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Editorial Notes.

The event which over-topped everything else this term was, of course, the Coronation, but it has been treated so fully in the national and local Press that it is unnecessary to repeat what has been said so well and so fully elsewhere. As regards the School, it affected our routine by placing the half-term holiday unusually early; on the other hand, we had almost a week's break in which to celebrate the event.

At such a time, when there were so many external signs of loyalty and joy, it was right that our buildings should be suitably adorned, and by the energy of Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Varey it was so. The windows facing north towards the town were lined so as to transmit red, white and blue light at night; the bell tower was lit up; and over the main door was hung a shield bearing a design based on the Royal Arms and the Empire symbols. The last-named was drawn and painted by Miss Morgan. At one time the searchlights used for illuminating the Castle were turned round, so that an unusual and very striking view of the School buildings was obtained, with the shield clearly showing in the middle of the picture. Those who live far away may rest assured that the School ranked worthily among the local decorations.

And before we leave the subject, let us not forget the new flag-pole, which was erected with so much effort and amid so much interest, nor the Farnham Coronation mugs, which were distributed to all those who wished to have them.

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New appointments this term are: Prefect: R. R. Kirk. Members of the Games Committee: C. J. V. Fisher. Cricket: R. R. Kirk (captain); J. O. Levison (vice-captain). Swimming: F. P. Lambert (captain); J. O. Levison (vice-captain).

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Valete: F. H. S. Bridge, D. C. Burley, D. R. Coxall, W. A. Dibley, B. H. Durham, R. J. Durham, L. A. Goode, R. J. Merricks, P. Tomlin, R. C. Tomlin, S. Wells, C. D. Williams, D. J. Wood.

Salvete: H. Adolph, E. Austin, R. A. Bristow, R. G. Bristow, P. L. Causley, J. C. Chedzoy, A. J. Cornish, K. J. Cornwall, E. N. Gudge, J. R. Hollom, E. F. Hunt, A. M. Laidler, E. B. Laslett, E. Sichel, P. J. Stock, R. J. Wallis.

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Congratulations to P. Gardner on winning the cup presented by the Institute of Horse and Pony Clubs at the International Horse Show at Olympia.



THE HEADMASTER AND HIS STAFF.

July, 1905.

Left to right— Standing: F. MEYER, H. BAKER, H. COERT, W. C. THOMLINSON and R. B. YARDE.

Seated: G. H. BATES, G. H. RIDGLEY, J. W. WYNN-SHAW, F. A. MORGAN (Headmaster),

H. C. KENNEDY, S. D. M. HANSEN and S. E. J. LANE.

The sports trophies of the School have been increased in number by the gift of a cup for the Open High Jump. This important addition is due to the generosity of an Old Boy, Mr. F. L. Borelli, to whom we offer our very warm thanks.

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The sympathy of Staff and Boys has gone out to Mr. Varey, who received a nasty injury to his elbow when returning home in a coach with a victorious First XI from Godalming. At the time of going to press he was making reasonably good progress in Trimmer's Cottage Hospital, and we may hope to see him back at School next term in full vigour.

Photographic Society.

The society thrives! Although we can boast no great increase in numbers this term, there has certainly been a growth in enthusiasm. With the summer, there has come in a better and fuller reason for photography, and the dark room has been in great demand. The dark room in question was greatly improved last term and is now more suitable for members using it in the winter months. Next term it is expected that Mr. Lock will continue his series of talks and demonstrations on photography, and hoped that there will be an increase in enthusiasm *and* numbers.

R. W. JUDD.

Shooting: A Primer.

This article is not intended for the fellow who knows all there is to know about shooting; it is not intended for those who already "go down" the range. It is intended to hearten and make things a little easier for the would-be shot, who, through pacifist inclinations or various other reasons, has not ventured to try his skill.

Briefly, the art of shooting consists of projecting a piece of metal (the bullet) on to a selected object (the target) with the aid of a mechanical contrivance (the rifle). In other words, we put a target at one end of the range, take a rifle, lie down at the other end, point the rifle in the desired direction, operate the trigger, and proceed to score a "bull." It is only necessary to repeat this simple process ten times in the order in which it is written and you have scored a "possible."

There are, however, certain factors which may interfere with the efficiency of the performance. Should you fail to score "bulls," check over the following points carefully and you will almost certainly arrive at the cause of failure.

(1) It is absolutely essential to have the right brand of ammunition. Care should be taken to see that the cartridges

are the correct size to fit the rifle. Should the ammunition be too small it will tend to fall right through the barrel unless packed up with bits of newspaper or old rope. If too large, much valuable time will be wasted in filing it down to fit. It is seldom advisable to use .22 ammunition that has been re-loaded after having been fired. The practice is said to be fairly common in Scotland, but it would seem that the process is a closely kept secret.

(2) Nothing much can go wrong with the target, except that it may be placed too far away or that it may be too small. The latter trouble is most common, and the manufacturers' habit of making targets ever smaller to save expense, etc., cannot be too strongly condemned. It has never been disputed that a better score can be obtained on a large target than on a small one. Other people will occasionally fire on your target; this should be encouraged, as it saves ammunition.

(3) Here we come to the really difficult bit. A rifle is a complicated piece of mechanism and is liable to suffer from a number of ailments, but for the beginner it will be sufficient to look into the more obvious faults. First of all, make sure the hole through the centre of the barrel is not blocked up. This is easily done by blowing through it or passing a bit of wire down the whole length of the barrel. Then satisfy yourself that the barrel is not bent; a bent barrel nearly always has an effect on the shooting and should be straightened without delay. Should the breech block fall out when the rifle is held upside down it may be safely assumed that a certain amount of wear has taken place in the mechanism, and from now on accurate shooting can only be assured if the breech block is firmly held in place with strong twine. Make certain you have a sight at each end of the rifle and that it is the one at the back which moves when you turn the screw. If, for any reason, the sights have been fitted to the wrong ends of the rifle, put them right at once—it is but the work of a moment. Should either sight wobble, a simple system of pulleys, composed preferably of elastic bands, should be evolved to check any undue movement. The adjustment of sights can only be learnt by bitter experience, so that I shall not touch on this subject, but I might add that if you observe a harsh grating noise each time you press the trigger it is an indication that a few drops of oil should be applied to the mechanism.

These rough hints should enable the beginner to understand the cause and effect of the vicious noises that emerge from the school range and to take an intelligent interest in his first shoots. Once he has mastered these points the beginner will begin to see the fun in shooting and in a subsequent article I hope to deal with the more obscure points of advanced shooting, which I hope will arouse a still greater interest in that noble sport.

G. G. NOLAN.

A Review.

This is the time of Coronation, and by tacit consent about six hundred exuberant gentlemen at Westminster drop the controversies of party politics, and the acrimonious discussions become less heated. A Coronation is a landmark in the history of a nation.

Suppose we consider the case of a modern Rip Van Winkle, who fell asleep at the time of the Coronation of 1910 and is re-awakening in 1937. He would think that he was having his leg pulled. Our conversation of the present-day political violence would surprise him. He would be ignorant of such people as Roosevelt, Lansbury, Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin, or such things as "The League of Nations," Soviets, Fascists and Nazis; even the term "The British Commonwealth of Nations" would mean nothing to him. He would think we were mad when we spoke of air-mails, talkies, telephoning to Australia, hearing the President of the United States of America speaking in New York while we sat in London, or of the Japanese who flew from Tokio to Croydon in four days. The terrible war which shattered his world of 1910 and moulded ours of 1937 would horrify him when he heard of its atrocities.

Our Rip Van Winkle would have to acclimatize himself to the period of progress in which we are living. Before he could obtain his bearings in this new world, he would need to learn many things, all new.

When the mind of the newcomer had adjusted itself to many new inventions, he would wonder as to the lot of the ordinary people. In 1910 the Social Services could hardly be called weaned; there was no Ministry for Health, no National Insurance. Wages were low and hours were long; the helpless were left to fend for themselves with only the Poor Law as a dreaded last resort. Maternity and child welfare services were unheard of. The infant mortality rate was prodigiously high. It is true we had an excellent form of Elementary School training for grounding in the "Three R's." All very fine indeed, but physical fitness was not considered a national concern. Recreation fields were few and far between. For the aged and decrepit there was nothing but the Old-Age Pension scheme at 70.

Now all of this has been changed. For the poor we have modern Maternity and Child Welfare Centres; the infant mortality rate, which was at peak height, is now rapidly declining. There is complete medical and dental supervision of school children, cheap milk and meals for necessitous children. National Government has given us a new and up-to-date midwifery service and has subsidised a great drive towards national physical fitness.

But there are other things to be considered. What of housing conditions? The days of the slum, the hovel and the "rabbit warren" are doomed; thanks to the great re-housing schemes

we are getting towards the ideal of a decent and healthy home for every family. I am sure this will stop much of the crime which finds its breeding place in squalid tenements. No longer do the "out of work" have to look after themselves; they are benefited by the "Unemployment Assistance Board," which has none of the old Poor Law principles in either its practice or its theory. This seemed impossible to the wage-earner of 1910. Wages are on a boom level. A fine proof of this is to be found in the fall in the number of cases of malnutrition and the sum now spent on amusements.

But what is the lesson of all this? There must be some. Does it mean there is no more room for improvement? Far from it. We have succeeded in an atmosphere free from the evil strife of class warfare; we have neither listened to the thunder of the Left nor adopted the ideas of the Right. We have kept from revolution; we have taught ourselves peaceful progress in the years between these two Coronations.

May a future "Farnhamian" contain an account of many more years of peaceful progress and political stability.

M. E. P. WEST.

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"She's Oop."

One dark night, or rather one evening about a week before the Coronation, a strange creature was to be seen creeping through the trees separating the old and new fields. The creature had a long proboscis, which served apparently as a feeler. The fears of some of the watchers, whose consciences were perhaps pricking them, disappeared and were put to nought as the creature resolved itself into a local contractor's lorry and its burden.

The burden rather called for comment. It was a tree—a fine tree, shorn, unfortunately of its more beautiful adornments, but, nevertheless, a tree. They unloaded it just below the School and there it passed the night.

The following morning the tree was being harshly treated by two (or was it three?) minions of the contractor. Not content with mutilating it beyond recognition, they were committing yet another atrocity—white paint...it glittered in the sunlight. From crest to base it was a sticky white mess. Transformed indeed was our pine. Then realisation came to us. The pine tree's vocation was to be a flagpole. For the rest of the day a lively interest was taken in its progress. Sawing and painting, etc., ceased as the morning wore on, and our spirits were a little damped.

But about mid-afternoon the lorry returned with some seven or eight gentlemen, who described everything rather fluently and smoked "Woodbines." They manœuvred the pole so that its base was fitted into the large, slotted — (its correct or

technical name I know not); "sheath" might do. It was about four feet high and looked as though it would support many more flag poles ere it fell into rack and ruin. The pole was bolted in this "sheath" so that it pivoted on the bolt. Watchers now saw the reason for the lorry's presence: Carefully working it into position, the driver prepared to pull. The other retainers had meanwhile made a hawser fast to the top part of the pole, and they now fixed it to the lorry.

Those who furtively watched drew a deep breath. The engine started, the lorry moved slightly, and then leaped; the hawser had given way and the pole rested in the same place. It had failed miserably. At this point, four o'clock rang out, and the School came out to offer useless advice and cheer (occasionally). Three times more did they strive to raise it, and three times more ere it reached the desired position it fell; and once in falling put one of the workmen down or nearly down for the count. However, in spite of many pessimistic remarks, the desired effect was obtained at long last, and the party broke up amid cheers and applause.

The following morning, or rather afternoon, when the School came out at lunch time, the final act in the show was played out. "G——" was preparing the flag, and soon it fluttered proudly at the mast-head (?). Cheer upon cheer broke out. The climax had been reached, and it was greeted accordingly. Many realised also that the School was now showing her loyalty to the Throne.

S. F. MENDAY.

Cricket.

This is a misleading title. You are not about to read a technical article on how to play the best of all games, nor will you learn about our prospects this season or be treated to an analysis of the games that have been played. But perhaps it is unnecessary to utter this preliminary warning, as it is our quaint and well-established custom to publish our cricket news about Christmas time, when the best part of the football season is over. You will already be expecting something out of the ordinary, and you will not be disappointed.

I have been moved to write by an interesting letter, which has come from an Old Boy, with which is enclosed a contemporary copy of the score book of — (you would hardly guess, even if you had three attempts). In 1877! Only 40 years after the accession of Queen Victoria, whose centenary has just been celebrated! Before any of the present masters were born, ancient as they may appear to the young Farnhamian of the present! In those days, 60 years ago, the School was playing the same great game—and playing well, too, let it be said, in case some believer in inevitable progress should question it.

Unfortunately the copy gives the scores of only three matches—two against Castle School, Guildford, and one against Basingstoke. (From the list appended we learn that this must have been Queen Mary's School, with which the fixture has been revived this year). The captain was F. S. Peachey, from whom, now living at Godalming, we have received these interesting records. Both the matches against Castle School were won, but the one at Basingstoke was lost, the results being largely influenced by the captain, who made the modest score of four in the lost match, but contributed the top figures in the other two—48 not out and 40. Other names which catch the eye are Spencer and P. Stroud, who, although not adding much to the score, appear to have been useful at fielding and bowling. One other entry is noteworthy in that it differs from present usage. It reads: "Lee, thrown out by Earwaker, 2."

What happened to Castle School? Mr. Peachey tells us that the match at Guildford was played on the ground which is now the Cattle Market, but other facts about the school and its subsequent history are not known. Perhaps some contemporary will enlighten us.

Thirty years on, the fixture list for 1907 (printed!) comes to us from Mr. H. B. Sargent (1905-1907), now living at Dunstable. No mention of Castle School now. Present-day names appear: Guildford and Odiham; and there are matches against Parents and Old Boys. There are some strange names, too: St. George's College, Weybridge (when and why did this fixture lapse?) and Farnham Brewery! Aldershot School does not appear, but in its place we find Aldershot Athletic.

And what of the results? Here is the analysis: Won, 14; lost, 4; drawn, 1. The Second XI. may draw consolation from the following figures: Won, 1; lost, 3; scratched, 1. And one more interesting fact: The Hon. Secretary was J. Kendall, then in his last year at school and now Professor of Chemistry at Edinburgh University.

Many thanks to our correspondents for their reminders of cricket in past days. And may the First XI. find it an inspiration to remember that in June, 1877, the School scored a hundred runs at Guildford!



Before the Event.

This is a fit time to consider the whole matter, to count the cost and weigh the balance. It has not happened yet, nor is it likely to happen for a few years, so I am anticipating the event. But it is our duty to be prepared and ready. If it comes upon us without any previous thought on our part, a state of chaos unparalleled in our annals will exist. It will be discussed in the staff room with many a dubious remark and nod of the head. The School will think and talk of nothing else for many months, from the Lower Second to the Mighty Sixth. Imagine such a thing coming on us unawares!

The only mention of it so far has been a few short paragraphs in the "Herald." But now the time is ripe to broach the subject in this periodical. It is likely to raise a storm, a mighty controversy, but when duty calls. . . ! Soon we will have as a close neighbour. . . the Girls' School!

The effect of bringing these two establishments together will be far-reaching. Till now the distance between them has separated their lives and existences. Let us hope that in the future a closer bond will exist between them. It should be of special benefit in the social activities of the schools.

We could, for example, have a joint Debating Society, which would be most beneficial to all. After attending a few meetings of the L.N.Y.G. a Society to which belong members of both the communities in question, I can assure you that the political opinions of the girls leave very, very much to be desired, and that our sane level-headed judgment is needed. We, on the other hand, could benefit from the eager rashness of the girls, and together we could produce great, lofty and noble thoughts.

A joint Dramatic Society would, I hope, be formed. Then we would no longer be smitten with the sight of a youngster in the Third as the beautiful belle, neither would the girls see their Sixth Formers playing the handsome beaux.

This subject is one that can be taken in a humorous manner. One can conceive many jokes and exhibitions of doubtful wit. But it is a grave mistake to conceal a serious subject under a weight of foolish remarks, so we will refrain from trying to be funny and hope that others will follow our lead in this. Some misguided people may consider the subject is trivial, but I assure them that an event so prone to have a profound effect on the thoughts, and the smooth-running of our School must be deemed serious.

Let us finish, then, with the pious and sincere wish that our sister school will be welcomed to our side of the town by us, with no misgivings and in a spirit of friendliness.

H. DE B. BROCK.

Football.

SPRING TERM.

1ST ELEVEN.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Played, 3; won, 1; lost, 1; drawn, 1; goals for, 10;
goals against, 7.

Jan 16th.—F.G.S., 8; Midhurst Grammar School, 2.

F.G.S.—C. D. Williams; H. E. Winter and A. T. Taylor; T. R. Alston, R. R. Kirk, and D. G. Davies; G. A. Bacon, J. O. Levison, A. E. Crawte, D. A. Little and G. A. D. Evans.

Feb. 13th.—F.G.S., 0; Farnborough Grammar School, 3.

F.G.S.—C. D. Williams; H. E. Winter and A. T. Taylor; T. R. Alston, R. R. Kirk and D. G. Davies; G. A. Bacon, J. O. Levison, A. E. Crawte, D. A. Little and G. A. D. Evans.

Feb. 15th.—Farnborough Grammar School, 2; F.G.S. 2.

F.G.S.—C. D. Williams; H. E. Winter and D. G. Louch; T. R. Alston, R. R. Kirk and J. O. Levison; C. J. V. Fisher, F. F. Foley, M. C. Colwill, D. A. Little and A. H. Pocock.

UNDER 15 XI.

The season was disappointing owing to the wet weather. Few matches were played, and so we were not placed in the competition. Of the play, it is enough to say that the half-back line was good, and if the same cannot be said of the forwards, it is because they failed to combine. But we can look forward to better things; a number of the players will be available next year, so that there should be some good games with a more experienced team.

FRIENDLY MATCH.

January 16th.—Camberley County School, 4; F.G.S., 0.

F.G.S.—R. K. P. Stevens; B. Garfath and G. S. Webb; J. James, M. C. Colwill and K. B. Talbot; D. Baigent, W. J. Baker, D. Harris, P. J. Rose and H. C. Johns.

SURREY SECONDARY SCHOOLS JUNIOR CUP.

Played, 2; lost, 2; goals for, 2; goals against, 8.

Feb. 6th.—F.G.S., 0; Guildford Junior Technical School, 4.

F.G.S.—R. K. P. Stevens; B. Garfath and G. S. Webb; J. H. James, M. C. Colwill and K. R. Kirk; D. Baigent, J. W. Baker, H. C. Johns, P. J. Rose and K. B. Talbot.

Feb. 13th.—Guildford Junior Technical School, 4; F.G.S., 2.

F.G.S.—R. K. P. Stevens; B. Garfath and W. B. Witt; J. H. James, M. C. Colwill and K. R. Kirk; D. Baigent, J. W. Baker, H. C. Johns, C. LeClerc and K. B. Talbot.

Shooting.

May 21st.—v. Rutlish School O.T.C.: Won by 91 points.

		Deliberate F.G.S.	Deliberate	Total
G. G. Nolan	...	99	97	196
W. B. Witt	...	93	97	190
D. L. Davies	...	95	94	189
H. de B. Brock	...	95	94	189
G. A. Bacon	...	90	94	184
A. E. Crawte	...	96	88	184
Total				1,132

Counted out:

S. C. Goldman	...	84	93	177
A. St.C. Garrood	...	81	85	166

		Deliberate RUTLISH.	Deliberate	Total
Hearnshaw	...	94	94	188
Starr	...	92	92	184
Elsworth	...	86	85	171
Murphy	...	89	81	170
Andrews	...	85	83	168
Fisher	...	78	82	160
Total				1,041

Counted out:

Smith	...	75	83	158
Crabtree	...	79	74	153

May 28th.—v. The Tiffin Boys' School: Lost by 23 points.

		Deliberate TIFFIN.	Deliberate	Total
Wagner	...	98	100	198
Gaydon	...	95	96	191
Wells	...	97	92	189
Saywell	...	92	96	188
Brown	...	96	92	188
Faulkes	...	94	94	188
Total				1,142

Counted out:

Williams	...	93	95	188
Burgess	...	88	88	176

		Deliberate F.G.S.	Deliberate	Total
G. G. Nolan	...	95	98	193
W. B. Witt	...	95	95	190
A. E. Crawte	...	94	92	186
H. de B. Brock	...	95	90	185
D. L. Davies	...	89	94	183
S. C. Goldman	...	91	91	182
Total				1,119

Counted out:

P. E. D. Elphick	...	91	90	181
J. J. Lowry	...	75	89	164

THE S.M.R.C. JUNIOR SPRING COMPETITION: MAJOR SECTION.

The School was represented by the following:—

	Deliberate	Deliberate	Total
W. B. Witt	99	94	193
G. G. Nolan	96	95	191
S. C. Goldman	96	94	190
H. de B. Brock	94	92	186
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		Total	760

who attained the position of 15th.

HOUSE SHOOTING (2ND SERIES).

1.—MASSINGBERD.

H. de B. Brock	90
W. B. Witt	80
A. E. Crawte	77
F. P. Lambert	77
S. C. Goldman	76
M. I. Power	76
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Counted out:

T. R. Alston	74
R. P. Lucas	60

2.—CHILDE.

D. B. Allen	93
D. A. Preece	84
R. Atkinson	81
W. E. Murray	80
J. A. Mills	71
M. C. Colwill	65
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Counted out:

R. F. Hughes	60
B. Friend	58

3.—HARDING.

G. G. Nolan	83
L. A. Goode	78
D. S. Dalton	77
G. A. Bacon	76
L. B. Harfield	76
C. J. V. Fisher	74
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Counted out:

P. Digby	64
P. J. Rose	61

4.—SCHOOL.

A. St.C. Garrood	79
D. L. Davies	76
D. Cross	69
F. W. Withers	64
B. Durham	60
J. M. Hutchings	56
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Counted out:

R. Durham	43
G. J. Over	34

5.—MORLEY.

S. Wells	80
K. B. Talbot	79
R. L. Webber	70
C. J. Johnson	59
J. O. Levison	58
J. J. Lowry	57
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Counted out:

W. G. B. Sims	57
J. A. Heath-Brown	54

Spoon (for highest individual score).—Allen, D. B.: 93.

Cross-Country Run.

Midhurst Grammar School, 60 pts.; F.G.S., 47 pts.

Although not getting the first man home, we won on points in an interesting event. Time: 22 mins. 15 9-10 secs. Distance: About four miles. Results:—

1, Tate (M); 2, J. H. James (F); 3, Potter (M); 4, F. P. Lambert (F); 5, D. A. Little (F); 6, Hall (M); 7, W. A. Riseborough (F); 8, T. R. Alston (F); 9, H. de B. Brock (F); 10, Talbot (M); 11, Jones (M); 12, G. A. Bacon (F); 13, G. A. D. Evans (F); 14, Hassel (M); 15, Sear (M); 16, Harnes (M).

Inter-House Sports.

Open Sprint Relay (4 x 110 yards).—1, School (C. H. Wadmore, A. St. C. Garrood, R. W. Judd, R. R. Kirk); 2, Childe (M. C. Colwill, D. A. Little, A. T. Taylor, G. A. D. Evans); 3, Massingberd (J. H. James, A. E. Crawte, T. R. Alston, H. de B. Brock); 4, Harding (I. G. Findlay, P. J. Rose, C. J. V. Fisher, G. A. Bacon); 5, Morley (F. F. Foley, D. J. Reeve, J. Lowry, J. O. Levison). Time: 52 secs.

Junior Sprint Relay (4 x 110 yards).—1, Morley (D. B. Boulter, R. W. Gibbs, R. J. Bidwell, J. E. Hamilton-Jones); 2, Massingberd (C. E. LeClercq, S. A. Rogers, M. S. Binning, D. J. McLeod); 3, Childe (A. R. Temple, D. W. Sells, D. A. Preece, R. F. Hughes); 4, Harding (J. W. Brine, D. P. Carey-Wood, J. P. Parker, P. Digby); 5, School (R. Hutchinson, J. M. Hutchings, A. H. Welby, K. R. Kirk). Time: 63 2-5 secs.

Open High Jump (team of three).—1, School (R. R. Kirk, M. E. P. West, G. E. Wheeler), 14ft. 6ins.; 2, Childe (G. A. D. Evans, M. C. Colwill, D. A. Little), 13ft. 8ins.; 3, Massingberd (T. R. Alston, J. W. Clark, M. S. Binning), 13ft. 7ins.; 4, Harding (C. J. V. Fisher, I. G. Findlay, P. J. Rose), 13ft.; 5, Morley (J. O. Levison, F. F. Foley, J. J. Lowry), 12ft. 11ins.

Junior Long Jump (team of three).—1, Morley (R. L. Webber, C. Weeks, J. E. Hamilton-Jones), 40ft.; 2, Childe (R. F. Hughes, N. H. Temple, D. A. Preece), 37ft. 1½ins.; 3, Harding (J. P. Parker, P. Digby, J. W. Brine), 35ft. 5ins.; 4, School (J. M. Hutchings, K. R. Kirk, R. Hutchinson), 35ft.; 5, Massingberd (M. S. Binning, C. E. LeClercq, A. J. Holmes), 33ft. 1in.

Open Distance Relay (4 x 440 yards).—1, School (C. H. Wadmore, R. W. Judd, F. W. Withers, R. R. Kirk); 2, Childe (C. E. Taylor, D. A. Little, M. C. Colwill, G. A. D. Evans); 3, Massingberd (J. H. James, A. E. Crawte, H. de B. Brock, T. R. Alston); 4, Morley (F. F. Foley, D. J. Reeve, J. A. Heath-Brown, J. O. Levison); 5, Harding (D. S. Dalton, G. H. Lawrence, C. J. V. Fisher, G. A. Bacon). Time: 4 mins. 18 secs.

Junior Distance Relay (4 x 220 yards).—1, Morley (J. E. Hamilton-Jones, D. B. Boulter, R. J. Bidwell, R. L. Webber); 2, Massingberd (C. E. LeClercq, S. A. Rogers, J. R. Fordham, D. J. McLeod); 3, Harding (J. W. Brine, D. P. Carey-Wood, P. Digby, J. P. Parker); 4, Childe (N. H. Temple, P. R. May, D. A. Preece, R. F. Hughes); 5, School (A. H. Welby, J. M. Hutchings, R. Hutchinson, K. R. Kirk). Time: 2 mins. 12 secs.

Open Medley (440, 220, 220, 880).—1, School (R. W. Judd, C. H. Wadmore, T. Tidd, R. R. Kirk); 2, Massingberd (J. H. James, T. R. Alston, H. E. Winter, H. de B. Brock); 3, Childe (G. A. D. Evans, A. R.

Temple, M. C. Colwill, D. A. Little); 4, Harding (D. S. Dalton, I. G. Findlay, C. J. V. Fisher, G. A. Bacon); 5, Morley (J. A. Heath-Brown, D. J. Reeve, F. F. Foley, J. O. Levison). Time: 4 mins. 18 2-5 secs.

Junior Medley (220, 110, 110, 440).—1, Childe (M. Colwill, N. H. Temple, D. A. Preece, R. F. Hughes); 2, Morley (R. L. Webber, J. E. Hamilton-Jones, R. J. Bidwell, C. Weeks); 3, Harding (J. W. Brine, D. P. Carey-Wood, P. Digby, J. P. Parker); 4, Massingberd (C. E. LeClercq, S. A. Rogers, J. R. Fordham, D. J. McLeod); 5, School (J. M. Hutchings, R. Hutchinson, R. A. Bristow, K. R. Kirk). Time: 2 mins. 16 4-5 secs.

Open Hurdles.—1, School (W. J. Baker, R. W. Judd, R. R. Kirk); 2, Childe (D. A. Little, M. C. Colwill, G. A. D. Evans); 3, Harding (I. G. Findlay, C. J. V. Fisher, G. A. Bacon); 4, Morley (F. F. Foley, J. A. Heath-Brown, J. O. Levison); 5, Massingberd (W. B. Witt, A. H. Pocock, T. R. Alston). Time: 43 4-5 secs.

Junior 440 Team Race (Team of two).—1, Childe (R. F. Hughes); 2, Childe (D. A. Preece); 3, Harding (J. P. Parker); 4, Morley (C. Weeks); 5, School (J. M. Hutchings). (Massingberd, J. R. Fordham; Morley, C. J. Johnson; School, K. R. Kirk; Massingberd, M. S. Binning; Harding, J. W. Brine). Time: 69 4-5 secs.

Junior Hurdles.—1, Morley (J. E. Hamilton-Jones, A. R. Cobbett, R. J. Lickfold); 2, Harding (D. P. Carey-Wood, P. Digby, J. P. Parker); 3, Childe (M. Colwill, P. R. May, R. F. Hughes); 4, Massingberd (C. E. LeClercq, M. S. Binning, J. R. Fordham); 5, School (K. R. Kirk, H. Adolph, J. M. Hutchings). Time: 44 3-5 secs.

Open 880 yards Team Race (team of two).—1, School (R. R. Kirk); 2, Massingberd (J. H. James); 3, Childe (M. C. Colwill); 4, Childe (D. A. Little); 5, School (R. W. Judd). (Massingberd, He de B. Brock; Harding, G. A. Bacon; Morley, J. O. Levison; Harding, D. S. Dalton; Morley, J. A. Heath-Brown).

Open Long Jump (team of three).—1, Childe (A. R. Temple, G. A. D. Evans, D. A. Little), 49ft. 6½ins.; 2, School (R. R. Kirk, T. Tidd, A. St.C. Garrood), 49ft. 2½ins.; 3, Harding (G. A. Bacon, C. J. V. Fisher, G. H. Lawrence), 47ft. 6ins.; 4, Morley (J. O. Levison, F. F. Foley, K. B. Talbot), 45ft. 4ins.; Massingberd (J. H. James, T. R. Alston, A. H. Pocock), 44ft. 3ins.

Junior High Jump (team of three).—1, Childe (L. Atkinson, R. F. Hughes, P. R. May), 12ft. 1in.; 2, Massingberd (M. S. Binning, C. E. LeClercq, J. R. Fordham), 11ft. 11ins.; 3, Morley (C. J. Johnson, R. J. Lickfold, D. A. Barnes), 10ft. 11ins.; 4, Harding (B. C. Job, V. H. Stacey, D. P. Carey-Wood), 10ft. 2ins.; 5, School (J. M. Hutchings, K. R. Kirk, P. Barter), 10ft. 2ins.

FINAL POSITIONS.

OPEN: School (52); Childe (41); Massingberd (22); Harding (14); Morley (6).

JUNIOR: Morley (44); Childe (41); Harding (24); Massingberd (22); School (4).



House Notes.

CHILDE.

The school year is drawing to a close, and although not in a very formidable position, Childe are favourably placed in the Cock House table and may yet come out on top. Our position at present is mainly due to the fine average we obtained in the Athletic Sports. Boxing this year was very disappointing, only sixteen boys entering for the competition, in which we were last. The Spring Term Shooting was excellent; Childe, contrary to expectations, did extremely well. At Cricket this term we have so far won one game and lost one; a little more enthusiastic fielding I think is necessary if we are to do well in the remaining two.

The only House activities yet undecided are the Swimming Sports and the final stages of the Shooting Competition. Let us hope the Shooting team will again have an "on" day in the latter. In the former it is imperative that every boy who is capable of swimming should do either the quarter-mile, or the length if he is only a beginner. So don't forget, you swimmers, every point counts.

D. A. LITTLE.

HARDING.

The glory of the House, though dim, is still burning. The keenness and promise of the Juniors in the various activities will, in a year or two, make it shine with its ancient lustre. The Seniors, with one or two exceptions, who apparently are ashamed of loyalty to a House, have done their best.

The Boxing Cup returned "home" last term, after a short period of "boarding out" amongst comparative strangers.

The Athletics were among weaker activities; the Seniors were fourth, but the Juniors did well to come third.

The Cricket has not started too prosperously, but there are high hopes of the Swimming at the end of this term.

The last stage of the Shooting has yet to take place, and although we hold second place, we shall have to do exceptionally well to win the cup.

G. A. BACON.

MASSINGBERD.

We are in a fairly good position to obtain the Cock House Shield, since we are now a close second to School. A good effort on the part of Seniors and Juniors in the Swimming should settle the issue, for the Shooting Cup is almost certain to be ours.

A rather weak effort in the Boxing (we only had nineteen entries and obtained fourth place) has been the reason why we have not got a good lead already, for our Athletics reached the expected standard.

Our Cricket has been rather weak, especially in the Senior section: we have played two and lost them both. The Juniors have played three and won two of them.

It is, therefore, up to our swimmers to gain us the shield, and so let me ask all members of the House to swim quarter-miles or lengths and thus gain as many points as possible.

T. R. ALSTON.

MORLEY.

Morley, though handicapped by a surprising dearth of seniors, is coming through with colours flying.

In the Boxing we had the least number of entries (which I hope will be remedied next term), but did very well indeed and came third.

In the Autumn and Spring Terms we came third and last in the Shooting, fate making the two best shots in the House break their arms.

The Juniors came fully up to expectations by winning the Junior Athletics (Congratulations, Juniors!), and the few Seniors we had struggled manfully, but came last.

The Seniors have started well in the Cricket, but the Juniors not so well.

We hold forth great hopes of winning both the swimming cups; even if we don't we are sure to do our best.

Morley, I am confident, will never be shown up. Up, Morley!

D. J. REEVE.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

We did as well as expected in the Boxing, and were able to get second place. In the Inter-House Athletics our Seniors did very well, winning the senior trophy by a good margin of points. Our Juniors were unable to help us, and finished fifth.

We started this term with a slight lead in the Cock House Shield. Our Cricket position promises to be good, as we remain unbeaten after three matches. Two have been won by the Juniors and the other by the Seniors.

Our Shooting is on the weak side, and we must call on our shooting members to put forth a real effort in order to move up a place or two.

If we can possibly keep up our Swimming record of recent years there is no reason why we should not regain the Cock House Shield.

R. R. KIRK.



OLD FARNHAMIANs' ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERSHIP LIST.

Add:—

ALDRIDGE, R. C., "Highfields," Shortheath, Farnham (Life Member)	1912 - 1915
HARWOOD, N. B., 35, Crown Point, Beulah Hill, S.E.19	1925 - 1926
HUTTON, E. H., 52, Newtown Road, Newbury, Berks	- 1914
KILLICK, J. R., 17, Bernard St., Russell Square, W.C.1	1933 - 1936
RAGGETT, D. E. P., 59, Goldington Avenue, Bedford ...	1934 - 1936
ROBERTSON, W. M., 120, Gravelly Hill, Erdington, Birmingham	1929 - 1936

Delete:—

HOSKEN, W. C. (resigned).
NASH, J. R. (died).

Change Address:—

BARROW, S., "Debden," St. Aubyn's Avenue, S.W.19.
BOULTON, E. G., 19, St. Edmond's Road, Liverpool 20.
CÆSAR, G. D., "Le Sars," Three Stiles Estate, Crondall Lane,
Farnham.
FITZWALTER, L. C. W., "Deanwood," Denholm, Hawick,
Roxburghshire.
HOAR, J. R., Camberley House, Lynchford Lane, S. Farnborough,
Hants.
MOUNCE, S. J., 10, Steynings Way, Woodside Park, N.12.
STROUD, C. T., 20, Rythe Road, Claygate, Esher.
WAGSTAFF, D. F., Knitbury House, 22, Norbiton Avenue,
Kingston-on-Thames.

INSURANCE BUREAU.

In the early months of this year there was an encouraging flow of business through the Bureau, which has since slowed down somewhat. This is partly seasonal, and partly due to Mr. Hunt's illness, of which members will be sorry to hear. We are however assured of a steady normal year at least, having received in commission since November 30th £31 8s. 8d. The Fund now has over £520 in hand. We have been working long enough for it to be likely that some of the members, who took out small policies at the early stages, may have assumed responsibilities which suggest the wisdom of increasing the value of their policies. These things are often over-looked, and I should like to take this opportunity of suggesting that members in this position should review their insurances. As at all times, delay means more expense when the matter can be put off no longer. In addition to this, our scheme has reacted naturally after the first intensive campaign, and we have had to depend upon a much

reduced field of activity, comprising new young members and the parents of new boys. Anything we can do therefore to bring in original members once more will help to restore matters to the high level again.

Finally, may I remind members once more of the aim of the scheme, and of the pride we shall feel in our Association when we see a Scholarship or Grant actually founded, towards which end we have already progressed a long way.

G. M. AYLWIN.

Please note my address: 110, West Street Farnham. (Tel.: Farnham 5787).

SPORTS CLUB.

FOOTBALL.

The best news to report is that the movement to revive the Football Club is receiving excellent support, especially from the younger members of the Association, and all arrangements have been made for a full playing programme next season. T. C. Aldridge, has taken on the job of Hon. Secretary, and has recently sent out Registration Forms for the Farnham and District League to all those who have promised support. Any other members who may be able to play, if required occasionally, should register their names in order to become eligible for League games. The Club will play home matches at the School.

CRICKET

An enjoyable season is in progress, and will be reported on in the next issue of the Magazine.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

I. C. Patrick and some fellow conspirators are plotting to re-form the Rifle Club during the autumn. The Club has several rifles and equipment. We shall be pleased to hear from any member who is keen on miniature rifle shooting and will actively support revival of the Club.

BADMINTON.

Providing sufficient members are keen, it is hoped to continue on the same lines as last season, practising and playing home matches in the School Hall.

F.O.M.T.



THE SCOTCH TWEED TRADE.

We read that in 1619 Scottish ambition was to rival the Dutch in fishing and the English in the woollen trade. As you are aware, this ambition has been realized, thanks to generations of determined and hard-working Scots. The seventeenth century saw an influx of English and Flemish weavers to Scotland, while an Act of Charles II. was designed to benefit the woollen at the expense of the linen industry. This Act provided that the dead should be buried in woollen.

The eighteenth century gave us such industrial blessings as Watt's steam engine, Hargreave's spinning jenny, Crompton's mule, Cartwright's machine comb, and a host of other inventions by which the tweed trade was to benefit. It is rather interesting to note in these days of tariffs that in 1787 William Pitt imposed a prohibitive tariff of 37s. 5d. per yard on woollen cloth imported into England.

In the beginning of the nineteenth century the first wools were imported from Australia and South Africa. In 1826 the word tweed had its origin as follows: A consignment of Scotch "tweels" was invoiced to a London firm by William Watson and Sons, Hawick, as "tweeds," a clerical error, which caused "tweeds" to become the trade term.

The advent of the present century found us at war with the Boers, followed by that world conflagration, The Great War. The Scotch tweed trade has topped the waves of prosperity and held its own in the trough of depression in the past, and I have every confidence that the trade will sail through the depression of these later years.

I will now endeavour to explain in brief non-technical language the various processes and markets through which the wool passes before being made into a garment.

The principal class of wool grown in Scotland is called cheviot; during summer the sheep are washed and the wool is then clipped or "sheared." The entire wool of a sheep is called a fleece, the average weight of a cheviot fleece being 4½lbs. All the fleeces are sown into bales and forwarded to the wool sales, where the bales are neatly arranged, each bale having a portion of the end opened to enable prospective buyers to examine the quality of the contents. Inspection complete, the buyers assemble in the auction room and bidding commences. After purchase the wool is delivered to the spinner, and is handled by the wool sorters, where the fleece is examined and divided into qualities. The finest quality is taken from the shoulders, the next finest quality from the sides, and so on till the fleece is divided into eight or nine different qualities. After sorting, the wool is washed and dyed, and then blended to give the beautiful colours characteristic of cheviot cloth. It is now ready for

carding, an involved process which breaks up the naturally formed clusters of wool and makes a continuous end, or sliver, of regular weight and thickness, which can be then spun into yarn. The principal machine used in woollen spinning is called a woollen mule.

Woollen yarn is received from the spinner in various forms known as hanks, spindles, cops, bobbins and cheese. When the manufacturer receives it he prepares it in the form most convenient to himself, this depending upon whether it is required for warping or weaving. Warping consists of laying the threads lengthways—the yarn used is called the warp. Weaving consists of interlacing these threads at right angles and forming cloth—the yarn in this case is referred to as weft.

In warping the threads are wound in a definite order and at an even tension round a large creel or drum. When the process is complete, the beam, a cylindrical piece of wood with a steel core upon which the warp is wrapped, is removed. The warp is now ready for drawing, a technical process which arranges the lift of the threads in relation to the design of the cloth. From here the beam is removed to the loom, where it is mounted by the mechanics, who receive the official designation of tuners for no apparent reason. The word is pronounced in this district, "tinner."

Weaving, as stated above, consists of interlacing the warp and weft threads, thus forming woven cloth referred to as a piece, measuring approximately 50/55 yards long and 58 inches wide. The piece is taken from the loom and is subjected to picking and mending; it is pulled over rollers, under a roof light preferably, and any damages are marked by skilled lookers, these damages being afterwards mended by very skilled and patient menders. Picking consists of pulling the cloth over a table and picking out knots and other blemishes which, if left undisturbed, would cause one some disturbance later when wearing a suit of the material. Washing is the next process, which is executed in a large trough called a washing machine, containing a solution of hot water and soap. After half an hour in this solution the piece is transferred to the milling or felting machine, the object of which is to produce a well-felted cloth, the important agencies in obtaining which are friction, moisture and heat. After milling, the cloth is returned to the washing machine, where the soap is washed out by clean water. The piece is then placed in the hydro extractor, working at 1,000 revolutions per minute which leaves the cloth comparatively dry. A rat had the misfortune to enter one of these machines unseen by the operator, the machine was put in motion, and the result was a handful of skin and bone, which was comparatively dry!

To revert to the piece, this is now run through a drying machine containing a system of steam pipes, over which the

cloth passes to dispose of the remaining moisture. Attention is meanwhile being paid to the width, which is carefully tented to the correct measurement. The piece is now specked by hand to remove remaining blemishes. The next process is that of cropping, which is done by a machine, with blades like those of a lawn mower, which cuts the fibres projecting from the face of the cloth, giving it an even finish. This is followed by treatment on a dry steam blowing and exhausting machine, which fixes a permanent lustre and finish on the piece and sets it so as to prevent shrinkage.

Pressing is done by hydraulic press. The piece is next received in the warehouse, where it is measured and folded by machine. Passing pieces to match the standard pattern in every way, viz., design, weight, finish and handle, is the work of experts. When passed, the piece is ready for despatch.

L. C. W. FITZWALTER.

In Memoriam.

5th May, 1937:

J. R. NASH (1855 - 1863),
in his 92nd year.

28th March, 1937:

W. G. NASH (1861 - 1867),
in his 86th year.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

We offer our very warm congratulations to William Stroud (1864-1868) on reaching his 80th birthday. Mr. Stroud spent the day quietly at home, but in the evening he was surprised by a deputation from the O.F.A., which came to mark the occasion in a special way by a presentation. The gift took the form of a stout walking stick, which all those who have known him (and how many they are!) will agree was very appropriate. On the stick was a gold band inscribed: "Presented to William Stroud on his eightieth birthday, June 2nd, 1937, by the Old Farnhamians' Association, as a token of the great affection felt for him by many generations of old Farnham Grammar School boys." Jack Sims made the presentation, and in his speech emphasised that Old Boys of all ages and in many cases from distant parts had gladly joined in this expression of their affectionate regard for Mr. Stroud. By every post appreciations continued to arrive. It gave him infinite pleasure to make the presentation on behalf of all those

who had associated themselves with it. Mr. Stroud replied in a few characteristic words. Those taking part in the little ceremony were the Headmaster, Mr. C. E. Borelli (acting Chairman of the Governors), Mr. E. W. Langham (Governor), Mr. J. M. Aylwin (who was at the School with Mr. Stroud 65 years ago), G. M. Aylwin, B. C. N. Giles, S. G. Robins, F. O. Meddows Taylor, J. E. Sims and I. C. Patrick. Mr. Stanley Thorp and Mr. J. A. Eggar were also present.

D. E. P. Raggett (1933-1936) writes from Bedford, where he has secured an interesting and promising post with a firm which has many "irons in the fire": coal, flour, motor spirit, estate, etc. They can also, he says, do almost anything from welding a mud-guard to make a gravel-washing machine. He wishes to correspond with the Sixth—they will be glad, I am sure, to keep in touch with him. We all hope that he will continue to enjoy his work and be successful in his business career—especially the Editor, whose heart was warmed by the words: "I would not like to miss the next copy of the Magazine."

E. C. Patrick (1920-1926) now a lieutenant in the R.E. (T.A.) continues to win cups. His latest success is to win the Surrey Championship at Bisley. The competition was 15 shots at 900 yards and 18 shots at 1,000 yards (possible points 150), open to the 18 highest aggregate scorers in the "Peek" and "Tritton" competitions, and it embodied the Reigate Challenge Cup, silver memento cup and Ralph Robinson prize. The result was a tie, but he won in the shoot off.

K. Dalton (1932-1935) has entered the Royal Marines and is stationed at Plymouth.

Congratulations to Jack Wing (1921-1929), who has passed the Final of the Estate Agents' Institute, and to N. L. G. Tubb (1926-1932) on passing the Final Examination of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

L. J. Stroud (1921-1933) has finished his four years at London University and, complete with a First and a Diploma, is going next term to Teignmouth Grammar School as Senior Mathematics Master. Members of the Choir of past days will be interested to hear that Music will also be his concern in his new post.

Good wishes to C. D. Barrow (1928-1936), who has been sent to a station at Foynes in Western Ireland. There, we understand, clad in gumboots and mackintosh, he will help to make the weather which alternately delights and exasperates us in this country.

R. R. Stewart (1927-1934) gave much pleasure by visiting the School during the term. He has taken a course at Reading University and is now learning the art of Pharmacy. Anyone who has designs on that profession would do well to get into touch with him, for he has much good advice to give on the subject.

A. F. Enticknap (1930-1936) writes to say that he has joined the firm of C.A.V.-Bosch, Ltd. Good luck!

T. M. Lee (1925-1927) writes a long, interesting and welcome letter from Los Angeles. He no longer follows the sea, but is now in business with the Rio Grande Oil Company. He has been working hard as well as taking an interest in American football, both of which are apparently good fun. He writes very appreciatively of the "Mag." and of the School—"my one regret is that I couldn't stay longer." At the "Santa Anita" Race-course he has the pleasure of seeing many of the actors in the flesh whom we only see on the screen, and Hollywood is well known to him. He offers us the choice of an article on (a) "Education in the United States"; (b) "Hollywood." We fancy that if it were put to the vote the "b's" would have it.

Here is an item of news which will delight all one hundred per cent. Farnhamians: G. M. Aylwin (1900-1907) has been appointed a Governor. Thus even closer ties are formed with a family which has been attached to the School for generations. *Ad multos annos!*

In addition to the cricket reminiscences furnished by F. S. Peachey (1877), he sends us the interesting news that A. Dryland (of the same period) is Coronation Mayor of Kingston-on-Thames.

Many thanks to H. B. Sargent (1905-1907), who not only sent us the Cricket Fixtures for 1907, but also a Psalm Paper used at the opening of the present buildings and a cap badge as worn in 1905. These have been handed over to the Curator of the Museum.

Good news comes from F. H. Eavis (1927-1935), who for the past eighteen months has been in the Customs and Excise at the Tower of London, where he has dealt with "Wines and Spirits." These commodities seem to have gone to his head with good effect, for, by private study, he has succeeded in passing the examination of the Executive Group with great credit. His position was 65th out of 1,653 candidates. It only remains for him now to choose the Department in which he would like to work. Well done!

W. N. B. George (1929-1932) has finished his course at Liverpool University in great style by obtaining a First Class in the School of Architecture. Only four candidates were placed in this class. He was also Soame Finalist, and has won the right to place the letters R.I.B.A. after his name. The congratulations of old friends will be tempered with some commiseration that he decided to renounce cricket this term (but not for good). It will be remembered from our last issue that he was in the University First XI. which won the Northern Universities Soccer Championship. Now in the keener competition of architecture the ball is at his feet.

Further and fuller news comes from A. E. Job (1933-1936) at Cambridge. He is tenderly solicitous about School and Harding activities, as is right, and expresses great contentment at being at a small college like Selwyn, where one gets to know more people than at the very large foundations. At the time of writing he was contemplating somewhat gloomily the near approach of his Economics Tripos, but since then we are glad to notice that he passed successfully. We must also congratulate him on getting his Hockey Colours. His spare time seems to be taken up with the C.U. Rover Scouts ("which is good fun") and travelling on the lifts in the great new Library. He goes to camp this summer.

P. A. Lintern (1922-1930) is enjoying life at Stockton-on-Tees, where his contract with the British Titan Products Co., Ltd., has been renewed for three years. We need hardly say that he is a research chemist. Somewhat dizzily, we have to announce that he was Tees-Side Amateur Dancing Champion for 1936 and 1937, and that, in consequence, he went on to triumph at Blackpool in the British Amateur Ballroom Dancing Championship. In spite of, or because of, these activities he has contrived to become engaged. Congratulations!

Congratulations on their respective marriages to G. W. S. Morris (1928-1930), H. V. Smith (1929-1931), L. F. G. Wright (1925-1927), D. R. Parker (1920-1926), A. L. Fisher (1918-1924), N. H. Patrick (1921-1931), and H. Wilkinson (1921-1927). Our good wishes to all of them.

G. W. S. Morris (1928-1930), whilst at Bagshot as Assistant Engineer and Building Inspector, came across Chapman "catering for the lower extremities of the population, Loughlin in the County Surveyor's Divisional Office and Styles assisting the R.D. Council." He is now Second Engineering Assistant with the Aldershot Borough Council. He feels in a "foreign land" with all O.A.'s and no O.F.'s, but can see *The School* from one part of the district, and finds therefrom much consolation. He hopes to complete the Testamur Examination of Municipal and County Engineers this year.

D. Bentall (1926-1931), writing early in the spring, hoped to sit for the Final Examination of the Rating and Valuation Officers' Association in May. His brother, Keith, is happy in his job—horticultural—at Barnet, despite a 12 mile cycle ride each way every day.

E. A. Sheppard (1926-1932) is eagerly awaiting a clear supremacy of Morley in the field of sport! He does mention "in about 30 years' time," but, if we remember correctly, that must be in connection with some other matter!

R. W. L. Stock (1928-1931) is with the Prudential Assurance Company at Bexhill-on-Sea doing very well.

A. E. Gillman (1921-1925) is Secretary of the Camberley and Yorktown Laundry Company.

L. A. Harding (1917-1920) has started golf! It is the only game they can play regularly in the Merchant Service. He wrote just before sailing in the "Edinburgh Castle," one of the Union Castle mail steamers to Madeira and the Cape. He had, temporarily, a senior job, but enjoyed it as the mail run is better than the East Coast, less heat, less work, more nights in bed, and more days in port for golf!

R. C. Lusty (1923-1930) is now in one of the many architectural departments at Scotland Yard—"the work is surprisingly varied and consists in improving the conditions under which chaps like Baker and Crowhurst work." His only insight into actual crime has been a visit to the famous Black Museum—"any reader of 'bloods' in the Third Form will tell you what this is." He mentioned that W. N. B. George secured a "commended" in the Open Architectural Competition arranged by the *News-Chronicle* for school designs.

P. J. Simms (1890-1895) is this year Chairman of the English Schools' Athletic Association.

J. H. Cooke (1920-1927) writes that his job is doing him lots of good, especially in that he is gradually acquiring a "sense of responsibility!" He is now an Instructor Lieut.-Commander, stationed at Portsmouth.

We hear that the score book of the game last season between Civil Service (Portsmouth) and the Isle of Wight contains one line of interest—F. W. Grinstead, c and b J. C. Kingcome, 23.

E. G. Ashton (1902-1908) writes: "I knew Kendall well at school. At one time we were in the Sixth in the former building in West Street. I sat between him and Wright; but they were clever fellows, and I did not catch the complaint. Aylwin was my lab. partner; but he did all the work. I remember Dickson—a good cricketer; and the Loveless Brothers. I met Petty and the younger Bodkin during the war. I have also met Tomlinson, now L.C.C. Art Inspector. I succeeded Kendall as Head Boy, and I think I share with Mr. Stroud the distinction of having been boy and master." (We hope other Old Boys will send along such recollections of old days.—Ed.).

F. E. Hobbs (1926-1930) has no news, "but anyone who is a glutton for work would thrive over this (Ascot) way. It's quite a treat to have a minute to spare without having to pay for it afterwards" (and he enclosed his subscription!) He thinks it is fortunate that years ago he had what he still considers a very good initiation into the toils of this world!

J. R. Killick (1933-1936) says that it is great fun living up in London, with plenty of work to occupy him during the day.

H. P. Joyce (1913-1921) enthuses (in May) over the possession of a six months old boisterous daughter!

A. E. Janes (1922-1924) hopes to be home in August from Northern Nigeria, with a state visit to the School and a suitable welcome from the musical section of the Cadet Corps! "Just at the moment, with tin at its present price and the recovery from a period of inactivity, things are very lively indeed out here. For some time now I have been doing some bush work. In a misguided burst of energy I sat for the Government Licensed Surveyors' Examination, and, for my sins, passed. So now I have to do all the official base surveys for all the group (of tin mining companies), as well as manage South Buburu.

"About three weeks ago some earnest soul found a grain of tin in a river bed at Maiduguri, in Bornu. Not knowing what it was, he sent it to the Chief Inspector of Mines, who published the news of the find on Saturday evening. On Sunday night another mining engineer and I were in Maiduguri—366 miles in nine hours, with camp equipment for two, picks and shovels, and a cook and two labourers. By seven o'clock on Monday morning we had pegged all round the find and returned to camp—to be greeted by the representatives of two other companies whom we had passed on the previous day. That was a drive, I can assure you; whenever we reached a reasonable stretch of road the old car, a Ford V8 (truck body) was steaming along at 70 m.p.h., through sand, over macadam and in places over plain bush country.

"The joke of the whole performance was that there is no tin for at least a hundred miles from Maiduguri, in any direction. The 'find' was a specimen someone had dropped whilst washing at the river! Picture the dejected procession from Maiduguri! One bright spot is that we thoroughly enjoyed the trip and seriously consider bribing someone to drop a specimen or two round Kano or Sokoto for an excuse to take a trip up there.

"I have to leave at 5 a.m. to-morrow in order (in the words of the Minerals Ordinance) 'to demarcate venerated areas in the company of a political officer.' The pagans out here believe in the 'genius loci' and have sacred groves all over the place; so we have to be careful not to despoil these areas in our search for tin." (Thank you, A.E.J.—Ed.).

A. J. Lush (1913-1916) is now an Inspector of Schools in Uganda. He is stationed at Fort Portal as Inspector for the Western Province, the first one to be stationed permanently away from Headquarters. Fort Portal is in the foothills of Ruwenzori, the romantic "Mountains of the Moon." In clear weather there are wonderful views of the snow-clad peaks. The whole area is volcanic, and there are delightful crater lakes near at hand. They frequently experience earth tremors, some lasting about a minute. "On Safari" he is expected to travel self-contained, and his 1930 Ford tourer has to carry: Himself, wife and child; two "boys" and their baggage; three camp beds with mattresses and bedding; three chairs; one table; two suit cases;

five boxes of food, crockery, cooking utensils and lamp; one charcoal iron; one tin petrol; and one Safari bath, etc., etc.!! No wonder he says it is a work of art to pack everything on securely!

E. A. Drew (1929-1933) is working at the County Hall, Kingston-on-Thames.

L. C. W. FitzWalter (1921-1923) last season won the County (Roxburghshire) Individual Championship (Shooting) and two Challenge Trophies. He suggests to the Match Secretary of the O.F.A. the running of a postal competition, at three distances if during the summer, or short range if during winter. "Come on, Match Secretary, let us have an annual competition for members of O.F.A.!" He is anxious to get into touch with J. Strachan (1919-1926). Can anyone help? He is also anxious to hear from any members of the School or the Association interested in philately.

W. M. Robertson (1929-1936) finds nothing very attractive in Birmingham. [What *does* he mean?] He is very satisfied with his job, which is easy and interesting—easy because there is no strenuous work (either mental or physical) and interesting because of its variety. He amuses himself with swimming and an occasional game of tennis.

J. W. F. Gwillim (1921-1926) sends from Shanghai a black and white study of "Sampan Sarah" rowing him back [to his ship] in the early hours of the morning. We note with interest that the sketch was evidently suggested whilst the draughtsman was in a recumbent position. Possibly the clue lies in the words "Shanghai is taking its toll, but it gives you good value whilst doing it."

W. E. Carter (1920-1924) has been transferred from Kingston, the capital of Jamaica, to Port Antonio. The scenery is wonderful, there is less work and consequently time for games. There are only six English people. In West Africa there was an English circle in every community, but in Jamaica the coloured races have progressed further and all meet on equal terms. "I never meet overseas any Old Boys—the Magazine is the only connecting link—all power to the people responsible." [Grateful thanks.—Ed.].

R. W. Horne (1921-1930), Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancs. Regt.) duly arrived in Quetta last March. At the moment of writing (April last) he was in camp in the middle of the desert, about 50 miles from the Afghan border. Nothing but sand everywhere! "We march all day and sometimes all night. Actually marching is harder here, no trees, no greenery at all, no civilization, just soft sand, hard sand, hot sand, sand hills and more sand—and, of course, blazing sun. In Quetta we have a grand club, first-class tennis and squash courts, a golf course and ballroom. I have plenty of opportunity of 'swinging' my

saxophone. We live three in a bungalow and possess hundreds of servants." He hopes to fly home on short leave next year.

F. G. Pearce (1897-1901) sends the Quarterly Journal of the Real Estate Institute of Queensland. It contains an interesting address given by him, as Senior Vice-president, at a Rotarian Real Estate Luncheon in Brisbane.

J. L. Danks (1928-1932) has passed the final examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Actuaries.

E. A. Stroud (1919-1929) has obtained a First Class in Engineering at London University, specialising in Aeronautics.

W. S. L. Smallman (1927-1933) has crashed at Andover, with bad effects on the aeroplane. Notwithstanding this preoccupation, he has managed to take in the Station three mile championship, and is now training for the same distance in the R.A.F. meeting at Uxbridge. His brother, W. A. S. (1927-1937) has bribed people at King's (so he says) to elect him a Senior Vice-President of the Union Society. They also sent him to Durham to represent L.U. in debate. We don't blame them for trying to get comparative calm in the Strand for a few days.

DATES.

Saturday, Dec. 11th.—O.F.A. Annual General Meeting.

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Messrs. Elphicks, Ltd., West Street, Farnham, supply O.F.A. badges (woven 1/6 and silver wire 10/6); O.F.A. ties (art. silk 2/6 and 4/6, blazer cloth 2/6); O.F.A. wool scarves (8/6); O.F.A. art. silk squares (9/6); and O.F.A. blazers (37/6).

