Editorial Notes

It is our first duty and pleasure to refer to the photograph reproduced in this issue. It is, apparently, a visual record of the prize-giving last December, but this is not the whole truth. At the last Annual General Meeting of the O.F.A. it was felt very strongly that the Magazine should carry a photograph of the Headmaster to mark his completion of twenty-five years at the School. In the end the unanimous opinion of the meeting overcame Mr. Morgan's reluctance to advertise the event and he agreed to the publication of this group in which he appears. It is a small recognition of an important date which the present boys could hardly be expected to know, but they will now wish to join with the Old Boys in their congratulations, and with the Head they will wish to associate Mrs. Morgan and Miss Morgan, who have taken their share in the life of the School.

So often in recent years have we had to announce a change of staff that distant readers will have got into the way of looking at this page expecting to be told of another gap in the staff they remember. This time we have to inform them with regret of the retirement of Mr. Lock last Christmas. They will remember him, not only as the presiding genius in the Physics Lab., but also as Housemaster of Childe, whose activities he guided and encouraged for so many years. Not least of his services to his House was the skilful tuition he gave in the Range, which enabled Childe to win the shooting competition so frequently.

As a mark of appreciation the School presented him with a clock, by the hands of the Captain of the School, who by a happy chance was his own House Captain. Later, in the intimacy of the Common Room, he received a pair of silver candlesticks from the staff. We wish him many years of contented retirement.

Welcome to Mr. B. G. C. Brister, B.Sc., who has come to take charge of Physics in the School. We believe he is happy with us and hope that his stay will be long and fruitful.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of R. B. Purchase (1944-1949) at the end of last year. The shock to us was great since he had only left School a few days before, and had a promising career in front of him. At School he was very acceptable to all. Scholastically he had proved his worth by passing the School Certificate with a distinction in Mathematics; out
of School he was a good swimmer and was Captain of School House Shooting. Our sympathy is sincerely offered to his family.

Congratulations to the following boys on their successes in examinations:

J. O. Hutchinson secured entrance into Oriel College, Oxford.
P. Harris and R. H. Hewes gained Matriculation.
D. N. P. O'Sullivan, B. D. Peters and M. J. Purslow passed the School Certificate.

With great respect and some trepidation we notice the publication of a subsidiary magazine in the School. It is produced by IVb, and is a very neat and even snappy affair, which has brought smiles to the faces of sophisticated seniors. Priced at threepence, is it going to put "The Farnhamian" out of business or swallow us up? Shall we in future have "The IVb Gazette" (incorporating "The Farnhamian")? We are sufficiently apprehensive to appeal to our readers to continue to support the only official organ of F.G.S.

The Officers for the School for the past term were as follows:

Cricket: R. H. Hewes (Captain), D. L. James (Vice-Captain), A. M. Aylwin, J. W. Brown (Committee Members).
Athletics: G. C. Archer (Captain), B. D. Lewis (Vice-Captain), R. H. Hewes, R. T. Creasey (Committee Members).
Swimming: J. D. Backhurst (Captain), W. F. A. Bodkin (Vice-Captain), V. J. N. Snellock (Committee Member).
Magazine Committee: J. O. Hutchinson, J. R. Cherryman, V. D. J. Wyatt.
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.


Speech Day

We kept our annual tryst with the Girls' Grammar School on Wednesday, December 7th, and due acknowledgments were made to the courtesy of the Governors and Headmistress. By dint of excluding the youngest boys and placing the parents of the oldest boys on the platform, the magnificent hall of the sister foundation was able to accommodate the throng.

It is not surprising that greater numbers than ever were present, for our distinguished guest speaker was Lord Baden-Powell, son of the first Chief Scout. No doubt the Scouts present were specially interested, and they were not disappointed when they listened to a stimulating talk on Rhodesia. Probably some have already decided to join the police force in that developing Dominion.

We have to thank our distinguished speaker for his wise and simple words of encouragement, and must not forget the warmly sincere way in which Lady Baden-Powell distributed the prizes. There was much applause when bouquets were presented to her and Mrs. Morgan.
The afternoon continued at its high level when the choir and orchestra gave a short programme of music. Of the vocal items I found the three-part carol outstandingly good, and of the instrumental the Mazurka from “Coppelia” with its strong rhythm carried the most conviction.

But the end was not yet. I am assured by the senior boys who remained to hand round afternoon tea that it was the best they had ever tasted at a School function. We pass on their appreciation to the Chairman of Governors.

**PRIZEWINNERS**


**Higher School Examination:** R. D. Short (passed with exemption from Inter Sci., London); C. H. Thomas; V. K. Winstain (passed with exemption from Inter Arts, London).


**Programme of Music**

The School Orchestra: 1, “Royal Fireworks Music” (Handel, 1685-1759), (a) Allegro Moderato, (b) Minuet, (c) Più Allegro. 2, Rondeau from Suite in B minor (J. S. Bach, 1685-1750).


The School Orchestra: 5, “Serenade” (Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809). 6, Mazurka from “Coppelia” (Delibes, 1836-1891)

7: The School Song.

8: The National Anthem.

**Debating Society**

It was possible to arrange only two debates during the Spring Term, but these were very well attended, and it has now become customary to expect at least thirty members at each meeting.

On Friday, February 17th, 40 members were present to take part in the debate on the controversial motion that: “Cadet Forces should be voluntary”; proposed by Mr. Lampard and opposed by Mr. Cherryman; the motion was carried by seventeen votes to sixteen.

The next debate on the motion that: “Science and Fine Arts should be taught to everybody,” produced what was undoubtedly the finest speech of the season by Mr. Klein, who proposed the motion; Mr. Grigor was also in good form in trying to convince the members that Latin was no good to them. The motion was carried by sixteen votes to four.

J. R. Cherryman, Hon. Secretary.
Chess Club

The Club has enjoyed a very successful year. There were 63 members, fewer than last year, but the lack in numbers was made up for by exceptionally keen play. Since the last issue of the Magazine we have won a match against Farnborough Grammar School. In February, Mr. A. W. J. Down, of Guildford Chess Club, gave us a most interesting talk which we all thoroughly enjoyed. During the Summer Term chess is not a favourite pastime, but we look forward to further development of the Club next year.

C. Prescott.

Cadet Corps

Appointments and Promotions:—C.S.M., Backhurst; Sergeants, Blunt, Hutchinson; Corporals, Brown, Duffin, James, Thomas; Lance-Corporals, Bodkin, Cherryman, Harland, Hewes, Lampard, Prescott, Russell; Acting Lance-Corporals, Brade, Sherwood, Snelllock, Walton.

Since the last report the Contingent's organisation has remained unchanged, and the Signals Section has continued to make good progress in spite of its decrease in numbers.

Training for Certificate "A" has continued in its usual routine manner, although at the end of last term we had our first field day since 1945. On this occasion two schemes were arranged between No. 1 Platoon and the recruits of Nos. 2 and 3 Platoons. Although out-numbered, No. 1 Platoon gave a very good account of itself and but for good leadership and guidance by trained N.C.O.s the recruits would have been easily defeated. Whilst the major part of the Contingent was waging war the Signals Section had a scheme of its own, and from all accounts this was most successful. It is hoped that the Signals will take part in any future field day that we may have.

At a recent Contingent parade it was pleasing to note that all cadets had uniforms, and that the Contingent had at last obtained its own shoulder flashes.

Since leaving the 5th Queens Cadet Battalion there has been no full bore shooting, but all cadets have now to pass the Empire Test on our own miniature range.

The annual camp is being held at Crowborough under Lieut. Godsil, together with other Contingents of the C.C.F. It is hoped that the few who are attending will benefit by their experiences.

J. D. Backhurst, C.S.M.
Field Day

There are soldiers on the playground getting ready to attack—
    Each with his equipment for the fray;
His sandwiches compactly tied in carefully-labelled pack,
    His gun, his ammunition for the day.
Singing throw me another little packet full of blanks;
    There's a theory I would rather like to test;
That at thirteen feet you can, in an ordinary man,
    Make a hole of seven inches in the chest.

They're inventing most ingenious plans to beat the other side,
    Making use of ev'ry possible resource.
That field-marshal going for his early morning ride
    Is a spy with borrowed uniform and horse.
Singing pass me that frock and that dainty little sock;
    I want to be a woman in disguise.
I will hide a small revolver in my clothing which will solve a
    Lot of problems that are certain to arise.

At crawling they are certainly exceptionally skilled—
    They're advancing through the bracken on their knees;
Pretending not to notice they are definitely killed,
    Since the umpire is beyond that clump of trees.
Singing toss me another little Thunderflash Mk. IV,
    It will add some small excitement to the game;
It will help confuse the issue and the umpires even more
    Especially if it sets the heath aflame.

They're marching smartly home with shoulders square,
    well-picked-up feet—
You wouldn't think they'd had a tiring day; [heat,
They might have just been basking in the heather and the
    Or lying loosely lazing in the hay.
Singing fetch me some water and the bent-necked pouring
    spout,
They mustn't know I've not been near the fight.
I'll oil the sights and diligently boil the barrel out,
    And save the blanks to get the stove alight.

J. O. Hutchinson.
The Scout Troop

Once more we have won the District Camping Competition, under the P/L-ship of D. R. Garrett and will therefore represent the district in the County Camping Competition on July 1st. We scored 245 points out of a possible 280.

At Christmas we held our yearly district camp-fire, at which we performed a short Christmas play. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Morgan very much for allowing us to use the new field for this.

The site for the summer camp has not yet been decided upon, but the Seniors are hoping to do a cycling tour of the West Country.

H. S. H. Massey.

The School Concert

Wednesday, March 22nd, 1950

When criticising a School Concert we must always make allowances, which are all too seldom made, for the immaturity and lack of experience of the performers. The absence of the genius of a Menuhin or of a Gielgud should detract little from the enjoyment of a performance permeated by the spirit of true endeavour. We do not see Test Cricket on the village green, but who can deny that enthusiasm is often a welcome substitute for brilliance?
The large audience soon showed, on this occasion, that it was enjoying the efforts of the performers in the full and varied programme which was presented.

The School Orchestra gave a much-improved performance from the start, plunging boldly into the intricacies of Percy Fletcher's "Folk Tune," and emerging triumphant. Their fine appreciation of timing, illustrated in this piece, was seen again to good effect in the Valse and the Mazurka. Mr. Wickens, whose trumpet solos have been such a feature of past concerts, was, unfortunately, unable to be with us, and the Haydn Trumpet Concerto had to be omitted from the programme.

Of the instrumental items, Cotterill's violin solo deserves the highest praise. He was always accurate, and achieved, at times, a remarkable purity of tone. Wilkinson, while not so ambitious, gave a competent performance, ably accompanied by Cherryman. At the piano, Randell neatly captured the spirit of the Gavotte, and Higton played his more difficult Bach solo with precision and feeling. The String Quartet were not always happy in Bach's "Gavotte," but tackled the difficult passages with determination—a brave try, this.

The vocal items were of a high standard, and were marked throughout by a clarity of diction which is seldom found in school choirs. The highlights were "The Vagabond" by the Treble Choir, the song by the three Juniors, and "Non Nobis Domine" by the School Choir. "Bobby Shaftoe" was also extremely effective—a good example of perfect timing. Mr. Wilcox rounded off this fine vocal selection with some beautifully controlled singing.

That the Play was a little below its usual standard was due largely to the fact that it required, for its success, that elusive quality, tension—a quality which the performers were too inexperienced to achieve. Nevertheless, they were almost word-perfect, and they tried very hard. Snellock made a convincing inn-keeper.

The success of the evening was undoubtedly Hutchinson's Operetta. It had a neat plot, delightful music, and touches of real humour; the singing, the acting and the production were all excellent. May we see more bold experiments of this nature in the future!

The Concert, as a whole, was an undoubted success, and our thanks are due to Mr. Read, without whose untiring efforts such a high musical standard would not have been achieved. In addition we must again express our thanks to Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Evans for their valuable assistance with the orchestra, and to the various producers and assistants behind the scenes, who all helped to make this such an enjoyable evening.
PROGRAMME

1. THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

2. SCHOOL ORCHESTRA:
   (a) Regimental March—Duke of Gloster's.
   (b) “Folk Tune” Percy Fletcher (contemp.)

3. VIOLIN SOLO:
   Allegro
   J. M. Cotterill
   J. Flocco (1690-1760)
   At the piano: A. T. Holt

4. TREBLE CHOIR:
   (a) “The Vagabond” Vaughan Williams (contemp.)
   (b) “Il pleut, il pleut, bergère” French Folk Song
   (c) “Song of Shipbuilders” Gustav Holst (1874-1934)
   (d) “Bois épaís” Lully 1632-1687

5. PIANO SOLOS:
   (a) Allemande; Courante; Gavotte from Fifth French Suite J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
       D. I. Higton.
   (b) Gavotte—“Lords and Ladies” Gurlitt (1820-1901)
       D. T. Randell.

6. SONG:
   “The Lass with a Delicate Air” Michael Arne (1740-1786)

7. STRING QUARTET:
   Gavotte from Suite in D J. S. Bach (arr. J. M. Cotterill)
       J. M. Cotterill, D. A. Bowtell, J. O. Hutchinson,
       G. D. Blunt

8. THE SCHOOL DRAMATIC SOCIETY presents
   “THREAD O' SCARLET”
   A Play in One Act by J. J. Bell.
   Scene: The Smoke Room of a Village Inn.
   Time: The present.
   Characters in order of speaking: Landlord, V. J. Snellock;
       Breen, J. M. Fisher; Migsworth, B. G. Davey; Smith,
       P. R. Chandler; Butters, R. L. Russell; A Traveller,
       M. A. Rowe.
   Produced by G. D. Carroll.

   * Interval.
9. "LATIN FOR LOVE"
(or The Advantages of a Classical Education)
An Operetta in One Act by J. O. Hutchinson.

Scene: A Chemistry Laboratory.

Cast in order of appearance: Chemistry Boys, Chorus of Juniors; School Captain, J. O. Hutchinson; Latin Boy, D. W. Grigor; Washer Upper, M. Boswell.

Produced by G. Wilcox and J. O. Hutchinson.

At the piano: G. Wilcox.

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Short Interval.

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10. VIOLIN SOLO:
Sonata No. 9 in G minor Sennaillé (1687-1730) 
D. L. Wilkinson. At the piano: J. R. Cherryman.

11. THE SCHOOL CHOIR:
(a) “Bobby Shaftoe” (North Country Traditional)
(b) “Greensleeves” (16th century English) 
(a) and (b) arr. John Horton.
(c) “Since first I saw your face” Thos. Ford (1580-1648)
(d) Massed Unison Song—“Non Nobis Domine” 
Roger Quilter (contemp.)

12. VOCAL SOLOS:
(a) Cavatina, “Avant de quitter ces lieux” (from “Faust) Chas. Gounod.
(b) “Bright is the ring of words” Vaughan Williams.
Mr. G. Wilcox (who kindly agreed to “fill the gap” at short notice).

13. SCHOOL ORCHESTRA:
(a) Valse from “Coppelia” Delibes (1836-1891)
(b) Hungarian Dance No. 6 Brahms (1833-1897)
(c) Mazurka from “Coppelia” Delibes

14. THE SCHOOL SONG.

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THE SCHOOL CHOIR consists of volunteers who represent all Forms of the School.

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Thanks are due to Mrs. Cole for her help with the String Quartet. Many of the violinists in the Orchestra are her pupils.

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Modern Music

The mere mention of the two words that head this article is enough to make many people shudder and think of harsh discords. But there are many examples of modern music which are not dissonant or incongruous. Rimsky-Korsakov's delightful symphonic suite SCHEHERAZADE comes immediately to mind; it is written in four movements, which, in spite of occasional harmonic clashes, flow quietly along, presenting many beautiful melodies to the listener. The third movement, the love-story of the young prince and princess, is outstanding.

The inspiration of modern composers is more varied and more subtle than that of former artists. Igor Stravinsky wrote his great work LE SACRE DU PRINTEMPS (the Rite of Spring) after a moving vision in which he saw a circle of sage elders sitting watching a young girl dance herself to death. This and other compositions of Stravinsky have caused a great deal of controversy. His ideas are admittedly crude and brutal, but no one can deny that his music is very exciting, that it suits his subject admirably and that it is very cleverly orchestrated. In LE SACRE he employs not only a host of woodwind but also eight horns and four trumpets (including one bass and one treble trumpet). This piece is extremely
dissonant and irregular in its rhythm: in the last dance, Danse Sacrale, the following time signatures are used in consecutive bars, 3-16, 2-16, 3-16, 2-8, 2-16, 3-16, 3-16, 2-8, 3-16, 3-16, 3-16, 5-16, 2-8, etc., which is by no means exceptional. Stravinsky's music is to be enjoyed, and deserves the considerable enthusiasm it has aroused.

Gustav Holst was inspired to compose by more familiar things. His love of astronomy gave him the idea of portraying the characteristics attributed to the planets in music. To do this he used a very big orchestra with an unusually large brass section. (Holst once played the trombone in a brass band and often used the invaluable knowledge he gained, when he was writing for the orchestra.) His suite contains descriptions of seven planets: Mars, Bringer of War; Venus, Bringer of Peace; Mercury, the Winged Messenger; Jupiter, Bringer of Jollity; Saturn, Bringer of Old Age; Uranus, the Magician; and Neptune, the Mystic. It is obvious even to someone who has no knowledge of musical theory that this is a very great masterpiece. There is interest in every section of it. Two keys are used simultaneously to produce a weird, rustling effect in the description of Mercury. The curious ringing sound in the portrait of Saturn is given by syncopation. A choir of women's voices suggests the unreality of Neptune. One of the most admired parts of The Planets is in Uranus, the Magician. The tympani tap out a form of the opening statement (G, E flat, A, B) and then the tenor and bass tubas start a rollicking tune above them which is gradually expanded by the full orchestra.

Much of the beauty and interest of the three works I have mentioned is due to the source of their composers' inspiration: all three are descriptions of stories or people. Bela Bartók was inspired to write his Concerto for Orchestra merely by his native country's music. His use of three unfamiliar scales and rhythms make the Concerto sound very strange, but it is nevertheless very enjoyable and well worth listening to. The fourth movement, Interrupted Intermezzo, is especially interesting in the fact that the flute solo at the beginning is completely inverted later on.

If modern music is given the thought and attention it deserves it can provide much enjoyment and interest.

P. R. Chandler (IVb).
The Snake

While wandering through the leafy lanes of a wood near Portsmouth, I espied, upon a small mound, a grass snake basking in the midday sun. It seemed to be delighting in the heavenly, yet uncanny, silence of its surroundings, and I made up my mind to watch it for a little while. So, seating myself on a nearby rock, I studied the neighbourhood of my little find intently, and to my surprise saw many interesting objects that usually escape the notice of the bustling human.

Close to the snake were countless ants, busy about their daily tasks and running hither and thither like drops of rain on a stormy day. Then suddenly the heavens were rent open by an ear-splitting clatter. It was a railway-engine's whistle coming from the nearby railway-track.

The snake awoke and began to slither into the undergrowth, but much to its ill-fortune there was the ants' nest in the way, into which it plunged. The little busy-bodies were unable to move quickly enough to escape this monster that had descended upon them, and the snake began to wriggle in the most fantastic ways until it was well out of what seemed the danger-zone.

After a little while it had recovered its senses, and began to slip away towards a shady coign to wait for its midday meal.

Fascinated, I watched it keep on the alert until—swish—a fly had met a sudden, tragic end. Then for a while the snake had a wonderful feast of gnats, flies and an occasional small spider which came swooping at the end of its life-line through the green-leaved branches of a crab-apple tree. I was almost certain that the snake quivered with delight at these unexpected delicacies.

Then once more the undergrowth was ruffled: this time by a little black and white puppy bounding along oblivious to all the cares in the world. Suddenly he caught sight of the snake and, prancing round and round it with curiosity, he began to yap and growl with ecstasy at his sudden find. The snake awoke from its short siesta and before you could count ten it had vanished into the denser undergrowth, with the puppy standing trembling, a look of annoyance mingled with amazement on its countenance. The puppy and I were very disappointed at the snake's actions and we both turned tail and wended our ways back home through the friendly trees.

P. H. Gates (V).
"Comprenez-vous?"

The thought of going to France had always intrigued Henry, and therefore, when he chanced to win a free trip in a sweepstake, he immediately studied hard at the language for the three months before the proposed trip.

As he extricated himself from the customs offices he heaved a sigh of relief—the worst part of the journey over, and, what was more, completed with the use of just a few oui's and non's, which was quite promising even if the customs man had spoken in English. His first intention on landing had been to find a policeman and ask him the way to the railway station. He had no intention of changing this plan until he caught his first glimpse of one of these keepers of the peace. A mighty "gendarme," holding up the customs office wall, as it seemed, was gazing with hungry eyes for any likely offender. A long, spiked, waxed moustache; an energetic-looking baton; and glittering eyes set our friend thinking. After all, he contemplated, it's far easier to ask somebody who lives here. And so, looking round for the most foreign and understanding person he could see, he struck upon a small, pleasant-looking, dark-haired man. Henry's confidence was restored and with firm steps he advanced towards the future victim of his broken French.

"Monsieur," called Henry, and before the other could reply to this brilliant opening, our friend, amazed at his own verbosity in this strange language, repeated the phrase—

"Ah, Monsieur!" and then:

"Veuillez me dire—er—le chemin à la station—ou rather—la gare?"

The sagacious-looking foreigner looked blankly back at the hesitating Henry, and, with a simple shrug of the shoulders, replied:

"Non compris."

This somewhat startled Henry, but, unabashed, he attacked his questioner from a different angle:

"La gare, s'il vous plaît, où est-il?"

But the response of the Frenchman only amounted to:

"Non compris."

Henry, who before his recent studies had known little French, apart from "Louis-Philippe" and "Racing Club de Paris," began to doubt the little of useful French sayings which he had used to cultivate his knowledge in this language. Nevertheless, he pursued his intention once again:

"Savez-vous l'endroit où la gare—I think it's 'la gare' anyway—est?"

"Non compris."
“Où sont les poof-poofs autour d’ici?” gasped Henry, perspiration gleaming on his brow.

“Non compris,” insisted his guide.

“Oh my godfathers!” burst out the exasperated Henry, “where the blazes is the station?”

“Oh, the station,” replied his foreign-looking companion, “why didn’t you say so, you’re leaning up against the outside of it!”

A. M. AYLWIN.

Football, 1949-50

We have had a successful season of school football, the 1st XI having lost one match only. The 2nd and Colts XI have also been better than usual.

The record of the 1st XI appears to have been largely the result of a good team spirit, and the fact that members have been willing to interchange positions. The interchange experiment is seldom so successful; it has worked well in a season when we have had no obviously weak member in the side.

We are tempted to suppose that team spirit has achieved results which past seasons with greater individual skill have not produced; it is probably as true to say that individual skill has been present generally this year, to the extent that no player appeared to stand out.

Such a creditable performance, whatever the reason for it, does, however, call for special comment, and would make mention of individuals invidious.

The 2nd XI has been better this year in the sense that they have been much nearer than usual to 1st XI standard.

The Colts possess a good record, but, in particular and important, games have lacked sufficient speed—in collecting and parting with the ball, and in tackling. This failure makes them appear unfit; we prefer to believe that they are usually content to adjust their tempo to that of opponents in easy games, and do not realise quickly enough in the game that this method is not sufficient to win against faster opponents.

Colours were awarded as follows: Re-awarded to G. C. Archer, D. A. Gudgeon, A. D. Harland, B. D. Lewis. Awarded to A. M. Aylwin, W. J. Brown, R. H. Hewes, A. J. Tilson.

FIRST XI

   8.—v. Farnborough G.S. (home): drew 0—0.
   22.—v. Queen Mary's School, Basingstoke (away): won 4—1.

12.—v. Price’s School, Fareham (away): drew 1–1.


Dec. 3.—v. Eggar’s G.S. (away): won 5–0.


21.—v. Bedale’s School (away): lost 2–3.


Mar. 4.—v. Queen Mary’s School (home): won 8–0.


Played, 18; Won, 14; Drawn, 3; Lost, 1.

SECOND XI

Oct. 1.—v. Salesian College (home): won 8–0.

8.—v. Farnborough G.S. (away): lost 0–3.


Played, 9; Won, 2; Drawn, 4; Lost, 3.

"UNDER 16” XI


COLTS XI


22.—v. Queen Mary’s School Colts XI (away): lost 0–6.


Mar. 4.—v. Queen Mary’s School Colts XI (home): lost 0–3.


Played, 9; Won, 5; Drawn, 1; Lost, 3.
"UNDER 14" XI

Dec. 3.—v. Salesian College "Under 14" (home): drew 1—1.

INTER-HOUSE MATCHES

**SENIOR.**—Harding 3, Massingberd, 3; School 2, Morley 2; Childe, 5, Massingberd, 4; Harding 4, School 3; Morley 2, Childe 3; Massingberd 0, School 8; Childe 4, Harding 0; Morley 4, Massingberd 0; School 1, Childe 2; Harding 7, Morley 5; Harding 7, Massingberd 1; School 6, Morley 0; Childe 9, Massingberd 0; Harding 0, School 1; Morley 0, Childe 4; Massingberd 1, School 8; Childe 0, Harding 2; Morley 2, Massingberd 2; School 4, Childe 0; Harding 3, Morley 3.

Positions.—1, Childe (12 points); 2, School (11 points); 3, Harding (10 points); 4, Morley (5 points); 5, Massingberd (2 points).

**JUNIOR.**—Morley 0, Harding 2; Childe 5, Massingberd 0; School 4, Morley 1; Harding 0, Massingberd 4; Childe 1, School 1; Morley 0, Massingberd 5; School 5, Harding 0; Childe 5, Morley 0; School 3, Massingberd 0; Harding 0, Childe 1; Morley 0, Harding 3; Childe 2, Massingberd 2; School 5, Morley 0; Harding 1, Massingberd 2; Childe 6, School 0; Morley 0, Massingberd 5; School 1, Harding 1; Childe 11, Morley 1; School 3, Massingberd 1; Harding 2, Childe 2.

Positions.—1, Childe (13 points); 2, School (12 points); 3, Massingberd (9 points); 4, Harding (6 points); 5, Morley (no points).

KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

**SENIOR.**—Preliminary Round: Massingberd 1, Harding 4. Semi-Finals: Harding 5, Morley 2; Childe 2, School 1. Final: Childe 3, Harding 0.

Boxing

Thanks to the Commandant of the Army School of Physical Training, the finals were held in the Wand-Tetley Gymnasium on Friday, December 16th. There was some good boxing and we must congratulate the two best losers: R. Broatch (senior) and J. M. Bassett (junior). No fewer than fifteen classes had to be arranged to cater for the 146 entries. We have to thank the A.S.P.T. also for providing the judges.

CLASS 1 (over 12 st.)

Semi-Final: W. F. Bodkin (School) beat J. O. Hutchinson (Harding); B. D. Lewis (Massingberd), bye.

Final: Bodkin beat Lewis. Bodkin dealt out heavy punishment in both rounds, using his powerful left and long reach to great advantage. Lewis fought pluckily and staged a stand in the second round, but Bodkin regained the initiative, giving his opponent very little chance.

CLASS 2 (11 - 12 st.)

Semi-Final: M. D. Lampard (School) beat J. D. Knight (Morley); R. H. Hewes (Childe), bye.

Final: Hewes beat Lampard. Hewes used his long left and boxing skill to beat a rather crude and inexperienced boxer. This was an unexciting fight with Hewes a good winner.

CLASS 3 (10.7 - 11 st.)

Semi-Finals: M. S. Hinton (School) beat J. R. Moore (Morley); N. Brade (Massingberd) beat C. Prescott (Harding).

Final: Brade beat Hinton. Brade completely overpowered his opponent with strong punching. Hinton attacked pluckily, but he had no guard and was an easy target for Brade. The referee intervened and brought an uneven contest to a close.

CLASS 4 (10 - 10.7 st.)

First Series: M. Dawson (Morley) beat B. J. Daniels (School); B. E. Sherwood (Morley) beat T. T. Fitzpatrick (School); D. L. James (Massingberd) and A. J. Tilson (Morley), byes.

Semi-Finals: Sherwood beat Dawson; James w.o. Tilson, scr.

Final: James beat Sherwood. James used his left hand to advantage and completely outclassed Sherwood.
**CLASS 5 (9.7 - 10 st.)**

First Series: W. J. Brown (School) beat M. S. Warner (Massingberd); A. D. Harland (Childe) beat D. Cressall (Massingberd); D. A. Gudgeon (School) beat R. A. J. Cable (Childe); G. C. Archer (Childe), bye.

Semi-Finals: Archer beat Brown; Gudgeon beat Harland.

Final: Archer w.o. Gudgeon (scratched after badly damaging his hand in the semi-finals).

**CLASS 6 (9.7 st. and under)**

First Series: R. T. Creasy (School) beat G. F. Le Vey (Massingberd); R. Broatch (School) beat M. J. Purslow (Massingberd); J. I. Bellman (Massingberd) beat J. D. Donovan (Morley); V. D. J. Wyatt (Harding) beat B. C. Everingham (Childe); J. D. Backhurst (Childe) beat V. J. Snellock (Morley).

Second Series: Backhurst beat Wyatt.

Semi-Finals: Broatch beat Creasey; Backhurst w.o. Bellman, scr.

Final: Backhurst beat Broatch. Broatch appeared to have very little ability to counter Backhurst's hard, fast punches. Had Backhurst's timing been better, the contest might have ended inside the distance.

**CLASS 7**

First Series: A. Butler (Morley) beat B. J. Sparrow (Childe); A. M. Bolt (Morley) beat R. B. Purchase (School); M. F. Wilson (School) beat J. Prescott (Harding); A. M. Aylwin (School) w.o. N. H. Whiter (Childe), scr.; K. J. Dolley (Massingberd), bye.


Semi-Finals: Bolt beat Butler; Aylwin beat Wilson.

Final: Aylwin beat Bolt. After a fairly even first round Aylwin took command of the fight. Punching very heavily with his right and attacking all the time, he often had his opponent in difficulty.

**CLASS 8**

First Series: R. J. Cheesman (Morley) beat R. F. Gooch (Massingberd); K. A. Holmes (Massingberd) beat J. J. Rhind (Childe); R. F. Mitchell (Massingberd) beat J. F. Keating (Childe); J. M. Bassett (Harding) beat W. G. Chant (Childe).

Semi-Finals: Cheesman beat Holmes; Bassett beat Mitchell.

Final: Cheesman beat Bassett. This was the best fight of the afternoon. A very evenly-matched pair; both had ability, but
Cheesman carried the heavier punch. The first round was closely contested, Bassett being slightly ahead in points at the end of it. In the early stages of the second round Cheesman scored two very good left hooks, which weakened and slowed down his opponent. This proved to be the turning point of the bout, for a little later the referee intervened to prevent a very plucky loser from taking unnecessary punishment.

CLASS 9

First Series: J. W. Haigh (Morley) beat M. J. Andrews (School); G. C. Andrews (Morley) beat D. S. Nunn (Harding); R. Humphreyies (Morley) beat A. J. Mullard (Childe); J. Hudson (Harding) beat J. H. Jenkins (Childe); J. D. Munday (Harding), bye.

Second Series: Munday beat Hudson.


Final: Haigh beat Munday. This was a “boxer-v.-scraper” contest in which the scraper won. Haigh attacked furiously but very wildly, whereas Munday stayed calm, and scored well with his left hand. Haigh scored just enough points at close quarters to win.

CLASS 10

First Series: M. J. Garside (School) heat D. J. Phillips (Harding); P. W. Ferris (Massingberd) beat A. J. Tull (Childe); R. I. H. Clark (Massingberd) beat M. T. Timmins (Morley); R. L. Gibby (Harding) beat B. E. Webberly (Morley); J. H. Cummins (Harding) beat G. L. Pound (Childe); G. V. Hunt (Massingberd) beat D. L. Banks (School).

Second Series: Gibby beat Clark; Cummins beat Hunt.

Semi-Finals: Ferris beat Garside; Gibby heat Cummins.

Final: Gibby beat Ferris. This was a fast and furious bout. Gibby rushed his opponent, who had no answer for his fast, hard and accurate hitting in the first round. In the second round, Ferris boxed better, but was still punished heavily at close quarters.

CLASS 11

First Series: R. B. Coveney (Harding) beat E. C. Knight (School); P. W. Sindle (Childe) beat K. I. Mentzell (Morley); G. J. Cosway (Childe) beat G. J. Bryant (Harding); S. R. Allen (Childe) beat B. Boroman (Morley); G. A. Pelling (Massingberd) beat F. H. Hill (Harding); D. A. Wheeler (Massingberd) beat M. J. Tyrrell (Harding); T. J. Venables (Massingberd) beat D. J. Mansell (School); P. D. Young (Harding) beat M. J. Payne (Massingberd).
Second Series: Coveney beat Sindle; Allen beat Cosway; Wheeler beat Pelling; Young beat Venables.

Semi-Final: Coveney beat Allen; Young beat Wheeler.

Final: Coveney beat Young. The first round produced very timid fighting; but, in the second round, Coveney gained confidence and attacked strongly, hooking well both to head and body, to finish an easy winner.

CLASS 12

First Series: B. Kenton (Massingberd) beat K. J. Jenner (School); R. S. Stroyan (Childe) beat J. M. Fisher (Harding); C. E. Briody (Childe) beat W. J. Painter (School); J. Melville (Childe) beat B. F. Lake (Harding); A. R. Wright (Childe) beat J. G. Bellamy (Massingberd); A. G. Lovell (Massingberd) beat L. Walmsley (Harding); D. Penny (Harding) beat A. K. Common (Childe); M. J. Barham (Harding) beat A. B. Jones (Massingberd); S. G. Hoptroff (Massingberd) beat N. D. Paget (School); C. D. Inglis (Massingberd) beat J. Park (School); A. C. Dewey (Harding) beat B. H. Probert (School).

Second Series: Stroyan beat Kenton; Melville beat Briody; Lovell w.o. Wright, scr.; Barham w.o. Penny, abs.; Hoptroff w.o. Inglis, scr.; Dewey, bye.

Third Series: Barham beat Lovell; Hoptroff beat Dewey; Stroyan and Melville, byes.

Semi-Finals: Melville beat Stroyan; Hoptroff beat Barham.

Final: Hoptroff beat Melville. Despite the handicap of being much smaller, Hoptroff managed to bring the fight to close quarters and deal out heavy punishment, tactics to which Melville never found a solution.

CLASS 13

First Series: J. R. Mundell (Massingberd) beat D. E. Lea (School); G. L. Hooker (School) beat A. R. Cox (Morley); R. L. Gibby (Harding) beat I. P. Lewis (Massingberd); T. Tubb (Harding) beat T. R. Andrews (Morley); T. E. Mattock (Morley) beat D. J. Goddard (Harding); P. R. Scutt (School) beat A. J. Jacobs (Harding); J. A. Cockle (School) beat P. E. Hutchinson (Harding); M. Doyle (School) beat B. Wyatt (Harding); T. A. Shakeshaft (Morley) beat D. H. Pullen (Harding); A. Wilson (Harding) beat J. H. Dobson (Morley).

Second Series: Mundell beat Hooker; Tubb beat Gibby; Scutt beat Mattock; Doyle beat Cockle; Shakeshaft w.o. Wilson, abs.

Third Series: Doyle beat Shakeshaft; Mundell, Tubb and Scutt, byes.
Semi-Finals: Tubb beat Mundell; Doyle beat Scutt.

Final: Doyle beat Tubb. Doyle had superior skill, and dictated the fight. Tubb fought back strongly against his longer reach and was a game loser.

CLASS 14

First Series: D. Burningham (Harding) beat R. D. Edwards (Morley); J. P. James (Massingberd) beat F. G. Oldham (Childe); M. F. Peart (Massingberd) beat J. Marshall (School); G. B. Coveney (Harding) beat M. A. Hewins (School); D. J. Gray (Massingberd) beat M. A. Snelling (Morley); D. S. Tyrrell (Harding), bye.

Second Series: Peart beat Coveney; Tyrrell beat Gray; Burningham and James, byes.

Semi-Finals: James beat Burningham; Tyrrell beat Peart.

Final: James beat Tyrrell. James fought strongly and well, usually punching hard and straight, and making good use of counter punching. Tyrrell was often in trouble, but fought very pluckily.

CLASS 15

First Series: G. E. Page (Massingberd) beat P. E. Phillips (Harding); E. W. Penny (Harding) beat S. J. Ellis (Massingberd); D. J. Horne (Morley) beat M. A. Prentice (School); M. J. Cooper (Massingberd) beat T. Hall (School); P. Langdown (Morley), bye.

Second Series: Cooper beat Langdown; Page, Penny and Horne, byes.

Semi-Finals: Page beat Penny; Cooper beat Horne.

Final: Cooper w.o. Page, scr.

House Positions

1, Massingberd, 70½; 2, Harding, 56; 3, School, 52; 4, Morley, 40½; 5, Childe, 40.
House Shooting

DECEMBER

In spite of the mildness of a December day, plus artificial heat, scores were in general low. Several notable shots did not live up to their reputation. The spoon went to M. E. Cane for the first time.

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In spite of poor light conditions the shooting was good. Childe's total is believed to be a record in this competition. The spoon was won by J. R. Cherryman.

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The Athletic Sports
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th

The very hot day seemed to suit the competitors, for no fewer than eight records were beaten. Unfortunately, owing to the same cause, there were not so many spectators as we could have wished. We are grateful indeed to our chairman, Mr. C. E. Borelli, for attending and distributing the trophies after making a graceful speech.

Special mention may be made of R. T. Creasey, who became open Victor Ludorum, and of Dawson, who ran the 220 yards (intermediate) in 25.6 secs. The new discus helped towards the new record, and the javelin at 137 ft. is now worthy of respect.

The new system of conducting the sports (now in its third year) has clearly established itself.

RESULTS

Open

100 Yards.—1, G. C. Archer (Ch.); 2, R. T. Creasey (Sch.); 3, D. W. Grigor (Ch.). Time: 11.3 secs.

220 Yards.—1, M. S. Hinton (Sch.); 2, G. C. Archer (Ch.); 3, R. T. Creasey (Sch.). Time: 25.5 secs. Standards: The foregoing and Backhurst (Ch.).

440 Yards.—1, J. T. Legg (Mass.); 2, G. Klein (Mor.); 3, V. D. J. Wyatt (Har.). Time: 61.6 secs.

880 Yards.—1, V. D. J. Wyatt (Har.); 2, J. T. Legg (Mass.); 3, R. C. Wickerson (Sch.). Time: 2 mins. 18 secs. Standards: The foregoing and M. D. Lampard (Sch.), K. J. Dolley (Mass.).

1 Mile.—1, V. D. J. Wyatt (Har.); 2, R. C. Wickerson (Sch.); 3, M. Doyle (Sch.). Time: 5 mins. 9.8 secs. Standards: The foregoing and M. D. Lampard (Sch.), K. J. Dolley (Mass.).

High Jump.—1, R. H. Hewes (Ch.); 2, W. J. Brown (Sch.); 3, G. Klein (Mor.). Height: 5 ft. 6\(\frac{1}{2}\) in. Standards: The foregoing and J. D. Backhurst (Ch.), J. O. Hutchinson (Har.).

Long Jump.—1, G. C. Archer (Ch.); 2, R. T. Creasey (Sch.); 3, R. H. Hewes (Ch.), W. J. Brown (Sch.). Distance: 19 ft. 7 in. Standards: The foregoing and W. F. A. Bodkin (Sch.), A. Butler (Mor.), A. D. Harland (Ch.), V. D. J. Wyatt (Har.).

Shot.—1, N. Brade (Mass.); 2, J. O. Hutchinson (Har.); 3, G. Klein (Mor.). Distance: 29 ft. 6\(\frac{3}{4}\) in. Standards: The foregoing and P. J. Ralph (Sch.), D. Paget (Sch.).

Discus.—1, N. Brade (Mass.); 2, R. T. Creasey (Sch.); 3, H. S. H. Massey (Sch.). Distance: 88 ft. 6\(\frac{1}{2}\) in. (record). Standards: The foregoing and D. W. Grigor (Ch.), Archer (Ch.), Paget (Sch.).

Javelin.—1, R. H. Hewes (Ch.); 2, A. J. Mullard (Ch.); 3, G. F. Le Vey (Mass.). Distance: 137 ft. (record). Standards: Hewes.

Relay (110, 220, 440, 880, 110).—1, School; 2, Morley; 3, Harding; 4, Childe; 5, Massingberd. Time: 4 mins. 14 secs.

Hurdles.—1, R. T. Creasey (Sch.); 2, G. Klein (Mor.); 3, D. W. Grigor (Ch.). Time: 16.0 secs. Victor Ludorum: R. T. Creasey.
INTERMEDIATE

100 Yards.—1, M. W. Dawson (Mor.); 2, A. J. Tilson (Mor.); 3, M. Harcourt (Har.). Time: 11.6 secs. (equals record).

220 Yards.—1, M. W. Dawson (Mor.); 2, E. A. Nixon (Ch.); 3, R. J. Cheesman (Mor.). Time: 25.6 secs. (record). Standards: The foregoing and Harcourt.

440 Yards.—1, E. A. Nixon (Ch.); 2, A. J. Tull (Ch.); 3, G. L. Hooker (Sch.). Time: 61.0 secs. (record). Standards: Nixon (Ch.).

880 Yards.—1, E. A. Nixon (Ch.); 2, G. F. Le Vey (Mass.); 3, M. Doyle (Sch.). Time: 2 mins. 34.7 secs. Standards: The foregoing and Hudson, D. Bassett, Phillips, A. B. Jones.

High Jump.—1, V. J. Snellock (Mor.); 2, M. W. Dawson (Mor.); 3, A. J. Tilson (Mor.). Height: 4ft. 11in. (record). Standards: The foregoing and France (Ch.).

Long Jump.—1, A. J. Tilson (Mor.); 2, M. A. Evans (Sch.); 3, M. Tyrrell (Har.). Distance: 18 ft. 1½ in. (record). Standards: The foregoing and Munday (Har.), Stone (Sch.), France (Ch.).

Hurdles.—1, M. J. Tyrrell (Har.); 2, A. J. Mullard (Ch.). Time: 17.8 secs.

Relay.—1, Morley; 2, Childe; 3, School; 4, Harding; 5, Massingberd. Time: 50.5 secs. (record). Victor Ludorum: Dawson and Nixon.

JUNIOR

100 Yards.—1, A. J. Melville (Ch.); 2, D. A. Wheeler (Mass.); 3, Y. L. Bennett (Ch.). Time: 12.9 secs.

220 Yards.—1, D. A. Wheeler (Mass.); 2, E. J. Crossingham (Ch.); 3, I. G. Bolt (Mor.). Time: 30 secs.

440 Yards.—1, A. J. Melville (Ch.); 2, D. A. Wheeler (Mass.); 3, D. J. Fawkes (Mass.). Time 66.6 secs. (record). Standards: Melville (Ch.), D. A. Wheeler (Mass.).


Long Jump.—1, D. Wheeler (Mass.); 2, V. L. Bennett (Ch.); 3, T. T. Fitzpatrick (Sch.). Distance: 14 ft. 2½ in. (record). Standards: The foregoing and Probert (Sch.).

Relay.—1, Childe; 2, School; 3, Morley; 4, Harding; 5, Massingberd. Time: 61.6 secs. Victor Ludorum: D. A. Wheeler.

100 Yards (12 yrs. 6 mths. and under).—1, B. Fitzpatrick (Sch.); 2, D. R. Tye (Ch.); 3, M. J. Milburn (Mass.). Time: 14.0 secs.

HOUSE TOTALS

1, Childe, 74½; 2, School, 71; 3, Morley, 54; 4, Harding, 35; 5, Massingberd, 33.
Sports Day

Sports day 1950—
The result—it made me wild!
For, like most other cups this year,
The trophy went to Childe!

It seems the masters had a job
To keep all Harding quiet.
For both the 880 and the mile
Were won by Victor Wyatt.

The intermediate 100 yards
Was faster than Aub Lawson!!
The record of the school was matched
By Morley’s Michael Dawson.

440 open: won by Legg
(Although I thought he’d lose).
And five feet and a half were jumped
By Robert (Sticky) Hewes.

Archer won the 100 yards;
’Twas faster than a hike;
The speed he went convinced us all
He doesn’t need that bike.

The hurdle race appeared to us
Astonishingly easy!
The fastest race I’ve ever seen
Was won by R. T. Creasey.

The relay—well, I’d best not say,
For our house finished last;
They tell me that this was because
The others ran too fast.

And as the sports approached the end
And points were added up
A loud, exultant cry was heard
For Childe had won the cup!

J. G. Bellamy (Massingberd and IVb).
Our small but keen team arrived at the Secondary Schools' Athletic Sports at Imber Court with no very high hopes; the results turned out to be much as we had expected, and we were again placed low in the final points table.

More records were broken, and the exceptionally high standard attained by some schools pointed to the fact that they trained intensively throughout the year. The time for the mile, won by Whitgift Middle School, was 4 mins. 27 secs., which broke the record by 7 secs.; the winner of the Shot Put broke the record with a distance of 43ft. 3ins.

Three of our competitors scored points; Tilson gained 3rd position in the Under 16 Long Jump, and would have won the event if he had reproduced his form of the School Sports. Hewes gallantly cleared 5ft. 3ins. in the open High Jump and was placed 5th, Surbiton eventually winning with a new record of 5ft. 10ins. In the Under 16 High Jump final Snellock jumped pluckily and was 6th. Klein represented the School in the Hurdles, and although his style was excellent he was not quite fast enough to win through to the final. Nixon ran well to be 3rd in his heat of the Under 16 440 Yards.

Finally, I must wish our team: "Better luck next time."

Old Farnhamians' Association

MEMBERSHIP

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

**Barnard, J. E.** (1941-1946), 38, Shortheath Crest, Farnham.


**Buckell, D.** (1940-1946), 5, Arthur Road, Farnham.

**Gudgeon, D. A.** (1944-1949), 50, Tilford Road, Farnham.

**Warner, M. S.** (1945-1949), Frimley Green Road, Frimley Green, Aldershot.

**Piper, C. W. A.** (1945-1949), 20, Echo Barn Lane, Wrecclesham, Farnham.


**Adams, M.** (1944-1949), 50, Shortheath Road, Farnham.

**Davey, P. J.** (1943-1949), 25, Sheephouse, Farnham.

**Prescott, J.** (1944-1949), Dal-Lyni, White Lane, Ash Green, Aldershot.


**Harris, P.** (1944-1950), Beaconsfield House, Frimley Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot.

**Vanner, J. J.** (1943-1947), Belcaire, 12, Stephendale Road, Farnham.

*Lock, M. J.** (1938-1944), 13, Beavers Road, Farnham.

**Farthing, K. W. K.** (1943-1950), Place Cottage, 250, Lower Farnham Road, Aldershot.

**Barker, M.** (1943-1949), New Moon Bungalow, Bordon Road, near Farnham.

**Peters, B. D.** (1943-1950), 3, West Street, Farnham.
Mansell, J. K. (1944-1950), 14, Green Lane, Churt, Farnham.
Bowden, D. A. (1944-1949), 1, Police Station, Ash, Aldershot.
Clark, H. F. P. (1942-1947), 66, Church Lane East, Aldershot.
Day, J. (1943-1948), 22, Knight's Road, Heath End, Farnham.
James, H. (1939-1946), Maclease, Weybourne, Farnham.

* Life Members
Annual General Meeting

There was more than usual interest at the A.G.M., which was held at the School on Saturday, December 10th, when two important resolutions were passed. The first, initiated by E. A. W. Morris, was finally hammered into the following shape: That each boy on leaving school, having reached the age of 16, shall, if he so desire, be made a full member of the Association, without paying a subscription, for a minimum period of one year, extending to one year and two terms ending in December. The other was moved by S. Robins on behalf of E. C. Patrick and proposed that an O.F.A. year book should be issued. It was pointed out by Mr. Morgan from the chair that a membership list was about to be published, but F. O. Meddows Taylor thought that it should be more than a list—that it should give occupations and other matters of interest. Both resolutions were passed, and, for the purpose of the latter project, a committee was appointed consisting of the officers (ex-officio), E. C. Patrick, S. G. Robins and F. O. Meddows Taylor.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Bacon for his work as treasurer. He reported assets of £692 (£505 invested, £187 cash at bank). The current account stood at £431 (£245 invested, £136 cash at bank). The William Stroud Memorial Fund had closed at £122. Seventy pounds had been invested in prizes for service and geography, and £52 in three cups: two for cricket and one for swimming. The accounts were passed subject to audit.

Mr. G. M. Aylwin presented the statement of accounts for the Scholarship Trust. He reported that the total value of the trust was £1,431 (£1,365 invested, £66 cash at bank). Owing to a revaluation of securities the fund had dropped slightly, but no doubt this would not happen during the coming year.

A review of the football club was given by G. W. S. Morris, who said that the past four years had been very successful. Players were now insured at a cost of £4 10s.; the subscriptions had been raised from 5s. to 7s.6d., with a match fee of 2s.; last season's balance was £17. It was decided to donate a sum of five guineas from the Association's funds.

With regret the meeting was persuaded to accept the resignation of J. E. Hamilton-Jones, and the following were elected to the various offices: secretary, H. Johns; assistant secretary, D. H. Morgan; treasurer, Mr. G. H. Bacon; assistant treasurer, Mr. E. Godsil. General Committee: J. Wing, Mr. E. Godsil, Mr. E. Munton, E. D. Milburn, T. R. Harrington, J. E. Hamilton-Jones, G. F. Till and H. Elphick. Mr. G. F. Wright and Mr. E. W. Langham were re-elected auditors.
The Dinner
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1950

Without being ungrateful for the accommodation provided in other years, we may yet be glad that we found a new meeting place in the Memorial Hall this year. Its pleasing spaciousness and general amenities, added to the quality of the food and the good service, made what was an intrinsically joyful occasion still more enjoyable. No fewer than seventy-five were present, among whom there were five governors and seven members of the staff.

We are not forgetting, of course, the two former members, Mr. Bacon and Mr. Lock, who had such a large share in the proceedings of the evening. For not only was the dinner fulfilling its usual function of a re-union (which it did admirably), but it was also the suitable occasion for the O.F.A. to express its acknowledgments to Mr. Bacon for his long service at the School and for his devotion to the affairs of the Association. The office was entrusted to Hamilton-Jones, who performed it with a simple sincerity, breathing affectionate goodwill, and who was obviously moved by the occasion. And in addition to the tributes of words there was a more material offering in the shape of a silver tankard and a cheque.

In his reply, Mr. Bacon spoke of the two schoolmasters—life and literature. “We are concerned mostly with the literature one in the schools,” he said, “and for young people it is the only real schoolmaster they can have.” Life was a very slow teacher, and one got no leaving certificate until one died. The only way in which they could be prepared for it was by letting them come under the second schoolmaster, literature. “That is the best we can do,” he said, “but what we are trying to teach them about this longer experience of life can be in a way helped considerably by introducing them to life ‘in the little,’ and that is the reason why throughout my teaching career I have spent so much time on out-of-school activities. The real reason I had a great deal to do with it was because I felt the schoolmaster ‘literature’ was not much good without this little bit of real life which you can get from all these out-of-school activities. We had no house system or organised sports in those days. We can say now that out-of-school activities are run in an excellent way. I take to myself a small amount of credit, and it is that which you are thanking me for.” (Applause.)

Mr. Bacon said he visualised, but would probably never see realised, the school as the centre of the community of the town, where every community activity included the School, and the boys would be able to come to some extent under the schoolmaster ‘life.”
Referring to the Association, he said it had been a great joy in his life. No school could flourish or do its job properly unless the boys who left could in some way be associated with it very strongly and firmly. "For 25 years the great joy has been to help build up that Association, with great support from Mr. Morgan all the way through. We could never have done without him, without a really good headmaster of the school." (Loud applause).

Mr. Bacon concluded by hoping the Association would foster the ideals of service and tolerance.

Mr. Lock in his speech, proposing the toast of the Association, gave an analysis of its objects, praise for past achievements and stimulation to still further efforts. Judging from the reply of H. R. L. Johns, who, not content with being hon. secretary, had also had the job of unpaid entertainer thrust upon him, it appeared that further effort will be forthcoming. With him in the key position the O.F.A. will be alive.

Then we had J. Maxwell Aylwin paying his tribute to the School, to its staff, and to the men it produced; and finally the Headmaster saying "I am glad to see you all here. It is a great joy to know that so many of you still feel friendly towards your old school." And that was my feeling at the dinner, too.

Names of those present:—

O.F.A. Football Club

The Old Boys' Football Club have enjoyed another successful season. The team continued to play in the First Division of the Surrey Intermediate League and finished runners-up, 4 points behind the leaders, Stoke Rec.

During the season 26 League games were played; 21 were won and 5 lost, with 137 goals for and 63 against. In the Surrey Junior Cup we were beaten in the second round by Farncombe Wanderers 6—2, after having beaten Ash United 4—2 in the first round. The leading goal-scorers for the season were: E. D. Milburn 55, A. R. Cobbett 24, R. R. Kirk and K. S. Trollop 15 each.

D. A. Little has been the captain, F. F. Foley vice-captain and hon. secretary, G. W. S. Morris treasurer, with A. J. Hillyer, G. M. King and E. D. Milburn completing the committee.

A second team played the School on three occasions and lost 2—7, 1—4 and 2—3.

Financially the club is in a fairly satisfactory state, having increased the balance in hand from £17 9s. 4d. at the start of the season to £23 3s. 11d. at the close of the season. The coming season, however, is likely to necessitate considerable increases in expenditure, particularly in view of the fact that it is hoped to run a reserve side in the Farnham and District League. The club will, therefore, require more playing members and will welcome any Old Boys who are interested in furthering the interests of the club, either on the field or on the touchline.

The sincere thanks of the club are due to Mr. F. A. Morgan for the use of the field and the cloakrooms and for other help during the season.

F. F. Foley, Hon. Secretary.
G. W. S. Morris, Hon. Treasurer.
The Man Who Was Unlucky

Edward Munkungwila was a smart young man. He dressed very well for an African and had a very persuasive tongue. He relied on his gift of persuasion and his personality to earn his living by breaking the law. One day, however, he was unlucky. This is the story of his downfall.

One day, in the European shopping centre of a certain town, he met three African women. He approached them, representing himself as an assistant in one of the stores. He offered to get them some sugar, a commodity which is in short supply in this part of the world. As he was very persuasive, one of the women, like all African women is very trusting, handed over £1 to him so that he could get her some sugar. Nora Gondwe and her friends waited for a long time, but the nice, persuasive Edward was gone and they saw him no more that day.

As is the way with Africans in this part of the world, she shrugged her shoulders, and resolved not to do this again. She did not report to the police as she did not want them to know how foolish she had been. Thus she returned to her husband, a sadder and wiser woman.

About three weeks later Edward appeared again, this time in one of the compounds in which the local native population dwell. He approached another African who was selling home-made cakes in order to supplement his very small wages. His name was Chama Willis, a simple, trusting sort of man, who would not think ill of any man.

Edward asked him for a shillingsworth of cakes and tendered a 10/- note in payment. Chama, however, had no change and said so. Edward, though a complete stranger, immediately asked Chama to lend him his cycle so that he could go and get some change. He seemed a presentable young man and so the latter did so without any qualms. As time passed, and the nice young man did not return, a slight doubt entered his mind. Eventually he decided to search the compound, which he did all day with the utmost diligence, but without success.

Edward in the meantime had his first piece of bad luck. On his way home with the cycle which he had just obtained from the trusting Chama, he met Nora Gondwe, from whom he had taken £1 some weeks previously. She, very naturally, demanded her money, for £1 is a lot of money to an African, often a month's wages, and she could ill afford it. He thought quickly, and very neatly evaded the issue by giving her the cycle which he had just "borrowed" from Chama, and telling her to look after it whilst he went to get the money.
Quite happily she took the cycle to her hut, for the cycle was worth much more than the £1 which he "owed" her. Edward, a little shaken, continued on his way, and now had his second stroke of ill luck. He met Chama Willis, now quite convinced of the dishonesty of his late customer, who at once demanded his cycle. This was a situation which might well have been the downfall of many men, but Edward never faltered.

He told Chama that the cycle was in a hut in another compound and offered to lead him there. They set off and eventually reached Nora Gondwe's hut. Edward pointed out the hut, but did not offer to go in. Chama, eager to recover his cycle, went right in and asked for it.

Nora, however, was not to be mulcted again so soon, and flatly refused to part with the cycle until she got her pound back. Chama argued in vain; she was adamant. Finally he went out to get Edward to give her the money, but the cunning Edward had already made good his escape.

Chama, now finally convinced of the dishonesty of Edward, came to the police and reported the matter. Detectives were just about to leave to try and locate the elusive Edward, when he was brought to the charge office by his own brother, who apparently did not approve of his smart dealings. This indeed was his cruellest stroke of luck!

Police, being what they are, decided that he had obtained money and goods by false pretences, and a few days later he was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour. Indeed he was a very unlucky man! T. H. Kelly.

Battleship Grey

It's such a fine day, too fine a day to be spent scraping paint off the deck of one of H.M. cruisers; and to think that only yesterday I was happily engaged in painting the ship's mast. The sun is so hot that the work really makes me perspire. Not that I am working, you must understand; at the moment I am merely the guard over poor Sam, who is doing the scraping; but just watching him is too much for me. It is a very long story, so I think I had better start at the beginning—in point of fact with Sam himself.

Of course he was called Sam; it was that sad-dog look of his, and having the name Steve that did it. He was a fine upstanding fellow, all six foot two of him, and that is probably why he looked so sad and slow, for, as with many tall persons, he walked with a slight stoop which gave him a questioning, groping appearance. A shy look, a placid look, but not, you must understand,
an unintelligent look. So now you know why, with a look like that, and a name like Steve, he couldn't be called anything else but Sam. Obviously! Besides if he was called Sam, people wouldn't be so tempted to call “C'mon Steve” when there was any work to be done, though on looking back that really made no difference. But we need not follow the portrait too far, as now you know enough about Sam (or Steve) to realise his character, and perhaps the subsequent events a little better. So on to the actual incident—or fairy tale—which happened to the two of us, Sam, Steve, and myself.

As I said before, it was a nice day yesterday and Sam and I were painting the cruiser's mainmast, a pleasant job, an easy job, suspended in mid-air on a gently swinging trestle, and, being in such an obvious position, we were hardly seen or bothered by any too efficient officers. Hardly, did I say? Well, unfortunately, not quite. Suddenly the strident tones of an officer below kindly informed us that we had finished that part of the mast half-an-hour ago, and wasn't it about time we did another portion. Steve, grasping the situation at once, began industriously to haul ropes and pull strings, so that we rapidly descended about ten feet, and swung in a graceful arc round to the other side of the mast. Here we energetically began painting a portion which had just been finished by the two painters below us.

It was no good however. "Up to the top, you'll love doing the starboard yard-arm; it's cooler up there."

So up we went. I don't know whether you have ever climbed up to a yard-arm, a mere fifty feet above the deck and eighty above the water. There is a beautiful view when one is standing on the ladder there, but out on the actual yard-arm the scene becomes somehow less entrancing. At last we came to the parting of the ways; one must remain on the ladder to tend the paint ropes, the other must go on—out on to the yard-arm. We looked at each other apprehensively; Sam was white; it was lucky that I could not see myself. There was only one thing for it. We tossed up. Borrowing a penny from Steve, I tossed, called, and caught it; needless to say Sam lost.

He took it rather well, mind you, and began painting at once—with his eyes shut, starting at the mast and working outwards in order to build up courage as he slowly swung further and further out above the ship. I can't help thinking that painting with his eyes shut, though undoubtedly a help in counteracting the effect of height, was rather a mistake as the ship now has a natty set of six grey lights on the starboard yard-arm.

Now this story should finish, I suppose, by Steve working his way right off to the end of the yard, but this did not happen for the simple reason that I warned him in time. It was only
then that we began to consider the overlooked fact of how to get Sam back along a newly-painted yard —tricky! There was only one way to do it. Hanging underneath the yard and running right along it was a rope or stirrup. He must walk along this with his legs bent round the mast so as not to touch the wet paint. Elementary tightrope walking. It seemed simple enough to me, but for some unknown reason Steve objected, that is until he realised that, apart from a dive into the water below, it was the only way.

He managed to put one foot on to the rope, which was quite easy, and, while hanging the paint pot from the extremity of his left arm and holding on to a radar aerial with his right, he gently waved his other leg in the air, over the yard, and down on to the rope. It was rather entrancing to watch; no dancer could have performed with more grace or skill. He carefully put one foot forward, swayed a little, and then advanced the other one. After this initial success he became a bit bolder, too bold, and executed a little run and dance on the rope. The inevitable happened, of course, the aerial broke, and Sam, in an effort to remain that odd fifty feet higher than the deck, grabbed at the nearest object—we now have a set of five grey lamps on the starboard side. This failing to stop him, he did the only thing possible—let go of the paint pot and seized the next nearest radar aerial designed by some diseased mentality in the form of an egg whisk.

The paint pot did not actually fall, rather it floated or glided deckwards. A period of several minutes seemed to pass during which I saw Steve's white face and goggling eyes following it down. Slowly spinning, the pot struck the lower yard, and bouncing sideways gradually dwindled in size as it drifted nearer and nearer the deck. A mass of packed black blobs which had been other painters suddenly scattered as the missile struck. Actually it did not strike; one moment it was there and the next it was—gone. Just an instantaneous explosion of grey which spread evenly in all directions, peppering everyone and everything. It was followed a split second later by a lesser burst as the brush followed on.

One of the blobs (now grey in colour) detached itself from the rest and began to ascend the mast, quickly resolving itself into (as Sam afterwards described it) "a 'uman face, an 'orrible angry 'uman face." As it came nearer it spoke. "Steve"—this was not quite the naval noun it used—"Steve, was tomorrow your leave day?"

It's such a fine day, too fine a day to be spent scraping paint, and to think that only yesterday..., R. D. Short.
Old Boys' News

Jock Fletcher (1940-1943) has now spent two years in the Pharmacology Dept., Nottingham University, and has picked up an M.Sc. on the way. Thank you for Christmas card and greetings to staff.

Congratulations to H. de B. Brock (1929-1938), now at Port Harcourt, Nigeria, on the birth of a son.

We hear that D. G. Cross (1935-1938) is now applying his skill in photography by working for the Bureau of Standards in Pretoria, S.A. He finds it very congenial.

Howard Clark (1943-1947) is enjoying his life in the Army—good food, good accommodation. He is in the R.A.D.C., waiting for a place in the Dental Technicians’ laboratory. He has discovered Shakespeare and intends to study for the School Cert. Fencing and hockey also occupy his time. He sends good wishes to the staff.

An interesting letter comes from T. H. Kelly telling of his journey to Kitwe, N. Rhodesia, where he is A/Inspector of Police. It is the largest town in the Copper Belt with a population of 40,000, of which 5,000 are Europeans. Terry is pleased with his change from a London beat; his activities are varied and include “practically everything from murder down.” He has had a trip down to Livingstone on the Zambesi and was very impressed by the Victoria Falls.

Good wishes, especially for the choir and orchestra, come from Sgt. I. F. A. Bowler (1944-1949), R.A.E.C., Lichfield. He finds the work of his unit interesting and valuable for his future career. He is surprised at the low educational standards of many of the men. Thank you, Ivan, for your appreciative remarks on the School.

G. P. B. Webberley (1941-1948) wrote from Officers’ Mess, 10th A/Tank Regt., Dortmund, reporting a white Christmas. He spoke of a refresher course when he was attached to a French battalion. He visited Belsen, “a grim place,” but the local inhabitants didn’t believe the report of its use! He looks forward to seeing a fine new building at the School. What optimism! He speaks highly of the value of the training received in the Cadet Corps.

M. E. P. Jump (1928-1937) wrote of the shock he had when he realised that Mr. Bacon had retired. He is now a partner in an old-established firm of solicitors in the City. He refers to Farnham as a fine place, and we can assure him that his feeling for the School clock as a sign of continuity of F.G.S. is shared by ourselves.
Congratulations to D. A. Bowden (1945-1949) on his trial for the “Evening News” Colts’ cricket team. He won the cup for the best batting average in 1948, but was recommended by the Aldershot Cricket Club as a bowler. He is training as an engineer in the laboratories of Messrs. Vokes, Ltd., Alton.

Dr. E. K. Rideal has been appointed Professor of Chemistry at King’s College, London. It is with pride that the School now has two old pupils of Dr. George Brown occupying chairs of Chemistry. The other is Professor Kendall at Edinburgh.

R. D. Short (1942-1949) has passed the Qualifying Examination for the Mechanical Science Tripos at Cambridge. He has now left the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, for the Training Cruiser and will go to Cambridge in October. He is one of the few selected for the “L” branch of the Navy.

Many thanks to T. H. Kelly (1939-1944) for sending us an article based on his experiences as an A/I in the Northern Rhodesian Police. He had been bitten in the shoulder by a large dog and had had a course of anti-rabies injections instead of a more pleasant course in riot drill at Bwana M’Kubwa. Swimmers will be envious to read that the bath he uses is 100 yards by 30 yards—plenty of room he says. He also gardens and watches polo.

News comes from one of our most eminent alumni, Professor James Kendall (1901-1907), who was a pupil of that illustrious science master, Dr. George Brown, when the School was in West Street. It is in the form of a brochure containing his address as President to the Royal Society of Edinburgh on December 5th, 1949. The title is “The Adventures of an Hypothesis” and it deals with the history of the search for the atomic masses of the elements. Obviously an important statement, it is outside the competence of this journal. We would, however, like to congratulate Professor Kendall on his election to the Presidency of such an august society.

The O.F.A. has suffered the loss of a one-time hon. secretary by the departure of I. C. Patrick for Hull, where he has been appointed sub-editor of a newspaper. We trust that we shall not lose his interest and that he will re-appear from time to time.

W. S. Milsum (1928-1931) is home on leave from Malaya, where he is a planter of palms for oil. It is necessary for him in his work to go about armed with a Sten gun. Congratulations to him on becoming engaged.

D. L. P. Hopkins (1935-1943), after four years in Nyasaland, now has a post with the R.H.S. at Wisley. His work is concerned with the relationship between weather and plants. Another meteorologist, C. D. Barrow (1928-1936), who is a forecaster, called in to say that all was going well with him.
Later news of R. D. Short (1942-1949) is that he is in H.M.S. Devonshire and that when he is not on Admiral's and Royal Guards he has been sight-seeing in Oslo. Still, he has found time to send us a long article which should provide some amusement for our readers. Thank you!

M. Houlton (1940-1945) called in to say that after obtaining his Inter-Science at Guildford he had gone on to Chelsea Polytechnic, where one of the lecturers in chemistry is our own Dr. D. R. Goddard (1933-1942). He had just sat for his Special B.Sc. in Chemistry and was hoping to become an industrial chemist.

Congratulations to P. F. Copping (1933-1939) on passing the Law Society's final examination with second class honours. He is now a fully qualified solicitor and has recently conducted his first court case.

Pat Arnbsiy (1938-1942), now Flight-Lieutenant, was numbered among the 37 best shots of the R.A.F. and is now at Bisley to see if he will be among the first twenty.

Congratulations to L. P. James (1936-1942) on obtaining his degree in Electrical Engineering at King's College, Newcastle. He is to go to Nigeria in the Colonial Service. Also to H. Boulding (1934-1941) on his B.Sc. in Physics and Maths. at Cardiff University. He is now a graduate apprentice with the G.E.C. at Coventry.

V. C. Jones (1924-1929) has been appointed a representative of the Michelin Tyre Company.