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## IN MEMORIAM.

*"We the task inherit  
The unfinished task to which their lives were given."*

Since our last publication we have with great regret to record the death while serving in H.M. Forces of twelve old scholars.

We should like to express to the parents and relations our deepest sympathy in their irreparable loss.

*Alan C. Webb* (1918 to 1923) was at first believed to be a prisoner of war, later reported killed in France.

*Joseph Lockwood* (1929 to 1934). Killed in action.

*Alan C. Burgess* (1930 to 1935). Died in March, 1941, at sea.

*Eric V. Williams* (1931 to 1936). On active service.

*Arnold E. Dyer* (1930 to 1934). Missing, later reported killed.

*L. C. Ross Wilson* (1934 to 1938). On active service.

*Kenneth A. Knudson* (1927 to 1931). On active service.

*John M. McAlonan* (1932 to 1934). Came to Southgate from Latymer School. Missing, later reported killed.

*Joseph F. Maddox* (1924 to 1928). Killed in action.

*Jack Boreham* (1929 to 1934). Died of wounds.

*Wallace C. G. Bartley* (1922 to 1928) (Senior Prefect). On active service

*William G. Scarlett* (1925 to 1930). Missing, now believed killed.

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**SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS.**

We express our sympathy with the wife and family of D. C. Kenneth Gardiner, an old pupil of this school whose death at an early age occurred whilst he was evacuated with his school, of which he was a member of the Staff. Mrs. Gardiner, his wife, will be remembered by many old scholars as Constance Mary Payne.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs. L. T. Gant (née Stella Amor.) Stella will be remembered by many old scholars who were at school during the Headmastership of Mr. Warren. We offer our sincere sympathy to her husband in his tragic loss and to her two sisters Constance and Vera who are also old scholars.

Another loss to the teaching profession is the death on active service of Mr. D. M. Wesley, who came with a contingent of boys from the Tottenham Grammar School to Southgate County soon after the outbreak of war. He will be remembered for his cheerfulness and enthusiasm for the profession, and we sympathise with his parents in their great loss.

We also deeply sympathise with two Old Girls of the School—Mary Mayne (Mrs. Tom Waters) and Joan Rae (Mrs. Wallace Bartley) both of whom have suffered an irreparable loss in the death of their husbands on active service.

Mr. Alfred Collier who died in April, 1941, played with the other members of his family in all our Gilbert & Sullivan operas—now alas suspended for the duration of the war. We should like the Collier Family to know that we sympathise with them in their bereavement.

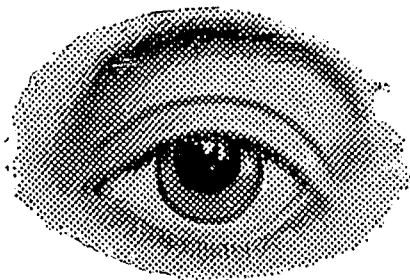
We have to thank Mr. Ben Claydon, a former Governor of the school, for his generous gift in May, 1941, to the A.T.C. of a book to contain the names of all members who pass through Squadron No. 973.

Parcels of books have been sent to P/O Trevor Taylor and to Signalman K. S. Gray, now prisoners of war in Germany; we hope to send similar parcels to other prisoners of war as soon as we are able to discover their addresses.

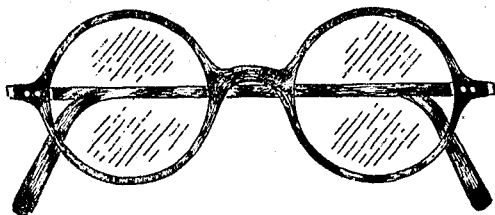
Many very welcome letters have been received from Old Boys serving overseas and also Christmas greetings despatched by airgraph.

The three members of the staff serving in His Majesty's Forces, Messrs. Rolfe, Toplis and Fawcett are all fit and well and still in England and all three have recently paid visits to the school. We were all pleased to hear the news that Mr. Fawcett had been posted to the O.C.T.U. and had later been granted a commission in the Green Howards.

Many old scholars will be interested to hear that Mr. J. Thompson, for many years Art Master at the school, who left us only a few years ago to go to Minchenden, retired at Christmas. We hope to see Mr. Thompson frequently as he is still living near us, and would like to assure him of our good wishes.



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Our hearty congratulations go to Mr. Auger on the recent birth of a grandson. We are looking forward to the day when Mr. Auger will proudly bring along the youngest member of the family for our admiring inspection.

In our last issue we referred, somewhat guardedly, to rumours regarding an engagement between two members of the staff. We are now pleased to state that we understand that the marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place, of 2nd Lieut. G. C. Fawcett and Miss G. R. Sperrin.

We also understand that Miss M. S. Crabb will shortly be married to Mr. B. Thornback-Holt, of Southampton. We wish both couples long years of much happiness.

D. G. Arnott, who left the school in 1939 has recently made a gift of gramophone records to the school—Beethoven's String Quartette in B flat major, played by the Lener String Quartette. We are most grateful to Arnott for this expression of appreciation.

In December last six of our boys took part in the memorable production of "Goodbye Mr. Chips" at the Intimate Theatre. All the boys acquitted themselves well and we wonder if amongst them we have some actors in embryo. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and to each the management presented a gift of War Savings Certificates.

We were pleased to hear news of Mary Ranger (Form 3D) who was evacuated to Canada. In a letter from her dated July, 1941, she says that she is living in a cottage near the shore of the Lake of the Two Mountains which is a backwater of the St. Lawrence. She wishes she was back in England and is proud still to be wearing her school uniform with blazer and badge.

R. Basham (Form 4B) accompanied his father when he was decorated with the George Medal by the King at Buckingham Palace in June, 1941, for outstanding work in Air Raids during the Blitz in 1940. We are sure this experience will long remain a treasured memory with Basham.

The sum of £3 1s. 9d.—proceeds from a senior party held in the School Hall in December last—was given to the Aid to Russia Fund. A very commendable gesture on the part of the prefects.

We have had very many visits from Old Boys home on leave and the Study has welcomed sometimes two and three in one day. The Headmaster is delighted to see any Old Boys and Girls when home on leave, they will always be sure of a welcome.

We are pleased to hear that Miss Barham and Miss Aldridge are back again at 28, Bourne Hill, N.13, and we shall hope to be seeing more of them now that their wanderings are over.

After a short stay of about 18 months we said goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Stonehewer, and the new caretaker and his wife and family came in October, 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Stonehewer left to return to their home district in Staffordshire. Mr. Horrex has come to us from another school in the County and we hope his stay with us will be a long and happy one.

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We offer our congratulations to the new Mayor and Mayoress—Councillor and Mrs. T. J. Oldland. Councillor Oldland is now a Governor of the school; we are sorry that the War has prevented for the past three years the holding of our annual Prize Givings and thus robs the school of the honour of meeting the Mayor and Mayoress. We wish them both a happy year of office.

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**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON EXAMINATIONS.  
GENERAL SCHOOL CERTIFICATE AND  
MATRICULATION, JUNE, 1941.**

Barbara Bain (English, English Literature, History, Geography,  
Joan Banks. Mathematics).  
Sheila Ballard (English Literature).  
A. J. Blake (Physics, Art).  
S. F. Burgess (History, Mathematics, Mechanics, Physics,  
O. W. Cheffins. Chemistry).  
Gwendoline Chipperfield.  
A. S. Dale (Mathematics, Mechanics).  
P. E. French (Mathematics, Mechanics).  
P. S. Gage.  
Joyce Gardiner (Botany).  
R. A. Goodhead (Mathematics, Mechanics, Physics).  
B. M. Hayward.  
D. M. Hill (Geography, Art).  
M. C. Hopping.  
E. T. Hounslow (Art).  
Peggy Kirby (Mathematics).  
Noreen Lee (English Literature).  
Margaret McDavid.  
E. P. Mishkin.  
J. Mitchell (Mathematics, Mechanics, Physics, Chemistry).  
Felicity Palmer.  
Joan Parker (English Literature, Mathematics).  
Joan Pearce.  
K. E. Perrin (Mathematics, Mechanics, Physics).  
D. F. Philliston (Mathematics).  
Margaret Radley (English, Mathematics, Mechanics).  
B. J. Rayner (French, Mechanics).  
R. S. Ritchie (Mathematics).  
Elizabeth Thackeray (English Literature).  
Kathleen Wastell (Botany).  
J. D. Watson (Mathematics, Mechanics, Physics).  
J. Whiddon (English Literature).

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**GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION, June, 1941.**

S. M. Allan.  
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Valerie Davies.  
D. G. Day.  
W. B. Dee.  
R. J. Dumayne.  
Edith Dunks (Mathematics).  
Hazel Ede.  
Joyce Edwards.  
H. W. G. Feakes.  
\*C. H. Frohnsdorff (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry).  
Hannah Gartner.  
Kathleen Graham (Botany).  
Audrey Hancock.  
Marion Hart.  
Eileen Hobart.  
\*Anne Hull (Botany).  
T. B. Joudrey (Mathematics).  
W. R. Kane.  
Kathleen Lee (English Literature).  
L. W. Loades.  
\*W. Marchand.  
\*W. Misell (Physics, Chemistry).  
Myrtle Moxham (English Literature).  
Jean Munro.  
\*D. Payne (Physics, Chemistry).  
Iris Phillips.  
R. S. Plowman (Mechanics).  
Patricia Rees.  
\*S. T. Remington (History, Mathematics).  
Joan Roberts.  
W. J. Scott (Mechanics, Art).  
S. A. Saunders.  
\*P. R. Sinden.  
Doris Vowles.  
\*A. Wesley (Mathematics, Chemistry).  
\*Phyllis Westwood (Botany).  
Eileen Wilding.

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- G. O. Baker (Geography, Mathematics).  
Margita Barabás (English, German, Biology).  
D. M. Brisby (Chemistry).  
S. J. Crowch (Mathematics).  
M. Elderfield (English, Mathematics).  
Brenda Fletcher.  
Erica Konstantinowska (German, Art).  
R. G. Newman (English, Geography, French, Mathematics,  
Mechanics).

GENERAL SCHOOL, DECEMBER, 1941.

- A. G. Walker (Mathematics, Chemistry).

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HIGHER SCHOOL EXAMINATION, JUNE, 1941.

- L. O. Butler.  
Barbara Ching.  
N. C. Chivers, Intermediate Science.  
Pauline Cohen.  
B. Cooper, First M.B.  
Margaret Culpeck.  
Joan Hay, Intermediate Science.  
J. K. Parsons.  
D. G. Ray.  
R. Roberts.  
F. G. Saunders.  
E. S. Stockton, Intermediate Science (Chemistry).  
D. I. Thomas, Intermediate Science (Chemistry).  
Jessie True, Intermediate Science (Mathematics).  
P. T. Wieland.

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PUPILS WHO HAVE TAKEN UP HIGHER  
EDUCATION DURING THE LAST YEAR.

- A. Blake—Hornsey School of Art.  
L. O. Butler—Royal College of Science.  
G. H. Carriett—St. Thomas's Hospital.  
Barbara Ching—Queen Mary College.  
N. Chivers—Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.  
D. Clark—Royal School of Dental Surgery.  
Pauline Cohen—Northern Polytechnic.  
Joan Hay—Northern Polytechnic (State Bursary).

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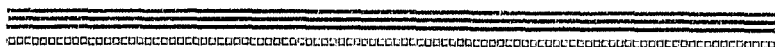
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in Science.  
E. S. Stockton—Royal College of Science.  
A. P. Thiele—Northampton Polytechnic.  
D. I. Thomas—Northern Polytechnic.  
Jessie True—University College, London (State Bursary).

### A LETTER TO LEAVERS.

Dear David and Joan,

I know it is now considered old-fashioned to give advice, but I, am an old-fashioned person and I think that one of the tests of a successful education is that it enables one to be wise enough to profit by the mistakes of others.

You entered the school to learn—Go forth to serve, to test the worth of your education. So far theory has been predominant. From now onward you encounter a much tougher proposition—that of practice. Theory is but the preparation for practice. Don't forget that school knowledge is mainly concerned with mere facts and provable propositions such as  $2 \times 2 = 4$ , but there is an immense field of knowledge which will claim your attention when you get into the world outside school concerning which it is infinitely more difficult to arrive even at an approximation to truth, e.g., matters concerning the purpose and meaning of life, problems of religion, politics, philosophy, art and culture. Often the best we can do is to be intelligently ignorant, to hold merely provisional convictions. In many of the major problems of life the final truth is not yet. Man's tragedy is that he craves for certainty, security and happiness all of which are denied to him. The art of successful living is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises, and as the wise Plato said, "to know that you do not know is the beginning of wisdom." Doubt is the father of two charming children, tolerance and humility.

If there is to be a new order in this country, a Renaissance, there will be no room in it for the 100 per cent. careerist. True your major loyalty must be to yourself for unless you adequately equip yourself, far from being an asset to the community, you will be a liability. You must help yourself before you can help others. The community does not owe you as an inalienable right a career, but it does owe you the opportunity to work out for yourself a career which will extend to the utmost any native abilities you may possess. A scarcely less imperative loyalty is the one that you owe to the community in which you live. Your country has the right

to claim your loyal service and it is your bounden duty to help to put right what is amiss and there is much that needs radical alteration at the present stage civilization has reached.

Remember that so far in your life you have *taken out*: you are beholden to your parents, to your school, to your country, for nurture and education. Now the time has come for you to *put back*—to render service for benefits received. So far you have been a consumer—now is your chance to be a producer.

A definition of an educated person which comes very near the mark is:—one who puts more into life than he takes out—this definition by the way bears hardly upon many soi-disant educated gentlemen.

A providential attribute given to young people is that they believe they can put the world right. This is admirable! but what is not so admirable is that youth should hastily conclude that there were no wise people on the earth before their advent. Even the Greeks had to be reminded that there were brave men before Agamemnon and youth needs a gentle reminder on occasion that even the youngest of us is not infallible.

But the severest critic of modern youth cannot attach either blame or responsibility to them for the present break-down of civilization. True it is only a breakdown. Do not believe the Cassandras who say that this is the end of all civilisation. History to date has been through mankind's own folly little more than the prolonged martyrdom of man, and historians tell us that the shores of time are strewn with the wreckage of no fewer than 23 previous civilizations. Yet mankind recovered and progressed! Therefore shun like the plague the cynical attitude sometimes adopted by callow youth. An old cynic is a pitiable object but a youthful cynic is an unnatural monstrosity. Your instinct that where your elders have failed you may succeed is both natural and salutary. It may, of course, turn out to be an illusion, nevertheless follow its guidance. Take an active part in the shaping of events. Do not leave this to others as so many well meaning people of my generation have done whilst they were apathetic or busy money-grubbing or career hunting or may be they took up the ivory-castle-attitude and withdrew escapist fashion from the fight.

The pusillanimous slogan so fashionable years ago of "SAFETY FIRST" is not for youth. Far more appropriate if a slogan is desired is "LIVE DANGEROUSLY." We have it on the authority of the greatest of all great teachers that he who would save his life shall lose it. Except for the favoured few (and those not the most deserving) I do not believe that this is the best of all possible worlds but I do believe that if you and others are prepared to spend and be spent that "the best is yet to be." For this work you will need a moral dynamic. Search diligently for the noblest hypothesis of the meaning of Life and the noblest ethic—concerning the latter

I know none better than that of the Golden Rule, the ethic of the Sermon on the Mount is still unshaken and untried. When you have found your hypothesis and ethic, bring both to bear upon your conduct. It is easy to hold a belief so flabbily that in so far as influencing one's conduct, one might as well not hold it at all. I hesitate to be more explicit here.

Believe me that in this work you will need not less but more character than the present generation possesses. Cleverness is no substitute for character. To-day clever people are as common as blackberries in a country lane in September. As you are the only person in the world you are at all likely to know thoroughly, get to work early, this in itself will be a life-long task.

You have had the good fortune to be born in a country with a glorious heritage concerning which the poet reminds us "that which thy fathers bequeathed to thee earn it anew if thou wouldst possess it anew." You should, however, remember that our past has not been 100 per cent. snow-white. Yours will be the privilege and opportunity of working for a nearer approximation to 100 per cent. snow-white future. Strive that your country shall be truly Christian—a country in which social justice is meted to every citizen. This will be something quite new in the history of mankind.

Finally remember that your education is a lifelong process, yours has only just begun. Don't imagine that you will have done with discipline on leaving school. True the external discipline passes, but the real stuff—internal discipline—will be increasingly necessary throughout life, a fact that even some of your elders do not fully appreciate. Go forth, David and Joan, to try conclusions with the world in the spirit "This world's no blot for us, nor blank. It means intensely and means good. To find its meaning is our meat and drink." The sin of sins in these days is the "unlit lamp and the ungirt loin."

Your well-wisher,  
AMICUS.

P.S. David. The youth who slew Goliath.

Joan. The heroic maid conscious of her mission to free her country.

### SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION.

President: T. B. Everard, Esq.

General Secretary and Treasurer: Miss M. Caparn, 2, Shrubbery Gardens, Winchmore Hill, N.21.

As we review the activities of the Old Scholars' Association during the past year we are able to say with pride that our Association is still flourishing. Enthusiasm and support are found every-



where—amongst members away as well as those who are fortunate enough to be still at home.

The calls of the Services have taken a very large number of our members. Especially have we felt the loss of a number of people who for many years have been the 'leading lights' of our Association. We feel that the hard work and effort they have put in among the various sporting and social activities has contributed in no small way to the success of our Association. To these people and to all Old Scholars who have left us to answer the calls of the Services we wish good luck and a speedy return to civilian life.

While we regret the loss of these older members, we are very glad to see that a number of younger Old Scholars have stepped into their shoes and are giving their full support to the successful maintenance of a wartime Association. We are relying on younger members to continue their support so that those Old Scholars who have temporarily left us can feel that they have left the Association in good hands.

In March last year we terminated our connection with Brackendale, and with mixed feelings of regret and memories of happy days spent there we evacuated the ground. Cabbages and potatoes are now flourishing where once we enjoyed so many games of hockey and football.

In exchange the Council agreed to let us hire a hockey pitch in Arnos Park, which, although uneven and sloping serves its purpose. Meanwhile, the Football Club is using the Stationers' Ground at Winchmore Hill, for which we are deeply grateful to the Governors of Stationers' School.

During the past year we have run several dances in the School Hall. These have all been very well attended and judging by the numerous requests for further Dances, all Old Scholars have thoroughly enjoyed these Reunions. On two occasions soldiers stationed in the district were invited and those who came were warmly welcomed into our midst. We hope to continue running periodical dances although the intervals between must necessarily be longer. Especially have we been glad to see Old Boys on leave who have managed to attend these Dances. It is hoped that Service leave will be generous on future occasions.

Thanks to the efforts of George Renvoize and Mrs. Marion Rogers the Hockey and Football Clubs have enjoyed many games in their new quarters, during the 'blitz' days of last Winter as well as the present Season. Reports of these Clubs will be found elsewhere in this Magazine.

The Cricket Club was a victim of wartime conditions, and except for one match against the School, we were unable to run a team last Summer. Our cricket equipment has therefore been stored and may the day be not far off when the cricket enthusiasts will be back to take their stumps and nets out of storage.

The Tennis Club is indebted to our President, Mr. Everard, for allowing us to use the school hard courts at Minchenden in the evenings and on Saturdays last Summer. Joyce Harvey, the Tennis Secretary, worked hard to form a new Tennis Club as the previous one had been forced to abandon its efforts the previous Summer. The number of members was naturally limited, but those people who did join enjoyed the few games they were able to snatch in their spare time. We are hoping that we shall be able to run the Tennis Club again this summer. Enquiries from anyone interested will be welcome.

One important item in the year's history was the publication every four weeks for some ten months of the Old Scholars' Review. We wish to express the Associations' thanks to the Editor, L. H. Wright, for the Old Scholars' first magazine of their own, which served to link members scattered in all parts of the country. Some copies were even sent abroad. With the call-up of the Editor the "Review" has been forced into retirement for the duration.

In conclusion we would like to thank those Members of the School Staff who have given us every possible assistance during the year. Their help has been valuable on numerous occasions.

Old Scholars, we are relying on you to support your Association in these difficult times. We know you will not fail and we can look forward with confidence to an Association which in happier days will be able to look back on difficulties overcome and progress made during the present dark time.

To Old Boys and Girls in the Forces we wish good luck and safe landings. We are proud of the sacrifices you are making and of the good name you are earning on land, sea and in the air. By the time the next issue of this Magazine appears may Peace be assured.

To all Old Scholars we send the Best Wishes of the Association.

MARJORIE CAPARN.

#### OLD PUPILS' SUCCESSES, 1941—2.

W. T. L. Barnard—Preliminary Examination of the Institute of Actuaries.

Olive Bayley—University of London B.A. Second Class Honours.

R. Benger—University of London B.Sc. First Class Honours (Engineering).

Molly Bolton—University of London Intermediate B. Com.

D. A. Clark—Pre-medical Conjoint Board.

Pauline Cohen—University of London Intermediate B.Sc.

- K. R. L. Evan—Part 1 Institute of Bankers.  
 D. J. Griffiths—University of London Intermediate B.Sc.  
 (Engineering).  
 H. Hawkes—University of London B.Sc. (Estate Management).  
 R. H. Hayward—University of London Intermediate B.Sc.  
 (Engineering).  
 S. Ingle—Part 1. Final B.Sc. (Econ.).  
 J. A. Pedlar—University of London Bachelor of Dental Surgery.  
 R. Roberts—University of London Intermediate B.Sc.

### MARRIAGES.

- B. P. McCallum and Mildred Gyles.  
 Bernard Potts and Barbara Hedger.  
 A. E. Sidey and Millicent Sterne.  
 Gordon Charrot and Peggy Filby.  
 J. W. Forsaith and Joyce Blaver.  
 T. H. Mobbs and Miss Grace Nicholls.  
 S. R. Leach and Miss Joan Taylor.  
 E. V. Hoffmeister and Miss K. J. How.  
 C. L. Edwards and Miss Betty Foster.  
 A. G. E. Springall and Miss Barbara Hutton.  
 John G. Brown and Miss K. Riley.  
 S. W. Court and Miss N. Mason.  
 D. Wylie and Miss R. Roberts.  
 P. M. Jones and Miss W. Davis.  
 S. W. Butler and Miss Joan Pyett.  
 G. Barker and Miss Margaret Wood.  
 R. Sinclair and Miss Margaret Perkins.  
 Stella Schooling and Cpl. J. L. E. Laud.  
 Vivien Scott and Mr. H. D. Dale.  
 Marjorie Poulton-Jones and Mr. R. H. Firbank.  
 Winifred Sylvester and Mr. S. W. Riggs.  
 Joan Taylor and Lt. T. H. Richards.  
 Joan Ferguson and Sub.-Lt. A. J. Brigden.  
 Joyce Powell and Mr. R. R. Waller.  
 Vera Pavitt and Mr. Percy Nash.  
 Eileen Tosh and Mr. D. K. Hulme.  
 Kathleen Austin and 2nd Lt. B. G. Blower.  
 Margaret Willmott and Sgt. R. J. Gilmore.  
 May Harris and Mr. Stuart Maiben.  
 Ena Blackborow and Mr. H. Constable.  
 Betty Hills and Mr. A. H. Baker.

**BIRTHS.**

- Mr. and Mrs. Howard Graham (Jean Smith), a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Willmott (Ivy Ashton), a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Orr (Ailsa Ferry), a son.  
 Squadron Leader and Mrs. Hobbs, a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Baird (Phyllis Bateman), a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robinson (Irene Partridge), a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Hawksworth, a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Spooner (Mavis Lee), a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Day, a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Pirnie, a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lucas (Georgina McKie), a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Wade (Edith Attwood), a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hills, a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Spriggs, a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. K. Cushen, a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dean (Sylvia Sprague), a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Basil Penny (Olive Stone), a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Holmes (Dorothy Thorn), a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. A. E. W. Reed (Barbara Stillwell), a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. A. V. East (Irene Bullett), a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Warman (Vera Martin), a son.  
 Lt. and Mrs. M. J. Gutteridge, a son.  
 P. Officer and Mrs. G. E. Pownall (May Cawkwell), a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. A. Wiggins, a daughter.  
 L/Bdr. and Mrs. G. Cross (Dorothy Pirnie), a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Elkington, a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Head (Nancy White), a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. B. Driffill (Violet Stockton), a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Gant (Stella Amor), a son.

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**LIST OF OLD BOYS AND GIRLS SERVING IN H.M.  
 FORCES.**
**THE ROYAL NAVY.**

J. Aylard.	N. Henderson	T. Norris
G. T. Barker	E. V. Hoffmeister	F. Odd
J. Bice	R. Holloway	D. V. Poole
N. Collop	K. Ivatt	V. J. Prince
R. J. Cotton	R. J. Jones	S. J. Robertsor
R. J. Deacon	L. Key	W. Slate
R. E. Edgson	Derek Little	A. A. Sloman
D. A. Elvidge	Douglas Little	J. Smythe
D. Enright	Trevor Little	B. D. Stutter
K. Evan	D. Marchant	J. D. Taylor
R. Gellatly	B. S. Marlborough	A. Thompson
H. N. Graham	P. Mundy	D. Vandenberg
J. M. Gutteridge	J. M. Naish	A. Walker

## THE ARMY.

F. Alexander.	K. Drinkwater	G. Ling
C. Allday.	P. Dron	K. G. Lovell
K. Allday	J. P. Duck	D. Lovett
K. Amys	G. Duncan	N. Lowen
E. F. Artiss	D. Dyer	R. R. McLean
A. Ash	P. Dyer	R. McKie
R. E. Ashton	D. P. Edmonds	G. Manson
J. Atkinson	C. F. Edwards	J. Maskens
A. V. Austin	E. H. Fermor	A. Mills
D. Ball	H. M. Fulkes	G. Mitchell
E. Barnes	J. Fussell	P. J. S. Ney
S. Barnes	J. G. Gafford	A. J. Nicholls
E. Barratt	L. C. Gafford	H. Nisbett
A. Bath	H. C. Gay	L. F. North
E. C. Beaven	K. Gray	P. O'Connor
C. Bending	E. H. Greed	A. I. Oldaker
B. Benger	F. J. Gregory	R. B. Oram
R. Benger	R. T. Haines	F. Ovens
B. Bigg	D. Hale	H. Ovens
A. C. Blake	D. Hall	T. Paine
G. C. Boadella	T. Hare	G. H. Parkinson
E. Bowling	K. J. Hamment	V. Paull
F. W. Bradshaw	P. H. Hammon	P. C. Pennington
E. S. Brown	S. Harding	B. Penny
A. Brunton	J. Harrild	J. Pepper
J. Brunton	R. M. Harrison	S. Perrin
R. Bunyan	D. Harvey	N. Pollitt
F. J. Bustard	H. Hawkes	H. Rance
R. Carter	R. Hayes	P. Ray
H. A. Christensen	N. A. Hills	B. Richards
A. K. Clark	S. H. Holloway	R. Rollo
W. E. Clark	N. J. Hooker	M. Ryan
H. Claydon	C. Howe	R. A. Sherlock
J. Claydon	L. Hulls	D. Sibuns
L. D. Connolly	S. Ingle	S. Simpkins
E. D. Cooper	J. D. Janes	R. Sinclair
P. Coote	R. Johnston	F. Smallman
E. C. Cushen	K. Jolliffe	L. F. Soulsby
D. Damant	R. Kelly	B. Spalding
C. Dean	H. H. Kilby	D. Spooner
R. P. Dell	D. A. Labern	K. S. Spooner
R. H. Denbigh	E. Latham	D. P. Squires
P. J. Denny	D. Lee	L. Sterne
E. Dievart	J. Leverett	
L. Dix	B. L. Lewis	
J. G. Drews	J. L. Lidbury	

J. L. Sweeney	G. Tucker	D. C. Windle
H. Tait	A. Tyler	K. Willmer
L. Tenneson	D. Tyler	L. Woolard
K. Thacker	E. Walsh	D. C. Wright
D. Tipple	R. Watts	
E. N. Townsend	B. C. Wicks	

F. S. Claxton and N. Ingle have been released from the Army to act as P.T. Instructors in Youth Work. N. Allday, who was badly wounded at Dunkirk, is now back in civilian life.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

K. Allen	A. J. Dickerson	D. Payne
D. Ashton	D. Drew	K. C. Pharaoh
R. Ashton	F. M. Elkington	P. Phillips
N. Atkinson	H. H. Edmonds	F. Raffaelli
E. R. Bishop	D. Ferguson	N. Rees
E. Bithrey	A. Friend	G. Renvoize
J. Blake	B. Gardiner	C. Richardson
M. Brisbane	J. Grant	E. Ryan
C. H. Brown	M. V. Grant	G. Ryan
K. L. Burton	D. H. Griffiths	M. Saxton
S. W. Butler	C. J. Hamment	R. Simmons
J. Charrot	D. J. Harrild	R. Smith
G. Charrot	D. K. Hedger	R. T. Smith
C. Clark	J. H. Hobbs	R. F. Spears
C. J. Claxton	J. Holmes	R. J. Spring
D. Cockram	E. C. Hutchinson	A. R. Southey
D. Coombes	R. J. Johnson	H. B. Stephens
B. G. Collins	R. G. Jones	J. L. Stephenson
K. Creamer	P. Lattimer	A. Styles
K. Cushen	J. D. Loach	T. Taylor
M. Dalgarno	F. Luscombe	A. Thompson
G. S. Davis	J. Marriage	W. H. Vivash
S. Davis	R. May	D. L. Watson
E. Day	L. E. Paget	A. Whitaker
R. Denbigh	E. J. Palfreman	R. Widdicombe
	D. Partridge	L. Wright

### REPORTED MISSING.

D. A. Ferguson (1930-1935), December, 1941. R.A.F.  
A. J. Dickerson (1929-1933). R.A.F.

### PRISONERS OF WAR.

T. H. Taylor (1931-1937), November, 1941. R.A.F.  
K. S. Gray (1931-1937), January, 1942. Army.  
J. L. Lidbury (1923-1928), January, 1942. Army.

**W.A.A.F.**

Daphne Barker	Peggy Hack	Daphne Ridgwell
Eileen Le Groisette	Joyce Harvey	Mary True
Joan Deex	Daphne Parsons	
Mavis Gay	Betty Rae	

**W.R.N.S.**

Lorna Ray

**A.T.S.**

Mary Peacock.

**WOMEN'S LAND ARMY.**

Joyce Bryant.

Ruth Philpot.

**MILITARY AND CIVIL DISTINCTIONS.**

M. Brisbane—D.F.C., D.F.M.

D. A. Marchant—M.B.E.

F. H. Raffaelli—D.F.C.

B. L. Richards—George Medal.

It is felt that this list is far from complete and we shall be grateful to any one who can supply further names for inclusion. We offer hearty congratulations to the following Old Scholars who have attained commissioned rank, in addition to those previously mentioned:—

R.N.—Lieut. J. M. Gutteridge ; Sub-Lieut. D. A. Marchant ; Sub-Lieut. D. V. Poole ; Sub-Lieut. B. S. Marlborough ; Sub-Lieut. W. Slate.

The Army.—Capt. E. S. Brown; 2nd Lt. H. C. Gay; 2nd Lt. E. H. Greed; 2nd Lt. P. H. Hammon; 2nd Lt. S. Ingle; 2nd Lt. R. R. McLean; 2nd Lt. A. Mills; 2nd Lt. P. J. S. Ney; 2nd Lt. A. Oldaker ; Lt.-Col. R. B. Oram ; 2nd Lt. G. Tucker ; 2nd Lt. E. N. Townsend ; 2nd Lieut. J. G. Gafford ; 2nd Lieut. D. A. Labern.

R.A.F.—P/O J. Blake; P/O M. Brisbane, F/Lt. R. G. Jones; F/O F. Raffaelli; P/O T. H. Taylor.

W.A.A.F.—Eileen Le Croisette; Mary True; Mavis Gay.

**SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD SCHOLARS' REVIEW.**

(We were sorry to hear that it had been found impossible to continue publication of this review, and are pleased to print the following notes from the Editor).

The final wartime issue of the Southgate Old Scholars' Review contained at length the factors which had influenced my decision

to close down publication for the duration. As time went on, though the Review made even greater advances than I had dared to hope, I found myself stumbling upon more and more obstacles. Assistant-Editor Jack Spring joined the R.A.F.; P/O "Paddy" Jones went abroad and though Dennis Drew, John Troughton and I managed to carry on a while longer, the arrival of my own call-up forced my hand. It was with infinite regret that I took leave of those with whom I had managed to maintain contact through the medium of the Review.

The primary object of the wartime S.O.S. Review was to inform widespread members of the Old Scholars' Association serving with the Forces of home activities—to establish links that would assist the Association in its post-war reorganisation.

Though I must admit, the thought of post-war plans does not often occupy my mind in the exacting tasks of to-day, I do still cherish the resolve, when combatants lay down arms and seek to reconstruct and not destroy, to produce a Review that will attain great heights and be worthy of the School and the Association to which it is dedicated.

I sincerely hope the School Magazine succeeds as it always has, in giving us Old Scholars a wave of reminiscences in the familiar reports, photos and pieces which appear between the green covers. The phrases concerning exiled readers of the Review which used to flow so freely from my pen now comes home to me and I shall find even greater pleasure this year in the reading of the School Magazine.

In conclusion I would ask you to tender my very best wishes to all the staff and you may be sure that when the opportunity arises I shall wander up Fox Lane to reacquaint myself with familiar faces and familiar surroundings.

1462321 A.C.2 Lionel H. Wright,  
Sir John Cass Technical Institute,  
31, Jewry Street, E.C.3.

### OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Old Boys' Football Club has been able to continue its activities this season, thanks largely to the enthusiasm of the younger members who have joined immediately on leaving the school. There are very few of the old members left in the club now, and it is on the young members that its future now depends, but providing the encouragement can be given for fellows to join straight from school, there is no reason why we should not be able to keep going throughout the war.



At the beginning of the season we were unable to get out any strong teams and were defeated in most of our matches. However we were finally able to weld our team into shape, and we started to get some good results

After a very hard and even game we drew 1—1 with Enfield Old Grammarians on their ground, the following week we defeated Crouch End Vampires at home. We drew our next match which was again with Enfield, and then we had a victory which surprised many people and put the team on their mettle. We visited Broomfield at Hazelwood Lane, and defeated them after a very exciting match in which the Southgate team played very well and fully deserved their victory. In the week following this we continued our successes by defeating Norsemen Reserves on their ground, Old Stationers at home, and Alexandra Palace Reserves away. We are now over half-way through the season, and have many interesting matches to look forward to, and if we can continue the good form which has been shown recently, it will be one of the best seasons we have had in recent years.

The Old Boys have been fortunate in having the services of Goodhead in goal; he has maintained a consistently high standard of play and has contributed considerably towards our successes. The defence has been stiffened and improved by Wright at left back, who is stationed with R.A.F. in London and has been turning out regularly for us. The good combination of the forward line has been due principally to the fine play of Holloway and Baldwin, who between them made the openings for many of our goals. On two occasions recently, Alexander, who is still at school, has turned out for us, and played very well in the half-back line; we hope to see more of him in the future.

Providing the present spirit and enthusiasm of the Club continues, I see no reason why we should not conclude a very successful season, and look forward to the future with high hopes.

G. Renvoize,  
 "Armadales,"  
 Chase Side, N.14.

### CRICKET NOTES.

Last Summer the Old Boys were unable to run a cricket team but several of the Old Boys played for local teams and gave good accounts of themselves. Wright, Troughton, Drew and Spring as well as several others, played throughout the Season, chiefly for Southgate C.C. and Birckbeck College. Troughton had some considerable success as a bowler and had a very good analysis at the end of the season. Wright, Drew and Spring distinguished themselves as batsmen and between them put up some very fine scores. Let's hope the time is not far distant when the Old Boys' Cricket Club will be once again running as successfully as it did before the war.

## SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD GIRLS' HOCKEY CLUB.

1940—1, the second season under war-time conditions, saw the Old Girls still turning out whenever possible, for a "refresher" on the hockey pitch. The number of members suffered a considerable drop, but with some new blood we were able to field one team, though sometimes incomplete. The matches played were also fewer in number, due to the disbanding of many clubs with whom we had fixtures, and to the usual British winter. Nevertheless, enthusiasm continued high, and we enjoyed many good games.

The honours of the season went to the defence, which put up many a splendid fight, in spite of the fact that we were without a goalie for most games. The brilliance of a few forwards could not alter the fact that our weakness was in attack.

With Arnos Park as our home ground, we played most of the surviving local teams, with varying fortune. The final results for the season were as follows:—

Played 13 games: Won 8, Lost 5.  
Goals: For—56; Against—49.

The Club's activities are continuing through the present season, though with ever increasing difficulty. We are losing members with alarming rapidity, and issue the usual appeal for new players. Whether you are free every Saturday or only on an occasional Saturday, we should be glad to add your name to our list. We have many valuable "part-time" members, who play whenever they can, and we would welcome more.

Finally—WE WANT MORE YOUNG PLAYERS. The continued existence of the Club will depend more and more, as time goes on, on the girls just leaving School. So please make a note to join us NOW, if you have left, or NEXT SEASON, if you are leaving this year.

We want to keep the Club alive, and we rely on your support.

MARION ROGERS,

36, Beechdale, N.21.

## AIR TRAINING CORPS.

This year has seen the inception of the Air Training Corps as one of the important activities of school life.

It was decided that we could more effectively fulfil the tasks assigned to us by the Air Ministry by forming a squadron jointly with Minchenden. Accordingly on March 10th the Southgate Secondary School A.T.C. was registered at the Air Ministry as Squadron No. 973 with an established strength of 103 cadets. The present strength is about 150 cadets.

The weeks that followed were filled with activity. We had no uniforms, no equipment, no funds, no officers and no syllabus, but we had unbounded enthusiasm and a grim determination that No. 973 Squadron was going to be a success.

A preliminary course was mapped out and training commenced. Mr. Chalmers and Mr. Poulton-Jones gave invaluable assistance with the drill and by Easter a ragged set of recruits was beginning to take shape as a smart squad.

By the end of March five officers were appointed to commissions in the R.A.F.V.R. and during the Easter holidays were attached to an R.A.F. Training Station in the West of England. This view of the R.A.F. at work proved invaluable. We found that the A.T.C. was expected to cover the training previously given in the Initial Training Wings, and we came away with a clear idea of our responsibilities.

With the summer term came the medical exams., and the vision and the colour tests, so that the cadets could be graded as either air crews or ground staff, and we then embarked on the full time-table of training.

All cadets received basic training in Drill, Physical Training, Maths., Morse, R.A.F. Law and Administration. The air crews also attend classes in either Navigation and Plane Recognition or in Wireless, whilst the ground staff have the choice of either Wireless or Aero Engines.

About forty under-age cadets formed a pre-entry class and received instruction in Drill, Aero-modelling, Principles of Flight, Engine theory, and in dismantling two cars and fitting their own workshop they obtained some idea of the practical side. A similar group will probably be formed this year at Easter.

At the end of May we were joined by two classes from 85th Southgate Squadron, who came to us for Air Crew Training and in turn some of our old boys are attending the ground-staff course with the 85th Squadron.

In July the Air Ministry decided that all deferred service recruits accepted by the R.A.F. as air crews should have preliminary training with A.T.C., and there are at present some 60 of these men with us.

A number of cadets have taken Proficiency Exams. set by the R.A.F. Central Examinations Board and the majority have passed.

We have received much equipment from the R.A.F. and we have improvised more ourselves, but we are still short of many of our requirements. We hope to set up a miniature rifle range at Minchenden shortly.

Difficulties of transporting equipment have forced us to hold all parades at Minchenden, but we have used the school for social functions.

Instructional parades are held for the School section of the Squadron on Tuesday and Thursday immediately after school, whilst the senior section meets in the evenings of the same days. The whole squadron meets on Sunday mornings.

Interesting as the training itself is, it is only one side of the squadron's activity. We have taken our place with the other Services in War Weapons Week, at the Southgate Services Display in Broomfield Park, and as Guard of Honour to the Mayor at the A.T.C. concert at the Odeon.

An A.T.C. dance to which the officers and cadets of the 85th Squadron were invited was held in the Minchenden School Hall and was a great success. A very enjoyable Social and Dance was held just before Christmas in our School Hall and the squadron's Anniversary Dance at Royalty Hall on February 6th.

During the summer holidays 93 cadets attended the A.T.C. camp attached to an R.A.F. Station—a report of this appears elsewhere.

On the athletic side the Squadron has acquitted itself well. Eight other squadrons were invited to an athletic contest at Minchenden during July, and No. 973 finished a comfortable first with 30 points, the combined Tottenham Squadrons being second with 18 points. At an athletics meeting of the North Middlesex Group of 16 squadrons held on Stationers' Ground we won the "Southgate Harriers Challenge Cup" with 42 points—beating Finchley 393 Squadron with Southgate 85 third with 39½ points. The presentation was made by W/Command. Carthew, A.T.C., Commandant for Eastern Command. Our thanks are due to the Southgate Harriers for their general assistance in athletics and particularly at our own athletic meeting.

An A.T.C. Swimming Class was held on Wednesday evening under Mr. W. Downing and our teams performed successfully at the North Middlesex Group Gala at Wood Green. The Junior team tied for first place with Wood Green 16 for the Berry Trophy and the Senior Team were third to Hornsey 268 and Tottenham 454 for the Mayor's Cup. The Squadron beat Hornsey 268 by 53 points to 47 in the aggregate.

Cricket had little opportunity to develop but we managed to beat 85th Squadron after an enjoyable game. The Football Team has acquitted itself well in the North Middlesex A.T.C. League and at present occupies the second position.

A number of our cadets have already entered the services and it is gratifying to hear from them when on leave that their training in the A.T.C. has been of real value. A number of cadets were interviewed by W/Cd. Richards and F/Lt. Ashton at a travelling selection board and several have commenced University Courses under the R.A.F. scheme.

In conclusion our sincere thanks are due to the very many who have given us a helping hand and in particular to the civilian instructors who have given so freely of their time and upon whose continued co-operation we rely for the future.

G. W. CORDREY, F/Lt.,

Officer Commanding.

### OFFICERS.

F/Lt. G. W. Cordrey, Officer Commanding.  
 F/O. L. Robinson, Adjutant.  
 F/O. E. J. Armstrong, Flight Commander.  
 F/O C. G. Hayter, Flight Commander.  
 F/O. R. E. T. Pratt, Equipment Officer.  
 P/O. R. G. Booth, Flight Commander.  
 P/O. W. C. Johnston, Flight Commander.  
 P/O. J. I. Stewart, Flight Commander.

**Warrant Officer.** H. L. Bonnet.

**F/Sgt.** Barnard.

**Sgt.** Brooks

**Corporals.** Bradbury, R. E. Brown, Eke, Feakes, Hone,  
 Rainbow, Rodwell.

**Proficient Cadets.** F/S. Barnard, W. T.; F/S. Park, V. W. R.;  
 Cpl. Bradbury, N. G.; Cpl. Brown, R. E.; Cpl. Eke, J. H.;  
 Cpl. Roland, L. D.; Brace, J. E. H.; Dix, R. K.; Fairbairn,  
 D. W.; Jones, K. S.; Johnson, K. W.; Kalman, S.; Kay,  
 D. E.; Newman, R. G.; Philliston, D. F.; Rayner, J. E.;  
 Ritchie, R. S.; Sims, K. G.; Smale, A. J.; Spring, M. A.;  
 Stokes, R. A.; Taylor, G. R.; Troughton, J

### A.T.C. CAMP, SUMMER, 1941.

A mighty adolescent cheer rent the air as the special train bearing 800 cadets drawn from various London A.T.C. squadrons moved slowly out of the station.

The R.A.F. had placed at our disposal that summer a camp site on one of England's biggest training and operational stations. Cadets were to be fed, entertained and generally shown the workings of the "Junior Service" by R.A.F. personnel, and as was to be expected the response was overwhelming.

The week I was at camp 973 Squadron sent about 30 cadets, members of either Southgate County or Minchenden Schools and the party was led by Flying Officer Robinson. We, that week,

were particularly elated since school had already re-commenced after the summer holidays and the prospect of a week's camp instead of a week's schooling in hot and stuffy classrooms was indeed a rosy one.

We travelled down in a hectic manner spending our time cheering every human being we saw from the carriage windows and sometimes even a solitary peaceful cow! In between we digested (or perhaps attempted to digest would be more correct) the contents of our lunch packages.

We arrived at our destination at about noon and having stowed our kit on the waiting lorries we set out to march the two miles to camp. I shall not forget the fiendish glee with which a few fortunate beings—the luggage orderlies—perched themselves precariously on the top of the kit and then were whirled away in a cloud of dust to the camp over the brow of the hill. And as the noise of the lorry engines died away the whole country-side began to resound to the singing and whistling of that thin blue line of marching youths.

Immediately upon our arrival at camp each of us was issued with plate, mug, knife, fork and spoon and then shown to his tent. We slept eight in a tent, and the occupants of my tent and the neighbouring one were naturally well behaved, owing to the close proximity of the officers' lines.

The camp itself was situated on a stretch of sloping ground now deprived of its fresh green grass by the feet of the countless cadets who had spent the previous seven weeks there. About one hundred and twenty bell tents and four or five big marquees where we tasted the delights of R.A.F. cooking, were ranged over the ground. Behind these was a large grass parade ground where we assembled to hear the detail of kit inspection and camp discipline, etc., before we marched away to our first dinner, comprising stew, rice pudding and tea.

Our first night in camp was indeed a hectic one, for as soon as darkness descended the "offensive" spirit preached so long to the A.T.C. became more than just an expression. Tents descended on owners' heads, knotted towels were ever in hand and many an innocent stroller was set upon in the belief that he intended interfering with the guy ropes. At 10 p.m., however, the camp bugler sounded "Lights Out" and as the last notes died away through the air, the camp settled down to the boredom of getting to sleep—not accomplished I may say till the small hours in our tent.

We were all up early the next morning, long before reveille was sounded, and all of us eagerly awaited breakfast which I may say we found quite ample. As soon as the meal had been cleared away the clarion notes of the "Fall In" sounded through the camp and hastily donning tunics (I may say that we ate most

barbarously in our shirt sleeves or even vests) and caps we dashed off to the parade ground where, having fallen in, we were marched off to the aerodrome buildings. Upon our arrival R.A.F. instructors took over and there proceeded a most interesting and enthralling tour of workshops, hangars and laboratories. We saw thousands of R.A.F. chaps and smart young W.A.A.F.s. busily at work in classroom and workshop. We saw intricate machine tools, engine parts, airscrews, airframes, bombs, wireless equipment, hydraulic gear and the thousand and one different things that make up an efficient Air Force. Most important of all we saw the aeroplanes themselves—latest types whose official figures had not then been released to the general public. In the laboratories we saw technicians and trainees at work on some Jerry stuff—it was good without a doubt, and in a few cases definitely superior. Their airframes and engines generally, however, were not so good for they bore the unmistakable earmark of mass production.

The evening saw us sauntering down to the village where we partook of an excellent meal of sausages and chips for 7d.. We all turned in early that night and slept soundly till reveille—all that is, with the exception of one poor fellow in our tent with whom sausages and chips for supper do not agree!

The next day we really got settled down to camp life. We mingled more with cadets from other squadrons and found them a truly cosmopolitan lot coming from Eton and Harrow and the East End of London. Social barriers were swept away however as Harrovian treated Hoxtonian to tea in the N.A.A.F.I. canteen. We got used to the open air life, to sleeping on a lumpy paliasse, and to washing up in water used by 150 other cadets. We no longer complained of feeling fed up, now it was "browned off" and most definitely "browned off" with beans for dinner. We got used to the constant droning of "Maggies" overhead (a "Maggie" is a type of trainer aircraft, for the benefit of the female and the un-enlightened) and we could now bear up without wilting to the biting sarcasm of the camp W.O.

Before the week was out we were again at the aerodrome, this time concentrated more on the planes themselves. We thoroughly explored a Wellington and watched the trainers taxiing in over the runways, quite a thrilling sight for us so accustomed to seeing planes at a distance of more than 10,000 feet. That evening we had a marvellous time at the camp concert, cadets and officers alike played their part in making the evening a real success and none of us I am sure will forget the charming Pat who sang so well and looked so well while so doing. The evening finished off with a rousing sing-song and so to bed in very high spirits.

By Friday morning it was a well known fact that Air -Commodore Chamier (Commandant of the Air Training Corps) was

coming to inspect us and to take the salute at a general march past of the camp. In blistering heat we stood at attention while Air Commodore Chamier, with the Camp Commandant, Squadron Leader Bernard Joy (known to many no doubt as Arsenal's tall fair-headed centre-half) walked slowly down the ranks. The inspection over we marched past the Commandant—a smart “eyes right”—and then off and into our shorts for a game of mass football—about 30 a side I should say.

That afternoon we went to the camp cinema and after a fine film we were told to assemble for a pay parade afterwards for a half crown of our messing money was to be refunded (general outburst of cheering); the announcement was also made that the whole camp was to be on late pass that evening (more cheers). As may be expected everyone took advantage of this and invaded all the places of entertainment in the two neighbouring towns of A— and T—. My friends and myself arrived back at camp rather late that night and as we came up the road we heard the din of 800 voices raised in unison—or something approaching it for the farewell camp sing-song had already begun. We soon joined these nocturnal choristers and spent three-quarters of an hour in the open singing our youthful heads off. The evening ended with “Auld Lang Syne” and then “The King,” as finely sung as I have heard anywhere. I am sure that as we lay awake that night in our tents talking, we all felt a genuine regret that we had to leave on the morrow.

The morning saw us in a rather subdued spirit packing our kit and bidding farewell to friends we had made that week. A few bright sparks livened things up a bit by ambushing the R.A.F. cooks and tossing them up in a blanket (this of course in no way reflected upon their ingenuity and skill as cooks) but this state of affairs soon ended owing to the intervention of the camp W.O. of scathing tongue and muscular forearm. Soon we were marching down to the station again still singing but somehow in a minor key that morning. The train was waiting, and in less than an hour we were back in London. Our week of camp was over and we were truly appalled at the thought of school the following Monday.

In conclusion I should like to say how much I enjoyed myself and how much we all appreciated the untiring work of the officers and N.C.Os., and the patience and understanding of the R.A.F. who received us and entertained us so royally.

W. MISELL. 6b (Sc.).

### SOUTHGATE SECONDARY SCHOOL YOUTH ASSOCIATION.

The above Association has been formed with the object of carrying on in wartime the activities of the Old Scholars' Associations of Minchenden and Southgate County Schools together with



the Cadets of 973 A.T.C. A programme is in hand for arranging Health and Beauty Classes, Tennis and Cricket Clubs, Social Evenings and Dances, etc. The Association is affiliated with the local Y.O.C.

Miss M. Caparn,  
2, Shrubbery Gardens, N.21

is the Southgate County representative of the S.S.S.Y.A. and intending members should get into touch with her.

### THE SOCIETY FOR THE DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

President: Mr. T. B. Everard, M.A.

This year has, I think, been one of the most successful in the history of the Society. During the Autumn Term the attendance has averaged about forty, attaining almost 150 at the two film shows given by the Ministry of Information.

Only four meetings were held during the Spring Term, and these consisted of the study of a book, "China struggles for Unity," a debate on "The Christian attitude towards War" and a talk by Mrs. Rattenbury on China.

During the Summer Term two debates were held, one on "The Future of Germany," and the other on "Is England a Democracy?" At our third meeting the M.O.I. supplied us with a speaker who gave a talk on the Middle East. At the end of term we said good-bye to five members of the Society who were leaving school. Amongst these was G. Carriett, our secretary, whose ability and ready wit will be greatly missed.

The Autumn Term was, perhaps, the most successful of the year. Seven meetings were held, at three of which the M.O.I. supplied speakers who gave talks on Russia, India and the Mediterranean. Two debates were held, one of which was, "That Mr. Churchill would make the best post-war Prime Minister," and the other, "That Britain is not pulling her full weight in the war effort." The two M.O.I. film shows were held at the beginning and end of term, a charge of 2d. being made to non-members on the last occasion. This yielded £1 3s. 4d.

During the year delegates from the Society have attended a "London greets Moscow" meeting and a Youth Rally, held at the Albert Hall. At the end of the Christmas holidays seven members attended a conference organized by the Council for Education in World Citizenship, held at Reading.

We are very grateful to our Chairman, Mrs. Pole, for the time and energy so generously expended on the Society. The Treasurer, Eileen Scott, would be very grateful if everyone in the Upper

School intending to join the Society would let her have their subscriptions of 2d. per term.

It is with great ambitions and aspirations that our members look forward to an even more successful year than 1941. Remember there is still room in the Society for YOU.

D. CREAMER, 6a Com.

### FIRST AID AND HOME NURSING.

Under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and with the help of a former scholar of the school, Christine Pirrie, a voluntary class for First Aid and Home Nursing was started among the senior girls in September, 1941. The preliminary course of First Aid was successfully completed by the 72 girls who took it, and the second term is being devoted to Home Nursing. This course was opened by an address from Miss Rootham, Matron of North Middlesex County Hospital, on nursing as a career, a most interesting talk, which convinced several girls that nursing was the career they wished to follow. A series of visits to the hospital on Miss Rootham's invitation on several succeeding Saturdays, were much appreciated by those who took advantage of this opportunity of seeing the conditions under which nurses live and receive their training.

It is hoped that in the near future a Pre-Nursing course can be held in the school for girls who have passed their General School certificate and who intend to make nursing their career. Such a course would be taken as one of the 6th Form Courses, and would include Biology and Chemistry as well as general subjects taken at school, and in addition lectures in Physiology and Anatomy given by the Sister Tutor at the Hospital. This course would enable girls to get Part I of the State Preliminary Examination for Nurses before entering Hospital, and is recommended to the consideration of all girls who feel drawn to taking up this useful profession.

### NETBALL.

Because of the war and bad weather very few outside matches were played in the season 1940-41. If the teams had had more opportunities probably they would have done well as they were very enthusiastic and the members combined well together.

The First Team was captained by Doreen Smith, with Vice-Captain Kathleen Wastell and consisted of Margaret McDavid, Doreen Smith, Eileen Wilding, Lauren Stacy, Edith Dunks, Barbara Bain and Gwen Chipperfield.

The Second Team was chosen from Peggy Kirby, Peggy Worton, Betty Thackeray, Noreen Lee, Joan Pearce, Jean Burn and Kathleen Wastell.

A match was played against Enfield County School and both teams lost.

The house matches were keenly contested, but owing to difficult conditions in the Autumn Term only one round was played.

Results	Blue v. White	4—30	
	Green v. Red	4—7	...
	Blue v. Red	4—27	
	Green v. White	14—14	
	White v. Red	11—19	
	Blue v. Green	4—24	

Final positions—Reds 6 pts.; Whites and Greens 3; Blues 0.

In Autumn Term 1941 conditions improved and more play was possible. Four teams were run, two Senior and two Junior.

Senior Captain was Kathleen Wastell and Vice-Captain was Lauren Stacy. The First Team consisted of Kathleen Wastell, Peggy Kirby, Katherine Harris, Edith Dunks, Nellie Slark, Joyce Brown and Barbara Bain.

The Second Team was drawn from Margaret Sandford, Joan Pearce, Betty Thackeray, Hazel Eade, Pat Pepper, Alma Baker, Kathleen Lee, Joy Turnpenny.

The following matches have been played.

Against Trinity School (at home):

1st Team Trinity	10.	School	28
2nd Team Trinity	14.	School	28

Against Enfield County School (away):

1st Team Enfield	28.	School	14
2nd Team Enfield	30.	School	7

Against Latymer School (at home):

	Latymer	11.	School	27
Under 15	Latymer	14.	School	16

Colours awarded to K. Wastell, P. Kirby, J. Brown, E. Dunks, L. Stacy.

The first round of House Matches gave the following results:

White 6 pts.; Red 4; Green 2; Blue 0.

### JUNIOR NETBALL.

Junior Netball suffered badly from conditions in the season 1940-41 and only two outside matches were played, both against Minchenden. The two Junior Teams played a clean vigorous game and gave a good account of themselves.

This season the teams are not quite so good, but are very enthusiastic and show promise. The teams have been taken from the following:—

1st team. Brenda Collier, Jean Chenery, Jean Margetts, Pat Kirby, Betty Niehorster, Marion Spooner, Mollie Berriman, Joan Ayling.

2nd team. Kathleen Ginn, Mary Rowe, Betty Frayne, Jean Grist, Pamela Ching, Marjorie Nettleton, Sylvia Morris, Sylvia Conway, Barbara Lancaster, Audrey Barden, Daphne Flowers.

The results are as follows:—

Against Minchenden (away).

1st Team. Minchenden 10. School 9.

2nd Team. Minchenden 28. School 8.

Against Enfield (away).

1st Team. Enfield 18. School 14.

2nd Team. Enfield 18. School 6.

Against Latymer (at home).

1st Team. Latymer 22. School 28.

### ROUNDERS 1941.

This summer for the first time, we have played rounders matches and have tested our teams against other schools. As this was only an experiment, few matches were arranged, but even so the school on the whole were quite successful. The Under 13 IX won all three matches. We hope to be able to continue these Junior teams next year.

**Under 14.** I. Harris (Capt.), P. Crown, R. Williams, J. Bullock, J. Culpeck, J. Troughton, J. Clifton, H. Logsdon, M. Moxham.

**Under 13.** From B. Niehorster (Capt.), A. Barden, P. Ching, J. Grist, B. Collier, J. Chenery, M. Fisk, M. Nettleton, P. French, P. Kirby.

### TENNIS, 1941.

We all enjoyed the summer games of 1941. Although the end of the term ended somewhat dismally in rain, the weather was on the whole, kind to us—and form games, house matches and school matches went with a swing.

The standard of play, especially in the lower forms, is improving and will continue to do so, the more girls realise the true value of practice in all strokes and the more they try to correct their faults under supervision. The Staff are always willing to help in this and have noticed that there is an increase in the number of girls who ask for coaching. One criticism that can be applied to girls of

all ages, including the School Teams, is that they must learn to be more active on the courts. They must, in fact, go to meet the ball instead of expecting and waiting for the ball to come to them!

The School teams did exceptionally well this summer, both the 1st and 2nd VI losing one match only. (Results of unofficial matches played during the holidays, were not, if rumour speaks the truth, quite so successful).

The climax of the season was reached when for the second year running, we beat Minchenden School in both matches, and thereby won the Fairfield Bowl.

The Senior and Junior Tournaments came to an end on an exceptionally hot day, with extremely close matches. Though they were all good, the Junior Singles deserves special praise. Play here was of a very high standard and both winner and runner-up came near to exhaustion before the result was decided.

House Matches were as keenly played as ever, but it would be as well to remember in future that the results might have been different had every member of the teams turned up on time—thereby avoiding the loss of valuable points.

We have to thank Jessie True for the part she played as the Tennis Captain. The school owes much to her unflinching energy and willing co-operation, which did much to bring about the success of the 1st and 2nd VI.

#### 1st VI.

- 1st Couple. J. True (Capt.), B. Ching.
- 2nd Couple. J. Thomas, S. Ballard.
- 3rd Couple. E. Dunks, N. Smith.

#### 2nd VI.

- 1st Couple. M. Culpeck (Capt.), P. Dyer.
- 2nd Couple. P. Kirby, G. Chipperfield.
- 3rd. Couple. From J. Hay, J. Munro or B. Bain.

#### Colours awarded.

B. Ching, J. Thomas, S. Ballard, E. Dunks, N. Smith, M. Culpeck.

**Results.** 1st VI. Played 6. Won 5 lost 1.  
2nd VI. Played 5. Won 4 lost 1.

**Senior Singles.** Winner: J. Thomas. Runner-up: J. True.

**Junior Singles.** Winner: N. Smith. Runner-up: P. Dyer.

**Senior Doubles.** Winners: E. Dunks and G. Chipperfield.  
Runners-up: P. Cohen and J. Hay.

**Junior Doubles.** Winners: P. Dyer and E. Hampshire.  
Runners-up: J. Turnpenny and V. Stoten.

#### House-Matches.

**Senior.** 1st Red; 2nd White; 3rd Green; 4th Blue.

**Junior.** 1st White; 2nd Blue; 3rd Green; 4th Red.

## HOCKEY.

September, 1940—April, 1941.

Hockey, during the season of 1940—1941, was unfortunately limited owing to exceedingly poor weather conditions. In addition to this, the evacuation of neighbouring schools made it difficult for matches to be arranged, and the few that were played were restricted to 1st XI only. This is to be regretted, as naturally the 2nd XI of one season supplies the majority of 1st XI players the following season, when with no 2nd XI experience the standard of play is bound to be considerably lower.

This can also be applied to House Matches and members of House Teams. One round only was played in House Matches but competition was as keen as ever and great enthusiasm was shown especially by the four House Hockey Captains who did very good work in coaching and in organising and umpiring the matches.

The 1st XI were unfortunate in having so few matches. Their opponents in the five games were, The Old Girls, Enfield County and Minchenden School. With more opportunities the results would no doubt have proved more successful.

Individually the 1st XI was promising, but more practice and experience was needed to mould it into a good strong team.

It was efficiently captained by Jessie True, whose excellent work and enthusiasm will be greatly missed in the hockey teams.

1st XI formed from the following:—

J. True (Capt.), J. Sanders, B. Ching, J. Thomas, J. Roberts, E. Hale, J. Munro, D. Gadan, V. Broadbent, E. Hampshire, K. Lavelle, P. Westwood, P. Dyer, M. Fussell.

Colours were awarded to:—J. True, B. Ching, E. Hale, J. Munro, K. Lavelle, J. Sanders.

**Results.** 1st XI. Played 5. Won 1, Lost 4.

### House Matches.

**Senior.** 1st Red; 2nd White; 3rd Green; 4th Blue.

**Junior.** 1st Red ; 2nd Green ; 3rd White ; 4th Blue.

Winner of Senior Hockey Cup:—Red.

## FOOTBALL.

The Season did not really start until the Spring term after the snow had disappeared and outside influences ceased to interrupt. The 1st eleven played nine matches, winning four and drawing one. The second eleven played six, winning two and drawing one. We could not arrange many Junior games except against Minchenden. Among these the under fourteen XI won two and drew one.

Special mention should be made of the two very enjoyable games played by the 1st XI against Minchenden, both of which

we won by narrow margins, 4—3 and 1—0. The second game especially was very even and was probably won because our XI adapted themselves a little better to rain, which started just after the match began and to the ground which as a result of the wet gradually deteriorated. Jones scored the winning goal and although all the team played above their average form, Goodhead, Alexander and Chivers were outstanding.

Throughout the season Chivers carried out his duties as Captain very well indeed, and the following were awarded their colours:—

E. Avery, R. Dumayne, L. Downing, P. French, R. Goodhead, O. Jones.

The Senior House Cup was awarded to the Green and Red Houses who finished level, and the Junior Cup to the White House.

#### Results.

Opponents.	1st XI.	2nd XI.
Old Boys	Drew 0—0	
Edmonton County	Lost 1—6	Won 6—4
Enfield Grammar	Lost 0—5	Drew 2—2
Mercers'	Lost 1—16	Lost 0—11
Glendale County	Won 6—0	
Trinity County		Won 4—2
Minchenden County	Won 4—3	Lost 3—4
Enfield Grammar	Lost 0—5	Lost 0—5
Minchenden County	Won 1—0	
Trinity County	Won 3—2	

The following played regularly for the XIs:

1st. N. Chivers (Capt.), R. Goodhead, R. Dumayne, J. Alexander, E. Avery, P. French, P. Downs, P. Wieland, L. Downing, J. Parsons, O. Jones.

2nd. T. Williams, D. Edmonds, C. Frohnsdorff, H. Feakes, A. Ryall, W. Misell, H. Burt, F. Saunders, R. Hiller, P. Gage, J. Parsons.

### CRICKET, 1941.

The demands of the A.T.C. interfered greatly with the cricket of 1941, both at net practice and in the Tuesday games. There were many unavoidable absences, and some who might have helped the teams found interests elsewhere. Two games were won, four lost, and three drawn. A particularly fine piece of work was the defeat of the Old Boys in a two-evening match, thanks chiefly to a beautiful innings by Alexander, five cheap wickets for Williams, some excellent catches and a fine all-round display of fielding, which turned the tide of the match after the Old Boys' splendid first wicket stand.

Wieland captained a team which generally included Chivers, Alexander, Goodhead, Williams, Avery, Frohnsdorff and Spicer.

The most successful batsmen were Avery (8.4), Goodhead (6.4) and Wieland (6); while the bulk of the wickets fell to Williams (20, average 5.6), Wieland (20, average 6.5), and Alexander (14, average 6.9). Goodhead did really excellent work as wicket keeper and vocalist. Colours were awarded to Wieland, Chivers, Alexander, Goodhead, Williams and Avery.

The Second XI, captained by French, won one game, lost three and drew three. Ritchie and Mitchell were the mainstays of the team, both as batsman and bowlers. Parsons, before his promotion to the First, did useful work with the bat, and Feakes with the ball. Knight, a junior who came late into the team, showed promise as a bowler.

The Junior XI, selected from the Forth and Third Forms, showed considerable promise. They won three games and lost one. Ryall gave good service in captaining them; Wren and Gudgin were his principal assistants in bowling, and French (3b) Dyer and Gudgin were the batsmen. The School looks to these keen youngsters to produce successful senior teams next year.

### ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Annual Athletic Sports took place on Friday the 18th July, on the school ground. War conditions and the weather curtailed the programme considerably, but on the whole the results were of a very satisfactory character. The competition for the Victor Ludorum Cup was a close affair. Saunders and Goodhead, champions in the Field and Short Track events respectively, were the outstanding contestants. Saunders eventually carried off the trophy. One of the best performances of the meeting was that of Dumayne who won all three medals, for the Javelin, the Shot and the Discus, and who holds the record for the Javelin (1940) and the Shot (1941). This is a praiseworthy record, as competition in these field sports entails long, arduous and careful training. The presentation of the prizes had to take place in the School Hall owing to the inclemency of the weather and the various trophies were graciously handed over to the successful competitors by Miss Jeans, to whom the school accorded its warm vote of thanks.

The following are the main results:—

The "Vivian" Challenge Cup (Boys) Championship.

1. Red 63 points.
2. Green 37 points.
3. White 13 points.
4. Blue 11 points.

The "A. T. Warren" Challenge Cup (Boys) for exemplary work in the School teams (Cricket and Football) awarded to N. Chivers.



The "A. T. Warren" Challenge Cup (Girls) Championship:

1. Red 117½.
2. Blue 109.
3. White 97.
4. Green 86½.

The "Finlayson" Challenge Cup—Senior Relay—Reds.

The "Stanley Wiggins" Challenge Cup—Tug-o'-War—Reds.

The "Mistresses" Challenge Cup—Senior (Girls) Relay—Whites.

The "Prefects" Challenge Cup—Junior (Girls) Relay—Blues.

The Victor Ludorum Cup—F. Saunders.

The "Junior" Cup—C. M. Bell.

Championship Medal—Javelin—R. J. Dumayne. Three years in succession (Record Holder).

Championship Medal—Shot—R. J. Dumayne 35 ft. 5½ ins. (Record).

Championship Medal—Discus—R. J. Dumayne.

Championship Cup (Girls' Championship)—Senior—B. Bain; Fourth Forms—N. Smith; Third Forms—B. Niehorster; Lower School—J. Chenery.

The "Bradshaw" Challenge Cup—High Jump (open)—F. Saunders.

The "Norman Leslie Day" Challenge Cup—100 yards (open)—R. Goodhead.

The "Old Boys" Challenge Cup—¼ mile (open)—F. Saunders.

The "Geere" Challenge Cup—½ mile (open)—F. Saunders.

The "Hurdles" Challenge Cup—R. Goodhead.

The "Bigg" Challenge Cup—Long Jump (open)—F. Saunders.

"Marjorie Kindon" Challenge Cup—100 yards (Girls—open) E. Hampshire.

The "Doris Long" Challenge Cup—High Jump (Girls—open) E. Dunks.

#### THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY, 1941.

The Dramatic Society has on the whole spent a profitable and enjoyable year. Because of war time restrictions we have been unable to do anything startling, but we have held our Meetings regularly every other Friday throughout the year, and for the most part our energies have been directed to play-reading. Some of us have felt, perhaps, that this was not so satisfying as a complete production would have been, but that nevertheless we have now a far more comprehensive view of British drama, and that this last year of dramatic work, apart from being entertaining, has been of considerable cultural value.

During the early part of the year we concentrated on the works of Bernard Shaw, and we read "St. Joan," followed by "Pygmalion," which we thoroughly enjoyed because the text was familiar to us. We finished the Easter term with the comedy "You never can tell."

In the summer term, we turned, by way of contrast, to Shakespeare, and the play selected was "Romeo and Juliet." It must be stated that this was the choice of the male members of the society! Perhaps the explanation lies in the fact that in the Art Room we had the perfect setting for the balcony scene!

At the end of the summer term we unfortunately lost some of our older and more experienced members, but during the autumn, the society has continued with unabated vigour, and new talent has been discovered among members from the lower forms. When we restarted our meetings early in September, we returned to modern drama, with Barrie's charming play, "Quality Street." The reading of the "Silver Box," by Galsworthy, formed a striking contrast to this, and brought us down to earth with a bang! We finished the term in the Eighteenth Century with the ever-popular "She Stoops to Conquer."

The society played its part in the Carol Service which was held just before Christmas, when some members performed a mime of the carol "We three kings of Orient are." This was effective in its simplicity, as also was the rendering of "Good King Wenceslas" (this last despite the fact that at the dress rehearsal the narrator would persist in saying "In his master's foots he trod"). This made a fitting close to the year's dramatic work.

Admittedly our readings were far from perfect, a fact which was well brought home to us when we went in July to see "Pygmalion" at the Intimate Theatre; on the whole, however, the standard of performance was high, particularly among members of the Sixth Form. Mention must be made of the outstanding ability shown by a few people, among them Barbara Ching, who read the part of "St. Joan" with insight and dramatic force, and Joan Pearce, whose performance as Eliza in "Pygmalion" and as Mr. Jones in "The Silver Box" will be long remembered. Honours must also go to F. Saunders who during his two years with us has so ably supported the Society. His performances as the Dauphin in "St. Joan," Professor Higgins in "Pygmalion," and also as Romeo, left us in no doubt as to his real dramatic gift.

Finally, the thanks of us all must go to Mrs. Pole, who has led us so helpfully and enthusiastically throughout the past year. She has devoted much time to the Dramatic Society, despite her many other duties, and has indeed been its mainstay. We start the new year with the hope that her efforts may be rewarded by larger attendances at the Society's meetings.

EILEEN SCOTT (6 Arts).

### SWIMMING (BOYS).

The organised swimming of both boys and girls, in common with other school activities, suffered a total eclipse during the later months of 1940, on account of enemy air activity over this country. Fortunately with the victorious ending of the Battle of Britain work recommenced on a bigger scale than ever before.

On the opening of the Education Committee's Schools' Bath at Arnos Grove, during the summer of 1939, full use was made of this new opportunity, and large numbers of boys either learned to swim, or improved their performance under the guidance of Mr. Fawcett and Mr. Pratt. Then came the war and our hopes of a good time to come were dashed by the closing of the bath for A.R.P purposes.

Nearly eighteen months passed with little or no organised swimming; then on one cold snowy day in January, 1941, a weekly swimming class was recommenced at the Arnos Baths under the charge of Mr. W. H. Downing, the newly appointed swimming instructor. Despite the Arctic conditions prevailing a good muster of both girls and boys commenced work in water well heated; and enjoyed hot Bovril before finding again the somewhat chilly conditions outside.

Since that occasion classes have been running on all Wednesdays at 4 p.m. during terms, and on the whole have been well attended. All swimmers should realise that it is only by regular tuition and practice that any great progress can be made or a good standard maintained. Under the expert tuition given by Mr. Downing many girls and boys have improved their style in a manner that has surprised not only interested onlookers, but the pupils themselves.

A full programme of races was carried through at the School Gala held at Barrowell Green Bath on July 22nd last, before the whole school. Owing to lack of sufficient seating accommodation, a general invitation to be present, to parents and friends, could not be issued.

The generally improved standard of swimming may be judged by the fact that one Senior and three Junior records were set up.

These were :—

Senior 100 yds. Free Style	Dumayne 1 min. 16 2/5 secs.
Junior 45 yds. Back Stroke	Read 41 3/5 secs.
2nd Forms 40 yds.	Daly 35 4/5 secs.
Plunge (Junior)	Griffiths 38 ft. 9 ins.

With facilities for swimming now continuous throughout the School year we can look forward to many new records being set up in future galas; and what is really far more important, we expect a general improvement both in the quantity and quality of swimmers.

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CONFERENCE AT READING.

It was an excited little party from Southgate County School that, from the windows of a 1st class carriage (Sh! Careless Talk may cost lives), waved farewell to Mrs. Pole as the 1.15 p.m. train steamed out of Paddington station on Thursday, January 8th. We were beginning our journey to Reading, where we were to attend a long week-end Conference, organised by the Council for Education in World Citizenship.

This Council, to which our own S.D.I.A. is affiliated, is in its turn affiliated to the League of Nations Union, and the Conference was designed to provide a substitute, in some measure at least, for the Junior Summer School which used to be held annually in the League Buildings at Geneva. As was pointed out by several speakers, we are unable in these days to study international affairs in an environment of Swiss lakes and mountains, but those who arranged the Conference were lucky enough to obtain the use of Leighton Park School—a boys' boarding school situated in beautiful and extensive grounds a mile or two outside Reading. The headmaster and several other members of the staff of the school took an active part in the Conference and made us very welcome.

The Conference was open to boys and girls in the Sixth forms of public and secondary schools throughout the country, and, as well as many from London and the Home Counties, there were representatives from such famous schools as Rugby and others from remote districts of Wales and the North of England. Owing to limited accommodation, only about 150 could attend the Conference and over 200 applicants had to be refused. Our own party included three of our visitors from other countries, so we were truly internationally minded from the start. As only one boy and one girl from this school could be accepted as resident members of the Conference, five of the girls found shelter at the Girls' Friendly Society in the town, which had kindly been found for them by one of our Old Scholars now pursuing his studies at Reading University. Thus with us it was a case of "We are Seven," and as representatives of this the Southgate County School we did our best to "justify the confidence reposed in us." Incidentally, we should like to offer our congratulations to the one supporter of the strong, silent sex, who had the none too enviable task of escorting six giggling girls from London to Reading and back, and survived the ordeal remarkably well.

The Conference itself was a great success in every respect. We had Friday and Saturday afternoons free to explore the town and surrounding country, and in the evenings we had informal discussions, singing, games, and various forms of entertainment, but we managed to do a good deal of serious work at times. Two or three lectures on subjects of international interest were given each

day and we had, in addition, several meetings of the Commissions, which were set up to consider in more detail certain questions, such as "The Atlantic Charter," "Social and Economic Reconstruction," "Education for Peace and Democracy," and "The possibilities of International Government." A wide range of subjects was covered by the lecturers who included many distinguished speakers—among them a Chinese Doctor, a Polish Count and an American Professor, as well as several well-known members of the Staff of the L.N.U. In addition to talks on India, Russia, and other individual countries, there were some on more general topics such as "The Citizen and Democracy."

The final sessions were held on the Sunday afternoon when the reports of the eight Commissions followed an inspiring talk by Dr. Gilbert Murray, O.M., who expressed his faith in the future of Mankind and the possibilities of Peace, and his firm conviction that it would not be so very long

"Till the War-drum throb'd no longer,  
And the battle flags were furled  
In the Parliament of Man,  
The Federation of the World."

The Conference broke up on the Monday morning when we returned home after a very enjoyable, and I think profitable weekend. Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Pole for her part in arranging our visit, and to Mr. Everard for kindly allowing a generous contribution to our expenses out of school funds.

DOREEN SEAR (6 Arts).

### MUSICAL COMPETITION, 1941.

The competition for the Ney Cup was held again this year at the end of the summer term and a satisfactory number of entries was received. Sixteen performers were eventually chosen to appear before the assembled school and a panel of judges consisting of four prefects and four members of the Staff. The resulting programme was in the nature of a "Mixed Grill" and succeeded in holding the interest of the large audience and of testing the critical faculties of the judges.

It cannot be too strongly emphasised that success depends largely on the selection of a suitable item for performance. It must first of all be worth while and of more than trivial interest. Secondly, it must be well within the technical ability of the performer.

The winner of the cup was Gordon Stubbs, who gave a good performance of Chaminade's "Automne." He is to be congratulated on holding the cup for the second year in succession. The runners-up were G. Carriett (Piano), who received a book prize, I. Collier (Cello), and Joan Pearce (recitation). It is hoped next

year to give separate book prizes for the best instrumental and elocution items, respectively.

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### Competition for the "Ney" Cup.

#### PROGRAMME.

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|-----------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1. PIANO SOLO   | "Demande et Réponse"<br>JEAN BULLOCK              | <i>Coleridge Taylor</i> |
| 2. SONG         | ... "Waltzing in the Clouds"<br>IRIS PAYNE        | —                       |
| 3. VIOLIN SOLO  | "Waltz in A"<br>JACQUELINE TUGWELL                | <i>Brahms</i>           |
| 4. RECITATION   | "Watching a Dinner Party"<br>RITA HATTON          | <i>Anon.</i>            |
| 5. PIANO SOLO   | "Waltz in C sharp minor"<br>MAUREEN CAPLIN        | <i>Chopin</i>           |
| 6. SONG         | ... "Who is Sylvia?"<br>BRENDA TOMLIN             | <i>Schubert</i>         |
| 7. VIOLIN SOLO  | "Feu Follet (Will o' the Wisp)"<br>BRENDA COLLIER | <i>Wessely</i>          |
| 8.              | "A Visit to a Film Studio"<br>SYLVIA STOKES       | —                       |
| 9. PIANO SOLO   | "Sanctuary of the Heart"<br>O. WALL               | <i>Kettleby</i>         |
| 10. SONG        | ... "Wiegenlied (Lullaby)"<br>YVONNE BOUTY        | <i>Brahms</i>           |
| 11. VIOLIN SOLO | "Hungarian Dance in D"<br>JESSIE TRUE             | <i>Brahms</i>           |
| 12. RECITATION  | "Ode to a Nightingale"<br>JOAN PEARCE             | <i>Keats</i>            |
| 13. PIANO SOLO  | "Valse Brillante"<br>G. CARRIETT                  | <i>Ambroise</i>         |
| 14. 'CELLO SOLO | "Harliquinade"<br>I. COLLIER                      | <i>Squire</i>           |
| 15. RECITATION  | "Song of England"<br>BARBARA CHING                | <i>Alfred Noyes</i>     |
| 16. PIANO SOLO  | ... "Automne"<br>G. STUBBS                        | <i>Chaminade</i>        |
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#### NATIONAL SAVINGS.

The year 1941-1942 was conspicuous in the history of our savings group. During the twelve months Jan.-Dec., 1941, the magnificent sum of £2,185 16s. 6d. was collected from scholars, Staff and parents.

This total includes the splendid effort made during War Weapons' Week, of which the following are interesting details.

	£	s.	d.
Sale of 1,867 certificates ... ..	1,400	5	0
Sale of stamps ... ..	31	19	6
Proceeds from raffles and entertainment	28	10	0
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	£1,460	14	6

This sum far surpassed our original target of £100.

During this week 100 new members joined the group, and we now have a membership of 300 regular contributors.

However, in view of the urgent need, the number of members should be greater still. There are still 300 scholars who do not yet belong to our group.

We are looking forward to a further increase in savings and membership during Warship Week which is being held in March, when we hope to break last year's splendid record.

Save for Victory.

M.S.C.

### THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

While the number of pupils in the school has never been larger, it must be confessed that the number of members of the school orchestra has never been smaller. In recent years, the number of recruits from among new entrants to the school has been very small, and this year, there were none at all. We hope that this state of things is but a temporary reflection of war-time difficulties in the outside world, and it is because of this hope that we endeavour to carry on with the few enthusiasts who turn up to the weekly rehearsals.

The orchestra has for twenty years played an active part in the life of the school and over a hundred old scholars below the age of thirty-five can look back with pleasure on many hours profitably spent in the school hall on Friday afternoons. Many of these were helped to start by being able to borrow instruments belonging to the school. We have, for instance, a number of violins, a viola, a 'cello, a double bass, a flute, a clarinet and a trumpet—any of which can be borrowed by any pupils whose parents undertake to see that a suitable amount of instruction is obtained. The instrument so borrowed may be kept by the pupil as long as he remains in the school. In most cases, by the time a pupil leaves school he has become sufficiently keen, and has made such progress, that he naturally wants an instrument of his own.

It is hoped that when these notes are read we shall get enquiries from parents who wish their children to benefit by this scheme. One is hardly ever too old to take up an instrument, but

the earlier a start is made the better. The great need is for a good batch of second formers to make a start now, so that in a year's time we shall have a good foundation to build on.

Training in music should not be considered as a mere educational "Extra," a luxury frill to be cut out in times of stress. Music satisfies a definite psychological need in the individual, and therefore musical appreciation is important. This implies passive listening. More important still is musical expression which implies taking part in actual performance. Parents therefore should think well before denying to their children that which helps them to realise themselves as complete individuals. Without such musical training, their mental and spiritual development is as surely stunted as physical development is arrested through lack of the right kind of food and bodily exercise.

The following have played in the orchestra during the past year :—

Violins : Jessie True, D. Fairbairn, Yvonne Bóuty, Patricia Titleboam, Pamela Ching, Brenda Collier, D. Scott.

'Cello : I. Collier.

Flute : B. Howe.

Clarionet : L. Jackson.

Piano : G. Carriett and G. Stubbs.

### ENFIELD FESTIVAL, 1941.

Last year's Festival lacked some of the features of the traditional peace time edition, but in spite of war time difficulties it brought together some hundreds of children to enjoy the pleasures of poetry-speaking, singing and dancing, and proved a cultural oasis in the desert.

Southgate was well represented by three teams and several individual performers. The conditions of entry were that all teams must be prepared to sing as well as speak poetry ; so, nothing daunted, our teams took up the challenge and did their best to learn the songs. The Senior Group took special pains to equip themselves for the songs, which included " Where'er you Walk," " On Wings of Song," " Jerusalem," and others under the able guidance of Mrs. Millar, who kindly came and taught them the songs.

The poems selected by them were some stanzas from Milton's " Ode on the morning of Christ's Nativity." and Sorty's " Song of the Ungirt Runners." They did well in both. The Fourth Form Choir had a difficult passage from Christina Rosetti's " Goblin Market " and the old favourite Masefield's " Cargoes." The Second Forms enjoyed doing " Beautiful Soup " (Lewis Carroll), " Written in March " (Wordsworth), and the traditional " May Song." All the choirs did creditably in verse speaking. The singing suffered from lack of preparation in the two junior choirs. All



together there were thirteen individual entries, mostly in verse speaking. Of these, the best performances were given by Joan Pearce, who said some of Keats' "Ode to a Nightingale," Barbara Ching with her passage from "Paradise Lost," and Saunders in the dagger speech from "Macbeth." Unfortunately the dramatic section has been cut out of the Festival, which, for us, removes some of the interest, but even in its emasculated form the Festival is very much worth while, and has forced us to pay some attention to our singing. We are now eagerly looking forward to the 1942 Festival.

### SWIMMING, 1941 (GIRLS).

It is with regret that we must own that the swimming season of 1941 was unsuccessful as far as progress was concerned.

We enjoyed our Swimming—or a better word for some, "bathing" at Barrowell Green Baths, but in the matter of learning new strokes and diving, and improving our style, very little was accomplished. Much of this was definitely due to the immense crowds which foregathered at Barrowell Green Baths after school, and which made any form of swimming difficult. But it is equally true to say that girls who began with such good intentions, were easily discouraged and that the numbers of beginners and others decreased as the term lengthened.

The School Gala was quite successful though the numbers of entrants was distinctly poor. A false opinion of the standard required in the Gala may be the reason. It is not necessary to achieve wonders in the water. The ability to swim a length in reasonable time is the only test demanded. We hope to have greater keenness and more competition between the Houses next summer.

We are most grateful to Mr. Downing who attended the Gala and was good enough to judge the style event, the first of its kind held in the School Gala.

One or two girls did very good individual work, and must be mentioned: Jessie True who helped Mrs. Pole and Miss Sperrin to coach the Younger folk, Pauline Dyer, the Senior Champion and winner of the Victrix Natationis Cup, and Jean Culpeck, the Junior Champion and winner of the Junior Medal.

The school would like to pay a tribute to Mr. Downing's enthusiastic and skilful tuition at Arnos Grove, where he taught the classes from School, Advanced and Junior. The members of the first improved considerably both in style and speed, and gave a creditable performance in a demonstration provided for local school staff. The latter class has remained in existence, though somewhat weakly, throughout the autumn and winter. We need a much larger membership for this class, so come along, School. Learn to swim and swim well!



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