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IN MEMORIAM.

Since our last publication we mourn the deaths of three members of the existing school, and four Old Scholars. We should like to express to the parents and relations our deep sympathy in their irreparable loss.

Norton Stearn (1935-40), passed away after an internal operation at the Royal Northern Hospital on the 17th March, 1940. In Stearn the School lost a quiet, reserved boy, whose outstanding characteristic was helpfulness. The school was represented at the funeral service by his Form Master and some members of his Form.

Brian Ernest Lambourne, died 17th October, 1940, killed in a cycle accident whilst returning home from school. Lambourne, an only child, was a bright intelligent pupil who had been with us only two months. The progress he had already made augured well for a successful school career.

Margaret Gow, killed by enemy action Friday, November 15th 1940. Margaret was transferred to us from St. Helens, (Lancs.) in August 1940 and owing to her bright, vivacious manner quickly became a great favourite. The tragedy of her death was a great shock to the school.

Leading Aircraftsman Reginald Olley (September 1928-December 1933) killed on active service June 1940. Olley joined the R.A.F. before the war and saw service in the near East, and lost his life whilst fighting in the early days of the Italian campaign. We remember him as a good sportsman and an enthusiastic member of the school operatic society.

Pilot Officer Donald McIntosh Gray (1930-35) killed in action during the summer of 1940. It was Gray's ambition to become an air pilot and to serve his country; in both respects his ambition was nobly achieved. On leaving school he was apprenticed for 6 years to a famous firm of aircraft manufacturers. At the beginning of the War he joined the R.A.F.V.R., quickly rising to become a Sergeant Pilot and later a Pilot Officer. Early in the defence of London he was seriously wounded and upon returning to his squadron after convalescence he lost his life whilst flying his Spitfire over London. Gray is well remembered at school as one of the best and keenest swimmers we have ever had.

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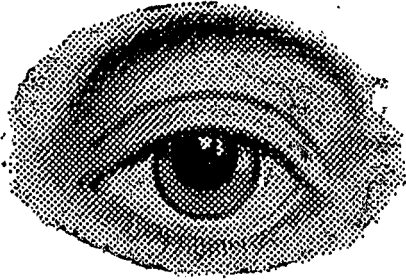
To those at school who knew Gray's sturdy, quiet resolution, it came as no surprise that he carried out his duties so nobly and sacrificed his life in the defence of his country.

Eileen Flowers (1930-32) lost her life by enemy action on 8th October, 1940. At the same time Eileen's mother also lost her life. Mrs. Flowers was a keen supporter of the Parents and Staff Association activities. It is impossible to praise at all adequately such a character as Eileen's. She was early imbued with the spirit of the Psalmist's injunction "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might" and consequently whatever she put her hand to was done to the utmost of her ability—which ability was of the first order. Whether as student, as prefect, as a principal of the Operatic Society, as captain of the tennis or hockey teams it mattered not, all were done in an exemplary manner. She was the living embodiment of joie-de-vivre and her death, under such tragic circumstances, was a great grief to us all. A just and beautiful tribute was contributed to the local press.

Joan Appleby (1929-36). It is with deep regret that we record the recent death, after a prolonged illness, of Joan Appleby. She had a very successful school career, gaining her Intermediate Arts Certificate in 1936. She was a senior prefect and left school to continue her education at Whitelands Training College. Joan had a distinct gift for teaching and she would have been an asset on the staff of any school. We express our deep sympathy with her father who has suffered a double bereavement during the past three months through the loss of his wife and now his daughter.

EDITORIAL.

The year that has passed since our last issue has brought many disappointments and at times some little excitement, but we feel that there are also many features of school life which we can recall with a sense of satisfaction and thanksgiving. Many school activities have of course been suspended and others drastically curtailed, mainly owing to the black-out and the air-raids which have at times wrought such havoc with the time-table. Possibly the various sports have suffered most although we were able to hold the Athletic Sports in the summer much as usual, and the work of such societies as the Operatic and Dramatic Societies has either been suspended for the time being or severely limited. Nevertheless in the main the work of the school has gone on and is going on. Happily the University Examinations in the summer were held without interruption and the list of examination successes does not differ very greatly from that of the normal year in spite of the drastic interruption of work at the outbreak of the war and the many inconveniences since suffered.



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Among the new activities we must not overlook the work put in by the gallant squad of boys who under the inspiration and guidance of Mr. Armstrong have begun to dig for victory on a plot of land in Grovelands Park. It is too early yet to tell of results, but perhaps in the summer term there will be a quota of carrots and onions to add to the daily ration of school milk. Who knows.

Our numbers have fluctuated in a quite unprecedented manner during the last twelve months. At one time there were very nearly 900 boys and girls in attendance, while recently the number has fallen below 500. In February last we lost the great majority of our visitors from other schools who had been temporarily attached to us; we retain very pleasant memories of their sojourn among us and are glad to hear that most of them are now pleasantly settled down once more in their own buildings.

During the year four masters have left us to serve in H.M. Forces. First Mr. Giles, who had been seconded to us from Hornsey County School, took up a commission in the R.A.F. Then in the Autumn first Mr. Rolfe and later Mr. Toplis and Mr. Fawcett joined the Army. We are glad to know that they are all fit and well. Good luck and best wishes. In place of Mr. Giles we were pleased to welcome Miss N. Righton, B.A., while Mr. H. Albert, Ph.D., is now teaching German and Miss M. L. E. Seward, a former member of the School, presides in the Art Room. To these new members of the Staff we offer our good wishes and trust that they will be very happy in our midst.

This term we are sorry to lose Miss E. M. Druce, who has been with us for the past two and a half years. Miss Druce is leaving us to go to Donington Grammar School, near Spalding, Lincs., and we should like to express to her the good wishes of everyone at Southgate for success and happiness in her new surroundings.

At the end of the Easter term we were very sorry to say good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Tilbury on their retirement. The Headmaster expressed our gratitude and appreciation of the faithful service that Mr. and Mrs. Tilbury had given to the school over a period of 24 years. Mr. Everard said that while a Headmaster might or might not be necessary for the smooth running of a school, there could be no question of the indispensability of the caretakers, particularly in a school such as ours, where the buildings were in constant use day and night, and in particular complimented Mrs. Tilbury on the quality no less than the quantity of the helpings which she had served to so many generations of diners in the Domestic Science Room. Mr. Everard then expressed our wish that Mr. and Mrs. Tilbury might enjoy warm, mellow, autumnal days of retirement, and asked them to accept as a token of our regard a cheque which had been subscribed by members of the Old Scholars' Association, Parents and Staff Association and past and present members of the Staff and School.

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At the beginning of the Summer term we were glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Stonehewer as successors to Mr. and Mrs. Tilbury. We already look upon Mr. and Mrs. Stonehewer (and their dog) as tried and trusted friends, and hope that their days amongst us will be many and happy.

The School has been doing its bit to help forward the Southgate Spitfire Fund. J. C. Alexander (6 Sci.) has set a hot pace by collecting from his family the sum of £5 10s. od., while Enid Harvey (2B) has had a collecting box at home and has collected 5s., chiefly in farthings. We hope that this news will inspire others to do likewise. The total collected by the School so far amounts to £35.

So far the school buildings have suffered scarcely at all from the attentions of the enemy. A certain number of tiles show the effects of shell splinters but our windows and walls are still intact. Our footballers, however, would like to intimate to Field Marshal Hermann that we now have sufficient craters in the football pitch, but there is still a certain amount of room available on the adjoining hockey pitch. It is, however, strictly against school rules to unload bombs on the cricket table.

We should like to thank all who have submitted matter and articles for inclusion in this issue of the magazine. Considerations of space have made it impossible to print quite a number of contributions, but we are nevertheless grateful to their authors and urge them to try again another time. We are also deeply indebted to all who have again in these difficult times favoured us with advertisements and would urge all our readers to support our advertisers in a practical way.

SOUTHGATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS' A.T.C. SQUADRON No. 973.

The Air Ministry has sanctioned the formation of a squadron of the A.T.C. formed from present and past scholars of the two secondary schools in the Borough of Southgate viz., Minchenden and Southgate County.

Boys (at school) over 16 years or boys who will be 16 by the 31st July 1941, and old scholars up to the age of 18½, are all eligible to enrol as cadets. Those who are thinking of applying for commissions in the R.A.F. when their time comes to register, will find the pre-entry training of the A.T.C. both invaluable and indispensable.

If any Old Boys know any contemporaries who may have been inadvertently overlooked, will they kindly bring this to their notice?

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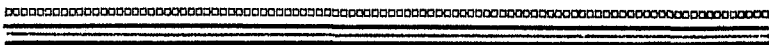
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SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS.

We offer our congratulations to the new Mayor and Mayoress of Southgate, Councillor Frank E. Cooper and his wife. Mr. Cooper was at one time a member of the Education Committee. In spite of war conditions we hope they will have a happy term of office.

We congratulate also County Councillor Mrs. M. M. Fairfield on again being Chairman of the Southgate Higher Education Committee. Mrs. Fairfield is an old and valued friend of the school. Owing to the necessary curtailment of so many out-of-school activities we shall not have the pleasure of seeing her so often on the Hall Platform.

We express our deep sympathy with the wife of Alderman Tom Hopper who was Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee, in his sudden death as the result of an accident. Mr. Hopper had two sons at the school. We also express deep sympathy with Mrs. Joy in her great loss. Alderman Joy's two daughters were pupils here.

We have the death of yet another friend of the school to deplore—Mrs. Louie Simpson J.P.—who recently passed away. Mrs. Simpson was for years a member of the Southgate Higher Education Committee and on many occasions she has graced the school functions with her presence. We remember with gratitude her gift of a silver cup to the school and we shall also remember her as a very pleasant and cheerful lady who was always interested in the welfare of Southgate Schools. We express our sympathy to her husband—Dr. Robert and her son, Dr. Gordon Simpson.

Since the last issue of the magazine we have had visits from several previous members of the staff—Miss Barham, Miss House, Miss Martin. We are always very glad to welcome them and to get news of them. We thank Miss Barham for her gift of books to the school.

We were very pleased also to hear from Miss Philipson, who though not near enough to visit us sent us good wishes for Christmas. She is enjoying the peace of Cumberland at her home in Keswick, though still doing useful work with evacuees. She writes that she is constantly coming in contact with old Southgate County scholars.

Mr. and Mrs. Fielder, of St. George's Road, are also other benefactors to the school and we thank them for their gift of a complete set of Scott's Novels and also the complete edition of Lord Lytton's works.

In another part of the Magazine will be found a list of births and marriages amongst Old Scholars. So far as the Staff is concerned we should like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Smith on the birth of a son, and Mr. and Mrs. Pratt on the birth of a daughter.

We express our deep sympathy with an Old Girl, Joan Spring, (now Mrs. Pocock) in the tragic loss of her husband in December.

He was attached to the Fleet Air Arm and died somewhere in Scotland.

In the summer term of last year we said good-bye to Albert Tolley, the Assistant Caretaker, who left to join the Army. He has been twice back to the school since he joined up and when last we saw him he was looking very fit.

We are glad to hear news of Mr. and Mrs. Tilbury (the previous Caretaker and his wife) that they are enjoying their retirement in Norfolk. We learn that Mr. Tilbury is now able to indulge in his favourite hobby—gardening.

We express our sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Cushen, whose two sons came to this school, in the bombing of their home in Palmers Green. They were forced to evacuate but we understand they are hoping shortly to return to this district.

Many old scholars will be glad to hear that our late Headmaster, Mr. A. T. Warren, is now much better in health than he has been for some time, and is now living at Chilworth, Surrey. We should like to express to Mr. Warren the kind regards and good wishes of many generations of old scholars.

We extend hearty congratulations and good wishes to the Rev. T. G. Leech, a Southgate Old Boy (1917-1921), who, after serving as curate at St. Saviour's, Alexandra Park, for five years has recently been appointed Vicar of Great Amwell, Herts.

Doris Eastwood, who left school a year ago last July, is resigning from the staff of the County Library to take up Nursing. We wish her success in the profession into which she is entering and feel sure that she will do as well as other Old Girls who have felt this urge. Doris has on many occasions been a very welcome visitor to the school in her free time and we acknowledge gratefully the help that she has so willingly given with the clerical work.

What is the meaning of the persistent rumour regarding an engagement in which no less than two members of the Staff are alleged to be implicated? The Censor will not allow us to print names, but we hear that Cupid has been seen making a rapid getaway through an open window of the school gymnasium with a glad smile on his face and two shafts missing from his quiver.

SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION.

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As we look back on the events of the past year with regard to their effect on our Association, it is a tribute to all members to

be able to say that the results achieved were not unsatisfactory. Of course the increasing calls of National Service, the limitations of Brackendale, and the severe winter experienced were deterrents strong enough, but we have more than survived.

There are few Associations with the exception of our friendly rivals, the Old Minchendenians, who have been so adversely affected by the war. Over 150 of our members are at present serving with H.M. Forces and a great many others have been evacuated. But, nevertheless, all these friends keep in touch with the School Circle as a link between peace and wartime activities. Another thing over which we may congratulate ourselves is the fact that despite these great losses in the throngs of active members, both the Hockey and Soccer Clubs fielded two sides last winter (reports elsewhere in this issue). We might mention that even bombs on the pitch do not deter George Renvoize and his enthusiasts—well done. Although last winter's weather was one of the worst experienced by the Clubs, thanks to Mrs. Marion Rogers and George Renvoize the flag was kept flying and to these two ardent workers we all express our appreciation.

Thanks to the work of our energetic Chairman, Mr. Everard, and of Mr. Greenwood, senior, the Association has come to a satisfactory agreement with the Council concerning Brackendale Sports ground. The lease will terminate from March 31st next and owing to the state of this ground in the circumstances it will be agreed this decision is a very wise one. However it is to be deplored that Brackendale should be vacated after only five years, but we hope the future holds in store for us visions of another ground, more suitable to our peculiar requirements. We should like to assure the many subscribers to the Equipment Fund that we had no other alternative but to dispose of the Ground, and we feel sure they will appreciate the position.

Here we would like to express our appreciation to the Governors of the Stationers School for the continued use of their sports ground and pavilion. The past season's cricket at Winchmore Hill was the most enjoyable yet experienced and though many familiar faces were missing, the influx of new members, both keen and capable, materially aided its success. Paddy Jones and Cliff Dean are to be congratulated on this effort.

Our Reunion and Summer dances were excellently supported and by the high spirits shown, it was evident all enjoyed themselves. All those who assisted in their organisation and the catering arrangements are warmly congratulated. It is hoped that despite the many disadvantages, it may be possible to arrange for several Thé-dansants in order to reunite our members. At this juncture we must thank the School Staff for their continued efforts on our behalf to rally new members—this is indeed a very tangible

help. The Treasurer also expresses his appreciation of the magnificent way in which the Old Scholars replied to the subscription appeal; nearly £20 was raised.

To those in the Forces and other branches of National Service, we send our best wishes and felicitations for the New Year. We are proud of you all and realise the great sacrifices you are being called upon to make on our behalf. May the New Year bring us nearer to the peace we desire and deserve. We are always pleased to receive news of you, even if only on a postcard, so don't forget.

Now a word to the younger members, it is to you we are looking for support. It is your duty to take up the reins of the Association in your enthusiastic and capable hands—mind you it is no easy task. But we all prefer tasks spiced with difficulties—at the end our satisfaction is greatly enhanced by these same difficulties. So it is to you we hand the torch, GO TO IT, AND STICK TO IT, and continue that support you have so generously given in the past.

P. O'CONNOR,

Secretary and Treasurer (Sept. 1939-Aug. 1940).
(Now serving with H.M. Forces).

OLD PUPILS' SUCCESSES.

- R. Bradford: University of London Intermediate B.Sc., (Engineering).
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- G. Court: University of London B.Sc. Engineering (Part 1).
- D. L. Dyer: Final Examination of the R.I.B.A.
- Grace Hatcher: University of London B.A. (Second Class Honours) Geography.
- Audrey Reed: Advanced Examination R.S.A. Typewriting (Silver Medal).
- J. Smethers: 4th place in Chartered Accountants' Intermediate Examination.
- R. Kelly: Pre-Medical Examination, Conjoint Board.
- Joyce Newman: University of London B.Sc. (Second Class Honours) Household Science.
- K. C. A. Pharoh: First Prize (Silver Medal) Auto Telephony (City and Guilds).
- J. Hartsilver: University of London M.D.
- G. Watkinson: University of London Second M.B.
- E. N. Watson: University of London First M.B.

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F. W. Bradshaw	R. Hayes	G. H. Parkinson
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J. Brunton	S. H. Holloway	P. C. Pennington
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F. J. Bustard	C. Howe	N. Pollitt
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D. Damant	B. L. Lewis	F. Smallman
R. Dell	G. Ling	L. F. Soulsby
B. J. Denny	J. C. Lockwood	B. Spalding
L. Dix	K. G. Lovell	D. Spooner
K. Drinkwater	N. Lowen	K. S. Spooner

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

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

K. Allen	S. Davis	F. Luscombe
N. Atkinson	F. M. Elkington	L. E. Paget
E. R. Bishop	D. Ferguson	D. Partridge
E. Bowling	N. E. Forster	K. C. Pharaoh
M. Brisbane	D. H. Griffiths	C. Richardson
S. W. Butler	D. J. Harrild	E. Ryan
G. Charrot	D. K. Hedger	M. Saxton
J. Charrot	J. H. Hobbs	A. R. Southey
C. Clark	J. Holmes	R. F. Spears
D. Coombes	E. C. Hutchinson	R. T. Smith
K. Creamer	R. G. Jones	H. B. Stephens
K. Cushen	P. Lattimer	A. Styles
G. S. Davis	J. D. Loach	E. Williams

The following Old Girls are known to be serving in the various Forces.

W.R.N.S., Lorna Ray	W.A.A.F., Peggy Hack
A.T.S., Mary Peacock	W.A.A.F., Mary True

The Editor feels that the above list is very far from being a complete record and will be grateful to any reader who can supply additional names for inclusion.

We should like to offer congratulations on behalf of the school to the following Old Boys who have been appointed to commissioned rank since our last issue:

J. Aylard, R. Gellatly, R. L. Jones, B. D. Stutter (R.N.)

J. D. Janes, H. A. Nisbett, G. Parkinson, B. L. Richards, F. Smallman (The Army).

Our heartiest congratulations to Signalman D. A. Elvidge, R.N.V.R., who was mentioned in despatches for "Unfailing courage, endurance, resource, and devotion to duty in H.M. trawlers and drifters in their hard and perilous tasks of sweeping the seas clear of mines, combating submarines and keeping a look-out for the Enemy."

Our heartiest congratulations also to Sgt. M. Brisbane (R.A.F.), who, we hear, has been awarded the D.F.M. Brisbane

will be remembered especially by cricketers as a fine fast bowler and opening bat. He joined the R.A.F. some years ago and was at Singapore, we believe, at the same time as Squadron Leader H. J. Hobbs. So far we have not heard any details of the feat which gained him his distinction.

Many old boys have already seen service abroad, in Norway, France, the Middle East, and on ocean patrols, and quite a number have called at the school when on leave. We are always very pleased to receive such a visit and sometimes are able to give news of school friends who are also serving.

As far as is known all old boys whose names are in the above list are fit and well with the exception of A. Dyer (Fleet Air Arm) and J. L. Sweeney and A. Webb (The Army), who we regret to say have all been posted as missing. Sweeney went to France with the B.E.F. and we believe that he is now safe and well though a prisoner of war. We should like to express to the parents of Dyer and Webb our deep sympathy in this time of grave anxiety.

MARRIAGES OF OLD SCHOLARS.

J. Spears and Vera Parr.
 B. Penny and Olive Stone.
 G. W. Ling and Miss O. W. Ruddock.
 E. H. Fermor and Miss E. B. Baldwin.
 N. T. Atkinson and Miss G. E. Saunders.
 W. R. Amys and Miss M. B. Cleaver.
 K. Cushen and Miss J. E. Cole.
 R. L. Holloway and Miss P. E. Wright.
 F. Smallman and Miss E. J. Ring.
 Nellie Graham and Mr. L. S. F. Hill.
 Olive Westwood and Mr. E. A. Eldred.
 Doris Darter and Mr. F. W. Giles.
 Dorothy Thorn and Mr. J. H. Holmes.
 Joan Penny and Mr. J. F. Butters.
 Joan Carlton and Mr. R. S. Winter.
 Winnie Moore and Mr. A. L. Hinds.
 Eveline Golay and Mr. F. G. Watts.
 Iris Farthing and Mr. R. L. Harman.
 Joan Woolaston and Rev. M. E. Dahl.
 Joan Pinching and Mr. W. S. Brailey.
 Daphne Ray and Mr. E. H. Jennings.
 Lilian Parsons and Mr. B. M. Benson.
 Violet Stockton and Mr. B. C. Driffill.
 Margaret Fielder and Mr. J. Roberts.
 Hilda Bradley and Rev. F. A. Fuggle.

BIRTHS.

- To Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Porter, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Mayes, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Spooner (Audrey Marchant), a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vivash, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. C. Hatt, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Denbigh (Sylvia Tebbitt), a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bartlett (Bessie Atkinson), a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. C. Clarke (Mary Scarr), a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ingle (Kathleen Franks), a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Torkington (Doreen Ferry), a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. T. de R. Waters (Mary Mayne), a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. F. Blewett (Phyllis Cocks), a daughter.

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SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD BOYS' SPORTING REVIEW.

We should like to congratulate certain leading lights among the Old Boys on their enterprise in starting a monthly publication under the above title, the purpose of which is to keep all members now serving in His Majesty's Forces informed of various Club activities so that while serving their country they will not lose touch with the Association. We have had the pleasure of perusing copies for December, 1940, and January, 1941, and find them full of interesting facts and comments. The "personnel" of the S.C.O.B. Sporting Review is as follows. Editor: L. H. Wright, 8, Caversham Avenue, N.13; Assistant Editor: R. J. Spring; General Secretary: D. H. Drew, 2, Lightcliffe Road, N.13; Treasurer: J. Troughton.

We understand that all copies of the Review for December, 1940, and January, 1941, have been sold out or sent by post to members serving in the Forces. Commencing with the February number the cost is 3d. per copy. We are indebted to the Review for the following information regarding the activities of the Old Boys Cricket and Football Clubs.

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CRICKET REVIEW.

By C. W. Dean, Captain and General Secretary.

The season 1940 turned out to be not only quite successful from the playing standpoint, but one of the most enjoyable in the Club's history, despite world conditions and the very serious loss of experienced players who had entered the Services.

That this was so we are indebted in part to the remarkable consistency of fine weather and in part to the energy, foresight and genius for hard work of Mr. now A/C2 1051756 R. G. (Paddy) Jones, who secured for our use the Stationers' Sports ground, thus providing us with the best playing facilities we have ever had. From all of us who had the joy of playing on that ground—"Thanks a million, Paddy."

Matches played at home (Stationers' Ground, Winchmore Hill)—12.

Won—7. Lost—3. Drawn—2

Matches played away—19.

Won—7. Lost—9. Drawn—3.

Batting Averages.

Name	Total No. Runs	No. Inns.	Times Not Out	Highest Score	Average
L. Woolard ...	650	22	1	94	30.95
L. H. Wright ...	428	24	7	106*	25.17
D. G. Parr ...	351	18	0	52	19.50
N. F. Lowen ...	216	17	3	46	15.43
D. H. Drew .	169	15	3	37*	14.08
C. W. Dean ...	194	16	1	47	12.93
R. J. Spring ...	204	22	1	57	9.71
D. Vandenbergh	104	15	4	32*	9.46

* Denotes Not Out.

Bowling Averages.

Name	Total No. Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average per Wicket
H. N. Graham ...	71.0	7	220	29	7.58
N. F. Lowen ...	112.7	9	297	34	8.74
C. W. Dean ...	79.3	3	385	38	10.13
D. G. Parr ...	124.5	12	446	41	10.88
L. Woolard ...	96.7	10	388	33	11.69
R. J. Spring ...	62.8	7	217	16	13.56
L. H. Wright ...	63.6	6	234	17	13.76
D. L. Dyer ...	96.0	9	413	29	14.24

SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD SCHOLARS' LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

Report for Season 1940.

From 1933 to 1939 the Old Scholars' Lawn Tennis Club flourished and went from strength to strength. In 1933 we acquired three grass courts at a fine open sports ground in Vera Avenue, Grange Park, and there we played tennis in a truly country setting—we even used to lose a ball sometimes in a neighbouring haystack!

Builders, however, came to spoil our plans and in 1936 we were forced to leave Grange Park for a summer's tennis at Tottenham Road, but this ground was not really suitable for a club of our standing. In 1937 we were fortunate enough to acquire a grand new sports ground in Brackendale, where we at first had two hard and two grass courts. By this time the club had reached a membership of 80 or so—all young and enthusiastic. In 1939 we added a third hard court and the club seemed set for a long and steady life. We were not to live our happy time, however, for by the end of 1939 the war clouds began to have their effect on the membership and on the spirit of the club.

Although we were young, we found that we just did not have the time to play tennis—there were more serious things to do. We tried hard during the winter of 1939-40 to maintain playing conditions, and in the spring of 1940, through the initiative of our President, Mr. Everard (to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude) and the splendid co-operation of the Southgate Borough Council, we were able to continue through the summer of 1940. Our young men were, however, by this time being called to the Services, other members were evacuated and so in spite of our every effort, the summer of 1940 proved to be our swan song.

During this summer the Committee members worked very hard. We have always been fortunate in securing splendid officers for the club, and this year proved as fortunate as any in the past. A happy dance was held in the School Hall in June and was well supported.

Now we have no Brackendale and a Tennis Club in name only, for allotments take the place of tennis courts in war time. We feel confident, however, that when peace is once more with us—as it will surely come—the spirit of the Old Scholars' Lawn Tennis Club will kindle and light into a flame stronger than ever before. Till then, may the best of luck be with you all—we will meet again!

EVELINE E. MILLS (née Cox),
Acting Hon. Secretary.

SOCCKER NEWS.

Wartime Activities.

By George A. Renvoize.

On the commencement of the war, as was only to be expected, thoughts of football activities disappeared from most peoples' minds in anticipation of the difficult conditions which would soon prevail. However, after the first excitement of Territorials and such members of the Club as were in the Army and Air Force Reserve being called

up, we found that our number of available members was large enough to keep the Club going, so we started two elevens. It was a little late in the season, but with all the old enthusiasm.

Thanks to Eric Palfreman's good work as Match Secretary, we had some very fine fixtures throughout the season and many very enjoyable matches resulted. There was no league football owing to the termination of the Secondary Schools Old Boys' League, but the interest in playing new teams and the friendly atmosphere in which the matches were played more than compensated for this. Our average over the season of matches won or lost was very good, and we had some notable victories, outstanding among which was the 1st XI's win after a very close and exciting match against Old Margatonians—a team of considerable repute. At the end of our first season of wartime football the enthusiasm of the fellows was such that we all looked forward with great confidence to our future activities.

When the Blitzkrieg on London started in the late summer of 1940, it looked as if our chances of another season of football would be very slight indeed. However, I knew from the many enquiries that had been made to me that there was plenty of keenness amongst the remaining members to get started again and so we held our annual meeting at Brackendale and decided our policy. We had enough to get a team started and so I set about arranging a fixture list.

At the General Meeting of the Old Scholars' Association the Football and Hockey members were able to convince the Committee that it would be preferable, owing to the difficult conditions, to terminate our lease of Brackendale for the duration of the War and to find accommodation elsewhere. After negotiation with the Borough Council this was accomplished and we are now using a pitch in Oakwood Park and the Stationers' School ground at Winchmore Hill.

We started the 1940-41 season with one team, but since then so many of the younger members have joined after leaving the School that I have been able to start a Reserve Eleven. Their enthusiasm is very heartening, and this is an achievement of which the Old Boys can be justly proud. There is no doubt that the future of the Club rests very largely with the younger members and in getting all footballers to join if possible on leaving the school. The season has only just started and we have many good fixtures ahead of us. Up to now we have not done very well as the results of games go, but that does not matter—it is the games that count, not the results

Best wishes to everybody for a happy season and let us have as a slogan:

“Keep the Game going.”

SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD GIRLS' HOCKEY CLUB.

As one looks back to Season 1939-40, the outstanding feature is the fact that the Club survived the difficulties of the new conditions. A depleted membership, which continued to dwindle throughout the season, the derangement of fixture lists, the black-out and the awkwardness of travelling were all overcome. The weather did its best to dampen (or freeze) our enthusiasm, and many matches had to be scratched, but better weather brought renewed zest, and the close of the season saw the Club still firmly established.

The high standard of play that we have grown to expect was maintained, and the games, though not so numerous as we would have liked, were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Officially we ran two teams, but we were rarely able to field both on one day. All things considered it was a successful season, and thanks are due to everyone who helped to keep the Club alive, and especially to Mrs. Gregory, who catered for us and dealt manfully with rationing problems.

The present season opened under the cloud of sudden and intense "enemy activity," which threatened to suspend the activities of the Club. We lost many more old and valued members, but the enthusiasm of the small remaining band encouraged us to continue, and their loyal support makes it a pleasure to overcome all obstacles. We were glad to welcome several new members, whose keenness is highly valued, and we now find ourselves with a membership of 16, fielding one team, a similar position to that in which the Club began in 1935-6. The hardest problem is to find opponents, as so many clubs have succumbed to present difficulties.

New members would still be welcomed—will any girls who left School at Christmas please note—and we all recommend hockey as a splendid exercise, and excellent relaxation in these unusual times.

MARION ROGERS, Hon. Sec.

36 Beechdale,
Winchmore Hill,

N.21.

CRICKET, 1940.

Although their activities were limited, the cricketers had an enjoyable season. The 1st XI was ably led by J. Gay who proved to be a splendid captain and capable organiser. Assisted by Miseldine and Wieland, he put in a tremendous amount of work which though unseen by most of the school, contributed very largely to the smooth running of the season's play.

Among the Juniors, the 2nd Form XI deserved special mention. The newcomers displayed great enthusiasm and should develop into a very useful side.

The Greenwood Trophy was won by Red House and the "Dyer" Trophy by Blue House.

Results:—

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>
1st XI ...	9	3	5	1
2nd XI ...	4	2	2	—
Under 14 XI	1	—	—	1
3rd Form XI	6	2	4	—
2nd Form XI	6	4	2	—

The 1st XI was drawn from the following boys:—J. Gay (Capt.), C. Miseldine (Vice-Capt.), P. Wieland, J. Alexander, C. Pruden, F. Odd, S. Oliver, F. Jaques, N. Chivers, R. Moody, R. Hayward, R. Goodhead, D. Day.

2nd XI (from) R. Goodhead (Capt.), R. A. Langton, P. Coombes, B. Rosenfeld, C. Frohnsdorff, T. Williams, H. Feakes, D. Day, L. Downing, E. Avery, R. Ritchie, P. Gage, P. Coleman.

1st XI Colours were awarded to C. Miseldine, C. Pruden, F. Odd and F. Jaques.

The "A. T. Warren" Cup for exemplary work in Cricket and Football was awarded to J. Gay.

TENNIS, 1940.

We enjoyed our Tennis this summer. Perhaps it was due to the fact that winter games had been so restricted, but even more enthusiasm was shown than usual. This was true in all cases—it was to be seen in the School teams, the House teams, and was evident in the games of the girls who had not yet attained to the height of playing for their school or house. All spent long hours on the courts, contentedly and energetically hitting the ball over (or into) the net, to good purpose. In many cases progress made during the term was most noticeable, especially among the 1st and 2nd VI and the younger girls.

The weather was, on the whole very kind to us though there were one or two wet mornings when House Matches were played with difficulty.

School Matches were not many in number but were on the whole successful. Matches were played against the boys and the Mistresses and with the Masters. The outstanding feature of the term was the final match with Minchenden. The 1st VI had beaten our rival for the Rosebowl, in the first round, and the excitement was intense when in the second and final round it was known that

the result depended upon the winning of the last game. We were lucky, and Southgate hold the Rosebowl for a whole year—the first time for many years.

Congratulations to the 1st VI, who were captained most ably by Beryl Broadbent. We shall miss her vigorous play.

House Results:

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

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

School Teams:

1st VI chosen from B. Broadbent (Capt.), P. Hammond, J. True, M. Mills, J. Thomas, J. Crampton.

2nd VI chosen from B. Ching (Capt.), E. Haward, J. Rogers, E. Dunks, G. Chipperfield, R. Alter, H. Godman.

Junior VI:

P. Kirby (Capt.), V. Broadbent, M. Groom, B. Fletcher, N. Smith, P. Dyer.

Colours awarded: J. True, M. Mills, J. Thomas, J. Crampton.

Results.

1st VI. Matches played, 4. Won 2. Lost 2.

2nd VI. Matches played 3. Won 2. Lost 1.

Junior VI. Matches played 1. Won 1.

Tennis Tournament Prizes kindly given by Mr. and Mrs. Piggott.

Singles.

Senior. B. Broadbent.

Junior. P. Dyer.

Doubles.

Senior. B. Broadbent and P. Hammond.

Junior. B. Broadbent and M. Groom.

FOOTBALL, 1939-40.

It was impossible to carry out the usual programme during 1939-40, but we were fortunate to include among our fixtures an interesting series of games with our neighbours at Minchenden.

The House Competitions were carried out on the knock-out principle and the White House is congratulated on winning both the Senior and Junior Competitions.

Results:

						Goals	
		Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
1st XI	...	8	3	4	1	38	38
2nd XI	...	2	2	0	0	19	6
4th Form XI	...	2	2	0	0	23	2
3rd Form XI	...	3	2	1	0	10	7
2nd Form XI	...	3	1	2	0	10	19

The teams were drawn from the following boys:—

1st XI. R. Hayward (Capt.), A. Smith, J. Gay, G. Jolliffe, J. Alexander, N. Chivers, P. Wieland, D. Griffiths, C. Miseldine, G. Mills, C. Pruden, F. Odd, E. Avery, S. Bridges.

2nd XI. P. Coombes (Capt.), D. Smith, B. Hyde, R. Hiller, H. Hill, R. Dumayne, F. Jaques, E. Avery, L. Downing, H. Feakes, R. Langton, M. Elderfield.

1st XI Colours were awarded to A. Smith, J. Gay, J. Alexander, N. Chivers, C. Miseldine, G. Mills.

HOCKEY 1939-1940.

This year's Hockey has been very limited, owing to war conditions. The late return to school in October, the interrupted time table, the evacuation of schools with whom matches were generally played, in addition to the extremely bad weather of the early part of 1940, restricted our games to a minimum.

But these adverse conditions did not curb keenness. We managed to play a few games—they could hardly be called matches—with Minchenden School, and one with Enfield County.

During the Spring term House Matches were played. We were unable to have the usual games, but decided the Cup in knock-out matches, owing to shortage of time.

Our School Hockey Captain was Beryl Broadbent, who proved to be an excellent leader, both efficient and willing.

1st XI. B. Broadbent (Captain), P. Hammond, B. Ching, I. Lowther, E. Haward, J. True, M. Sandles, N. Wood, J. Crampton, K. Lavelle, J. Sanders. Reserve: E. Hale.

House Results.

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

Senior. 1st Green (Winners of the Hockey Cup), 2nd White, 3rd Red, 4th Blue.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual Athletic Sports were held on the School ground at the end of the Summer Term. The demands of the A.R.P. services had considerably restricted the use of a great part of the sports ground, and, in consequence, the sports had to be held, as it were, in miniature. However, in spite of all the difficulties the standard was sufficiently high to be entertaining. At the conclusion of the Sports the prizes were graciously presented to the winners by County Councillor Mrs. Fairfield.

Results. Boys Open.

100 yards (The "Norman Day" Cup).

1. R. Goodhead. 2. R. Hayward. 3. P. Coombes.

200 yards.

1. R. Goodhead. 2. J. Alexander. 3. P. Coombes.

440 yards. (The "Old Boys" Cup).

1. F. Saunders. 2. B. Hyde. 3. R. Hayward.

880 yards. (The "Geere" Cup).

1. F. Saunders. 2. B. Hyde. 3. C. Miseldine.

110 yards. Hurdles. (The "Hurdles" Cup).

1. R. Goodhead. 2. R. Hiller. 3. W. Barnard.

Discus. (Championship Medal).

1. W. Barnard. 2. R. Hayward. 3. A. Thielé.

New Record, 112 ft. 9 ins.

Shot. (Championship Medal).

1. R. Moody. 2. R. Hayward. 3. J. Alexander.

New Record, 31 ft. 4 ins.

Javelin. (Championship Medal).

1. R. Dumayne. 2. J. Alexander. 3. R. Moody.

New Record, 138 ft. 4 ins.

Long Jump. (The "Bigg" Cup).

1. F. Saunders. 2. R. Moody. 3. R. Goodhead.

High Jump. (The "Bradshaw" Cup).

1. F. Saunders. 2. R. Goodhead.

Relay. (The "Finlayson" Cup).

1. Reds. 2. Whites. 3. Greens.

Tug-of-War. (The "Stanley Wiggins" Cup).

1. Greens. 2. Reds.

Juniors.

100 yards. 1. E. Avery. 2. B. Hayward. 3. N. Heaton.

220 yards. 1. E. Avery. 2. L. Keay. 3. C. Bell.

440 yards. 1. M. Elderfield. 2. W. Misell. 3. C. Bell.

Long Jump. 1. R. Dumayne. 2. R. Hounslow. 3. B. Hayward, G. Taylor.

High Jump. 1. E. Avery. 2. R. Hounslow. 3. B. Hayward.

Relay. 1. Reds. 2. Whites. 3. Greens.

Under 13.

100 yards. 1. H. Pulford. 2. I. Prater. 3. P. Brown.

220 yards. 1. H. Pulford. 2. I. Prater. 3. P. Brown.

"Victor Ludorum" Cup. F. Saunders.

"Junior" Cup. E. Avery

House Championship. (The "Vivien" Cup).

1. Reds, 77½ points. 2. Whites, 27½ points. 3. Greens, 16 points. 4. Blues, 9 points.

Girls.

- 100 yards. (The "Marjorie Kindon" Cup).
 1. E. Hale.
 High Jump. (The "Doris Long" Cup).
 1. E. Dunks.
 Relay Senior. (The "Mistresses" Cup).
 1. Whites.
 Relay. Junior. (The "Prefects" Cup).
 1. Whites.
 Individual Championship.
 (a) Senior. D. Gadan.
 (b) 4th Forms. J. Brown.
 (c) 3rd Forms. N. Smith.
 (d) Lower School. J. Trigg.
 House Championship. (The "A.T. Warren" Cup).
 1. Reds, 131 points. 2. Whites, 121½ points. 3. Greens, 89½ points. 4. Blacks, 83 points.

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SWIMMING. (GIRLS).

This summer swimming was not quite so successful as in previous years. We had classes at Barrowell Green Baths every Wednesday and we must thank Miss Sperrin, Mrs. Pole and Mr. Barry, the Bath Superintendent, for the coaching they gave us. At first attendance was good, but enthusiasm flagged and there were only a few regulars left at the end of the term.

The School was not present at the gala this year, owing to lack of Air Raid Shelters at the Baths. Much of the usual excitement was missing as a result. The White House won the Cup on points gained in the actual gala and for swimming lengths before then. There was a marked lack of enthusiasm to swim lengths and most of the work in this was left to a few who were very keen. We hope however that there will be a better response next year.

JESSIE TRUE, 6A Science.

Championship Winners:

Victrix Natationis Cup. Jean Chismon.
 Junior Swimming Medal. Pauline Dyer.
 Swimming Progress Cup. Valerie Broadbent.

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SWIMMING (BOYS).

The School Gala was held without spectators this year. There was keen competition for the individual championships, but the Red House led the Whites by 22½ points in the Inter-House Competition.

There were three excellent performances. R. Dumayne not only set up a new record of 30 $\frac{3}{5}$ seconds in the Junior 50 yards Free Style, but actually knocked 5 $\frac{2}{5}$ seconds off the old record, set up by M. Grant in 1933. C. Griffiths, a Second Form boy, made a new record of 37 feet in the Junior Plunge, thus adding 4 feet to J. Stearne's record set up in 1937. A. Wright, a beginner last year, took part in the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile race.

Congratulations also to B. Hyde and C. Frohnsdorff, winners of the Senior and Junior Championships.

Details.

Inter-house Championship.

1. Red, 54 points.
2. White, 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ points.
3. Green, 23 points.
4. Blue 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Individual Championships.

Senior.

1. B. Hyde, 12 points.
2. J. Barnard, 10 points.
3. { B. Cooper, 7 points.
A. Barker.

Junior.

1. C. Frohnsdorff, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ points.
2. G. Taylor, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ points.
3. R. Dumayne, 5 points.

The Swimming Progress Cup was awarded to R. Dumayne.

A CHILD'S PRAYER.

Translation of Victor Hugo's poem "La Prière de l'Enfant."

My daughter, say your prayer! See, comes the night,
A golden planet stabs the cloud with light.
The shadowy hillside trembles in the mist.
A distant wagon rumbles darkly—hist!
All men are home at rest. The evening breeze
Shakes the day's dust from all the roadside trees.

Through darkening twilight skies the stars grow bright.
See in the West the sunset's dwindling light.
O'er shadowed pool and silvery surface floats
Fast-looming night the world with darkness coats.
Furrow, footpath and bush darkness will blend
Failing the traveller who would homeward wend.

Day is for evil, weariness and hate!
 Pray we: this is the night, so calm and great.
 Old herdsmen, and their herds with trembling bleat,
 Pools, broken towers round which the soft winds beat—
 All suffer and complain—all nature tired,
 Has need of sleep and prayer, by love inspired.

JOAN F. PEARCE, 5C.

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DUSK.

The mountains are but a shadow now,
 Against the red and purple skies,
 The birds in their nests are fast asleep,
 The air is filled with fire-flies.
 The stream that flows o'er the mountains,
 Tinkles down from stone to stone,
 Like a fairy bell its ringing,
 As it makes its journey home.
 The fields are covered with a mantle,
 A mantle of beautiful waving corn,
 Not a rabbit is seen, nor a stoat or weasel,
 Until there comes another dawn.

G. R. ALDERTON, 2C.

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THE NATIONAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

The Association, which had suffered badly at the outbreak of the war owing to the difficulties of an interrupted timetable, speedily recovered in the Spring of 1940, when normal school life was resumed.

The nation-wide campaign for War Savings has met with ready response both from staff and scholars.

During the school year our membership rose from 40 to 140. 408 certificates were bought by members in cash and stamps, and the total sum of £360 was collected.

Gratifying as these results are, the membership numbers are still far from satisfactory in a school of over 500 pupils. In view of the National Emergency, it is to be hoped that this year will see a further increase both in members and subscriptions.

M.S.C.

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SCHOOL ALLOTMENT.

During the summer holidays a group of boys undertook to cultivate a plot of land in Grovelands Park. One section proved to be very stony, but another, only a few yards away, was much better.

Working with their coats off the boys turned over a good deal of ground in the holidays and the more enthusiastic have completed the task during the winter. No doubt the remainder will assist again in the spring operations.

Our activities attracted some notice both in the local and in the national press and one morning an "Evening News" photographer appeared. He had been photographing "dog fights" at Dover for several days previously and he appreciated the change.

Our thanks are due to Councillor Tyler for his assistance and he has offered to obtain another plot of land elsewhere if sufficient boys wish to undertake its cultivation.

E.J.A.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS.

In spite of the fact that many of the girls have been knitting comforts for the Forces all this year, there was a good collection of garments for the usual Christmas parcels which we send off every year. The response to the appeal for left-off clothing for homeless and evacuated families was very generous, and the letters of thanks from those responsible for the distribution of the articles were full of gratitude.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the many old girls who remembered this "Good Cause" inaugurated many years ago by Miss Barham, and who sent dainty garments for inclusion in these parcels.

A.E.J.

THE SCHOOL WORKING PARTY.

The Working Party was formed in September, 1939, but was too young at the time of the last issue of this magazine for any account of its activities to be recorded.

In the last fourteen months the members have acquitted themselves well. These members include not only the staff and pupils of the school, but many parents and friends as well. In its early days the Working Party provided its own wool, and knitted comforts were sent to members of the different Forces, but in May, 1940, it was affiliated to the R.A.F. Comforts Committee which supplies the Air Force wool at cost price. Generally speaking the girls knit the wool and the boys provide the money for buying it, but while there are some boys who knit and many who do not contribute in any way, there are many girls who do both. We want more knitters and many more contributions.

Several pounds of navy wool have been provided from time to time by the Palmadium, Palmers Green, and this has been worked into comforts for the Dover Patrol. Up to date, three large parcels have been sent to the Navy and six to the Royal Air Force, and

they have contained pullovers, socks, mittens, scarves, flying gloves and helmets, while the money raised by the voluntary contributions has amounted to just £8.

There is a growing demand for these knitted comforts, and the School Working Party is determined to meet that demand so far as its own efforts can, by an even better record for 1941, than it has for the last year.

A.E.J.

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

We can only record one public performance this year and that was a brief appearance at a reunion of Belgian refugees in the Village Hall, Southgate. Nevertheless, weekly rehearsals were held in the summer and autumn terms and are continuing this term. We have unfortunately lost several of our more experienced players so that there is a greater need than ever for others to come forward to take their place. There are a number of school instruments (Violin, Viola, 'Cello, Double Bass, Clarinet and Cornet) which can be borrowed by any member of the school who undertakes to receive proper tuition.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the gift of a violin complete with bow and case from Mrs. E. B. Lift.

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

Violins: Esmé Nicholls, Jessie True, G. Ivatt, D. Fairbairn, B. Cooper, Margaret Munro, A. Cox, Yvonne Bouty, Pamela Ching, Patricia Titleboam, Brenda Collier, M. Cary, A. Scott, T. Perry.

Flute: B. Howe.

Clarinet: A. Shearer, L. Jackson.

Cornet: M. Owen.

Piano: G. Carriett, G. Stubbs.

MUSICAL COMPETITION 1940.

The Inter-house Musical Competition for the S.B. Walter Gay Cup was not held this year at the end of the summer term, but it was found possible to hold, in its place, a competition for the Ney Cup which is usually awarded for the best individual performance in the Inter-house competition. Competitors were allowed to choose their own items and the resulting programme was given before the assembled school and a panel of judges consisting of four prefects and four members of the the Staff. Each item was judged partly on its technical merit and partly on its entertainment value. An enjoyable concert resulted and the interest of the very critical audience was held throughout the afternoon.

When the marks given by the individual judges to each performer were added up it was found that the cup had been won by G. E. Stubbs. His playing of Weber's "Invitation to the Waltz" on the piano showed considerable ability. The runners-up were I. Collier ('Cello), Jean Margetts (Recitation) and A. Cox (Violin).

Programme.

1. PIANO SOLO	"Sonatina No. 5"	...	<i>Clementi</i>
	JEAN CAMERON		
2. SONG	... "Because" ...	...	<i>d'Hardelot</i>
	JEAN CUE		
3. RECITATION	... "Jim" ...	...	<i>Hilaire Belloc</i>
	JEAN MARGETTS		
4. PIANO SOLO	"Marche des Troubadours"	...	<i>Roubier</i>
	DOREEN TEBBS		
5. SONG	... "England" ...	...	—
	H. BOOTY		
6. IMPERSONATIONS	... ..	...	—
	SYLVIA STOKES		
7. PIANO SOLO	"Rendezvous"	...	—
	MARGARET LANE		
8. SONG	... "Vespers" ...	...	<i>Fraser-Simson</i>
	RITA HATTON		
9. CELLO SOLO	... "Madrigal" ...	...	<i>Squire</i>
	I. COLLIER		
10. SONG	"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"		—
	(with pipe accomp.) IRIS PAYNE		
	(pipe: MAVIS STONE)		
11. PIANO SOLO	"Invitation to the Waltz"	...	<i>Weber</i>
	G. E. STUBBS		
12. SONG	... "Lullaby" ...	...	<i>Mozart</i>
	YVONNE BOUTY		
	Intermezzo from		
13. VIOLIN SOLO	"Cavalleria Rusticana"	...	<i>Mascagni</i>
	A. COX		
14. SONG	... "Bless this House" ...	...	<i>Brahe</i>
	PHYLLIS WESTWOOD		
15. VIOLIN	... "Meditation" ...	...	<i>Bach-Gounod</i>
	JESSIE TRUE		
16. PIANO SOLO	"Selection from Lilac Time"		—
	G. CARRIETT		

THEN AND NOW.

The last page of 1940 has been written and Old Father Time has closed the book and turned the first page of 1941, giving us meanwhile a few moments in which to meditate and linger with the memories of the past year, before facing the happenings of the New. Only a little time is granted us however, and so let our thoughts wander back over last term.

Our statesmen have told us that before victory can be ours the life of every one of us must be affected in some way; and the truth of the statement is fully borne out in the lives of the scholars of Southgate County School, since the beginning of the war, specially since September last.

To begin with we returned to school in August instead of September, and the greater part of the opening assembly was taken up with the issuing of air-raid instructions. The following day the air was rent by the blaring of the sirens and the clashing of our cymbals—the signal to leave work and to proceed to the air-raid shelters. There we sat and talked and knitted and generally amused ourselves until the "Raiders past" sounded—a signal for the resumption of our scholastic studies. This process took place on many occasions during the term; but it was not very long before we were instructed to take books with us when the siren sounded.

Then instead of commencing school at nine o'clock we were granted a long sleep, and did not have to present ourselves until half past ten; and after a few weeks ten o'clock was made the hour for starting our labours.

At half-term what is perhaps the greatest change was announced. We were to come to school at half past nine—complete with lunch—and leave at half-past two. Never before have the school walls beheld such a scene as they behold nowadays—five hundred scholars partaking of their midday meal.

Last term, owing to the unsettled conditions, the terminal examinations were not held. This was a most unusual occurrence for Southgate County School, but unfortunately they were not cancelled; the inquisition has only been postponed to a later date.

This year, as last year, the Christmas term did not conclude with the Annual Prize Giving. What preparations that function entailed in days gone by! The second form girls were excited about their new white dresses, the sixth forms took theirs from the wardrobe and wondered whether, by letting down the hems they could be made to do for this last at school. Practically every night the building would be witness to many rehearsals. On one night choir practice, and at least two would be taken up with rehearsals of the Christmas play, at the audition for which, in the early part of the term, all were eager to be selected for the leading part, and yet all were anxious lest they should fail before their parents and friends. The remaining nights would possibly be taken up with the rehearsal of the Gilbert and Sullivan opera to be produced in the

following March. But this year it was not so. By three o'clock the building was empty, the walls could not look down on the activities of youth, but they stood there enshrouding the Stygian darkness of the black-out.

All after-school gatherings had to be stopped, but now some of the school societies have been able to resume their activities. The orchestra once more meets on Fridays and the S.D.I.A. and the Dramatic Reading Society meet on alternate Mondays.

Sport did not escape the effects of the war. Why, we even had two bombs on the school field, demolishing one of the football posts! No after-school games were able to take place, but thanks to Miss Sperrin and Mr. Fawcett we were able to make up for this to some extent on Saturday mornings. But then although the practices were very enjoyable, they were far less exciting than the matches of previous years.

Something else has had to be given up owing to wartime conditions and the black-out. The school parties, probably the most enjoyed item of the school year, are things of the past, but let us hope things of the near future. A passer-by in Fox Lane at about half past three one afternoon at the end of December, 1938, would have seen the second formers emerging in happy mood from school whilst their elders were still working at their lessons. Then, some time later he would have seen them return clad in festive attire, following which sounds of laughter and merriment filled the air for the next few hours. And, so, every night that week there would be a party, and the week would come to a close with the Sixth Form celebrations on the Saturday night, which, let it be whispered, were allowed to continue until quite a late hour. The second formers can still look forward to the prospects of a sixth form party, but we who are in our last year at school feel the loss of something to which we had looked forward from the time of entering the school.

Perhaps, but I hardly dare say it, perhaps, if we had been living in days of peace the foundation stone of our new school would have been laid last term, but this was not to be, and we are now looking forward to attending the stonelaying ceremony in our bath-chairs, perhaps in the year 2000, for possibly many strange things will be happening then.

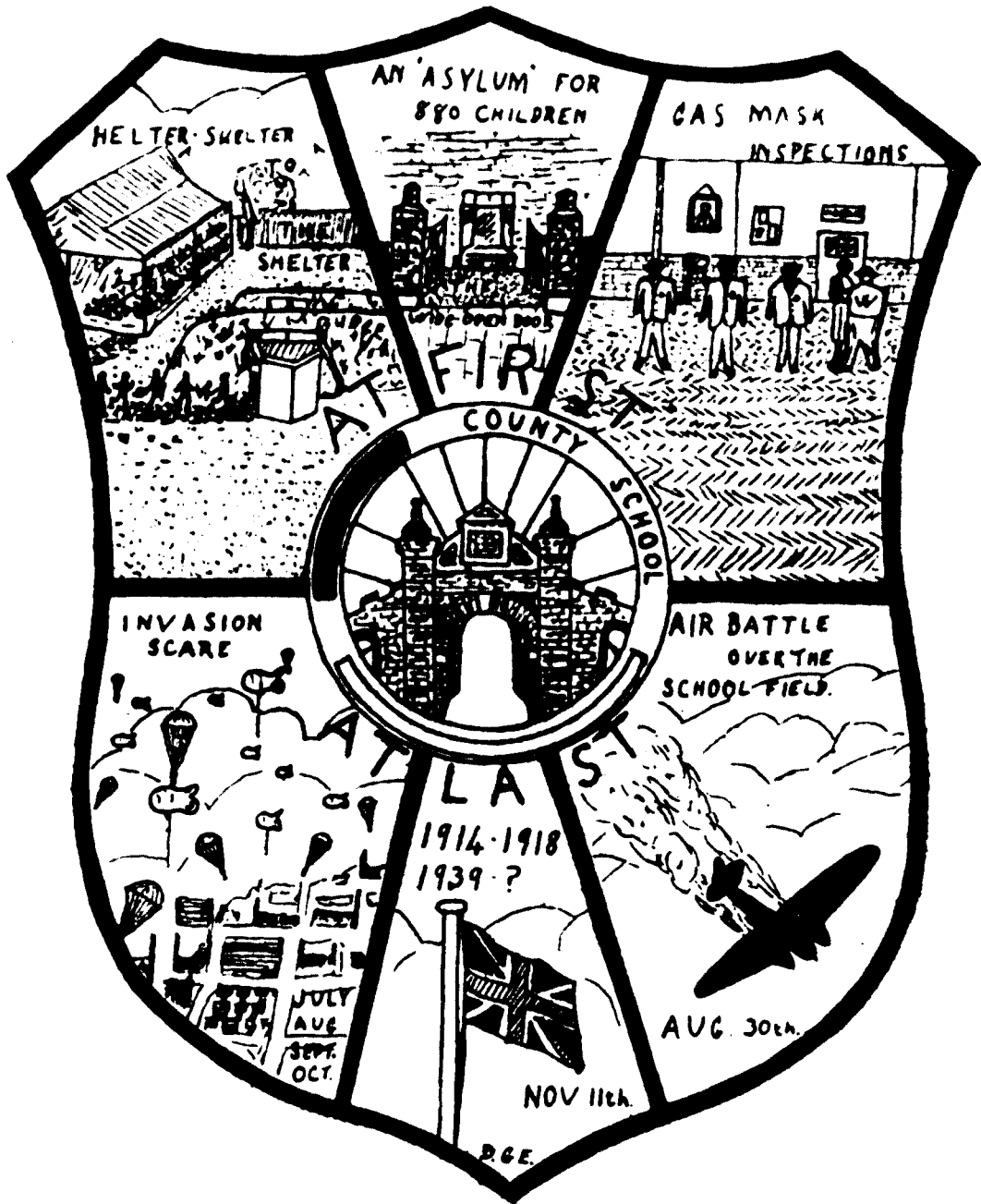
We have had our grouses and grumbles, but we must not forget that we have only had to sacrifice a few of our pleasures, and by no means all, for we still have our fun, and we must be very thankful that Southgate County School is still standing, that its scholars have not been evacuated and that we have not been forced to accept the hospitality of neighbouring schools. So we will look forward to the future with glad hearts and may we make our sacrifices with cheerfulness, so that we may deserve victory when it comes to us.

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