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### SCHOOL NOTES.

Last Easter Term we thought that there could never be a wetter January and February. This term we have learnt that there could, and while rugger and hockey pitches lay waterlogged a groove was being steadily worn round the 'Stone Wall.' Even oarsmen were heard to complain of an embarrassment of water. However, by the time this number is published we may surely expect a real English spring to be with us.

This number will be rather smaller than usual, as it has been found impossible to prepare the account of the London O.A. Sports Section in time. This will be included in our next issue.

The School Officers this term are :

Captain of the School and Head of the House : J. O. Bury.

School Prefects : H. A. Lunghi, G. V. Bayley, D. Jones, H. T. Jones and R. F. Simmonds.

Sub-Prefects : W. Giles, R. Goodey i, V. A. Harfield, B. N. J. Bosley, R. E. Brodie, C. A. Ronan (Waste Court), J. P. Amies, M. D. Wells and P. H. Wooster.

Captain of Boats : G. V. Bayley.

Captain of Hockey : W. Giles,

Hon. Secretary of Games : M. H. Wheat.

S. K. Muir and C. A. Ronan were awarded School Certificates, with exemption from London Matriculation, at the December Examination.

The following were confirmed by Bishop Allen, Assistant Bishop of Oxford, in the School Chapel on Sunday, November 29th : D. B. West, A. C. Dean, A. C. Wiggins, T. H. Blundell, D. T. Nadin, C. J. Reenan, A. F. Cowley, N. J. Holmes and M. Sprules.

First XV Colours were awarded last term to : P. H. Wooster, H. H. Whitfield, W. Giles and R. Goodey i, and Second XV Colours to D. Pimm, J. Lines, H. T. Jones and D. T. Nadin.

The 'Lin' Cup for Senior House Football and the Robinson Cup for the Juniors were both won by Red House.

We are very sorry that we omitted to record in our last issue our appreciation of the visit of Mr. E. Bradbrooke to demonstrate the art of high-jumping. Our jumpers very much enjoyed and profited by the privilege of watching an Olympic athlete in action at close range, and we are most grateful to him for all the trouble he took.

On Thursday, November 19th, the School went

to watch the match between the University and Major Stanley's XV. The weather was fine, the game interesting, the Varsity won and we thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

On November 20th the English Classical Players visited the School and gave a performance of "Macbeth" in the Gym.

The production was very cleverly managed on our small stage, and the whole performance was instructive (in particular to those studying the play this year) and enjoyed by everyone.

Mr. D. E. Morgan, formerly Handicraft instructor at the School has been appointed Teacher of Metalwork under the Coseley Urban District Authority.

Founders Day will be celebrated next term on Friday, June 18th. The Regatta will be held as usual on Thursday, 17th, and the Past v. Present Cricket match on Saturday, June 19th.

This term ends on Tuesday, March 23rd, boarders leaving on the following day, and the Summer Term begins on Tuesday, April 27th, boarders returning on the previous day.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Contemporaries: *The Aluredian*, *The Aldenhamian*, *The Bracklean*, *The Chigwellian*, *The City of Oxford School Magazine*, *The Leightonian*, *The Lily*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Log of the Nautical College*, *Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian*, *The St. Edward's School Chronicle*.

#### VALETE.

VI FORM.—H. H. Whitfield (1931, iii). School Prefect, 1936; O.S.C., 1935; 1st XV, 1935-36; Colours, 1936; Athletics Half-colours, 1936; 2nd XI Cricket, 1935-36; O.T.C., Sergeant, 1936; Cert. 'A', 1936; 1st Class Shot.

S. K. Muir (1929, iii). Sub-prefect, 1936; O.S.C., 1935-36; 2nd XV, 1935-36; O.T.C., L.Cpl., 1936, Cert. 'A' 1936.

E. F. Stevens (1930, iii). Sub-prefect, 1936; 1st XV, 1935-36; 2nd XV. Colours, 1935; Athletics Colours, 1936; O.T.C., L.Cpl., 1st Class Shot.

VA FORM.—J. Hicks (1934, i). 2nd XV, 1936.

T. H. Blundell (1936, i). 1st XI Cricket, 1936; 2nd XI Colours, 1936.

IIIB FORM.—J. B. Alliban (1935, iii).

#### SALVETE.

REMOVE FORM.—D. G. E. Holme, A. J. Davies.  
IIIB. FORM.—G. Y. Bull, J. W. Batten, E. R. Vernon.

II. FORM.—M. J. Cullen.

#### OBITUARY.

##### MR. JOHN ASTON.

(With acknowledgments to *The Times*.)

Mr. John Aston died recently at Uckfield at the age of 57.

The son of the Rev. J. W. Aston, vicar of Ambleside, he was at Harrow for a term and then gained a scholarship at Westminster School, from which he was elected to Christ Church, Oxford, as an exhibitioner and took honours in history. For four years he was a master at Hill Side School, Godalming, and in 1906 at St. Clare, Walmer, where he had been a pupil. St. Clare is one of the oldest preparatory schools in the country, having been founded at Hastings in 1857, and Mr. Aston succeeded Mr. A. E. Murray, the son of the founder, as head in 1910. During the War he served with the East Surrey Regiment and was dangerously wounded near Hollebeke in 1917. He was discharged for the wound in February, 1918, and promoted lieutenant. His War service had in fact undermined his health so seriously that in 1926 he was compelled to retire from the headmastership of St. Clare.

Nothing daunted, however, he then took up lecturing. His subjects eventually covered a number of questions of topical interest, as well as Egyptian, Babylonian, Greek, and Roman history and the art and literature of the great civilizations and of the Renaissance. During the last 10 years he had been in great demand by over 350 schools and societies. Among the books he wrote were several of historical interest which were popular among schoolboys before the War. He also published later a book of opems, "Dartmoor Lyrics," and at the time of his death he had just completed a work, "History of the 12th Bn. East Surrey Regiment in the Great War," which is shortly to be published. For ever 25 years he was a regular exhibitor of water-colour paintings at the shows of the East Kent Art Society. A correspondent writes of him:—

Aston enriched the lives of many from the depths of his own. As a teacher he had exceptional gifts, and above all a wonderful capacity for imparting not only the facts but the spirit in which he interpreted them. He did honour to a family which has counted among its membership many who have rendered distinguished service in various walks of life, but above all he has left with his pupils and his friends the memory of an upright, gifted, and generous personality.

The following lines written by John Aston in 1924 seem to express his attitude to life and may be a fitting memorial to him.

"Contra el rapido muero."

(An Aston family Motto in Spanish.)

"I swim against the stream."—What though the torrent

Against my breast its fullest forces lift—  
What to a true man should be more abhorrent  
Than lazily to drift?

"Against the stream."—For muscle, nerve and sinew,

Braced by the struggle, shall be yet more strong.

And if the stream should conquer, yet within you  
You know 'tis not for long.

GOD-given strength your weakness shall empower;  
Flashes amid the gloom His guiding beam.

HE knows—HE holds. And so from hour to hour  
"I swim against the stream."

J.A.

RUGGER, 1936.

The 1st XV played seven matches, winning four, drawing one, and losing two. Four matches unfortunately had to be cancelled in the second half of the season owing to illness. As these included the matches with Bloxham, M.C.S. Oxford, and the Old Abingdonians, the season was deprived of much of its interest; and the anticlimax produced by these cancellations was all the greater because of the undoubted progress and promise of the XV up to that time.

The London O.A.s were beaten decisively in the first match of the season. This game, and the drawn match with Radley 2nd XV which followed, shewed that the XV possessed ample ability and enthusiasm. Then came the heavy defeat at Leighton Park. In this match we had the misfortune to encounter an exceptionally strong and fast pack, who were playing on their own ground under conditions which favoured a forward game. A more resolute defence would undoubtedly have kept the score down, but we held our opponents quite well during the first half.

The recovery from this setback was gradual. Against M.C.S. Brackley the forwards were lifeless and the backs handled badly. Indeed it was only a clever try of Wooster's, and a long-range penalty goal kicked by Pimm, that enabled us to win.

In the next match, against Southfield School, the forwards played with great fervour and gave the backs plenty of opportunities, especially in the

second half. There was still, perhaps, more individual cleverness than effective combination among the outsides, but one felt that they had reached a stage where only a little more match-play was needed to correct this fault. Unfortunately the next two matches were cancelled, with the result that the team lost ground, and though they subsequently beat a rather weak R.A.F. team, they lost to the City of Oxford School after a closely-contested game, in which the only scoring took place right at the beginning.

The chief virtue of the forwards, taken as a whole, was their obvious keenness, a welcome change from the previous season. Goodey was outstanding especially in the loose: Bayley hooked well, and Dean improved with every match. A feature of this season was Pimm's place-kicking.

Wooster was easily the best three-quarter and had a hand in more than half the tries scored by the team. He invariably made a lot of ground when in possession, and combined well with Stevens, who had improved greatly since the previous season, though still inclined to overdo the kick ahead. Randall ran strongly but would have been much more effective if he had been less individualistic.

Giles and Whitfield were of considerable value to the team because of their ability to play in several positions. Both were tried as partners to Lunghi at half-back, but neither was altogether satisfactory. Lunghi himself, though admirable in defence, was less successful in getting the ball away. He is to be congratulated, however, on setting his team an example of ceaseless effort and determination which most of them were quick to follow.

The following are the results of the 1st XV matches:—

				For		Agt.	
Sat.	Oct. 10.	London Old Abingdonians	H. Won	31	5		
Sat.	,, 17.	Radley College 2nd XV	H. Drn.	3	3		
Sat.	,, 31.	Leighton Park School	A. Lost	0	28		
Wed.	Nov. 4.	Magdalen C.S. Brackley	H. Won	8	3		
Sat.	,, 7.	Southfield School	H. Won	18	0		
Sat.	,, 21.	R.A.F. (Abing- don 'A')	H. Won	17	10		
Wed.	,, 25.	City of Oxford School	A. Lost	0	5		

Points: For, 77. Against, 56.

## FIRST XV MATCHES.

Sat., Oct. 10th. *v.* London Old Abingdonians.  
Home. Won, 31—5.

The School pressed from the start, and after six minutes Bury went over from a line-out. Good forward play led to a second try, also obtained by Bury. Both these tries were converted by Pimm who also kicked a penalty goal, to make the half-time score 13—0.

In the second half the School outsiders showed good form, and Randall and Bayley added two more tries, the latter rounding off a clever run by Wooster. The School continued superior in all departments, and the Wooster-Stevens wing produced two more tries. Three of these four tries were converted by Pimm. A typical dash along the touch-line by Clarke gave the Old Boys a try which was converted by Ranger.

Team : Jones, D. ; Bloomer, P. H. E., Randall, G. D., Wooster, P. H., Stevens, E. F. ; Giles, W., H. A. Lunghi ; Nadin, D. T., Simmonds, R. F., Pimm, D., Goodey, R., Lines, J., Dean, A. C., G. V. Bayley, Bury, J. O.

Saturday, Oct. 17th. *v.* Radley College 2nd XV.  
Home. Drawn, 3—3.

The game was fast and open throughout. There was, however, no scoring in the first half. After a rather shaky start the School settled down, and though they were kept on the defensive, proved equal to the strain, both Giles and Whitfield bringing relief with judicious kicking.

Shortly after the interval Radley opened the score with an unconverted try, to which the School replied ten minutes later with a penalty goal kicked by Whitfield. Neither side could score again, defence being superior to attack.

Team : Giles, W. ; Bloomer, P. H. E., Randall, G. D., Wooster, P. H., Stevens, E. F. ; Whitfield, H. H., H. A. Lunghi ; Pimm, D., Jones, H. T., Nadin, D. T., Goodey, R., Lines, J., Dean, A. C., G. V. Bayley, Hedger, R.

Saturday, Oct. 31st. *v.* Leighton Park School.  
Away. Lost, 0—28.

Rain fell throughout this match. The School aided by a strong wind, and with the ball comparatively dry, took the offensive at first, and Randall put in a good run. At full-back Giles' kicking was very effective. Leighton Park scored twice before half-time, one try being converted.

With the wind Leighton Park had matters much their own way and added 20 points to their score without reply. Against their heavy pack our forwards were ineffective in the tight, and in the

loose we showed a disastrous disinclination to fall on the ball. Our policy of keeping the game open was a mistake, as the ball was almost impossible to hold by this time, and we repeatedly lost many yards, Leighton Park being quick to profit by our handling errors.

Team : Same as in previous match except that Jones, D. played for Bloomer, and Bury for Hedger.

Wednesday, Nov. 4. *v.* Magdalen College School, Brackley. Home. Won, 8—3.

Brackley had most of the game during the first half, and their three-quarter line was often in action, but appeared to lack penetrating power. The School, probably still feeling the effects of the previous match, took a long time to settle down, their defence alone being sound. After thirty minutes barren play, Wooster cut through cleverly and scored our only try, which Whitfield converted. Soon afterwards Brackley obtained an unconverted try by means of an orthodox movement, which gave their left wing a clear run.

Giles moved to fly-half after the interval, and put in several clever runs, which however led nowhere owing to faulty combination. We had the advantage territorially throughout the second-half but failed to score, except for a penalty goal kicked by Pimm.

Team : Same as in previous match.

Saturday, Nov. 7th. *v.* Southfield School.  
Home. Won, 18—0.

The School had the advantage outside the scrum, and the forwards were able to get the ball back often enough for this advantage to be decisive. After seven minutes' play Bury forced his way over for a try, which was not converted. There ensued a period lasting well into the second half, during which play was even. The Southfield wing forwards were very quick, and the School three-quarters saw little of the ball. The last fifteen minutes of the game, however, were almost entirely in our favour, and Wooster got two tries, one from an interception in his own half. He also made a perfect opening for Stevens who ran in on the left. All three tries were converted by Pimm.

Team : Same as in previous match except that Simmonds played for Jones, H. T., and Giles and Whitfield changed places.

Saturday, Nov. 21st. *v.* R.A.F. (Abingdon) 'A.' Home. Won, 17—10.

This was in many ways an unsatisfactory match. The School had numerous chances of scoring owing to the visitors' weak defence, but spoilt many of them by their lack of co-ordination. Wooster

was again prominent in attack and scored two tries. During the first half there was a lot of rather scrappy forward play until a three-quarter movement was rounded off by Bury, Pimm failing to convert. Giles also scored, beating the defence with a neat side-stepping run. The R.A.F. then counter-attacked and obtained a try, to which they added a dropped goal soon afterwards. During this period our tackling was very weak. The score was now 14—10, as the R.A.F. had got a try earlier in the game, and Pimm had converted one for the School. The game livened up considerably, and eventually some pretty inter-passing between Wooster and Stevens had its reward, increasing our lead by another try, unconverted.

Team: Randall, G. D.; Jones, D., Whitfield, H. H., Wooster, P. H., Stevens, E. F.; Giles, W., H. A. Lunghi; Pimm, D., Lines, J., Goodey, R., Jones, H. T., Dean, F. G. D., Dean, A. C., G. V. Bayley, Bury, J. O.

Wednesday, Nov. 25th. v. City of Oxford School. Away. Lost, 0—5.

It was unfortunate that, as things turned out, this was the last match of the season, for the team never really settled down after their opponents had scored a few minutes from the start, and played a long way below their true form. The School forwards were adequate, but the handling of the backs was such that although we were attacking for most of the second half, we never looked like scoring. Wooster put in several good runs, but could not penetrate a defence which proved equal to all our efforts. We missed Bayley and Bury, at forward, especially the former, as his hooking had been consistently good throughout the season.

Team: Same as in previous match except that Whitfield played full-back, Randall right centre three-quarter, and Hedger and Nadin took the place of G. V. Bayley and Bury.

#### FIRST XV CHARACTERS.

H. A. Lunghi. Captain. Colours 1935. Scrum half. A very hard worker, especially in defence. Opened up the game well as a rule, though inclined to overdo the blind-side movement. A sound defensive kicker. Under his leadership the team trained and played with commendable vigour and enthusiasm.

G. V. Bayley. Colours 1935. Forward. A very successful hooker. Somewhat spasmodic in the loose, but formidable when roused. Tackling quite sound. Led the pack well, and did his best to keep them together in defence.

P. H. Wooster. Colours 1936. Centre three-quarter. The best attacking player in the team. Gets into his stride quickly and handles well. Combined very effectively with his wing. Has a flair for intercepting, but his defence suffers as a consequence. Must improve his tackling.

H. H. Whitfield. Colours 1936. Full-back. [Also played at stand-off half]. A versatile player. Kicks well with both feet and is a good place-kick. His handling was variable, and he was inclined to falter in attack, after cutting through well. Tackling much improved.

W. Giles. Colours 1936. Stand-off half. Played some good games at full-back. A very neat player with safe hands and a good kick. Though not fast has a deceptive run and considerable powers of penetration. Is apt however, to lose touch with his three-quarters and not open up the game enough. Tackling mediocre.

R. Goodey. Colours 1936. Forward. A very hard-working and effective wing-forward, who backed up the outsides well. Should beware of breaking up too early. A useful dribbler. Made good use of his height in the line-out.

G. D. Randall. Second XV. Colours 1935. Centre three-quarters. A powerful runner who promises to become a good centre when he can swerve and combine with his wing. At present runs straight into the defence and is easily bottled up. Has a good kick and a devastating tackle.

E. F. Stevens. Second XV. Colours 1935. Wing-three-quarter. An improved player who combined well with his centre, Wooster. Had he made more use of his speed and kicked ahead less frequently, he would have been more effective in attack. Defence unorthodox but usually effective.

D. Jones. Second XV. Colours 1935. Wing three-quarter. A determined runner, whose handling was handicapped by poor vision. Had few chances owing to faulty combination with his centre. Kicks well. Tackling fair.

J. O. Bury. Second XV. Colours 1934. Forward. A good scrummager in the tight, but too much of a rover in the open. Goes very hard when near the opponents' line. Scored some good tries from the line-out. Was handicapped by injuries during part of the season.

A. C. Dean. Second XV. Colours 1935. Forward. A hard working if unobtrusive forward, who improved with every match. Should be really good next year.

H. T. Jones. Second XV. Colours 1936. Forward. A keen and energetic player, whose energies are sometimes misdirected through lack of

poise and control over the ball. Tackling good at first, but deteriorated later.

J. Lines. Second XV. Colours 1936. Forward. Useful in the line-out and tight scrums. Rather slow at present, but should be very useful next season if he can play a more vigorous game.

D. T. Nadin. Second XV. Colours 1936. Forward. A young player who sometimes found the pace too hot. Very keen. Tackles well, and works hard.

D. Pimm. Second XV. Colours 1936. Forward. A good dribbler and an excellent place-kick. A very cool player, who rarely exerts himself to push in the scrum or tackle outside it. Could be good if he were not so easy going. Useful in the line-out.

#### SECOND XV.

The Second XV played only one match against Leighton Park School, who won 9—0.

The ground was heavy and though the School tried to open up the game and made some promising attacking movements the heavier Leighton pack gradually asserted its superiority and by good backing up in the loose scored three unconverted tries. Apart from the score the game was very level and the School shewed very encouraging spirit and staying-power.

The team was: R. F. Simmonds (Captain), V. A. Harfield, L. A. G. Hendley, J. Hicks, S. K. Muir, B. N. J. Bosley, F. G. D. Dean, R. Hedger, C. G. Carter, J. N. Paige, M. D. Wells, J. M. Wood, P. H. E. Bloomer, W. M. Potter and G. W. Povey.

#### "UNDER 15" XV.

The "Under 15" had a successful season, winning all the four matches played, two of them easily, and two by the narrowest margin. It was unfortunate that the team could rarely play together except in matches, owing to the claims of the first game on the best players, the result being that there was very little of the combination born of practice either among the outsides or forwards. With more practice as a team working together they would probably have become a good side. As it was, individualism was the keynote of the team. Among the outsides Povey was perhaps the most dangerous but rarely gave a pass and against a weak defence he and Bloomer scored several tries. Both Potter and Polley shewed speed and promise on the wings, though the latter often kicked instead of running. Yielding looked a most promising centre but broke his wrist after the first match. The halves, Blundell and

Aldersley were hard-working tacklers and opened up the game well. They changed places and were more effective when Aldersley went to scrum-half. The forwards were fairly efficient in the tight but were not good at combined backing up in the loose. Dean i was always prominent and virtually won two matches by breaking away from the line-out. Hedger i and Nadin i played hard and tackled well and Faulkner and Goodey ii were also well up in the open. The remainder were adequate without being distinguished.

#### Results of Matches :

Wed., Oct. 14.	Leighton Park School	H. Won.	25—3
Wed., ,, 21.	Bloxham School	A. Won	3—0
Wed., ,, 28.	Magdalen C.S., Oxford	A. Won	36—3
Sat. Nov. 7.	Southfield School	A. Won	5—0

Points : For, 69. Against, 6.

The following played for the "Under 15" : T. H. Blundell (Captain), D. T. Nadin, R. Hedger, J. Lines, F. G. D. Dean, R. Goodey ii, J. H. R. Faulkner, J. P. Mosdell, G. S. Moss, D. G. Sandercock, J. P. Aldersley, P. H. E. Bloomer, G. W. Povey, C. E. Yielding, W. M. Potter, C. G. Rowe, G. L. Logan, V. G. Polley, J. Calvert-Fisher.

#### HOUSE MATCHES.

Senior.	Red beat Green.	20—0.
	Red beat Blue.	11—3.
	Red won the "Lin" Cup.	
Junior.	Red beat Blue.	10—5.
	Red beat Green.	16—8.
	Red won the Robinson Cup.	

#### THE STEEPLECHASES.

After a lapse of a year the Steeplechases were held on the Common on Monday, October 19th. The day was fine, and the going rough but not too wet, although the new water-jump at the Butts enabled some competitors to practice a few swimming strokes.

#### SENIOR.

Goodey ran very steadily to win by several yards but Wood and Potter did very well to come in close second and third. Sprules had to fall out soon after the turn when he was well placed.

#### Order of Finishing :

1. R. Goodey i. 2. J. M. Wood. 3. W. M. Potter. 4. A. C. Dean. Time : 12 mins. 28 secs.

#### House Placings :

1. Red.	2, 3, 4, 7, 13 = 29 points
2. Green.	5, 6, 8, 9, 10 = 38 ,,

## JUNIOR.

*Order of Finishing :*

1. D. A. Culmer. 2. J. Calvert-Fisher. 3. H. J. Clarke. 4. M. F. Nathan. Time : 7 mins. 54 secs.

*House Placings.*

1. Blue 1, 4, 5, 7, 10 = 27 points  
2. Red 2, 6, 8, 9, 11 = 36 ,,

## O.T.C.

We must first congratulate J. P. Amies, G. V. Bayley, M. C. Barnard, R. E. Brodie, B. N. J. Bosley, V. A. Harfield, H. A. Lunghi, S. K. Muir, M. D. Wells, and P. H. Wooster, on their success in the November Examination for Certificate "A." We may mention this constitutes a record number of passes in one exam.

Our-door training this term has been very limited in scope owing to bad weather conditions and it is to be hoped that we shall be better favoured for the Field Day which has been fixed to take place on March 18th on the Lambourn Downs.

Some very useful indoor work has been carried out both in the gym and the Waste Court Armoury and also on the Sand table. In the latter connection a number of the N.C.O.'s have shown an excellent grasp of tactical situations and Sgt. Lunghi has proved particularly able in preparing and conducting T.E.W.T.'S. Mention must also be made of Cpl. Wells, L.-Cpl. Barnard, and Cdt. Bailey ii who have assisted in remodelling and laying out the table.

Sgt. Simmonds and Sgt. Jones are respectively in command of the two platoons and the work of the corps as a whole has been ably supervised by C. S. M. Bury. Our thanks are again due to Sgt.-Major Eyre for his work with the Certificate "A" candidates and also for his thorough grounding of the recruits in drill and rifle exercises.

Promotions:—To be Sgts.: H. A. Lunghi, G. V. Bayley. To be Lance-Sgts.: V. A. Harfield, R. E. Brodie. To be Cpls.: B. N. J. Bosley, M. D. Wells, P. H. Wooster. To be L.-Cpls.: W. Giles, C. A. Ronan, J. P. Amies, M. C. Barnard.

## OXFORD LETTER.

*Editor's Note.*—*In the interests of anonymity our correspondent has mentioned himself among the other O.A.'s, and has placed them in alphabetical order like boot inspections.*

(Of course I wrote that bit above; Editor's note is just a literary convention. An Flk's convention is quite different.)

DAVID BROWN is getting quite a big man now. Captain of college athletics, ditto half-blue, and ace weight-putter. In his spare time he delves diligently in the English land law with the assistance of Dr. Davidge of Keble. Take him in a meditative mood and he will tell you that in *Rogers v. Hosegood* (1900) 2Ch 388, Collins L. J. said:—"When the benefit has once been clearly annexed to one piece of land, it passes by assignment of that land, and may be said to run with it in contemplation as well of equity as of law, without proof of special bargain or representation on the assignment. In such a case it runs not because the conscience of either party is affected, but because the purchaser has bought something which adhered in, or was annexed to, the land bought." Meditative is what you've got to remember.

ARTHUR FLEET is just too cute for worlds. He is of course (I'm a gossip-writer) Captain of Boats, which means that he keeps up the morale and *esprit-de-corps* of the crews by falling off borrowed bikes into the Isis at regular intervals; he is worried by an attempt made during the floods to sabotage the college raft; we ourselves suspect a celebrated gang of international cads. Another trick of this versatile bellows-mender is to spend all of hall tearing up the menus and despatching pep-notes to the crews, which quite take his mind off all the lovely food.

PHILIP JONES is stepping out in his old age. He declares his last vac was oxy-haemoglobinal, but what, asks debonair 21-year-old Philip Jones of good-looking socialite Arthur Fleet, is wrong with Paris-in-the-Spring? Gad, sir, this March of Time style is pesky catching! Twice a week this erstwhile lotus-eater rises at 7.20 to answer the call of his foster-country and, he tells me, drill as only sappers drill; he learns how to demolish bridges and how to build bridges, which you wouldn't understand why if you haven't got Cert. A. In his subject, law, is infuriated by Tithes and Advowsons.

## QUESTIONS :

What prominent O.A. wishes Shakespeare never wrote "Midsummer Night's Dream?"

What prominent O.A. seems billed to be a Campus figure next year?

What prominent O.A. get taken with fits of giddiness late some nights?

What prominent O.A. has a suspicious mind?

What prominent O.A. is now educating the younger generation of O.A.'s in Oxford?

What prominent O.A. has the best rooms in college, and how did he get them?

What prominent O.A. has a sports coat in mustard and black with exceedingly large dragon's-tooth pattern?

What prominent O.A. is a reactionary and a Britisher?

### THE RAG CONCERT.

The evening opened with an instrumental overture in which a medley of tunes was given by H. G. Elphick on his mouth organ, accompanied by B. W. O. Dockerty with a percussion outfit, and supported by the piano. Then the Lodge gave their Christmas play—a new potted version of "Alice in Wonderland," centred round the Mad Hatter's tea table. It was very charmingly done; the costumes and make-up reminded us of Teniel's illustrations, and the only matter for regret was that the piece was on the short side.

An item out of the usual run was an A. J. Alan episode adapted partly for acting and partly for "broadcasting," by C. A. Ronan. This was very cleverly conceived and carried out. S. K. Muir was the other partner in the piece, doubling a couple of characters; but unfortunately the prevalent germ removed him on the last night, and his parts were taken by G. V. Bayley and H. A. Lunghi at a moment's notice with praiseworthy assurance.

The longest item of the evening was the concluding play "What's in a name?" G. V. Bayley gave a very capable performance as an elderly parliamentary figure with very Conservative views and R. F. Simmonds made a welcome break-away from tradition as one of the younger and less conservative school. H. A. Lunghi was full of humorous whimsies as the thoroughly "bogus" solicitor, while D. B. West and J. M. Wood struggled manfully with the rather uncongenial feminine roles thrust upon them.

Interspersed among these longer pieces we had a good assortment of briefer numbers. The "Four Jolly Sailormen"—E. F. Stevens, W. Giles, V. A. Harfield, and D. Pimm—appeared twice, giving us a selection of sailor songs and shanties. R. F. Simmonds in the garb of a London 'bus conductor of the old school told us several amusing anecdotes of 'bus life in the horse-drawn days, and as an encore sang a cockney song. Mr. Bevir delighted everyone with "Apple Dumplings," a song with a very catchy chorus. It was pleasant to welcome Mr. Palmer once more in the guise of Jan Stewer, and to hear one of his inimitable Devonshire

monologues. The variety of local brogues was completed when Mr. Holmes made his debut on our stage with the "Adventures of Young Albert at Runcorn Ferry," delivered in pure Lancastrian. We shall look forward to further appearances.

The whole of the entertainment was very capably compered by C. A. Ronan; and for the success of the evening we must not forget to mention the very able work of the "men behind the scenes." Several new features of lighting were introduced, and much time had been spent on decorating the gymnasium to give a really Christmas festal atmosphere.

### O.A. NOTES.

#### BIRTHS.

BROWN.—On March 12, 1936, at Valparaiso, Chile, to Eileen, wife of D. M. Brown (1924), a daughter, Leonora.

SHALLARD.—On July 2, 1936, at Waimate, New Zealand, to Maisie, wife of H. D. Shallard (1925), a son, Peter Dillon.

#### MARRIAGE.

ASHBY—HOWRIGAN.—On November 28, 1936, at St. Nicholas' Church, Abingdon, John (1930), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ashby, of Montclerc, Wootton Road, Abingdon, to Joan Thelma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Howrigan, of 47, St. John's Road, Abingdon.

#### DEATHS.

TOMKINS.—On November 21, 1936, at Stratton, 69, Park Hill Road, South Croydon, John Tomkins.

ASTON.—In January, 1937, at Uckfield, Sussex, John Aston, aged 57.

John Tomkins, who joined the School in September, 1871, was a member of a well-known Abingdon family of former days. His father, of the same name and also an O.A., was for many years a Governor of the School and on several occasions Mayor of Abingdon. John Tomkins, junior, was engaged upon the business of insurance and lived in Croydon; but as a life-member of the O.A.C. he was not unmindful of his old school, and gave generously to the fund for the purchase of Waste Court. He married into another well-known Abingdon family, his wife being a sister of the late E. J. Harris, who also was an O.A. and a Governor of the School.

We print elsewhere an obituary notice from *The Times* of the late Mr. John Aston. We would add here that it was at Abingdon School that he gained his first experience of schoolmastering, when



he came here fresh from Oxford in the summer of 1901 to take up a temporary appointment. But it is rather as a lecturer that our younger readers will remember him. On six occasions in the past ten years he has visited us in that capacity, and those who heard him will cherish memories of instructive talks on divers subjects, enriched often by lantern-slides made from his own pictures and always by the charm of his generous personality. His last lecture, on the Reign of King George V., was given in May of last year, and for this term we were looking forward to another.

H. W. Bate-Preston (1903), who is married and has two children, is engaged upon literary work, mostly historical, in New York.

W. O. Betts (1905), is Headmaster of Richings Park School, Iver, Bucks.

W. J. Smith (1925), after six years as an assistant at Wantage Council School, has been appointed Headmaster of the Harwell Council School.

E. G. Langford (1928) has accepted the post of Legal Adviser to the British American Tobacco Company.

R. C. Clarke (1932) as a third year student at Faraday House has passed in the second division. For his fourth year he is with Messrs. Laurence Scott and Electromotors, Ltd., Norwich.

C. M. Humfrey (1920) is now in England on six months' leave from India. Others expected home shortly are R. C. F. Saxby (1921) from Seychelles, K. T. Wood (1924) and N. C. Wood (1926) from Southern Rhodesia, and J. F. Sinclair (1924) from India.

We have heard from D. M. Brown (1924), from Valparaiso. His principal items of news are: (1) that he has a little daughter, and (2) that his old Bank (the Banco Anglo) having been taken over by the Banco de Londres y America del Sud, he has been made head of the Bills Outward Department under the latter, with a gratifying increase of salary. Apparently he is well and happy, and he still plays cricket.

R. F. Brown (1931) is working with a firm of Insurance Brokers in Liverpool.

H. M. Insley (1926) has been turning his energies to the drama and has "presented" Keble Howard's comedy "Lord Babs" to Bournemouth audiences in aid of the Bournemouth and District Central Y.M.C.A. He himself took the part of Sir Henry Buckby.

R. E. Broadbent (1927) is finding his time well occupied. In addition to the preliminaries of matrimony, into which happy state he purposes to

enter on March 24th, he has for the past year—except for five weeks in the autumn, when he was stricken down with acute appendicitis—been engaged upon an important job for Vauxhall Motors, his employers, planning a large extension of their works, with allocation of machinery, etc. In the intervals of this work, and other important matters, he has found time for some lawn tennis. In the Bedfordshire County Championships he won the singles, and got into the finals in both the doubles matches. (For the Mixed Doubles final he had to scratch because of appendicitis.) In the South Beds. Tournament he was victorious in all three events; and besides other successful tournaments he has, of course, played for his county. We understand that the work for his firm has earned him a substantial increase of salary, and (with the exception of the appendicitis) we congratulate him on a happy and prosperous year.

E. P. Rice (1928), of the Southern Rhodesian Veterinary Service, is now at West Nicholson, about 110 miles south of Bulawayo. He says he finds it pleasant to be in a house after continual camping in the bush.

W. S. T. Hale (1928) has successfully passed out of Cranwell and is attached to 201 Flying Boat Squadron as a wireless operator. He is at present stationed at Calshot, near Southampton.

A. R. M. Adams (1935) has passed out of Woolwich and will be commissioned in due course in the Royal Artillery. We congratulate him on winning the Sclater Memorial Prize for the R.A. cadet who obtains the best score at inter-company revolver shooting.

A. F. Hanks (1925), of the 2nd Devonshire Regiment, is sailing shortly for the Soudan on a special commission.

G. E. Sinclair (1931), whose address is c/o The District Commissioner, Kumasi, writes with enthusiasm of his life on the Gold Coast and his work for the Ashanti people. He seems to have lost none of his wonted energy. With golf, tennis and cricket he is not at a loss for exercise, and his work in the Commissioner's office he supplements when possible by cultivating a first-hand knowledge of the natives.

J. E. Emmett (1932) has accepted an appointment with the Gula Kalumpang Rubber Company, and sailed for Malaya in early January.

R. Stross (1933) has become a film producer and director of "Sturt Stross Film Productions"—actually the second youngest director-producer in the country. "The Show's the Thing," his

Company's first production, was also written by himself, and is to be followed by others written and produced under his supervision.

M. R. T. Cooper (1935) is now working on a gold mine in Kenya, and his address is Sunshine Synd, Private Bag, Kisumu.

R. F. W. Andrews (1935) has given up banking for an appointment in the mounted branch of the British South Africa Police. He sails for Southern Rhodesia on March 19th.

Lieut. A. J. A. Watson (1925), of the Queen's Royal Regiment, has again been playing Rigger for the Army.

We congratulate D. G. Brown (1935) on winning the Weight Putting in the Oxford University Sports. His distance was 41 feet 3½ inches—his best effort so far.

A. L. Fleet (1934) is Captain of the Boats at

Pembroke, and we congratulate him on the record success of the two Pembroke crews in the Torpids. Each crew made seven bumps in the six afternoons of the racing. It is noteworthy that on the last three occasions when Pembroke has done well enough on the river to merit the distinction of a bump supper, an O.A. has been Captain of the Boats. The former occasions were in 1922, when C. V. Davidge was Captain and the College made five bumps in the Eights, and in 1929, when C. R. Wright was Captain and the two Pembroke Eights made four and three bumps respectively.

Of those who left at the end of last term, S. K. Muir has obtained a clerkship in the Westminster Bank at High Wycombe, H. H. Whitfield has a clerkship in the Estate Office of Magdalen College, Oxford, and E. F. Stevens is articled to a surveyor in Headington.

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