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- Wed. 9 1st XI v. A Staff XI (h).
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Wed. 16 1st XI v. Berkshire Gentlemen (11.30) (h).
Wed. 16 1st IV v. Culham College (a).
Sat. 19 1st XI v. Royal Grammar Sch., High Wycombe (a).
Sat. 19 1st IV v. Reading School (a).
Tues. 22 Field Day, C.C.F., Scouts and Cubs.
Wed. 23 1st XI v. St. Edward's, 2nd XI (h).
Wed. 23 1st IV v. King Edward's School, Stratford (a).
Sat. 26 1st XI v. Abingdon C.C.
Sat. 26 1st IV v. Prince Henry's School, Evesham (h).
Wed. 30 1st IVs v. Culham College (h).

June

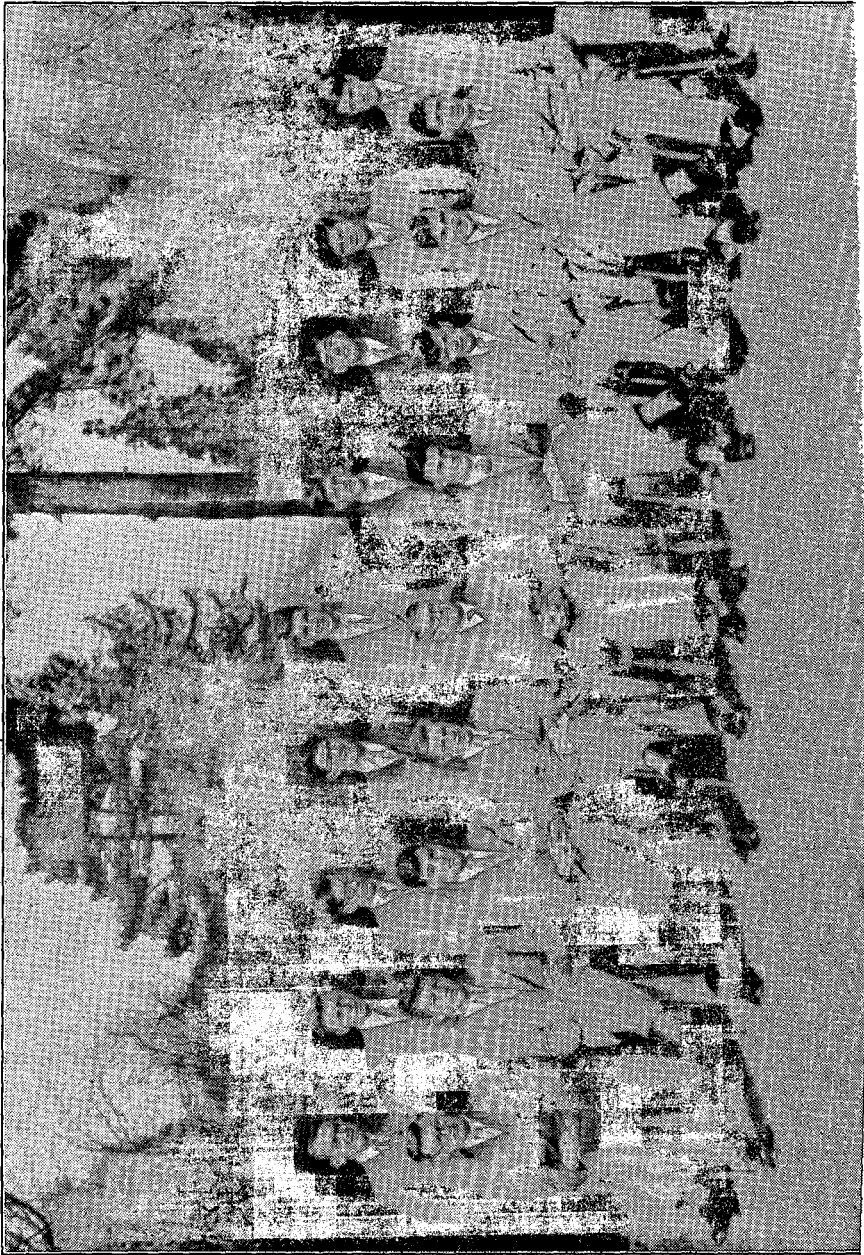
- Sat. 2 1st XI v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (h).
Sat. 2 1st IV v. M.C.S., Oxford, & King's Sch., Worcester (h).
Sat. 9 1st XI v. Old Abingdonians (11.30) (h).
Sat. 9 1st IV v. Old Abingdonians (h).
Wed. 13 1st XI v. Reading School (h).
Fri. 15—Tues. 19. Half Term.
Sat. 23 1st XI v. Oratory School (a).
Sat. 23 1st IV at Marlow Regatta
Sat. 30 1st XI v. Magdalen College School, Oxford (h).
Sat. 30 1st IV v. Wallingford R.C. (h).

July

- Sat. 7 1st XI v. A Parents' XI (h).
Sat. 14 1st XI v. Newbury Grammar School (a).
Fri. 20 Annual Inspection of C.C.F.
Sat. 28 Founder's Day.
Tues. 31 Term Ends, 10.15 a.m.

Michaelmas Term begins, 18th September.

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EDITORIAL

Almost exactly one hundred years before this issue was published—on the 1st May, 1851—Queen Victoria accompanied by her husband opened the glass hall of the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park. The day was one of great excitement in London and it opened up a new era of British prosperity the profits of which are still accruing; whilst all agree that the sixty years following 1851 were amongst the richest and the greatest years in British History. But this vast enterprise, largely inspired by the Prince Consort, did not lack its critics; it was attacked from almost every angle: by the pious, the prudent, the cynical, the conservative.

Yet the Exhibition was closed amidst universal regret; for Britain, as Paoli first observed, is a nation of shopkeepers, and all critical voices were drowned in the increased demands from foreign buyers for our goods. The Prince was acclaimed a genius, and the Exhibition the most wonderful event in British history.

Today the situation of the Festival of Britain is somewhat similar; since the first mention of such a celebration dissentient voices have cried out against it. Some said we could not afford the splendour and deprecated an attempt to relieve the iron austerity of our lives, others said that in view of the international crisis the whole project should be abandoned, that the fateful year of 1951 was no time for celebration of any sort but for earnest preparation.

This, so far as it goes, is very true. We must re-arm now in order to secure the peace and negotiate from the strength of a great Alliance. But we must also increase our export industry in order to achieve re-armament without too drastic a cut in our standard of living; and what better advertisement for our goods could we have than the Festival of Britain? Instead of coming at an inopportune time indeed, 1951 is very fortunately the centenary of the Great Exhibition. For the thousands of foreigners flocking to our islands this summer will have an opportunity of studying British industry at close quarters and this cannot but have an excellent effect upon our export trade. But even more important than increase of our exports is the fact that these foreigners will see us. Our cheerful yet resolute attitude to the danger of aggression will improve the flimsy morale of Western Europe whilst the Americans will see for themselves that they are not alone in their great re-armament drive. The Festival may well be the means of giving the quietus to the isolationist faction in the United States.

And the Festival has one great advantage over the Great Exhibition of 1851 for, while the latter was wholly confined to what later became known as the Crystal Palace in London, the Festival of Britain is, as its name implies, nationwide. The new buildings on the South bank of the Thames, clustering round the Dome of Discovery, are not the

Festival's only expression. They represent the great capital city; and it is right that the centre of the whole celebration should be in London. But up and down the nation, in cathedral cities, market towns, and country villages, preparations are being made to celebrate the coming Festival. There are to be plays, pageants, exhibitions and special events of every kind. Abingdon itself has already made a start with a general tidying up and beautification of its streets. The School, as an integral part of the Borough of Abingdon, should also prepare some celebration of this rare event. The appearance of the School is being cared for by the planting and removal of trees, the setting out of the Prefects' Lawn and the planting of roses around the Science Block. It is fitting that, with the addition of the Science Block, Lacies Court and the War Memorial Field, the School's area and amenities are at their zenith. But we should also celebrate the Festival more tangibly than this; and nothing seems more suitable than a commemoration of our ancient history. It is realised that a full scale pageant is out of the question in the Summer Term because of the examinations; but it would surely be possible, and very desirable, to incorporate our history in the programme of Speeches and Music on Founder's Day.

The year of the Festival of Britain is a fitting time to remind ourselves of our past. From the past we can take a new courage and a new strength to face and conquer whatever dangers may lie ahead.

SCHOOL NOTES

We congratulate the Senior Tutor of Pembroke College and Mrs. McCallum on the birth of a son (15th April).

We offer our sincere good wishes to two members of the Corporation, Alderman H. P. Simpson and Alderman J. L. West, both of whom have in their time been governors of the School, who have recently retired from the Council; and at the same time we congratulate two present governors, Mrs. Challenor and Mr. Henry Booth, on their election to fill the aldermanic vacancies thus created.

Perhaps it would not be out of place to put on record here how much we have appreciated the keen personal interest that our first Lady Governor has taken in the School during her very busy year of office as Mayor; and to offer in advance a very warm welcome to her successor-designate, Mr. H. G. Mullard.

We congratulate the Headmaster and Mr. Henry Booth on their appointments to the Commission of the Peace for the County of Berkshire.

The Boarders' end of term Concert, held on Wednesday, 28th March, is reported elsewhere in this issue. On the last night of term, 29th March, School House had a more informal entertainment consisting of a gramophone recital (thank you, Mr. Barker!) and a topical Brains Trust, which proved surprisingly lively and popular.

Elsewhere in this number we print a short article on the history of Lacies Court by Mr. Baynes. Friends of the School will be pleased to hear that the necessary work of adaptation and repair is now in hand; and that it is hoped that the School Library will be transferred to two of the ground floor rooms in the course of the summer. The Entrance Hall and the Drawing Room have been suitably furnished for use as sixth form rooms and indeed have already been tried out with success for teaching and examination purposes. The best way of using the existing Library in the School, and the remainder of the available accommodation at Lacies Court, is now being considered. We hope to settle shortly the minor but not unimportant question of nomenclature. However we name the rooms at Lacies Court, we shall see that the name of Radcliffe is not left without its memorial.

It is pleasant to see the contractors' impedimenta outside Heylyn's Cottage and to look forward to the day in the near future when our very good friend, Mr. Rudd, takes up residence in his new home.

We have noted with real pleasure the decision of the Council to tidy up the old school quadrangle between the Roysse Room and Bridge Street. Unfortunately this project, admirable in itself, will involve the removal of the old School Gateway. This is of no great antiquity (as things go with us), for it was erected as late as 1811 by the then High Steward of the Borough; but we had hoped it might be possible to rebuild it in the School grounds—possibly as the formal entrance to Lacies Court. This has proved to be quite impracticable, but instead, if the Council agree, we now hope to give an appropriate home merely to those parts of the gateway which are of particular interest to us, such as the stones bearing the school crest and the inscription.

The School has had a particular interest in the recent Battle of the Quarter Sessions for the Recorder, Mr. Stephen Benson, whose official existence was itself involved, is a member of the Governing Body by virtue of his office. Now that the battle has at last been brought to a successful conclusion we offer our respectful congratulations to Mr. Benson; and also to the Town Clerk and to Alderman Stimpson, to whose representations, we understand, it is largely due that Abingdon has been granted the privilege of retaining its own court.

It is with great regret that we say good-bye to Miss Newenham who has been a matron at School House since September, 1950: our loss is Mr. George Stoney's gain, and to both—our best wishes!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. J. Griffin on the birth of a son, Michael John Clayden.

We offer our respectful sympathy to Mr. Fowler in his recent bereavement.

We are very grateful to Mr. Michael Cullen (O.A.), who maintained the family tradition with the School by joining us as a temporary master during the absence through illness of Mr. Mortimer in the first fortnight of term. Mr. Barker kindly came into residence at School House as House-Tutor for the same period.

We were pleased to have with us during the Lent Term three students from the Oxford Department of Education—Mr. Dean, Mr. Hone and Mr. Scutt.

Our warm congratulations to M. Bateman on his election to the Abingdon Scholarship in English at Pembroke College, Oxford.

Readers of A. L. Rowse's recent work on "The England of Elizabeth" will find on page 493 a detailed description of John Roysse's refoundation of the School in 1563.

The two new School clocks have now arrived: and at last we can start the Chapel service on the stroke of nine, without regard to power cuts.

The new School cap, on the other hand, is still no nearer our heads than it was last term, but we hope that the design will be made firm before long.

The number of boys in the School at the beginning of Lent Term was 339 Dayboys 206, School House 80, Waste Court 34, Larkhill 19.

Films, which played a large part in our Saturday evening entertainments during the term were as follows:

27th January—"Jack Ahoy".

17th February—"Under the Frozen Falls" and "The Secret Tunnel".

3rd March—"Bush Christmas".

Once again we thank the following, who gave lectures to the School on Saturday evenings during the term:

10th February: Alan Ivimey on "Scotland Yard".

24th February: H. J. Milverton Carta on "New Zealand—Paradise of the Pacific."

17th March: F. Crawshaw on "Character Cavalcade".

On Monday, 5th February, the Town Clerk of Abingdon, Mr. E. W. J. Nicholson, kindly gave a lecture to seniors on "Careers in Local Government".

On Tuesday, 6th February, we were fortunate in hearing Mr. Hugh Lyon, the Director of the Public Schools Appointments Bureau, who spoke on careers with especial reference to business appointments.

On Tuesday, 13th February, Mr. J. A. Crook talked to the Sixth Form on "Some Ancient Historians".

On Tuesday, 20th February, Lt. Colonel W. Rose talked on "The Work of the Dr. Barnardo's Homes", to the middle-school forms.

On Thursday, 22nd February, the Ruri-decanal Conference was held in the School Library.

On Monday, 26th February, senior boys heard a double lecture on careers: Mr. R. W. Snell, O.A., spoke on Accountancy and Superintendent A. B. Day of Abingdon Police talked of the possibilities of a career in the Police Force.

On Tuesday, 6th March, Miss A. V. Jones gave a lecture on "Life in Southern Rhodesia" to senior boys.

On Sunday, 11th March, a party of seniors attended a Religious Brains Trust in the Corn Exchange. Question Master was the Headmaster.

On Monday, 12th March, Mr. Cooper guided an Upper Sixth Form party round the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

On Thursday, 15th March, Mr. E. W. Pulsford kindly gave a further talk on atomic nuclei and their emissions.

On the evening of the same day, a Parents' Evening was held—for parents of boys in 4th, 5th, and 6th Forms.

We commend the initiative of Form 3A who, with the help of Mr. Holloway, produced a series of six short one-act plays on the morning of Wednesday, 28th March. The plays chosen ranged from such well-known favourites as Lord Dunsany's 'A Night at an Inn' to an original sketch by J. D. Hall, entitled 'Broken Branches'; and the drawing-room of Lacies Court made an admirable room for 'parlour dramatics'. Incidental music was provided by Roger Packer at the grand piano. Altogether a very entertaining show, which was greatly appreciated by what was necessarily a select audience.

On the same afternoon a small party accompanied Mr. Fiori round the M.G. Car Works on a tour of inspection.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of magazines from the following schools: Aldenham School; Chigwell School; City of Oxford School; Henley Grammar School; King Alfred's School, Wantage; King Edward's School, Stratford; Leighton Park School; Magdalen College School, Brackley; Magdalen College School, Oxford; Newbury Grammar School; Oundle School; Prince Henry's Grammar School, Evesham; St. Edward's School, Oxford; Solihull School; Southfield School, Oxford.

THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

It has been suggested by the Ministry of Education that one of the best ways in which Schools can celebrate the Festival of Britain is by tidying up and beautifying their own grounds; and it is therefore especially appropriate if the School takes steps this year to improve the general appearance of its property—which will benefit generations to come as well as (perhaps more than) ourselves. We are extremely fortunate in having such lovely grounds on all sides of us, but a certain amount of felling and replanting is long overdue. The problem has been brought to a head by the recent additions to the School property, which have presented us with the necessity to think of, and plan for, the School grounds as a whole. Lacies Court of course, beautiful as it was in its heyday, has suffered inevitable neglect since the war and is very much overcrowded with trees. On the War Memorial Field, on the other hand, we shall start from nothing.

The first step is to decide what to fell. With this end in view we recently consulted an authoritative and impartial expert of the Oxford University Department of Forestry and we are very grateful to him for his help. Acting on his advice, we are undertaking a fairly severe thinning out of the trees in Lacies Court, and the removal of many trees, mainly conifers, in Waste Court. These proposals are of course subject to the approval of the Waste Court Trustees and of the Planning Authorities. No one can see a large tree fall without regret; but we should emphasise that replanting will eventually more than make up for the trees that are removed, and that in planning for the future we shall do our best to preserve the existing atmosphere of the grounds.

The refurbishing of the grounds will include considerable work on the School Drive—a project which will be endorsed by all who have cause to navigate its uncharted reefs and shoals. This is a major operation which can only be undertaken during a long holiday, and after we have got all the timber-tugs out of the way! Meanwhile we have already done much to lay out the area in front of the New Science Block. What so recently looked like a tank training ground is now sown down to grass; flowering trees, rose beds, and a hedge of *lonicera* will provide a varied surround for the new 'Prefects' Lawn.

J.M.C.

CHAPEL NOTES

We are very grateful to Mr. Babb, the Chaplain of Culham College, who came over at very short notice to take the Early Celebration for us in the indisposition of Mr. Burgess, on Sunday, 21st January; and to the Principal of Culham, our very good friend, for making the necessary arrangements.

Visiting preachers for the Summer Term include Wing Commander Patrick Hamilton (13th May); Rev. L. J. Janes, M.A. (20th May); Mr. P. G. Mason, M.B.E., M.A., Headmaster of Aldenham School (3rd June); Mr. W. A. Rudd, M.A. (10th June); Mr. R. L. James, M.A., Ph.D., High Master of St. Paul's School (15th July); and Rev. H. C. Babb, M.B.E., M.A., B.Sc. (22nd July).

A series of well-attended mid-week services was held in Chapel throughout Lent. On Good Friday (23rd March) a special service of meditation was held in the morning, and in the evening the Dramatic Society gave a reading of the act called "The King of Sorrows" from Dorothy Sayers' cycle "The Man born to be King".

There were three celebrations of Communion on Easter Sunday (25th March); and the usual evening service was replaced by a Festal Evensong, in which choir and congregation joined in singing Stanford's setting of the Magnificat in B Flat, and the choir sang S. S. Wesley's 5-part anthem "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace".

In accordance with usual custom, about half the Chapel collections have been devoted to Chapel Funds. Allocations to Charities have been as follows:

St. James' Church, Nevis	£2	2	0
The Salvation Army	£2	0	0
Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service	£2	4	0
The Red Cross	£2	13	0
The Laity Challenge Fund (Easter Offering)	£8	5	6

B. W. T. Leech has been appointed Chapel Clerk, and also secretary of the Chapel Committee, which has held two very profitable meetings in the course of the Lent Term.

We are extremely grateful to Mr. R. G. Mortimer for the gift of an alms dish for use in the Chapel; and to Mrs. Banfield for presenting a beautiful vase which will be most useful for the Chapel flowers.

Wedding

HEMMINGS-PEARCE. On Saturday, 31st March, 1951, in the School Chapel, Kenneth Hemmings to Juanita Pearce.

THE WAR MEMORIAL FIELD

The last crops are growing on what is now 'our' field and we are beginning to plan its lay-out. Meanwhile we acknowledge gratefully the following contributions to the War Memorial Fund which have been received since our last issue:

P. T. O. Nichol	£1	1	0
J. C. Blackmore	£2	0	0
J. J. Clarke	£2	2	0

In addition, we are grateful to Mr. R. G. Mortimer for the gift of clothing to the value of 15/..

J.M.C.

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Founder's Day this year will be celebrated on Saturday, 28th July. The provisional programme will be as follows:

- 11.30 a.m. Service in St. Helen's Church, Abingdon. Address by Mr. J. D. Hills, M.C., M.A., Headmaster of Bradfield College.
- 2.30 p.m. Distribution of Prizes in the Corn Exchange by Mr. M. L. Jacks, M.A., Director of the Department of Education of Oxford University, formerly Headmaster of Mill Hill School.
- 4.30 p.m. The Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban will be At Home at the School House to parents, old boys, and friends of the School.
- 5.30 p.m. The School (including the ground floor and gardens of Laces Court) will be open for inspection: and there will be displays of various school activities.
- 7.30 p.m. A programme of 'Speeches & Music' in the Corn Exchange.

In addition, a simple but unusual little ceremony will take place at 5.45 p.m., when Mrs. Frank Morland, on behalf of the Morland family, will hand over to the custody of the School the silver trowel which was presented to Mr. J. T. Morland, M.A., J.P., the then Mayor of the Borough, when he laid the foundation stone of the Chapel Wing almost exactly fifty years ago (30th July, 1901).

On Sunday, 29th July, the Chaplain will preach at Morning Service in the School Chapel (10 a.m.); and the Headmaster will preach at 6.30 in the evening at the Annual School Service in St. Nicolas' Church.

Invitations to Founder's Day will be sent to all parents and to friends of the School: but *Old Boys* are asked to regard this note as a personal invitation. Any *Old Boy* who would like to attend the Prizegiving or the At Home is asked to write to the Headmaster. Tickets for the 'Speeches and Music' can be obtained from Mr. F. J. Sewry at the School, price 3/6 and 2/.

The O.A. Cricket Matches (note the plural!), the Annual General Meeting of the Club, and the O.A. Dinner, will be held on Saturday, 9th June. Details of these events will be issued later. *Old Boys* are also especially invited to attend Morning Service in the School Chapel on the following day, Sunday, 10th June, at 10 a.m., when the address will be given by Mr. W. A. Rudd, and afterwards to take coffee with Mr. and Mrs. Cobban.

LACIES COURT: A BRIEF HISTORY

Lacies Court first appears as a separate estate in the early years of the fifteenth century when the Abbey of Abingdon was adapting itself more and more to a money economy. The new estate was carved from the larger estate of Fitzharris, which continued to be farmed under the direct control of the Abbey. Lacies Court, covering roughly the present area of the School and the Park, was farmed by a rent paying tenant. Probably from one of the early tenants the estate acquired its name.

c1400 There is little evidence of the history of Lacies Court during the first hundred years of its existence. A homestead was built, probably on the site of the present house, and the tenant farmed about one hundred acres. At the Dissolution of the Abbey, Lacies Court became Crown Land; but within a few years the Crown granted the estate to the newly created Christ's Hospital as part of its endowment. From the records of the leases granted by Christ's Hospital it is possible to piece together a fairly complete history of the house and its tenants up to the present day. It is from these leases, for example, that we learn that the original homestead was extended and improved during the tenancy of Walter Dayrell in 1625, and it was as a sub-tenant of Dayrell's son that the most interesting of all its occupants came to Lacies Court—Peter Heylyn.

Peter Heylyn, Historian, Theologian, Chaplain to both Charles I and Charles II, was a Royalist to the core, and a loyal supporter of William Laud. When the Great Rebellion had turned his world upside down, he found himself producing Royalist propaganda at Oxford—a task distasteful to him. After Charles' defeat, Heylyn, his sight failing, was chivvied about the countryside, sometimes in disguise. His goods and lands were confiscated, and (worst loss of all) his library was taken and sold. It was indeed this last loss that brought Heylyn to Abingdon. "In the year 1653 he removed to Lacies Court in Abingdon," writes a contemporary biographer, "being robb'd of his choicest Companions, his Books; he resolved to fix himself as nearly as possibly he could to Oxford; loss of time, together with the changes and trouble of a journey, rendering his visits less frequent to the Bodleian Library, than would well comport with his condition—although he was a *Living Library*, a *Locomotive Study*."

While at Lacies Court, Heylyn championed the Anglican element in the Town against the Puritan majority. He encouraged our own Royalist Headmaster, Huish, to continue in his readings at St. Nicolas, and probably saved St. Nicolas' itself from demolition. Two at least of his controversial theological works are subscribed "Lacies Court in Abingdon". Despite the Puritans he "built an Oratory" at Lacies Court and here he daily said the offices. This may mean little more than that he set aside one room of the homestead as a Chapel. Experience

may have made Heylyn bold in these matters, for he had already had a brush with the crop-eared Mr. Pryn, and came off with flying colours before a Puritan investigating Committee.

Heylyn lived in a troubled age, and his post war problems have a familiar ring. On one occasion a sour Puritan Captain attacked him in public (perhaps in the Bury) because he allowed his wife to dress in non-utility clothes. Heylyn's reply is worthy of record; he replied that "he had married a Gentlewoman, and did maintain her according to her qualitie.—For his wife should go above his Estate, his children according to his Estate, and himself below his Estate, so at the year's end he could make all even."

At the Restoration Heylyn returned to Court, and a series of less glamorous but very worthy locals held the tenancy. More than one Mayor has been tenant of Lacies Court, and often the tenant has served on the board of Christ's Hospital. On the lease of such tenants from 1596 to 1804 appeared a strange clause; the tenant was bound "to keep hospitalitie upon the prémysses according to his abilitie". The exact object and operation of the clause is not now known. It may merely have meant that the tenant was to feed his farm hands at a common board.

The beginning of the nineteenth century saw a burst of activity. The younger William Bowles, who followed his father as tenant, pulled down some of the outbuildings of the homestead, and built a mock-Gothic house roughly on the site of the present Nun's Garden. This was completed in 1826, and came to be known as Lacy Court (the nineteenth century version of the older name). The homestead that Bowles had left standing, after some vicissitudes, appears to have been turned into two cottages. The building of a new Lacy Court, together with some injudicious financial transactions, a poor judgement of a hand of cards and a worse one of men, broke William Bowles. His new house became the Vicarage. Meanwhile the rest of the old estate was being transformed. In 1859 the Governors of Christ's Hospital were authorised to divide the land for various purposes; the Park was formed, and one part of the estate was earmarked for the School. In 1880 the old homestead, now described as "two rather tumbled down cottages," was sold to the School, to form the basis of the Young and Summers Trust, which provides the School with the Young and Summers Scholarship. At the turn of the century came a remarkable metamorphosis. The property fell into the hands of a lessee of sympathy and imagination who rebuilt the two cottages as a spacious dwelling, and who pulled down the mock-Gothic Lacy Court built by William Bowles. This was re-erected in Larkhill Field not later than 1910, and it still stands there, under the name of Larkhill, as one of the School boarding-houses. In 1936 the new Lacies Court (for the old name had been revived) was severely damaged by fire, but it was completely rebuilt by Lady Radcliffe shortly before the War.

The twentieth century associations of Lacies Court—which range from Winston Churchill to atom scientists—and its wartime vicissitudes are beyond the scope of this article. So too are the negotiations which have so happily ended in the transfer of the whole property to the School. It is enough to say that our recent acquisition is only the culmination of a long association, going back to a common origin in the Abbey, and linking through Larkhill, the present School site, the Young and Summers Trust, and the friendship of Huish and Heylyn. Following our present custom of naming our rooms after our own particular gallery of famous men, we propose to call one of the rooms of the new School Library at Lacies Court "Heylyn's Room". If his ghost walks of nights, he will take the compliment kindly—and thank us for putting books close to hand, "rendering his visits to the Bodleian less frequent".

R.D.B.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Valeté—left December, 1950

Upper Sixth Form:

J. T. Cullen (iii, 1940) (Modern); Head of the School 1949; School Prefect 1947; O.S.C. 1947; 1st XV 1947, Colours 1948, Captain 1948, Berks P.S. XV 1948, Captain Berks P.S. XV 1950, 1st IV 1948, Captain of Boats 1950; Athletics Team 1947, Colours 1949, Shallard and Heber Clarke Cups; Tennis VI 1948; M.G.C.; Captain, Tesdale House; C.C.F., Under Officer, Cert 'A', 1st Class Shot, Shooting VI; Roysse Society; Vice-Chairman Debating Society; Dramatic Society; Committee Turnor Society; Committee Joint Club; Sub-Editor Abingdonian.

Lower Sixth Form:

R. F. Appleton (i, 1948) (Science); O.S.C. 1950; C.C.F., L/Cpl. Cert. 'A'.

P. H. Frearson (i, 1944) (Maths.); O.S.C. 1950; Under 15 XI 1949; 3rd XV 1950; Junior Athletic Team 1949; C.C.F., L/Cpl., Cert. 'A'.

D. Rabson (ii, 1945) (Modern); House Prefect 1950; 2nd XI Cricket 1949; 3rd XV 1948; 2nd XI Hockey 1948; C.C.F. Cert 'A', Naval Section, A.B. (left 2nd December).

J. A. Winter (iii, 1945) (Science); School Prefect 1950; O.S.C. 1950; 2nd XI Cricket 1948; 1st XV 1950, Half Colours 1950; 1st XI Hockey 1950, Half Colours 1950; Athletics Team 1950; Vice-Captain, Blacknall House; C.C.F., Sgt., Certs. 'A' and 'T', 1st Class Shot; Committee Holiday Club.

Form 5 (Science):

M. J. Strickland (ii, 1948); C.C.F., L/Cpl., Cert. 'A'.

Form 4 (Arts): T. C. Jones (ii, 1949); C.C.F.

Form 4 (Science):

A. J. Slesser (ii, 1947); 'Under 15' XV 1950; 4th IV Cox 1950; C.C.F.; Dramatic Society.

Form 4 (General): A. F. M. White (ii, 1947).

Form IA: M. A. Lisemore (iii, 1950), (left 24th November).

Salvete—came January, 1951

Lower Sixth Form: T.C. Wells, D (came 23rd Feb.).

Form 4 (General): C. G. P. Aylin, D (came 7th Mar.).

Form 3A: R. M. Courtney, D.

Form 3B: D. Fry, D.

Form IB: W. W. Budden, D; R. E. Robertson, D; B. R. Smith, D.

"LOCAL COLOUR"

"Local Colour", a collection of local poetry selected by Josephine Phillips. Printed and published by the Abbey Press, Abingdon. Price 5/-

In an anthology it is often difficult to extract something common to all contributors. In this volume the task is easy. There is an intense love of nature, particularly in this district. The poems do not pretend to be deep, or didactic, and they are largely reminiscent in the style of Rupert Brooke, or picturesque in the Tennysonian idiom, sometimes verging on sheer sentimentality. In all there is a common simplicity of expression, which Wordsworth would have approved.

Many of the earlier poems are quiet, descriptive pieces, and I found J. C. Hobson's "Winter" a delightful relief. It was a change to find a poem so full of movement and imagination. This, and his poem "Spring", are my favourites in the book.

There is a typical Berkshire dreaminess running through the anthology, and Willoughby Weaving stands out by virtue of being different. I like his picture of an "Airplane", although I am no lover of aeroplanes. Another Old Boy of the School, Oswald Couldrey, is represented. Although the normal Englishman shudders when foreign words are introduced I think Oswald Couldrey gets away with it. Looking into the

river by St. Helen's 'demure church spire', he:

*" . . . saw burning in the deeper blue
Beyond red gryphon roofs the Shwe Dagon
Itself, the golden Pagod of the Môn."*

He has travelled much, and this is traveller's licence.

A. E. Willson, the only boy contributor and a present member of this school, deserves special mention. All who have been to Sussex will know the familiar and friendly Chanctonbury Ring, "whose great and massy beeches perch the height of bow-backed Downs, which this bold ring commands." Readers of the School Literary Magazine will be familiar with his other contribution, 'Tu Quoque'.

The book itself is admirably set out, if a little overspaced. The attractive designs give the book an air of fancy and festivity befitting this year of grace. On the whole the book does not cover a wide range, but it will give pleasure and enjoyment to many—not necessarily lovers of Abingdon.

M.B.

HOCKEY

Despite a season of soggy grounds and cancelled matches, the standard of play, when contrasted with that of previous years, has improved.

In the early weeks of the season, the forwards were all too eager, once in the opposing circle, and consequently missed many opportunities of scoring. By the end of February, however, the team had found cohesion; both defence and attack knew how to be near-brilliant, but—at the same time—seldom were.

During the season the following Colours were awarded:

Full Colours: Millard P. J., Full.

Half Colours: Field, Bloor, Brackley, Glassbrook P. M., Glassbrook M. C., Cowles R. J., King, A. G. B.

The final arrangement of the XI was as follows: Bloor; Field, Brackley; Millard P. J., Wooldridge, Glassbrook M. C.; Stopps, Bateman, Stevens H. B., Full, Biggs.

The following also played: Carter D. R. (5 times); Ireland (4 times), Cowles R. J. (3 times), Andrews, Wareham, Grant M. M. (once each).

W.L.W.

1st XI CHARACTERS

W. L. WOOLDRIDGE (Captain, Colours, 1950). Centre Half. A very keen and efficient Captain and a good example to the side. As Centre Half he has been reliable and sound. His stick work is good and his passing intelligent.

(L.C.J.G.)

P. J. MILLARD (Colours 1951). Left Half. A strong reliable player, whose stick work and clearance is good. He is inclined to play too much on the defensive.

C. A. FULL (Colours 1951). Left Inside. He is a quick clear headed player, who is dangerous in the opposing circle; but he must learn the real need for keeping his position on the field.

M. BATEMAN (Vice-Captain, Half Colours 1950). Right Inside. A useful goal scorer, whose positioning is good. He should, however, steady himself when shooting, and drop back more in defence.

F. P. FIELD (Hon. Sec., Half Colours 1951). Right Back. A slow though sure defence. His clearances usually find their man. He must develop his stickwork.

H. B. STEVENS (Half Colours 1949). Centre Forward. A much improved player, but one who needs to find greater control in the circle.

C. E. STOPPS (Half Colours 1950). Right Outside. A hasty player, whose centring is good, if at times off the ground. When attacking, he must learn to pass to the back of the circle.

M. J. BIGGS (Half Colours 1950). Left Outside. A late-comer to the team, he is fast and his stickwork is good. He must, however, centre quicker, and combine with his Inside.

T. E. BLOOR (Half Colours 1951). Goalkeeper. A clear headed player, who can use his feet well. His solo tackling and recovery, if speeded up, would make him much more decisive.

M. J. BRACKLEY (Half Colours 1951). Left Back. A reliable player, whose clearance is good. He must combine more with the Right Back.

M. C. GLASSBROOK (Half Colours 1951). Left Half. A strong, fast player, though his stickwork needs improving, and he must try to develop a sense of anticipation.

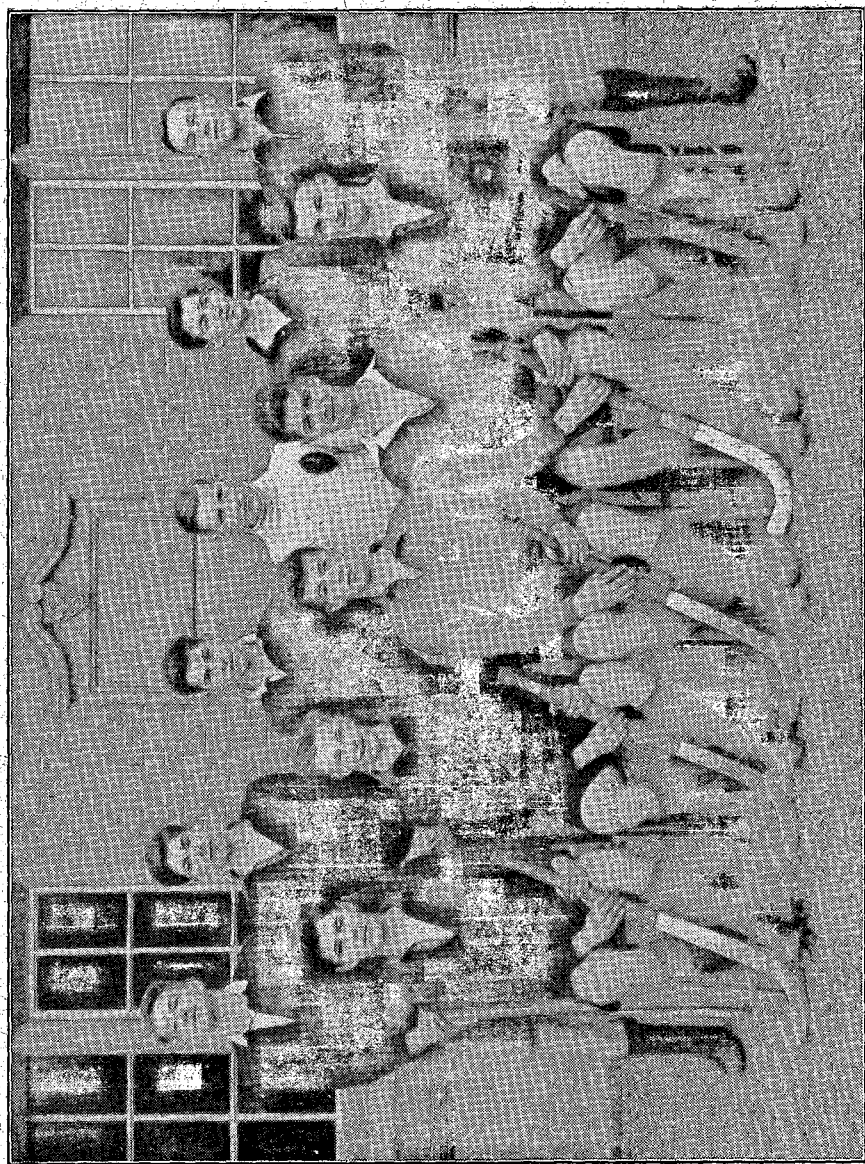
W.L.W.

MATCH REPORTS

Regrettably five of the fixtures were cancelled owing to wet weather and, even more regrettably, one of them was the O.A. match.

Sat., 27th January; v. Staff XI. Draw 5—5.

A fair result of a scrappy game played on a wet field. In the first half, four goals were scored to the School's one, owing to muddling by the Backs. The School Forwards redeemed themselves by scoring four quick goals in the second half, to the Staff's one. Messrs. Alston, Griffin, Moore, Willis and Hone scored for the Staff, whilst Full and Carter D. R. scored twice for the School and Bateman scored once.



Sat., 3rd Feb.; v. King Alfred's Sch., Wantage (a). Lost 1—4.

Except for the beginning and end of play, when they showed glimpses of their expected form, the School was out played. The Forwards did badly in not making the most of their opportunities, of which there were several. Bateman scored the only goal.

Wed., 7th Feb.; v. Radley College 2nd XI (a). Won 10—2.

Radley College, fielding a team considerably weakened by illness, had no answer to the School's fast forward line. Half time saw the School leading by two goals after which Radley equalised. Although eight goals followed, the School did not make the most of their opportunities. Stevens H. B., and Full scored four goals each; and Brackley two.

Sat., 10th Feb.; v. Wallingford Grammar School (h). Won 5—1.

The School Forwards played a fast, open game, combining well with their Backs. Once more they let slip valuable opportunities. Stevens H. B. scored three goals, Full and Brackley scored one each.

Sat., 24th Feb.; v. Abingdon Hockey Club (h). Lost 2—4.

In a fast exciting game, the School were beaten by a team which included eight O.A.s. The Club scored two early goals, but the School equalised by half time, Full scoring both goals. The Club scored two more in the second half, which the School, playing with less finish, could not prevent.

Sat., 3rd March; v. R.A.F., Halton (h). Lost 1—3.

The School played well against R.A.F., Halton, who, fielding six Pakistanis, had scored twice by half time. Although there were some good movements up field, the School forwards constantly muddled in the opposing circle. Biggs, returning to the team, scored the only goal.

2nd XI

A good team, well captained by Free, it could give the 1st XI a hard game early in the season. It won both its matches. Several of the team played for the 1st XI during the season, of whom Cowles R. J., playing aggressively in goal, deserves mention.

The final arrangement of the team was as follows: Cowles R. J.; King A. G. B., Edelsten; Taylor R. J., Glassbrook P. M., Ireland; Free, Purnell, Candy M. A., Whiteford.

Wed., 29th February—v. Magdalen College School. Won 2—0.

Sat., 10th March—v. Radley College 3rd XI. Won 4—0.

W.L.W.

The Berkshire Schools' Hockey Tournament

On 14th March, the School went to Wallingford to play in the County Tournament, once again organised by N. S. Barron, the Berkshire Hockey Secretary. The School was successful, in that it tied with Wantage for first place in the table. Wantage was declared the winner by virtue of having scored two more corners.

Against Wallingford the School quickly settled down to fast determined play. One of the many rushes into the Wallingford goal resulted in a goal by Bateman. In the second half Wallingford pressed harder but met with no success, and Bateman added a further goal for the School.

In the second match the School lost to Windsor County School by two goals, both of which were scored in quick succession in the first half. The School did not recover, and at the beginning of the second half Millard left the field with a knee injury. The School then put up a determined defence and, handicapped as they were, prevented Windsor from scoring again.

The final match against Wantage School was a very even game, and both sides played with the determination that the situation demanded. The ding-dong battle in the first half produced no score, and in the second half the play looked like being even again, until Bateman scored and put the School ahead. From then onwards Wantage lost its co-ordination and remained mostly on the defensive. The School added a second goal when Wooldridge scored from a penalty bully. In this game it was encouraging to see the forwards moving like a team, and it seemed unfortunate that a really good combination should not have been found until the very end of the season.

In the same tournament the School 2nd XI beat Windsor County School 2nd XI by four goals to nothing, playing the full time.

School	Points	Gls. for	Gls. Agst.
Wantage School	8	3	3
Abingdon School	8	4	2
Wallingford School	4	2	3
Windsor School	4	3	4

Hockey House Matches, 1951

The House hockey matches this year were very even, and no one team stood out through its brilliance. As is usual in house matches there was more enthusiasm than skill, but the standard was higher than last year's. It was a pity that some of the games should have been marred by fouls, but we attribute this to hearty enthusiasm rather than sheer malevolence. The houses were evenly matched, as the fact that there were two replays shows. Bennett and Reeves both had fast sides and

at no time was it easy to say which was the better. Bennett had a strong half-back line, and one or two good forwards. Reeves, on the other hand, had a weak half-back line and relied on sudden switches from defence to attack to score snap goals. Tesdale were an ill-balanced team, and its members ranged from very good to some very bad players; their main weakness was in attack. In the final, Blacknall beat Reeves by three clear goals, and won the Cup for the second year. Having no outstanding players, Blacknall owed its success to teamwork. It had a competent defence and a busy forward line; it was fortunate, too, in having a well-balanced side which played hard all the time.

Scores:—

Bennett v. Reeves 2—2

Bennett v. Reeves (replay) 1—2

Blacknall v. Tesdale 0—0

Blacknall v. Tesdale (replay) 4—2

Final:—

Blacknall v. Reeves 3—0

ATHLETICS

The Lent term's activities were badly spoilt by the weather. The sodden track prevented serious training, and caused the cancellation of the meeting arranged with the City of Oxford School. This was very regrettable since there were some outstanding athletes who had little chance to shine. D. J. Heavens had no favourable opportunities to attempt the mile or half mile records, but we hope that he has met with some success in the School's Sports held at the White City during the Easter holidays. A. G. B. King has not yet reached the standard with the discus which he reached last year in the Berkshire A.A.A. Open Championships although he has substantially increased the school discus record. N. A. C. Darroch proved himself a worthy winner both as weight-putter and javelin thrower, and B. W. T. Leech maintained a good standard of long jumping. Perhaps the greatest surprise was the discovery of J. B. Archer as a high jumper, and we were amazed to see him clear 5ft. 4ins. on Sports Day. We regret that the Captain of Athletics was only prominent as a good "second string".

In spite of the very bad conditions throughout, the full programme of 'Standards' was completed before Sports Day. Results were:—Reeves House 153 pts., Blacknall House 128 pts., Bennett House 102 pts., and Tesdale House 93 pts.

Full colours were awarded to N. A. C. Darroch, J. B. Archer, and B. W. T. Leech. Half Colours were awarded to M. C. Glassbrook and D. R. Carter.

M.B.

SCHOOL v. OLD ABINGDONIANS

This meeting held at Waste Court, on Saturday, 24th March, resulted in a win for the School by 56 points to 15. The Old Boys had great difficulty in raising a team, and as a result the School agreed that there should be no competition in the hurdles, the mile and the half mile. A strong wind, and soft ground, made conditions difficult. A. G. B. King therefore deserves much praise for breaking the School records in both the javelin and the discus. These were not, incidentally, records for the Old Boys meetings.

Results were as follows:—

1 LONG JUMP

(Record 22ft. 2ins.)

1. B. W. T. Leech (Sch.)
2. B. A. Whiteford (Sch.)
3. D. M. Aldworth (O.A.)

Distance: 18ft. 4ins.

2 HIGH JUMP

(Record 5ft. 5½ins.)

1. D. R. Carter (Sch.)
2. J. T. Cullen (O.A.)
3. M. Bateman (Sch.)

Height: 4ft. 9ins.

3 100 YARDS

(Record 10 secs.)

1. D. J. Heavens (Sch.)
2. N. A. C. Darroch (Sch.)
3. J. T. Cullen (O.A.)

Time: 10.9 secs.

4 PUTTING THE WEIGHT

(Record 51ft.)

1. N. A. C. Darroch (Sch.)
2. J. T. Cullen (O.A.)
3. J. B. Archer (Sch.)

Distance: 39ft. 0½in.

5 THROWING THE JAVELIN

(Record 137ft.)

1. E. H. Aldworth (O.A.)
2. A. G. B. King (Sch.)
3. N. A. C. Darroch (Sch.)

Distance: 132ft. 10ins.

6 440 YARDS

(Record 52 secs.)

1. D. J. Heavens (Sch.)
2. M. C. Glassbrook (Sch.)
3. J. T. Cullen (O.A.)

Time: 57.7 secs.

7 THROWING THE DISCUS

(Record 133ft.)

1. A. G. B. King (Sch.)
2. N. A. C. Darroch (Sch.)
3. J. T. Cullen (O.A.)

Distance: 122ft. 8ins.

8 RELAY (6 x 220)

(Record 2 mins. 31 secs.)

1. School—(N. A. C. Darroch, M. Bateman, J. B. Archer, C. E. Stopps, B. W. T. Leech, D. J. Heavens).

2. O.A.C.—(T. W. J. Jordan, G. L. Sanders, E. H. Aldworth, D. L. Treacher, D. M. Aldworth, J. T. Cullen)

Time: 2 mins. 37.8 secs.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

The weather promised to be fine for the School Sports on Easter Monday, and there was a large number of spectators on Waste Court field. It was not until about half way through the afternoon that the skies darkened and a slow drizzle started. In the last event, the House relay race, the rains thoroughly soaked the track and the runners were seriously inconvenienced. The Challenge Cups were presented by Mrs. Talbot under a dripping holm-oak tree.

There were, however, many excellent performances. The outstanding athlete was D. J. Heavens who won the 100 yards, the quarter mile, the half, and mile, all in very good times. N. A. C. Darroch broke the javelin record set up by A. G. B. King, on the previous Saturday, with a throw of 133ft. 9ins., and A. G. B. King broke his own discus record with a throw of 126ft. 8ins. J. B. Archer narrowly missed achieving the High Jump record, with a fine jump of 5ft. 4ins. In the junior events E. L. Brown set up a new discus record of 93ft., an excellent performance. A. C. Marshall collapsed at the end of the junior half mile only to find that he had missed the record by $\frac{3}{5}$ second.

If we offer especial thanks to Mr. Willis and Mr. Talbot for all their hard work we are not unmindful of the fact that the Sports could not have run so smoothly without the ready help of many other members of the Staff and of the School.

The results were:—

Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for Seniors:

D. J. Heavens, 20 points.

Shallard Challenge Cup for Juniors

A. J. Pickford, 17 points.

1 80 YARDS (Under 11)

(Record: 11.3 secs.)

1. A. P. Paxman
2. I. R. Peedell
3. C. A. Scragg

Time: 11 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

2 100 YARDS (Under 13)

(Record: 13 secs.)

1. I. T. S. Ashworth
2. B. J. Rogers
3. N. A. Carter

Time: 13.5 secs.

3 100 YARDS (Under 15)

(Record 11 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.)

1. A. J. Pickford
2. A. C. Marshall
3. P. G. Cope

Time: 11.7 secs.

4 100 YARDS (Open)

(Record: 10 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.)

1. D. J. Heavens
2. N. A. C. Darroch
3. C. E. Stopps

Time: 10 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

- 5 LONG JUMP (Under 15)
(Record: 17ft. 3½ins.)
1. A. J. Pickford
2. K. J. Beckett
3. P. H. Mott
Distance: 16ft. 7ins.
- 6 LONG JUMP (Open)
(Record: 21ft. 3½ins.)
1. B. W. T. Leech
2. R. W. Allen
3. M. J. Biggs
Distance: 18ft. 4½ins.
- 7 JAVELIN (Open)
(Record: 128ft.)
1. N. A. C. Darroch
2. A. G. B. King
3. F. P. Field
Distance: 133ft. 9ins.
- 8 QUARTER MILE (Under 15)
(Record: 60⅔secs.)
1. A. C. Marshall
2. A. J. Pickford
3. R. D. P. Griffiths
Time: 62.1 secs.
- 9 QUARTER MILE (Open)
(Record: 54⅔secs.)
1. D. J. Heavens
2. M. Bateman
3. B. W. T. Leech
Time: 55⅔secs.
- 10 HIGH JUMP (Under 15)
(Record: 4ft. 10½ins.)
1. A. J. Pickford & P. G. Cope
3. E. L. Brown & R. D. Gammack
Height: 4ft. 6ins.
- 11 THROWING THE DISCUS
(Open)
(Record: 122ft. 8ins.)
1. A. G. B. King
2. N. A. C. Darroch
3. J. B. Archer
Distance: 126ft. 8ins.
- 12 HIGH JUMP (Open)
(Record: 5ft. 4½ins.)
1. J. B. Archer
2. M. Bateman
3. D. R. Carter
Height: 5ft. 4ins.
- 13 THROWING THE DISCUS
(Under 15)
(Record: 70ft. 2ins.)
1. E. L. Brown
2. M. H. Creevy
3. P. G. Cope
Distance: 93ft.
- 14 HALF MILE (Under 13)
(Record: 2 mins. 35⅔secs.)
1. B. J. Rogers
2. M. G. Nichol
3. P. E. Fitzsimons
Time: 2 mins. 46⅔secs.
- 15 HALF MILE (Under 15)
(Record: 2 mins. 22⅔secs.)
1. A. C. Marshall
2. R. Pinniger
3. R. D. P. Griffiths
Time: 2 mins. 23secs.
- 16 HALF MILE (Open)
(Record: 2 mins. 9⅔secs.)
1. D. J. Heavens
2. M. C. Glassbrook
3. P. M. Glassbrook
Time: 2 mins. 10.3secs.
- 17 HURDLES (Under 16)
(Record: 17⅔secs.)
1. F. L. Allsworth
2. R. H. Redknapp
3. E. L. Brown
Time: 20½secs.
- 18 HURDLES (Open)
(Record: 16secs.)
1. M. Bateman
2. R. S. M. Millard
3. D. R. G. Andrews
Time: 18.9secs.

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| <p>19 PUTTING THE WEIGHT (Open)
(Record: 46ft. 9ins.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. N. A. C. Darroch 2. B. W. T. Leech 3. J. B. Archer <p>Distance: 38ft. 2ins.</p> | <p>22 MILE (Open)
(Record: 4 mins. 50½ secs.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. D. J. Heavens 2. M. C. Glassbrook 3. P. R. Sale <p>Time: 5 mins. 2.3 secs.</p> |
| <p>20 PUTTING THE WEIGHT (Under 16)
(No record—new event)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. M. J. Brackley 2. J. C. Ivatts 3. A. F. Crockford <p>Distance: 32ft. 7ins.</p> | <p>23 JUNIOR HOUSE RELAY
(Record: 3 mins. 39½ secs.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reeves House 2. Tesdale House 3. Blacknall House <p>Time: 4 mins. 12 secs.</p> |
| <p>21 MILE (Under 15)
(Record: 5 mins. 20½ secs.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. R. D. P. Griffiths 2. H. C. A. Armstrong 3. L. B. Meill-Ingram <p>Time: 5 mins. 43½ secs.</p> | <p>24 SENIOR HOUSE RELAY
(Record: 3 mins. 29 secs.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bennett House 2. Tesdale House 3. Blacknall House <p>Time: 3 mins. 38.1 secs.</p> |

The "Ladies of Abingdon Cup" for the House scoring the most points on Sports Day and in the Standard Competition was won by Reeves House with 261½ points. Blacknall House was second with 183½ points, and Bennett and Tesdale were third and fourth respectively with 158 and 153 points.

ROWING

We have been unfortunate this term in that the floods and a spell of 'flu held up activities. This Lent Term is the first for many years in which we have not prepared a 1st crew ready for the summer. Similarly, the 2nd and 3rd crews have also been affected.

We have, however, a full fixture list for the Summer Term: there will be a triangular race with Magdalen College School and King's School, Worcester, for the 1st and 2nd crews and it is hoped that the 1st IV will visit Marlow Regatta in June.

J.M.B.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Junior Rugger in the Lent Term is now in a flourishing state. The 'Under 15' side has deservedly had a successful season. As in the previous term, this was largely because of the hard-working forwards and Marshall's fine leadership. The threequarters unfortunately have

been disappointing, lacking determination in attack and the power to tackle low. Nevertheless, mention must be made of three backs—Pickford for his hard tackling and long kicking, Armstrong for his defensive falling, and the 'do-or-die' Linnegar. Pickford and Linnegar will be in the side again next season.

The 'Under 14' XV again played well and fully justified the re-introduction of representative matches at this level.

Results were:— 'Under 15' XV

- v. Thame Grammar School (a), Sat., 27th Jan. Won 6—0.
- v. Reading School (h), Wed., 7th Feb. Lost 0—11.
- v. Solihull School (h), Wed., 21st Feb. Won 11—3.
- v. Henley Grammar School (a), Sat. 24th Feb. Won 11—8.

'Under 14' XV

- v. City of Oxford School (a), Sat., 3rd Feb. Won 19—11.
- v. Solihull School (h), Wed., 21st Feb. Lost 11—24.

The Bayley Cup for the 'Under 14' House Matches was won by Reeves House. The results were as follows:—

Blacknall v. Reeves 3—27

Bennett v. Tesdale 9—12

Reeves v. Tesdale 19—3

During the Christmas holidays three members of the 1st XV—J. T. Cullen, W. L. Wooldridge and C. E. Stopps—played in the Berkshire Public Schools' Trial. Later, Cullen and Wooldridge were selected to play for the County in the only match of the holiday, against Oxfordshire with whom they drew 5—5. On this occasion Cullen captained the Berkshire XV.

K.M.D.H.

BASKET BALL

As a minor game, basket ball, unfortunately does not get much prominence. In the Lent Term, there were two fixtures: one against R.A.F., Abingdon which was lost 18—48; and one against a staff team, which was also lost, 37—48.

In all fairness it must be said that in the staff match the staff showed a monstrous disregard for the laws of the game; it was however, a very enjoyable game. It is to be hoped that in the summer term there will be more time to play basket ball.

W.L.W.

C.C.F. NOTES

Although the weather during the Lent Term was more than usually bad, we in the Corps were lucky in that it never once was necessary to hold a parade indoors. Several times, indeed, we had the only fine day of the week for our parade, although it was of course inevitable that, on two such occasions, the sunshine should coincide with a programme of training films. It was thus possible to work without interruption for the Cert. 'A' Exams., which will be held on 25th May.

There was a regrettable delay over the opening of our Information Room. This was due, partly, to the fact that barrack furniture expected from Army sources is still not yet available, and, partly, to the fact that we were, out of the goodness of our hearts, providing temporary housing for the properties of the Dramatic Society, which is shortly acquiring its first independent home. Our loss has not in practice been great: the hut is a very cold place in any winter, and in this last, coal-less one it would not really have been habitable.

Field Day was held on 15th March. It was organized, in both the tactical and administrative fields, by the C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. in collaboration, and to them we extend our thanks and congratulations. A number of platoon exercises were to be followed in the afternoon by an exercise at Company level. It was decided eventually to stage instead a "mud-march" in the direction of home. No one was really sorry to find that the transport had arrived at the appointed place half-an-hour earlier than ordered.

In the Christmas holidays 18 cadet N.C.O.s attended a week's course at the Small Arms School, Royal Marines. The weather was persistently foul, but even so much valuable training and shooting was done. Two days sniping instruction was included, a new and popular feature. In addition five cadets attended a course run by the 33rd Airborne Lt. Regt. R.A. In the Easter Holidays a further three cadet N.C.O.s attended a Method of Instruction course held by 15th Cadet Travelling Wing. The percentage of course-goers provided by this unit thus remains high.

At the beginning of the Lent Term the following appointments and promotions were made:

To be C.S.M.—C.Q.M.S. Leach, H. R.

To be C.Q.M.S.—Sgt. King, A. G. B.

To be Sgt.—Cpl. Andrews, D. R. G.

To be Cpl.—L/Cpl. Amey, P. B. H.; Brackley, M. J.; Crockford, A. F. R.; Norman, J.

S.C.P.

R.N. Section

Perhaps the greatest and most important point that has so far emerged since the formation of the Section is that the time available during periods is insufficient to enable cadets to be taught everything which they need to pass an examination, and in particular the examination for Leading Hand. It is hoped to organize some extra time for flashing exercises and perhaps an occasional extra parade, on Fridays, for examination candidates; but I want to stress the point that the individual must do a considerable amount of work on his own, in his spare time, if he is to be anything but an A.B. Three cadets, W. L. Wooldridge, C. S. Wiggins and G. W. Crockford, have in fact done this so successfully that they have passed the Leading Hand's examination, and we congratulate them, and hope that others will follow in their wake.

A most enjoyable Field Day, despite the weather, was spent at Portsmouth, where a visit to H.M.S. Hornet at the M.T.B. Base, was greatly appreciated. The highlight of the afternoon was a trip to sea in an M.T.B., when we had a demonstration (unrehearsed) of how to handle a boat in rough weather as some baggage and two men were transferred on board from four destroyers. In consequence of this we were late back, and missed our tea; but it was worth it.

We look forward to some practical work in the whaler during the Summer Term, and we hope to begin the conversion of the Loft in the Armoury at Waste Court to a Seamanship Room during the Easter Holidays. The Section progresses, but we need more recruits.

L.C.J.G.

THE CUB PACK

In spite of much wet weather we have held weekly meetings, and tests have also been passed on other days. Activities such as tracking, semaphore messages, treasure hunts, making fires and roasting potatoes have owed much to Mr. Fiori's unstinting and inspiring help.

Field Day, perhaps the wettest day of all, was the best day, not only on account of what we saw in the University Museum at Oxford, but also for the willing cheerfulness and good manners of the Pack throughout the afternoon.

F.W.B.

THE SCOUT TROOP

The Lent Term seemed to be even quieter than usual, and consequently there is little to report.

Filed Day, late in the term, was again held at Youlbury but, alas, owing to the weather, on their return most boys looked and felt as though they had fallen into the swimming pool.

Patrol-leader B. C. Costin gained his Second Class Badge and was also awarded the Light Cup for the term. We hope this will be the forerunner of many scouting achievements.

H.J.

THE BOARDERS' CONCERT

A Boarders' Concert was produced in the Church Hall, Abingdon, on the evening of the 28th March, to which many of the senior day boys were invited. The Concert was a renaissance, on a somewhat grander style, of the old Rag Concerts held regularly at the end of the Lent Term.

The programme was composed of ten items: mostly sketches produced by the boys, though there were some musical interludes in which the Choir and several members of the Staff took part. Messrs. Alston, Cooper and Ingham gave a very amusing rendering from "Iolanthe" whilst Messrs. Barker and Burgess, just recognisable beneath their unwonted attire, played us a duet on the piano.

Generally speaking, the sketches were extraordinarily good though in some cases more imagination might have been employed in the matter of choice. As a play for schoolboys, "Augustus in search of a Father", though admirably acted, was quite unsuitable. Simmonds gave a fine performance as Philip in "A Boy Comes Home", whilst "Spanish Tragedy" and "The Hordle Poacher" drew deservedly great applause.

All who took part, both producers and actors, are to be thanked and congratulated on a very successful production which has set a high standard for subsequent years. King and Wooldridge especially deserve our thanks for the great amount of work which they put in to make this show possible. A final word of gratitude, too, to the Letting Authorities who behaved so generously towards us over the hire of the hall.

ROY SSE SOCIETY

In spite of a short term the Roy SSE Society had a very full programme and welcomed N. J. Shurröck and C. S. Wiggins to its meetings. An experiment was made during the term to find the effect of holding meetings on Sunday evenings rather than the "traditional" Wednesdays. The consensus of opinion, however, appeared to recoil from the innovation and it was decided to continue with Wednesday meetings.

On Wednesday, 31st January, R. S. M. Millard read a paper to the Society called "The Evolution of the Motor Car". This paper was enjoyed by all, partly because it was pleasingly un-scientific and technical and was enlivened with amusing anecdote. Later discussion tended to weigh the merits or otherwise of the internal combustion engine.

On Sunday, 18th February, the Society heard a most interesting paper by B. W. Boddington on "The Drug Traffic". For a time discussion was vigorous and animated but soon anecdotes flagged and discussion was turned to the problem of evil.

On Wednesday, 21st March, F. P. Field read an informative paper "The Malayan Peninsula". This sketched in Malaya's history and got down to the roots of the problem when it spoke of the antagonism of Chinese and Malay. Discussion followed.

The last meeting of the Lent Term took the form of a visit to the New Theatre, Oxford, when members were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cobban at a delightful performance of "The Gondoliers" given by the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company. We are deeply grateful to the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban for their generosity in thus finishing off so well the Society's activities for the term and, indeed, we are indebted to them for their hospitality throughout the term. A.E.W.

TURNOR SOCIETY

The Society had a very full and a very interesting programme for the Lent Term. The meetings constituted easily one of the best terms in the history of the society, and one can only hope that their standard will be maintained in the future.

Miss Baker, of the "Friends of Abingdon", opened the term's proceedings with a talk on the history of the Roysse Room, during which she also mentioned some of the customs practised when the present Council Chamber was a Schoolroom.

At the second meeting Mr. G. Ivan Smith, Director of the U.N.O. Information Centre, gave a most interesting and informative account of the work of the Organization.

The next talk, given by Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., and illustrated by slides, was on "Caribbean Colonies": he mentioned some of his experiences as C.-in-C. British Forces in the West Indies, and dealt with the present political and economic situation.

The Society was fortunate in having for its next meeting Mr. D. G. Brown, a distinguished Old Abingdonian. He gave a valuable talk on the Colonial Service as a career, with especial reference to N. Rhodesia, to which country he has since returned.

The fifth meeting was held to hear Mr. W. G. Busbridge give an account, illustrated with slides, of one of his missions for the Civil Service during the war. His talk was most interesting throughout, and dealt with his experiences on the Pacific island of San José.

At the last meeting of the Lent Term Mr. J. M. Dean, formerly of the Indian Police Force, and at the time a student master at the School, described in an interesting manner the partition of India and spoke on the Kashmir problem. F.P.F.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Because of the pressure of other activities, the Society was unfortunate in being able to hold but one meeting in the Lent Term.

The motion before the House at this meeting was, "That the House is of the opinion that Communism is the answer to World Peace". The motion was proposed by R. S. M. Millard and opposed by A. E. Willson, who were seconded by P. H. B. Amey and D. R. G. Andrews respectively. After a rather one-sided debate the motion was defeated by a large majority.

We hope that the Summer Term will show a considerable increase in the number of meetings, and that the standard of debate will reach an even higher level.

R.J.T.

CHESS CLUB

President: The Headmaster

Chairman: Mr. G. F. Duxbury

Captain: B. W. T. Leech

Hon. Secretary: P. W. Fay

The Club had a very satisfactory Lent Term. There were 55 members, and meetings were held every Friday and on some Saturdays. A match against Newbury Grammar School was played in Lacies Court on the 3rd March. The result was a draw 3—3, and those who won their games were C. H. Banwell, P. R. Sale and P. W. Fay. We hope to arrange several more matches in the Christmas Term.

On the 3rd February, Mr. W. M. Grundy gave a few of us some useful hints, and we are most grateful to him for this. We also thank Mr. G. F. Duxbury for giving so much valuable help.

P.W.F.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Mr. T. Dwelly, Secretary of the Oxford Philatelic Society, was the speaker on the 16th March, the fourth meeting of the Lent Term. Mr. Dwelly spoke about forming a collection, and passed round some of the New Issues from his own collection. At the other three meetings stamps were exchanged and plans made for the Exhibition on Founder's Day.

The Library of the Society has been enlarged by gift and by purchase, and is enjoying much use.

The Society has an interesting programme for the summer Term, Mr. Dwelly again featuring among the speakers.

B.W.B.

CAMERA CLUB

Owing to the short term it was only possible to hold two meetings, both of which took the form of illustrated lectures. The first was given by the Secretary and was on 'Composition'; it was supplemented by lantern slides. Later in the term J. F. Heavens gave a very interesting talk on "A Photographic Holiday in France".

For the Summer Term the Society hopes to arrange an extensive programme and to welcome many new members.

D.S.L.

JOINT CLUB

At the beginning of the Lent Term a new Committee was elected, and with the members nominated by the Headmaster the Committee is now composed of J. A. M. Brakspear, H. B. Stevens, M. J. Wareham and W. L. Wooldridge. Three meetings of the Club were arranged, one of which, however, was postponed because of a mild epidemic of 'flu at School House.

The first meeting was held at St. Helen's on Saturday, 20th January, when we were instructed by Mr. J. Dean and the Gym Mistress in the gentle art of shaking an old-fashioned leg. However, a second helping was too much, even for the fittest, and by 9.15 we reeled a tired eight-some back to School—or was it the Sir Roger?

The School entertained at Lacies Court, on Saturday, 10th March, for the other meeting at which a spirited reading of Bernard Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion" was given. Between the acts, Messrs. Barker and Burgess played the piano. This was the first meeting in Lacies Court, which is so much more congenial than the Music Room or Library at School.

W.L.W.

GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

We were lucky during the Lent Term in securing six meetings in so short a time. At the first meeting, for business, Mr. J. H. F. Barker, the Vice-President, announced that Mr. J. A. D. Cox, O.A., was placing his large collection of records at the disposal of the Society, and at the second meeting some of these were played by P. J. Millard. The selection included works by Liszt, Litoff and Handel and "The Wasps" overture by Vaughan Williams. A fortnight later D. S. Lloyd introduced a programme of the works of Wagner and Mozart, including Wagner's prelude to the Third Act of Lohengrin. Beethoven's "Emperor" concerto, with Artur Schnabel as the soloist and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent, was introduced at the next meeting by the Secretary, who also introduced the next programme.

This consisted of Tchaikowsky's Fourth Symphony, played by the Halle Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert. At the last meeting of the term the Vice-President played two pieces by Richard Strauss, "Don Juan" and the delightful descriptive piece, "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks", on Decca long-playing equipment borrowed from Oxford.

Membership of the Society almost doubled during the Lent Term, and it is hoped that it will continue to increase.

D.F.

THE BRASS BAND

Throughout the Lent Term the Brass Band went from strength to strength. Seven more instruments were acquired, seven more members enrolled, six new music-stands purchased and three new marches added to the repertoire. The number of members at the end of the term was seventeen.

Once again we wish to express our gratitude to Mr. Clack, for much, if not all, of our success is due to his assistance and inspiration.

P.J.M.

HOLIDAY CLUB

The extensive programme arranged for the Christmas holidays was marred, to a great extent, by the weather. Nevertheless, members greatly enjoyed themselves with several forms of indoor entertainment.

On Sunday, 17th December, several members attended a Carol Service organized by the local Youth Advisory Council.

The Table Tennis matches played against the 2nd North Berks Scouts, the Bayworth and Sunningwell Youth Club and the Abingdon Methodist Youth Club, resulted in some exciting and enjoyable games.

Both Basketball and Badminton were played in the School Gymnasium. Even though the majority of members were unskilled in either game, the sport was enjoyed by all and a great deal of energy, at least, was expended.

On the whole, the programme was most successful and though the weather was not all that we could have wished the holiday activities were much enjoyed.

D.F.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

The process of sifting and tidying up in preparation for the move has continued this term, while those with a liking for statistics may be interested to know that issues during the term totalled 568. Purchases

have been directed particularly to strengthening the Modern Languages sections and these are beginning to assume reasonable proportions. We acknowledge with many thanks the following presentations: from Sir Ralph Glyn, M.C., M.P., a number of books on Politics and World Affairs: from Sir Reader Bullard, K.C.B. (another of our Governors and late Ambassador to Persia) his recently published book *Britain and the Middle East*: from Mr. S. Price an eight-volume set of 'Masterpieces of Oratory': from B. H. Wiggins (as a "leaving book") *Eastern Approaches* by Fitzroy Maclean; and from R. A. R. Townsend, O.A., a number of historic newspapers and documents for our archives.

G.F.D.

THE OXFORD LETTER

Dear Mr. Editor,

There are, at the time this letter is being penned, still eleven O.A.s in Oxford and it is hoped that this number will remain there after the results of "Mods." appear. At least four of our number were involved:—David Wheaton, John Cowling, Mike Jones and John Mortimore. However, this blight has not prevented them from enjoying the normal round of college sports and activities. David has been elected treasurer of O.I.C.U., and on this we congratulate him heartily; Mike, at the other extreme, has been observed, in company with Alan Garner, rushing up and down the Rucker field in seven-a-sides. The two Johns have supported less exhausting pastimes—Mortimore hockey, and Cowling rifle shooting.

Of the others in our company there is little to report: Peter King is working hard for Finals. Mike Green and Jim Betterton have been seen in Torpids, whilst the presence of Toby Trevor on the bank with a revolver has been explained either as encouragement for Pembroke or threat to Balliol. Whilst on the subject of Balliol we observe that Gilbert Sanders intends to receive tuition in the weight putt from the O.U.A.C. Coach, having abandoned the gentle art of Judo.

And thus Sir, having told the dreadful truth of our lives in Oxford with never a hint of our real purpose there, I would close with a second-year man's lament,

"Eheu fugaces Postume Postume anni labuntur,"

and remain,

Your Oxford Correspondent.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

ANAG. On 25th January, 1951, to Kathleen, wife of Paul Anag (1943), a son, Michael George.

BAILEY. On 3rd August, 1950, at Malvern, to Dora Margery, wife of Hylton B. Bailey (1939), a son, Stephen.

EMMS. On 18th February, 1951, to Mary and Anthony Emms (1934), a son.

LUKER. On 14th February, 1951, to Patricia, wife of Lawrence E. J. Luker (1935), a daughter.

OGLE. On 17th January, 1951, to 'Judy' (Dulcie Helena) wife of Martin Ogle (1929) at the General Hospital, Malacca, a son, Roger Martin.

MARRIAGES

BEADLE-JONES. On 29th March, 1951, at St. Michael's Church, Abingdon, Mervyn G. Beadle (1944) to Mary P. A. Jones of Caldecott Road, Abingdon.

FLETCHER-CROSS. On 20th February, 1951, at St. Jude's Church, London, S.W.5, Major John Anthony Fletcher, R.A. (1936) to Elizabeth Cross.

GOULD-DEAHL. In November, 1950, at Sao Paulo, Brazil, Philip H. Gould (1933) to Myra Alzira Deahl.

JORDAN-STONE. On 23rd February, 1951, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Tony W. J. Jordan (1948) to Betty M. Stone.

DEATHS

ARNOLD. On 30th January, 1951, at 2 Fore Street, Heavitree, Exeter, William Robert Bradfield Arnold (1885-1891), aged 75 years.

CARTER. On 15th January, 1951, at Edinbridge Hospital, Arthur Gerring Carter (1884-88) aged 79 years.

EDGINGTON. On 16th January, 1951, at 53 Radley Road, Abingdon, Charles William Edgington (1904-10) aged 58 years.

LEACH. On 27th February, 1951, at Wokingham, William Whittier Leach (1907-12), son of the late Thomas Leach, aged 55 years.

WHITFIELD. On 12th February, 1951, at 79 Milton Road, Sutton Courtenay, Edward George Barry Whitfield (1940) aged 22 years.

Charles Edgington was a versatile sportsman at School, gaining his Colours for Cricket, Football and Shooting. During World War I he served in the Royal Berks Regt.

William W. Leach, the elder brother of T. N. T. Leach who lost his life at sea in October, 1918, while serving as a wireless operator,

also served in the Royal Berks Regt. and was wounded in 1916. He subsequently became a Customs and Excise Officer, but owing to ill-health was compelled to retire 4 or 5 years ago.

It is grievous to have to record the death of Edward Whitfield at such an early age, the more so when we remember that his brother, Harold, was killed on Active Service in 1942. At School he played a full part in many activities, gaining his Colours for Cricket and Hockey and 2nd Colours for Rugger, and that despite a serious attack of rheumatic fever. He was also a Sergt. in the J.T.C. On leaving School he took up market gardening, but recently his health seriously and rapidly deteriorated. To his parents and wife, to whom he was married only last April, we offer our profound sympathy.

We congratulate Michael Cullen (1945) on securing one of the few vacancies offered by Lever Bros. for their executive branch. At present he is gaining practical experience in one of the works at Greenford, Essex.

Kenneth Walker (1942) has moved from Aylesbury to take up a post as Hospital Administrator at King's College Hospital, London.

Martin Ogle (1929), whom we congratulate on the birth of a son, is headmaster of Tuanku Muhammad School, Kuala Pilah, Malaya. He says that there are 1065 boys on the roll, about 807 Malays and the rest Chinese and Indians. As they range from the Primary Stage to School Certificate he has an extremely busy life.

Colin Ronan (1937) has a very interesting job at the moment as Scientific Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, which brings him into touch with many of the Fellows of the Society. He still keeps up his interest in Astronomy, and to add to his F.R.A.S. he has taken a London B.Sc. in astronomy, and does extra-mural lecturing.

We have received news of the Gould brothers. Philip, whose marriage we report elsewhere has a post with the Rio de Janeiro Flour Mills and Granaries, and is only in this country on 3 months leave.

Robert (1933) who was married in 1948 is in the Westminster Bank and lives at Chingford Essex. Douglas Roy (1931) the youngest, is still in Australia, at Forbes, N.S.W., having practiced various activities since the war, including gold-mining.

G. A. (Tony) Wood (1929) has returned with his family to Africa and is now managing a tobacco plantation in Tanganyika.

D. T. Nadin (1939) now family man, paid a visit recently. He is now a Civil Engineer at Warrington.

Alan Mills (1939) County Organiser for the National Society for the Blind, has moved from Curridge to Woodley, near Reading.

John Clarke (1941) has been home on leave from Iran, with the principal object of getting married. Hearty Congratulations! It is

to be hoped that the trouble in the Oilfields will have simmered down before his return.

Bennett Aldiss (1946) has been heard of spending some time ashore at Southampton, engaged in negotiating nautical examinations.

Another mariner, J. A. Penning (1949) who is with the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. on M.V. *Spandilus* writes from Singapore. His varied trips read like a geography lesson, Rotterdam, Genoa, Naples, Haifa, Abadan, Capetown, Sydney, and now the Malaya Archipeligo.

F. M. Cole (1926) was another welcome visitor to the School during a brief stay in this country from Canada.

J. A. D. Cox (1941) is doing the practical part of his course in Architecture with our good friends, West and Pritchard in Abingdon.

T. D. Thomas (1947) who is with Hinkins & Frewin of Oxford, also spends much time at the School of Architecture working for his Nat. Certificate of Building. In season he plays for the Oxford Exiles.

The Services

Lt. Cmdr. J. C. H. Kortright, M.B.E. (1932) is off to India shortly on loan to the Indian Government for 3 years to assist in building up the naval air arm.

M. H. Venables (1950) has had a pleasant cruise in H.M.S. *Vanguard* to the Mediterranean. During the ship's stay at Villefranche (which *The Times* honoured with an excellent photograph) he managed to make a very enjoyable trip to the Maritime Alps.

Peter Lucas (1950) and Tony Riggott (1950) are now both in residence at R.M.A. Sandhurst.

Tony Clay (1948) who passed out last June is now in Hongkong with 34 L.A.A. Bty. Despite the general tension and mosquitos there we are assured that he is enjoying life—as usual.

Norman Parker (1948) has resigned his N.S. Commission in favour of a permanent career in the R.A.F. He is now at Cranwell—a Cadet again and busy with blanco and brasswork.

Peter Little (1947) R.A.M.C. has reached Asmara in Eritrea.

Of the more recent entrants B. H. Wiggins is at Honiton with R.E.M.E.; B. J. Noyce with R.A., Oswestry; R. D. M. Grant in Royal Berks Regt. at Crownhill, Plymouth, and J. T. Cullen in R.A.C. at Catterick.

2nd Lt. G. S. Strachan, R.A., was last heard of in the wilds of Scotland.

LACIES COURT

Donors and Contributors will no doubt be interested to know what progress has been made so far in converting the property to the use of the School. The Hall and Drawing Room have been in fairly frequent use for such varied purposes as School and Entrance Examinations, Sixth Form lectures, Junior Dramatics and a Chess match, and so we already have some idea of how pleasant and useful—not to say invaluable—they are going to be. The Library will not be moving in until the builders and electricians have finished their work, but progress is being made in the adaptation of the upper floors for the masters' flats.

A start has been made in the furnishing of the ground-floor rooms by the purchase of 36 chairs with green cushion seats, and the teak benches from the old Physics Lab. have been converted into tables which are more solid and dignified than any that could have been bought today without enormous expense. In the further furnishing it is intended, as far as possible, to expend gifts to the Appeal Fund on specific articles, which will remain as a permanent memento of the donors. In this connection we should add how grateful we should be for any gifts in kind, particularly of suitable easy-chairs for the Library and Sixth Form room—second-hand are usually so much more serviceable than new—or even of information about sales where such things are likely to be had.

There follows an alphabetical list of the generous supporters who alone have made dreams come true. Contributions range from a loan, free of interest, of £1000 to a donation of half a guinea; and to each and all we say a very fervent, 'Thank you'.

E. G. Ballard, J. H. Bartlett, A. A. Bristow, R. C. Clarke, J. M. Cobban, C. E. Coxeter, W. B. Coxeter, S. Cullen, C. E. H. Dolphin, R. E. Eason, K. W. Ewing, T. E. Gardiner, R. D. Gibaud, J. H. Hooke, H. M. Insley-Fox, R. F. Jackson, A. L. Leigh, J. McPherson, W. T. Morland, D. F. W. Newman, E. J. P. Ross Barker, W. A. Rudd, R. G. Sandercock, J. N. Sanders, R. A. R. Townsend, A. B. West, J. D. Wood; and also the countless subscribers to the Old Abingdonian Trust Fund.

As a final reminder, the Appeal remains open until Old Boys' Day, 9th June, and contributions are still needed!

Old Abingdonian Trust Fund.

The outstanding event of the past year, from the point of view of the Trust Fund, has been the purchase of the Lacies Court property. With the facts placed before them the Trustees agreed that the maximum support should be given to the enterprise and therefore donated the sum of £850, representing practically the total amount in the Fund. In the accounts given below the total contribution is not

shown, because for technical reasons the last £250 was not paid over to the Appeal Fund until, 7th January, 1951. We must now start building up the Fund again and shall welcome all the support that can be given.

Since the New Year, a Form of Covenant has been signed by Capt. L. Lacey Johnson and Bankers' Orders received from C. Ellis, J. L. Platnauer and C. A. Ronan.

Once again we have to thank R. W. Snell for auditing the Accounts and having them typed.

Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1950

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LATE NEWS . . .

London O.A.s

meet every second Wednesday in each month at the Horseshoe Hotel, Tottenham Court Rd. (in the Café Bar) from 12.30—2.30 p.m.

Guy Livingstone, the London O.A. Secretary, is in touch with some 60 O.A.s, but would be glad to hear from any London O.A.s who are not receiving notices from him. His private address is Coopers Wood,

*Felbridge,
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