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EDITORIAL

Now we have launched our offensive and the news makes this Christmas term more cheerful than the last. However, it brings the severest of all tests, not only of arms and strategy, but also of courage and endurance and our thoughts are with the old pupils and staff of the school who are called to take an active part in this stirring occasion.

Meanwhile an editor's task in war-time is not very happy for many contributors will be disappointed that there is no room in the magazine for their good original work. But these curtailments of a full school life must be borne for a little longer. Perhaps too we sometimes feel an unreality in our work and are unable to reconcile the study of Latin or Algebra to a world alive with action. But these are fleeting feelings and to most of us our round of lessons, followed by rugby and hockey, is a happy one; and we are grateful for the opportunities given us of developing our faculties and forming a clear and unprejudiced view of life which will be our own.

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SCHOOL NOTES

PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys : Head Prefect : Gardner, R. J.

Prefects : Shepherd, J., Grayson, K. M.

Sub-Prefects : Dalton, L., Malcolm, B. R., Whitaker, J. G.,
Wightman, G.

Girls : Head Prefect : B. Y. Sharples.

Prefects : J. C. Howcroft, A. Bradley, E. Newsham.

Sub-Prefects : M. D. Hunt, A. B. Sage, D. Whittaker.



THE SCHOOL FARM CAMP AT WINMARLEIGH—AUGUST, 1942.

1.—A group around the Dixie. Mr. Oldland, Jane and Jackie Helme, Webster, Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Bennison.

2.—Meadows is not interested in Lund's shaving.

3.—Sefton with a trusted friend.

4.—A farewell gathering.

We are delighted to hear that this half-term Miss Whitehouse was married to our mathematics master, Mr. Fisher, who is now serving in the R.A.F. We offer our best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Fisher.

We have heard also of other Balshavian weddings which took place recently. Sub-Lieut. A. Briggs, B.Sc., R.N.V.R. was married to Marjorie Baybutt, S.R.N. and Gordon Nelson to Joan Iddon. Stephen Lloyd has married Miss M. Milican of Exeter, Louie Ratcliffe, Mr. F. Brooker, and Phyllis Ainsworth, Mr. A. G. Moffat.

Our very sincere congratulations go also to Mrs. A. H. Smalley (née Lilius Lomax) on the birth of a son, Ian, last August; and to Mrs. Allibone (née Alice Nuttall) whose daughter was born in the same month. Alice's husband, Frank Allibone, is also an old pupil of the school.

We are proud to hear that A.C.1 J. C. Lewis has been mentioned in despatches. John Lewis was a pupil of the school from 1933 to 1937.

In the Summer holidays members of the School Farm Camp again worked on a farm near Garstang. An account of its activities is included in the magazine.

On May 21st, a party of Senior Students and Staff saw "The Merry Wives of Windsor" played by the Old Vic Company at the Hippodrome Theatre, Preston.

On Oct. 27th, a party of Sixth Formers and Staff attended a concert given by the String Quartet led by Henry Holst at Winckley Square Convent, Preston.

On May 14th, the Osiris Players presented "The Merchant of Venice" in the School Hall.

There have also been two C.E.M.A. Concerts at the School in the evening.

There have been some good lectures during the last half year.

On October 8th, Mr. J. H. Koens gave an Imperial Institute Lecture on "South Africa".

On May 20th, Commander Elwell-Sutton gave a lecture on "Canada".

On May 18th, the senior boys heard a lecture by a Naval Officer.

On October 23rd, Miss Legge of the Zoological Department of Manchester Museum gave a lecture on "Russia".

Ministry of Information Films have also been shown to the school from time to time.

The 'Two-Minutes' Silence was observed throughout the School on Armistice Day, Nov. 11th.

We congratulate all those who were successful in last term's Public Examinations.

The following eleven pupils received the full Higher School Certificate:—Lund, H.; Rigby, W.; A. Bradley; E. Downham; J. Elliott; M. Holding; J. Howcroft; A. Lee; B. Pickburn; B. Sharples and E. Wilson.

The following eighteen pupils received the Oxford School Certificate:—Dalton, L. W.; Dixon, A.; Farrington, E.; Meadows, J. E.; Riding, C.; Wightman, G.; B. Barnett; I. Hall; O. Hurlstone; K. Jopson; J. Kennedy; J. Lea; D. N. Pearce; E. Rutter; H. Sage; B. Skelton; E. Speed; J. Todd.

We congratulate Annie Lee, Lund and Rigby who were awarded State Bursaries in Science to London, Sheffield and Liverpool Universities respectively.

Our best wishes go with those who have entered colleges this last Summer:—M. Holding who is at Goldsmith's College, E. Wilson at Avery Hill College, J. Elliott at Homerton College, A. K. Bradshaw at Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, Lund, H. at Sheffield University, A. Lee at London University (Bedford College), and Rigby, W. at Liverpool University.

Our contributions to the war effort have been sustained—contributions to war charities are generous; our National Savings Group and vegetable garden are flourishing; the fire-watchers carry on with their work.

We always like to receive visits from Old Balshavians now in the Forces and we hope that the Roll of Service is now up to date.

'The Admirable Crichton' by J. M. Barrie has been chosen for production in the spring by the Dramatic Society.

Edna Wilson and Anne Bradley won the final of the Tennis Tournament.

We must congratulate those who have been awarded Colours: M. Hunt and B. Sharples who win Tennis Colours: E. Wilson, B. Sharples, B. Pickburn and F. Hutchings Rounders Colours and Sefton and Gardner Cricket Colours.

Clayton House won the Cricket Knockouts and Leagues. Farington won the Tennis and Rounders Knockouts and the Rounders Leagues. Clayton won the Tennis Leagues.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines: 'The Ashtonian', 'The Hoghtonian', The 'Ubique Reminisci' and the magazines of the Park School, Wigan Grammar School and Ormskirk Grammar School.

VALETE (Boys).

Lund, H.—U.VI. Head Prefect. Worden House Captain. School Certificate, 1939. Higher School Certificate, 1941, 1942. State Bursary in Physics, 1942. Rugby 1st XV.

Sefton, K. F.—U.VI. Clayton House Captain. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1941. Captain of Rugby 1941. Captain of Cricket 1941-42.

Rigby, W.—U.VI. Cuerden House Captain. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1940. Higher School Certificate, 1942. Training College Scholarship, 1942. State Bursary in Physics, 1942. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket 1st XI.

Rawcliffe, F.—L.VI. Cuerden House. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1941. Cricket 1st XI. Rugby 2nd XV.

Bartley, R.—L.VI. Farington House. School Certificate, 1941. Cricket 1st XI.

Meadows, J.—Va. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1942. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket League Team.

Busfield, A. J.—Va. Clayton House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Hinchcliffe, R. T.—Va. Clayton House. Rugby 2nd XV. Cricket League Team.

Richardson, B. L.—Va. Clayton House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Vessey, E.—Va. Cuerden House. Rugby 2nd XV. Cricket League Team.

Sharples, A. R.—Va. Clayton House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Dixon, A.—Vb. Clayton House. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket League Team.

Graham, G.—IVa. Worden House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Hesketh, L.—IVa. Farington House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Kirkham, J. L.—IVa. Farington House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Catterall, J. R.—IVa. Worden House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Marsh, A.—IVa. Cuerden House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Marginson, C. W.—IVb. Clayton House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Griffiths, R.—IIIb. Farington House. Rugby League Team.

VALETE (Girls).

M. Holding.—U.VI. Head Prefect. Worden House Captain. School Certificate, 1939. Higher School Certificate, 1942. Training College Scholarship, 1942. Hockey and Tennis League Teams.

E. Wilson.—U.VI. Cuerden House. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1940. Higher School Certificate, 1942. Training College Scholarship, 1942. Captain of Rounders. Hockey 1st XI. Tennis 1st VI. Rounders Colours, 1941-42. Hockey Colours, 1942.

A. Lee.—U.VI. Cuerden House Captain. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1938. Higher School Certificate, 1940, 1941, 1942. State Bursary in Physics, 1942.

J. Elliott.—U.VI. Worden House. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1939, 1940. Higher School Certificate, 1942. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis League Teams.

A. Bradshaw.—U.VI. Farington House Captain. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1940. Hockey 1st XI. Rounders and Tennis League Teams.

O. Bretherton.—U.VI. Worden House. School Certificate, 1940. Sub-Editor of "The Balshavian". Hockey 1st XI. Rounders and Tennis League Teams.

J. Speed.—U.VI. Worden House. School Certificate, 1940. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis League Teams.

F. Hutchings.—L.VI. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1941. Rounders 1st IX. Hockey 2nd XI. Tennis League Team.

B. Skelton.—Va. Farington House. School Certificate, 1942. Tennis League Team.

I. Hall.—Va. Worden House. School Certificate, 1942. Hockey and Rounders League Teams.

J. Todd.—Va. Farington House. School Certificate, 1942. Tennis League Team.

K. Jopson.—Va. Worden House. School Certificate, 1942.

J. Kennedy.—Va. Worden House. School Certificate, 1942.

E. Rutter.—Va. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1942.

J. Roocroft.—Va. Worden House. Hockey and Rounders League Teams.

B. Dewhurst.—Va. Clayton House.

D. Bradley.—Va. Cuerden House.

B. Speed.—Vb. Worden House. School Certificate, 1942.

E. Whistlecroft.—Vb. Cuerden House. Hockey and Rounders League Teams.

M. Ryding.—Vb.—Cuerden House.

D. Appleby.—Vb. Farington House.

J. Smith.—IVa. Farington House.

Z. Norris.—IVb. Farington House. Hockey 1st XI. Rounders 1st IX. Played for Tennis 1st VI.

D. Sowerbutts.—IVb. Farington House. Hockey and Rounders League Teams.

D. McKittrick.—IVb. Clayton House.

A. Seers.—IIIa. Cuerden House.

D. Bibby.—Clayton House.

E. Dixon.—IIb. Clayton House. Hockey Junior XI. Hockey and Rounders League Teams.

E. Seers.—IIb. Cuerden House.

S. Hartley.—Ia. Clayton House.

SALVETE.

To Clayton House : M. Bamber, A. A. Fazackerley, B. Fisher, W. M. Harrison, F. J. Rodda, J. Thompson, M. E. Bennett, J. Farrer, N. Riding, Ball, A., Becconsall, J., Broadbent, B. G., Brown, A., Fisher, B., Jameson, R., Parker, E., Ogden, D. G., Watkinson, A., Sparks, E. P.

To Cuerden House : B. M. Hargreaves, J. C. Heald, C. Holmes, K. Rushton, E. J. Winrow, E. Blogg, J. Hardacre, R. Sumner, Place, J., Vickers, E. S., Womar, A., Yates, N., Allsup, J. S., Bond, J., Busfield, H. J., Fowler, E. D.

To Farington House : D. L. Stamper, M. Acton, I. Brown, D. Holden, A. Whittle, Haydock, F. S., Hinchliff, G. D., Holden, J., Kay, S., Lavendar, R., Linley, J. E., Mathews, E., Milligan, A., Swift, N.

To Worden House : M. B. Langton, S. Lawson, M. E. McQuaid, J. H. Miller, E. Nelson, B. Norris, B. Rawcliffe, D. Teale, C. Baxter, R. Crompton, V. Newsham, C. M. Withnell, R. Parkinson, D. M. Dickinson, Taylor, B., Wright, J. P., Moores, G.

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THE SCHOOL FARM CAMP.

August 8th—22nd, 1942.

The Farm Camp this year was again held at Island Farm, Winmarleigh where Mr. and Mrs. Helme showed us great hospitality.

The weather started off unfavourably enough, raining as it did just when we had finished pitching the tents on the Saturday, and continuing to rain most of the following day. By the ingenious use of trenches and straw we were enabled to keep the tents fairly dry even though the ground directly outside the marquee soon became a quagmire. Here we must pay tribute to the Ministry of Works and Buildings which supplied all the equipment for the camp. Everything was brand new and stood up to the weather well.

On the Monday morning the boys sallied forth in parties to their respective farms to start their first day's work, Mr. Oldland having previously been round to the local farms to fix up employment for them. The work was, for the most part, pulling potatoes or, to use the local equivalent, "prater pickin'". There were some, however, who entered upon the ancient crafts of "fog huntin'", "thistle bumpin'", and "tarf owkin'". This last word is never written down, only pronounced, according to one of the locals, and therefore the writer cannot vouch for the correctness of the spelling. The work necessitated a certain amount of skill but the boys soon got into the way of things and by the end of the fortnight there were many who could be classed as "mons". Needless to say, however, there was plenty of eagerness displayed when knocking off time came round. The rain did not impair work seriously, the boys getting in nearly 800 hours during the fortnight, a figure slightly below that of last year.

A number of records were created during our stay. Two boys got up a ton of potatoes in six hours, a feat which aroused considerable rivalry. For those who had no opportunity of record breaking in this direction, there were always the cycle runs from Pilling to camp. The quickest time for this course remained in the hands of Lund and Gardner (although Mr. Bennison would not agree, we feel sure). Fishing was a pastime indulged in by those who preferred the gentler art. Sefton managed to land a fish of $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches, which by a good deal of stretching was eventually made to exceed the minimum length of 9", imposed by Miss Whewell, for fish entered for a prize. Speaking of records we feel sure Mr. Bennison must have broken one or two when the water bailiff decided to pay a visit to the fishing ground.

There was plenty of time to spare at nights and numerous trips were made. One evening it was decided to pay a visit to the Institute Cinema at Garstang. Fifteen of us went and after finding suitable cycle accommodation, went in. We took up a whole row right across the middle of the building. The films themselves were amusing, but the biggest laugh of the evening was caused by a whole row of people getting up at 9.30 p.m. prompt and marching out of the building.

A party paid a visit to Nicky Nook on another occasion under the direction of Mr. Bennison. It was a wonderful sight to see the sun setting over the sea through a cleft in the hills.

Miss Whitehouse and Miss Whewell are both to be congratulated on their very efficient handling of the food problem. Everyone got plenty to eat, and we might say that it took all of the jug of tea supplied by the farmers at dinner time to get the generous amount of sandwiches down.

We could speak at length of many other incidents which went to make up a most enjoyable time. We could talk about the man who was always trying to extract a cigarette from his mate and having obtained that commodity persisted in borrowing a match. We could speak of the enjoyment derived from Mr. Oldland's reading of the gossip column in the daily newspaper. We could speak of many an enjoyable evening spent in vain attempts to catch rabbits by stealth, and also of an excellent bit of sales talk on the part of Wightman concerning a pair of live leverets. Space, however, does not allow us to digress too freely. We will speak, however, about the magnificent repast which we were invited to do justice to by Mr. and Mrs. Helme. The amount consumed was astonishing, even to the most gluttonous of us. After the feed the rest of the time was spent in playing whist and other assorted games. A sing-song rounded off the proceedings and the singing of Auld Lang Syne provided a fitting conclusion to our last night spent in camp.

The next day we were off; but it does not take much to reawaken memories of eels sizzling in the frying pan, and the intimacy of conversations held in the yellow light of a hurricane lamp while the heavy canvas walls of our temporary home flapped idly in the night breeze.

J.S., Form U.VI. (Cuerden).

THE BLIZZARD.

The snow is floating gently to the ground,
And powdering the face of Mother Earth,
And there is not a whisper from the stark trees; not a sound,
Nor breath of wind to cry the Summer's dearth.

The trees are black against a starry sky,
The dead leaves flutter gently to the white,
The wind begins to whistle in the distance, and the cry
Of owl, and howl of wolf, disturb the night.

The roaring of the wind grows louder still,
The snow begins to drive down to the ground,
And stark tree branches sway and bend, silhouetted on the hill,
The world is filled with wild and furious sound.

The snow is whirled about in angry gusts,
But quickly as the blizzard has begun
It ends: and there, uncovered, are the tiny grassy tufts,
Beneath the watery, cloudy yellow sun.

The world is calm and white and still again,
The trees are grey against a reddening sky,
The birds awake, and twitter and are hungry, then
Away towards the Dawn they sweep and fly.

D.W., Form Va. (Worden).

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PRESTON CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT.

On Tuesday Oct. 27th, a party of Balshaw's Sixth Form and Staff attended a concert given by the Preston Chamber Music Society, at the Winckley Square Convent.

On this occasion the visiting performers were the Holst String Quartet which consists of Mr. Henry Holst (leader and first violin), Mr. David Wise (second violin), Mr. Leonard Reubens (viola) and Mr. Antony Pini (cello). Mr. Reubens was ill and he was deputised for at very short notice.

The first half of the programme consisted of Schubert's String Quartet in D minor, known as the "Death and the Maiden" Quartet. It is the thirteenth of the fifteen that he wrote, and the finest. Most of us know Schubert for his songs,

his "Unfinished Symphony" and perhaps his "Lilac Time" music. We are apt to forget that Schubert is also a composer of first-class chamber music, as we may see from his Trio in B flat, his Trout Quintet and his pianoforte music. The Form Six pupils should have been quite at home with the work selected by the Holst Quartet, for it had previously been explained to them on records in a Music period.

After the interval the Quartet played the fifth of Op. 3, by Haydn, the quartet that contains his famous Serenade.

To conclude the concert we had Beethoven's mighty quartet Op. 59, No. 3, one of the set of three which was dedicated to Count Rasoumovsky. This work is far better than the usual quartets from Op. 18 that are too often given by string quartets. The only drawback to the third Rasoumovsky is the weak third movement, a Minuet that is entirely lacking in distinction. But the vigorous fourth movement entirely compensates for it. The volume of sound from the four instruments was orchestral in its range and depth.

We have to congratulate the Quartette for carrying through its difficult programme without adequate rehearsal. Perhaps there was a lack of finish here and there, but only perceptible to very critical listeners. The playing was very exact and full of charm.

B.L.W.

IN WHICH A SOUL IS SAVED.

A Cherub was wandering unselfconsciously round an Elysian meadow, when a being in whom was vested some little authority approached :

"Why did you fail to discharge your duty to society some 7,200 seconds ago?"

The Cherub, naturally startled at being addressed in this manner by someone obviously of the Official Cast, recalled his thoughts with an effort from the primeval murk in which they had been groping, and said, with all the simple directness of his yet un-sullied innocence :

"It was cold. I don't like to be cold."

Startled out of his self-important calm, the Semi-exalted One gasped :

"So! you don't like to be cold. And do you think, do you for one single moment imagine, that life would have reached its present condition of supreme excellence if all the great Lifers had stopped to think about being cold? Or being uncomfortable in any other way? *This* time, my son, you will be allowed to escape the very obvious punishment that a lapse similar to yours would have precipitated on to the head of a more experienced person. *Next* time your crime will be brought to the notice of one of the Gods—those glorious entities whom my contemporaries and myself have the honour to serve—and most dreadful punishment will be your lot. Go!"

And the Semi-Exalted One passed on—leaving a mentally distraught Cherub behind him. Eight more Suns and seven more Moons have passed. In the Hall of Reckonings the Cherub is explaining to another Semi-Exalted One the reason for his presence.

"I fell down on the Walk of Life. I bruised my knee, but I was unable to convince the Semi-Exalted One of my Lodge that I had cause to limp. He brought me before that Illustrious Personage whose duty you are now privileged to execute, whilst the Illustrious Personage recuperates from his arduous labours. He also refused to accept my explanation, and condemned me to dwell with other simple souls for 2,700 seconds in isolation, until my penance of 100 declamations had swept away my sin,—all except a little mark in the Book of Souls kept in the Holy of Holies."

The Semi-Exalted One answers the Cherub, in tones austere and moving :

"Oh miserable sinner! Of such stuff as you, were made all the Notorious Lifers of our civilization. Manxman and Masticator, both acclaimed for their unconventionality, commenced their careers of dissolution by avoiding responsibility. As the sands of time ran out they frittered away the seconds, and Suns pressed hard on the heels of Moons. So will go your chronicle, my unrepentant one, in The Book of Souls, unless you call a halt to this encroaching lethargy."

Thus wise was the Cherub—previously an individual—finally and irrevocably converted into a slave of the Lord High Chief of Convention.

Excerpt from "The Tablets of Time".

R. J. G. Form U.VI. (Worden).

TWO C.E.M.A. CONCERTS AT THE SCHOOL.

During the summer term two concerts sponsored by the Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts were held in the School Hall.

At the first concert on June 2nd Winifred Radford and Frederick Woodhouse accompanied by Grace Shearer gave a programme of Old English Music and Folk Music.

The Old English music included three duets, 'Sound the Trumpet', 'Rivulets flowing', 'My dearest, my fairest' and a dialogue for 'Colin and his Wife', all by Purcell. The songs were 'Still the lark finds repose' by Lindley, 'The vagaries of fashion' by Hoohr, 'What care I how fair she be?' by King, 'The girl of the seasons' by Sanderson (eighteenth century), and by anonymous composers, 'Down among the dead men', 'Come you not from Newcastle?', 'The lottery', 'The leather bottle' and 'Dickie Dolus'.

The Folk Music included the duets 'Cecily sweet', 'Farewell Nancy', 'Searching for lambs', 'High Germany', and 'Blue Muslin'. The songs were 'William Taylor', 'Bedlam', 'An old man's courtship', 'The saucy bold robber', 'Some rival has stolen my true love' and 'The Crocodile'.

Lastly, Miss Radford in the part of 'Kate' and Mr. Woodhouse as 'Peter' (her husband, a peasant farmer) sang 'The Three Wishes' a folk tale opera with music by Weber.

At the second concert on July 23rd the artists were Dale Smith (baritone), Olive Zorian (violin), and Dora Gilson (piano).

The programme included, for violin and piano: Minuet from "Berenice" by Handel, Menuetto by Pugnani-Kreisler, Presto by Tartini, and Sonata in G major by Mozart; piano solos: Sonata by Scarlatti, Vaudeville by Antonine Kammell, Gig by Arne, Impromptu in A flat by Schubert, and "Sing a song of sixpence" by Leo Livens; songs: "A swan", "Two Brown eyes" and "To a water-lily"—all by Grieg and "Peace" by Eric Fogg.

At both of these excellent concerts there was an appreciative audience. Admission was free and the proceeds of the silver collection were devoted to C.E.M.A.'s fund to provide emergency Concerts in bombed areas.

A.B. Form U.VI. (Clayton).

BLACK DIAMONDS.

We love to sit and warm our hands
Beside the cheering blaze,
To watch the red flames leaping high
In the gloom of wintry days.
When as we feed the dying fire, do we realise
That for this thing, men grope beneath
The earth with blinded eyes,
And risk their lives deep in the blackness
Of everlasting night,
And labour in a living grave,
Shut from the day's good light?
Don't forget these gallant men,
See that they receive their due,
These men who die a daily death
To bring the coal to you.

D.P. Form L.VI (Worden).

LECTURE ON SOUTH AFRICA

On October 8th the senior boys and girls of the school heard an Imperial Institute Lecture on "South Africa" by Mr. J. H. Koens. It was one of the most enjoyable lectures we have heard at school and I think this was not a little due to the fact that our lecturer was deliberately dwelling on the sunny side of the administration of our Empire; Mr. Koens, who is himself a South African, of Dutch origin, and has lived there for most of his life said that from this side we see the truest picture. We hear much criticism of the men who go out to administer the outposts of our Empire; some of it we know is justified but it is very gratifying to be told by a South African himself that much of it is false, that rather encouragement and even praise are due, and, by a man who has seen the work of many of our countrymen in his land, that wherever he goes the Englishmen carries a love of freedom, justice and morality in his heart.

Especially in the Protectorate of Rhodesia has much progress been made in educating the natives and teaching them self-government, for here all the inhabitants are black men. In the Union, out of a population of eight millions, there are one and a half million white people, mainly Dutch and because of their own minority they fear the political progress of the black people. It is very difficult to bring education and transport to such primitive people as the natives of South Africa and changes cannot be brought about successfully in one generation.

Mr. Koens showed us the beauty of his country by excellent coloured slides made from photographs he had taken himself; pictures of Cape Town and Table Mountain wearing its early morning table cloth formed of the white mist borne by the Antarctic Wind; others taken on the two and a half days' railway journey north to Johannesburg through rich country with varied flowers and the big jagolanda trees with their beautiful blue foliage; sweeping valleys dotted with farms and abundant with vines brought by the Huguenot refugees from France. Johannesburg itself is a large modern city with sky-scrapers but characterised by the white barren slag heaps. Though Pretoria further up country is the seat of government and a modern city, its squares are filled with oxen waggons—the only means of transport across the trackless veldt.

Mr. Koens had some beautiful photographs of the Victoria Falls in Rhodesia. They render unnavigable the lower reaches of the River Zambesi yet they are a fine sight; the river, here two miles wide, falls eight hundred and forty feet, all the water to find its way out tumbling and roaring in a narrow channel in the rocks. There was an especially good picture of the fall with a rainbow in the foreground caused by the sun breaking on the spray which is thrown up high into the air.

Then Mr. Koens told us something of the people of his country. There was a picture of a Ju-Ju doctor, a high priest as it were in the Ju-Ju religion. All the natives acknowledge God; there is not an atheist among them but since they think

him too big and awful to consider a little nigger in the bush, they keep their own little household and village gods as well. The doctor was at first glance of rather formidable appearance, but his eyes showed the kindness that Mr. Koens said these Africans possess. All the natives are fond of children and the women make very good mothers. A picture of a girl showed the pride and self-respect which education is giving to the black people. She held herself with dignity and would not think of bowing to a white person.

At seventeen a young man is of marriageable age but before he can take a wife he must prove that he can guard her from the dangers of the bush. The greatest of these is the lion. Every young man (if he thinks a wife is worth the trouble) must take his spear and bring back a lion he has himself killed. There is great rejoicing and feasting when he returns.

It was the Hottentots who first possessed South Africa—an unfortunate people, driven up country when the Dutch came, but slaughtered and driven down again by the Bantus invading from the north. If South Africa belongs to anybody it is to these poor bush men who cannot be educated and who are most happy just to sit in the sun and think of nothing.

One region, eight hundred square miles in area, is set apart for gameland to prevent the wild animals from being exterminated. There was a picture of a lion from four yards away. Mr. Koens had to stop his car to allow the lion to saunter proudly across the trail in his own time, as he clearly did not intend to hurry up for a mere car.

The elephants go about the bush in herds. The herds do not mix and if they meet, the bulls have a fight and the winner adopts the family of the conquered. Elephants need a large tract of country because they are very destructive in feeding. Our lecturer had tried to photograph some elephants who were playing with a large round stone like a football, but had to be satisfied with one of the team shyly and hastily leaving the field. Next there was an impressive picture of father elephant, a formidable animal of nine or ten tons, who came to see the cause of the trouble. When he charged, Mr. Koens regretfully shot him, which, he said, is quite easy when you know how. That may be, but if any of us ever decided to go for a walk in the African bush, I think we would rather be with Mr. Koens than go alone.

A.B. Form U.VI. (Clayton).

THROUGH RUSSIA FROM LENINGRAD TO STALINGRAD.

On Friday the 23rd October the school was given by Miss Legge a very interesting lecture illustrated with slides on a trip she made through Russia in July

1937. Miss Legge, who is in charge of the Zoological Section of Manchester Museum went to Russia to see the domesticated, two-humped camel and consequently several of the slides were of these unusual creatures.

When she arrived in Leningrad on a Russian ship from London, Miss Legge found her first difficulty. It appeared that tourists were forbidden to photograph what the Russians termed 'enterprises', and so when she photographed typical Russian posters such as those illustrating the route of the Soviet Flyers, who had at that time just crossed the North Pole, the Russian authorities informed her that these came under the term 'enterprises' and should not be photographed.

At Moscow, the Zoo and the Park of Rest and Culture were visited. This contains among other things a parachute tower which enabled one to have all the thrills and sensations of a parachute jump without the attendant dangers. Miss Legge was lucky enough to see the display that marks the 12th July. This lasts for the greater part of the day and includes contingents of the Red Army and people from as far away as the Caucasus. Another view we were shown was of the Red Square flanked on the west by the sombre walls of the Kremlin and on the South by the brightly painted wooden Cathedral of St. Basil's. In the centre of the square is Lenin's tomb and on important occasions this is used as a rostrum.

From Moscow the train was taken to Gorki or Nijni Novgorod to join the river boat which goes down the Volga as far as Stalingrad and takes approximately five days. The passengers on the ship were very picturesque; dark skinned Tartars with their typical round heads, and gaily dressed peasant women with jet-black hair. The poorer class passengers left the boat at each village to obtain food as there were no meals provided for them on board. As a rule the food they bought consisted of dried fish, cherries, baked milk and, perhaps, cucumbers pickled in brine. The boat passed by chains of petroleum barges, pulled by tugs or paddle steamers and huge rafts of logs being floated down the river in a manner similar to that used in Canada.

At Stalingrad Miss Legge set out in earnest to find her camels. These she found on the collective farms, where they were used by themselves and in mixed teams with oxen, on farms growing rye and lentils and any other crops that the meagre rainfall would permit.

As a result of the lecture we realised that the popular belief was at any rate partly untrue, that Russia was a land of snow over which roamed packs of wolves: there were also camels.

B.R.M. Form U.VI. (Worden).

THESE I HAVE LOVED

I have seen the rambler-roses
Climbing up the cottage walls,
And the splendour of the garden,
And the sparkling water falls.

I have seen the furry rabbits
Dart across the dewy fields,
And the beauty of the harvest,
And the bounteous crops she yields.

I have seen the leaves of Autumn
Decked in shades of brown and gold,
And have seen the scarlet berries
Which feed the birds when it is cold.

I have seen a frosted window
When the morning's sharp and cold.
All these lovely things of Earth
I'll remember when I'm old.

M.T. Form IIa. (Cuerden).

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION FILMS.

On Thursday October 1st the school was once again entertained by a selection of Ministry of Information Films.

As a prelude to the main part of the programme, we first saw a very short film showing the conditions and difficulties under which the Ministry of Information cameramen work. This "peep behind the scenes" put the school in the mood for appreciating the results of their labours.

"Worker and War Front No. 2" was the title of the first film. It was divided into four parts. First we were taken on a visit to a pre-war agricultural show. It was more like a fashion-parade than an agricultural show. But behind all this pageantry the depression in British agriculture at the time was obvious. In contrast, we were taken to a war time show. There was no resemblance whatsoever to the previous one—this time it was agriculture that mattered, not the ladies' clothes. Here the importance of agriculture in England was recognised.

The next section dealt with the evacuation of office staffs from the big cities. We were shown the healthy and lovely surroundings these people now live and work in and we were left wondering if they would ever go back to the cities.

The third part of the film showed us the factory front and gave us a glimpse of the grand work being done by the part-time workers.

The last part took us to Russia and we were able to see how the Russian Worker spends some of his leisure hours. We were shown a factory theatre where the entertainers were the workers from a nearby factory. We saw a number of excerpts from their show including National Dancing, a Gavotte in period costume, part of a scene from a Russian Comedy, and an excerpt from the Opera "Le Coq D'or" by Rimsky Korsakov. Afterwards we were taken to the factory and saw the principal entertainers at their work.

The next film was "The Battle for Freedom". We saw the Japanese bombing in China and also a little of the lives of the natives of the Dutch East Indies before Japanese occupation. We were then given a quick glance at the War Effort of each of the British Dominions. To conclude we were able to see a glimpse of a Commando Raid, War on a snow-covered Russian front, a bombing attack by the Royal Air Force, Convoying in the Mediterranean, and a submarine hunt in the Atlantic.

"The Army lays the rails" was the title of the third film. It showed the importance of railroads to the army at home and in the desert, and as a means of getting supplies to Russia. We were then shown a training school in Britain where soldiers are trained in all kinds of engineering from bridge construction to laying rails.

The most popular film in the programme was "Street Fighting" which we saw next. We had an exciting time following a group of soldiers as they captured a street house by house in an effort to reach the enemy stronghold—a bakery—at the far end of the street. This was eventually captured after many exciting incidents. With the successful conclusion of the operation the school started to breathe freely again and we were glad to relax during the quiet but appealing film that followed.

This was entitled "The Harvest shall come". It was the life story of a farm labourer from the time he started work as a young boy at the beginning of this century up to the present time. We saw his life during the depression before the last war. We saw him get married and live prosperously during the agricultural prosperity which the war brought. Then came the peace and we saw the troubles of him and his family during the agricultural depression which brought him to the point of abandoning agriculture for work in the town. Then the present war came along: once again agriculture became prosperous: once again he could live adequately. But at the back of his mind was the question: will it last after the war?

The very enjoyable programme left many of us with the same question in our minds.

D.W. Form U.VI. (Clayton).

TWILIGHT.

Grey shadows stealthily cross the sky,
The world grows cold as the sun is dimmed,
The lark sings her sweetest note of day,
The sun goes down, red rimmed.

Little heads droop as the first ray of starshine
Steals from out the deepest of skies,
Nightwards run gently the sands of time,
And mothers sing softly their sweet lullabies.

J.E.F. Form IVa. (Worden).

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THE MERCHANT OF VENICE.

On May 14th the Osiris Repertory Company paid another welcome visit to the school to present "The Merchant of Venice". In this popular Shakesperian play the part of Portia was taken by Kay Jones, well remembered for her performance as Joan of Arc, and we all enjoyed her dignified and sincere acting, while Henrietta Trend's study of the witty Gratiano supplied us with light relief. Nancy Hewins the producer, herself took the part of the noble Antonio, and Shylock was ably portrayed by Constance Allen.

We all eagerly look forward to the next visit of the Osiris Players.

E.B.T. Form U.VI. (Farington).

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LECTURE ON CANADA.

On May 20th, Commander Elwell-Sutton gave the Upper School a very interesting lecture on Canada.

Commander Sutton first discussed the geography of Canada—its position, its immense area, and its division into two distinct parts by a mountain barrier—the Rocky Mountains.

We were then given a brief history of the colonization of Canada ; how the French first settled in the St. Lawrence basin and Quebec area, and how the British settled in the Hudson Bay district, further north. Although the French were defeated by the British in the eighteenth century, they are still allowed to keep much of their own civilisation ; they have retained, among other privileges, the French civil code of law.

Commander Sutton then emphasised the fact that only half of Canada's population is British, and that Canada has been torn between French, American and British influences. Although Canada is a conglomeration of peoples there is no disloyalty. That there are, however, nationalistic movements in Canada is shown by the conflict between state and central governments.

Canada, although now completely independent in all her policies, still has many common ties with Great Britain; economic ties especially bind her to Britain.

Commander Sutton discussed how the Canadians were the interpreters of British outlook in America and emphasised the importance of this fact—the links between Britain, Canada and America could not be overestimated, he said.

So ended an enlightening lecture on a subject of topical interest.

B.Y.S. Form U.VI. (Worden).

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THE EXPEDITION.

The summer breeze blows steady,
The ships at anchor ride ;
Now, which of you is ready
To dare the ocean wide ?

New countries lie before us,
To meet our dazzled view ;
The great wide skies above us,
Are just a sheet of blue.

We'll seek for hidden treasure,
We'll sail the Spanish Main,
There's buried countless treasure
For willing hands to gain.

And when we care to wander
No more where strangers roam,
We'll leave our hopes out yonder,
And hoist our sails for home.

L.T. Form IVa. (Worden).

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THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR.

On Thursday, May 21st, a school party, comprised of the fourth, fifth and sixth forms, escorted by members of the school staff, paid a very pleasant visit to

the Royal Hippodrome, Preston. The party was divided into two, one half going by 'bus the other half by train, and both parties meeting at the theatre.

From our seats in the circle, we watched the performance of 'The Merry Wives of Windsor', by the Old Vic Players, produced by Esmé Church.

The stage setting and scenery were highly ingenious and entertaining. The character of Sir John Falstaff was excellently portrayed by Frank Petley, and Freda Jackson and Rosalind Atkinson made very charming 'Merry Wives', the rest of the cast supporting them well.

Many of us, enjoying this play so much, went again in the same week, to 'The Merchant of Venice'.

We have to thank C.E.M.A. (Council for the Encouragement of Music and Arts) for making the tours of the Old Vic Company possible.

We look forward to many return visits of this company in the near future.

D.P. Form L.VI. (Worden).

LECTURE ON THE ROYAL NAVY

BY A NAVAL CAPTAIN.

On the 18th of May, the boys of the Fifth and Sixth forms attended an interesting lecture on "The Royal Navy" by a Naval Captain. The lecture was specifically on the Y-scheme of entry into the Royal Navy.

The Y-scheme, he said, was a means of becoming an officer in a comparatively short time. The only qualifications necessary are a School Certificate and the ability to lead.

The training is just the same as that received by any other prospective member of the Royal Navy, the difference being that Y-scheme entrants are watched carefully with a view to their becoming officers. Previous membership of such organisations as the A.T.C. and the Sea Cadets helps considerably in getting a position. Boys wishing to enter the Navy by the Y-scheme go along to the nearest recruiting centre and state that they wish to go in for the Y-scheme. In time they are called for interview and soon training commences. They are sent to one of the recognised training establishments for preliminary work. After a month or two here, they are given the chance of putting into practice some of the knowledge acquired, by going for a short cruise. Eventually, after more training, provided that they are suitable, they are given a post as observer in the Fleet Air Arm, as deck officer in the Royal Navy or as a Royal Marine officer.

The lecturer invited questions on the scheme and distributed leaflets.

J.S. Form U.VI. (Cuerden).

THE SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

Meetings of the school societies began during the first few weeks of this term but have to be discontinued in the winter months when we have games during school hours. Accounts of their activities will be included in the next publication of the magazine. Some changes have been made: Miss Royle now instructs the First Aid Society while a new Topical Subjects Society has been formed under the direction of Miss Heppell.

Here is a complete list of them: Arts and Crafts Society, Music Society, Dramatic Society, Scientific Society, Dancing Society, Photographic Society, Gardening Society, Needlework Society, First Aid Society, Topical Subjects Society, Junior Play Reading Society, Junior Literary Society, French Society, Literary and Debating Society.

The Choir.

This term we have again discovered new talent in the 1st forms which has helped to fill in the gaps made when our older members left at the end of the year.

We are now practising energetically for the Carol Service, learning new carols and new variations to the old ones, and we hope to put up a creditable performance at the end of the term.

E.N.

The Greenhouse.

This year we have had a fine crop of tomatoes which were of excellent flavour, as many people know. We have also had some good cucumbers.

We have just received two hydrangea cuttings from a kind friend, and we hope that they will each become as fine a specimen as the plant we already have.

The maiden-hair fern shows every sign of health and will soon spread across the roof if it is allowed to do so. The other plants are all in good condition and the geraniums with their red and pink blossoms are as usual giving colour to the greenhouse.

We have recently set some daffodil bulbs and are waiting patiently until Spring to be rewarded for our labour.

The three goldfish, the only fish to be seen in the greenhouse, are enjoying fine health.

M.R.

The National Savings Group.

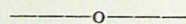
At the time of writing the total sum collected by the School National Savings Group since 1940 exceeds £5160, but the total for the last half year is much lower than that for the previous six months. Form Vb. are at present well ahead in the unofficial "collecting competition" between forms.

National Savings Christmas Cards can now be obtained from the School Group Secretaries. Stamps to any value from sixpence to six pounds may be bought through the School Group and affixed to the cards so that they form useful Christmas presents.

This term we are pleased to welcome new members to the School Group from Ia and Ib. Yet there is still a large number of pupils from all forms who are not members of the School Group. Strangely enough many people seem to have stopped saving since the Summer Holidays! We would like to have every pupil in School a member of the National Savings Group.

Next term there will be a "Wings for Victory" week, like the Warship Week last year. In this there is to be a special Schools Total. So by then we want all the new members possible, in order that we may keep up the high level of savings that the School Group has reached before in these special efforts. After all, this National Savings Movement represents a very real part of the War Effort, besides being of value to each one of us.

F.P.



Troops' Comforts Fund.

Since we last audited our accounts for insertion in May's edition of "The Balshavian", £20 5 0 has been collected, making a total of £119 15 5½ to date.

This represents steady contributions from most of the pupils in the School.

You, at least, have had the satisfaction of providing hundreds of knitted goods for the troops, and of contributing substantial sums of money to various well-known and well-deserving War Charities.

Those who wish to have knitted goods for their friends may still apply to me, but the stock is very low and has no means of growing now that wool can only be bought on coupons.

Please finish what knitting you have in hand as soon as possible, and let me have it.

M.A.R.

CRICKET, 1942.

Captain : Sefton, K. F.

We started the season with a rather young and inexperienced side. Apart from Sefton, the batting, although promising was lacking in scoring power. The bowling was usually adequate but the fielding was at first slow and not very safe. At the end of the Summer the catching and ground fielding were good but not sufficient, and much inaccuracy was shown in the throwing in and stumping. The running between the wickets was erratic and alternated between indecision and foolhardiness, but here also an improvement was evident in the later matches.

There was plenty of enthusiasm in the Leagues, and House Captains should take advantage of these games to lay the foundations of match play. Batting and bowling can be developed at the nets, but the setting of the field, quick alert fielding, swift sure running between the wickets and the welding of the players into a team can only be done in a game.

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI.

Sefton (Captain).—A keen cricketer. A forceful bat, he made many runs and was a useful change bowler.

Gardner.—A very steady bowler, who could always be relied upon to keep an end going. His batting had punch and he was a safe field.

Salisbury.—A good opening bat with rather a "stiff armed" style. He should develop more scoring strokes.

Edwards.—Showed promise as a bat and was keen in the field.

Marginson.—Had a disappointing season with the bat. His bowling was erratic, but with determination he will make a good allrounder.

Sweetmore.—Has a good style and when he gets more power he will make runs.

Dalton.—Showed some promise as a left arm bowler. Should develop his batting.

Webster.—Should become a useful bat and bowler, with practice.

Riding.—As a wicket keeper he stopped the ball, but must learn to catch it cleanly and smoothly. Batting undeveloped.

Whitaker.—Showed promise as a wicket keeper.

Rawcliffe.—Slow in the field, but a safe catch. Batting rather stodgy.

R.A.B.

SAT., MAY 16TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON CATHOLIC COLLEGE 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

The School went in to bat on a hard wicket, and were soon in difficulty, losing Marginson during the opening overs. However, due to Sefton, who scored 73, and Salisbury and Riding, who scored 11 and 12 respectively, the School managed to get 127. This score proved too much for our opponents who were all out for 50.

Gardner took 4 wickets for 27 and Marginson 6 for 20.

Result : School 127 ; Preston Catholic College 50.

SAT., MAY 30TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK G. S. 1ST XI. HOME. LOST.

The School went in to bat and lost Marginson when the score was only 2. Wickets fell quickly, due to steady bowling, and we were all out for the poor score of 36. Ormskirk went in to bat and were soon in difficulties, losing 5 wickets for 1 run, but the School lost their grip on the game, allowing Ormskirk to reach 47. For the School, Gardner took 8 wickets for 12 runs.

Result : School 36 ; Ormskirk 47.

TUES., JUNE 2ND. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON G. S. 1ST XI. HOME. LOST.

The School opened with a stand of 45 between Sefton and Salisbury. Apart from Marginson (14) and Gardner (7), the School batsmen offered little resistance to the Preston attack. The School were finally dismissed for 79. Preston opened strongly, but Webster found the wicket to his liking and took 7 wickets for 27 including the 'hat-trick'. Once again, however, the last wickets were allowed to make too many runs, and Preston won by a narrow margin.

Result : School 79 ; Preston 90.

SAT., JUNE 6TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. KIRKHAM G. S. 1ST XI. HOME. LOST.

Kirkham went in to bat on a hard wicket, and lost their opening pair for only 4 runs, but runs then came quickly and they finished with a score of 93, Gardner taking 5 for 43 and Marginson 5 for 24. The School went in and offered little resistance to Swarbrick, who took 6 for 24. Only Edwards reached double figures for the School.

Result : School 56 ; Kirkham 93.

WED., JUNE 17TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. KIRKHAM G. S. 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

The School went in to bat but only Sweetmore and Edwards batted well, Edwards scoring 14. The rest of the side, apart from Dalton, offered little resistance

and were all out for 39. Kirkham went in to bat and were dismissed for 33. This was due to the good bowling of Gardner (6 for 11) and Marginson (4 for 16).

Result : School 39 ; Kirkham 33.

SAT., JUNE 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. CHORLEY G. S. 1ST XI. HOME. DRAW.

The School innings opened with a stand of 46, by Sefton (31) and Salisbury (11). Gardner contributed 18 not out to the School score of 84 for 7. The School left their declaration too late and Chorley were able to draw with 9 wickets down. Gardner took 6 wickets for 12 runs.

Result : School 84 for 7 dec.; Chorley 34 for 9.

SAT., JUNE 27TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON CATHOLIC COLLEGE 1ST XI.

AWAY. LOST.

Our opponents batted first on a very hard wicket, and made 66 against erratic bowling. Sefton took 6 wickets for 19 runs. We went in to bat with a score of 66 to beat, but were unable to reach that total. This was due to the steady attack of our opponents and moderate batting. Salisbury batted pluckily in this game and made a valuable 17.

Result : School 57 ; Preston Catholic College 66.

SAT. JULY 11TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK G. S. 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

Ormskirk went in to bat on a hard wicket and offered little resistance to Gardner, who took 5 wickets for 4 runs, and Marginson 4 for 14. They were finally dismissed for only 18 runs. The School then went in and were 3 for 3. Then Edwards and Dalton, 11 and 9 not out respectively, turned the game in our favour. Marginson (12) made sure of the victory.

Result : School 48 for 8 ; Ormskirk 18.

THURS., JULY 23RD. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. STAFF XI. HOME. LOST.

The School went in to bat and scored 32 before their first wicket fell. Sefton scored 23, but the rest of the School found Mr. Wilkinson's bowling difficult and were dismissed for 60. Mr. Wilkinson took 6 for 14. The Staff fared badly, apart from Mr. Miller, but some of the juniors batted well and pluckily, and thus the School were unexpectedly defeated. Gardner took 4 wickets for 18 runs.

Result : School 60 ; Staff 63.

RESULT OF SCHOOL 1ST XI MATCHES, 1942.

| Played | Won | Lost | Drawn |
|--------|-----|------|-------|
| 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |

SCHOOL 1ST XI AVERAGES FOR SEASON 1942.

Batting.

| | No. of Innings | Times not out | Runs | Most in one innings | Average |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------|------------------------|---------|
| Sefton | 9 | 0 | 200 | 73 | 22.2 |
| Salisbury | 8 | 0 | 55 | 17 | 6.9 |
| Edwards | 9 | 1 | 50 | 14 | 6.2 |
| Marginson | 9 | 1 | 46 | 14 | 5.8 |
| Dalton | 9 | 1 | 44 | 12* | 5.5 |
| Gardner | 9 | 2 | 33 | 18* | 4.7 |
| Sweetmore | 6 | 0 | 25 | 9 | 4.1 |
| Whitaker | 6 | 2 | 12 | 4* | 3 |
| Webster | 9 | 1 | 22 | 10 | 2.8 |
| Carr | 3 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 2.7 |
| Riding | 7 | 1 | 14 | 12 | 2.3 |
| Rawcliffe | 7 | 1 | 13 | 6 | 2.2 |
| Rigby | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Neale | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | .7 |

* Not Out.

Bowling.

| | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-----------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| Gardner | 102.2 | 33 | 175 | 43 | 4.07 |
| Marginson | 64.2 | 21 | 126 | 23 | 5.48 |
| Sefton | 30.2 | 5 | 77 | 13 | 5.9 |
| Webster | 18 | 2 | 60 | 8 | 7.5 |

CRICKET KNOCK-OUTS.

In the first round of the competition, Worden beat Cuerden and Clayton beat Farington. For Clayton, Sefton scored 122 not out.

In the finals, Clayton beat Worden by an innings and 17 runs in a low scoring game.

Result : Clayton 67 ; Worden 38 and 13.



SCHOOL 1ST XI CRICKET, 1942.

Back Row ; (left to right) ; Carr, Rigby, Dalton, Rawcliffe, Riding, Sweetmore.

Front Row ; (left to right) ; Whitaker, Gardner, Sefton, Marginson, Edwards.

Played 9. Won 3. Lost 5.



SCHOOL 1st IX ROUNDERS, 1942.

Back Row; (left to right): A. Bradley, A. P. Howson, M. D. Hunt, Z. Norris, M. Garnett.
Front Row; (left to right): B. Pickburn, E. Wilson, B. Y. Sharples, F. Hutchings.

Played 5. Won 4. Lost 1.



SCHOOL 1st VI TENNIS, 1942.

Back Row; (left to right): M. Garnett, E. Wilson, A. Bradley, F. Gough.
Front Row; (left to right): B. Y. Sharples, Miss Bartlett, M. D. Hunt.

Played 3. Won 2. Lost 1.

CRICKET LEAGUE TABLE, 1942.

| House | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Pts. |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-------|------|------|
| Clayton | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| Worden | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| Farington | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Cuerden | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 |

Shield Winners: Clayton.

TENNIS, 1942.

Captain: B. Y. Sharples.

We have had a good team again this year, although we only played three matches, the others being cancelled. The one against the Old Girls was very exciting as we lost by only one game.

The standard of play throughout the season has been good, each player showing a good understanding of the game, and putting in a great deal of hard practice.

Tennis has become very popular with the Juniors this year, and there are many promising players coming along.

TEAM CRITICISMS.

1st Couple: B. Sharples.—A quick and lively player, who is not afraid to go all out on a shot. Volleying good. Other strokes need more control, but that will certainly come with more practice. Has a good knowledge of tactics.

M. Hunt.—Drives strongly, placing the ball well, needs to put more into volleying. Anticipation good, but still needs to be quicker about the court.

2nd Couple: E. Wilson.—An alert and vigorous player, although style rather unorthodox. Has a good knowledge of the game.

A. Bradley.—A player whose agility and knowledge of the game bring good results, rather than well-produced strokes. Forehand and backhand drives lack strength because of this—volleying is good.

3rd Couple: F. Gough.—Has an easy and natural style. Drives strongly and is not afraid to hit hard. Volleying will be good with a little more experience.

M. Garnett.—A promising player who has an easy and natural style in all strokes and who certainly enjoys the game. Will do well with more experience.

M.K.B.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

JUNE 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. UPHOLLAND G. S. 1ST VI. HOME. WON.

Although this was the first match of the season, our team was in good form and lost only very few games.

Result : School, 9 sets ; Upholland G. S., nil.

JUNE 17TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD G. S. 1ST VI. HOME. WON.

The School team again gained a favourable result. Yet despite our winning most of the sets, many of the games were keenly contested.

Result : School, 8 sets ; Ashton-in-Makerfield G. S., 1.

JULY 2ND. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. OLD GIRLS' 1ST VI. HOME. LOST.

This was a very enjoyable match, even though a very strong wind did play tricks with the ball and made accurate play almost impossible.

Result : School, 49 games ; Old Girls, 50.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES.

| | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost |
|---------|--------|-----|-------|------|
| 1st VI. | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 |

TENNIS LEAGUE TABLE, 1942.

| House | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Points |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-------|------|--------|
| Clayton | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Worden | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Cuerden | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Farington | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

Shield Winners : Clayton.

Knock-Out Competition : We congratulate Farington on defeating Cuerden in the final of the knock-outs.

ROUNDERS, 1942

Captain : E. Wilson.

Both the 1st and Junior teams have enjoyed a happy and successful season again this year. Most of the players in the 1st team had played the previous year, or years, in the case of a few, and so there was not much reconstruction to do at the beginning of the season.

The batting was generally good, and the fielding on the part of the base players particularly quick and accurate. The weakest spot was the fielding by the deeps—they were usually safe, but the throwing-in was often too slow, and they lacked confidence to go all out for a catch. This will be a point to work for next season.

The members of the Junior Team were as keen as usual and promise well for the future.

TEAM CRITICISMS.

Bowler : E. Wilson.—Has captained the team most competently for the second year, and has played well throughout the season. Bowling, batting and fielding have been most reliable. We shall certainly miss her next year.

Backstop : B. Sharples.—Has played with great determination and energy as usual. Batting has been particularly good this season, and fielding as backstop most reliable. Has combined well with all the other fielders.

1st Base : M. Garnett.—Has fulfilled the promise shown while in the Junior team for the last three years. She has a very good eye for the ball both in fielding and batting, and throwing is very accurate.

2nd Base : M. Hunt.—Has batted very well this season, and has fielded at her base with speed and accuracy.

3rd Base : F. Hutchings.—An exceedingly good fielder. Has a quick, strong throw, and combines very well with all the other fielders, particularly with 1st base.

1st Deep : Z. Norris.—Has played well for the first year in the team. Fielding is reliable, but throwing in is a little slow, although this improved as the season progressed.

2nd Deep : A. Bradley.—A safe fielder, who throws in accurately, but rather too slowly.

3rd Deep : B. Pickburn.—A very good deep fielder, who throws in swiftly and accurately.

4th Deep : P. Howson.—A player who always moves quickly to the ball. Throwing in good, but occasionally unreliable.

M.K.B.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

MAY 16TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. HINDLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST IX. HOME. WON.

This was the first match of the season, which opened well for the school. The base fielding was particularly good and while the batting was not very good, it was superior to that of the opposing team.

Result : School 20 ; Hindley G. S. 0.

JUNE 6TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. NEWTON-IN-MAKERFIELD G. S. 1ST IX. AWAY. WON.

This was a very exciting match, played under unusual circumstances as the grass had not been cut and was consequently very long. At first scoring was slow, and only in the second innings did things begin to happen. The fielding was a little slack, especially in the deep, but fortunately our opponents were not able to take advantage of this.

Result : School 6½ ; Newton G. S. 1½.

JUNE 20TH SCHOOL 1ST IX v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD 1ST IX. AWAY. LOST.

It was at Ashton that the team played its most keenly contested match. The match was over very quickly, as neither side seemed to be able to master its opponents' bowling. Scoring was very slow and there were many breath-taking moments. The teams were very well matched, but Ashton just managed to score one extra rounder.

Result : School 3 ; Ashton G. S. 4.

JUNE 27TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST IX. AWAY. WON.

Once again the school team's batting was superior, as also was the deep fielding. Many of the school's rounders were scored from hits over 1st deep where the fielder was constantly being harassed. The school team, however, could not afford to take any chances, although by careful placing, the score gradually mounted up.

Result : School 14 ; Ormskirk G. S. 4½.

JULY 11TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. UPHOLLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST IX. AWAY. WON.

On the whole, the school team was again superior, although early in the first innings one of the deep fielders was unfortunate enough to sprain her ankle. The school batting was good, and the hitting improved as the match went on. The fielding too was good, and the deeps remembered to back up the bases.

Result : School 13½ ; Upholland G. S. 2½.

MAY 16TH. SCHOOL JUNIOR IX v. HINDLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL JUNIOR IX. HOME. WON.

Result : School 3½ ; Hindley G. S. 1.

JUNE 6TH. SCHOOL JUNIOR IX v. NEWTON-IN-MAKERFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL JUNIOR IX. AWAY. WON.

Result : School 2 ; Newton G. S. 1.

JUNE 20TH. SCHOOL JUNIOR IX v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL JUNIOR IX. AWAY. WON.

Result : School 9 ; Ashton G S 4

JUNE 27TH. SCHOOL JUNIOR IX v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL JUNIOR IX. AWAY LOST

Result : School 1½ ; Ormskirk G. S. 6½

JULY 11TH. SCHOOL JUNIOR IX v. UPHOLLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL JUNIOR IX. AWAY. WON.

Result : School 8½ ; Upholland G. S. 5½.

RESULT OF SCHOOL MATCHES, 1942.

| | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-------|------|
| 1st IX | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Junior IX | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 |

ROUNDERS LEAGUE TABLE, 1942.

| House | No. Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Pts. scored |
|-----------------|------------|-----|-------|------|-------------|
| Farington | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Worden | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| Cuerden | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| Clayton | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 |

Shield Winners : Farington.

ROUNDERS KNOCK-OUTS.

The final of the Rounders Knock-Outs was played between Clayton and Farington. The teams were very evenly matched, and both were particularly strong in the deep field. But by some stroke of fate Farington were doomed to win the cup as well as the shield, and defeated Clayton by $3\frac{1}{2}$ rounders to $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Winners : Farington.

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HOUSE NOTES. CLAYTON HOUSE.

House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull.

House Mistress : Miss F. W. Royle.

House Captains : Dalton, G., (Boys) ; J. C. Howcroft (Girls).

With the beginning of the School year we enter upon a new phase of activity, and at the same time, we welcome all new members of the House. We hope that the House will go all out for greater achievements than last term, especially the gentler sex.

At Cricket the boys carried off the Cricket Shield, and also defeated Worden in the Cricket Knock-outs. These were good achievements. The girls were not so successful, only succeeding in winning the Tennis Shield. We look for better results from the House, as a whole, this year, and are determined to let the other Houses know that there is a House called Clayton.

The Sports' Cup is still evading our House-room, but there is always time to gain that elusive object.

Clayton members, let us make a great effort to improve our position in the Merit Order. Don't leave it to several of the older members ; pull together, and let us see a positive rise in our positions.

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CUERDEN HOUSE.

House Master : Mr F. Parry.

House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell.

House Captains : Shepherd, J. (Boys) ; A. B. Sage (Girls).

We are standing at the gate of a new field of contest. Before us, rugby posts, hockey goals, cricket stumps, rounders posts, tennis nets and running tracks are spread out in confused array. As time goes on we shall single out each sport in turn and do battle with our adversaries to see who really shall be conqueror.

Think upon these things, Cuerdenites. Think of our House room enhanced with all the glittering trophies which are there to be won. Think of the rejoicing there would be if only we could attain just a few of these elusive prizes.

Then look back over previous years. Such things were, once. Formerly we could boast of great victories and of our intellectual ability. Last year, we found we could no longer do so. Our efforts seemed to show a House falling about our ears. Why ? Some of our members strove hard and earnestly. They were not to blame. The fault lay in the rest, the drones of our community.

The time has now come to make a start in the right direction. The foundations of the House are sound enough. It is the superstructure which is crumbling into ruin. Pull down this weakling stuff and build anew.

But how far can we justify these high-flown phrases in practice ? The first thing to do is to get together as a House. Nothing can be done unless a spirit of co-operation is present. We want to see more members of the House who are keen and actively keen. Many, of course, are ; others are lukewarm, and there are some who take no interest at all in House affairs. To these last we would say, "You do not know what you are missing". House life has a big part in education. It fosters a spirit of competition and at the same time a sense of fair play—both valuable assets in after life. Suffice it to say that you must, for your own good, take more interest in your House. Play hard.

At the same time do not lose sight of the fact that you come to school to acquire knowledge. Applied to the House this means, "Do not forget the Silver Griffin." This trophy is awarded to the House which comes out top in the Merit Order. Cuerden has had it many times in the past and she can have it again. Therefore to "play hard" we would add "work hard."

Keep these two phrases in mind and see if Cuerden cannot regain some of her former glory.

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FARINGTON HOUSE.

House Master : Mr. H. J. Lomax.

House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy.

House Captains : Grayson, K. M. (Boys) ; M. D. Hunt (Girls).

Autumn Term is upon us again and we have, perforce, to set down the achievements of Farington during the past year.

The page in our history left for the results of the Cricket season must remain blank, for the boys failed to win either the League Shields or the Knock-out Cup. May the successes of the girls either inspire or shame them into achieving some results during the present Rugby season.

The girls must indeed be congratulated upon their outstanding successes. The end of the summer term saw them top of the Rounders League table. The final of the Rounders Knock-outs caused feverish excitement on both sides but eventually we left the field of battle singing a song of triumph. In the Tennis Knockouts also Farington proved themselves superior thus adding another cup to the growing collection.

Giving the members of Farington House our heartiest congratulations for what they have done in the past we send them on their way wishing them all success in the present season.

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WORDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill.

House Captains : Gardner, R. J. (Boys) ; B. Y. Sharples (Girls).

After much argument I have at last been forced into putting together this short account of Worden's exertions on the playing fields and in the class-room.

Sports Day after an obscurity of some years again saw Worden in the forefront of athletic achievement. We carried off all the cups, won all the relay races, and duly celebrated the following week. Salisbury, winner of the Victor-Ludorum and Brenda Y. Sharples, who won the Victrix Ludorum, were guests of honour at the rejoicing. They are both to be congratulated on their fine record of athletic achievement for the House.

At cricket we had hard luck once more. We reached the final of the Knock-Outs, only to fail miserably when we ran up against the might of Clayton. In the Cricket Leagues they again "pipped us at the post". Until the next to the last match we were equal, but a draw on our part and a win for them put them one point up, a lead which they maintained to the end of the season.

At Tennis and Rounders the girls also ran foul of 'Lady Luck.' They failed to gain any first positions, but were runners-up in the Leagues in both cases.

As for the coming season, the boys are determined to fight hard for the trophies at stake, and I am sure that the girls echo that resolution.

A final word to new House members. On reading these notes you will realise that being a 'Wordenite' entails great responsibility. You must play hard, work hard, and if you are not lucky enough to become a playing member of any of the teams,—cheer hard. The future success of the House rests with you—see to it !

"NON SIBI SED ALIIS"

June 3rd—C.E.M.A. (Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts) Fund for providing concerts in bombed areas—£10. 10. 0.

(Collection made at C.E.M.A. School Concert, June 2nd—£4. 19. 3.

Donation from School Comforts' Fund—£5. 10. 9.)

June 6th—Alexandra Rose Day—£3. 9. 1.

June 13th—War time Nursery, Chorley—16 Toys made by pupils of the School.

June 26th—Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies—£3. 18. 8½.

July 2nd—Leyland Salvage Campaign—400 books.

July 3rd—British Red Cross and St. John Ambulance—£3. 0. 5½.

July 24th—C.E.M.A. Fund for providing concerts in bombed areas—£10. 10. 0.

(Collection made at C.E.M.A. School Concert—July 23rd—£5. 6. 0.

Donation from School Comforts' Fund—£5. 4. 0.)

Sept. 30th—British Sailors' Society—£5. 0. 0.

Oct. 12th—St. John Ambulance (Leyland Branch)—£4. 6. 8½.

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OLD BALSHAVIANS

(OLD BOYS' SECTION).

Readers of this Journal will have noted an absence of notes on the Old Balshavian Association, in recent issues. A request has been received from our Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. Wildman, who is at present abroad, asking us to fill the breach and supply news items of the activities of Old Balshavians now scattered to the distant places of the world.

As I might be termed a very old boy, my year of entry into the School being 1915, you will appreciate that I am rather out of touch with people who have attended the School in recent years, and, as these provide the main body of Old Balshavians serving in H.M. Forces, I would appreciate news of their activities, for reproduction where possible, in these notes.

Writing these notes has opened the door of my memory, to the years of the Great War, when the School then as now, took its part in the battle. Work on the land such as potato-picking, fruit-gathering, and the collection of chestnuts, was undertaken each year. We also received instruction in small-arms drill, and this proved very valuable to those of the older boys who eventually found themselves in the Army or Navy. Another memory is that of an episode in the Midsummer term of 1915, when three boys, two of them house captains, disappeared one afternoon, and were eventually found in the ranks of the Seaforth Highlanders. A sad memory is that of the sounding of the Last Post before an assembly of all the boys, to announce

the death in action of a former member of the School. I remember those days especially, days of high summer, of bitter weather, and days full of the scent of spring.

I have news of several Old Boys, some of them my contemporaries, and of necessity this news is brief, and in some cases vague.

J. F. Wilde and R.M. Parker are now both in O.C.T. Units. N. Barrow, H. Mortimer and C. S. Hilditch have all met abroad. F. H. Lawton is now a Lieutenant, and J. Sanderson the captain of a Sunderland. H. Hocking and F. Baron are serving overseas. F. Shepherd is now a Flight Sergeant, and is still on operational duties. A. Jackson, G. Bland and P. Darnell are somewhere in England. S. Lloyd is now a Second-Lieutenant. T. Bretherton is a Lieutenant in the R.N.V.R. W. Sutton is a member of the Australian Imperial Forces. Others, and their name is legion, are also serving at home and abroad, and I shall hope to include news of them in future issues.

To all of them the Old Balshavian Association sends greetings of good will for this Christmas and for the New Year.

Charles Rose.

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OLD GIRLS' SECTION.

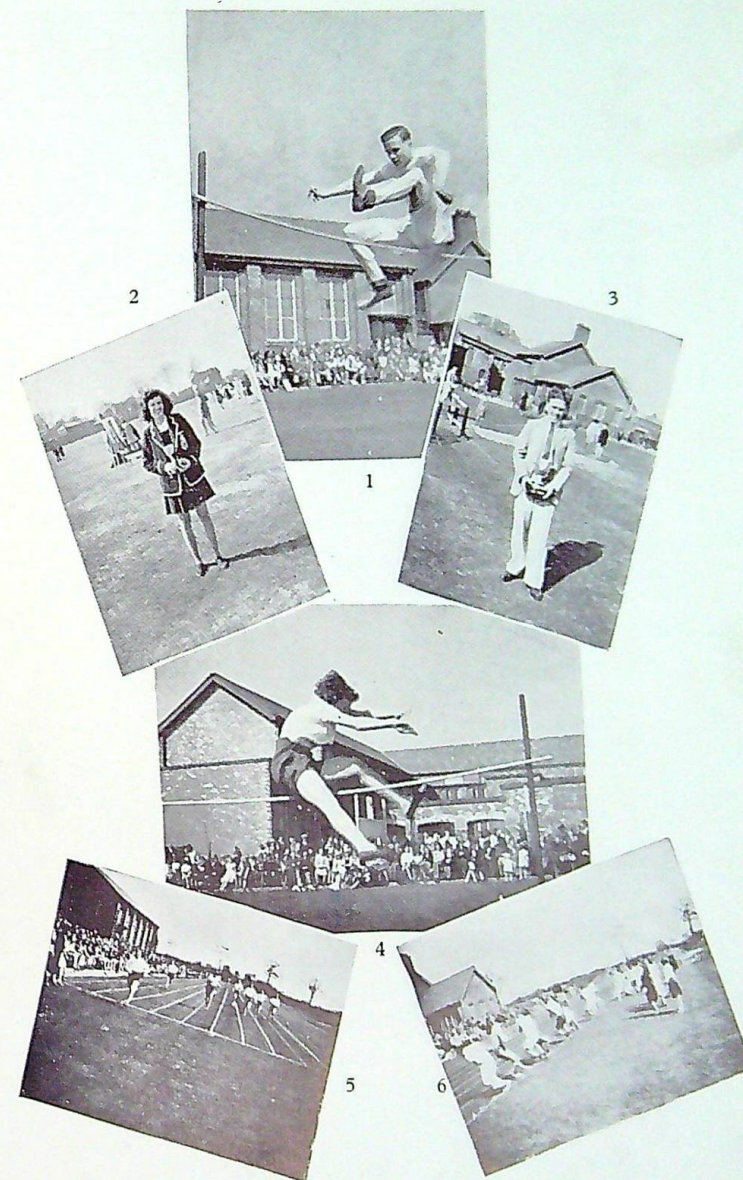
The Old Girls' Association, like every other pre-war association, is suffering from war conditions. On the decision of the committee, our activities temporarily ceased when war was declared. The monthly socials are still impracticable, but we would be very grateful for any bright ideas for the reawakening of activities under new conditions.

The Hockey Team which survived the outbreak of war, ran successfully up to the end of last season. We hope to see it flourishing again after a season's rest. Several people took advantage of Old Students' Evening on the school tennis courts during the short summer. The Old Girls' Tennis Team had a very enjoyable match with the School in which the Old Girls were successful.

We hear of many marriages and of several Old Girls joining the Forces, but may we plead for more news and more details? Letters from some of the people in new jobs, whether in the Forces or in civilian life, would be greatly appreciated.

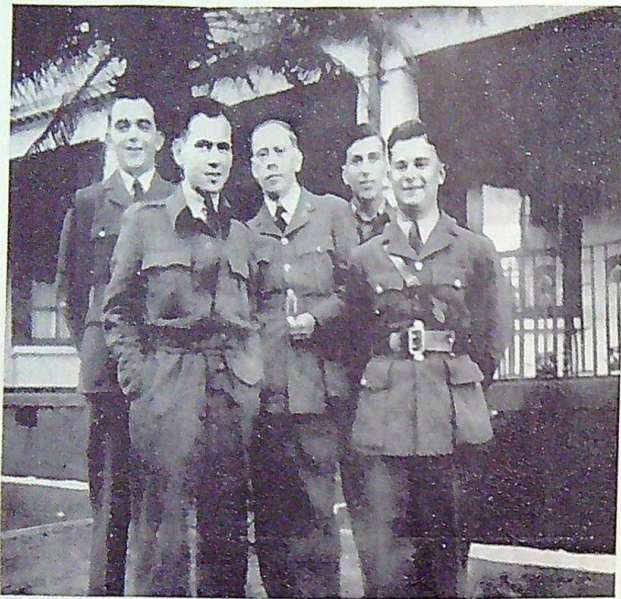
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THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1942.

- 1.—Rigby—Winner Boys' Open High Jump.
- 2.—B. Y. Sharples—Victrix Ludorum.
- 3.—Salisbury—Victor Ludorum.
- 4.—B. Y. Sharples—Winner Girls' Open High Jump.
- 5.—Final Girls' 100 Yards Open.—Winner E. Newsham.
- 6.—Final.—House Tug-of-War.—Clayton v. Cueden.



FIVE BALSHAVIANS MEET ABROAD.

H. Mortimer (Cuerden, 1929-1933) N. Barrow (Cuerden, 1928-1934).
 C. S. Hilditch (Cuerden House Master, 1929-)
 R. Bellis (Farington, 1927-1935) A. B. Rimmer (Clayton, 1929-1936).

ROLL OF SERVICE.

"Non sibi sed aliis".

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| Allibone, F. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1927-33 |
| Allibone, Mabel. | W.R.N.S. | Farington | 1930-34 |
| Bennison, Muriel. | W.A.A.F. | Worden | 1931-36 |
| Berry, J. | South Staffs Rgt. | Clayton | 1928-34 |
| Barrow, N. | R.A. | Cuerden | 1928-34 |
| Bentley, H. | R.A.F. | — | 1929-30 |
| Berry, Joan. | Q.A.I.M.N.S. | Farington. | 1928-36 |
| Briggs, C. A. | Fleet Air Arm. | Clayton | 1926-34 |
| Berry, H. M. | R.A.F. | Clayton. | 1932-36 |
| Bailey, H. | R.A. | Clayton | 1930-37 |
| Ball, Doris. | A.T.S. | Cuerden | 1931-37 |
| † Banks, M.L. | R.A.S.C. | Cuerden | 1930-36 |
| Billcliffe, S. | Army Dental Corps. | Clayton. | 1929-33 |
| Briggs, E. A. | R.E. | Clayton. | 1930-33 |
| Bland, G. | R.A.F. (Medical) | Farington | 1931-36 |
| Biggar, E. | R.A.F. | — | 1925-31 |
| Biggar, G. | R.A. | — | 1926-31 |
| Brace, F. | R.C. of Signals | — | 1928-31 |
| Baron, F. C. | R.C. of Signals | — | 1925-31 |
| Berry, C. F. | R.A.F. | — | 1919-23 |
| Bourne, Mary nee Haydock | Wom. Land Army | — | 1925-28 |
| Bretherton, T. | R.N. | — | 1923-30 |
| Bleasdale, T. A. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1935-39 |
| Bowling, J. B. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1934-39 |
| Bretherton, Dorothy | W.A.A.F. | Clayton | 1934-40 |
| Bellis, R. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1927-35 |
| Bentley, R. | R.A. | — | 1916-19 |
| Brown, J. | R.N. | Clayton | 1932-35 |
| Bamber, L. | R.N. | — | 1927-30 |
| Bond, T. W. | Merchant Navy | Clayton | 1936-41 |
| Brown, H. | R.A.F. | — | 1924-27 |
| Bamber, K. | R.A.F. | Farington. | 1934-40 |
| Berry, Marjorie. | W.A.A.F. | Clayton | 1932-38 |
| Burgess, J. A. D. | Gen. Ser. Corps. | Farington. | 1934-40 |
| Barnett, G. K. | O.C.T.U. | Clayton | 1932-37 |
| Cocker, T. | R.A.M.C. | Worden | 1927-32 |
| Coates, S. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-33 |
| Church, C. A. | R.C. of Signals | Worden | 1932-38 |
| Challender, E. H. | R.A.F. | Worden. | 1931-36 |
| Cannon, B. | R.A.F. | — | 1924-31 |
| Coulson, K. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1933-39 |
| Charnock, W. | R.A.O.C. | Cuerden | 1930-34 |
| Chew, B. | Loyal N. Lincs. | Clayton | 1934-40 |
| Cocker, G. E. | R. C. of Signals. | Worden | 1929-33 |
| Challender, J. | Cheshire Regt. | Worden | 1927-31 |
| Challender, F. S. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1933-38 |
| Callow, D. | Liverpool Scottish. | Clayton | 1934-38 |
| Catterall, J. | Merchant Navy | Worden | 1938-42 |
| Darnell, P.W. | R.A. | Farington | 1929-37 |
| Downie, J. | R.A. | Farington | 1929-38 |
| Duxbury, J. A. | R.A.O.C. | Farington | 1930-36 |
| Duxbury, J. D. | R.N. | Farington | 1934-36 |
| Davies, R. T. | R.A.O.C. | Clayton. | 1930, 1932-33 |
| Damp, A. | R.A.F. | — | 1928-29 |
| Downer, W. J. (Master) | R.A.O.C. | — | 1935 |
| Dugdale, C. F. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1932-37 |
| Deacon, Annie. | W.A.A.F. | Farington | 1929-33 |
| Dewhurst, J. | R.A.O.C. | — | 1923-27 |
| Dickinson, H. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1933-37 |
| Davies, J. B. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1929-33 |

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| Damp, F. | R.E.M.E. | Clayton | 1930-37 |
| Etherington, J. | R.C. of Signals | Farington | 1926-32 |
| Eckton, G. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-38 |
| Edmunds, Jean | W.A.A.F. | Worden | 1933-38 |
| Elliott, C. | R. Tank Corps | Worden | 1933-39 |
| Eason, A. D. B. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1932-39 |
| Ellis, B. | R.A.F. | — | 1917-23 |
| Ellis, A. | R.A. | — | 1919-24 |
| Fishwick, J. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1928-35 |
| Fisher, R. W. (Master) | R.A.F. | — | 1934— |
| Farrington, E. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1933-40 |
| Greenall, R. | R.A. | Worden | 1931-36 |
| † Gold, D. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1931-36 |
| Gates, E. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1928-36 |
| Goater, J. G. | R.N. | Worden | 1932-38 |
| Greenwood, N. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1931-36 |
| Greenhalgh, L. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1933-37 |
| Gorner, J. H. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1934-38 |
| Greenwood, A. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1929-35 |
| Guest, L. | R.A.F. | — | 1924-29 |
| Glover, J. E. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1933-37 |
| Harrison, G. | R.N. | Clayton | 1934-38 |
| Haydock, J. | Yeomanry | Worden | 1928-35 |
| Haydock, E. G. | S. Rhodesia A.C.R. | — | 1920-26 |
| Haydock, P. | R.A.O.C. | — | 1920-27 |
| Hocking, H. D. | R. Tank Corps | Cuerden | 1927-33 |
| Hocking, F. | R.E. | Farington | 1930-35 |
| Hudson, J. A. | R.A.M.C. | Farington | 1931-36 |
| Herring, H. | Army Dental Corps | — | 1927-29 |
| Hesketh, J. C. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-38 |
| Higham, J. L. | R.A.O.C. | — | 1929-33 |
| Hilton, G. | R.A.F. | — | 1924-29 |
| Hilditch, C. S. (Master) | R.A.F. | — | 1929— |
| Heyes, T. | — | — | 1924-28 |
| Hocking, Madge | W.A.A.F. | — | 1925-29 |
| Holden, F. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1933-37 |
| Holme, R. | R. Marines | Cuerden | 1935-40 |
| Hull, Eva | A.T.S. | Cuerden | 1933-37 |
| Hesmondhalgh, A. | A.T.S. | Worden | 1931-36 |
| Iddon, H. R. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1932-37 |
| Iddon, B. C. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1928-32 |
| Ingham, L. | K.O. Royal Regt. | Farington | 1934-37 |
| Jackson, W. M. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1929-35 |
| Jackson, A. | R.A.S.C. | Worden | 1925-32 |
| Johnston, F. J. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1938-40 |
| Jackson, Margaret | W.A.A.F. | Worden | 1932-37 |
| King, J. | R.N.V.R. | Clayton | 1931-35 |
| Kenyon, A. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1934-40 |
| Lawton, F. H. | R.A. | Cuerden | 1926-32 |
| Lee, K. A. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-33 |
| Lloyd, S. L. W. | R.A.S.C. | Worden | 1931-35 |
| * Lewis, J. C. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1933-37 |
| Leyland, J. H. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1939— |
| Lancaster, Rev. W. J. | Chaplain to the Forces | — | 1915-25 |
| Lea, J. A. | K.O. Lancasters | Farington | 1934-40 |
| Marland, G. W. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-36 |
| Marland, L. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-34 |
| Marland, W. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1927-33 |
| Miller, J. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1933-38 |
| Mortimer, H. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1929-33 |
| * Marland, R. G. | R.A.F. | — | 1928-31 |
| Mason, E. E. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1932-38 |
| Marsden, A. J. | Fleet Air Arm | Farington | 1933-37 |
| Mitchell, F. L. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1932-40 |
| Marsden, C. E. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1933-41 |

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| McCann, W. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1924-32 |
| Morris, S. A. | R. C. of Signals | Worden | 1928-37 |
| Marston, E. J. | R.A.F. | — | 1926-30 |
| Moss, R. | R.A.O.C. | — | 1922-26 |
| Moss, J. E. | Gen. Ser. Corps | Clayton | 1934-38 |
| Meredith, J. | R. C. of Signals | Worden | 1935-40 |
| Noon, E. C. | C.M.P. | — | 1925-30 |
| Nelson, T. A. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1927-34 |
| Orrell, N. | R.A.S.C. | Farington | 1929-33 |
| Parker, R. M. | R.A. | Farington | 1927-32 |
| Parker, L. N. | R.A.S.C. | Worden | 1930-36 |
| Parkinson, C. D. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1933-37 |
| Patefield, P. W. | R.A. | Farington | 1928-33 |
| Pennington, H. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-35 |
| Parker, T. A. | R.A.P.C. | Worden | 1927-31 |
| Pinder, A. H. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1934-40 |
| Porter, A. S. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1936-42 |
| Pickburn, E. R. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1933-40 |
| Rimmer, A. B. | R.A.O.C. | Clayton | 1929-36 |
| Robinson, W. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1931-37 |
| Richardson, K. C. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1933-38 |
| Riding, T. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1932-36 |
| Robinson, F. | R.A.S.C. | — | 1923-30 |
| Salthouse, F. | R.A.M.C. | Cuerden | 1929-35 |
| Sharp, A. | R.A. | Clayton | 1931-36 |
| Shaw, Edith | W.A.A.F. | — | 1926-31 |
| Shepherd, F. W. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1929-33 |
| Smith, S. E. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1930-33 |
| Shepherd, R. T. | R.A. | Cuerden | 1929-32 |
| Sutton, R. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1931-37 |
| Sutton, H. | R.C. of Signals | Clayton | 1933-41 |
| Salisbury, W. | R.A.O.C. | Cuerden | 1928-32 |
| Sutcliffe, R. L. | R.A.O.C. | — | 1921-29 |
| Sanderson, J. | R.A.F. | — | 1924-29 |
| Sharples, J. B. | Pioneer Corps | Cuerden | 1930-36 |
| Seed, H. | R.A.F. | — | 1925-28 |
| Smith, B. M. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1933-39 |
| Sanderson, J. H. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1933-39 |
| Seed, Alice | W.A.A.F. | Farington | 1931-37 |
| Saul, F. J. | R.A.F. | — | 1924-29 |
| Stringfellow, R. E. | R.A.P.C. | Farington | 1925-33 |
| Sumner, F. H. | A.M.P.C. | — | 1922-22 |
| Singleton, F. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1928-37 |
| Sefton, K. F. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1934-42 |
| Smith, J. | R.N. | Worden | 1931-35 |
| Seed, R. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1933-38 |
| Swire, H. T. M. | R.A. | — | 1920-21 |
| Turner, Ronald | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1932-38 |
| Turner, Richard | R.A. | Worden | 1931-39 |
| Taylor, F. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1933-38 |
| Tomlinson, J. R. | R.A. | Clayton | 1931-37 |
| Tennant, D. A. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1935-42 |
| Tonge, J. W. | R. Marines | Cuerden | 1937-40 |
| Vause, P. G. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1925-33 |
| Valentine, T. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1935-39 |
| Wilkinson, J. N. | R.A. | Clayton | 1931-36 |
| Wilkinson, E. G. | R.A.F. | — | 1920-28 |
| Witter, W. | R.A. | Cuerden | 1932-36 |
| Wildman, R. | R.C. of Signals | Cuerden | 1926-31 |
| Wilkinson, C. G. | R.C. of Signals | Worden | 1931-33 |
| Walsh, R. | R.A.M.C. | — | 1919-26 |
| Wootton, F. | R.A.F. | — | 1923-27 |
| Walsh, F. | R.A.F. | — | 1917-27 |
| Wilde, J. F. | Scots Guards | — | 1920-26 |
| Whistlecroft, C. J. | Merchant Navy | Cuerden | 1932-38 |

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| Wright, K. W. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1932-36 |
| Wood, H. | K.O. Royal Regt. | Cuerden | 1929-35 |
| Wootton, W. N. | R.A.F. | — | 1919-23 |
| Watson, G. | Infantry Train'g Cps. | Worden | 1934-39 |
| Wright, E. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1934-36 |
| Wilkinson, Jos. | Gen. Ser. Corps. | Clayton | 1934-39 |
| Yates, F. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1932-36 |
| Yates, H. | South Staffs. | Clayton | 1931-37 |
| *—Killed in Action. | | †—Prisoner of War. | ‡—Missing. |

**—Mentioned in Dispatches.

Particulars of any Old Balshavian serving in H. M.'s Forces whose name does not appear in the above list, as well as any necessary corrections, will be gratefully received by the undersigned.
H. J. LOMAX.

CALENDAR

| 1942 | | SEPTEMBER | Sports Results. |
|------|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Tu. | 15 | Autumn Term commences. Supervision Duty : Mr. Parry, Sefton, F. K., A. Bradley | |
| W. | 16 | | |
| Th. | 17 | | |
| F. | 18 | | |
| S. | 19 | | |
| M. | 21 | Supervision Duty : Miss Whewell, Grayson, K. M. M. D. Hunt. | |
| Tu. | 22 | | |
| W. | 23 | | |
| Th. | 24 | | |
| F. | 25 | | |
| S. | 26 | | |
| M. | 28 | Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, Whitaker, J. G., F. Newsham. | |
| Tu. | 29 | | |
| W. | 30 | | |
| | | OCTOBER | |
| Th. | 1 | 2-45 p.m. Ministry of Information Film Show. | |
| F. | 2 | | |
| S. | 3 | Hockey : School 1st XI v. Chorley G. S. 1st XI (h)..... School Junior XI v. Chorley G. S. Junior XI (h)..... | |
| M. | 5 | Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy, Shepherd, J., A. B. Sage. | |
| Tu. | 6 | | |
| W. | 7 | Hockey Leagues : Cl. v F.(1) : Cu. v. W.(1)..... Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. W.(1) : Cu. v. F.(1)..... | |
| Th. | 8 | 2-15 p.m. Imperial Institute Lecture on "South Africa" by J. H. Koens, Esq. | |
| F. | 9 | | |
| S. | 10 | Hockey : School 1st XI v. Upholland G. S. 1st XI (a)..... | |
| M. | 12 | Supervision Duty : Mr. Bull, Malcolm, B. R., J. C. Howcroft. | |
| Tu. | 13 | | |
| W. | 14 | Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(1) : F. v. W.(1)..... Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. F.(1) : Cu. v. W.(1)..... | |
| Th. | 15 | | |
| F. | 16 | | |
| S. | 17 | Rugby : School 1st XV v. Blackpool G. S. 1st XV (a)..... School Bantams XV v. Blackpool G. S. Bantams XV (a)..... | |
| M. | 19 | Supervision Duty : Miss Lewis, Gardner, R. J., D. Whittaker. | |
| Tu. | 20 | | |
| W. | 21 | | |

| | | OCTOBER—continued. | |
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| S | 24 | Hockey : School 1st XI v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st XI (a)..... School Junior XI v. Ormskirk G. S. Junior XI (a)..... Rugby : School 1st XV v. Ormskirk G. S. 1st XV (a)..... School Bantams XV v. Ormskirk G. S. Bantams XV (a)..... | |
| M. | 26 | Supervision Duty : Miss Robinson, Wightman, G., B. Y. Sharples. | |
| Tu. | 27 | | |
| W. | 28 | Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. W.(1) : Cu. v. F.(1)..... Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(1) : F. v. W.(1)..... | |
| Th. | 29 | | |
| F. | 30 | | |
| S. | 31 | | |
| | | NOVEMBER | |
| M. | 2 | Half Term Holiday. | |
| Tu. | 3 | Half Term Holiday. | |
| W. | 4 | Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson, Whitaker, J. G., A. Bradley. Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. F.(2) : Cu. v. W.(2)..... Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. W.(2) : Cu. v. F.(2)..... | |
| Th. | 5 | | |
| F. | 6 | | |
| S. | 7 | Hockey : School 1st XI v. Rivington G. S. 1st XI (a)..... Rugby : School 1st XV v. A Stonyhurst College XV (h)..... | |
| M. | 9 | Supervision Duty : Miss Fletcher, Grayson, K. M., M. D. Hunt. Last day of entry for contributions to <i>The Balshavian</i> , Vol. XVIII, No. 2. | |
| Tu. | 10 | | |
| W. | 11 | Hockey : School 1st XI v Preston Convent School 1st XI (h)..... School 2nd XI v Preston Convent School 2nd XI (h)..... Armistice Day. Rugger Leagues : Cl. v F.(2) : Cu. v W(2)..... | |
| Th. | 12 | | |
| F. | 13 | Hockey : School 1st XI v Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. 1st XI (h)..... School Junior XI v Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. Junior XI (h)..... Rugby : School 1st XV v A Sedburgh School XV (h)..... | |
| M. | 16 | Supervision Duty : Miss Heppell, Malcolm, B. R., E. Newsham. | |
| Tu. | 17 | | |
| W. | 18 | Rugby : School 1st XV v Kirkham G.S. 1st XV (a)..... School 2nd XV v Kirkham G.S. 2nd XV (a)..... Hockey Leagues : Cl. v Cu(2) : F. v W.(2)..... | |
| Th. | 19 | | |
| F. | 20 | | |
| S. | 21 | Hockey : School 1st XI v Preston Park School 1st XI (h)..... School 2nd XI v Preston Park School 2nd XI (h)..... | |
| M. | 23 | Supervision Duty : Mr. Parry, Shepherd, J., A. B. Sage. | |
| Tu. | 24 | | |
| S. | 28 | Rugby : School 1st XV v Blackpool G.S. 1st XV (h)..... School Bantams XV v Blackpool G.S. Bantams XV (h)..... | |
| M. | 30 | Supervision Duty : Miss Whewell, Wightman, G., J. C. Howcroft. School Examinations (First Day). | |

| DECEMBER | | |
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| Tu. | 1 | School Examinations (Second Day). |
| W. | 2 | School Examinations (Third Day). |
| Th. | 3 | |
| F. | 4 | |
| S. | 5 | Hockey : School 1st XI v Chorley G.S. 1st XI (a)..... School Junior XI v Chorley G.S. Junior XI (a)..... |
| M. | 7 | Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, Gardner, R. J., D. Whittaker. |
| Tu. | 8 | |
| W. | 9 | Hockey Leagues : Cl. v W.(2) ; Cu. v F.(2)..... Rugger Leagues : Cl. v Cu.(2) ; F. v W.(2)..... |
| Th. | 10 | |
| F. | 11 | Publication of "The Balshavian" Vol. XVIII, No. 2. |
| S. | 12 | Hockey : School 1st XI v Hindley G.S. 1st XI (a)..... |
| M. | 14 | Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy, Grayson, K. M., B. Y. Sharples. |
| Tu. | 15 | |
| W. | 16 | |
| Th. | 17 | 2-0 p.m. — School Carol Service. |
| F. | 18 | Autumn Term ends. Spring Term, 1943, commences Tuesday, January 12th, 1943 (provisional). Spring Term, 1943, ends Friday, April 9th, 1943 (provisional). |

MISCELLANEA.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Clayton House : | House Mistress : | Miss F. W. Royle, B.A. |
| | House Master : | Mr. A. J. Bull, M.A. |
| | House Captains : | J. C. Howcroft (Girls) ; Dalton, L. (Boys) |
| | House Colours : | Green. |
| Cuerden House : | House Room : | IVB. |
| | House Mistress : | Miss K. Whewell, A.R.C.A. |
| | House Master : | Mr. F. Parry, B.Sc. |
| | House Captains : | A. B. Sage (Girls) ; Shepherd, J. (Boys). |
| Farington House : | House Colours : | Red. |
| | House Room : | IIIA. |
| | House Mistress : | Miss A. Milroy, B.A. |
| | House Master : | Mr. H. J. Lomax, B.Sc., A.R.C.Sc. |
| Worden House : | House Captains : | M. D. Hunt (Girls) ; Grayson, K.M. (Boys). |
| | House Colours : | Gold. |
| | House Room : | I.B. |
| | House Mistress : | Miss M. A. Rahill, B.A. |
| Boys. Head Prefect : | House Master : | Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A. |
| | House Captain : | B. Y. Sharples (Girls) ; Gardner, R. J. (Boys). |
| | House Colours : | Blue. |
| | House Room : | IA. |
| Girls. Head Prefect : | Gardner, R. J. | Prefects : Sefton, F. K., Grayson, K. M., Shepherd, J. |
| | Sub-Prefects : | Malcolm, B. R., Whitaker, J. G., Wightman, G., Dalton, L. |
| | Head Prefect : | B. Y. Sharples. |
| | Prefects : | J. C. Howcroft, A. Bradley, E. Newsham. |
| Sub-Prefects : | M. D. Hunt., A. B. Sage, D. Whittaker. | |
| | | |
| Captain of Rugby Football : Dalton, L. | | |
| Captain of Hockey : B. Y. Sharples. | | |
| School Lunch : First Sitting, 12.35 p.m.; Second Sitting, 1 p.m.; in Dining Room. A two course lunch—meat or fish and two vegetables and sweet—is supplied daily, price 6d. Pupils should purchase a week's supply of tickets from the Secretary. | | |
| Milk : 10.45 a.m. in Dining Room. Certified "Grade A" Milk can be obtained at "Break," price ½d. per bottle (with straw). | | |

School Buses : School buses run from the Ribble Bus Station, Tithebarn Street, Preston, at 8-20 a.m., and from the Ribble Bus Station, Chorley, at 8-25 a.m. daily and pick up pupils *en route*. School buses for Preston leave the School gates at 4-10 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. daily (Fridays excepted).

Detention : 4-0 to 4-45 p.m. in IVa Room.

Lunch Hour : In wet weather, girls may stay in IIb and IVb rooms, boys in Ia and IIa rooms. Boys and girls may, if they prefer, listen to the radio-gramophone in the Hall.

School Clearance : All pupils must leave the School premises not later than 5-10 p.m. each day.

School Periods :

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Morning Periods : | 9-0 to 9-10 a.m. | Prayers. |
| | 9-10 to 9-15 a.m. | Form meetings. |
| | 9-15 to 10-0 a.m. | First Period. |
| | 10-0 to 10-45 a.m. | Second Period. |
| | 10-45 to 11-0 a.m. | Break. |
| | 11-0 to 11-45 a.m. | Third Period. |
| | 11-45 to 12-30 p.m. | Fourth Period. |

Afternoon Periods : (a) on afternoons when there are no meetings of Societies :

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1-45 to 1-50 p.m. | Form meetings. |
| 1-50 to 2-30 p.m. | Fifth Period. |
| 2-30 to 3-15 p.m. | Sixth Period. |
| 3-15 to 4-0 p.m. | Seventh Period. |

(b) on afternoons when there are meetings of Societies :—

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1-45 to 1-50 p.m. | Form meetings. |
| 1-50 to 2-15 p.m. | Fifth Period. |
| 2-15 to 2-45 p.m. | Sixth Period. |
| 2-45 to 3-15 p.m. | Seventh Period. |
| 3-15 to 4-0 p.m. | Societies. |

Meetings :

National Savings Group (Mr. Parry and Miss Fletcher)—in Physics Lab., 12-30 to 1 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

School Knitting Club—as arranged by Miss Rahill.

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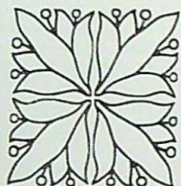
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| Tuesdays : | 2-0 to 2-20 | Music (IVA and IVB). |
| | 2-35 to 3-0. | English (IIIA and IIIB). |
| Wednesdays : | 2-15 to 2-35 | General Science (IVA). |
| | 2-40 to 3-0 | English (IB). |
| Thursdays : | 11-20 to 11-40 | Geography (VA). |
| | 2-0 to 2-15 | Nature Study (IA and IB). |
| Fridays : | 2-0 to 2-15 | Travel Talks (IA and IB). |
| | 2-40 to 3-0 | English (IVA). |

Masters and Mistresses in charge of Air-raid Shelters :

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| No. 1 Clayton (Boys) Mr. Bull. | No. 5 Farington (Boys) Mr. Lomax. |
| No. 2 Clayton (Girls) Miss Royle. | No. 6 Farington (Girls) Miss Milroy. |
| No. 3 Cuerden (Boys) Mr. Parry. | No. 7 Worden (Boys) Mr. Wilkinson. |
| No. 4 Cuerden (Girls) Miss Whewell | No. 8 Worden (Girls) Miss Rahill. |

GAMES.

| Day | RUGBY FOOTBALL (Boys) | HOCKEY (Girls) | TENNIS (Girls) |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| M..... | House Practices (Cl. & F.) | House Practices (F. & W.) | Cuerden |
| Tu..... | 1st XXX Practice and Junior Games | Junior XXII Practice and Junior Games | Farington |
| W..... | House League Matches | House League Matches | 1st XXII. |
| Th..... | House Practices (Cu. & W.) | House Practices (Cl. & Cu.) | Worden. |
| F..... | 1st XXX Practice and Colts XXX Practice. | 1st XXII Practice. | Clayton. |
| S..... | School Matches. | School Matches. | |



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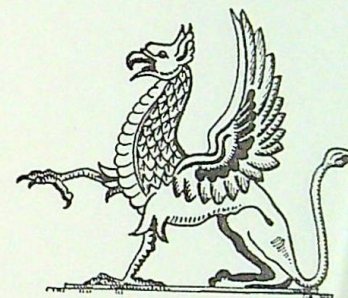
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