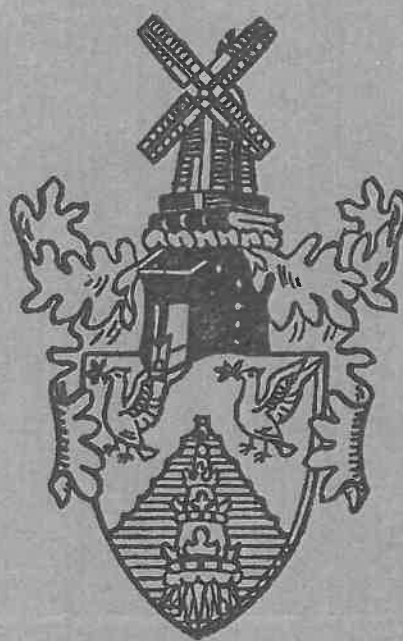


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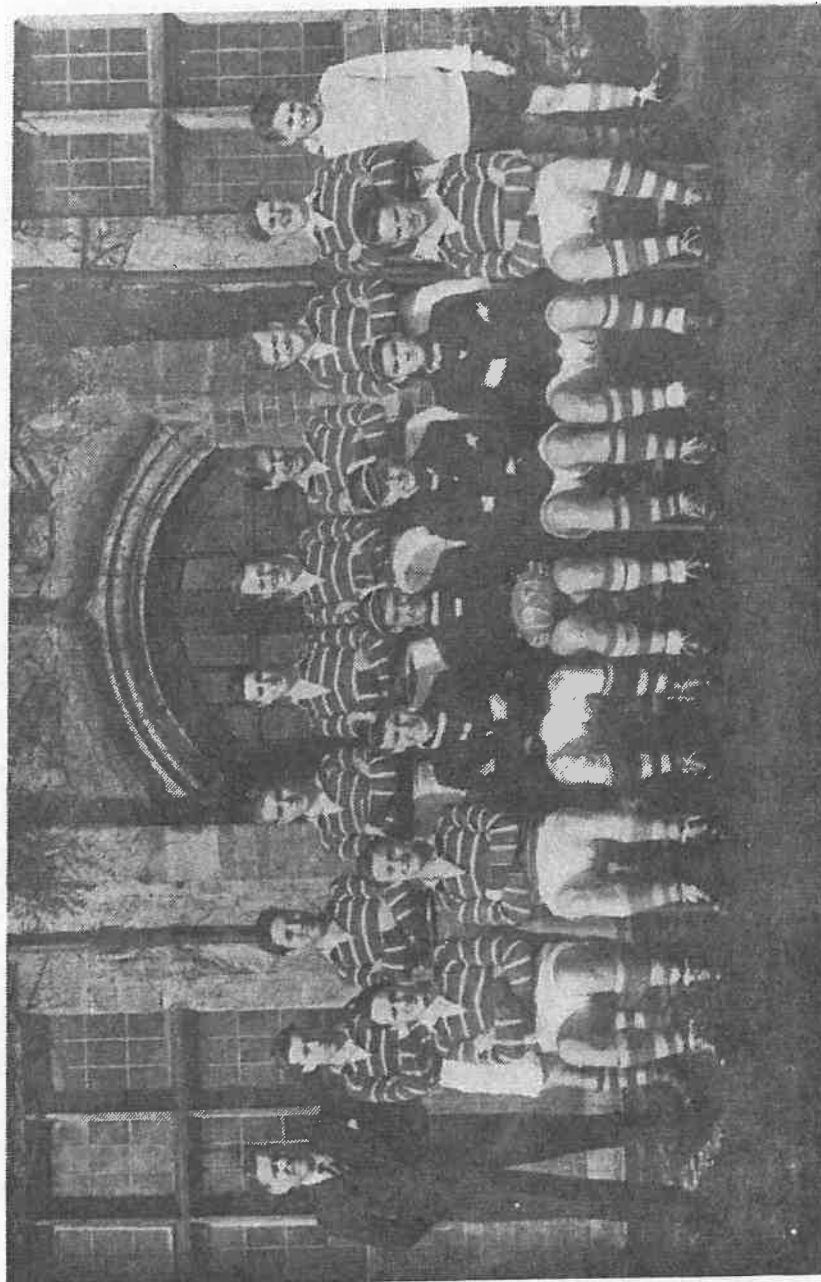


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EDITORIAL

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P. B. MYERSCOUGH, M. F. THORN, A. DEAN, W. J. P. GRIME

It is perhaps one of the tragedies of the civilised world that money holds such a high position in men's affections. Nevertheless, there seems to be no escaping from the fact that money governs the actions of nearly everybody and everything. But what, one may ask, is a discourse on money doing in a school magazine?

Well, strange as it may appear to the uninitiated, money is much with us, even in the running of a school magazine. One of the more difficult tasks of an editor is the task of finding enough money to cover the almost astronomical costs incurred in the production of a magazine of even this size. Therefore, we would urge that every member of the School buys a magazine, for without the co-operation and help of all, the magazine cannot prosper. As it is, we are heavily subsidised, both by the General School Committee and by the "Friends of Kirkham Grammar School."

While on this subject of money, we should like to pay our own tribute to the "Friends Society," who in their short period of existence have done so much for the general well-being of the School. Among their other "friendly" acts is an annual gift of some £21 towards the cost of production of this magazine. We are doubtless speaking for the rest of the School when we thank them for their kindness, and wish that they may long continue their good services.

Finally, a word to any budding writers who may exist in the School. Don't hide your light under a bushel; come forward with your contributions to illuminate the pages of what is, after all, your magazine.

NOTES AND ITEMS

Rugby Honours

During the Christmas holidays the School was well represented in the Fylde and Preston Schoolboys' teams. Cookson, Parkinson and Robinson played for the Fylde team; Barton, Myerscough and Millar for Preston, while further afield Jeffery was selected for Manchester schoolboys. Jenkins was selected for the Fylde Junior Team.

Myerscough deserves special congratulations on his selection to play for the Lancashire schoolboys team versus Leicestershire.

Valete

It was with considerable regret that the School paid farewell to our erstwhile caretaker, known to all and sundry as "Jim." We wish him every happiness in his new position, and sincerely hope that he will sometime find time to visit us.

We also said good-bye to Mr. Williams, for so long Senior English Master at this School. He goes, with the best wishes of every boy and Old Boy, to spend, we hope, a happy, long and well-earned retirement at Lytham. And he knows that for as long as he lives, there will always be a welcome for him at Kirkham Grammar School.

Salvete

We welcome to the School Mr. Kremer, Mr. Wood and Mr. Boocock, and we hope that their stay here will be long and happy. We also welcome the new caretaker, Mr. Lumley.

As we go to press, we learn with very deep regret the news of the untimely death of David R. W. Smith (1932-41), formerly Captain of the School House.

VALETE

UPPER SCIENCE VI—F. Thornber.

LOWER MODERN VI—J. D. Farquhar, D. H. Lister, J. Rhodes.

LOWER SCIENCE VI—E. D. Bridge, J. M. Carmont.

UPPER V MODERN—T. G. Kavanagh, B. W. Putz, K. Sherlock.

UPPER V SCIENCE—T. G. Ferguson, P. S. Jenkins.

LOWER V MODERN—I. Whitehead.

UPPER IVA—O. J. Evers.

UPPER IVB—B. Gillet.

LOWER IVA—F. W. Woodford.

EASTER FAIR AND CONCERT

For the eighth time in the history of K.G.S., seemingly cacophonous noises reverberated around the walls of the School; the sounds of rattling coins and chattering voices, mingled with those of music and shuffling feet to produce that inharmonious din reminiscent of a fairground, but which on occasions like the Easter Fair is in no way out of place in the venerable surroundings of the School Hall.

It is pleasant to record that the Fair was held in fine although cold weather. Mr. Wilson and his administrative committee, aided by many willing and more practical hands, were able to complete the transformation of the Hall into a neat copy of a Woolworth's store, and thanks to the generosity of parents and friends could display a remarkable variety of purchasable goods. After Mr. Norwood had officially opened the event, the proceedings, unlike the now proverbial radio set of Messrs. Murdoch and Horne, soon "warmed up."

It is difficult to estimate whether the recent activity of the Debating Society was responsible for the swift sale of food, hardware, clothing and raffle tickets, and it is also doubtful whether without the practice acquired on the library floor the auctioneers would have executed their task so admirably. Whilst the sales talk reached its fever pitch the unobtrusive efficiency of the Junior School in serving tea passed by with less notice, but their work was equally responsible for the smooth running of the day's events. It was perhaps a little unfortunate that most of the attractions were the "old faithfuls" of former years; these were "faithfully" supported, but in the future there will be plenty of scope for the originality and ingenuity of the organisers. The innovation of a Model Exhibition was successful and, like the new system of "Request Records," was well patronised.

In a concert programme that was largely musical, the recently-acquired grand piano was complementary to the success of individual performances, and appeared to inspire confidence in all who played upon it. The choir established a precedent by occupying the first half of the programme, and gave a polished performance of "The Peasant Cantata." In an amusing contrast, the Sixth Form distinguished themselves as "Harmaniacs." Recitations and monologues, interspersed between the musical items, added a lighter touch to the concert, which provided a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The combined efforts of the School were financially remunerative, for in the space of nine hours the splendid total of £158 11s. 5d. was realised. This money, which will be devoted to acquiring new stage equipment for the Dramatic Society, should be instrumental in ensuring the future entertainment of all the many people who have an interest in the School.

CONFERENCE AT ARNOLD HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

The conference took place on the evening of April 1st and during the whole of the second day, the topic under discussion being that of "The Position of the United States in World Affairs." The procedure consisted of three major addresses delivered to the assembled delegates, each followed by informal discussion in smaller groups numbering approximately 20 persons. Opportunity for questioning the lecturers was provided after the conclusion of their speeches.

The first lecture was a brief but masterly survey of American history, given by Dr. Coenig, Professor of History in the George Washington University, who thus provided us with considerable insight into the American interpretation of their own history and their emergence as champions of the free world. The second lecture, given by Professor Everett, dwelt upon American education, with special reference to the colour bar. Although by its nature less definite in scope than the previous lecture, it provided more material for discussion and was followed by heated argument. The third and final speaker was an Englishman, Mr. H. Taylor, whose address consisted largely of impressions gathered from a recent tour of the U.S.A. The concluding session of the conference was taken up by reports on proceedings in individual groups given by their secretaries to the assembled delegates. This session was in several ways the most interesting part of the conference.

The whole affair was rounded off with an extremely enjoyable dance attended by the majority of the delegates. For one member of our delegation this was the climax of the conference, and he could be seen swaying rhythmically to the strains of "Sparrow in the tree-top."

The conference was well-worth attending; the lectures were excellent, and the ensuing discussions spirited—to say nothing of the dance. The hostesses are to be congratulated upon having arranged a well-organised, highly-interesting conference of undoubted benefit to all who attended. It is to be hoped that in future years K.G.S. will send a larger delegation.

LIBRARY

Secretary : B. HEANEY.

Treasurer : D. F. HORSFALL.

Committee :

A. R. ASPDEN, K. CROMPTON, R. D. AIKMAN, M. F. THORN,
J. GARSTANG, P. B. MYERSCOUGH, K. PARKINSON.

It has been known for some time that the Senior Library contains many books which are of little or no value. At a meeting of the

Committee, it was proposed that each member of the Staff in the School should look through all the books pertaining to his particular subject and make a list of all those that were of no use. These could then be safely taken out and disposed of, and their places filled by more modern and useful books.

However, with examinations looming near, it was decided to leave the latter half of the operation until July, when examinations would be over.

That the Library is becoming a more prominent and integral part of school life is shown by the fact that already (*i.e.*, during the first two terms of the school year) almost 1,800 books have been issued from the Senior Library, as compared with 1,525 for the corresponding period of last year. Incidentally, last year was a record, which it appears will be beaten by a clear margin this year.

The individual subject totals for the first two terms were: Religion and Philosophy, 71; History, 373; English, 67; French, 32; Classics, 53; Maths and Physics, 115; Chemistry, 123; Biology, 174; Popular Science, 78; English Heritage, 20; Geography, 232; Farming, 19; Art, 88; Music, 22; Sport, 37; Photography, 34; Hobbies, 55; Modern Fiction, 163; Standard Fiction, 30.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman : Mr. B. C. COATES.

Secretary : R. D. AIKMAN.

"The lamp shall shine again in the Garden of Eden" is a new cry for the predominant Sixths as the ancient lamp in Kirkham comes down and the General Election draws near. So now the Society awaits the day when the blue flames will flare from the nostrils of the Tory magnates grouped in one benevolent society. Perhaps then M. Sawyer will forget the vicarious labours to achieve his birdseed, cast his corduroy cap on one side and skipper the Socialist bridge through the thunder and lightning of the threatening storm. Such, we hope, will be the climax of a successful year's debating.

The encroaching fresh Spring weather is reducing the number attending the debates, although the nominal roll is well over the century mark. The majority seem to prefer to abandon rhetoric and hide their diffidence in ominous groans of disagreement. Again, it is a great disadvantage to the Society that the Lower Sixth have taken a rather antagonistic view towards debating. To remedy this, the

Committee arranged an inter-Sixth Form debate which had encouraging success, to such an extent that our guest completely obliterated the Upper Sixth belief that the world has profited more from its Wordsworths than its Woolworths. Although they had decided numerical superiority at this debate, they must attribute their main success to the fine oratory of D. Bowe.

The Society proved it had one or two serious members when the motion "Ignorance is Bliss" was rejected with utter disdain. On another occasion the House must have been under the influence of B. Heaney when it passed, perhaps as a good suggestion to the G.S.C., that money cannot buy happiness. The other topics—"That our newspapers are predominantly an insult to the British community," and "That co-education should be encouraged"—were welcomed with great interest and vitality by members of the Committee. The necessary scope was found for recitations, impersonations and misinterpretations of the Oxford Book of Quotations.

So, as the exams draw near, we begin to turn fewer pages of this familiar book, reserving our thoughts and prejudices until the end of term, when we hope the library will explode in a delirium of blue and red vivacity, with the society of aristocrats defending their fruits in the Garden of Eden from the threatening "Marxism," while Mr. Coates as chairman exercises his usual calm but masterly hand.

CHESS CLUB

Secretary : B. HEANEY.

Treasurer : M. S. WHITWELL.

Committee :

J. D. R. JEFFERY, K. CROMPTON, M. F. THORN, A. R. ASPDEN.

The Chess Club has come to be one of the most popular Societies in the whole School. It now has a membership of over 90, representing some quarter of the total population of the School.

During the Easter Term, a competition was started for which 54 members entered ; the winner is to be presented with a plaque on Speech Day.

The Club now has both a Senior and a Junior team. Games with other schools are, however, very few, and do not seem sufficient to stimulate the practice necessary for success.

The Senior team's record is : Played 6, Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 2.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

It was unfortunate that the School play could not be presented at the time originally proposed, but the production was hindered by the 'flu epidemic and the lack of suitable stage equipment. Now, however, both these evils have been remedied and the members of the Society are again hard at work, and full of anticipation at the thought of presenting the first play on the new stage.

The production of the play "The Prodigious Snob," started by Mr. Williams, is being continued by Mr. Wood. It is hoped, therefore, that in the last week of the present term the Society will once again justify its proud record of productions.

MUSICAL SOCIETY

The main function of the Society at present appears to be the organising of trips to orchestral concerts. This is an important part of the Society's activities, and the support given to it is encouraging. At the last concert the party consisted of some 35 boys.

It is surprising, however, that little interest is shown in any other direction. There are more musicians in the School now than ever before. There are singers, violinists and pianists (not forgetting the odd clarinettist), all of whom are interested in some form of music. We hope that in future these people, and perhaps those interested only in the lighter forms of music, will make some suggestions as to possible activities of the Society, which after all exists solely for their benefit.

FILM SOCIETY

The School film shows have on the whole been very successful, and it has been of great encouragement to see the increase in day-boy attendance.

The films shown in the past two terms have been of considerable variety, ranging from the dramatic film, "The Wooden Horse," to the facetious "Top of the Form." A full supporting programme was presented with the main film at every show, and these "shorts"

were received with great interest by the audience, who by now will appreciate anything, from the finer points of tennis to the thrills and spills of the Mille Miglia.

It must be remembered that these film shows would not have been a success without the willing assistance of the film committee, and thanks must be given to Stocks for his fine work in the production of posters.

OFF THE RECORD

In a deplorable moment of indiscretion, it was decided to honour the pages of *The Kirkhamian* no more with this notorious article. Fortunately, the Editorial Committee had the good sense to rectify this mistake before the publication of this issue, and so once more an attempt can be made to decarbonize the School engine as the needle continues to play in the groove which is "off the record."

A pleasing aspect of the past term has been the rejuvenation of the Aristocratic Society, whose membership is now comprehensive of the Sixth, with the exception of the odd proletarian who skulks around the School preaching subversive Socialist propaganda. At the forthcoming general election, the chairman of the Society intends to stand as Independent Whig candidate for Kirkham and, if elected, will move the repeal of the 1832, 1867 and 1884 Reform Bills, in conjunction with a motion to reinforce the Six Acts, in an attempt to return to those feudal days of yore when the local squire still had his retinue of subservient villeins and serfs. Whilst the Society mourns the loss of the only traditional landmark in "Olde Kirkhame," it regrets that (in these days when the ancestral home is mortgaged) it was unable to afford the necessary funds to communicate its displeasure to the Sovereign.

It was surprising that the natural exuberance of the Sixth did not wane into that nervous apprehension often so prevalent prior to the "mock"; however, the worries of organising the Easter Fair and Concert outweighed those of examinations; and thus it was that members of the Form participated. An energetic auctioneer sold himself six handkerchiefs for 2/6, and the next moment knocked down the same six handkerchiefs at 5/-, so making sufficient money for an ample tea. The financial success of a "Dart Stall" under the supervision of one Unsworth lay in the rigid enforcement of this terse maxim, "In God we trust, all others cash." Owing to the inadequacy of a frugal lunch, Hopcroft resorted to "chop sueycide" and ate the results with patriotic relish. The heart of many a leprechaun must have missed a beat as it listened to the fervent rendering of "Cockles and Mussels" by the Sixth Form choir, and the subsequent laughter.

stimulated by this group was well merited, yet this is only half the story ; originally rehearsals had been in progress for a crazy orchestra, but the resulting rowdyism fell harshly on the musical ears of Hunter, whose sufferings, according to Mowbray, were vicarious, and consequently the idea was dropped. It was also proposed to present a modified version of "Animal, Vegetable and Mineral," but Crompton, upon learning that one of the objects for identification was a bath bun, made a trunk call to Mr. Glyn Daniel, who immediately refuted the right of the Sixth to reproduce this entertainment on the grounds of the Patent Act.

The sufferings of the School in the gymnasium proved fruitful, for when the time for Athletic standards came round, three world records were soon broken, to the unprecedented delight of Mr. Crane.

The explanation was quite simple ; Messrs. Collinson and Whalley, in the interests of personal glorification, intrigued with the groundsman to make the course forty yards shorter than its usual length, and even the most hard-hearted boy sympathised with the Sports Master in his disillusionment.

A more widespread interest in the crazy activities of the Goons has failed to discourage the present phase of chess mania ; in passing, a word of praise must go to Dai, who after extensive biological studies has discovered how to mate his opponent with a queen, which discovery coupled with the popularity of chess can only lead to a nation of royalty. And talking of mating it is rather significant that Stevenson has taken to brooding over the ruin of his life, and refuses to be consoled by the strains of his fellow men singing "AL THEEYAH in my dreams."

Of this term there is little to be said, except the results of the examinations were as expectorated. Meanwhile, not even the Editor knose :

What is a Hotch Potch ?

Why H.A. ?

What is a Jelly Baby ?

Who is the dormouse of Room 9 ?

SIMPLE

I was returning one evening from a hike in the Chipping district and found myself in rather a quaint village with a name as crude and abrupt as its main street—so abrupt, in fact, that I cannot remember it—when I realised that it was a considerable distance by road to Chipping, where I had to catch a 'bus which left in half-an-hour.

I was fortunate, or thought I was, in espying at that moment an old villager leaning on a field gate.

"Excuse me," I said, adopting my most polite manner and trying to attain a high standard of eloquence, "Excuse me."

"A-r-r ?" said a rather gruff and uninterested voice.

"Excuse me," I said again, "but could you tell me the quickest way to Chipping; you see, I have to catch a 'bus at 7.30" and I told him the whole story in the detail which these country folk, who rarely see other people, love to hear.

"Er - - - um," he said after a pause. "Wheer did ta say tha's bin?"

Again I told him my route, though not quite in so much detail.

"Er - - - um"; yet another pause while the old brain ticked over. "I 'ope tha's not bin chuckin' paper allo'er shop."

"Definitely not," said I, and still hoping for an answer to my original question, I went to some length to emphasise the selfishness, foolishness and so forth displayed by many townspeople when they visit the country.

"Er - - - um," was my friend's original comment, "so tha's t'catch a 'bus, 'esta?"

On being thus reminded, I consulted my watch, which now registered 7.10.

"Yes," I said rather hastily, "and I'd better"

"Frae Chippin' "

"Yes, and"

"ailf past seven."

"Yes," I repeated, becoming somewhat frustrated.

"Well," said the villager slowly, "misel', I reck'n that t' quickest f' thee t' get t' Chippin' "—pausing again—"would be t' run."

LEO.

CHARACTER

There is something of a theory of relativity about character. To assess character is one of the most difficult of problems, simply because everyone's opinions differ. When judging someone's character,

we are bound to be biased, in that we judge that character in relation to our own.

Have you ever thought of what Claude, that quiet boy who sits on the front row, thinks of you as a result of how you have judged him ; or how other people judge you by the way you judge Claude ? Some people will say they agree with your judgment ; others, whose sympathies lie with Claude, will disagree with you—who is right ?

Everyone's opinions of Claude are, in fact, different. No two characters are exactly alike and so no two judgments can correspond precisely. But so slight are many of the differences, and so narrow the scope of vocabulary, that many of us think we agree. Thus, we find the small boy in possession of such adjectives as tough, soft, weak, good or bad, intended to describe the intricacies of character which only long study and the careful understanding and use of words can reveal.

Here I have merely touched on this wide and complex subject. But perhaps I have said enough to make you stop and think before you next criticise a person. LEO.

THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Here 'neath shade of willow tree reposed
I gaze with wondering eyes upon the peaceful moon
Racing the lightly-skipping, fleetful clouds
Across a darkened sky of empty space.

How oft these flimsy floats o'ertake, or level draw
To this the bearer of the sun's reflected light
And as they pass, their former darkened shapes
Are silhouetted by sweet tints of silvery ray.

Weary traveller ! your course is never done
Which doomed to follow, you never may discard
Until the heaven's material spheres, by God
Are split to dust and floating atoms in the void.

These pensive thoughts on me, one theme impress
That mortal sufferance, reality must bear
Yet ceaseless is existence of th' immortal spirit
Whose celestial path is constant, everlasting.

W. H. ROBINSON (1955).

DURHAM LETTER

HATFIELD COLLEGE, DURHAM.

Spring Term, 1955.

Dear Kirkhamian,

The ranks of ex-K.G.S. men at Durham were more than doubled at the beginning of this year. Seasoned students there, Jack Bureau in University College, and Johnny Sharples in St. John's, were joined by Ray Brown, St. John's, and John Copley and myself, Hatfield.

We soon learned how convenient a city Durham was for a seat of learning. Once up the "Bailey," the University and Cathedral form a separate world. The "Bailey" is an old and narrow street on Durham peninsular, the strongest connecting thread of the Durham Colleges. Needless to say, students make frequent excursions from this small world into Durham city itself, usually either to shop at Woolworths or to visit a cinema, and not infrequently to keep a rendezvous at one of the outlying women's colleges.

Palace Green, surrounded by the cathedral, lecture rooms, library and union, is the centre of daily life in the colleges, and the undisputed nucleus of social activity is the Union. Morning coffee, afternoon tea, and evening beer tempt some gay students to spend far too much of their time furthering their conversational art in the Union, but life would be miserable without the coffee breaks in between morning lectures.

A recent figure in the limelight in the Union and Durham Colleges generally was Jack Bureau, elected this year's Rag President. His minions issued forth on their several quests throughout Durham at the end of last term and the beginning of this, to make the Rag reputedly more successful than last year's.

The meandering river provides a difficult course for oarsmen. This year, there are no Kirkham men on the river, but I can recommend rowing as a good sport to begin when entering the Colleges, since most freshers start from scratch. At the moment, Hatfield boat crews are kings of the river; indeed, Hatfield is now producing the strongest teams in most inter-College sporting events. (Please note, present K.G.S. members with possible futures in Durham.)

Free nights are now being cut down to a minimum, and those who have not given up hope are starting to work for the June exams. No doubt similar things are happening at K.G.S. Let us hope for a good harvest!

BRIAN ASHWORTH.

LIVERPOOL LETTER

Kirkhamians will no doubt have read garbled accounts in the Press concerning the perennial battle, aptly named "Panto Day," to extract money from "the wackas." Secondary attention towards Manchester Varsity has also given rise to comment.

There are four Kirkhamians here at Liverpool, namely, M. C. Ducker, A. A. Macpherson, H. M. Marsh and G. Norris. Derby Hall, the men's hall of residence, harbours the first three personages, while Geof. Norris has lodgings. Nocker is very busy doing his second year of a five-year veterinary course. He has found time to join the Varsity rowing club, the rhythm club and the Greenbank riding school. Drew's attention is now summoned by the appellation "Anguish," but whether that is solely a corruption of his Christian name is a debatable point. Drew came up in October, 1953, to study Honours Chemistry and play rugby. He is in the 1st XV, the winners of the Christie Cup. At Easter he goes with the rugby club to France on a tour of three matches against clubs in the Montlucon district. H.M.M. is occupied with second year Honours Geography with Prehistoric Archæology as a sideline. The Officers Training Corps receives much of his attention, and he has dabbled with judo and fencing. At the end of March he leaves for a fortnight's fieldwork in Spain. Geof. Norris is the Fresher representative of the Faculty of Law to the Guild. Roman Law would seemingly demand his attention once again. He plays for the 3rd XV and is seen on the squash courts. Also, he borrows cutlery in Rankin Hall.

H. M. MARSH.

NEWCASTLE LETTER

HENDERSON HALL,
COCHRANE PARK,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE 7.

Thank you for your letter and good wishes. I am only too pleased to write describing King's and my life here.

King's College forms the Newcastle division of Durham University, and is the largest College, with approximately 3,000 students.

Newcastle, almost the ideal centre for the different scientists, would seem perhaps too busy and noisy a background for the Arts student. Preference might be felt for the quieter, more traditional

atmosphere of Durham, which is more fitted to the study of Law than this, the industrial heart of the North-East. As I learn more of the city and college, however, I realise their many advantages over slower-moving Durham.

Of the 20 first-year law students, only four of us do not live permanently in the area ; I am the only one living in Hall. We have but ten lectures a week ; the rest of the time is our own. Here, I find myself at an advantage over many. They apparently never had the opportunity of working completely alone without supervision, and now find it difficult to do so. I am certainly thankful that this opportunity was offered to me at School.

The Students' Union building, situated in the heart of College, is the centre of College life. Here are provided facilities to satisfy nearly all the wants of the students. Here, too, are the Society notice-boards, forever advertising some intriguing function or other. I myself belong to several societies, notably the Debating Union, the Eldon Society for Law Students, and the Athletic Union. But the greater part of my spare time is taken by the Air Squadron, whose prime function is to teach flying. I hope to be flying solo by Easter.

There are 79 students in Henderson Hall, the only hall of residence for men in College. It has many advantages over lodgings, and I feel sure it is worth applying for a place here.

At the moment, there are two other Kirkhamians here. John Ball, who lives in Hall, is in his fourth year studying medicine. He is treasurer of the Hall Students' Association, and plays a regular game of rugby for the Medicals. A keen Methodist, he does much good work for that movement. Peter Slater, in his first year, is reading Fine Art. He lives at Whitley Bay, about eight miles away. So far as I know, his interests are cycling and jazz. Having seen him at several functions of the Jazz Club, I should say he is a very active member.

That, very briefly, is a synopsis of life up here. I hope, Sir, it will prove of some interest.

I am, yours sincerely,

JAMES DUNCAN.



Army Section

Before breaking up for the Christmas holidays, we held Certificate "A" examinations, Parts I and II, in which the following candidates were successful :

PART I.—Ashworth, Butterworth, Catterall, Bowtell, Barton, Cross, Colclough, Hosker, Battle, Darby, Corlett, Lee, Gerrard, Dearden, Darrah, Lloyd, Haythornwhite, Derrick, Dickinson, Luty, Kirkham, Harrington, Footman, Singleton, Martin, Petts, Kaye, Storer, Park, Sharples, Norris, Weaver, Widdup, Sharratt (top cadet), Panter, Whitaker, Wilding, Sleddon, Shepherd, Threlfall, Swarbrick and Wood.

Those passing in Part II were L.-Cpls. Baines, Garstang, Myerscough, Renshaw, Smithies, Waddington and Cadets Dean, Mayor, Pickup, Russell, Ryding and Vardy. All these were promoted to full corporals at the beginning of the Easter Term.

Seven cadets attended a holiday course at the Loyals Depot at Fulwood. At the end of the week they took the Part II. examination. Four were successful, these being Kirkham, Major, Ramsbottom and Shorrocks. These were promoted to Lance-corporals.

Toward the end of the Easter Term, a Cert. "A" Part I examination was held. Thirty-four cadets were successful out of a total of 40. These were : Alderman, Barron, Barrow, Benson, Bennet, Buckley, Dewhurst, England, Garlick, Grime, Harrison, Herrington, Hewitt, Houghton, Jackson (K.), Jackson (N.), Kennedy, Kenworthy, Maddocks, Roberts, Rogerson, Robinson (W. H.), Rothwell, Ryding, Sparrow, Stephenson, Suthers, Shakeshaft, Swift, Whitehead (C.), Wilcock, Wood, Yates, Woods.

These good results show the ability of our N.C.O. Instructors.

Cpl. Dean, during the Easter holidays, attended a R.E.M.E. course at Burscough, and as a result was awarded his Cert. "T." He also attended an A.C.C. course at Lichfield and had the highest mark (77%) in the exam. at the end of the course.

The General Inspection is being held on the 19th May, the Inspecting Officer being Air Vice-Marshal Chamberlain, C.B.E., O.B.E., Air Officer i/c Administration Fighter Command, Royal Air Force.

We are paying our annual visit to Altcar on the 5th July, when all cadets with Cert. "A" Part I and above (about 180) will fire rifle and Bren.

The camp this year is again to be held at Rhyl, 14th—22nd July. Rhyl, we find, is an excellent camp, having many "luxuries," in comparison with other camps. Over 70 cadets will be present with Major Reay and 2nd-Lt. Connah.

R.A.F. Section

N.C.O.s :

Sergeants SAWER, PARKINSON, THORN

Corporals AIKMAN, BARTON, CROMPTON

Twenty-four cadets joined the Section in January, having obtained Cert. "A" Part I in December. They and two other cadets spent a week during the Easter holidays at R.A.F., Ballykelly, Northern Ireland. This was the first time the Section had been away at this time of the year, and the experiment proved a great success, cadets seeing much of the life of an operational station and putting in over 200 hours flying between them in aircraft of Coastal Command.

Other training has progressed normally, and during the current school year seven cadets have obtained their Advanced Certificates and five their Proficiency Certificates ; many cadets will be sitting for their Proficiency Certificates at the end of this term. The Grass-hopper has been out this term for the first time since last summer, and with good weather further progress should be made. The Information Room, in which publications are available for reference and on loan has been open twice weekly since January and has been fairly well used.

Cadet N. Swift has been selected for an overseas flight and expects to be called for it this term.

This year's Summer Camp is to be at R.A.F. Upwood (near Peterborough), and it is expected that some 25 cadets will attend.

Several cadets will be attending courses in navigation, Airmanship and engines at R.A.F. Halton during the summer holiday, and before the end of the term some will be going to R.A.F. Hornchurch for aircrew, medical, and flying aptitude tests.

The R.A.F. Camp, Ballykelly

In the past, the prospects of a C.C.F. camp have not unjustifiably failed to inspire enthusiasm in somewhat reluctant cadets. This year there was no room for complaint ; Ballykelly was the exception which

all future camp-goers, or expectant national servicemen, hope will prove the rule. The comparatively civilised establishment found there was all the more welcomed in that it was largely unexpected. Comfortable and well-equipped huts, easy discipline, and good food combined to make our stay very pleasurable.

The instruction provided by an extremely friendly, if somewhat cynical, camp staff, was both varied and informative; lectures ranged from aircraft recognition to the mechanics of a petrol engine; outdoor activities from P.T. instruction to flying. As regards the latter, we were most fortunate. Flying in reputedly noisy Shackleton aircraft, an average flying time was six hours, whilst one member of the party recorded 13 hours.

In off-duty hours a number of activities presented themselves. The village of Ballykelly was too small to offer much scope for amusement, and was generally rejected in favour of the nearby town of Limavady. Visits to Limavady and the surrounding country seemed to be the sole recreational activity of some members of our party. Undoubtedly, enthusiasm for the "beauties" of the Irish countryside proved the attraction. For the less energetic types, "Sande's Home," which we used as a substitute for the N.A.A.F.I., provided the entertainment. This institution, which was a somewhat refined edition of the usual N.A.A.F.I., sported the usual N.A.A.F.I. facilities, including the use of billiard and table-tennis tables and piano.

Perhaps the most prominent figure at camp was a certain member of L.V.S. who, being foiled in his attempts to lose a cap-badge, asserted his individuality by taking nocturnal strolls clad only in pyjamas, and declaring a preference for sleeping on the floor! The usual stock of practical jokes were extensively employed, although jam applied to a certain individual's pyjamas denoted at least a flair of originality.

The worst feature of the camp was the journey there and back, and after a berthless, uncomfortable and generally sleepless night, the majority of cadets were thankful to return home.

THE HOUSES

Ashton House

Captain: K. CROMPTON

Prefects: J. GARSTANG, N. A. HUNTER, A. J. PICKUP

The House has had a disappointing term as far as results are concerned. The junior rugby team, who, it seemed, might offer some hope for success, did not live up to expectations. After holding their

opponents, School House, up to half-time, they proceeded in the second half to cease to be a team, and were beaten by 9 points to nil.

The other inter-House competition of the term was the cross-country race. Panter, who was the only bright spot in a depressing performance, ran well to gain fifth position. Unfortunately, the remaining members of the team could not afford him any support and the House was last.

These results should not serve to dishearten the House, as we have many good prospects for the future and, provided that spirit can be injected into the House, it will achieve some success.

Fylde House

Captain : B. HEANEY

Prefects : P. B. MYERSCOUGH, J. P. WADDINGTON, M. S. WHITWELL

At the commencement of the year the whole House seemed to possess a determination to improve its performances in the various inter-House competitions. This determination, however, suffered a premature and somewhat unexpected setback in the form of a defeat in both the senior and junior rugby competitions. These defeats, however, spurred the House cross-country team into greater efforts, and their practice was rewarded by their obtaining fourth place.

The outstanding success of the year, however, has been in the inter-House athletic sports, in which the House team managed to obtain a second place in the final result, a very promising performance. Perhaps the most outstanding performers of the team were the Jacksons, who recorded between them a new School record in the high jump and an existing record equalled in the 100 yards.

It is, then, with great eagerness and expectancy that we look forward to the cricket season.

Kirkham House

Captain : D. F. HORSEFALL

Prefects : B. BROADBENT, K. H. COOKSON, A. BAINES, A. DEAN

It has been the fate of the House to fall just short of success in both rugby competitions ; the senior and junior teams reached their respective finals, but fell at the last fence. School House were victorious in both of these matches. In the course of the competitions the teams

defeated the Lytham and Fylde Houses. With a team rather weaker than in previous years, the cross-country team secured only fifth place, but this was not due to any lack of spirit by its members. However, it is to be hoped that during the Summer Term, the House will continue to repeat their past successes in the swimming competition.

Lytham House

House Captain : A. R. ASPDEN

Prefects : K. PARKINSON, C. M. SAWER, J. STEVENSON, D. I. HILL,
A. J. ERWIN

Although having lost most of her mightier men, the Lytham House ploughed onward through the Winter and Spring Terms with considerable success.

Perhaps most worthy of mention are the members of the cross-country team. Although having no really outstanding runners, the House, by wholehearted teamwork, finished strongly in second place.

In the rugby football competition, both junior and senior teams played in the semi-finals, which were both against Kirkham House. Both were narrowly defeated, the juniors by 3 pts. to nil and the seniors by 8—6. However, the House gave Kirkham a run for their money, and the seniors, in particular, were extremely unlucky to lose.

There is some speculation as to the talent afforded by the House for the cricket and swimming competitions, and it is hoped that during the coming term we will do well in this respect.

Preston House

House Captain : M. F. THORN

Prefects : R. D. AIKMAN, M. P. COLLINSON, G. M. MOWBRAY,
J. M. C. SMITHIES

In a term of mixed activity, the Preston House has enjoyed both academic and sporting success, but unfortunately this success has been overshadowed by the unco-operative spirit of several senior members of the House, who are under the misapprehension that the only contribution they are expected to make towards the prestige of the House is their presence at weekly meetings.

However, there was no lack of spirit in the running eight ; with a team including four harriers, the House won the cross-country trophy with the fine total of 42 points. Although strong favourites, the team were by no means complacent, and their combined effort was most worthy of success. The junior and senior rugby fifteens, hardly as strong as in former years, were defeated early in the competition as the result of bad tackling and lack of cohesion. There has been a poor response by the House to athletics and gym., and it is to be hoped that in the more favourable conditions of the Summer Term these deficiencies will be remedied.

It is pleasing to record that the Easter Fair and Concert were given more support by Prestonians than in previous years. During the course of the term the House lost P. S. Jenkins, who contributed so greatly to the sporting achievements of the School and the Preston House. Our good wishes are extended to him for success in his future career.

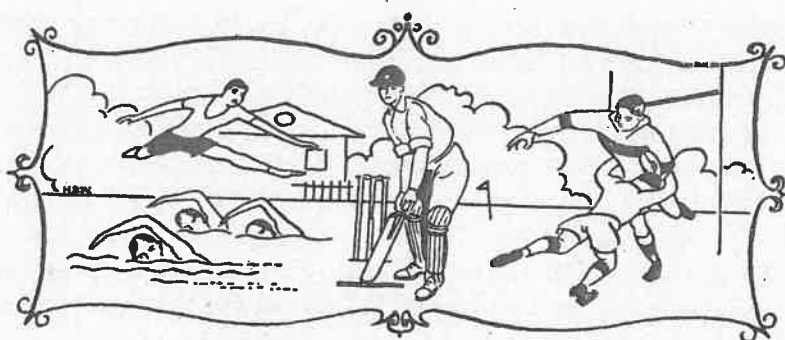
School House

House Captain : J. N. WHALLEY

House Prefects : J. D. R. JEFFERY, P. W. F. JOHNSTON, J. C. RENSHAW

During the Spring Term, the hopes and expectations of the previous term were realised. The House won both the rugby trophies after fairly hard fights in the finals. The House cross-country team did rather better than expected, and the House captain, J. N. Whalley, was first man home for the fourth consecutive year. The House entertains great hopes for the athletic, cricket and swimming cups, the last of which has mysteriously eluded the House for some years.

The House was also well represented in the School teams. Barton gained his rugby honours cap and Whalley, Jeffery and Johnston their team colours. Whalley was also the School's most successful cross-country runner.



RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1954-55

| | | | | | Points | |
|--------------|------|----|---|---|--------|---------|
| | | | | | For | Against |
| 1st XV | | 10 | 8 | 2 | 158 | 61 |
| 2nd XV | | 8 | 7 | 0 | 170 | 6 |
| " Under 16 " | | 4 | 2 | 1 | 97 | 22 |
| " Under 15 " | | 2 | 2 | 0 | 32 | 0 |
| Bantams | | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 91 |

Many harsh things have been said and written about the weather during the last year, and because of the heavy nature of the School playing fields it has, perhaps, affected us more than most. An abnormal number of matches have had to be cancelled, and many home games, particularly those towards the end of the season, were played under conditions which were almost farcical. It was, perhaps, however, the set games which were the hardest hit, and the new boys especially can have but little idea of what goes on in a game of rugby because of their comparatively rare appearances on the playing fields. Another great sufferer was the Lower Fifth, who look to have some very promising players in their ranks, but whose chief failing is lack of experience. However, the conditions did not upset the School teams, whose results were well up to standard, and in this respect none did better nor set a better example than the 1st XV, so well captained by K. Cookson.

Very few of the previous season's successful side were available, and a further setback occurred with the departure of Thornber within a fortnight but the value of having a strong 2nd XV was amply demonstrated, and it was not long before a thoroughly fit and competent side was in the field. The only defeat at the hands of a school team was by Upholland G.S., and it was very refreshing to see how all the members of the XV applied themselves to find the reasons for the defeat. This keenness was typical throughout the year, and it speaks volumes for the captaincy of Cookson, so ably seconded by

C. Barton, the leader of the forwards. The side was essentially a sound one, fore and aft, and it is difficult to pick out individuals for mention, but such things as the steadiness of R. Millar at full-back, the strength and power of K. Cookson and K. Parkinson in the centre, the speedy wingers, the understanding achieved by the half-backs, P. Myerscough and J. N. Whalley, the enthusiastic and energetic play of P. Johnston, the hooking of J. Waddington, and the hard work put in by such forwards as C. Barton and G. Mowbray, all these things come easily to mind. Mention must again be made of P. Myerscough, who is to be congratulated on his selection for Lancashire Schoolboys.

Honours Caps this year have been awarded to K. Cookson, C. Barton, K. Parkinson and P. Myerscough, and Colours re-awarded to R. Millar.

New awards of Colours were made to J. Garstang, J. Jeffery, J. Whalley, P. Jenkins, P. Johnston, J. Rhodes, I. Robinson, G. Mowbray, J. Waddington, D. Horsfall and M. Sawyer.

The 2nd XV continued its winning way again this year, and suffered only a partial setback in being held to a draw by Hutton G.S. The team played the same brand of football as the 1st XV, and there would appear to be a strong nucleus for the coming seasons. All the backs ran and handled well, and special mention should be made of the halves, R. Hull and A. Pickup, who were outstanding. The chief weakness in the forwards was the lack of a good hooker, but the pack heeled well in the loose and gave the backs plenty of opportunities. P. Tomlinson and A. Pilling here look to have the greatest possibilities.

Of the other three School teams, the "Under 15" has shown the most promise, and it appears to lack only the experience to make it a really good side. There was never any lack of enthusiasm, and it was a great pity that so many of their matches had to be cancelled. In the "Under 16," W. Kaye, the captain, was the outstanding player, whilst in the "Under 15" A. Roberts (captain), G. Barrow, E. Parkinson and J. Bamber in the forwards, and R. Wilcock and A. Robinson behind the scrum, put up some sterling performances. The Bantams suffered their usual run of defeats, but fortunately they have never lost heart and in the last match of the season against Hutton, they played with any amount of fire and determination, but they were defeated by a more competent and balanced team.

In conclusion, the Rugby Committee would like to express its gratitude to all those who have contributed in any way to the success of the football, in particular to Miss Earnshaw and the canteen staff, to the groundsman, and to those members of the Staff who have devoted their time to coaching the team and their organisation.

ATHLETICS

The Inter-School Sports have not yet taken place at Blackpool, but the results of the two athletic fixtures and the performances achieved in our own sports have been most encouraging, and there are justifiable grounds for confidence. The outstanding senior athletes are undoubtedly J. N. Whalley and J. D. R. Jeffery, but they have received excellent support from P. Myerscough, J. Garstang and K. Cookson. The greatest potential athletic strength, however, lies in the Middle School, where N. Jackson, K. Jackson, J. Blossom, J. Swift, H. Kennedy and R. Bracegirdle have put up some splendid performances. J. J. Bamber recorded the unusual feat of breaking three records on Sports Day, but the other juniors at the moment are not up to standard.

The Athletic Sports were favoured with unusually fine and warm weather, which fact undoubtedly affected the results. Mr. J. B. Howells, B.A., Headmaster of Deepdale County School, was the guest of honour this year, and in his address after the award of the House Trophy, retained by School House, and the distribution of the Certificates, he spoke of the great enjoyment to be derived from athletics and the necessity to master the fundamentals. A record number of visitors attended the sports, and it seems likely that the experiment of holding them on the second Saturday of the Summer Term will be continued.

RESULTS

- PUTTING THE SHOT (INT.): 1, M. Bowtell, 35 ft. 11 ins.; 2, A. Roberts; 3, E. Parkinson.
- PUTTING THE SHOT (SEN.): 1, K. H. Cookson, 39 ft. 7½ ins. (equalled record); 2, J. N. Whalley; 3, P. Johnston.
- 100 YARDS (SEN.): 1, J. Jeffery, 10 2/5ths secs.; 2, J. Garstang, 3, W. Kaye, D. Bowe.
- 100 YARDS (INT.): 1, N. Jackson, 11 1/5ths secs. (equalled record); 2, J. Blossom; 3, J. Swift.
- 100 YARDS (JUN.): 1, J. Bamber, 12 secs. (record); 2, C. Kavanagh; 3, R. Helm.
- THROWING THE JAVELIN (SEN.): 1, J. N. Whalley, 139 ft. 3 ins.; 2, K. H. Cookson; 3, K. Parkinson.
- HIGH JUMP (SEN.): 1, I. K. Robinson and P. W. F. Johnston, 4 ft. 9½ ins.; 3, C. F. Barton and K. H. Cookson.
- HIGH JUMP (JUN.): 1, R. Hill, 3 ft. 10 ins.; 2, A. Cookson; 3, P. Sharples.
- HIGH JUMP (INT.): 1, K. Jackson, 4 ft. 11¼ ins. (record); 2, E. Parkinson; 3, P. Hosker and C. Dewse.
- 880 YARDS (SEN.): 1, J. N. Whalley, 2 min. 10 4/5ths secs.; 2, M. Collinson; 3, W. Martin.

- 220 YARDS (SEN.): 1, J. Jeffery, 23 $\frac{4}{5}$ ths secs. ; 2, J. Garstang ; 3, P. B. Myerscough.
- 220 YARDS (JUN.): 1, J. Bamber, 27 secs. (record) ; 2, C. Kavanagh ; 3, R. Helm.
- 220 YARDS (INT.): 1, J. Blossom, 25 $\frac{4}{5}$ ths secs. ; 2, W. Whitaker ; 3, K. Jackson and J. S. Swift.
- MILE (INT.): 1, H. Kennedy, 5 mins. 18 secs. ; 2, G. Barrow ; 3, M. Bowtell.
- LONG JUMP (JUN.): 1, J. Bamber, 15 ft. $4\frac{1}{2}$ ins. (record) ; 2, C. Kavanagh ; 3, R. Helm.
- LONG JUMP (SEN.): 1, J. Jeffery, 19 ft. $6\frac{1}{4}$ ins. (record) ; 2, M. F. Thorn ; 3, R. K. Millar.
- LONG JUMP (INT.): 1, N. Jackson, 17 ft. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. ; 2, D. Parkinson and D. Armer.
- DISCUS (SEN.): 1, J. N. Whalley, 105 ft. 9 ins. ; 2, B. Broadbent ; 3, C. E. Barton.
- 440 YARDS (SEN.): 1, J. Jeffery, 56 $\frac{2}{5}$ ths secs. ; 2, M. P. Collinson ; 3, K. R. Millar.
- 880 YARDS (INT.): 1, R. Bracegirdle, 2 mins. 24 $\frac{4}{5}$ ths secs. ; 2, C. Dewse ; 3, B. Alderman.
- MILE (SEN.): 1, W. Martin, 5 mins. 15 secs. ; 2, J. Panter ; 3, R. Hull.
- 100 YARDS HURDLES (JUN.): 1, J. Bamber, 15 $\frac{4}{5}$ ths secs. ; 2, C. Kavanagh ; 3, R. Hill.
- 110 YARDS HURDLES (INT.): 1, J. Swift, 14 $\frac{4}{5}$ ths secs. (record) ; 2, N. Jackson ; 3, P. Hosker.
- 120 YARDS HURDLES (SEN.): 1, P. B. Myerscough, 16 secs. ; 2, J. C. Renshaw ; 3, J. Garstang.
- INTER-HOUSE RELAY (INT.): 1, School ; 2, Fylde ; 3, Lytham.
- INTER-HOUSE RELAY (SEN.): 1, School ; 2, Fylde ; 3, Lytham.
- INTER-HOUSE RELAY (JUN.): 1, Ashton ; 2, Preston ; 3, Fylde.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

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| 1. School | | 234 points | 4. Kirkham | | 109 $\frac{1}{2}$ points |
| 2. Fylde | | 124 .. | 5. Preston | | 108 .. |
| 3. Ashton | | 116 .. | 6. Lytham | | 86 $\frac{1}{2}$.. |

HARRIERS

It has been a disappointing season from the School point of view, with three fixtures cancelled and the remaining two resulting in a second place in a triangular contest with Balshaws G.S. and Baines G.S., and a heavy defeat at the hands of Blackpool G.S. The captain, J. N. Whalley, was again the outstanding runner, but he did not receive adequate support on all occasions. Frequent absences, too, prevented the selection of an organised and regular team, but even

so, the eight was not as strong as in previous years, although all members gave of their best.

New awards of Colours were made to M. Bowtell, M. Collinson, P. Myerscough and J. Panter.

The Preston House is to be heartily congratulated on regaining the Cross-country Cup with a very convincing and clear-cut victory.

Mention, too, should be made of the Cross-country Standards, when more than 60 members of the Upper School were successful in running the $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles of the senior course in under 33 minutes.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

In this age of the welfare state, every citizen is under certain obligations. It is said that he owes certain duties to his fellows, who have corresponding rights to receive the benefit of such duties. Even Mr. P. G. Wodehouse recognised this when he told us of Osbert Mulliner who, during his bachelorhood, conceived it to be his duty to write a monumental history of spats. He decided that the only way to rid himself of this onerous task was to marry his secretary, one of the Higginsons of Clapham Common!

In the same way we feel that O.B.s do not take their particular duty seriously. Other O.B.s have a right to have news of their contemporaries, as well as of the present School. There must be many O.B.s who, whilst not wishing to write a history of spats, would like to contribute an article or news for the O.B.'s section of the School Magazine. May we ask each O.B. whether a rabid Dickensian or a fervent Hayite, to ponder seriously over this duty, which they owe not merely to their friends, but also to their enemies, not only to present members of the School, but also to all past members. If they perform this duty, called by an eminent Jurist, Austin, an absolute duty—one that you can't get out of!—not only the O.B.'s Association as a body, but also each member of that corporate body individually will benefit; not only will the Magazine be brighter, but also the Association as a result gain in unity and strength.

May we ask, therefore, all O.B.s, whether during bachelorhood or otherwise, to send all contributions, however small, to:

G. Bates, 87 Howick Park Drive, Penwortham, Preston; or

J. Stuart Mills, 17 West Bank Avenue, Ansdell, Lytham St. Annes.

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FRIENDS OF KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Blame the election! We have just heard that copy for *The Kirkhamian* is due tomorrow owing to heavy demands on the printer in connection with the General Election—and not a word written! therefore brevity is essential.

The Social Sub-Committee has again been active in providing entertainment at the School, and we have enjoyed a whist drive and dance, a concert party, and a social evening consisting of a "Brains Trust" (in lighter vein!), and a repeat performance of the ever-popular table games. A concert had to be cancelled at the last moment because of choir difficulties. We are now looking forward to the third annual Garden Party on Saturday, 25th June.

The Friends are grateful to the St. Annes members who gave a whist drive at their home. A very happy—and indeed, at times, hilarious—evening was spent, and the funds were increased by the splendid sum of £6 11s. 6d. If you would like to meet other "Friends" by running a similar effort, the Hon. Secretary will be pleased to supply a list of members in your neighbourhood, and will also advise if the proposed date clashes with any function at School.

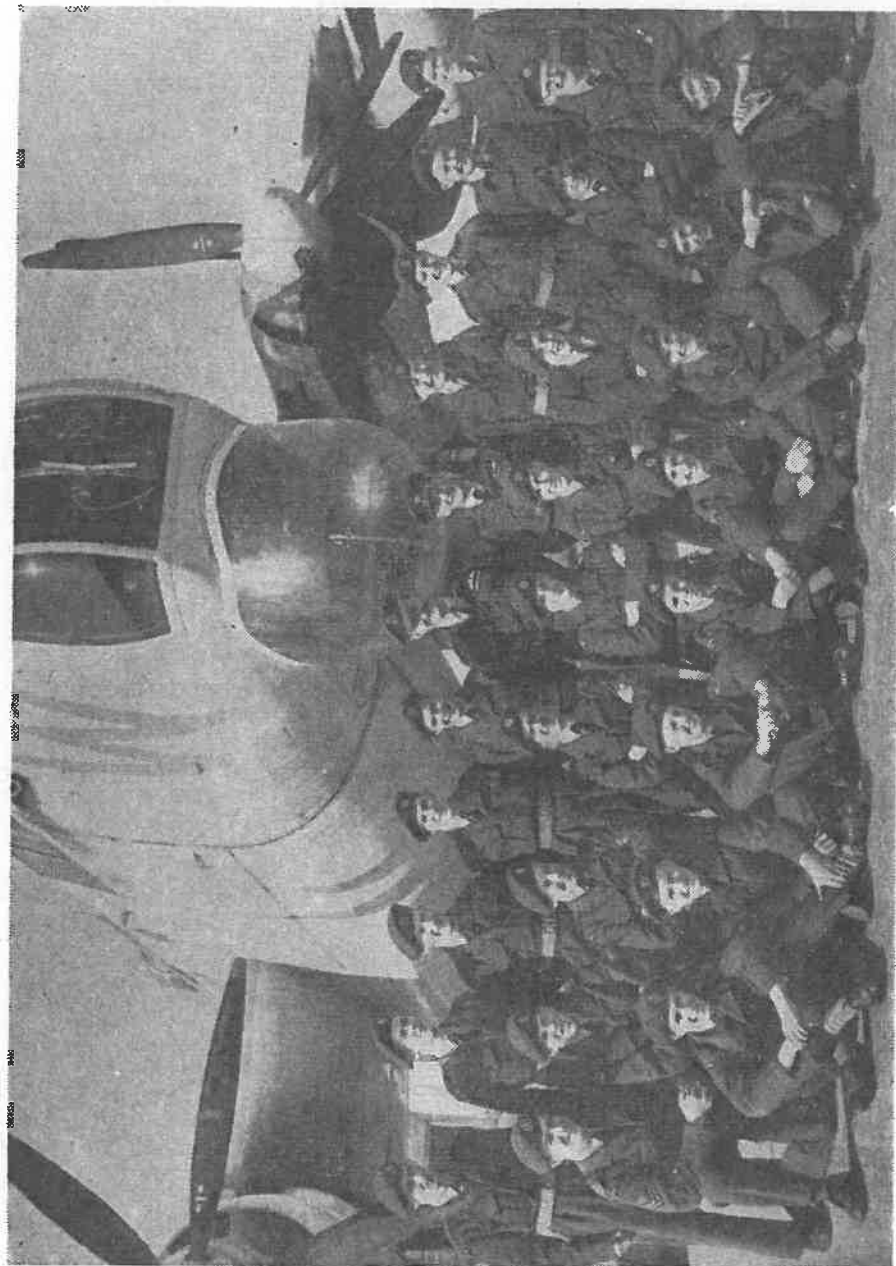
There have been rather better attendances at the Careers Evenings—parents and boys are beginning to realise the advantages to be obtained from this service—and the Headmaster has arranged two or three private interviews with Consultants for individual boys and their parents. Slightly more use, too, has been made of the Careers Library, so that we feel that the institution of the Careers Information Service has been well justified.

As reported in the last issue, the Friends ran a competition to help towards the purchase of a grand piano. This was very successful, and members rallied round extremely well. To minimise expense, no receipts were sent, but please accept this as an acknowledgment of your splendid efforts. The final account showed :

| RECEIPTS | | | EXPENSES | | |
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| | £ | s. d. | | £ | s. d. |
| Sales and Donations | 49 | 18 1½ | Postages | 2 | 5 4½ |
| | | | Printing and Stationery | 3 | 7 8 |
| | | | Prizes and Poundage | 8 | 2 0 |
| | | | Balance (profit)..... | 36 | 3 1 |
| | <u>£49</u> | <u>18 1½</u> | | <u>£49</u> | <u>18 1½</u> |

and, in addition, about £1 was received too late to be included, and was regarded as donations to the general funds. As the organisers considered that eight entries were of equal merit, the prize of £5 was increased to £8 and divided between these eight competitors.

In conclusion, may we remind members of the Annual General Meeting at the beginning of the Autumn Term, when we hope to embark on another successful year.



R.A.F. CONTINGENT AT BALLYKELLY, EASTER 1955