding); B. E. Bone (Massingberd) beat D. G. Wills (Morley); A. Harris (Massingberd) beat P. J. Edwards (Morley); J. E. Brewer (Morley) w.o. J. Melville (Childe) absent; M. J. Tyrrell (Harding) beat T. J. Venables (Massingberd); G. V. White (Childe) bye.

Second Series.—Briody beat White; Inglis beat Fisher; Penny beat Lake; Bellamy w.o. Whiter, scr.; Hoptroff beat Mentzell; Harris beat Bone; Tyrrell beat Brewer.

Third Series.—Briody beat Kenton; Penny beat Inglis; Hoptroff beat Bellamy; Tyrrell beat Harris.

Semi-finals.—Penny beat Briody; Tyrrell beat Hoptroff.

Final.—Tyrrell beat Penny. Penny, who continually tried to carry the fight to close quarters, was rather puzzled by Tyrrell's southpaw stance. Tyrrell, also, was quite ready to mix it, and his punches carried too much weight for Penny, who lost gallantly.

CLASS 12

First Series.—B. E. L. Wyatt (Harding) beat M. Doyle (School); D. J. Goddard (Harding) beat G. A. Pelling (Massingberd); T. A. Shakeshaft (Morley) beat T. Tubb (Harding); J. A. Cockle (School) w.o. A. R. Green (Morley), absent; N. D. Paget (School) beat T. R. Andrews (Morley); I. G. Bolt (Morley) beat G. C. Hooker (School); H. T. Slingo (School) bye.

Second Series.—Wyatt beat Slingo; Shakeshaft beat Goddard; Paget beat Cockle.

Semi-finals.—Shakeshaft beat Wyatt; Bolt beat Paget.

Final.—Bolt beat Shakeshaft. Bolt boxed very calmly and confidently and punched strongly in reply to Shakeshaft's wild attacks. In the second round he continually beat Shakeshaft at close quarters. He was a clear winner, but Shakeshaft put up a good fight and was by no means disgraced.

CLASS 13

First Series.—G. E. Page (Massingberd) beat P. Langdown (Morley); D. S. Tyrrell (Harding) beat M. A. Prentice (School); F. G. Oldham (Childe) beat D. H. Pullen (Harding); D. B. L. Harrington (School) beat J. Marshall (Childe).

Semi-finals.—Tyrrell beat Page; Oldham beat Harrington.

Final.—Oldham beat Tyrrell. A very close fight. After a quiet first round, both set to in the second and since Oldham's attacks carried more force, he was returned a close winner.

House Shooting

DECEMBER, 1948

The spoon was well deserved by J. R. Cherryman.

1.—Morley

K. W. K. Farthing	89
I. F. A. Bowler	86
P. D. Swinson	86
D. B. Geleit	84
R. R. Knight	77
H. C. Duffin	74
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	496

Counted out—

M. J. Horner	72
R. L. Russell	60

3.—Massingberd

R. D. Short	88
M. J. Barnard	82
M. J. Purslow	81
M. R. Hipgrave	80
M. J. Cock	79
C. H. Thomas	77
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	487

Counted out—

J. H. Wisdom	74
P. A. D. Mould	53

2.—Childe

J. R. Cherryman	91
R. H. Hewes	88
G. D. Blunt	81
T. R. Old	80
J. D. Backhurst	77
F. W. Taylor	73
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	490

Counted out—

P. D. Wilding	73
A. D. Harland	70

4.—School

J. D. Bertie	85
J. A. Crowhurst	84
A. M. Aylwin	80
R. B. Purchase	80
J. W. Brown	75
D. A. Gudgeon	72
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	476

Counted out—

J. D. Lewis	69
M. S. Hinton	66

5.—Harding

D. A. Bowden	85
C. Prescott	82
B. Philpott	79
P. C. Bowden	74
J. Prescott	70
J. O. Hutchinson	68
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	458

Counted out—

R. A. Watts	84
D. J. Wood	51

APRIL, 1949

In spite of very good visibility, results were only moderately good. The chief feature was the close competition between the first four houses. Congratulations to Philpott on winning the Spoon.

1.—Morley

P. D. Swinson	91
P. E. G. Moore	84
T. B. Wright	82
I. F. A. Bowler	81
A. F. Brewer	81
H. C. Duffin	81

500

Counted out—

K. W. K. Farthing	76
R. L. Russell	65

2.—Massingberd

M. J. Cock	85
R. D. Short	85
C. H. Thomas	85
R. N. Walton	85
M. J. Purslow	79
M. J. Barnard	77

496

Counted out—

N. Brade	74
P. A. D. Mould	70

3.—School

A. M. Aylwin	90
J. A. Crowhurst	87
J. Bertie	85
D. A. Gudgeon	82
W. F. A. Bodkin	75
J. W. Brown	74

493

Counted out—

R. B. Purchase	72
M. E. H. Sturt	49

4.—Childe

J. R. Cherryman	92
R. H. Hewes	88
F. W. Taylor	85
P. D. Wilding	81
J. D. Backhurst	75
G. D. Blunt	70

491

Counted out—

T. R. Old	67
G. C. Archer	62

5.—Harding

B. Philpott	93
J. O. Hutchinson	84
C. Prescott	79
D. A. Bowden	71
D. J. Wood	70
G. L. Baker	65

462

Counted out—

J. Prescott	61
G. H. Honey	58

The Athletic Sports

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH

This was the second year under the new grouping system which seems to have established itself. There were some modification, such as the tug-o'-war, which was, however, excluded from the points system. On the other hand the discus, javelin and weight earned points, two for first place and one for second. In the other events the scoring was three, two, one, except the relays, which were awarded, eight, six, four, two. A number of "standards" were reached in the field events, but there were few in the running. The weather was not kind, the grass was wet, and the wearing of spikes would have meant better times. At the end of the day Mrs. Morgan very kindly distributed the awards.

Results:

OPEN

100 Yards. — 1, M. J. Barnard (Massingberd); 2, P. E. G. Moore (Morley); 3, J. D. Backhurst (Childe). Time: 11.4 secs.

220 Yards.—1, J. D. Backhurst (Childe); 2, B. Philpott (Harding); 3, P. E. G. Moore (Morley). Time: 27.4 secs.

Standards.—B. Philpott (Harding), G. C. Archer (Childe), J. Cherryman (Childe). Time: 26.8 secs. (In heats).

440 Yards.—1, R. A. J. Cable (Childe); 2, M. P. Power (Massingberd); 3, M. Hinton (School). Time: 65.2 secs.

Standards.—None.

880 Yards.—1, D. B. Shakeshaft (Morley); 2, R. A. J. Cable (Childe); 3, V. D. J. Wyatt (Harding). Time: 2 mins. 34.4 secs.

Standards.—None.

One Mile.—1, D. B. Shakeshaft (Morley); 2, R. A. J. Cable (Childe); 3, V. D. J. Wyatt (Harding). Time: 5 mins. 25 secs.

Standards. — Winners and B. Lewis (Massingberd); C. Wickerson (School). Time: 5 mins. 45 secs.

Hurdles.—1, V. K. Winstain (Harding); 2, D. Grigor (Childe); 3, J. O. Hutchinson (Harding). Time: 15.4 secs.

High Jump.—1, V. K. Winstain (Harding); 2, R. H. Hewes (Childe); 3, R. A. J. Cable (Childe). Height: 5ft. 2in.

Standards.—Winners and M. J. Cock (Massingberd); A. J. Brown (School); J. O. Hutchinson (Harding); J. D. Backhurst (Childe); S. F. Emerson (Childe). Height: 4ft. 7in.

Long Jump.—1, V. K. Winstain (Harding); 2, A. J. Brown (School); 3, R. H. Hewes (Childe). Distance: 18ft. 10in.

Standards.—Winners and B. D. Lewis (Massingberd); M. J. Cock (Massingberd); M. P. Power (Massingberd); P. D. Swinson (Morley); P. Wilding (Childe); S. F. Emerson (Childe); G. Blunt (Childe); J. S. Watts (Harding); B. Philpott (Harding). Distance: 16ft.

Putting the Shot (12lbs.).—1, V. K. Winstain (Harding); 2, M. P. Power (Massingberd). Distance: 30ft. 8in.

Discus (5lbs.).—1, A. D. Wall (Childe); 2, J. O. Hutchinson (Harding). Distance: 62ft. 8in.

Javelin.—1, M. J. Cock (Massingberd); 2, V. K. Winstain (Harding). Distance: 124ft.

Relay.—1, Massingberd (Power, Thomas, Purslow, Barnard); 2, Childe; 3, Harding; 4, Morley. Time: 55.2 secs.

Victor Ludorum.—V. K. Winstain (Harding); 12 points.

INTERMEDIATE

(Between 14 and 16 years).

- 100 Yards.—1, M. J. Cotterill (School); 2, A. R. Naylor (Massingberd); 3, R. T. Creasey (School). Time: 11.6 secs.
- 220 Yards.—1, A. R. Naylor (Massingberd); 2, R. T. Creasey (School); 3, M. J. Cotterill (School). Time: 27.2 secs.
- Standards.—Winners. Time: 27.8 secs.
- 440 Yards.—1, A. R. Naylor (Massingberd); 2, J. T. Legg (Massingberd); 3, E. A. Nixon (Childe). Time: 64.8 secs.
- Standards.—None.
- 880 Yards.—1, J. T. Legg (Massingberd); 2, R. C. Wickerson (School); 3, E. A. Nixon (Childe). Time: 2 mins. 26.4 secs.
- Standards.—Winners and V. J. Snellock (Morley). Time: 2 mins. 45 secs.
- High Jump.—1, G. Klein (Morley); 2, A. J. Tilson (Morley); 3, V. J. Snellock (Morley). Height: 4ft. 7in.
- Standards.—Winners and M. Dawson (Morley); P. France (Childe). Height: 4ft. 5in.
- Long Jump.—1, A. J. Tilson (Morley); 2, R. T. Creasey (School); 3, M. J. Cotterill (School). Distance: 15ft. 5in.
- Standards.—Winners. Distance: 15ft. 3in.
- Hurdles.—1, R. T. Creasey (School); 2, G. Klein (Morley); 3, E. A. Nixon (Childe). Time: 15.9 secs.
- Relay.—1, School (Warman, Creasey, Aylwin, Cotterill); 2, Massingberd; 3, Morley; 4, Childe. Time: 56.6 secs.
- Victor Ludorum. — A. R. Naylor (Massingberd) and R. T. Creasey (School) tied with 8 points each.

JUNIOR

(Under 14 years).

- 100 Yards.—1, G. L. Hooker (School); 2, A. Harris (Massingberd); 3, J. D. Munday (Harding). Time: 12.5 secs.
- 220 Yards.—1, G. L. Hooker (School); 2, A. Harris (Massingberd); 3, R. J. Cheesman (Morley). Time: 30.1 secs.
- Standards.—None.
- 440 Yards.—1, G. L. Hooker (School); 2, J. D. Munday (Harding); 3, A. Harris (Massingberd). Time: 71 secs.
- Standards.—None.
- High Jump.—1, J. J. Rhind (Childe); 2, T. R. Andrews (Morley); 3, J. Melville (Childe). Height: 4ft. 3in.
- Standards.—Winners and G. L. Pound (Childe); K. Common (Childe); M. J. Barham (Harding); D. J. Mansell (School). Height: 3ft. 9in.
- Long Jump.—1, R. J. Cheesman (Morley); 2, D. A. Wheeler (Massingberd); 3, P. Foster (Childe). Distance: 13ft. 9½in.
- Standards.—R. J. Cheesman (Morley). Distance: 13ft. 3in.
- Relay.—1, Harding (Barham, Munday, Gibby, Cummings); 2, Massingberd; 3, School; 4, Childe. Time: 62.3 secs.
- Victor Ludorum.—G. L. Hooker (School); 9 points.

12.6 AND UNDER

- 100 Yards. — 1, D. A. Wheeler (Massingberd); 2, M. H. Snelling (Morley); 3, D. Tyrrell (Harding). Time: 13.2 secs.

HOUSE POSITIONS

- Massingberd, 58 points; Childe, 53 points; School, 48 points; Morley, 44 points; Harding, 42 points.

Farnham and District Schools Sports

We had a number of representatives at this meeting, and some success. In the Long Jump (Boys 13 and 14) Tilson added 2ft. to the record by jumping 17ft. 0½in. We also set up a new time in the relay for boys under 13 (4 x 80 yards) by doing it in 43.3 secs. Our team consisted of Tyrrell, Sindle, Wheeler, and Harris.

Other successes were:—

- 100 Yards (11 and 12).—1, Harris.
- High Jump (11 and 12).—2, Andrews.
- Long Jump (11 and 12).—2, Wheeler.
- 100 Yards (14).—2, Cotterill.
- 220 Yards (13 and 14).—1, Cotterill; 3, Dawson
- 440 Yards (13 and 14).—1, Legg.
- 880 Yards (13 and 14).—2, Snellock.
- High Jump (13 and 14).—2, Snellock.
- Long Jump (13 and 14).—1, Tilson.
- Relay (under 13).—1, F.G.S.
- Relay (under 15).—3, F.G.S.
- 100 Yards (15 and 16).—2, Backhurst; 3, Archer.
- 220 Yards (15 and 16).—3, Backhurst; 4, Philpott.
- 880 Yards (15 and 16).—2, Shakeshaft; 4, Wickerson.
- 440 Yards (15 and 16).—2, Hinton.
- 110 Yards Hurdles (15 and 16).—3, Hutchinson.
- Relay (over 15).—2, F.G.S.
- Javelin.—3, Winstain.
- Shot.—1, Winstain, 34ft. 3in.; 2, Power.
- Discus.—1, Hutchinson, 97ft. 8in.; 3, Wall.
- High Jump (15 and 16).—2, Hewes.
- Long Jump (15 and 16).—1, J. W. Brown (tie), 18ft.

Our success in the classes is indicated by the following:—

- 12 and under.—Second.
- 13 and 14 years.—Tied first.
- 15 and 16 years.—Second.

Imber Court

MONDAY, 13TH JUNE, 1949

Unfortunately, it must be recorded that against all expectations the School was again in a rather humble position in the final points table at the Secondary (Grammar) Schools' Athletic Sports at Imber Court. The meeting was held in bright but yet sultry weather which, however, did not detract from the performances of the competitors. This is clearly shown by the fact that seven records were broken.

The general standard has so much improved during the last two years that the total of records broken has been fifteen and the standard has risen in nearly all events and in all age groups.

A new event was introduced this year, the shot putting, which in itself produced a good result.

As to our own performances, the only two which scored for us were the shot, in which Winstain gained a fine second, and that of one of our youngest competitors, A. Harris, who came sixth against much larger opposition in the Under 14 220 yards. Criticism must be expressed over the fact that training, except for a few cases, was very slack. Indeed, had our teams trained together and the other competitors shown a little greater interest, it is quite certain that our position would have been greatly improved. It was so often the matter of the few feet that would have put the individual or team through to the final.

A last word to all the team and also our other prospective athletes. We have the raw material and we have also that spirit of wanting to win. With training and co-operation we can make great achievements and I am sure that it will be done.

Special mention must be made of Mr. Beadman, who has aided our efforts, more often than not at considerable inconvenience to himself.

B. PHILPOTT.

TEAM

OPEN.—Archer, Power, Brown, Shakeshaft, Hutchinson, Winstain, Cable, Barnard, Backhurst, Moore.

UNDER 16.—Tilson, Cotterill, Naylor, Klein, Dawson, Legg.

UNDER 14.—Harris, Hooker, Cheesman, Munday.



OLD FARNHAMIANs' ASSOCIATION

Membership

Since the last issue of the Magazine the following Old Boys have joined the Association:—

SLATER, D. J. F. (1943-1948), "Daleside," Woodcock Bottom, Grayshott, Hindhead.

*HARRINGTON, T. R. (1931-1937), 45, St. George's Road, Farnham.

WISDOM, J. H. (1942-1948), 41, Perowne Street, Aldershot.

LANHAM, M. J. (1943-1948), 163, Fleet Road, Fleet, Hants.

BENSON, D. R. (1942-1948), 54, Shortheath Road, Farnham.

WEBBERLEY, G. P. B. (1941-1948), "Dodington," 46, Weybourne Lane, Farnham.

MEADE, R. E. (1942-1948), Caretaker's Cottage, The Avenue, Camberley.

HERRINGTON, W. G. (1942-1948), 11a, Ridgway Road, Farnham.

*CHAPMAN, L. E. (1926-1931), High Street, Bagshot.

*CARPENTER, F. J. (1941-1947), The Bakery, Normandy, Guildford.

*WATKINS, G. C. (1917-1921), 115a, Caversham Road, Reading.

BOWLER, I. F. A. (1944-1949), Wrecclesham Bakery, Farnham.

WEARING, R. W. (1941-1946), "Allington," Ash Road, Tongham, Farnham.

TAYLOR, F. W. (1947-1949), "Oakdene," The Crescent, Heath End, Farnham.

** Life Members*

The following have changed their addresses:—

TUBB, N. L. G., 24, St. Alban's Road, Kingston-on-Thames.

THURSTON, E. A., 95, London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.

GLYNN, E. G., 56, Firgrove Hill, Farnham.

LANCE, L. V., Westminster Bank Chambers, High Street, Camberley.

FRY, A. W., 2, The Fairfield, Farnham.

BARNARD, Eric, 38, Shortheath Crest, Farnham.

IN MEMORIAM

NORMAN FREDERIC LOWRY

(1923—1931)

died in Bromley and District Hospital

17th March, 1949

aged 35 years.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the School on Saturday, 11th December, 1948. There were only twenty-one members present (twenty-one being the number on the General Committee). Twelve apologies only were received and 400 notices of the meeting were sent out. I am sorry to start this account of proceedings with a bleat, but I would like to know why so few attended.

The minutes of the previous A.G.M. were read, confirmed and signed. There being no matters arising from these minutes, the President (Mr. F. A. Morgan) then called upon Mr. S. G. Robins (chairman of the Entertainment Committee) to report on the year's work. This consisted mainly of the 14th Annual Dinner, which had resulted in a loss of approximately £14 to the Association, owing to the high cost of the entertainment and the fact that we hadn't charged enough for the meal. Moreover, some who said they were coming couldn't make it at the last minute and their meals had to be paid for as we had given a guaranteed number to the British Restaurant. It was therefore decided to have tickets for the next year and see how this worked out. Mr. S. G. Robins was thanked for his observations and the President then called upon Mr. G. Maxwell-Aylwin to report on the Scholarship Trust Fund. This he said stood at a very handsome figure of £1,516 12s. 1d. and we were at present making £42 per annum on investment. One grant had been made this year, that of £90 spread over five years.

Mr. G. H. Bacon, Hon. Treasurer of the Association, reported on finance and gave the following figures:

The Memorial Fund Account had £13 2s. 8d. in hand. The William Stroud Fund stood at £123 5s. 8d., which supplied a prize yearly and a cup for 100 yards swimming. There were cups also for the best bowling and batting average for the year's cricket.

The Memorial Field Fund had a balance in hand of £74 12s., and the General Fund that of £409 3s. 10d., with £223 11s. 6d. in the Current Account and £200 invested.

The President thanked the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. H. Bacon, for all the work he had done in the preceding year and this was seconded by Mr. S. G. Robins.

Under the heading on the agenda, "Future Activities," the place for the 15th Annual Dinner was thoroughly discussed as to different places, but none of them would have us on a Saturday, so we reverted to the British Restaurant on February 19th.

O.F.A. DANCE.—It was decided to revert to the pre-war function of having a St. Patrick's Night Ball, to be held in the Memorial Hall on the 17th March.

FÊTE.—It was unanimously agreed to hold a Summer Re-union with a Fête as in pre-war days. The General Committee was asked to arrange this and form a special Fête Committee from their members.

The following were elected officers:—F. A. Morgan, M.C., M.A., President; G. H. Bacon, B.A., Hon. Treasurer; J. E. Hamilton-Jones, Hon. Secretary; D. H. Morgan, Assistant Hon. Secretary; and the following members were elected to serve on the General Committee: Messrs. E. G. Glynn, I. G. Sherfield, S. G. Robins, G. Maxwell-Aylwin, D. E. Lloyd, H. Elphick, G. W. S. Morris, E. A. W. Morris, J. H. Smith, T. Lloyd, G. M. Elphick, W. A. Smallman, I. C. Patrick, F. O. M. Taylor, T. C. Aldridge, H. G. Hopkins, W. G. Wickham, F. F. Foley, J. Goddard, E. C. Patrick, J. Maxwell-Aylwin.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.—Mr. I. C. Patrick proposed that a letter be sent by the Hon. Secretary to Mrs. Warren on her bereavement. This was unanimously agreed.

Mr. Patrick also proposed that a permanent date be fixed for the Association's Annual General Meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

J. E. HAMILTON-JONES,

Hon. Secretary, O.F.A.

The Dinner

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

What the British Restaurant may have lacked in acoustics and æsthetic appeal, it made up for in hospitality. Second helpings could be had! It was so impressive that I have fallen into the modern trend of putting material things before those of the mind, a tendency to which the Headmaster drew attention in his reply to "The School." But it would be misleading to those who were not fortunate enough to be there if I left them with the impression that we went to have a jolly good dinner and had it and nothing more. The things of the mind were there, too. Mr. Withinshaw came some 200 miles South to propose the toast of "The Association" and did so in a thoughtful speech lit by his characteristic humour. There was praise of the sane and balanced country man manipulating "muck" for our good; there was the contrasting of the relative positions of schoolmaster and pupil before and after the interval of schooling; there was the panegyric on that remarkable Old Boy, Don Robins, who died last year as Vicar of St. George's, Leeds. It was left to Mr. Morgan to reveal later on that Mr. Withinshaw, with his unabated versatility, had translated into Braille the best of Don Robins' sermons.

In his admirable reply, F. O. Meddows Taylor referred to the advantage most of those present had had in being taught by Mr. Withinshaw. He spoke with pride of the growing strength of the Association, paying tribute to the labours of the founder members, and emphasised the importance of an Old Boys' organisation in keeping alive the traditions of an old foundation grammar school.

Mr. H. M. Philipson-Stow (vice-chairman of the governors) is not an Old Boy of Farnham Grammar School, but he could hardly have spoken more warmly of the School and its tradition of humane education. There was not a dull sentence in his speech, which was nicely studded with some good stories. In his reply, the Headmaster hoped that in the new constitution a place would be found for representation of the O.F.A. on the governing body.

At the request of the toastmaster, E. G. Glynn, short speeches were made by Mr. Bacon, Mr. Ridout, Mr. C. E. Borelli and Mr. W. E. Loe.

Looking back on the dinner, I am impressed by its value as a re-union, by the renewal of friendships and by the stimulation of fresh interest in the present School. With these ends in view, I would suggest to the Committee that a hired entertainer is not necessary and that the Annual Dinner is an occasion when the Farnhamian family can well be left to its own devices.

Besides those already mentioned, the following were present: Messrs. G. M. Aylwin (governor) and G. F. Wright (clerk to the governors), H. J. R. Beadman, H. Beeken, E. W. Godsil, S. D. M. Horner, S. E. J. Lock, E. Munton and R. B. Varey (staff), P. S. Arnsby, R. J. Ayling, J. Maxwell Aylwin, J. D. Banks, E. Barnard, E. P. G. Barnett, H. W. Bodkin, J. W. Brooker, L. E. Chapman, E. G. Edwards, G. M. Elphick, H. Elphick, R. Field, F. F. Foley, J. R. Fordham, P. Gardner, B. C. N. Giles, N. E. W. B. Giles, D. R. Goddard, J. E. Goddard, A. J. Hillyer, T. R. Harrington, D. C. Horry, S. J. Hunt, J. E. Hamilton-Jones, M. E. Jump, T. H. Kelly, G. M. King, R. R. Kirk, D. A. Little, J. W. Lloyd, L. E. Lord, K. F. Lovegrove, P. R. May, E. D. Milburn, K. T. Mitchell, A. R. Morgan, D. H. Morgan, E. A. W. Morris, G. W. S. Morris, S. J. Parsons, E. C. Patrick, I. C. Patrick, N. H. Patrick, J. S. Penrose, G. C. Ridout, P. W. Riseborough, H. Robins, S. G. Robins, R. A. Rogers, I. G. Sherfield, J. H. Smither, J. W. H. Stroud, P. Meddows Taylor, R. H. Meddows Taylor, G. C. Watkins, D. H. Weedon, M. E. West, A. L. Westley, W. Giles Wickham, P. D. Wilding (School captain), and J. D. Backhurst (School vice-captain).

Cure by Hypnotism

It is a strange and sombre subject, yet whenever it is at the top of some music hall bill thousands flock to see it. I had the pleasure of attending one of these alluring entertainments which was given by a young but polished performer who visited our camp one evening. The programme was familiar to me as I have seen similar ones at gatherings of the Magic Circle from time to time. Of the fifteen people who volunteered to be "put to sleep" only four were satisfactory patients. But it was funny, in fact hilarious; it was also rather brutal at times and somewhat embarrassing. However, it went with a swing and, needless to say, appealed to the troops.

Now, perhaps, you are wondering where the cure comes in. I will tell you. At the close of the performance the operator announced that if any one who smoked wished to stop the habit he was willing to hypnotise him and so save him from spending money on tobacco. Attracted by this prospect, and urged on by a certain inquisitiveness, I volunteered for the experiment and stepped on to the stage.

I was made to sit quite comfortably in an easy chair and told to relax. Then, in a deep monotonous voice, the hypnotist repeated, time after time, "You are going to sleep—a deep, deep, sleep—a profound sleep—sleep—sleep—relax—relax—you will not wake up until I tell you to do so—sleep—sleep . . .

It seemed years before that droning ceased. Then he spoke quietly to me. It seemed to be so far away, yet I knew that I had only to stretch out my hand in order to touch the speaker. I tried to do so, but I could no longer move. I was paralysed and I was scared. He took hold of my hand and told me to stand up. I did so without difficulty, but I could not open my eyes. I felt a strange falling sensation as if I had dropped into a bottomless canyon. I seem to remember him telling me that all cigarettes were horrible and tasted foul. He told me that when I woke up I would smoke a cigarette and would not like it. He told me to throw it away before three puffs had been taken. Then he woke me up by blowing in my face and snapping his fingers. He gave me a cigarette; I took one puff; it was foul and tasted like a mixture of phosphorus fumes and petrol. I threw the cigarette away and have not smoked since.

As a footnote, I should say that the above is true, and is based on what I can vaguely remember and on information gleaned from the audience afterwards. I here venture to suggest that this method of cure might be used to help small school-boys to save some of their pocket money.

R. E. MEAD, M.M.C.

News of Old Boys

We were pleased to hear from D. J. SLATER (1943-48) that, after flying out to Canada he quickly settled down to his new way of life, especially in the consumption of unlimited meat. He is not yet in the R.C.M.P., but is at present working in the tyre factory of the Polymer Corporation.

Congratulations to J. W. STOYLE (1932-1939) on gaining an Upper Second Class in French at Queen Mary College, London. He now has the status of *lecteur* at the University of Lyons.

D. HAYES (1937-1942) is now out of the R.A.F. and is an undergraduate at Durham University.

P. S. ARNSBY (1938-1942) looked in as usual to see that the School Certificate Form was functioning properly. He is captain of a Lancaster.

Congratulations to D. W. Nicolson (1940-1942) on the birth of Helen. He has now finished his training and is hoping for a post as Latin master in a grammar school.

All members will join with us in good wishes to J. E. Hamilton-Jones (1932-1941), Hon. Secretary of the Association, on his approaching marriage, which will take place on August 24th at The Bourne Church.

J. H. HARRINGTON (1943-1947) is in the Life Guards.

CLAUDE GROUND (1923-1930) sent greeting at Christmas from Manitoba Sanatorium, Nivette, Manitoba, Canada. He is still doing work as a medical technologist in the laboratory there, where they are getting excellent results with the "wonder drug," streptomycin. Sheep ranching fills any spare-time hours that he can find.

JOHN WOODS (1928-1933) reported the arrival of a son, on 13th December!

Later news: DAVID SLATER, who went to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Sarnia, Ontario, was, in December, unfortunately in hospital with a burst appendix! Otherwise he is settling in well!

A. W. FRY (1925-1930) is working in London, sub-editing still, but now (January) with the "Star."

K. D. PAGNIEZ (1941-1947) is still working with the Cunard Line—and enjoying himself. He is in the Tourist Department. He expected to be called up in May.

L. R. DOWSETT (1926-1931), writing from his Hostel in Dorset, mentions that he and his brother had their most successful year in 1948. The number of hostellers went up to 1,640! The farming side did better, the chief sideline being the selling of covies. They had 200 breeding sows, but this year hope to change partly over to poultry. They still have goats, a few rabbits, chickens, geese—and a horse!

W. G. LITTLE (1934-1940) sent his customary interesting letter at Christmas from the Agricultural Hostel at Dartington, Devon—full of information! He reports that BRIAN JOB was engaged to marry a Danish girl with whom he worked in Norway last summer. He saw TONY CHAPMAN and JOHN CHUTER at Christmas. Chapman is now in his third year at Leeds and should take his finals in June. Little stood as godfather to Chuter's son last autumn.

W. R. HERRING (1941-1947) wrote in February from Tripoli, where he was stationed with a Battery of the Anti-Tank Regiment, R.A. He had a week in Malta on his way out.

M. COLWILL (1936-1942) is at St. Bede's Secondary Modern School, Send.

A. L. WESTLEY (1937-1944) wrote, in March, from Deal, where he had met D. J. SYKES. Sykes was about to leave for the Shore Establishment of the Royal Marines at Portsmouth, and is amongst those Marines appearing at Olympia this year for the Royal Tournament (P.T. display).

PETER VENTHAM (1941-1946) came out of the R.A.F. in March of this year. "I'll be going on the stage sooner than I expected!"

J. H. WISDOM (1942-1948) is with the British troops in Austria.

Congratulations to the following two Old Boys on their brilliant academic successes:

K. C. W. JAMES (1936-1940) has obtained First Class Honours in Civil Engineering at Birmingham University.

A. G. STANLEY (né Sternberg) was placed in the First Class of Part I of the Natural Science Tripos at Cambridge and was elected Senior Scholar of Trinity College. He has now added to his laurels by obtaining a First Class in Part II of the same Tripos and is going on to specialise in Nuclear Physics.

C. S. ALDEN (1943-1948) passed the Civil Service Examination (Clerical Grade) in January, and has been posted to the R.A.E., Farnborough.

THE OLD FARNHAMIANs' LEAVING SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

A WORD ABOUT PRESENT DAY CONDITIONS

The O.F.A. Insurance Bureau was founded early in 1929, with the aim of accumulating funds for educational purposes. The function of the Bureau has become well known and is a simple one. It is, in fact, an Insurance Agency earning commissions which have been set aside in a fund which was established as a Charitable Trust on November 7th, 1939. The Bureau is not intended to be a competitor with ordinary insurance agencies, but aims to create new insurance business, especially in Life Assurance, by attracting young men to adopt this form of saving through the special inducement which the high purpose of the Trust creates.

So successful has been the scheme, that about £1,600 already stands to its credit, with an annual income of about £50 a year, some of which has already been used to help Old Boys in need of assistance in their training.

The main purpose of the Trust is not only to accumulate funds, but to pay them out in a good cause. Originally the possibility of helping to meet fees and expenses in a University course was most in mind, but matters have changed shape since those days. Training grants and maintenance contributions to ex-Service men, and scholarships and maintenance grants by educational authorities have almost met all needs in these directions. If we attempted to supplement such assistance by grants from these funds, in most cases the official grants would be proportionately reduced, and our good work nullified.

We thus have to seek other directions in which to use our money to its best advantage, and we believe there are many cases where articulated training and apprenticeships for trades and professions create financial difficulties for the parents of these trainees, with few sources of assistance available out of public funds. Here we can certainly help, have already helped, and want to help still further.

Any member in such difficulty, or knowing a fellow member in need of such assistance, will be opening an opportunity for the Trust to operate in the way it was designed to function. He should get in touch with any of the Trustees, and more particularly with the Headmaster, or with the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, G. Maxwell Aylwin, 26, West Street, Farnham, Surrey.

On the other side of the picture, the Trust is an invitation for your willing help. Members help us by increasing their Life Endowment cover through our agency, and Parents by Deferred Endowment policies in favour of their children. All who feel a debt to the School can make some token repayment by a voluntary donation to the funds. May both income and expenditure of the Trust increase on a well-balanced scale year by year.

G.M.A.