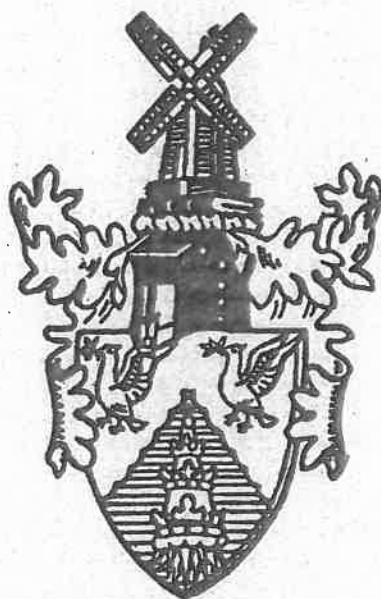


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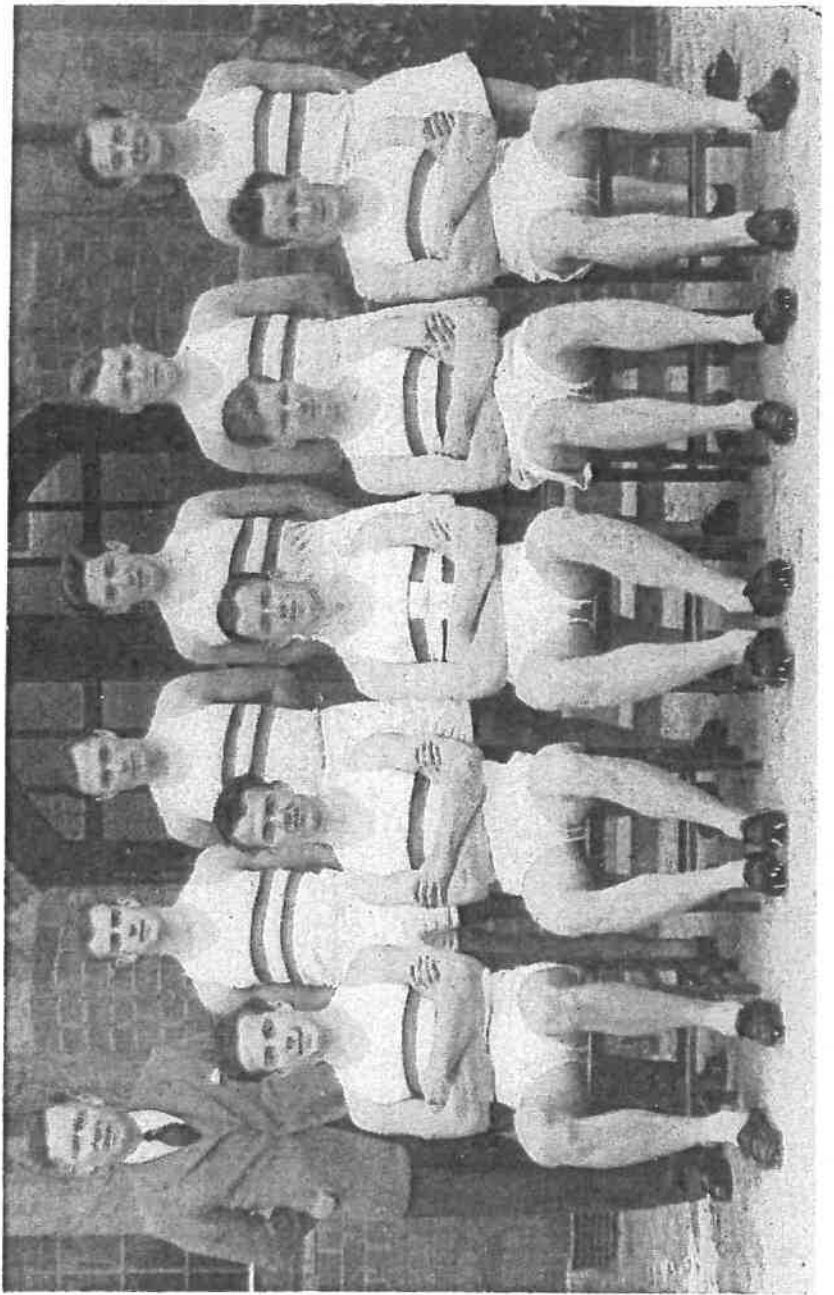
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ANOTHER year in the long history of K.G.S. is drawing to a close, and the time has come, not only to survey the events of the past year but also to prepare for a flying start next September. To those who are leaving us at the end of this term we extend our very best wishes, and hope that the experience gained here will help them along the road to success and happiness.

The events recorded in this issue are already fading memories, and it may seem strange at this time of sun and white flannel, to talk of rugby and athletics, but it must be remembered that it is impossible in a biennial publication to report recent happenings. The Spring Term of 1953 will not however, be forgotten completely for some time, because it saw not only the close of a most successful rugby season but also the satisfactory completion of a few harriers' fixture and a rigorous athletics training programme. A day on which the school can justly be proud was the annual Easter Fair, while Sports Day, although not blessed with fine weather saw much keen competition. Nor were the outstanding successes of these events accomplished as the result of a decline in scholastic ardour, for late in the term the Upper School was engaged in feverish cramming for the dreaded "Mock."

Our thoughts during the first half of the Summer Term were, however, turned from the precincts of K.G.S. to the nation-wide preparations for the Crowning of our Queen. These festivities should be viewed with considerable national pride, for they were a true reflection of Britain's glorious past, and served to remind us that it is our duty to uphold and enhance these great traditions. It is to be hoped that

every boy in the school took advantage of this great occasion to increase his knowledge of the heraldry and customs of this nation, and in so doing gain a fuller picture of the heritage that is ours. However, the main purpose of the coronation ceremony should not be lost amongst the colourful flood of pageantry, for it was the personal consecration and dedication of the Queen that was the centre-piece of the whole ceremony. Let us, therefore, resolve to serve our Queen and country with renewed loyalty, and re-echo, with all sincerity, the words :

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN ”

NOTES AND ITEMS

VALETE

It was with great regret that the school learnt of the departure of Miss Bromley, the Canteen Supervisor. We wish her every success and now welcome her successor, Miss Earnshaw, hoping her stay will be a very happy one.

FILMS

The Film Committee managed to continue its Saturday night rendezvous into the Easter Term. However the attendances still remained rather small, consisting mainly of School House. It is hoped that the new programme will attract larger audiences in the coming Winter Term.

The films shown were :—' No Highway,' ' Laughter in Paradise,' ' Pool of London,' and ' Hotel Sahara.'

VISITS TO FACTORIES

On Thursday afternoon in the Autumn Term the Sixth Form chemists, accompanied by Mr. Bentley, visited the heavy chemical division of the I.C.I. works at Burn Nare near Fleetwood. The tour of the site included visits not only to the larger buildings where the manufacturing of the chemicals was in progress but also to those auxiliary ones such as the laboratory and first aid post that are so necessary for the safe and efficient running of such large factories. The laboratory was especially interesting to those contemplating industrial chemistry as a career, while Mr. Bentley, at the sight of the spotless modern apparatus, wished his pockets were larger. The events of the afternoon culminated in an excellent tea served in the canteen, and thanks are due both to the I.C.I. for their hospitality and to Mr. Bentley for arranging that most successful outing.

A trip to Mullard's valve factory in Blackburn was arranged for the Upper Sixth Science by Mr. Wignall in the Spring Term. During the afternoon the party saw not only the manufacture of valves from the smallest pieces of wire to the completed articles, but also the making of the glass parts of the tubes used in television sets. Unfortunately there was not sufficient time to allow the party to see over all the factory, but nevertheless a most instructive afternoon was enjoyed by all.

THE EASTER FAIR AND CONCERT

The 6th Annual Easter Fair was held at the School on Saturday, 14th March, and at 2-30 p.m., the Headmaster, introduced by Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Easter Fair Committee, opened the Fair after thanking everyone for their presence and support. Previous to this a large crowd had gathered in the Hall which was lined with stalls containing a wide variety of articles, ranging from magazines to tins of food and from cricket boots to table mats, some of which can be seen in our photograph.

After the opening, trade began briskly, the customers having a wide variety of goods to choose from, while various sideshows at the rear of the Hall were doing well. The roll-a-penny stall enticed many victims, and many people staked their claims to the treasure at the treasure trove. Few people won at the darts stall, no doubt

due to the carefully conditioned darts, whilst it was noticed that only boarders won at the ping-pong-ball-in-the-bucket stall, this no doubt accounting for the scene reported in day-boy circles of two boarders attempting to perfect the technique in the Boarder's Common Room the night before. The sellers of Raffle Tickets did a roaring trade as a result either of their persuasive sales talk or of the gambling instinct latent in most people's characters.

Outside there were various sideshows such as the football goal guarded in turn by Wilcock and Townsend, which was as usual immensely popular. Several people tried their luck at a darts stall or threw balls at bottles which vary rarely seemed to suffer a fall. In great demand also were the air guns at the stall kept by Seec near the gym, and for a change there were few complaints that the sights had been altered by some unknown person.

Indoors the visitors could see a very well equipped Biology Exhibition in the laboratory, and also a display of county records in the Library. The Film Shows in the Geography Room were well attended, and there was to have been a gathering of sports fans to listen to Sports Report at 5-30 but this had to be abandoned owing to the absence of the very necessary wireless.

Ice Cream and 'Pop' were on sale and as usual were in great demand. Refreshments were provided in the Dining Hall, served by youthful waiters with commendable promptitude.

At 4-30 the surplus goods which remained on the stalls were sold by auction, very few articles remaining owing to the efficiency of the auctioneers. Immediately after the auction the Hall was cleared of the remaining debris, and the seats prepared for the evening concert by a host of willing helpers. The seats soon became filled when this operation had been completed, many people having to stand.

The concert duly started, compered by Mr. Middleton, whose jokes were well received. The first item was notable in that it was the first public appearance of the School String Orchestra under the guidance of Mr. Wood. This was followed by several musical items consisting of various solos, both instrumental and vocal, and also songs by the school choir, all of which ran very well, thanks to Mr. Murray's expert handling. These were followed by a Gym display by members of the School House which proceeded with scarcely a hitch, the gymnasts making difficult operations seem easy.

Perhaps the most popular item of the evening was the performance of the "Inkspots," each of whom represented an English sport and attempted to sing the praises of each in turn. It was rather difficult to pass judgment on each person's singing because of the loud cheers from the audience, but there is no doubt that they were very amusing without needing to sing.

Also very popular was the singing of barely recognisable members of the Upper V Modern, whose rendering of "Macnamara's Band" provided noise as well as song. The one-act play, "Something to talk about," lasted longer than was at first expected, but it provided a certain amount of enjoyment for all. Modern dance music was played by a quartet from the Lower Sixth, and to round off the evening's entertainment the Massed School Choir performed part of H.M.S. Pinafore.

The total raised by the Sale of Goods, Sideshows, and Collection was £125, slightly less than last year's total but nevertheless a very fine effort; and our praise must go out to all who helped in the Fair in any way, but especially to Mr. Wilson who so efficiently organised the whole proceedings.

THE LIBRARY

Chairman : Mr. Norwood
Secretary : H. M. Marsh Treasurer : J. R. Lance
Committee :
Mr. Williams, E. Waite, P. J. Barnes, R. S. Fanshawe, R. C. Hyde,
J. McCredie, C. Thorp.

The Junior Library was reopened at the beginning of the Spring Term and 228 books have been issued since. The issues in the Senior Library, however, have decreased by 50% to 416.

Library users will have noticed that the 'Old Books' have returned to the Library. These are of great sentimental value to K.G.S. but are in very poor condition. The Committee has decided therefore that these books must not be touched by any unauthorized person.

Borrowers' suggestions have resulted in the purchase of 'The Kon-Tiki Expedition,' 'The Lancashire Omnibus,' 'The British Merchant Navy,' 'The Far Country,' 'The Observers Book of British Architecture.' The yearly orders are now being placed and over £60 worth of new books will appear during the Summer Term.

Issue totals by subjects, October, 1952—March, 1953 :
Theology, Philosophy and Sociology 69; History 202; English 66; French and other modern languages 26; Classics 15; Maths and Physics 56; Chemistry 71; Biology 115; Popular Science 60; English Heritage 8; Sport 52; Photography 32; Hobbies 31; Modern Fiction 140; Standard Fiction 40; Miscellaneous 5.

MR. GEORGE LAUGHTON, B.A.

K.G.S. was deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mr. Laughton, which occurred on the 4th of February, 1953. He had come back to school the previous September feeling not at all well, and his illness steadily grew worse until about half-term he had to take to his bed and we never saw him again.

Mr. Laughton was educated at King Edward VI School, Sheffield, and at Sheffield University where he graduated with first-class honours in Modern Languages. He afterwards spent a year at the Sorbonne. A short period of service at Lancaster Royal Grammar School was followed by seven years as Senior Modern Languages Master at K.G.S., where his kindly nature, sound scholarship and ungrudging service made him highly respected.

His main work at K.G.S. was teaching French to the senior forms, and those members of recent VI forms who had the privilege of receiving instruction from Mr. Laughton will know how truly educative his teaching was. His activities, however, were not wholly confined to French teaching, for over a number of years he regularly

accomplished the remarkable feat of teaching boys enough Spanish in two years to enable them to pass at S.C. level. Another subject which he taught with success was Scripture; himself a devout Christian, he brought his own sincerely-held beliefs to bear on his work.

Undoubtedly, among the out-of-school activities of the school the Dramatic Society received his greatest attention. Here, in collaboration with Mr. Williams, he was largely responsible for such memorable productions as 'The Duke in Darkness,' 'Hamlet,' 'The Tempest,' and 'The Importance of Being Earnest. Anything pertaining to the Dramas always interested him greatly, and thus he was full of new ideas which, it seemed to the outside observer, he could put into practice with the minimum of fuss and the maximum of effect. The calm unfurried way in which at the beginning of the Winter Term he would set to work to train about twenty raw school-boys to play, say, 'Hamlet,' was indeed remarkable. We are missing and shall continue to miss very keenly his help in this activity of the school. Dramatics was by no means his only out-of-school interest, for the production of the school magazine was for some years his responsibility, and numerous other jobs occupied his time to such an extent that it was quite usual to find him up at school night after night working at some job or other till eight or nine o'clock.

Looking back over his sojourn of seven years at K.G.S., one feels that it would be true to say that, such was the gentleness and kindness of his character, never in the whole of that time did he say an unkind thing or cause anyone the slightest unhappiness—truly a gentleman, in the best meaning of that word.

Our very deep and sincere sympathies are extended to Mrs. Laughton and her two children in their tragic loss.

'Frater, ave atque vale.'

INGRECIAS

That old grey pile of mellow stone,
Crowned by a dove of peaceful gold,
Echoing to the soulful tone
Of a bell in the sky for all to behold.
On those wide swards of emerald hue
Shouts and laughter loudly ring,
O'er lorded by a sky of blue,
And the incessant tune that birds do bring.
But it is in those sombre silent rooms
Where the spirit of work is found,
That the true life and soul of this edifice looms
In pensive students all gathered around.

E. Waite, Upper (M) Sixth (1).

THE OXFORD LETTER

Hertford College,
Oxford.

Dear Sir,

This letter is probably (unconsciously) modelled on previous letters from Northern Universities which have appeared in the Kirkhamian, so we believe this is a rare instance of the Older

University imitating the young ones, and hope we imitate to good effect. Plunging straight into 'human interest' we note how the old boys of K.G.S. have been penetrating the world of sport here. I. C. R. Byatt (known by other appellations to some) has manœuvred himself into the St. Edmund Hall 3rd eight, and doubtless his efforts at the oar manœuvred the 3rd eight into some queer positions. He has probably taken to the river because the view from it is pleasant, or perhaps to relax after his success as a 'scholiast,' on which we congratulate him. E. B. G. has shown the Hertford Second XI how to look stylish when beaten by the ball, while Geoff Sagar in an open partnership of over sixty for a side which contained several college first team players, contributed 33 runs, outpacing his partner. His advice to members of the 1st XI (to be taken in conjunction with, not in preference to, Mr. Crane's) "Take the long handle (whatever that means); close your eyes, count three, and swipe." For him, after the match, like other famous players, it is a certain brand of cigarette (we must not advertise).

John Nourse, after gaining his degree, on which we congratulate him, has been singing in various concerts here. We shall all be sorry to lose him at the end of this term, and he has our best wishes for the future.

It only remains to send our good wishes to the school, and hope the past school year has been a success and that the next one will be even more successful.

Yours sincerely,

Oxford Kirkhamians.

A NIGHT WILD-FOWLING ON LYTHAM MARSHES

It was seven o'clock when my father and I set off. We were well clothed, for it was a frosty night with a cold north wind blowing. We took with us a shotgun, a plentiful supply of cartridges, a torch and, most important, we felt hopeful. At Meadow Lane, Lytham, we stepped on to the short, springy turf, hiding treacherous mud, which is typical of Lytham Marsh. The moon had not risen yet and so there was an eerie medley of sounds made by birds we could not see. Predominant among them were the wild 'mewing' of the green plovers or lapwings, the mournful 'cour-lee' of the curlew and the whistling of the widgeon. As an undertone around these was the 'chunnering' of many birds eating the grubs or *Zostera Marina*,

We set out along the embankment on the Marsh edge as far as the old rifle range, where we disturbed a wisp of feeding snipe. These all got up and flew around us, uttering their hoarse grating alarm note of 'scaaaaap!' From there we set out to the stream in the hope of finding some duck.

In this we were lucky, for on reaching the water there was a flurry of wings, and as my father pulled both triggers there were two simultaneous plops about a hundred yards down the stream, and I dashed there to find two widgeon, cock and hen, lying within ten yards of each other. After we had been on the marsh two hours, we went straight home. It was a case of 'Home, sweet home,' for hot cups of cocoa were just the thing to revive our frozen spirits.

Needless to say, our roasted duck tasted most appetising.

P. Corlett, Upper IVA,

C.C.F.

At the Cert. A Part 2. examination held in March, nine cadets were lucky enough to pass and are now in Cadre. It is hoped that some of these will soon appear as L/Cpls. March also saw a dinner held at the County Hotel, Blackpool, to mark the departure of J. McCredie; Major Middleton, Lieutenant Wilson, F/O Wilkinson and all the Sergeants attended. Several things were aired during the evening.

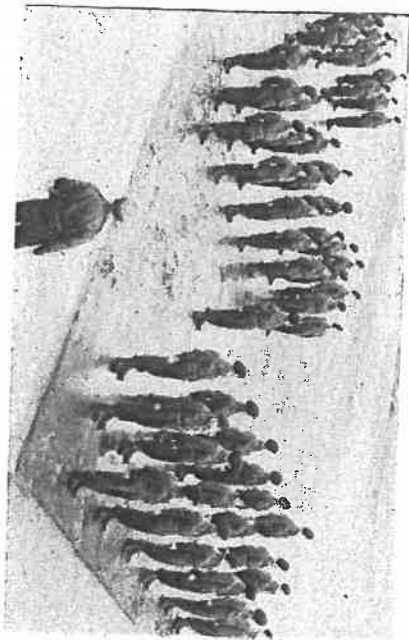
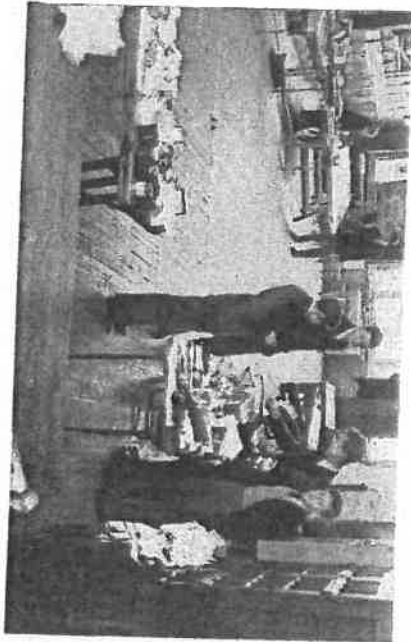
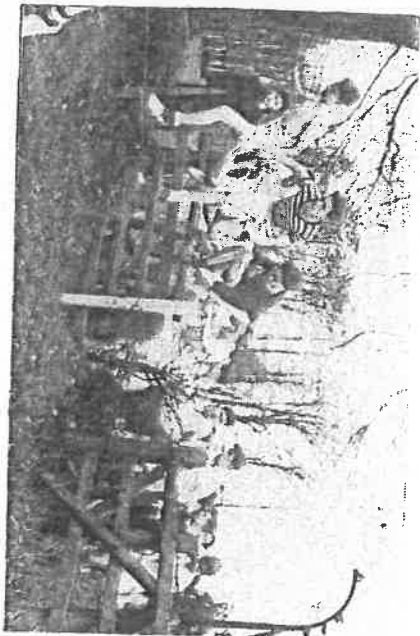
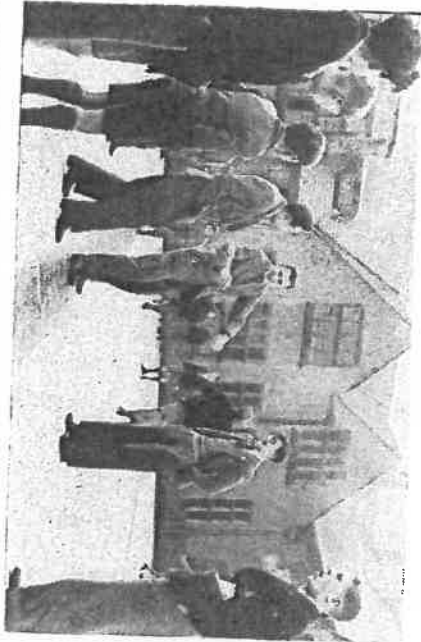
On the 2nd June the C.S.M. and Cadet Grime witnessed the spectacle of the Coronation. Back in Preston a contingent left the T.V. sets and attended a parade on Moor Park. The weather and the band dampened spirits and voices, and the gun salutes evidently shook some people so much that they forgot what they were doing and the occasion.

Training has been progressing as usual and preparations are being made for camp and Altcar. Some 110 Cadets will shoot at Altcar and nearly 90 visit Castlemartin. Fatigues are well attended at present, but Cadets are warned that the appearance of their names in the Orderly Book, although it does the rifles good, does not benefit their record.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

It is true to say that the 1952-53 season has been an exceptional one as far as the Upper School games and results are concerned. One game only was lost, a last minute try by Hutton Grammar School depriving the 1st XV of an unbeaten record, whilst the 2nd XV were not only unbeaten but won their matches by overwhelming margins as the results column shows.

The 1st and 2nd XV's had several things in common. They were big and fast, and the handling and combination were good. In attack, the 1st XV owed a great deal to S. H. Wilcock who was chosen in the Christmas holidays to play for Lancashire Schools against Cheshire. A very strong, speedy and enterprising centre three-quarter, he made most of the openings in the backs and brought the best out of S. T. Jenkins, with whom he developed an excellent understanding. The left wing pair, while not so thrustful, played consistently well, with P. Jackson, in particular, making a great improvement during the season. The halfbacks were sound, not spectacular, both handled exceedingly well, and J. G. Leece at scrum half contributed greatly to the success of the three-quarter line by his long accurate passes to R. Benson. The captain of the XV, A. A. Macpherson, was the outstanding member of a heavy and solid scrum. His powers of leadership improved considerably as the season progressed, and the other forwards responded well to his efforts. The other outstanding forwards were P. J. Barnes, not an unqualified success as a hooker, but always to be seen in the thick of the fray, and W. E. Hancock, a very enterprising and at times original wing forward. The best of the remaining forwards were E. Waite and J. O. Bullock. If, at times, the pack lacked a certain 'fire,' and although the standard of heeling in the tight and loose was not completely satisfactory, nevertheless it worked hard and laid a good foundation for the success of the three-quarters. After considerable experiment, the full back position was given to H. J. Clitheroe, who handled and kicked well but lacked the necessary physique for hard tackling.



The 2nd XV was possibly a more attractive team to watch than the 1st XV. They could afford to be a good deal more unorthodox, to take greater risks, as 2nd XV defence is never so well organised as the 1st XV. Their handling at times was a joy to watch and it would be invidious to single out any members of the team for special mention. They were a team strong fore and aft, with an excellent knowledge of the fundamentals, and could give some meaning to the definition of Rugby Football as the handling code.

The Colts XV did not look particularly strong at the beginning of the season but nevertheless contrived to go through the year with but one defeat by a single point at Arnold. The outstanding players here were J. F. Howard, captain and centre, K. Miller at full-back, P. Myerscough at scrum-half, and in the forwards D. Brook. The chief weakness lay in the forwards, who did not seem very sure as to what to do and consequently never seemed to work hard enough. The backs showed much more promise and it is a pity they did not get more opportunities. The one besetting weakness of the team, with but three exceptions, was the failure to tackle hard and low, and it is to be hoped that this weakness will be remedied later on. Nevertheless the team is to be congratulated on its keenness and spirit and willingness to learn. The Under 15 had only one game which it lost to Preston Grammar School, who seemed a much bigger and heavier side.

The Bantam XV, as far as results are concerned have had an unsuccessful season. Contrary to expectations, the weakness lay in the three-quarters, who neither combined successfully nor showed individual penetrative power. In the one game after Christmas, a much younger team showed altogether greater promise, combining well in attack and defence. Consolation may be drawn from the fact that at all times an attempt has been made to play good rugby and progress was evident.

As to the game in the blocks, much good football was seen and great efforts made to learn the fundamentals but usually these efforts were confined to the top set. The second sets were mostly far too vocal, and although they seemed to enjoy their football, yet they made little progress towards learning the fundamentals of handling and kicking. The Lower V's made good progress, but the Upper IV's still found the many differences in height and weight too great to ensure a good game. The best combined football was possibly to be seen in the Lower IV's, whilst the new boys picked up remarkably quickly a game which to most of them was completely new.

Finally, the prospects of School Rugby remain good, with most people seemed to enjoy playing. The School is indebted to Mr. Coates for his individual coaching, particularly amongst the juniors, but the full benefit from coaching will never be obtained whilst most members of the school watch so little good Rugby Football. At present, all teams have a good knowledge of the fundamentals but lack the necessary background to make the best use of that knowledge. If only the school would support the 1st XV more, would think and read more about the game and would try out various ideas, in short obtain a much fuller knowledge of the game, then the outlook for Kirkham football would be even brighter.

1st XV AWARDS

Re-award of Honours Cap :

A. A. Macpherson, S. H. Wilcock.

New Award of Honours Cap :

P. J. Barnes, W. E. Hancock, S. T. Jenkins.

Re-award of Colours :

E. Waite.

New Award of Colours :

T. R. Benson, J. O. Bullock, H. J. Clitheroe, P. Jackson, J. G. Leece, J. R. Lance, J. V. C. Parker, C. H. Thorp.

RUGBY FOOTBALL RESULTS

1st XV

Date	Opponents	Points For	Points Ag'st	Result
Sept. 27th	v. Old Boys XV at Kirkham	15	13	Won
Oct. 11th	v. Blackpool G.S. at Blackpool	34	9	Won
Oct. 15th	v. K.E.S. at Lytham	17	6	Won
Oct. 22nd	v. Rossall 2nd XV at Rossall	30	0	Won
Oct. 25th	v. Morecambe G.S. at Kirkham	25	3	Won
Nov. 8th	v. Preston G. S. at Kirkham	38	0	Won
Nov. 15th	v. Arnold at Kirkham	30	0	Won
Nov. 19th	v. Balshaws G.S. at Leyland	16	14	Won
Dec. 10th	v. Hutton G.S. at Kirkham	35	3	Won
Jan. 24th	v. Upholland G.S. at Kirkham	9	6	Won
Jan. 31st	v. Balshaws G.S. at Kirkham	19	0	Won
Feb. 7th	v. Hutton G.S. at Hutton	17	21	Lost

2nd XV

Date	Opponents	Points For	Points Ag'st	Result
Oct. 11th	v. Blackpool G.S. at Kirkham	51	0	Won
Oct. 18th	v. K.E.S. at Kirkham	61	0	Won
Oct. 22nd	v. Rossall 3rd XV at Kirkham	35	6	Won
Oct. 25th	v. Morecambe G.S. at Kirkham	71	0	Won
Nov. 15th	v. Arnold at Blackpool	20	12	Won
Nov. 19th	v. K.E.S. at Lytham	31	3	Won
Jan. 31st	v. Balshaws G.S. at Leyland	16	0	Won

COLTS XV

Date	Opponents	Points For	Points Ag'st	Result
Oct. 11th	v. Blackpool G.S. at Blackpool	9	8	Won
Oct. 18th	v. Arnold at Blackpool	13	14	Lost
Nov. 8th	v. Preston G.S. at Kirkham	14	20	Lost
Nov. 15th	v. Arnold at Kirkham	14	6	Won
Jan. 24th	v. Upholland G.S. at Kirkham	19	6	Won

BANTAMS XV

Date	Opponents	Points For	Points Ag'st	Result
Oct. 11th	v. Blackpool at Kirkham	0	23	Lost
Oct. 18th	v. K.E.S. at Kirkham	0	6	Lost
Oct. 25th	v. Lancaster R.G.S. at Lancaster	0	11	Lost
Nov. 15th	v. Arnold at Blackpool	5	9	Lost
Jan. 24th	v. Hutton G.S. at Kirkham	0	3	Lost

HOUSE OFFICIALS, JULY, 1953

- Ashton House.—Captain : H. M. Marsh. Prefects : P. J. Barnes,
R. C. Hyde.
- Fylde House.—Captain : J. C. Copley. Prefects : H. Hassall, B.
Heaney, D. Lyon, D. W. Wilson.
- Kirkham House.—Captain : A. A. Macpherson. Prefects : B. G.
Ashworth, R. Brown, K. G. Townsend.
- Lytham House.—Captain : E. Waite. Prefects : R. S. Fanshawe,
J. R. Lance, W. E. Hancock, F. D. Marsden, J. E. Isles,
A. R. Aspden.
- Preston House.—Captain : S. T. Jenkins. Prefects : M. C. Ducker,
S. H. Wilcock, J. Duncan, M. N. Seed.
- School House.—Captain : J. T. Robson. Prefects : J. O. Bullock,
C. H. Thorp, J. N. Whalley.

THE HOUSES

Ashton House senior rugby team was able to hold Fylde House down to 14 points, while the junior team reached the final only to be defeated 11-6. Results in handball and athletics were very disappointing.

In spite of their defeat in the final Fylde House senior rugby team, which was weakened by the absence of two players, acquitted itself well against a superior and more experienced opponent. The Junior XV were defeated in the semi-final, and apart from certain individuals the standard of play was below average. Mainly through the good performances of the intermediates, of whom Eaton and Hunt were outstanding, Fylde House succeeded in maintaining fourth position. The house cross country team, which finished fourth, showed considerable improvement on previous teams. Both handball teams were narrowly defeated in semi-finals.

Kirkham House senior rugby team enjoyed a more successful season than for some time, defeating Lytham in the first round. In the semi-final, however, School House proved too strong. On the junior side Kirkham was rather weak and lost to School. In athletic sports the House showed some improvement on recent years, especially in the junior and intermediate events and finished third.

Although Lytham House had three members of its team in the School Harriers, in the Senior Cross Country Run it only gained second place through a lack of support in the "tail-end." In the handball matches played this term the senior team fought its way to the final by a combination of hard-shooting forwards and hard-working backs. The usual lack of standard points for athletics, especially in the middle section of the House, meant that a few seniors were left to gain the bulk of the points. Waite and Hancock broke two of the four records broken on Sports Day, in the javelin and the shot respectively. Another good performance was by Hill, D. I., in the Intermediate 220 yards. The House finished in fifth place.

The Easter Term has proved to be a mixture of success and failure for Preston House. The Juniors followed up the rather unfortunate affair of the Senior Rugby by winning the Junior Cup, playing excellently in all three games. They were at all times brilliantly led by the School Bantam captain, Oxley, who was the predominant player throughout. He was ably backed by Wilcock in the scrum and Kavanagh at right centre, who were also members of the Bantams. Great promise was shown by two newcomers to the house Dolphin and Holland, unfortunately the former has now left the school. The team beat Lytham and School, and then fought a great battle in the final, beating Ashton 11-6. The house retained its position as second to School in the Athletics. Once again S. H. Wilcock triumphed, winning the 100 yards (equalling the school record), the 220 yards, and the Senior long jump. Martin won the Inter. half-mile, and Dolphin won the Junior long Jump, breaking the record with 15' $\frac{3}{4}$ ". As in the previous two years, the House won the Senior relay to finish the day in 2nd place. Owing to the absence of S. H. Wilcock from the team, we were knocked out of the first round in the Senior handball. Full credit must go to J. Duncan who played a valiant game in goal. The Juniors, who obtained a bye into the semi-final, beat Kirkham House easily, but they met their match in the final when School House beat them 17-11. The House Cross-Country team acquitted itself well, considering that there was only one member of the School Harriers, J. Duncan, in the house. Duncan ran well and procured 8th position, and was followed by Clitheroe and Wilcock. The rest of the team ran well and finished in 3rd position.

This year is proving to be one of the best School House has had for some time. Its achievements are great. Academically it is impossible to say much until after August, but in the field of sport the results speak for themselves. The House started the winter term with three School prefects viz:—J. T. Robson, C. H. Thorn and J. O. Bullock, with J. G. Leece as House Prefect. Spring term found the House missing Leece, who had left us to join Lytham House. J. N. Whalley replaced him as House Prefect. At the beginning of the year there were twelve new boys, soon to become thirteen at the beginning of Spring Term. Once assembled the House got together to make this year one of the most successful, the Senior 1st XV winning in the semi-final against Kirkham. In the Spring Term they completed their success by winning the final against Fylde. Unfortunately the Juniors were not quite as successful. They won the first round but lost to Fylde House Juniors in the semi-final. The Juniors big achievement of the Spring Term was the winning of the Junior Handball. The Senior Handball is not yet finished, but the House team has beaten Kirkham and Fylde and are to meet Lytham in the final. The Cross Country Inter-House Race was very comfortably won by 40 points over the next House, Lytham, with 90 points. The Athletic Sports provided the House with its best win of the year. The trophy was won by a margin of 116, the greatest margin ever. The most outstanding members of the House are G. H. Thorn, J. O. Bullock, J. N. Whalley and P. Jackson.

INTER-HOUSE RUGBY FOOTBALL RESULTS

SENIOR :

Kirkham ... 33	}	Kirkham ... 0	}	School ... 27	}	SCHOOL
v.		v.		v.		
Lytham ... 6		School ... 17				
Fylde ... 16	}	Ashton ... 0	}	Fylde ... 3	}	
v.		v.				
Preston ... 3		Fylde ... 15				

JUNIOR :

Preston ... 12	}	Preston ... 15	}	Preston ... 11	}	PRESTON
v.		v.		v.		
Lytham ... 0		School ... 0				
Kirkham ... 0	}	Fylde ... 3	}	Ashton ... 6	}	
v.		v.				
School ... 18		Ashton ... 6				

HARRIERS RESULTS

Feb. 25th—v. Baines G.S. at Kirkham	32-48 Won
March 7th—v. Balshaws G.S. & Blackpool G.S. at Leyland	31-54-86 Won
March 11th—v. Baines G.S. at Poulton	34-49 Won
March 18th—v. Blackpool G.S. at Blackpool	31-47 Won

HARRIERS AWARDS

Re-award of Colours :

E. Waite, J. N. Whalley, W. E. Hancock.

New Award of Colours :

R. S. Fanshawe, C. H. Thorpe, P. J. Slater, J. Duncan, J. O. Bullock.

SPORTS DAY

The School Sports Day was held on Saturday, 28th March, in the usual bad weather, but in spite of the cold and drizzle we saw some fine performances, including the breaking of four records. School House won by a large margin and had once again by far the largest number of Standard points.

The trophy and individual awards were presented by Mr. G. Austin, Organiser of Physical Education in Preston Borough.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS

PUTTING THE WEIGHT :

Senior : 1, Hancock (L); 2, Whalley, (S); 3, Macpherson (K).
Distance: 39ft. 7½in.

Intermediate: 1, Hunt (F); 2, Holgate (S); 3, Dell (A).
Distance : 35ft. 2in.

HIGH JUMP :

Senior: 1, Bullock (S); 2, Duncan (P); 3, Norris (S).
Height: 4ft. 10in.

Intermediate : 1, Eaton (F); 2, Parks (F), Bowe (L), Rhodes (K) (tie). Height : 4ft. 5in.

Junior : 1, Lean (A); 2, Blossom (S); 3, Whitaker (P).
Height : 3ft. 10½in.

LONG JUMP :

Senior : 1, Wilcock (P); 2, Jackson (S); 3, Bullock (S).
Distance : 19ft. 4in.

Intermediate : 1, Eaton (F); 2, Rhodes (K); 3, Kaye (S).
Distance : 16ft. 11½in.

Junior : 1, Dolphin (P); 2, Syms (S); 3, Swift (K).
Distance : 15ft. ¾in.

100 YARDS :

Senior : 1, Wilcock (P); 2, Jeffrey (S); 3, Jackson (S).
Time : 10-2/5 secs.

Intermediate : 1, Kaye (S); 2, Rhodes (K); 3, Roper (K).
Time : 11-3/5 secs.

Junior : 1, Blossom (S); 2, Dolphin (P); 3, Whitaker (P).
Time : 12-3/5 secs.

THROWING THE DISCUS :

Senior : 1, Whalley (S); 2, Hancock (L); 3, Bullock (S).
Distance : 111ft. 1in.

440 YARDS :

Senior : 1, Jeffrey (S); 2, Penrose (S); 3, Isles (L).
Time : 59-1/5 secs.

880 YARDS :

Senior : 1, Hancock (L); 2, Bullock (S); 3, McCredie (K).
Time : 2 min. 19 secs.

Intermediate : 1, Martin (P); 2, Goodenough (S); 3, Eaton (F).
Time : 2 min. 30 secs.

220 YARDS :

Senior : 1, Wilcock (P); 2, Jeffrey (S); 3, Jackson (S).
Time : 23-4/5 secs.

Intermediate : 1, Hill (L); 2, Hunt (F); 3, Goodenough (S).
Time : 26-2/5 secs.

Junior : 1, Swift (K); 2, Blossom (S); 3, Wilding (K).
Time : 28-3/5 secs.

120 YARDS HURDLES :

Senior : 1, Thorp (S); 2, Bailey (S); 3, Garstang/Myerscough.
Time : 15-4/5 secs.

Intermediate : 1, Hunt (F); 2, Goodenough (S); 3, Eaton (F).
Time : 16-1/5 secs.

Junior : 1, Swift (K); 2, Hosker (S); 3, Platt.
Time : 15-2/5 secs.

1 MILE :

Senior : 1, Waite (L); 2, Whalley (S); 3, Duncan (P).
Time : 5 min. 16 secs.

Intermediate : 1, Herrington (K); 2, Clifton (F); 3, Jenkins (P).
Time : 5 min. 32 secs.

THROWING THE JAVELIN :

Senior : 1, Waite (L); 2, Jackson (S); 3, Whalley (S).
Distance : 144 ft. 6 in.

RELAY RACE—(100 yards, 220 yards, 220 yards, 100 yards) :

Senior : 1, Preston; 2, Fylde; 3, Kirkham.
Time : 1 min. 11-4/5 secs.

Intermediate : 1, Kirkham; 2, Fylde; 3, School.
Time : 1 min. 18-1/5 secs.

Junior : 1, School; 2, Kirkham; 3, Fylde.
Time : 1 min. 31 secs.

RESULT :—

1.—School	...	...	...	248 points
2.—Preston	...	...	...	132 points
3.—Kirkham	...	...	...	113 points
4.—Fylde	...	...	...	105 points
5.—Lytham	...	...	...	104 points
6.—Ashton	...	...	...	61 points

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

W. J. Roberts (1933-39) was 1st in the Higher Technical Branch Examination, Royal Air Force; he was promoted Squadron Leader and posted to the Air Ministry.

J. F. Nourse (1940-48), B.A., obtained his Mus. Bac., Oxford University.

F. W. Rishton (1933-40) Associate of the Corporation of Certified Secretaries, appointed Manager of the Trustee Savings Bank, St. Annes-on-Sea,

L. Rathbone (1941-48), M.Sc., London University.

G. G. Hankinson, Flight-Lt. R.A.F., was awarded the B.E.M. in the Coronation Honours List, for his services on the recruiting side of the R.A.F.

G. W. S. Knowles (1938-45) obtained a 'first' in the Theological Tripos, Part II, Cambridge.

K. D. Bretherton (1943-49) has recently qualified as pilot. He was commissioned some time ago in the Royal Air Force.

Rodney Clayton (1929-34), now in Nairobi, Kenya, is with the Mowlem Construction Company, in whose service he has visited U.K., Australia, New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Ceylon and Aden. He sends his best wishes to all his contemporaries.

R. K. Messent (1944-51) will soon have completed his National Service in the R.A.F. before going to Bangor University in October.

" FRIENDS OF K.G.S."

At an inaugural meeting, called by Mr. Norwood, of parents, masters and friends, held in the School Hall on the 21st January, 1953, it was unanimously resolved that an Association of "Friends of Kirkham Grammar School" be formed. At that meeting the objects of the Association were defined as follows:—

'To promote the general advancement of the interests of the School in all its aspects, and the co-operation between parents and masters; to foster cultural, academic, sports and other activities of the school; to provide facilities for discussion of educational problems as they affect school and home; and to provide means of social fellowship amongst the members. It is also proposed to establish a Careers Information Service and an Advisory Panel of Employment Consultants.'

A General Executive Committee was appointed to conduct the initial organisation.

It was resolved that the Annual Subscription for membership of the Association shall be two shillings and sixpence in respect of each member of the Association. Any donations to the Association will be acceptable at any time.

It is felt that the objects of the Association will have a very wide appeal to the many friends of Kirkham Grammar School. Membership will be open to Governors, Parents and Guardians of past

and present members of the School, Staff and other friends of Kirkham Grammar School, including members of the Old Boys' Association (but excluding present members of the School), on application to the Hon. Secretary and subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

The General Executive Committee elected the following members to act as chief officers of the Association until July, 1953:—

Chairman : Mr. Jenkins.

Hon. Secretary : Mr. Holgate.

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. Sparrow.

The General Executive Committee have prepared draft articles of the Association and other similar matters for presentation to the Annual General Meeting to be held within one month of the commencement of the Christmas Term.

On Monday the 11th May, 1953 talks were given to approximately one hundred friends and students on the following subjects:—

Biology Police Service Electrical Engineering.

Each talk, followed by open discussion, lasted for approximately half-an-hour, covering aspects of the subject, and they were very much appreciated by the audience.

Great credit is due to the ladies for the excellent light refreshment provided after the completion of the talks.

The General Executive Committee also arranged further Careers Information Talks as follows:—

Tuesday, 9th June, 1953, at 7-30 p.m.—Banking, Agriculture, Law.

Friday, 10th July, 1953, at 7-30 p.m.—Medicine, Architecture, Civil Service (Executive).

Any boy deciding on a particular career can, by approaching the Headmaster, be provided with additional information on that subject by a special Information Panel.

Activities of the Association during the Spring and Summer Terms:—

Thursday, 19th March, 1953.—A social was organised and held in the School Hall for friends of Kirkham Grammar School, at which 120 members thoroughly enjoyed themselves,

Wednesday, 29th April, 1953.—An excellent evening was thoroughly enjoyed by approximately 100 Friends at a Dance in the School Hall.

The older members were particularly gratified by the number of Old Tyme Dances.

The duties of M.C. were ably conducted by Mr. B. Stephenson in his own inimitable manner.

An excellent supper was provided by the Ladies of the Committee.

It was felt that the Association should in future years hold an Annual Garden Party, but that this year time was too short for the necessary preliminary organisation to be completed. In its place the afternoon of Saturday, 4th July, was set aside for cricket, bowls and clock golf. The attendance was good, but no doubt those who did take part will rally the forces of the Association next year, when the more ambitious programme may possibly be attempted.

EDITORIAL NOTICES

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The Editors solicit literary contributions and general correspondence. All contributions should be written clearly on one side of the paper only, the name and Form of the contributor should be added, and the approximate number of words in the contribution should be stated at the top of the first page.

No notice can be taken of anonymous correspondence. Contributors may, if they prefer it, send in their names in separate envelopes, which will not be opened unless the contribution is accepted. When the contributor's name is not intended for publication his 'nom-de-plume' should be enclosed as well.

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The Arnoldian (Arnold School, Blackpool)	Winter Term, 1952
Stonyhurst Magazine	October, 1952
The Hoghtonian (Preston Grammar School)	January, 1953
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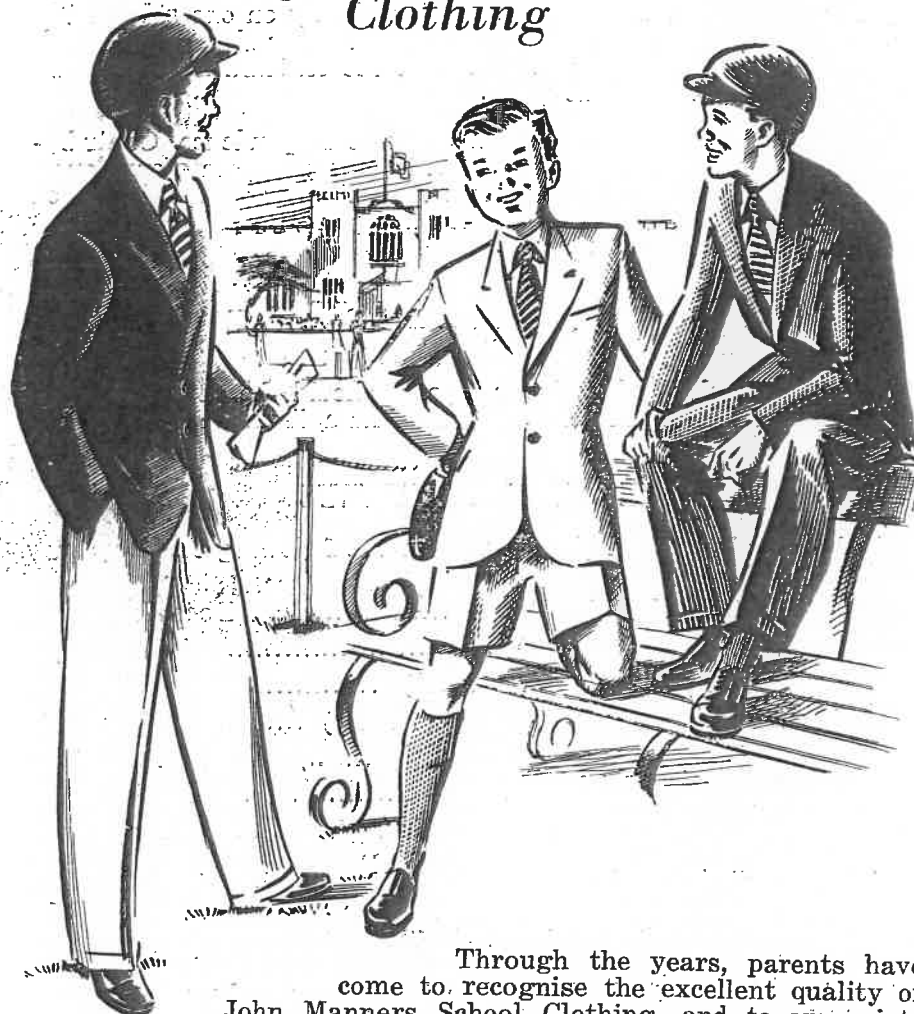
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Winter Term, 1953.—16th September to 16th December; Half-Term: 12-45 Thursday, 5th November, to 8-55 a.m. 10th November.

Spring Term, 1954.—12th January to 30th March; Half-Term: 12-45 Friday. 19th February, to 8-55 a.m. 23rd February.

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