

# THE FARNHAMIAN.

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## Editorial Notes.

In case surprise should be expressed that the *Farnhamian* appears as usual at the end of the Summer Term, let it be said at once that our publication has been passed by those competent to judge. As for the future, it may be some time before the next issue appears, but every effort will be made to avoid too long an interval so that continuity of our records may be preserved.

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We have to thank Sir Arthur Bagshawe, C.M.G., a Governor of the School, for the gift of a prismatic compass.

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Congratulations to W. G. Little on being offered a Scholarship at Wye Agricultural College, obtained in open competition this term.

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Valete: R. W. Attoe, W. J. Baker, P. M. Charles, D. Cohen, E. Green, B. C. Job, A. B. Lock, P. W. E. Purfield, R. H. Jones, G. S. Tucker, C. A. White, G. J. R. Wilkinson, H. L. Macey, R. T. Ferguson, J. D. Harrington.

Salvete: A. J. M. Aylwin, W. E. Band, G. H. Brenes, R. H. Charles, R. D. Elsmore, A. J. G. Harris, P. F. Hartshorn, A. F. Jaques, H. J. Kent, J. T. Kent, P. J. Kent, F. L. Killick, G. F. Morley, R. W. Pearson.

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The Prefects this term are: M. C. Colwill (School Captain), J. A. L. Chuter (Vice-Captain), P. K. J. Digby, K. C. W. James, H. L. Macey.

The following are Sub-Prefects: P. S. Arnsby, D. B. Boulter, M. V. Coleby, P. French, C. D. Gray, C. J. Johnson, W. G. Little, A. M. Mould, G. S. Webb, R. L. Webber.

The remaining appointments are:—Cricket: M. C. Colwill (Captain), G. S. Webb (Vice-Captain). Athletics: M. C. Colwill (Captain). Swimming: K. C. W. James (Captain). Shooting: P. K. J. Digby (Captain). Assistant Editor of Magazine: C. D. Gray. Assistant Librarians: K. C. W. James, H. L. Macey.

## The "John Mills" Scholarship.

It is a great pleasure to announce the addition of a new and valuable Trust Fund to the existing means at the disposal of the School for the encouragement of learning among those less well-to-do. The object of the Fund is to assist boys who have been at least one year at the School towards the payment of the tuition fees, preference being given to those whose parents are or have been connected with the building trade. At the time of the award, the recipients shall be not less than eleven and not more than sixteen, and the amount of the award shall not exceed twelve guineas annually, or whatever sum at the time is the annual tuition fee for a Surrey resident. It is probable that the annual interest of the fund will be sufficient for three such awards.

And the name of the donor, as the title shows, is Mr. John Mills, of Farnham. To him, the latest of the long list of benefactors of Farnham Grammar School, we are sincerely grateful for an act of truly noble munificence, and we wish him many years to observe the fruits of his generosity

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## School Concert.

The evening of March 1st brought us an entertainment of the kind we have not seen at School for many a long day. Altogether just over £2 was raised in aid of the Red Cross Fund, owing to the noble efforts of the producer, W. J. Baker, the other performers and the orchestra. The latter consisted of three violins played by H. L. Macey, J. Brine and G. Ricketts; the drums played by P. Wearing; and the piano played by J. L. Chuter.

The excited audience, eager to get a good seat, pushed with such vigour that the doors were swept aside and the company poured in long before all was ready. Those who had not already purchased their tickets were swept in with the rest. Consequently all had to be turned out, this being no easy task, but after about ten minutes the prefects had succeeded in making a fairly orderly queue half-way down the stairs.

Now for the concert itself. The proceedings were opened by the compère, M. C. Colwill, who said there would be a chorus of "Roll out the Barrel," followed by a comic sketch, "Alf and Doris," by W. J. Baker and M. V. Coleby. After a few jokes "Alf" introduced "Doris." They showed us the difference between how a young man takes his sweetheart to the Adelphi in the 5/- seats, with a taxi as means of conveyance and a five guinea box of chocolates, and how the same scene takes place when they are married. In the latter case the seats were four-penny's and walking the method of reaching the local theatre. This sketch was very amusing, all the actions being performed around two chairs in the centre of the stage. The same players then performed an extremely clever act, "Doris" speaking the

dialogue and "Alf," hidden behind, performing the actions, between them making a plum pudding containing "reel razens." Next came the chorus of "Run, Rabbit, Run," the audience trying hard to lift the roof off the School, perhaps many wishing it was possible to do so.

As a contrast to this comedy, J. Brine gave a violin recital. He played the popular tune, "It's a Lovely Day To-morrow," followed by "Gypsy Moon."

"Lord Haw Haw" was the next to make an appearance. After torpedoing the Isle of Wight in the North Sea, M. V. Coleby, playing "Lord Haw Haw," introduced G. F. M. Hawkins as Flying Officer Fishface Messerschmitt to give an account of how he sank H.M.S. Courageous, H.M.S. Ark Royal, H.M.S. Hood and the Farnham Waterworks in one afternoon. The ships were so short of ammunition that they fired toy rockets at the attacking aircraft.

There was a chorus of "Kiss me Good-night, Sergeant-Major," just before the interval, during which the draw took place for the 1 lb. box of chocolates, kindly presented by the Headmaster. The lucky ticket-holder was C. Weeks.

The high spot of the show, "An Excerpt from Aladdin," was introduced by the playing of "Chu Chin Chow." The cast was:

Widow Twankey	...	...	...	...	W. J. Baker.
Wishee Washee	...	...	...	...	M. V. Coleby.
Percy from Putney	...	...	...	...	G. F. Hawkins.
					G. R. Wilkinson.
Gentlemen of the Bath	...				G. H. Hewes.
					P. West.

The opening of the first Act, "At the Laundry," sees Widow Twankey, who is made up very effectively, alone in the wash-house. G. R. Wilkinson comes to ask for a bath. Too many coupons are cut from his ration book and, in her efforts to stick the coupons back, the unfortunate customer gets his face pasted with glue. Later, the three Gentlemen of the Bath appear, attired in pyjamas, although this time they are sleep-walking. The scene finished with the chorus of the popular tune of "The Siegfried Line."

The next Act took place in the house of Widow Twankey. The Widow is forced to have an evacuee billeted upon her. G. F. Hawkins taking the part of "Percy from Putney," comes on in good style, dressed in khaki shorts, a brown sports coat with many red patches and identity label affixed to it, short socks with suspenders up his legs, a school cap perched on his head, and armed in the traditional school-boy style with a catapult.

While Widow Twankey gets the supper, Wishee Washee looks after Percy by giving him drinks. He finds to his amazement that Percy is good at the art of interchanging the glasses while describing the boat race. After supper they decide that their evacuee is dirty and needs a bath. This they proceed to do. His chest and back are scrubbed with a stiff broom, and we must thank G. F. Hawkins for his courage in having a gallon

of cold water tipped over him on a cold day, just to provide us with a really good laugh. The excerpt was finished by the singing of two chorus songs, the first being "Wish me Luck" and the second "Goodbye, Sally."

The compère introduced the players into the finale, while the orchestra played "Mexicali Rose." This was followed by all the company on the stage linking arms to sing "It's a Hap-Hap-Happy Day."

The concert closed with the National Anthem.

On behalf of the organisers, I would like to thank E. Singer and R. Ferguson for the manipulation of the stage scenery, A. Barter for supervising the costumes, and all the audience who contributed so well to the great success of this concert.

P. K. J. DIGBY.

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### The Air Raid Shelter.

At long last our shelter is inhabitable. For almost eight long months we have waited in vain, but now it stands, a monument to British workmanship at its best. All the pneumatic drilling to cut through the stout wall of the old reservoir is over. All the busy activity which, for the first few months, attracted swarms of spectators of all sizes and ages has ceased. All the procrastination of harassed officialdom has come to an end, and subsequently peace has descended upon all spheres of operation.

As a natural result of the completion of our shelter, periodic air raid practices have been instituted. Warning of an impending air raid is given by a blast on a whistle. Immediately each classroom becomes the centre of great activity. Under the guidance of the master in charge, the boys line up in their columns, and at the signal from their form captain file out quickly and in good order. Thus the exodus commences. Rank upon rank pupils dash into the cloakroom and emerge carrying gasmasks and caps. Rank upon rank they charge across the old school field and into the new, like some unit of an army engaged in mopping-up operations. Somehow, in this mad rush, forms sort themselves out and friends contrive to join one another. Boarders scramble down the school steps and mingle with the flood, masters stroll sedately across to their appointed posts, tin helmets being much in evidence, and prefects do their best to guide and control the multitude of strepitant schoolboys. The chatter, the quarrelling, the clowning and the laughter, all intermingle to form a sound which can only be likened to the subdued roar of a busy city, or the swishing, eddying, gurgling murmur of the sea amongst the rocks. The clatter of gas mask tins, the trample of feet, the rustle of clothing, all convey a sense of rapid movement and the idea of a great crowd all with the same end in view. Yet in considerably under five minutes all the school is assembled outside the shelter (even young S. who was missing when the rest of the boarders were accounted for),

and the boys enter the shelter, one file from the left and another from the right, each pupil taking his place in his allotted section.

Until recently all was in complete darkness and difficulty was experienced in controlling the din made by over two-hundred exuberant schoolboys who took full advantage of the fact that they could not be seen. Later we were supplied with oil lamps, surreptitiously extracted from very small boys who timidly admitted owning them. This was better, but there were not enough of them to go round. Now, I believe that there is a scheme to light our shelter by electricity, using a six-volt motor-car battery as power. Perhaps this will cure the propensity for many of us to blunder into the partitions to the left and right of the main entrance, damaging to a more or less extent anything coming into contact with them.

After the "all clear" has been sounded, the sections rapidly discharge their contents into the new school field where the school assembles, almost invariably being addressed on the subject of silence. The return to school is like the return of an ali conquering army. Nine-tenths of the school swarm back over the old field and surge up the school steps, revelling in the breaking of a school rule even legitimately. The attempts of the few prefects who try to control the rush are swept aside and the victorious mob sweeps on.

Now, I'll leave the exercises and say a little more about the air raid shelter itself. Our shelter has several advantages over those of other schools. Firstly, it was originally built as a reservoir, and therefore was stoutly fashioned and practically waterproof. Secondly, it is well ventilated by pipes of about eighteen inches bore, set in the roof and protected by concrete slabs. Thirdly, nature herself has camouflaged it for us with trees and bushes. Fourthly, it was fitted with an entrance in the roof, closed with a heavy metal trap door. This now serves as an emergency exit. Lastly, it is at a considerable distance from the main school buildings, thus being out of danger in the event of their collapse. A noteworthy addition to efficiency is the brick wall across the entrance, designed to protect the interior from bomb splinters, thus converting the shelter into a veritable fastness. On the other hand, whether it could withstand a direct hit or no, is a moot point, but, then, few shelters could. A well-known local member of the A.R.P. has said that ours was the ideal shelter for a school.

To end, perhaps a little moralising will not go far wrong. The chronicles have often said that it is impossible to sound the unplumbed depths of the human brain. But far more difficult it is to follow the ramifications of the minds of those members of British society known as the British workmen, one of whom placed the gate of the air raid shelter in such a position that, when open, it effectively blocked one of the two entrances! Alas for these practical men of experience! It needed the scholastic mind to put the matter right.

M. V. COLEBY.

## A Simple Explanation of Wireless.

### PART 3 : SPEAKERS.

In the last issue the set proper was explained, but not the part which is, perhaps, the most important, i.e., the Speaker.

There are three types in common use to-day: the Cone Speaker, the Moving Coil Speaker and the Crystal or "Tweeter."

The Cone Speaker gets its name from the large stiff paper or treated cloth cone with which it sets a column of air into motion, thus setting up Sound-Waves. This cone is fastened to a thin steel or brass rod which is in turn fixed to a soft-iron "armature" of a polarised electro-magnet. This last is an ordinary high-resistance electro-magnet with a magnetised-steel core in place of the usual soft-iron. When the vibrating flow of electricity from the last valve passes through the coil of this electro-magnet, it causes corresponding changes in the strength of the magnetism of its core; this makes the armature vibrate, and thus the cone. The work of the cone is to set in motion as large a column of air as possible. This necessitates a large cone, which is what gives the speaker its name.

The action of the Moving Coil is similar, but with this difference—at the pointed end of the cone is fixed a hollow coil (diameter usually one-and-a-quarter inches and upwards) of wire. In the centre of this coil is a very strongly magnetised (either permanent or energised from the mains) cylinder. When the vibrating flow of electricity passes through the coil, it sets the coil in motion, in the same manner as in the previous case. Thus the difference in the two speakers is very slight.

The third type, however, is totally different, and the theoretical explanation would take too much space in this article. It must suffice to say that its action relies upon the difference in electrical conductivity of two layers of Piazzo-Electrical Quartz placed so that the lines of stress of the one are at right-angles to the lines of stress of the other. No cone is needed in (or for that matter, could be fitted to) this speaker. Thus the reproduction is very shrill and "squeaky," thus giving it its other name of "Tweeter." It is used in high-class reproduction, adding the very high notes which the Moving Coil cannot produce.

We have now been "through" a modern Wireless Set from the beginning to the end. I hope that I have helped to get rid of a little of that "mystery" which is still, even in these enlightened times, common, in relation to this science.

C. WEEKS.

## Rockets.

Are rockets practicable? Well, experiments have been carried out with them and some success achieved. And so it should be possible in the future to shell positions by rocket. Such a method would be cheaper than a long-range gun and would have greater mobility. It would be infinitely superior to the German Big Bertha of the last war, which, though it fired 75 miles, was almost immobile.

Against this the rocket-gun is very mobile and could fire the same distance easily. Also the rocket-shell would cost little, could be mass produced, needing only a metal framework to fire it. It could be fired as fast as a light field-gun.

The present difficulty with rockets is the fact that controllable flight is difficult to obtain. Sometimes in experiments the rocket would dive into the ground after only a short flight, or else would swerve violently left or right out of its course. This could be cured by gyroscopic control, and I understand some success has been obtained with this method.

The gyroscope is set inside the rocket and is connected to metal vanes. When the rocket deviates from its course the gyroscope moves the vanes and puts it on its course again. Success has been limited, for the rockets have oscillated from their course.

Could the rocket-shell be radio-controlled? Then the difficulties of winds and atmospheric pressure would make it almost impossible to land the rocket on its desired target. Perhaps some radio apparatus could be devised, but the expense in comparison with the damage done would be very high.

How would the rocket be propelled? It could be propelled by gun-powder, but obviously its range would be limited. Perhaps the answer is in liquid fuel. In one modern rocket the gases of liquid oxygen and alcohol are exploded in a combustion chamber, and then a continuous force is produced till the fuel is exhausted. One drawback of known modern fuels is the fact that tremendous temperatures are generated in the combustion chamber, which often blow up the rocket.

Finally let us consider the uses to which the rocket could be put: to propel aircraft, cars, etc. I am not quite sure, but I believe that a German Opel car, fitted with rockets, has achieved over 200 m.p.h. Aircraft propelled by rockets are a distinct possibility, and even the rocket to the moon might yet be realised!

S. A. ROGERS.

## Conflict.

Encamped upon a sunlit field of green,  
Two armies' mighty strength opposed is seen ;  
About the field stand tents of red and gold,  
Beneath which rest their handsome knights and bold ;  
Above, a pennant, one whose like will fly  
At lancehead as they go prepared to die.

But hark, the sound of trumpets sharp and clear  
Doth break the silence, for the time draws near  
When knight 'gainst knight shall draw his shining steel,  
Or on his breastplate shock of lancehead feel.  
Again the trumpet sounds and all is still ;  
Then forward moves the line as of one will.

Each knight is clad in weighty suit of steel,  
Encased in armoured shell from head to heel.  
He sits astride a steed who likewise dressed  
Will swiftly forward at the knight's behest.  
A sign is given by a mailed hand,  
Then speed they forward to th'opposing band.

Their swift advance doth raise a mighty wind,  
And each knight's helmet plume doth wave behind ;  
His lance with tasselled head doth point the way  
That leads to honour on this glorious day.  
Then knight meets knight and one from horse displaced,  
Is stunned by lance's thrust or swing of mace.

Then each proud youth his shining blade doth grasp  
And each towards a head swings lightning fast ;  
A mighty stroke cleaves helmet, plume and head,  
And that fair knight has but cold earth for bed ;  
The other turns to meet a second foe,  
And swiftly do the twain change blow for blow.

Yet once again the strident trumpet cries,  
And swiftly turns the losing side and flies  
Back to its tents, but even thence pursued,  
The day is lost, the white flag ends the feud.  
Then those who live are swiftly captive made,  
And those that fell to their last rest are laid.

G. F. M. HAWKINS.



## Football, 1939 - 40.

Changes in the 1st XI. have doubtless had an unsettling effect on the team; but we ought, nevertheless, to have done better than we have.

There has been a marked slowness in "warming-up." In the Old Boys' game where our opponents tired rapidly, this was not fatal; but against such a team of experts as Guildford, a fine bustling game, with pace from the start, with long-thrown passes, and changes in direction, would have been the only method of contesting a clever team. In the second half of that game these tactics were adopted, and although insufficient to cause us to hold our opponents, proved of definite value, and would have been considerably helpful in other games.

The gap through the middle has too often been left open by the halves, who have also been slow to overtake a man beating them. This tendency to trust to providence and the slighter aid of the backs, must be rectified.

Inside forwards must work back for an opposing goal-kick, and both they and forwards should remember that there are half-backs, possibly in open positions, waiting for the ball. Wing-men would do well to consider that a corner-kick is of greater value to our forwards when dropped *outside* the goal-keeper's reach, than within it.

These points are not intended as caustic criticism, but as suggestions, the adoption of which should enable us to do better next season, with a team which we think will be of similar quality to this season's XI.

The 2nd and Colts XI.'s have played so little football that there is no comment necessary, other than to hope they will get more play next season, such as their wealth of numbers and talent deserves.

In Chamber of Commerce games, we were fortunate to pass directly into the semi-finals, wherein we beat Wrecclesham by 8 goals to none. In the final we played West Street on the Brewery Ground, where we scored the only goal. We were fortunate to win an extremely keenly contested game. We hope that this forward line may go through School unbroken, and arrive in the 1st XI. intact, for it is extremely promising.

The following players have represented the

2nd XI.—Binning; Bristow, R. A.; Bristow, R. G.; Butterworth; Chuter, J. A. L.; Garrod; Gibbs; Hewes, G. H. A.; Hopkins; Lacey; Morgan, A. R.; Wellby; Wilkinson.

Colts XI.—Austin; Chitty; Dear; Huntingford; Kelly; King, G. M.; Kirk, B. T.; Larby; Ricketts; Roberts; Wood.

Chamber of Commerce.—Chitty; Gibbs; Huntingford; Hewes, G. H. A.; King, G. M.; Kirk, B. T.; Larby, P.; Norton; Ricketts; Roberts; Sturt, D. G.; Sturt, W. H.; Tilford.

In conclusion may we say that the best of teams produces better results with encouragement. We realise what pleasure it must give boys to attend Aldershot (a team whose play is

no better in its respective class than the School XI.'s) and to pay for that privilege; also to expend a modest shilling on a visit to the super-cinema's present stupendous soporific production; but we fail to realise why these should be matters for greater interest than that of helping our own team to win matches. Games are not won only on the field of play.

If we cannot all play for one of the School teams, surely it is not too much to expect us to turn up (just very occasionally) and shout (with discrimination) on the bottom touch-line.

Water on a duck's back, we fear; but this pleads to be said, and we are given to understand that ducks are birds not so very unlike geese—and a goose has been known on occasion (whisper it softly) to produce a golden egg. How sweet an opportunity to surprise ourselves. The field is a pleasant enough place—where we may gather incidentally for a convivial chat; the display of our knowledge about the performance of "Blenheim" and "Spitfire"; or even the communal discussion of homework! What can we do about it?

### CRITIQUE OF THE FIRST ELEVEN.

AUSTIN.—Inexperienced, but obviously knows what to do, and when to do it. Must learn to get his legs behind his hands for low "booby" shots, several of which he has surprised us by allowing to trickle past.

GRAY.—An excellent footballer (using feet and head well) when games have been sufficiently arduous as to cause him to neglect his histrionic ability.

WEBB.—A sound back, but a little slow to recover.

COLWILL, M.—Inexperienced, and not very certain of the duties of a back in clearing the ball first time; but he should develop well.

BOULTER.—A little more size and weight should make him an excellent half-back.

JAMES, K. C.—The results of his keen tackling and abundant energy have done much to make up for his lack of ball-control.

KIRK, K.—A little slow, but a tireless and tricky half who should make a first-class player.

COBBETT.—Size and weight will enable him to display all the guile of his form-play in the 1st XI. later on.

COLWILL, M. C.—Has put life and sting into the forward line. With his tremendous kick he should score more goals from outside the goal area.

BAKER.—A sound and tricky forward, with excellent command of the ball.

MACEY.—A late-comer to the side, who has shown consistent improvement, and whose size has been of value in the forward line.

HUTCHINGS.—A player of whom we should like to have seen more. Determined, fast, and with excellent ball-control, he should become one of the best footballers at present in School.

### RESULTS.

#### 1ST ELEVEN.

Played, 9; won, 4; lost, 4; drawn, 1; goals for, 45; goals against, 61.  
 October 7th : F.G.S., 2; Camberley, 12.  
 October 21st : F.G.S., 10; Odiham G.S., 1.  
 November 11th : Woking C.S., 15; F.G.S., 2.  
 November 18th : F.G.S., 3; Midhurst G.S., 8.  
 November 25th : Guildford R.G.S., 16; F.G.S., 2.  
 December 2nd : F.G.S., 8; Eggars G.S., 0.  
 December 16th : F.G.S., 7; O.F.A., 6.  
 February 10th : Godalming C.S., 3; F.G.S., 3.  
 February 24th : Eggars G.S., 0; F.G.S., 8.

#### 2ND ELEVEN.

Played, 2; won, 0; lost, 2; drawn, 0; goals for, 2; goals against, 10.  
 November 25th : F.G.S., 1; Guildford R.G.S., 7.  
 December 2nd : Odiham G.S., 3; F.G.S., 1.

#### COLTS ELEVEN.

Played, 2; lost, 2; won, 0; drawn, 0; goals for, 2; goals against, 13.  
 November 18th : Midhurst G.S., 11; F.G.S., 1.  
 February 10th : Godalming C.S., 2; F.G.S., 1.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CUP.

March 20th : F.G.S., 1; West Street School, 0.

### HOUSE MATCHES.

#### 1ST ELEVENS.

Childe, 10; Morley, 0. School, 5; Morley, 0. Massingberd, 3;  
 School, 3. Morley, 1; Harding, 4. Childe, 7; School, 0. Massingberd, 5;  
 Morley, 4. Harding, 2; Childe, 8. Childe, 9; Massingberd, 0. School, 4;  
 Harding, 4. Massingberd, 5; Harding, 2.  
 Points : Childe, 8; Massingberd, 5; School, 4; Harding, 3; Morley, 0.

#### JUNIORS.

Childe, 1; Harding, 1. Massingberd, 5; Morley, 5. School, 2;  
 Morley, 0. School, 1; Childe, 0. Harding, 2; Massingberd, 1. Childe, 3;  
 Massingberd, 0. School, 2; Harding, 1. Morley, 0; Childe, 4. Massingberd, 1; School, 7. Harding, 0; Morley, 9.  
 Points : School, 8; Childe, 5; Morley and Harding, 3; Massingberd, 1.

#### KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

1st XI.—Challenge Cup, presented by Major A. J. James.

Thirty-five minutes each way; extra time, 5 minutes each way.

Preliminary Round : Massingberd, 8; Harding, 0. Semi-finals : Childe, 4; School, 0. Morley, 4; Massingberd, 5. Final : Childe, 9; Massingberd, 1.

#### JUNIORS.

Twenty-five minutes each way; extra time, 5 minutes each way.

Preliminary Round : Childe, 2; Massingberd, 1. Semi-finals : Childe, 3; School, 0. Harding, 5; Morley, 2. Final : Childe, 2; Harding, 2 (after extra time). Replay : Childe, 2; Harding, 2 (after extra time).

It was decided that Childe and Harding should be allowed to share the honours in this competition.

## Shooting.

### F.G.S. v. RUTLISH SCHOOL O.T.C.

Last term. Result: Won by 59 points.

B. C. Job	...	...	97	95	192
P. Arnsby	...	...	95	92	187
P. R. May	...	...	95	92	187
P. K. J. Digby	...	...	92	88	180
M. C. Colwill	...	...	90	90	180
D. B. Boulter	...	...	92	79	171

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Counted out: B. D. Heelis, 80, 87, 167; G. J. R. Wilkinson, 81, 84, 165.

### F.G.S. v. TIFFIN'S SCHOOL.

On March 16th. Result: Lost by 2 points.

B. C. Job	...	...	92	93	185
P. R. May	...	...	94	90	184
P. Arnsby	...	...	89	92	181
P. K. J. Digby	...	...	87	93	180

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Counted out: M. C. Colwill, 86, 89; 175. G. J. R. Wilkinson, 83, 76, 159.

### F.G.S. v. TIFFIN'S SCHOOL.

On Friday, June 21st. Result: Won by 23 points.

P. K. J. Digby	...	...	95	94	189
A. R. King	...	...	93	91	184
D. B. Boulter	...	...	88	95	183
P. S. Arnsby	...	...	91	91	182
M. C. Colwill	...	...	88	91	179
M. Kilburn	...	...	90	89	179

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Counted out: P. R. May, 87, 88, 175; K. C. W. James, 83, 90, 173. The Tiffins' total was 1,073.

## House Shooting.

### SPRING TERM.

1.—CHILDE.—G. J. Wilkinson, 85; R. Charters, 80; P. Arnsby, 75; W. G. Little, 74; M. C. Colwill, 69; P. May, 68. Total, 451. Counted out: M. W. Cooley, 60; D. C. Taylor, 54.

2.—HARDING.—B. C. Job, 95; P. K. Digby, 80; K. Watts, 75; J. Parker, 74; L. S. Phillips, 56; I. Watts, 56. Total, 436. Counted out: G. Cripps, 55; K. Cornwall, 51.

3.—MORLEY.—M. J. Kilburn, 83; C. Weeks, 76; C. Johnson, 71; W. G. Green, 69; R. L. Webber, 69; D. B. Boulter, 67. Total, 435. Counted out: G. L. Bowmer, 55; G. F. Hawkins, 47.

4.—MASSINGBERD.—K. C. James, 88; P. Nash, 81; C. D. Gray, 70; L. P. James, 62; M. Trapaud, 61; A. Mould, 58. Total, 420. Counted out: J. R. Fordham, 58; G. Boulding, 53.

5.—SCHOOL.—M. West, 70; W. K. Butterworth, 64; A. R. King, 60; D. J. Mills, 59; M. V. Coleby, 58; R. Meier, 54. Total, 365. Counted out: A. J. Barter, 36; P. Morice, 14.

Spoon to B. C. Job, 95.

## Inter - House Sports.

### OPEN RESULTS.

440 Yards Relay (4 x 110).—1, Childe; 2, Morley; 3, Harding; 4, School; 5, Massingberd. Time: 53.5 secs.

High Jump (teams of 3).—1, Childe; 2, School; 3, Massingberd and Morley; 5, Harding. Aggregate height: 14ft. 8ins.

Mile Relay (4 x 440).—1, Childe; 2, Harding; 3, School; 4, Massingberd; 5, Morley. Time: 4 mins. 22.1 secs.

Long Jump (teams of 3).—1, Childe; 2, Morley; 3, School; 4, Massingberd; 5, Harding. Aggregate distance: 51ft. 11ins.

Hurdles Relay (3 x 100).—1, Childe; 2, Massingberd; 3, Morley; 4, School; 5, Harding. Time: 51.5 secs.

Mile Medley Relay (440, 220, 220, 880).—1, Childe; 2, School; 3, Harding; 4, Massingberd; 5, Morley. Time: 4 mins. 23.2 secs.

Half-Mile Team Race (teams of 2).—1, Childe (M. C. Colwill); 2, Childe (H. L. Macey); 3, School (J. M. Hutchings); 4, Massingberd (K. C. W. James); 5, Harding (P. K. J. Digby).

### JUNIOR RESULTS.

440 Yards Relay (4 x 110).—1, Massingberd; 2, School; 3, Childe; 4, Harding; 5, Morley. Time: 60.3 secs.

Long Jump (teams of 3).—1, Massingberd; 2, Childe; 3, Harding; 4, Morley; 5, School. Aggregate distance: 40ft. 11½ins.

Half-Mile Relay (4 x 220).—1, Massingberd; 2, Childe; 3, School; 4, Morley; 5, Harding. Time: 2 mins. 9.3 secs.

High Jump (teams of 3).—1, Massingberd; 2, Childe and School (equal); 4, Morley; 5, Harding. Aggregate height, 12ft. 5ins.

Hurdles Relay (3 x 75).—1, Massingberd; 2, Childe; 3, School; 4, Morley; 5, Harding. Time: 40.7 secs.

Half-Mile Medley Relay (220, 110, 110, 440).—1, Massingberd; 2, School; 3, Childe; 4, Morley; 5, Harding. Time: 2 mins. 12.4 secs.

440 Yards Team Race (teams of 2).—1, School (T. H. Kelly); 2, Childe (G. H. A. Hewes); 3, Massingberd (G. S. Tilford); 4, Massingberd (D. W. James); 5, Morley (D. W. Chitty) and School (B. T. Kirk), equal.

Points in the relay races and jumps were: 8, 6, 4, 2; and in the team races: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

Childe was first in the open section with 57 points, School obtaining 27, Morley 19, Massingberd 17 and Harding 15.

In the Junior Section, Massingberd won with 53 points, Childe scored 35, School 30½, Morley 10½ and Harding 6.

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## Individual Sports.

It was a pity that no invitations could be issued this year, as some fine performances were seen. M. C. Colwill broke the mile record by returning 4 mins. 59.4 secs. and repeated his success in the half-mile with 2 mins. 8.4 secs. H. L. Macey won the "Borelli" Cup. The "Stickland" Cup was won by G. S. Tilford. In the "12 and under" competition, B. T. Kirk broke the records for the 100 yards and 220 yards. Results:—

## OPEN EVENTS.

100 Yards.—1, P. K. J. Digby; 2, J. E. Hamilton-Jones; 3, D. B. Boulter. Time: 11.6 secs.

220 Yards.—1, R. D. Elsmore; 2, J. E. Hamilton-Jones; 3, D. B. Boulter. Time: 26 secs.

440 Yards.—1, H. L. Macey; 2, D. L. P. Hopkins; 3, M. C. Colwill. Time: 59.6 secs.

Half-Mile.—1, M. C. Colwill; 2, J. M. Hutchings; 3, K. C. W. James. Time: 2 mins. 8.4 secs. (record).

One Mile.—1, M. C. Colwill; 2, J. M. Hutchings; 3, K. C. W. James. Time: 4 mins. 59.4 secs. (record).

Hurdles.—1, R. D. Elsmore; 2, H. L. Macey. Time: 14.9 secs.

Long Jump.—1, H. L. Macey; 2, D. B. Boulter; 3, D. L. P. Hopkins. Distance: 16ft. 6½ins.

High Jump.—1, H. L. Macey; 2, R. D. Elsmore. Height: 5ft. 1in.

## JUNIOR EVENTS.

100 Yards.—1, D. W. James; 2, T. H. Kelly; 3, G. C. Ricketts. Time: 12.8 secs.

220 Yards.—1, R. W. M. Gibbs; 2, D. W. James; 3, T. H. Kelly. Time: 28.8 secs.

440 Yards.—1, T. H. Kelly; 2, D. W. James; 3, A. L. Westley. Time: 68.8 secs.

Half-Mile.—1, G. S. Tilford; 2, G. M. King; 3, G. H. A. Hewes. Time: 2 mins. 46.3 secs.

Hurdles.—1, R. W. M. Gibbs; 2, G. S. Tilford; 3, J. D. Harrington. Time: 13.3 secs.

Long Jump.—1, G. C. Ricketts; 2, G. S. Tilford; 3, D. W. James. Distance: 15ft. 3ins.

High Jump.—1, G. S. Tilford; 2, W. H. Sturt; 3, D. W. Chitty. Height: 4ft. 6ins.

## 12 AND UNDER EVENTS.

100 Yards.—1, B. T. Kirk; 2, D. J. Sykes. Time: 13.7 secs. (record).

220 Yards.—1, B. T. Kirk; 2, T. S. James. Time: 31.4 secs. (record).

440 Yards.—B. T. Kirk (walk over).

Long Jump.—1, K. S. Trollop; 2, J. D. Hart. Distance: 10ft. 8ins.

High Jump.—1, B. T. Kirk; 2, D. J. Sykes. Height: 3ft. 10ins.

## OTHER EVENTS.

Cricket Ball (1st and 2nd XI's).—1, M. C. Colwill; 2, G. S. Webb. Distance: 71 yds.

Cricket Ball (Junior).—1, E. F. Hunt; 2, G. S. Tilford. Distance: 59yds. 2ft.

Cricket Ball (12 and Under).—1, B. T. Kirk; 2, D. J. Sykes. Distance: 47yds. 1ft. 5ins.

Sack Race (Junior).—1, R. C. Roberts; 2, J. W. Donaldson.

Sack Race (12 and Under).—1, R. I. Harris; 2, K. S. Trollop.

Three-legged Race.—1, G. H. A. Hewes and R. C. Roberts; 2, A. J. Barter and D. E. Woods.

## S.S.S.A.A. SPORTS.

There were sixteen Schools entered for the above Sports, which were held on the Metropolitan Police Athletic Ground at Imber Court on the 17th of June. Both Senior and Junior trophies were won by Tiffin School, Kingston.

In the Open events we were not as successful as in previous years, but in the Juniors we did better, obtaining seven points and sharing sixth place with Oxted. Successful results:

Open.—880 Yards: 3rd place, M. C. Colwill.

Junior.—Long Jump: 3rd place, G. C. Ricketts.

Junior.—High Jump: 4th place, G. S. Tilford.

Junior.—440 Yards: 1st place, D. L. P. Hopkins.

## Cross - Country Running.

There were two runs last term, both of which we lost. In the contest with Lord Wandsworth College we could not field a really strong team owing to illness; nevertheless we obtained first place through Colwill, and Macey ran well to be third home. After that our opponents packed well, so that we lost by 28 points.

Against Churcher's we were handicapped by having to run over an unfamiliar course of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles, a distance to which we are not accustomed. Results:—

F.G.S. v. Lord Wandsworth College.—Home. Lost.

F.G.S., 119 points; L.W.A.C., 91 points. Time: 23 mins. 13 secs.

Placings:—1, M. C. Colwill (F.G.S.); 2, T. L. Howell (L.W.C.); 3, H. L. Macey (F.G.S.); 4, R. L. Brock (L.W.C.); 5, D. J. Parsons (L.W.C.); 6, A. Pogson (L.W.C.); 7, R. Briant (L.W.C.); 8, C. K. Fletcher (L.W.C.); 9, P. Hunt (L.W.C.); 10, D. L. P. Hopkins (F.G.S.); 11, K. C. W. James (F.G.S.); 12, R. C. Roberts (F.G.S.); 13, C. S. Chapman (L.W.C.); 14, D. G. Sturt (F.G.S.); 15, J. R. Hollom (F.G.S.); 16, P. K. J. Digby (F.G.S.); 17, R. Davis (L.W.C.); 18, P. Nash (F.G.S.); 19, W. K. Butterworth (F.G.S.); 20, W. E. Searle (L.W.C.).

F.G.S. v. Churcher's College, Petersfield.—Away. Lost.

Distance:  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles. F.G.S., 86; C.C., 50.

Placings:—1, H. Martin (C.C.); 2, Leach (C.C.); 3, Frisby (C.C.); 4, H. L. Macey (F.G.S.); 5, Oakley (C.C.); 6, M. C. Colwill (F.G.S.); 7, Dalton (C.C.); 8, D. L. P. Hopkins (F.G.S.); 9, Yates (C.C.); 10, Lucas (C.C.); 11, J. M. Hutchings (F.G.S.); 12, K. C. W. James (F.G.S.); 13, Dodd (C.C.); 14, D. W. Sturt (F.G.S.); 15, D. B. Boulter (F.G.S.); 16, — (F.G.S.). Time: 42 mins. 56 4-5 secs.

## House Notes.

### CHILDE.

The events of the spring term and the beginning of the summer term can be dealt with briefly since detailed results are given elsewhere.

The Seniors have done exceptionally well, winning the House Football, the Knock-Out Competition and the House Athletics in confident style, the latter with a maximum of points—a record, I believe.

The performance of the Juniors has also been a pleasant surprise, their position in both the Athletics and House Football

being quite good. The Junior Knock-Out Competition was left in a drawn position after a hard struggle with Harding.

Before we lost G. J. R. Wilkinson at the end of the spring term he helped us to win the second stage of the Shooting, thus paving the way to victory in this activity.

By the time this is published the first efforts of the House Choir, complete with male voice section, will have been heard, and, we hope, appreciated; but more will be heard of this later.

At the time of going to press we lead in the Cock-House table, the Juniors having backed up the Seniors' efforts splendidly. Well done! The Cock-House Shield is within our grasp. So now, Childe, a final effort.

M. C. COLWILL.

#### HARDING.

Unfortunately we are passing through hard times, but, as every member of the House knows, we can improve our position in the Cock-House table by a united effort.

The Senior Football was creditable, considering the fact that half the team were Juniors. The latter, however, were successful in the Knock-Out Competition, tying for the trophy after a replay.

In Athletics alas! we did not shine, and at the time of writing the Senior Cricket team have not had very much success; but the Juniors should win their Cup, the first match having been won by eight wickets.

The Swimming will soon be with us, and every boy should make an effort to keep the Cup in our hands by swimming a "quarter" or "length." It is up to you to swim to victory.

Lastly, a word about the Work Cup, which we must again keep this year. Avoid detentions! So come on, Harding, and win these trophies.

P. K. J. DIGBY.

#### MASSINGBERD.

During the present year our Seniors have been gradually decreasing in numbers, until we are now left with the exceptionally low total of eleven. In consequence, our Senior sports have suffered considerably, only coming fourth in the Athletics.

In Football our hopes were fully realised; out of four matches played we won two, drew one and lost the other. In the Knock-Out Competition we were duly knocked out by Childe in the finals. Senior Cricket cannot be considered to be good, but we have greater hopes in the Swimming.

Our Juniors outnumber the Seniors by three to one. They did badly in the Junior Football, mainly because of the old trouble of only half the team taking the field. They have done very well in winning the Junior Athletics, and have won the only cricket match they have played up to the present.

The strength of Massingberd seems to lie in the future, and we may place our confidence in the present Junior members of the House, who will in their turn play their part as Seniors in the years to come.

K. C. W. JAMES.



## MORLEY.

At the time of writing we find ourselves very far behind in the race for Cock-House. This has been due partly to a lack of enthusiasm and partly to a lack of talent. Football was mainly a failure, for the Juniors, in spite of a promising start, succeeded in winning only one match, and thereby sank to fourth place. The Seniors were even more unfortunate, taking last place, while in the Knock-Out Competition, both Seniors and Juniors, were eliminated in the first round.

In spite of determined efforts on the part of some of our more junior members we were last in the Boxing. The Athletic Sports were not up to standard, the Seniors coming third and the Juniors fourth. In the Shooting so far we have had moderate success, and a good result in the final stage should put us well up. The Seniors have played one cricket match, which they won by a large margin, and we may hope that they will do quite well this year; the Juniors, on the other hand, have lost both the matches they have played.

The only activity in which we shine is the Work Trophy, where up to the present we are second. In the Swimming a little more enthusiasm would be a great help, and we may hope for a display of talent in the formation of the House Choir.

D. BOULTER.

## SCHOOL.

In W. J. Baker we have lost a competent House Captain, who steered us to victory in the Cock-House Competition last year. Not only that, but also a first-class member of our Cricket XI. Since the last publication of House Notes we have lost A. St. C. Garrood and D. L. Davies, two very fine shots, whose absence will make it difficult for us to gain a good position in the House Shooting. Despite these early setbacks, however, we have started off this term with success. By dint of sheer hard work and co-operation amongst the individual members of the House we managed to come second in the Senior Inter-House Athletics and third in the Junior Competition. In cricket also, as far as we have gone, we have met with success, winning our first match fairly easily. Although the result of our second game is not yet available, our score was an exceptionally high one. With so many promising players in our ranks, I think that it is quite safe to anticipate a high place in this season's table.

In Swimming, however, we will have to find a large number of entrants for the 440 yards test, if we wish to do at all well. So all swimmers please do their bit.

So far our position in the Cock-House table is second—but only just second, for we are but one point behind the leaders. So go to it, School; we haven't lost that shield yet.

A. R. KING.

## OLD FARNHAMIAN'S ASSOCIATION.

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

Garrood, A. St. C. (1931-1939), 49, Victoria Park, Cambridge.

Ground, K. E. U. (1927-1928), "St. Mary's," Frimley Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot.

Lambert, F. P. (1932-1939), "Helig," Waverley Lane, Farnham.

Stevens, R. K. P. (1934-1939), 28, Downing Street, Farnham.

Harris, D. H. J. (1933-1939), Elvina Cottage, Churt, Farnham.

Wilkinson, G. J. R. (1936-1940), "Gairloch," Farnborough Park, Hants.

The following have changed their addresses:—

Wilcox, J. G., 245, High Street, Fleet, Aldershot.

Horry, D. C., "Woodsprings," Snelsmore Common, Newbury, Berks (temporary).

Hart, Rev. E., St. Luke's Vicarage, Fountain Road, Hull, Yorks.

Lillywhite, P., 4, Roehampton Gate, S.W.15.

Lee, T. M., 800, W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

Woods, P. J., "Glendora," Beacon Hill, Hindhead.

Fry, A. W., Grove Villa, Alfred Road, Farnham (temporary).

North, H. S., "Karind," Upper Bourne, Farnham.

### THE ANNUAL DINNER.

*By* OWEN HALL.

The 14th annual dinner of the Old Farnhamians' Association was held under my roof at Farnham on Saturday, February 24th. It was the first time that the dinner had been held here, but from the remarks I heard afterwards, all the 37 members of the Association who attended were more than satisfied with the meal, the service, the speeches and the entertainment. In fact, despite the decrease in numbers from previous years owing to the difficulty of war-time travelling, it can truly be said that an enjoyable time was spent. Four members wore the uniform of His Majesty's Army.

The toast to the Services and Absent Friends was honoured on the call of the President, Mr. F. A. Morgan. Their hearts, he said, were with those of their members serving in the Forces, who, they felt sure, would do their job well and contribute towards the better life everyone was looking forward to.

Mr. Morgan referred with regret to the deaths during the past year of Mr. H. C. Kingcome, master at the School for 28 years, and of two Old Boys—Brian Ground and Herriott Hill.

A notable absentee from the dinner was William Stroud, pupil at the School 1864-68 and master 1871-1922, and G.O.M. of the Association. "Old Bill" had, it seemed, never missed a dinner and was much disappointed at his inability to attend that evening, owing to his doctor's orders. The members also expressed their deep regret at his absence and a menu card was signed for his benefit.

An effort to maintain the things England stood for, freedom and tradition, was urged by Mr. E. A. W. Morris (1923-28) in proposing the toast of the Association. Theirs, he believed, was the first dinner in Farnham since the commencement of the war. That was a small example of the maintenance of tradition. He hoped the Association would continue in that way.

The Association, said Mr. D. C. Horry (1925-30), in responding, was a great brotherhood and was like a chain with links between the individual members, between the members and the Association and between the Association and the School. In reviewing the past year's activities, Mr. Horry spoke especially of the fête on behalf of the O.F.A. Leaving Scholarship Fund and the Farnham Schools A.A., which is primarily for the elementary schools. There was nothing of snobbishness in their gift to the A.A., he said, because most of them were formerly elementary schoolboys and as proud of that fact as they were of being Old Farnhamians. In conclusion, Mr. Horry pointed out that a chain was as strong only as its weakest link. The Association would be maintained only if the links between members were maintained. He therefore urged members to back up their Committee and attend as many O.F.A. functions as possible. He was confident the Association would go on.

Proposing the toast of the School, Mr. G. M. Aylwin (1900-1907) said the School depended on its old traditions and its modern efficiency, but there was something deeper and more personal that bound them together, and that was the spirit of friendship between man and man. That evening they had a party of some forty friends in perfect harmony, but that little gathering represented a great cavalcade of a great many friends stretching back into the past and forward into history yet to be written. The things that made friendship were the things lacking in the world in recent generations. They knew what was required, a lot of give as well as take, interest, pleasure at the other man's success, concern at his misfortune. Lack of those things had brought about the present state of world affairs. He did not think he was exaggerating their importance when he said that the boys of Farnham Grammar School had a big part to play in helping to build up a just peace. Only that would justify the sacrifices being made at the present time. The School was playing its part well in the war and he believed it would play its part equally well in the peace.

Responding, Mr. Morgan said the Association must not die, war or no war. In his opinion their numbers were not as great

as they should be, but they could not make a duty of emotion. If Old Boys thought more of the future than of the past they must leave them alone. Some day they might change their minds. The condition of the School at the present time, he went on, was very wholesome. If he were to express it by a graph he would still say it was on an upward curve. Some of them might not think so if they saw the little shrimps now in charge, but in spite of that he considered they were improving. On the previous day a Colonel gave a lecture to the boys on the Maginot Line, and watching the boys, he (the Headmaster) was struck by what a wholesome, friendly crowd they were, healthy, open and candid. There, he thought, was Farnham Grammar School at its best, a little collection of English boys, characterised by their openness, simplicity and sincerity. He felt sure that the picture of those boys would have been very satisfactory to any Old Boys who were doing now what he and the other Masters were doing 20 years ago, undergoing long periods of boredom on active service. Those kids, they would say, are worth fighting for.

He could assure them that those in charge of the School would do their best to see that that School, which they showed they treasured by being members of the Association, finished up after the war no worse than when they left it, and, he believed and hoped, better.

List of those present:—Mr. F. A. Morgan, Headmaster and President of the Association, Messrs. J. W. Withinshaw, G. H. Ridout, G. H. Bacon, S. E. J. Lock and W. F. Wickens (members of the Staff) and the following Old Boys: Messrs. C. E. Borelli (Chairman of the Governors), G. Maxwell Aylwin (a Governor), J. Maxwell Aylwin, G. A. Bacon, S. A. Benson, E. G. Boulton, J. G. Caesar, J. C. Casben, R. M. Craigen, P. E. D. Elphick, R. C. Gardiner, E. G. Glynn, D. C. Horry, C. E. Jones, G. J. Knotts, T. E. Lee, W. E. Loe, L. E. Lord, E. A. W. Morris, S. J. Parsons, I. C. Patrick, S. G. Robins, J. E. Sims, A. C. Slaght, R. W. Small, J. H. Smither, P. Meddows Taylor, R. H. Meddows Taylor, S. D. Whetman, E. J. Williams and F. H. C. Wimbledon.

### EDGAR STROUD.

To all who knew him when he was at School it was a grievous shock to learn that on March 6th last he had been killed in an aeroplane accident. He was one of the two observers who, with the pilot, were testing a new plane at an important centre in the Midlands. In the words of an official of the firm by whom they were employed: "Three brilliant young men have given their lives for their country."

And indeed Edgar's record was a brilliant one. After passing the Inter Science (London) Examination, he served four years as an apprentice at the Austin Motor Works, and, after a period as an improver, then went to Queen Mary College, where he got 1st Class Honours in Aeronautical Engineering. At the time of his death, he was assistant chief technician to an

important company of aeroplane manufacturers, and the work that he was doing was of vital concern to our country in these critical times. Be it noted too that, at the time of their death, he and his fellow-venturers were of their own accord engaged out of normal working hours.

All who knew Edgar will remember him. He had a lively and intelligent mind. He was good-natured and friendly with everyone. Like his two brothers he had no athletic gifts, but none the less he had personality ; and during his last year at School he had much to contribute to the life of the School, and specially of the VI. Form.

He came to us when he was just over eight years old, he spent ten years among us, ten more years of steady and brilliant achievement in the larger world — and now he is gone. But not the memory of him. His is the story of first-rate ability slowly and carefully developed and then given lavishly to the land of his birth.

We at the School, sorrowful though we are that we have lost so splendid an alumnus, cherish thoughts that are tinged too with pride. Nor do we forget a family which has suffered a tragic loss, and our deep sympathy goes out to his father and mother, his wife and those two brothers who also have brought us honour — Charlie and Leslie.

*Non miles, sed pro patria !*

### A “Cambination” Letter.

Queen’s College,  
Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

Lest this missive should seem to be in too light a vein, and to uphold the tradition that those who leave F.G.S. continue to work, the facts of our life here may be given.

H. Genese has now left us for St. Albans, where he is in his clinical period. A. St. C. Garrood is working for Inter-Arts, though the shadow of military service hangs over him. F. P. Lambert is attempting Honours in Chemistry, while W. J. Stoye studies French, having just completed his Inter-Arts (Maths.). R. G. Newberry hopes to take his 2nd M.B. in December, prior to moving on to St. Albans.

Work has not stopped our sporting activities. Lambert has had opportunities to lose weight in cross-country running, but in this warmer weather indulges in water polo. There is cricket too, but swimming is the activity of everyone, the Cam being very pleasant and free for all. It is noteworthy that Newberry was in the discus team for the Inter-Hospital Sports.

Boating is, of course, the main distraction from honest labour. The sight of O.F.’s handling a punt pole is one to

stimulate the most hardened to laughter, and there has been one who has remained behind on the stick.

It should also be mentioned that Garrood has done some valuable excavations in the national interest.

News from home and other O.F.'s comes through slowly, and we look forward eagerly to the Magazine.

Yours sincerely,

O.F.'s IN CAMBRIDGE.

### NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

W. M. Robertson (1929-1936), in March, sent along an interesting account of himself and of war conditions in "the place where he works." "The veterans of the last war, guarding all important places, are a familiar sight, though apart from this there is very little to give one the impression of being at war. Though most of the fellows of my vintage must have left here in uniform, their absence is not noticeable. So different from places like X [his home town]—each time I go back I feel more and more isolated between the very young and the not-so-young. . . . I registered for military service last October. . . . Our football club has been struggling hard to keep going through the winter, and before Christmas we played regularly, but with little success, chiefly owing to the failure of members to arrive at the ground. Since January, of course, the inclement weather has been very much against us, as well as a regrettable lack of suitable opponents. As far as I can gather, Southern England got off lightly in the great snowfall of January—a mere 10ins. Up here we had 16ins., though outlying districts managed as much as 3ft. Even now, at the back of our laboratory, there is still snow lying about. However, we must not complain; it was an excellent excuse for late arrival at work! . . . I have a desire to go abroad, preferably to Australia, but I've no doubt I shall end up in France with a gun in my hand."

I. C. Patrick (1924-1934), Farnham, and E. C. Holloway (1929-1934), Camberley, registered for military service with the 23's and were called up on March 19th. After some six weeks' training at a West of England camp, they moved farther afield to complete their training. It can be said that they journeyed some considerable distance towards the rising sun. Before leaving their English camp, they were able to welcome there T. R. Hern (1932-1935), of Camberley.

F. S. Peachey (1872-1877) sends further information of the Castle School at Guildford. He wrote to the "Guildford City Outlook," stating that a cricket match was played on what is now the Cattle Market, Woodbridge Road, in 1877 between Farnham Grammar School and Castle School, Guildford. He was Captain of the F.G.S. team. In reply to his request, the Editor gave the following particulars [we quote from the March issue of *The Outlook*, with due acknowledgments]: "It is

interesting to recall that the Castle School was in Quarry Street, in the house now tenanted by Mr. Frank Boys, No. 49, and lately in possession of the late Mr. Martin Williamson (brother of Dr. G. C. Williamson, the Hon. Remembrancer of Guildford). The School was founded by Joseph Fernandez, LL.D., a very able schoolmaster, who eventually went to Eagle House, Tottenham, and was succeeded at the Castle School by a Mr. Farnfield. Mr. Farnfield transferred the School to a house in the Woodbridge Road, then known as The Elms, and now covered by certain offices belonging to the Farmers' Union." Mr. Peachey writes that Mr. Farnfield was the father of the Farnfield brothers, very noted Amateur International Association football players. He saw Mr. Farnfield playing in a game with his boys, teaching them how to play scientific and short passing game. This game was played on the ground where the Cattle Market now stands, before 1900.

C. B. A. Wade (1917-1926) sends news of his recovery from a recent operation—and the birth of a daughter. [Congratulations.] He is now in the Twickenham branch of Lloyds Bank. His younger brother, Anthony, after leaving Ardingly, went to Leeds University and Mirfield. He was ordained priest at St. Paul's Cathedral last October and is now one of the assistant clergy at the Parish Church of Ruislip Manor.

L. J. M. Knotts (1913-1916), now a Lieut.-Colonel, R.E., writes of memories of "former Farnhamians, every one of whom I well recall—Lush, Neave, Fisher, Brown, Chennell, Aldridge, Giles, Robins, Brooker, Jack Stroud, who were all up at F.G.S. in my time; Smithers and Whetman, too (there were two Whetmans). My brother Ray was also at School with me. Gilbert is my brother, too (1928-1934) and now my son John is with you. In the words of 'Inquirer' in the *Daily Express*: 'Is this a record?' Is Hector Claude Ross among the O.F.A. members? If he is present at the Dinner, will you kindly tell him I haven't forgotten him..... Kindly remember me to that fine old man, 'Billy Stroud.'"

Congratulations to the following on their respective marriages: E. Loughlin (1923-1927), G. Purchase (1926-1928).

Congratulations to Leslie Smallman (1927-1934) on the birth of a son and to Jack Kingcome (1919-1930) on the birth of a daughter.

We have to thank R. M. Craigen (1923-1930) for sending us some excellent photographs which he took of last year's Fête and the Old Boys' Dinner. They show the skill of a camera artist.

At the British Boys' Chess Championship (under 18) held at Hastings, P. F. Copping (1933-1939) was second in Section C, and G. J. Over (1930-1939) was fourth in Section B. In the play-off between the first two of each of the four Sections, Copping tied with three others for second place. This should provide an inspiration for the Chess Club, at present languishing.

R. J. Ridout (1923-1933) is now a master at King Edward's School, Nuneaton.

J. C. U. Ground (1923-1930) is keeping well and thoroughly enjoying his life in Canada. He has now a flock of some sixty odd sheep of his own, which he hopes to double by next year. The outbreak of war and the difficulties which might arise over his return prevented his coming to England for three months' holiday.

J. A. D. Wood (1928-1936) sends (in March) interesting news of his sojourn in the Middle East. He now feels he is really "in the Army"! He had an interesting journey. The camp is on sand dunes by the sea. The appearance from the surrounding hills is that of an English holiday camp, and he finds life very comfortable. He has a long ride each day to collect rations and so can notice the different types of people. "First there is a very Americanised town. Then a short way down the road is an old town. Here is the true Jew—in fact, it is just like the plates often found in Bibles. Then still farther on is an Arab encampment. The first thing noticed is the smell. It comes out to meet you. The Arabs live in mud huts, and in some cases they have dug caves in the side of the hill. All is dirt and filth. So far nothing has become commonplace. Even a string of camels, with bells jingling, or a pack of jackals in the camp at night, attracts my attention. But perhaps I am wrong. There is one thing I have seen a little too often—oranges!" He hopes to run across Jack Watling, who is also out there.

S. E. Jarvis (1918-1922) writes (last March) that his brother Denys (1925-1932) went to France in September. He himself has been evacuated "to the country" and finds plenty to do each week-end with the local A.F.S.

K. W. W. Bartlett (1925-1932) has become a Life Member.

B. P. Harper (1934-1935) is on an R.A.F. Station far away towards the East.

E. G. Marsh (1922-1926) wrote in January (letter received in March!) that he is temporarily "exiled" from Southern Rhodesia, doing duty as Orderly Room Sergeant with a battalion of the Nigeria Regiment! He sends most interesting news, but "pace" censor!

A. St. C. Garrood (1931-1939) is at Cambridge, for the time being his place of "further education."

W. J. Kingcome (1923-1932) was in March, and is still, to the best of our knowledge, busy in the Fleet Air Arm. He has done quite a lot of flying "into the blue." He wrote that he was very fit, with plenty of good food and fresh air! Detailed news of his doings must await the days of peace.

T. M. Lee (1925-1929), from Los Angeles, still overwhelms us with papers and stamps. We are most grateful for his continued



interest in his old School. "You may be sure that I have thought of you often.... It seems that the dark days of trouble and heartache and suffering bring us closer together. I never was very anxious to leave dear old England, although it seemed like a lark at the time. It has always been dear to me, and I have always felt that it was home and that sometime I would return. Unfortunately my mother took out U.S.A. citizenship papers and my name appears thereon; so I am not free to jump up and leave. I am very cheered to note in many of our newspapers and magazines a lot of talk about it being time that the United States really got busy and got in this scrap. May more and more of the people realise that this fight is just as much the conflict of the U.S. as it is of England and France. The *Los Angeles Times* is very favourable to the Allies and is advocating active participation right now. And this is one of the more conservative papers.... I am glad to say that people are *thinking* much more than they used to. Naturally, I get into all possible arguments and discussions and try to show why the U.S. should jump in right now. The very least the U.S. can do is to ship over all arms, munitions, airplanes, food, etc.—send it immediately; ship it over themselves and not make the Allies come and get it. But then there is some small argument in their favour and that is that their action parallels that of England. Our great Empire has been in the misguided hands of these ultra-conservatives...and the lives of the virile young chaps have been sacrificed on the field of battle, in the trenches, and on the seas, because of their short-sightedness, in spite of repeated warnings. Would that Eden, Churchill, Duff Cooper had been in the driver's seat during these past five years.... I'm afraid you back in England are doing a better job of keeping up your spirits and telling each other to 'Carry on' as in the war of 1914-1918 than some of us are over here, who so far have felt none of the horror and terror of the war. Best wishes and good luck to everyone!"

L. R. Dowsett (1926-1931) was with D. F. Wagstaff (1927-1934) staying at an old chalet high up in the Bernese Alps, Switzerland, when war broke out, with young folk of Dutch, Belgian, Swiss and French nationality as companions. It was an International Youth Movement, which was trying to do something towards peace by promoting such holidays. He had quite an exciting time. Wagstaff returned to England a week before he did and missed the mobilising of the Swiss and other events which he saw, as he was determined to have his holidays in full. The last three or four days he spent stopping here and there in France.

R. J. Turner (1926-1934) wrote in March that he was still busy with his degree and postponed his calling up until after June, when he took his Final. He mentions that F. H. Eavis (1927-1935) has been called up, finding life at that date quite strenuous but nevertheless enjoyable.

W. N. B. George (1929-1932), serving in an Anti-Aircraft Unit, is extremely glad to see (from the March Magazine) how well the School is doing despite the war and its attendant disorganisation. "Everyone concerned deserves the highest congratulations, particularly when one hears how other Schools are suffering."

G. R. Blower (1927-1935) is with an Anti-Aircraft Unit, with several other Old Boys. He writes (in April) that R. A. Donald (1930-1935) was waiting to be called up as an Air Gunner. Blower had done about a year's course for the Final Examination of the Institute of Auctioneers and Estate Agents when war broke out.

D. F. Wagstaff (1927-1934), writing in April, was waiting to be called up for the Instrument (Optical) Section of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He had just finished special training, passing out Grade I., to be followed, when a vacancy occurs, with a further three months' training at the Army Training Centre.

H. S. North (1924-1932) wrote in April most interestingly from Guernsey. "My time is fully occupied with business and my garden. This war has had little effect so far on Guernsey. Prices have soared, a black-out is enforced, and rationing is on the lines of that in England, but otherwise our life has been but little disturbed. Our States (the Island Parliament) decided early to waive the very old established rights of the Island for the duration of the war and offered the Island man-power and resources to the Motherland. Very shortly afterwards a Conscription Bill on the lines of England's was introduced, but has not yet (April) been implemented. Under this Bill I am liable to military service with the armed forces of Great Britain at home or abroad. . . . Life over here (war apart) is an unhurried passage through time, with the main interests of everyone centred on the tomato industry. The climate, the scenery and the general mode of life are all very much to my liking . . . I feel curiously at peace in an atmosphere of crop-growing. We have a comfortable home and a large garden. A considerable area I have devoted to the popular bulb-growing industry, and I now have many thousands of tulips in bud, almost ready for market. Unfortunately the irises have not been so successful, but for a new venture I am not disappointed. . . . The rest of my garden has been variously devoted to vegetables and flowers—and the latter are now making a brave splash of colour in the spring sunshine."

Later: North has returned to England.

"Geoffrey (1929-1935) has joined the R.A.F. . . . He declares he is enjoying the life and does not seem to have minded celebrating his 21st birthday this week with cocoa in the canteen!"

E. G. Ashton (1902-1909) has recently published a book on North America. "It is a strange coincidence that of the five men who joined the Farnham Staff in 1911, two of us have written about that Continent; but, of course, Rodwell Jones' book is more ambitious than mine."

E. W. J. Neave, M.C. (1909-1916) is "back in the Army again." He is now Major in the R.E., feeling after seven months (April) "quite an old soldier again." He is busy on training duties. "This war, from our point of view, is mainly hard work! It is doing us all—young and old—good."

G. J. Knotts (1928-1934) has a commission in the Royal Engineers and (in April) was finding Army life very agreeable, "apart from the expected discomfort from sore feet!"

D. J. Carter (1922-1929) has been evacuated to "somewhere in the country." He became the proud possessor of a daughter last December. (Congratulations!)

W. F. Alderton (1904-11) is busy these days, as in addition to his normal work he is in charge of the A.R.P. Decontamination, Rescue, Road Repairs and Transport for a whole county! He has been a First Class H.O. Instructor since January, 1937—"it would be a real rest to join the Army again."

R. A. Gates (1924-1931), writing in May, informs us that he was married "recently." (Congratulations and Good Wishes). He was expecting to be called up at any moment.

F. T. Holmes (1927-1934) joined the R.N.V.R. in January, 1939, as a Signalman. He was called up soon after war broke out, and at the Depot met Michael Jump (the "West" of School days) and Drew. Then followed some months' training "somewhere in England." In January, 1940, he bid his friends adieu and finally was drafted to a ship. He arrived at his destination about 4.30 a.m., very tired and very hungry, having been travelling since noon the previous day. He joined his ship at nine and sailed at eleven. It took him two days to settle down and start eating properly, "but from that day to this (mid-May) I have enjoyed every moment, well, nearly every moment, of my new life." His ship is a trawler of 182 tons, and spends her time on convoys, escorting, chasing submarines, examining shipping and all the duties which go with those things. When ashore he shares a flat with four other fellows and "finer friends you could not find anywhere."

Rev. E. Hart (1899-1902) has been appointed Vicar of St. James' parish and also Vicar of St. Luke's parish, in the city of Hull, Yorks.

P. Lillywhite (1933-1936) has been transferred from the Woking Branch of the National Provincial Bank to the Westminster Branch. He was (in May) expecting to be in one of the Services soon.

L. A. Harding (1917-1920) is now on an armed merchant cruiser, retained as Accountant Officer with a temporary commission in the Royal Naval Reserve as Paymaster Lieut. Commander. "We have had lots of fun and games learning a new job in a hurry. However, we have settled down now, and if the accounts are not quite up to Admiralty standard yet, the ship does her job, which is the main thing. We have not had any excitement yet, in fact life on board is peaceful and uneventful. We spend most of our time at sea, but as we have lots of room on deck for exercise and games, a swimming bath and cinema, we are very comfortable. It is a welcome change, too, in some ways, not to have any passengers to worry the life out of one."

