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SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS.

Both past and present pupils of the school and the staff were very sorry that through a bad attack of jaundice the Headmaster was unable to be present on the Speech Day in December. This was particularly unfortunate as the school had not had one since February, 1940. The Senior Master, Mr. W. Auger, took charge in his absence. We sympathise with Mr. Everard's disappointment, and are very glad that he had recovered sufficiently to be back on the first day of the Spring Term. This is the first time that we remember the Headmaster having a long absence from school since he came in 1929.

We have to record with very grateful thanks the gift of £100 to the school under the will of the late Mr. A. T. Warren. For the time being the money has been put into the School Memorial Scholarship Fund until a specific object to commemorate the memory of Southgate County's first Headmaster has been decided upon.

On Monday, 24th January this year, we said goodbye to Mr. R. E. T. Pratt, who left to join the Royal Air Force. Mr. Pratt will be very much missed and his place will be hard to fill. We all wish him success in his new sphere and hope that we shall have him back again in the near future.

Many Old Boys serving with the Forces at home and abroad sent Christmas Cards and Air-graphs expressing good wishes to the staff and the school. Whilst it is not possible to acknowledge each one, we hope they will take this as an appreciation of their kindly thought, and we would assure them that we are looking forward with pleasure to their return home when we shall be able to have a grand re-union.

We extend our very hearty congratulations to Mr. S. A. Piggott, the father of Mary and Joyce, on the honour he received in the New Year's Honours List. For outstanding work in the Civil Service Mr. Piggott received the O.B.E.

We also have to congratulate another parent—Major H. C. Gay—who has just been awarded the O.B.E. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East. All the five children of Major and Mrs. Gay have been pupils of this school—the youngest entered last September. Three are in the Forces, and we think the war record of the Gay family must be almost unique among parents of this school.

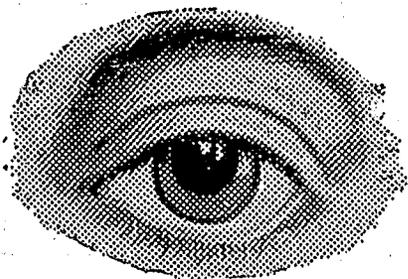
Mr. Toplis, our Art Master, who joined the Forces three years ago, sent a letter and card at Christmas. We were pleased to have news of him, and we understand he is now stationed in Essex. We hope soon to hear better news of his little daughter, who has been ill for some time. Mr. Toplis sent his best wishes to the staff and to the school.

The new Mayor of Southgate is Alderman V. J. Westlake, and we were sorry that owing to a previous engagement neither the Mayor nor the Mayoress was able to be present on Speech Day, but we were pleased to have them with us on March 4th at the performance of "She Stoops to Conquer." We wish them a happy year of office.

Since we were last in print Mr. Auger is to be congratulated on the birth of a second grandson. We are glad to hear that the news of his son from the battle front is that he is well and safe.

We also congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Smith (Mabel Townsend) on the birth of a third son.

Our hearty congratulations to R. J. Taylor on passing his L.R.A.M. in May, 1943. Taylor is now helping us out with the teaching of class singing until such time as he joins the Forces.



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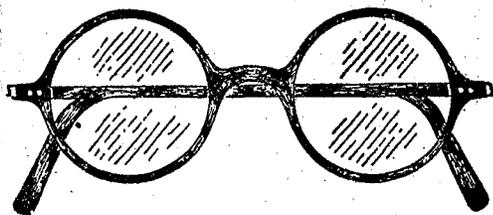
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Those who remember Margita Barabas will be pleased to know that she passed in June last the Intermediate B.A. Examination at the University College, Bangor, in English, History, French and German. If all goes well with her we hope to hear that she has been successful in her B.A. Honours French in June, 1945. Margita says that she will ever be grateful for the profitable time that she spent at Southgate County School.

An Old Boy of the school—P. W. Rush—remembered by some as a great cricketer, has written a novel called "Rogue's Lute," which is based on the life and works of Francois Villon.

We congratulate Rush on getting his book published. At the time of writing this notice we are awaiting a copy with interest.

Since the last issue of the Magazine several of our pupils have received awards of money from the Priscilla Ingram Trust, and we should like to express on behalf of the school our appreciation of the generous help given to the scholars of Southgate County School.

We have just heard with very deep regret of the death of Mr. Arthur Ingram, who founded the Priscilla Ingram Trust to perpetuate the memory of his wife who died in 1933. We tender our sincere sympathy to his sons and daughters in their great loss.

We received our usual end of term visit from F. G. Saunders last December. We congratulate him on passing Part 1 B.Sc. (Agriculture) and also on being Captain of the Cross Country Athletic team—English Universities v. Wales.

The school has been most generous, as always, to help deserving causes, and at the end of the Autumn Term we sent £1 6s. 6d. to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children, £2 3s. 9d. to the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, and £1 14s. 6d. to St. Dunstan's. In addition a sum of £5 was given to the Memorial Scholarship Fund from the Senior Party last December. Thank you prefects. We are very glad to swell the fund of the Memorial Scholarship, as since the war we miss the annual receipts from the Gilbert and Sullivan operas which resulted in £70 to £80 each year.

We congratulate Pauline Dyer, who is now an Associate of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing.

In April last year the Intimate Theatre presented Emlyn Williams' play "The Corn is Green." Once again Southgate County School boys were roped in to help and gave a good account of themselves.

The congratulations of the whole school were extended to Ronald Clempson who, in October last, received the Cornwall Scout Certificate for the brave and heroic manner in which he bore months of suffering and partial blindness. The Headmaster attended the presentation by Commissioner Gay at the 152nd North London (1st Palmers Green) Group Headquarters—Bowes Park Methodist Church Hall.

In March, 1943, Mr. E. F. Linstead, for many years a Governor of the school died. He had been a frequent visitor on the school platform, and had always been a great friend of the school and an ardent supporter of all matters connected with Education. His son, Sir Hugh Linstead, was recently knighted, and is now a Member of Parliament.

We were pleased to receive a visit from Ruth Hall last term. She is very happy in her work on a farm near Hatfield. She has under her care an accredited herd of pedigree short-horn cattle, and her employer has some very fine hunters which she has permission to ride. Knowing her enthusiasm for horse-riding we realise how happy she is in her work.

On leaving school last summer term both A. Elston and D. R. Grimmer went to the Sir John Cass Nautical School. They were each granted a bursary on the result of an examination.

The following is an extract from a letter received from an old Boy:—

"As I look back on my last two years at school I realise how much I owe to them—they were without doubt the two happiest years of my school life, and I think I learned more in those two years than in all the other four. The more I think of it the more I realise how much I owe to the Headmaster and the Staff, and I feel I must say a very big 'Thank You.'"

It is most encouraging to receive such a letter which stresses the value of the time spent in the Sixth Forms.

We extend a hearty welcome to two new mistresses who have joined us since our last issue. When Miss Slee left us in the summer Mrs. Richards became Senior Biology mistress, and Miss M. Rowe, B.Sc., an Old Girl of the school, came to us from Whalley Range High School, Manchester, to be Junior Biology mistress. During the autumn term Miss D. Cavey, B.A., came from Rugeley Grammar School to take Mrs. Holt's place on the Modern Languages side. Our best wishes to these two newcomers.

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Those pupils who remember Mary Ranger (she was evacuated in the early days of the war), will be interested to know that she is well and happy in Montreal attending the High School there. We thank her for her good wishes at Christmas which reached us at the end of last term.

We have had many visits from Old Boys and Old Girls in the Services during the year. The Headmaster and staff are always delighted to see old scholars whenever they are on leave, and we hope they will find time to look us up.

Boys and girls who require help in finding suitable posts on leaving school, are reminded to apply to the Study, where there is a list of firms who are desirous and able to place boys and girls from secondary schools. The list includes Insurance Companies, Banks, Shipping Offices, and commercial firms of various types. To those pupils who are undecided as to their career a form of application will be given to approach the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Employment Associations, who are always ready to give advice.

We congratulate Mr. E. J. Armstrong on the finished performance he gave recently as "The Mikado" in connection with the production of this Gilbert and Sullivan opera for the Southgate A.R.P. society. Many will remember his excellent performance in this part when the school operatic society produced "The Mikado" before the war.

We cannot finish these notes without reference to the valuable help given so willingly and *con amore* in the clerical department by two old scholars—Joyce Brown, now the wife of the Rev. J. Stunden, and Joyce Forsaith (née Joyce Blaver). This help has been very much appreciated, and we consider ourselves fortunate in finding Old Girls so ready to assist. We should like here to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Forsaith on the birth of a son, and would say that even "John Christopher" does not prevent Joyce looking in to see us about once a week and getting down to any work there is to be done. We also once more thank Miss Dowsett for her loyal and faithful service.

At the time of going to press we have just heard that Keith Nisbett, who was "missing" has now been reported a prisoner of war in Italy. We are very glad indeed to be able to give this better news, and hope that Mr. and Mrs. Nisbett will soon receive a line from their son. Harold Nisbett, the elder son, has returned from the Middle East and was looking very well when he came to see us a short time ago.

We should like to express our sympathy with two old Girls whose husbands are reported missing:—Mrs. Orr (Ailsa Ferry), and Mrs. Spooner (Mavis Lee.) We hope that better news will soon be received.

P. Greenaway and J. Lucas have rendered valuable service to the school by binding most efficiently several valuable books belonging to the Reference Library.

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IN MEMORIAM.

The war continues to take its toll of young life. Since our last issue thirteen more Old Boys have lost their lives while serving their King and Country. We should like to express to their parents and families our deep sympathy.

P/O C. J. Hamment, R.A.F., 1934-1939. Killed on Anti-Submarine Operations.

Sgt. Air Gunner R. Tomlinson, R.A.F., 1934-1938. Killed on Bomber Command Operations.

Sgt. Air Gunner N. J. Calcraft, R.A.F., 1933-1938. Killed in Action.

P/O. K. A. Simpson, R.A.F., 1924-1929. Killed after training in South Africa while returning to this country.

F/O. L. J. Crouch, R.A.F., 1930-1935. Pilot Officer. Killed in an accident in Canada.

Signalman B. J. Denny, R.C.S., 1933-1934. Died in Hospital in this country.

L. Hulls (Army), 1930-1935. Killed on active Service—Middle East.

F/O. R. J. Johnson, R.A.F., 1934-1938. Killed in Operational Flight over Germany.

P/O. K. S. Hailey, R.A.F., 1932-1937. Killed in Bomber Operations over enemy country.

Sub-Lieut. J. Bice, Fleet Air Arm, 1935-1939. Killed on Active Service.

R. L. Holloway, Fleet Air Arm, 1925-1932. Died as result of an accident in Scotland.

F/O. E. Ryan, R.A.F., 1938. Died as result of an accident in this country.

F/O R. D. Rosser, R.A.F., 1934-1939. Missing after Operational Flight—presumed killed.

We also mourn the deaths of two more Old Scholars and of one pupil in the school who have passed away since our last issue. We offer to their sorrowing families our sincere sympathy.

Peter Perry (1940-1942) came to us from Owen's School, and soon became a prefect. He was a studious youth of sterling character, always willing and able to help. He died in May, 1943, after a short illness.

Phyllis Wragg (1933-1937) will be remembered as a quiet sweet girl who won the affection of all. She died in December, 1943, after a rather long illness.

Mary Holt (1941-1943) was in Form IV A in the Autumn Term of 1943, and had endeared herself to scholars and staff by her quiet kindly character and deep interest in her work. She was taken ill shortly before Christmas and passed away on January 15th.

We also express our deep sympathy with three Old Girls who mourn their husbands:—Mrs. Snuggs (Patricia Ridout), Mrs. Cope (Vera Kennedy), and Mrs. Holloway (Phyllis Wright), and with Betty Fraser, whose fiancé, Sergeant-Navigator J. McLean, R.A.F., was killed on active service.

Also with Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, whose only son John died in August last as the result of an accident which occurred while he was carrying out a series of experiments in connection with the war at the Imperial College of Science. The death of so young and talented a scientist at the outset of his career is one of the many tragedies of the war.

Also with Miss Slee and her mother and brother on the sudden death in January last of Miss Slee's father, and with Miss Chapell on the recent death of her father.

ADVICE

In a recent Brains Trust session the following question was asked:—'If you had to give advice to Youth starting out in life what would your advice be?' My answer would be KEEP ON GROWING. If thought too wordy ON could be eliminated and the advice would then read KEEP GROWING; if still too lengthy omit KEEP and reduce to the one word GROW! But be it understood that it is used in the imperative, not the optative mood. I would adapt Browning's remarks and say:—

Growth is man's distinctive mark alone,
Not God's and not the beasts, God is, they are,
Man partly is, and wholly hopes to be.

Not comfortable advice perhaps but one grows so little in comfortable circumstances. Man is unique in this capacity of growth. All other creatures quickly attain to the limit of their excellence and having passed the peak decline. With man this is true only on the physical plane. When we cease to grow longitudinally the majority of us grow latitudinally—this is particularly pronounced in the equatorial zone but in the more important aspects of our nature, the moral, intellectual, aesthetic and spiritual we are capable of unending growth

and development. Psychologists apply the term "moron" to those of arrested mental development; by extension the term may equally apply to aesthetic, moral and spiritual morons. Examples are not lacking in our midst. "Grow up little man" could without offence, I hope, be said to the miser, the profit-motivated business man; the fundamentalist; the parish pump patriot; the purblind nationalist; the my-party-right-or-wrong politician; the biased historian . . . the task of filling up the blanks I leave to the reader. In the matter of immaterial growth the truth stated in an Irish way is simply this:—If one stands still one goes backwards. The current psychological dogma that "G" (motherwit) does not materially develop after the age of 16 does not preclude the subsequent appearance of S's (special qualities). The heart has growths of which the mind knows not. Indeed at times the heart is wiser than the head.

Of the three factors which go to the making of our personalities the first, Heredity is entirely beyond our control; the second—Environment—is very largely not our responsibility, but the third—our personal response—is entirely our concern for which we can take credit or receive blame. For example, the personal response of Lord Byron and Sir Walter Scott, each to his lameness, was very different; in the one case it darkened and soured his outlook, and in the other it ennobled his character. Again, whatever else we may or may not inherit, we cannot inherit a character that we have to hammer out and forge for ourselves. In like manner for better or worse we produce our own countenances. What nature gives us is a face, and it is wonderful what permutations and combinations she can effect with two eyes a nose and a mouth, but our countenance is what in due process of time we make of nature's gift. Furthermore our character is wrought into our countenance plain for all men to see.

If it were possible to live to be as old as Methuselah the first twenty years of one's life would be the most important period of growth, but be life short or long growth can be continuous. Indeed this "growth continuum" to the very end of one's days is to my way of thinking the infallible sign of GREATNESS. No one can think Socrates had reached the limit of his mental greatness when the time came for him to drink the hemlock or that Abraham Lincoln's moral stature would not have gone on increasing had fate willed that he should not fall a victim to the assassin's pistol.

Coming down to modern times what a glorious example is seen in the titanic struggle that Madame Curie and her husband waged in order to wrest from nature the secret of radium. 5,676 failures then at last the 5,677th experiment and success. What grit, pluck, endurance and GROWTH. Virtue lies only in the continual renewal of effort and in matters of the mind and spirit the boast of success is an admission of failure. Dr. Johnson towards the end of his life described himself as a good old struggler. The great Physicist, Lord Kelvin, on one occasion when writing his name in the visitor's book was asked to add his titles. He wrote "William Kelvin, student." Not a bad definition of an educated man is one who never ceases to grow in his journey between the cradle and grave.

Excellence, said Matthew Arnold, can only be attained by those who are prepared to sweat blood to reach it. What Ruskin said of his day is all too true of to-day—"The passionate desire and hope of the multitude is to get the knowledge it has cost a man half his life to gather, first sweetened up to make it palatable and then kneaded into the smallest possible pills and swallowed homeopathically and be wise." A vain hope for as Euclid reminded his royal pupil, there is no royal road to learning. The beginning of decadence in any youth is when he sits down to think how he can get something for nothing. He may be assured that any one who promises him something for nothing is really out to give nothing and get something. Life is somewhat like an automatic sweet machine. No penny, no chocolate. Put your pennyworth of effort in and out will come—or shall we say out would have come in pre-war days—your pennyworth of chocolate.

There are in reality two classes and two classes only of Youth in this or any other country. (1) The backboneless—the effortless average, the unmotivated herd, those who lead meaningless lives who emulate the Wodehouse type of hero, who lies in bed and writes poems which begin Be! Be! with every fibre of your being, yet meanwhile remains a selfish clod of ailments, whining that the world will not make him happy. (2) The backboneed, those determined to lead meaningful lives and seek a task to dignify their days and to extend their faculties to the uttermost. There is nothing finer in man's upward struggle throughout the ages than his power to turn disadvantage into advantage, to turn his minuses into pluses.

Youth's job is to take his complex nature—a mob of conflicting appetites, desires and ambitions and organise them into an army of purposes and principles. In short to transform a chaos into a cosmos. This process of integration will involve a life long discipline. In a very real sense our nature is our greatest enemy. The Dr. Jekyll in us has oftentimes to struggle with the Mr. Hyde, but in the finest characters Dr. Jekyll is predominant though not perhaps permanently triumphant. So easy is it to reform others, so difficult to reform oneself.

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GROWTH is impossible without ideals. By all means begin with opinionettes, go on to formulate opinions, later establish your convictions and later still your beliefs and ideals in which you must have a profound faith if you are to accomplish anything worth while. It is disastrous to be a "Nothingarian" for the instinctive healthy scepticism of Youth may degenerate in later life into an unhealthy cynicism. The beliefs of Youth are the destiny of Middle Age. The good life is the only life that makes any sense as R.L.S. said: "I believe in the ultimate decency of things, ay, and if I woke up in Hell should still believe in it." It is faith in something and in enthusiasm for something that makes a life worth looking at. For the growing life there is one possible hypothesis and one only—to be inspired with the belief that life is a great and honourable calling not a mean and grovelling thing that we are to struggle through as best we can. "All things longed for in youth, Beautiful things of truth. Are found before we die if we but try," says John Masefield.

We all realise as we go through life that our reach exceeds our grasp, for that according to Browning is what a heaven's for—in other words that's what an ideal means. The essential thing is to covet earnestly the best gifts the things that neither a harsh fate or a malignant misfortune can take away. Cultivate inner resources. Be yourself? Yes—by all means if that self is a worth-while self. Beware what you set your heart upon for in the vast majority of cases, sooner or later the dominant wish in life comes true. Not failure but low aim is crime of such was written in the Scriptures. "He gave them their desire; and sent leanness withal into their soul." I see no harm in Youth believing that the best picture has not yet been painted; that the greatest poem is still unwritten (so long as some one whose limit is a sonnet does not try his hand at an epic); that the greatest song is not yet composed; that the mightiest novel remains to be written; that the divinest hypothesis concerning this life has not yet been conceived. It matters little that C3 people have had and will continue to have AI ambitions for ultimately genius will do what it must and talent what it can.

Returning to my subject, "perpetual growth," a very simple verse recapitulates all I have been trying to say:—

One step won't take you very far
 You've got to keep on walking,
 One word won't tell folk who you are
 You've got to keep on talking,
 One inch won't make you very tall
 You've got to keep on growing.

And the final word shall be with Christina Rossetti:—

Does the road wind up hill all the way?
 Yes to the very end,
 Will the day's journey take the whole long day?
 From morn to night my friend.

No, I will change my mind and have the last word myself. What finer epitaph does any one wish for than—"He died growing."

T. B. E.



SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION.

President: T. B. Everard, Esq., M.A. (Cantab), L.R.A.M.
 Hon. General Secretary: Miss Joyce Benbridge, 54, Old Park Road, N.13.
 Hon. Treasurer: Miss J. Spicer, 53, Cowper Gardens, N.14.

The past year has once again seen many changes among our active members. We get used to seeing a familiar face at our weekly meetings; then we miss the person and after two or three months he or she comes back to visit us—in the uniform of one of the Services. New members leaving School fill the gaps left by the continuous absorption into the Forces of our older members, and throughout the year we have been able to rely on their support to keep our activities alive. That is the picture of our Association as it has been to us at home during the last year.

On the other side of the picture are the Old Boys and Old Girls away in the Services and on war duty of every kind. All the news we receive from them and of them means a great deal to us at home who are always wishing them well. As we think back over the year we can be justly proud of the good record our Old Boys are establishing in whatever War Service they have undertaken. Wherever they are to-day everyone of us at home sends our sincerest wishes for their safe and speedy return.

We pause a moment to think of our friends who will not return. They have paid the greatest price, and they will never be forgotten by any of us. Once again our thoughts and sympathies go out to their relatives and friends.

Our main activities in 1943 have been centred around our Youth Organisation, which is run in conjunction with the Minchenden Old Pupils' Association; During the Winter months we have held regular Social Meetings each Friday evening, for which once



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again we have had the kind permission of the Headmaster to use the School Hall. These Social evenings have taken the form of dances, table tennis tournaments, cinematograph shows and concerts. In spite of the afore-mentioned continuous changing of members, the attendance has been maintained at a fairly good number. We feel, however, that a lot more support could be given by Old Scholars who are still in the district. We are aware that there are many calls on our "free" time these days, but our Meetings are only once a week, and if you cannot come regularly even an occasional attendance will prove that you are interested in your Association and be of great encouragement to those few people who are giving a great deal of their time and energy to the organisation of varied activities for you. YOU want your Association kept alive and active, and it can only be kept so by YOUR support. By the time you read this, this Winter's Season will be over, but you will be informed of any Summer activities and next Winter's programme, so GO TO IT and give the Association your much-needed support.

I should like to express, at this point, our appreciation in particular of the efforts of two of the Southgate and Minchenden Youth Organisation Committee members who have given hours of work and thought to the organisation of the Friday Social evenings throughout the whole year—Doris Pontifex, of the Minchenden Old Pupils' Association, and Dennis Le Croisette, of the Southgate County Old Scholars' Association. The success of many of the evenings has been due to them.

During the Summer of 1943, once again with the kind permission of the School, we were allowed to run our Tennis Club on the hard courts at Minchenden. The regular membership was good, and Old Boys and Girls on leave were able to enjoy some games.

An attempt to reorganise an Old Scholars' Football Team in co-operation with the Minchenden Old Pupils' Team was a disappointment. If any Old Scholars are interested in this proposition Norman King, who can be contacted through the Secretary, will be very pleased to hear from them.

The Old Girls' Hockey Club had an enjoyable Season thanks to the untiring efforts of its Secretary, Miss Mary Piggott. A report of the games will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

In conclusion I would like to introduce to you your new Secretary and Treasurer. Miss Joyce Benbridge and Miss Jacqueline Spicer are respectively taking over this work as the Ministry of Labour have decided that the Writer's attention must be elsewhere. They are taking it over at a time when the going is difficult, and I feel sure you will give them your support as you have given it to me during the last three years. If you are away—in this country or abroad—they will be looking forward to receiving letters and news from you, and if you are at home give them your support in every possible way you can.

We wish every Southgate County Old Scholar the very best of luck in the great effort they are making, and at the beginning of 1944 we hope that the year will bring them home again to their families and friends.

MARJORIE CAPARN,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, April, 1941 to January, 1944.



ADDITIONAL LIST OF OLD BOYS AND GIRLS SERVING IN H.M. FORCES.

R.N.—D. G. Edmonds, W. Fussell, W. Harding, R. J. Taylor.

THE ARMY.—C. Bell, P. Greenaway, K. G. Harvey, C. Hayes, G. Hulls, F. Spooner, D. Wells.

R.A.F.—J. D. Charrot, H. Collins, D. C. Dix, R. K. Dix, A. E. H. Parsons, R. Wild.

MERCHANT NAVY.—K. M. Watts.

W.R.N.S.—Patricia Betts, Betty Greenwood, Beryl Hale, Jean Ingram, Phyllis Mackenzie, Hilda Woodbridge.

W.A.A.F.—Doris Eastwood, Mavis Pavier, Jessie True.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S NURSING SERVICE.—Doreen Sentance.

V.A.D.—Winifred Spooner.



COMMISSIONS.

Heartly congratulations to the following Old Scholars on attaining commissioned rank in addition to those previously mentioned:—

THE ARMY.—2nd Lieut. S. Harding; 2nd Lieut. K. G. Harvey; 2nd Lieut. C. Hayes; 2nd Lieut. G. Hulls; 2nd Lieut. K. Nisbett.

R.A.F.—F/L. A. E. H. Parsons.

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W/O. J. D. Charrot, R.A.F., awarded D.F.C. in May, 1943, By his coolness and precision in navigation he greatly assisted his captain to fly his damaged aircraft back to base after two of the crew had been wounded.

Sub-Lieut. D. A. Marchant, M.B.E., R.N.V.R., awarded D.F.C. in December, 1943, for outstanding bravery and skill in many successful sorties against enemy shipping in the Mediterranean.

F/L. A. E. H. Parsons, R.A.F., awarded D.F.C. for bringing his plane back to this country after a raid on Berlin, in the course of which his plane was attacked and set on fire by fighters and the rear gunner was wounded. During the attack an enemy plane was shot down.



PRISONERS OF WAR.

Rumour has it that certain forms are interested in the school Prisoners of War Fund and would like to make regular donations. May we say that any contribution, however small, will be welcomed by Mrs. Long who, with Miss Burr, is looking after the fund. To date we have 10 Old Boys who are officially reported as "Prisoners of War" and periodically tobacco, cigarettes and books are sent out to them through the British American Tobacco Company and the Times Book Club. Their names are:—

T. H. Taylor, 1931—1937; K. S. Gray, 1931—1937; J. L. Lidbury, 1923—1928; F. K. Wilmer, 1923—1929; P. J. Duck, 1926—1931; R. N. Carter, 1933—1937; C. W. Dean, 1921—1926; F. W. Bradshaw, 1922—1927; J. L. Sweeney, 1927—1933; M. V. Grant, 1930—1935; K. J. Nisbett, 1934—1940.



SUCCESSSES GAINED BY OLD PUPILS SINCE JANUARY, 1943.

Margita Barabas—University of Wales Intermediate B.A.
R. Brown—University of London Intermediate B.Sc. (Engineering).
D. A. Clark—First L.D.S.
W. A. Cliff—Intermediate Chartered Accountants.
Pauline Cohen—University of London B.Sc. (Chemistry).
D. J. Creamer—University of London Intermediate B.Com.
E. Crouch—University of London Intermediate B.Sc. (Engineering).
D. W. Fairbairn—University of London Intermediate B.Sc.
R. W. Gilbert—Engineering Cadetship at Hackney Technical Institute.
D. Griffiths—University of London B.Sc. (Engineering) Part I.
J. Hammond—University of London Intermediate B.Sc. (Engineering).
G. Hardman—Intermediate Examination of the Chartered Surveyors Institute.
R. Hayward—Higher National Certificate in Radio-Engineering.
P. Jordan—University of London Second M.B.
D. Le Croisette—State Bursary.
Irene Lowther—University of Leeds B.A. (English).
K. Mackenzie—Engineering Cadetship at Hackney Technical Institute.
R. Roberts—University of London B.Sc. (Chemistry).
E. W. Rogers—University of London Intermediate B.Sc. (Engineering).
L. E. F. Rose—Associate Chartered Insurance Institute.
F. G. Saunders—University of Reading B.Sc. (Agriculture) Part I.
K. Sims—University of London Intermediate B.Sc. (Engineering).
E. Stockton—University of London B.Sc. (Chemistry).
R. J. Taylor—L.R.A.M.
D. I. Thomas—University of London B.Sc. (Second Class Honours Chemistry).
G. Watkinson—M.B., B.S. (University of London) M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
B. Hyde—Intermediate Part I of the Surveyors and Auctioneers Institute.
Doreen Sentance—State Registered Nurse.



MARRIAGES OF OLD SCHOLARS.

Sub-Lieut. N. A. Hogarth to Joan Kirby; D. L. Dyer to Miss M. D. Shaw; Rev. J. G. Stunden to Joyce Brown; Mr. C. F. Fox to Eunice Cotton; Mr. J. Tramer to Erika Konstantinowska; F. D. Lee to Miss W. Watt; John D. Janes to Margaret Isabel Smith; Mr. H. Reed to Stella Hammond; Mr. J. B. Bodden to Norma Alexander; J. C. Smethers to Marion

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## BIRTHS

L/Sergt. and Mrs. G. Cross (Dorothy Pirnie)—a sister for Michael; Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Denbigh—a son; Mr. and Mrs. I. Taylor—a son; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Forsaith (Joyce Blaver)—a son; Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Randall (Peggy Boadella)—a son; Lieut. and Mrs. A. J. Mills (Evelyn Cox)—a son; Mr. and Mrs. K. Eddowes (Muriel Bourdon)—a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Walsh—a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. C. Fairfield—a son; Mr. and Mrs. D. Dix—a son; Lieut. and Mrs. B. G. Blower—a daughter; Lieut. and Mrs. J. Brigden—a son; Corpl. and Mrs. J. H. Holes (Dorothy Thorn)—a son; Mr. and Mrs. F. Martin (Barbara Howitt)—a son; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Court—a son; Mr. and Mrs. N. Hills—a son; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Quarmby (Joan Fry)—a daughter; Bdr. and Mrs. B. Penny (Olive Stone)—a son; Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Johnson—a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Willott (Denise Spears)—a son; Cpl. and Mrs. C. F. Cox (Evelyn Evison)—a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Pittman (Dora Hoyle)—a son; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cuthbert—a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Chilver (Edna Damant)—a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Gooderidge (Enid Avey)—a son; Mr. and Mrs. S. Riggs (Winifred Sylvester)—a daughter; Lieut. and Mrs. T. N. Tweedy—a daughter; F/O. and Mrs. D. E. Hunt (Olive Cotton)—a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ellis (Kathleen Gyles)—a son; Mr. and Mrs. R. Harman—a son; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mayes—a daughter; Dr. and Mrs. S. V. Sansom—a son; Mr. and Mrs. C. Clarke (Mary Scarr)—a brother for Gillian and Pamela.



## PRESENTATION TO MISS SLEE

The following is a précis of the Headmaster's remarks made to the school when Miss Slee left us to take up the post of Senior Mistress in the Crewe County School, at the end of the summer term.

It was one of our lucky days when some twelve years ago Miss Slee was appointed to the staff of this school. Now the time has come when we have to part with her; we are very sorry for ourselves, but nevertheless at the same time we rejoice in her well merited promotion and the feeling that is uppermost in our minds is one of gratefulness that we have had the privilege and profit of so many years of superlatively efficient and unselfish service. We have valued highly Miss Slee's work at Southgate not only because of her pupils' academic successes—and they have been notable, and speak for themselves far more eloquently than anything I might say concerning them; not only because she has made the Biology Department one of the most efficient departments of the school; but mainly because she has been what we might call a "second miler," never satisfied with the performance of mere duty but always far exceeding this and giving full measure well pressed down and running over. In short a generous giver. To conclude the ceremony the Headmaster on behalf of the staff and school presented Miss Slee with a cheque for £14 as a token of the sincere appreciation of the distinguished service rendered to the school. Miss Slee, in thanking the Headmaster and the staff and school, said that her time at Southgate County had been a very happy one and will always remain one of her treasured memories.



## AND TO MRS. HOLT.

In October last year we said goodbye to Mrs. M. S. Holt, who left us to take a similar post at a secondary school near her home at Eastleigh in Hampshire. Mrs. Holt came to Southgate County School in June 1937, and she rendered valuable service to the school during the six years she was on the staff. We were very sorry indeed to part with her, though the reason for leaving was fully appreciated.

Mrs. Holt had always taken her full share in the corporate life of the school. With Miss Slee she was in charge of the Netball, and she also did sterling work in connection with the National Savings Association. The magnificent total of £7,078, covering the three special war saving efforts, was in no small measure due to her efforts coupled with those of Mr. Pratt.

A cheque was handed to Mrs. Holt on her last day as a parting gift from the Staff and the School.

We wish Mrs. Holt every happiness in her new school, and hope she will pay us a visit whenever she is in London.

We cannot end this reference to Mrs. Holt's leaving without mentioning our grateful thanks for her kind gift to the Memorial Scholarship Fund.

### A.T.C. No. 973 SQUADRON.

The squadron has every reason to be proud of the results achieved this year both in service training and in sport.

With 152 on the roll our strength has been maintained, whilst many squadrons have experienced a severe drop in numbers. During the year 58 cadets have passed the Proficiency Examination, and 10 have completed the Advanced Training Examination. In addition six others have passed in some parts of this examination, which is equivalent of the passing out examination at I.T.W. or University Course.

Many old members of the squadron are now on operations either with the R.A.F. or F.A.A., and many more have nearly completed their training; a number hold H.M. Commissions. Hardly a parade passes without a visit from at least one old cadet.

No parades now take place in the afternoon, and all cadets still at school attend the evening parades. New cadets enter the H.Q. Flight for a probationary period of three months and are then drafted to one of the three main flights.

The annual camp was held this year at a Bomber Training Unit in Bucks. All the 80 cadets who attended thoroughly enjoyed the interesting training provided, and about half were fortunate enough to get into the air. The Friday evening dance with the station contingent of the W.A.A.F. was a very popular conclusion to the camp. A party of 20 cadets attended a course at Halton on the four week-ends in June, and in addition to many interesting lectures and demonstrations all had opportunities to fly and shoot. Some 30 cadets visited Hendon for flying one afternoon, but no regular opportunities for flying have occurred this year. Owing to regrouping we have lost our affiliation to an Essex Aerodrome. We hope that we shall be affiliated to another station in the near future.

Two valued officers resigned their commissions in the summer, although both continued as instructors—F/O. Hayter on his transfer to another school, and P/O Stewart owing to lack of time. W/O Leeming unfortunately had to leave us at Christmas on his transfer to another part of the country, and F/O. Pratt has recently been called up for service with the R.A.F.

A major innovation during the year has been the incorporation of Squadron prayers in the Sunday morning programme. The service is conducted either by the Squadron Chaplain, the Reverend G. W. Stainsby, or by the Reverend John Huxtable.

Another new feature is the development of a Squadron Band. This has been made possible by the generous help received in the matter of an instructor and loan of instruments by the Wood Green Silver Band. We are greatly indebted to the Borough of Southgate A.T.C. Supporters Association, collectively and individually, for the gift of instruments and also for generous gifts to our welfare funds.

The squadron has achieved considerable success in the sphere of sport, the most notable results being the winning of the Middlesex County Championships in both Swimming and Cross Country.

From this report it is seen that the squadron is flourishing in every way.

It is impossible to mention the work of individuals, but I wish to express sincere appreciation of the loyal service of both officers and instructors, and also to thank the many ladies who have given such consistent and efficient help with clerical work and catering.

G. W. CORDREY, F/Lt.,  
Officer Commanding.

### GIRLS' FARM CAMP AT BLUNTISHAM, 1943.

A party of girls from the Senior forms went to Bluntisham again last year to assist in picking the heavy plum crop. It was originally proposed that the camp should last for five weeks, but owing to the early summer and premature ripening of the fruit, the first batch of girls were able to pick the main part of the crop, and it was unnecessary for the camp to continue for longer than four weeks. Unfortunately, this meant that the girls who were booked to go to Bluntisham for the fourth and fifth weeks were not required and missed a very enjoyable if arduous holiday.

The camp started officially on the 9th August, when about 40 heavily laden girls pushed their bicycles into Palmers Green Station at half-past seven in the morning and were taken in charge by Miss Rogers. Surprisingly nobody was late, and at 7.35 a.m. we entered the train for the first part of our journey to King's Cross. The journey was uneventful, and St. Ives was reached soon after lunch. From St. Ives we were taken by lorry to the Bluntisham school, some five miles off, where we were split up into parties and made our way to out allotted sleeping quarters to prepare our beds and settle in.

The majority of the Sixth Form girls slept in the school, but a few were accommodated in the incubators of a neighbouring farm. The fourth and fifth form girls were allocated to a barn, which was rather draughty and eerie in the small hours of the morning. Sleeping was rough, but tired bodies can rest anywhere.

Our grateful thanks are due to several members of the Staff and Senior School who, as an advance party, did much hard work to prepare the camp most efficiently; and Mrs. Horrex, who cooked for us and kept us so excellently fed, also deserved special mention.

Our party was divided into three groups, each being required to work on a different farm. It must be admitted that some worked harder than others, but on the whole each did her fair share. The work was hard and at times tedious, but we enlightened our labours with song and had "Music while we worked" without the aid of the B.B.C.

The weather for the first two weeks was excellent with hardly a wet day, but this happy state of affairs did not endure, and during the last two weeks, which were not so bright or warm, there were several showers. The rain, however, did not impede our "War Effort" to any appreciable extent.

We were roused in time to get up at half-past six each morning, except Sunday, and, after a hearty breakfast, commenced work at eight o'clock, continuing steadily until four o'clock except for a break of half-an-hour in which to eat luncheon of sandwiches and cake. I must admit that we all had good appetites, and despite the good and plentiful food provided we were often found eating the nice juicy Victoria plums. There were, however, very few cases of illness from overeating fruit.

We were free from work every evening, and after our evening meal we were allowed to do as we liked until eight o'clock, our bedtime. During these free periods some of us, who had bicycles, visited the surrounding villages and other interesting spots in the neighbourhood. Others went swimming in the River Ouse, while those who fancied themselves as oarswomen hired boats and rowed on the river. During the evenings we also wrote letters or had games. On Saturdays our labours ended at 12.30 p.m., and we were able to pay visits farther afield to such places as St. Ives or the interesting cathedral city of Ely. Sunday was a completely free day and was spent as a real holiday.

There is no doubt whatever that, although we worked hard, we spent a most enjoyable time at Bluntisham, benefited by the change, and are all hoping that there is again to be a farming camp this year.

In conclusion we would also like to thank other members of the staff and "Old Girls," not specially mentioned by name, who did so much to ensure the smooth running of the camp.

PAMELA CHING. 6B Science.

### BOYS' FARM CAMP—1943.

On the last day of the summer term of 1943, a party of senior boys set out by trail for Wing; to be followed the next day by the more energetic cyclists. All arrived without a hitch and settled down for a month's hard work. On August Bank Holiday a few of us were sent to work. The others however lounged about, only to find that next day they were to be sent to pick potatoes at the nearby R.A.F. station. Mr. Pratt was in charge of the labour. He soon got us allotted to the nearby farmers, and we started the work bringing in the harvest in earnest.

The weather held good for us although on several days it rained and the sun was very elusive.

At the end of the second week one or two of the boys had to go home because of illness. However, their places were filled by several newcomers. The last two weeks were upset by a slight illness, but this did not stop the good work being carried on.

Our amusement was not forgotten. For on several occasions we were invited over to the Irish hostel to see film shows and an "Ensa" concert. We ourselves went in for a concert, both staff and boys taking part. Our effort turned out to be very good, considering that there was so little time for rehearsals.

Of course we did not forget to thank the members of the Staff and their families for their untiring efforts for our welfare. Especially we thanked Mr. Knowles and Mr. Smith, whose organisation of the camp made our stay so enjoyable, that the prospect of having to wait twelve months for another visit to Wing seems far too long.

P. ROYALL, 5A.

## THE ORCHESTRA.

Since the summer the Orchestra has been meeting regularly again each Friday for rehearsal. Our numbers, judged by the pre-war standard, are small, but with the help of a few old scholars who were available we managed to appear successfully in public at the Speech Day in December, and again at the performance of "She Stoops to Conquer" in March.

The orchestra depends for its existence on the regularity of the flow of new recruits from those entering the school each September. At one time we could depend on receiving five or six new members each year, and could therefore maintain an orchestra of between twenty and thirty members. We now get less than half this number, and therefore appeal to parents to encourage their children to take up an orchestral instrument with a view of joining the school orchestra. The school has a number of instruments, which will be lent to those who undertake to receive regular lessons. At present there are violins, a viola, a cello and a double bass lying idle waiting to be claimed.

**Violins:** Mr. Smith, Brenda Collier, Pamela Ching, Patricia Titleboam, Maureen Collier, J. Larroudé, A. Sinden, G. Bullen. **Cellos:** Mr. Auger, I. Collier. **Flute:** B. Howe. **Clarinet:** B. Perren. **Cornet:** W. Beer. **Piano:** G. Stubbs.



## THE MUSICAL COMPETITION.

The annual Musical Competition was held at the end of the summer term. The programme was in three parts, the first consisting of items by members of the junior school, the second the competition for the House Cup, awarded this year for the best House choir, and the third the competition for the "Ney" cup awarded for the best senior individual item.

A satisfactory number of entries was received and, in order to obtain a programme of suitable length, auditions were held during the preceding fortnight when the best were selected. The competition was judged by a panel of three adjudicators consisting of Mr. Everard, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wain, and the task proved to be by no means easy. The interest of the audience was well maintained throughout the afternoon by a varied and entertaining programme.

The Junior Cup was won by Janet Moore, who gave a delightful rendering of Schubert's "Cradle Song." The test piece for the choirs was Gordon Jacob's arrangement of "Brother James' Air," and each choir had its own conductor and accompanist. This cup was won by the Red House Choir (Conductor, R. J. Taylor), with the Green House Choir (conductor, Yvonne Bouty), as runners up.

Among the seniors the chief interest centred in the efforts of the three pianists, and the "Ney" cup was eventually awarded to R. J. Taylor for his accomplished performance of Bach's Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue.



## "SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER."

Goldsmith's comedy "She Stoops to Conquer" was presented by pupils of the Dramatic Society on Friday evening, March 3rd, and Saturday afternoon March 4th. It was a most excellent performance and did credit to the actors and producer alike.

The story is well-known—how young Charles Marlowe, coming down to view a prospective bride, is misdirected by Tony Lumpkin—a country lout, full of tricks, but not without wits or heart—and arrives at the house of his destination, believing it to be an inn. His subsequent behaviour gives cause for annoyance to his host, but ultimately wins him his wife.

Charles Marlowe was very well played by Graham Stubbs (who was also responsible for the spirited song in Act I, Scene II). His apt assumption of eighteenth century manners delighted the audience. Scarcely less good was Peter Moore as Mr. Hardcastle—a most difficult part for a youthful interpreter, but well taken and considered. As Tony Lumpkin Norman Last was inimitable; he entered into the spirit of the part with remarkable verve and ease. William Horton, as Hastings, was slightly handicapped by a too youthful voice, but his acting was all that could be desired.

As Mrs. Hardcastle Rita Hatton showed herself fully the equal of her stage mate, and was specially applauded more than once. Barbara Waide as Kate Hardcastle was delightful; she has all the makings of a true comedy actress. Barbara Lancaster as Constance Neville played adequately, and her grave manner made her a foil to Kate. But perhaps the palm should be awarded to the young people who took the parts of the roisterers at the inn and

the servants of Mr. Hardcastle. All acted by girls, they played their roles magnificently, and one had to look at the programme to be sure of their sex.

Altogether, quite a remarkable performance when one thinks of the youth of the caste. Their elocution was faultless, and reflected immense credit on their teacher.

We hope that next time Mrs. Pole will give us "THE RIVALS"—a better known, but equally amusing play. All honour to her and her delightful troupe.

A. M. BARHAM.

### NATIONAL SAVINGS.

Since April, 1943, the school has collected £354 4s. 6d., not including the Wings for Victory week. Although this is quite a large total, only about one-third of it represents regular small weekly savings. We very much hope that a larger number of pupils will become weekly contributors, particularly in the Junior School, where we should like to advocate saving at school rather than in street groups.

The Wings for Victory week was a great success, for during that period £3,020 was collected. In the coming "Salute the Soldier" week our target is to be £4,500. We hope to reach and possibly surpass this sum, and so provide an "Armoured Mobile Headquarters" for our men in the field.

### THE SOCIETY FOR DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

President: T. Everard, Esq., M.A.

Chairman: Mrs. Pole

Hon. Secretary: Betty Thackeray (6A Arts).

Hon. Treasurer, P. Askey (6B Arts).

Hon. Librarian: D. Gardiner (6B Com.).

From January to December the Society held nearly twenty meetings, which were very successful and had an average attendance of nearly 40 people. Meetings from January to July were on a great variety of subjects. We had speakers on the Jewish Problem, China, Japan, France and the New Deal. We also held quite a number of debates on questions ranging from the Beveridge Report and the Problem of Germany, to the more General "Science is the most important force in the world to-day." In the summer term we held a social in aid of a fund to help children from the occupied areas of Russia, and this proved a great success.

At the end of the term we were sorry to have to say goodbye to some of our senior members, including our secretary, J. Neville, and our librarian, R. Wheeler. On our return from the summer holidays we were proud to learn that one of our keenest members, Pat Titleboam, had won a prize in an essay competition, organised by the Anglo-Soviet Friendship Alliance. The subject of her essay was: "What I should like to see if I went to Russia."

We were pleased to welcome our friends from Minchenden at two meetings this year. We understand that they have now started a discussion society of their own, and we wish them success. We began the Autumn Term with a discussion on the "Plans for London," ably led by P. Askey, who showed a considerable knowledge of the subject. Mr. Paul Tabori came to speak to us on his own country, Hungary, Dr. Derezeiski spoke on Poland, and we had two debates, one of them on the very topical subject of the Colour Bar.

During the autumn term we heard from the Council for Education in World Citizenship, that there were some American boys and girls who wanted English pen friends, and when this was announced to the school the secretary was besieged with requests for American correspondents. We even queue for pen friends now. About 150 names were sent in altogether, and all of these will hear eventually from their new friends in America. The letters have already begun to come through, and five people have heard from boys and girls in Ohio. We were very fortunate in being able to send 10 of our new members to the "Tomorrow's Citizens" conference arranged by the Council for Education in World Citizenship at the end of the Christmas holidays. They were able to hear several very distinguished speakers, including Mr. Noel Baker, Mr. J. B. Priestley, and Sir William Beveridge.

We now have a considerable collection of pamphlets on current affairs, and if more people will take advantage of this our librarians will be pleased to distribute them. Altogether the year has been very successful and the meetings have been well attended on the whole, but do not forget that there is still room for you in the society.

BETTY THACKERAY (6A Arts).

**SUNDRY SUGGESTIONS FOR SUITABLE QUOTATIONS FOR INSCRIPTION  
OVER THE PORTALS OF THE SCHOOL EXTENSIONS-TO-BE.**

**Over the Main Entrance.**—Enter to learn; go forth to serve.

**The Headmaster's Study.**—(a) "Uneasy lies the heads of all that rule. His worst of all, whose Kingdom is a school." (b) "He only may chastise who loves" (Tagore).

**Art Room.**—Art begins where imitation ends. (Wilde.)

**Manual Centre.**—I too, will something make. And joy in the making (Masefield).

**Physical and Chemical Laboratories.**—A Laboratory is literally a place for working, i.e., a workshop (verb. sap.)

**The Library.** Medicine for the soul—"Nutrimentum spiritus."

**Room 14 (Detention Room).**—It is not in the power of a foolish person to escape misfortune.

**Biological Laboratory.**—Fiat experimentum in corpore vili. Let the experiment be made on some worthless body.

**Roll of Honour.**—Selection from the following:—

- (a) "Pass not this Roll in sorrow but in pride,  
And strive to live as nobly as they died."
- (b) "We the task inherit  
The unfinished task to which their lives were given."
- (c) "This have they done, and we, can we be base  
Their shoulders held the sky suspended."
- (d) "They stood, and Earth's foundations stay."—(A. E. Houseman).
- (e) "These laid down dear life  
For the sake of a land more dear."

**Cookery Centre.**—Kissing don't last, dear, but Cooking do. (Meredith.)

**Music Room.**—Heard melodies are sweet. But those unheard are sweeter.

**Staff Common Room.**—If a man keeps cultivating his old knowledge and be ever adding to it new, that man is fit to be a teacher of others. (Confucius.)

**Looking Glass in Cloakroom (Girls).**—There is no one so homely but loves a looking glass.

**Headmaster's Reading Desk on the Platform.**—That is never too often repeated which is never sufficiently learned.

**The School Corridors in Prominent Positions.**—

- (a) The days must be made to tell or the years will fail.
- (b) Whoever improves his own nature  
Improves the Universe of which he is a part—(W. Reade).
- (c) We are all born to service, and anyone who shrinks from his share is  
a thief or a beggar—(G.B. Shaw); or
- (d) He is base who receives favours and renders none—(Emerson).

**Assembly Hall.**—

- (a) "Somewhere within its walls shall  
All that forwards perfect human life  
be started, tried, taught, advanced—  
Visibly exhibited.
- (b) Here, and here, did my school help me;  
How can I help my school—SAY.

**School Trenches.**—Our shelter from the stormy blast.

**School pictures.**—A school hung with pictures is a school hung with thoughts.

**Gymnasium.**—"The first requisite to success in life is to be a good animal."—(H. Spencer).

**Geography Room.**—"I would entreat thy company, to see the wonders of the world abroad."  
—(Shakespeare). T. B. E.

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**QUALITY STREET, April 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1943.**

By J. M. BARRIE.

The presentation of sentimental comedy presents obvious difficulties to young people, but this play endears by its very sentimentality, and by the simplicity and quaintness of its humour. To what extent we succeeded in preserving and conveying these somewhat subtle qualities it is very difficult to say, so generous is the appreciation of audiences at Southgate County School; but that we must have done so to some extent was evident from the spontaneous reactions of the audience to the humorous and emotional situations.

The success achieved was largely due to the three principal actors who each portrayed his or her character not just credibly but with real imagination. Maureen Caplin as Miss Phoebe Throssel had the most exacting part to sustain, and succeeded very well; though perhaps she was most convincing when as Miss Phoebe she was pretending to be her young and flighty niece, Miss Livvy. She managed her big moments well, and, altogether made a most charming Miss Phoebe. She was ably seconded by Barbara Frampton, who, as her elder sister, Miss Susan, gave a most finished and sympathetic performance. To play so convincingly the part of the older woman, with just the combination of demureness and daring was a considerable achievement in so young an actress and shows great promise; Peter Moore, as the somewhat obtuse, but good-natured Valentine Brown, had also a difficult part; he gave a very commendable performance, and even succeeded in retrieving the gentleman's character by the skilful way in which he disposed of Miss Livvy and restored Miss Phoebe's good name and self-respect.

The assiduous and inquisitive Misses Willoughby and Miss Turnbull were effectively acted by Olwen Lindsell, Daphne Johnson, and Yvonne Bouty; while Jacqueline Tugwell made a sturdy and sensible Patty.

The children's scene was well done by Jessamine Akhurst, Joy Dean, Alan Eggleton and William Horton, whose effective tuition in the use of the cane so nearly led to disaster, while Christine Orr as the trying Miss Isabella, who would learn Algebra—that most unlady-like subject—was very good.

Audrey Knight acted well and looked delightful as Charlotte Parratt, and was ably supported and grossly betrayed by her beau, Ensign Blades, acted by Ronald Wheeler, who conveyed very well the conceit, and the youthful egotism of the part. Beryl Randall as Harriet, succeeded in looking the soul of dejection, while Alan Eggleton as Lieut. Spicer made a fitting foil for Phoebe's cruelty.

So, in spite of war-time difficulties, and with the help of all our good friends in and out of school, the Dramatic Society was again able to do a piece of team work, and, whether successful or not (we leave it to you to say), did its best to relieve boredom.

P. POLE.

The Characters in order of appearance were:—Miss Fanny Willoughby, Daphne Johnson; Miss Susan Throssel, Barbara Frampton (Understudy: Rita Hatton); Miss Mary Willoughby, Olwen Lindsell; Miss Henrietta Turnbull, Yvonne Bouty; Miss Phoebe Throssel, Maureen Caplin; Patty, Jacqueline Tugwell; Recruiting Sergeant, Norman Last; Valentine Brown, Peter Moore; Georgy, Jessamine Akhurst; Miss Beveridge, Joy Dean; Isabella, Christine Orr; Master Arthur Wellesley Tomson, William Horton; Master William Smith, Alan Eggleton; Miss Charlotte Parratt, Audrey Knight; Ensign Blades, Ronald Wheeler; Lieutenant Spicer, Alan Eggleton; Harriet, Beryl Randall.



### OLD GIRLS' HOCKEY CLUB.

The 1942/3 season for the Old Girls' Hockey Club proved to be quite successful in spite of difficulties attributed to war-time conditions. Unfortunately, not many of our older members were able to join us on Saturday afternoons, but we were very glad to welcome some enthusiastic recruits, and with their support the club continued to flourish.

The weather conditions proved ideal for hockey, and some most enjoyable games were played with neighbouring teams. The season concluded triumphantly by winning the last six matches, the final results being as follows:—

Played 20 Games—Won 11, Lost 6, Drawn 3.

Goals For—113. Against—70.

The membership of the club in the present season has been maintained. Although we have again lost some of our players, others have come along and efficiently filled their places. Some members are not able to play every Saturday, but all agree that even an occasional game is as good as a tonic!

We shall be very glad to welcome all girls who are leaving school this year, or those who have already left, so please resolve to join us next season.

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### HOCKEY, 1942—1943.

This season proved to be one of the best where both weather and results were concerned.

It proved an exception in so much that the sea-gulls did not really get a good chance to establish themselves on our much abused pitch. Therefore the teams had a really good chance to practice.

At Christmas the 1st team suffered a severe blow when their captain, Audrey Hancock, a fine centre-half left, but Barbara Crampton proved a good substitute, and with Irene Harris, our goalie, who proved a tyrant to all opposing teams, the school carried on.

The 1st team in the Autumn was:—Irene Harris, Kathleen Harris, Jean Feakes, Mary Constable, Audrey Hancock (Captain), Betty Niehorster, Marjorie Nettleton, Jean Culpeck, Valerie Broadbent (later Captain), Norma Smith, Pat Pepper.

The 2nd Team in the Autumn was:—Yvonne Bouty, Betty Searle or Joan Parker, Beatrice Walters, Pamela Crown, Barbara Crampton, Jean Chenery, Jean Bullock, Heather Logsdon (Captain), Sheila Orr, Pat Kitchener, Pamela Ching or Madge Fisk.

Colours were awarded to Valerie Broadbent, Mary Constable and Jean Feakes.

Minchenden 1st—won 2—0, lost 0—1; 2nd—won 2—0, won 3—1; Latymer 1st—won 4—0. Enfield 1st—won 1—0, drew 0—0; 2nd—lost 2—4. East Barnet 1st—lost 2—3; lost 1—3. Old Girls 1st—drew 1—1; lost 1—4. Woodhouse 1st—won 3—1. Glendale 1st—won 7—1. Tottenham 1st—won 4—1. Palmers Green High School 2nd—won 1—0.

1st XI. Autumn term.—Played 7; lost 1; won 5; drew 1. 2nd XI Autumn term.—Played 2; lost 1; won 1; drew 0. 1st XI. Spring term.—Played 6; lost 3; won 2; drew 1. 2nd XI. Spring term.—Played 2; lost 0; won 2; drew 0.

### NETBALL, 1942-43

Hopes ran high for a good season of netball in 1942-43 for the enthusiasm of the two senior teams was great, and we commenced with two triumphant victories over Glendale. But after that, fate and the weather turned against us, with the result that week after week matches were scratched owing to unfavourable conditions.

However, thanks to the great help of Miss Slee, our spirits were kept high and our play steadily improved. The teams will certainly miss Miss Slee next season, and we thank her for the invaluable aid she has been in encouraging and coaching us.

The majority of the few matches the weather did permit us to play were losses—but all these games were very close and the good team work displayed by our teams kept the scores fairly even, our opponents beating us by one or two goals.

Results: 1st Team. Won 2, lost 6.  
2nd Team. Won 2, lost 5.

The first team consisted of:—Joan Ayling, Mary Groom, Sylvia Morris, Patricia Pepper, Jean Chenery, Barbara Crampton and Joy Turnpenny.

The 2nd Team was chosen from:—Margaret Lane, Jean Margetts, Audrey Bradford, Marjorie Attwell, Mollie Berriman, Marion Spooner, Beryl Reed, and Valerie Broadbent.

Colours awarded to Joan Ayling, Patricia Pepper, and Joy Turnpenny.

The junior teams, captained by Patricia Kirby, likewise showed great enthusiasm, and under the guidance of Mrs. Holt they developed into keen, well-balanced teams, and their victories, though few, were well deserved.

### RESULTS OF HOUSE NETBALL MATCHES.

Seniors.—1st White, 6 points; 2nd Blue, 4 points; 3rd Green, 4 points, 4th Red, Nil.  
Juniors.—1st Green, 6 points; 2nd White, 4 points; 3rd Red, 1 point; 4th Blue, 1 point.

### CRICKET.

The First XI. cricket team did not have a very successful season in 1943. Led by Frohnsdorff, with Gudgin acting as vice-captain, the team stabilised only in the second half of the season, when a great improvement took place. It had two victories and lost four games, three other matches being drawn.

Neither batting nor bowling was noteworthy, although Gudgin hit two good scores, including a half-century, and Ratcliff bowled well. The fielding was of a higher level, and became very good in the latter part of the term.

The team was usually chosen from: Frohnsdorff, Gudgin, Ritchie, Taylor, Basham, Dyer, Ratcliff, Pulford, Knight, Miel and Munro.

Of the batsmen, the most successful were Gudgin (average 19), Basham (9.75), Taylor (8.5), and Munro (8.5). The chief bowlers were Ratcliff (18 for 95), Basham (12 for 70), and Miel (8 for 60).

Colours were awarded to Taylor, Basham, Dyer and Ratcliff.

The Second XI, was captained by Coleman, and won three of the seven games it played. The leading batsmen were French (11.5), Dumayne (9), Dalgarno (7.5), and Wren (7). Askey (18 for 29) was easily the best bowler; Wren, Dalgarno, Dumayne and Prater shared the rest of the wickets.

In the Homeric Battles for the House Cup, besides the well-trying warriors who had gained glory, or a place, in the School teams, there were to be seen other faces and other methods. In these reputations were not taken for granted, for familiarity bred defiance, and occasionally a great name was brought low. The Cup was won by Green House.



### FOOTBALL, SEASON 1942-43.

The First XI, captained by Dumayne, started with two other old Colours in Ryall and Frohnsdorff. Unfortunately Dumayne had to give up playing altogether because of an injured knee, and Ryall took over the captaincy until he left at Christmas, when he was succeeded by Winters.

The team as a whole was on the small side and, although playing good football, could not hold its own against the older and heavier sides of other schools. However, we won five and drew three games out of twenty. We played Minchenden four times, but could only win once. Colours were awarded to Gudgin, Winters, Basham, Cliff and Pulford. Other players were Le Masurier, Daly, Dyer, Smith, Ritchie, Ratcliffe, Misell and Pozzati.

The following played for the second XI with very variable results:—Sinclair, Dyer, Smith, Askey, Read, Ritchie, Dumayne (junior), French; Wren; Bell; Heaton; Barnard; Baines; Le Masurier; Dalgarno; Clifford; Knight; Pozzati; and Greenaway.

Special mention must be made of the under 14½ XI, which had a more than usually successful season under the captaincy of Daly. They won more than two-thirds of their dozen games, and were most enthusiastic throughout the season.

Other Junior XIs, from the Second and Third forms also had some success, and obviously enjoyed themselves whenever they played.

The Senior House Cup was won by the White House followed by Red, Blue and Green in that order. The best Junior House Team was the Red with Green runners up.



### TENNIS—1943.

The standard of school tennis this summer was not as high as that of previous years. Both Seniors and Juniors were keen, and most girls were eager to practice and to improve their game. Individual practice and correction of individual faults are essential, and a noticeable improvement will not be found unless players have experience in matches with others of greater skill.

The selection of school teams was a difficult task as there were few outstandingly good players. The 1st and 2nd VI, played most enthusiastically and did some good work. Those who deserve special mention are Mary Groom (Captain), Valerie Broadbent and Norma Smith.

The Rosebowl was won this year by Michenden School in two straight matches:

| 1st VI.              |     |     |        | 2nd VI. |                  |
|----------------------|-----|-----|--------|---------|------------------|
| Mary Groom (Captain) | ... | 1st | Couple | ...     | Jean Culpeck.    |
| Valerie Broadbent    | ... | ... | ...    | ...     | Valerie Raymond. |
| Norma Smith          | ... | 2nd | „      | ...     | Heather Logsdon. |
| Barbara McKinney     | ... | ... | ...    | ...     | Joan Parker.     |
| Jean Chenery         | ... | 3rd | „      | ...     | Joan Hancock.    |
| Ruth Allday          | ... | ... | ...    | ...     | Sylvia Morris.   |

Reserve: Betty Niehorster.

Results.—1st VI.—Played 8; won 4; lost 4. 2nd VI.—Played 6; won 3; lost 3.

House results.—Senior (Eileen Flowers Cup)—White House. Junior—White House.

Rounders.—We played Rounders very vigorously this term, and enjoyed the matches which we had with neighbouring schools—though they were few. Practices were held during the dinner hour, when there was great competition for positions in the school teams. Bowling and fielding have improved enormously, but hitting is a very weak point. Turn up Juniors and practice!

**Under 14.**—Pat Kirby (Captain), Paddy Ching, Marjorie Nettleton, Jean Grist, Rosemary Henderson, June Carpenter, Vera Cook, Margaret Moxham.

**Under 13.**—Kathleen Ginn (Captain), Betty Birkett, Audrey Knight, Eileen Greaves, June Martin, Jean Mead, Margaret Harris, Brenda Collier, Hazel Stewart, Mary Holloway, Beryl Goodger.

**Rounders.**—Results.—Under 14 IX.—Played 4; won 1; lost 3. Under 13 IX.—Played 4; won 3; lost 1.

**Swimming.**—Senior Cup, Victrix Natationis, Valerie Broadbent; Junior Medal.—Jean Grist. Progress Cup.—Helga Hyde. House Cup.—Green House.

## SWIMMING (BOYS).

The swimming sports were held at the end of the summer term. The House Championship was won by the White House with 41½ points. The Green House gained 37½ points, the Red House 37 points, and the Blue House 6 points. The Senior Championship Cup was won by I. Collier, and the Junior Cup by G. Jackson.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Annual Athletic Sports were held on the School Ground on July 16th, 1943.

1. The "Vivian" challenge cup (Boys) championship.  
Winners.—1. Green, Red, 46 points. 3. White, 31 points. 4. Blue, 14 points.
2. The "A. T. Warren" Challenge Cup (Girls' Championship):—  
Winners.—1. Green, 110 pts. 2. Blue, 100 pts. 3. White, 93 pts. 4. Red, 87 pts.
3. The "A. T. Warren" Cup to the boy for exemplary work in the School Teams (cricket and football for year 1942-1943). Awarded to C. Frohnsdorff.
4. The "Finlayson" Challenge Cup, Senior Relay. Winners—Red.
5. The "Stanley Wiggins" Challenge Cup, Tug o' War. Winners—Red.
6. The "Mistresses" Challenge Cup—Senior Relay (Girls). Winners—White.
7. The "Prefects" Challenge Cup—Junior Relay (Girls). Winners—Green.
8. The "Victor Ludorum" Cup. Winners—1. A. G. Adams, 14 pts. 2. B. Bayward, 10 pts.
9. The "Junior" Championship Medal. Winner—A Dumayne, 8 pts. 2. J. Bowles, 5 pts.
10. The "Javelin" Medal. Winners: A. H. Gudgin. 2. C. Frohnsdorff. 3. R. Daly.
11. The "Discus" Medal. Winners—1. W. Misell. 2. D. Hill. 3. B. Hayward.
12. The "Shot" Medal. Winners—1. R. G. Whalen. 2. W. Misell. 3. P. Greenaway.
13. The "Senior Girls" Championship Medal. Winners—H. Logsdon, B. Niehorster.
14. The "4th Form (Girls)" Championship Medal. Winner—B. Lancaster.
15. The "3rd Form (Girls)" Championship Medal. Winner—M. Holloway.
16. The "Lower School (Girls)" Championship Medal. Winner—J. Mathew.
17. The "Bradshaw" Challenge Cup—High Jump (Open). Winners—1. B. Hayward.  
2. J. Watson. 3. R. Ritchie.
18. The "Norman Leslie Day" Challenge Cup—100 yards (open). Winners—1. A. H. Gudgin. 2. B. Hayward. 3. P. Baines.
19. The "Old Boys" Challenge Cup—¼-mile (open). Winners—1. W. Misell. 2. A. G. Adams. 3. D. Wren.
20. The "Geere" Challenge Cup—¼-mile (open). Winners—1. A. G. Adams. 2. Misell.  
3. D. Partridge.
21. The "Hurdles" Challenge Cup. Winners—1. A. G. Adams. 2. P. Baines. 3. D. Whittlecroft.
22. The "Big" Challenge Cup—Long Jump (open). Winners—A. G. Adams. 2. R. Ritchie. 3. B. Hayward.
23. The "Marjorie Kindon" Challenge Cup—100 yards (girls). Winner—B. Niehorster.
24. The "Doris Long" Challenge Cup. High Jump (girls). Winner—H. Logsdon.
25. The "Cross Country" Challenge Cup (Senior). Winners—Red. 1. A. G. Adams.  
2. W. Misell. 3. D. Wren.
26. The "Cross Country" Challenge Cup (Junior). Winners—White.
27. The "Junior" 880 yards. Winners—1. J. Bowles. 2. D. Scott. 3. N. Last
28. The "Junior" High Jump. Winners—D. Curbishley. 2. R. Philo. 3. A. Dumayne.
29. The "Junior" Long Jump. Winners—1. D. Leftwich, 2. D. Stokes. 3. A. Dumayne.
30. The "Junior" 100 yards. Winners—1. A. Dumayne. 2. B. Whitaker. 3. J. Morris.
31. The "Junior" 220 yards. Winners—1. A. Dumayne. 2. D. Hays. 3. A. Miller.
32. The "Junior" 440 yards.—Winners—1. A. Miller. 2. B. Whitaker. 3. D. Wright.

At the conclusion of the Sports the various trophies were graciously presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. Everard, to whom the assembled school accorded a very cordial welcome and a vote of thanks.