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CALENDAR FOR SUMMER TERM

APRIL

26 Tues. Term begins 9 a.m.

MAY

12 Thur. FIELD DAY. C.C.F and Scouts.

14 Sat. 1st XI v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (H).

18 Wed. 1st XI v. Oratory School (A).

1st and 2nd IVs v. King Edward VI School, Stratford (A).

21 Sat. 1st XI v. St. Edward's School 2nd XI (H).

1st, 2nd and 3rd IVs v. O.A.s (H).

25 Wed. 1st XI v. Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe (A).

1st and 2nd IVs v. Reading School (A).

28 Sat. 1st XI v. Pavlova Cricket Club (A).

1st IV v. Prince Henry's School, Evesham (H).

JUNE

1 Wed. 1st XI v. Southfield School (A).

1st and 2nd IVs v. Culham College (H).

4 Sat. to 6 Monday (inclusive) Half Term Holiday & Whit Monday.

6 Mon. 1st IV at Evesham Regatta.

11 Sat. 1st XI v. Abingdon Wanderers (H).

1st IV v. R.A.F. Benson (A).

18 Sat. 1st XI v. A Parents' XI (H).

1st IV v. Wallingford Rowing Club (A).

25 Sat. OLD BOYS' DAY:

1st XI v. O.A.s (H).

26 Sun. Dedication of War Memorial Tablet.

29 Wed. 1st XI v. Magdalen College School, Brackley (A).

JULY

2 Sat. 1st XI v. Newbury Grammar School (H).

16 Sat. 1st XI v. Magdalen College School, Oxford (H).

23 Sat. FOUNDER'S DAY

26 Tues. Term ends 10.15 a.m.

Michaelmas Term begins 9 a.m. Friday 16th September (Boarders return on Thursday 15th September).

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL

Lent Term, 1949.

Head of the School: G. S. Strachan.

Head of School House: J. L. Wyatt.

School Prefects:

W. G. Olscher	M. H. Venables
J. T. Cullen	A. F. Bastin
H. D. Baecker	A. L. G. Milligan
M. D. Millichap	R. F. Hamer
D. M. Aldworth	D. E. Allen
M. A. C. Heavens	R. Klein
B. H. Wiggins	A. W. H. Riggott

House Prefects:

Day Boys:	School House:
P. C. Richardson	P. R. Lucas
P. F. C. Berry	H. B. Stevens
S. F. Eccles	W. L. Wooldridge
A. E. Willson	D. Free
K. A. Fathers	R. J. Taylor
R. D. M. Grant	Waste Court:
I. M. Pickford	M. Bateman
Larkill:	B. J. Noyce
D. R. G. Andrews	

Captain of Boats: G. S. Strachan.

Secretary of Boats: J. T. Cullen.

Captain of Hockey: M. H. Venables.

Secretary of Hockey: A. W. H. Riggott.

Captain of Athletics: W. G. Olscher.

Secretary of Athletics: D. E. Allen.

School Librarians: G. S. Strachan and M. H. Venables.

"The Abingdonian":

Editors: M. A. C. Heavens and R. F. Hamer.

Assistant Editors: G. S. Strachan and A. E. Willson.

O.A. Editor and Hon. Treasurer: Mr. G. F. Duxbury.

EDITORIAL

It has always been the custom in the Lent Term, or so our immediate predecessor in the Editorial Chair would have us believe, to begin the Editorial with a long tirade against the weather. We should not have broken this strange and ancient custom, had it been a term of exceptional weather. It has not been so, however, and we hope that it will suffice to say that, apart from an extremely cold and worrying week just before the School Sports, we were quite content to accept it without grumbling.

The Boat Club, the two Hockey XIs, and the Junior Football XV have had an enjoyable, even though not a completely successful term. The Athletic Club overcame the adverse training conditions so well that they were again able to emerge victorious from their annual encounter with the Old Boys; although they lost their meeting with the City of Oxford School by a narrow margin. Incidentally, this meeting was unique in being the first athletic meeting against another school to be held on our ground.

The Senior School, and more especially the Sixth Form, have also found enough time—and energy—to become engaged in pursuits which need not necessarily stop when the sun has disappeared over the horizon. We are thinking particularly of course, of the introduction of that delicate sport in which all true Englishmen are supposed to dabble—"fisticuffs"—now called by the most peculiar and inexplicable name, "Boxing".

We must not, however, forget the other organisations which work quietly behind the scenes, and which get too little praise for their valuable work. One of these is the School Choir which gave us an Easter concert at the end of term. A most ambitious programme was attempted and though technically it was not perfect, the enthusiasm of the choristers and soloists compensated for any small defects. The Joint Club, too, has enjoyed another very happy term, thus completing its first year of existence. We should now like to see it given a permanent name to replace the somewhat ugly one which it still bears.

AN HISTORIC CHARTER

Four hundred years ago John Roysse received a grant from the Crown of certain property in Birchin Lane and Lombard Street, London, part of which subsequently provided the endowment of the School. He directed in his will that the relevant charter should remain the property of the Corporation. At the suggestion of Alderman Wilson Green, the Mayor and Corporation have recently agreed to lend the charter to the School. It will be framed and hung in the Library;

and it is hoped to arrange a simple ceremony next term to mark its transfer to our custody.

The charter is a very good specimen of its type and it is of course a most notable addition to our archives: and we would express to the Mayor and Corporation our deep appreciation of their generous gesture, which serves to emphasise once again the friendly relations which exist between us.

J.M.C.

THE NEW SCIENCE BLOCK

The plans for the new Science Block have now received the final approval of the Governors and the contracts will have been publicly advertised before these words appear. The exact date at which building will start is of course governed by factors beyond our control. The date of completion is still more conjectural; but barring major accidents we hope that we shall be using the new block next year.

The plans for the new building have been prepared by the School Architects, Messrs. West and Pritchard, in close association with the architects of the Ministry of Education and the Berkshire County Council. It is of interest to note that Mr. West, the senior partner of the firm, is himself an O.A., as well as being the son and the father of O.A.s; and that it was his father who drew the plans for the School Chapel nearly fifty years ago.

The problem that faced the architects was two-fold—of siting and of design. The apse of the Chapel is so obviously terminal that it is out of the question to build on to it, while Roysse's Lane, a public right of way, prevents expansion to the North. It is therefore proposed that the new buildings shall take the form of an isolated rectangular block, running from West to East across the existing kitchen garden. By setting the new block forward a little from the axis of the Chapel the architects will suggest a third side of a 'quadrangle', and will produce a satisfying break in the line of the School; and sufficient space will be left between the buildings to avoid obscuring that attractive view of the Chapel which we get when turning in at the Lodge gates. At the same time the new block will form an integral part of the general group of the School buildings and the continuity of the facade will be emphasised by the horizontal lines which the new block will present.

The question of design was even more difficult. The architects had to plan a building that would be not out of keeping with the existing School Block, and yet not a mere slavish imitation of mid-Victorian Gothic. At the same time they had to bear in mind con-

siderations of expense and of the availability of materials. Let us at once reassure those who have visions of shapeless pre-fabricated growths springing up higger-mugger on the gravel. The new block is to be a permanent red brick building of two storeys, distinctively modern in design, yet harmonising with the neighbouring Chapel. Even the flat roof, forced upon us by the shortage of timber, has been boldly turned to good account, and its parapet is an essential feature of the elevation.

Within, the new block will contain full-sized Physics and Chemistry Laboratories, each with its own Preparation Room; a rather smaller Biology Laboratory, with a roof conservatory; a Science Staff Room; and an adequate range of wash basins and lavatories. The fittings of the laboratories have been planned down to the smallest detail to meet the requirements of the Science masters; and the Classic may well feel envious when he considers the vastly improved facilities which his Science friends are going to enjoy.

Yet even he will gain from the new buildings, for the conversion of the old laboratories into form rooms will give us all a little more room to breathe. Until the new block is in use we shall, of course, be working under increasingly difficult conditions. But the sight of the British workman and the sound of his trowel will buoy us up and will encourage us to hold on just a little longer.

J.M.C.

SCHOOL NOTES

During the Christmas holidays the alterations to School House continued. The small West Dormitory was converted into two bed sitting-rooms for ladies of the domestic staff, and an extra bathroom was constructed to provide them with a self-contained suite. Room was found for the displaced boarders (martyrs in a good cause!) in the accommodation thus set free at Waste Court and The Lodge.

The Tower Steps were also relaid, a fact that was brought forcibly to the attention of all those who consistently tripped over them for the first few days of the term.

The number of boys in the School at the beginning of the Lent Term was 301 (Dayboys 175, School House 73, Waste Court 34, Larkhill 19).

A link with the last century has recently been severed by the death at Oxford, on 19th March, in her ninety-second year, of Mrs. Cam, widow of the Rev. W. H. Cam, who was Headmaster of the School from 1883 to 1893. Mr. Ingham was present at the funeral at Wolvercote on 24th March.

The retirement of two Governors of the School, Alderman R. W. Langford, J.P., and Alderman A. M. Wilson-Green, M.A., J.P., from

the Abingdon Borough Council after many years of public service, cannot go unnoticed. We join with the Borough in wishing them many years of happy and prosperous retirement.

At the end of the Lent Term we said goodbye, with much regret, to Mr. G. D. C. Tudor, B.A. Although he had only been with us for two terms, Mr. Tudor will long be remembered for his successful efforts to restart cross-country running. We wish both Mr. and Mrs. Tudor every success and happiness in Devon, where Mr. Tudor has gone to take up an appointment with the University College of the South-West, Exeter.

In the Summer term we welcome Mr. C. A. Emery, B.A., who served in the Infantry during the war, reaching the rank of Captain. He was taken prisoner in Tunisia in 1943. Subsequently he read History at Pembroke College, Oxford, where he rowed in the 1st Boat with several Abingdonians. He will temporarily fill Mr. Tudor's post.

After prolonged consideration of various suggested designs a new and somewhat more simple version of the School Tie has now been introduced, in which a narrow diagonal stripe of cerise is set on a broader strip of white against a black background. Fortunately the manufacturers have managed to produce a cerise which approximates to its name and cannot easily be confused with scarlet or any other shade of red.

The publication of a new edition of Lemprière's Classical Dictionary has drawn attention to one of our better known—though not perhaps most successful—headmasters, who reached his apotheosis by being made the subject of Harold Nicolson's 'Marginal Comment' in a recent issue of the Spectator. Sir Ralph Glyn has very kindly offered a special prize for an essay on "Dr. Lemprière" which should stimulate interest not only in the man himself but also in a somewhat involved period of the School's history.

We record our thanks to several parents for gifts to the School—Mr. Older for a punch ball; Mr. Archer for a ping-pong table; and Mr. W. H. Stevens for the Royal Empire Society's map of Churchill's journeys during the late war.

We gratefully record also the gift by R. A. R. Townsend, O.A., of a small silver cup which he won at School in 1905. The cup was presented at the end of Lent Term to D. E. Allen, Victor Ludorum in this year's Sports. This gesture has already inspired promises from various sources that a Victor Ludorum Cup, to be retained by the winner, will be forthcoming for several years ahead.

We were pleased to have Messrs. G. P. Martindale, B.A., and J. K. Barratt, B.A., from the University of Oxford Department of Education, with us for the Lent Term.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Winkle upon the birth of a daughter. Mr. Winkle was with us last Michaelmas Term from the Department of Education. He and Mrs. Winkle are now in Khartoum where Mr. Winkle has taken up a teaching appointment.

We congratulate all those awarded Colours during the Lent term. Details may be found under the reports of sporting activities of the term.

We congratulate M. Bateman, M. D. Millichap and A. W. H. Riggott on being selected to play for Berkshire in the Public Schools' Inter-County Hockey Tournament.

We congratulate the following on being awarded prizes for their holiday-reading. The experiment, has, we think, proved a great success. Form IVA—B. H. Islip and N. G. Nicholls (aeq.). Form IIIA—J. E. Greenaway. Form IIIB—B. J. Hiscock. Form IIA—D. G. Dunkley. Form IIB—I. J. Parsons. Prep. Form—B. E. Stacey.

Finally, we extend our warmest congratulations to Mr. Grundy on his recent election to the Berkshire County Council as the representative of Abingdon West Division.

On Sunday, 20th February, Mr. Burbridge gave a recital of flute music in the School Chapel. He was accompanied on the organ by the School Chaplain.

On the last evening of the Lent term an Easter Concert of Handel's music was held in the School Chapel. Organ recitals were given by the Rev. F. W. Burgess, solos by Miss Peach and Mr. Alston, and the choir gave a rendering of several of the choruses from the "Messiah". A small gathering of parents and friends enjoyed a very good evening.

On Monday, 7th February a party of about 100 senior boys went to St. Helen's School to see a solo production by Mr. John Trevor of abridged versions of "The Merchant of Venice" and "Macbeth".

On Friday, 18th February, another party attended a lecture by Mrs. Betjeman, organised by the *Friends of Abingdon*, on "North Indian Architecture".

On Friday, 18th March, a small party, again of senior boys, attended an open discussion, organised by the *Friends of Abingdon*, on the subject "Should Abingdon move with the times?"

Besides the educational films which have now become a regular feature of school life, the series of entertainment films for Saturday evenings which began in the Michaelmas Term has been continued

in the Lent term. May we again say how much we have enjoyed them and how much we hope that they will make their reappearance later in the year when the nights again begin to close in early. The feature films shown were as follows:—

- January 22nd, "Bulldog Jack".
- February 12th, "The Lady Vanishes".
- March 12th, "The Young Mr. Pitt".

Lecturers who have visited the School in the Lent term—apart from those introduced by the societies and the C.C.F.—have been:

- Friday, 4th February—Col. C. E. Morris on the work of "Dr. Barnardo's Homes".
- Friday, 18th February—Lieut. J. Taplin on the "Royal Marines".
- Monday, 14th March—Rev. E. Knapp-Fisher on "The Vocation of the Clergy".

To them all we offer our warm thanks.

On Monday, 7th February, members of the Junior School were given a lecture on Road Safety by the local Police Road Safety Officer in connection with the Town's Road Safety Week. Subsequently, on Tuesday, 22nd March, some entertaining and instructive films on the same subject were given to Middle School Forms.

As a result of the December examinations three boys obtained the Oxford School Certificate. They were J. Furby, J. L. Hughes and R. J. Taylor.

ABINGDON SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The War Memorial Fund continues to advance slowly, but we hope surely, towards its goal. We append a fourth list of contributions promised or received, some of which represent the consolidated totals of subscriptions covenanted over a period of seven years. A certain amount of sports clothing sent to the Headmaster for disposal on behalf of the Fund has not yet been sold, or has not yet passed through the Accounts, and this will be acknowledged later. The Headmaster once again appeals for further offerings of the same kind.

We are still unable to give further news of the purchase of the field, though subscribers may rest assured that the School is doing everything it can to complete the negotiations. We are informed however that the delay has no sinister implications.

The memorial tablet is now being incised, and it will be dedicated by the Rev. T. M. Layng, M.A., C.B.E., M.C., (O.A.), at a special service in the Chapel at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 26th June, 1949, the day

after the O.A. Match and Dinner. Accommodation in the Chapel is limited. Seats will be reserved in the first instance for the relatives of those who fell. Every effort will be made to send a personal invitation to the next of kin of each Old Boy whose name appears on the tablet. Any seats that are left over will be available for Old Boys and friends of the School generally. Application for seats should be made not later than 1st June to Mr. G. F. Duxbury, at the School.

Fourth List of Contributors:—

£21		G. B. Holme
£20		Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Heavens'
£7	7	N. Duncan, Miss Sheldon Peach
£3	3	N. J. Holmes
£2	2	H. A. Ashworth, The Governors of Abingdon School (2nd Donation).
£1	13	7 Chapel Collection.
£1	1	R. C. C. Aston, Mrs. D. E. Blundell, H. B. Healy (2nd donation)
10		C. Smith

Also clothing presented which sold for—

N. A. Parker	£1 1s. 0d.
G. V. Bayley	£1 0s. 6d.
J. B. H. J. Aldiss	18s. 3d.
R. A. Langford	12s. 6d.

Those who have covenanted their subscriptions may be interested to learn that a cheque for £73 14s. 6d. has just been received from the Income Tax Authorities in repayment of Income Tax for the financial year 1947—1948.

FOUNDER'S DAY, 1949.

The O.A. Cricket Match, the Annual General Meeting of the Club, and the O.A. Dinner, will be held on Saturday, 25th June. Details of these events will be issued later.

The programme for the Founder's Day will be as follows—

FRIDAY, 22nd JULY—

6.30 p.m. First performance of the School Play ("The Critic", by R. B. Sheridan) in the Corn Exchange.

SATURDAY, 23rd JULY—

11.30 a.m. Founder's Day Service in St. Helen's Church (Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Reading).

3.0 p.m. Distribution of Prizes by Sir Ralph Glyn, M.P. in the Corn Exchange.

4.30 p.m. The Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban 'At Home' at the School House.

5.30 p.m. P.T. Display and display of school activities.

7.30 p.m. Second performance of the School Play.

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 tickets for the Prize-Giving, or who can attend the 'At Home', is asked to write to the Headmaster. Tickets for either performance of the School Play can be obtained from Mr. F. J. Sewry at the School, price 3/6 and 2/-.

CHAPEL NOTES.

Visiting preachers for the Summer term will include Wing-Commander Patrick Hamilton (who is rapidly becoming an old friend of the School) on 15th May; and the Warden of St. Edward's School, Oxford, (Rev. H. E. Kendall, O.B.E., V.D., M.A.) on 3rd July.

We are grateful to a member of the staff, who wishes to remain anonymous for the gift of a new lectern Bible, which is only slightly smaller than its monstrous predecessor. The reader of the lesson may, it is true, find that the full-page illustrations in the new Bible are a little distracting; but at all events he will no longer have to negotiate the hazards of a dog-eared corner.

Visitors to the Chapel may have noticed that our hymn books are sparse in number and in most cases in bad condition. We have in fact put off replacing them until the long awaited new edition of the Public Schools Hymn Book became available. This has now been promised for April and we are planning to equip the Chapel with it. As the music edition costs 9/- a copy, the burden would be far too heavy for Chapel Funds to bear unaided and we have therefore invited parents to present one or more copies to the Chapel. The response has been most encouraging, and if any *Old Boy* or friend of the School would like to be similarly associated with the Chapel the Headmaster will be glad to receive his contribution. A special bookplate will be inserted in each book, bearing the name of the donor.

It is hoped that the long overdue repairs to the Organ (which include the provision of a new generator) will have been completed by the beginning of the Summer term. It will be a great relief to be spared the embarrassments that the fickleness of the engine has caused in recent terms!

On each Wednesday of Lent, a short service was held in the Chapel at 6 p.m. It was well attended on each occasion.

Collections this term have been for the following:—Chapel Funds, National Institute for the Blind, Dr. Barnardo's Homes, the Dockland Settlement (the School Mission), St. James' Church, Nevis, the War Memorial Fund, the Arab Refugees in Palestine.

ATHLETICS

A very full programme of athletics occupied the last few weeks of term, and was successfully concluded despite interruptions of snow, rain and cold weather. The Annual Sports were preceded by an Inter-House 'Standards' competition, won amidst much enthusiasm by Blacknall House. This year an additional standard, called a "first-class standard", was fixed for each event, so that a boy who had passed the ordinary standard could go on to gain a further one point for his House by achieving a higher standard.

History was made on Saturday, 19th March, when we entertained the City of Oxford School in a Senior and Junior match on Waste Court. We believe we are correct in saying that, apart from O.A. matches, no athletic fixture had ever been held at School before. Finally, this year's O.A. Sports, held on Saturday, 26th March, saw much keener and closer competition than last year.

Details of all three fixtures are as follows:—

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

The Annual Sports Day was held on Thursday, 17th March, on Waste Court Field. The day was cold but fine, and the number of spectators less than we had hoped to see. Performances, however, were good. Two new records were made. N. A. Carter ran the 80 yards 'Under 11' in the new time of 11.3 seconds, and M. C. Glassbrook made a new Half-Mile 'Under 15' record of 2 mins. 22.4 seconds.

The Inter-House competition, a combination of 'Standards' and Sports points, was won by Reeves House.

At the end of the meeting, the Challenge Cups were presented by Mrs. J. H. Fisher on Waste Court lawn.

The results were—

The Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for Seniors: D. E. Allen, 21 pts.

The Shallard Challenge Cup for Juniors: M. C. Glassbrook, 15 pts.

1. LONG JUMP (Open)

Record 21ft. 3½ins.

1. D. M. Aldworth (T)
2. K. A. Fathers (T)
3. P. R. Lucas (T)

Distance: 17ft. 11ins.

2. HIGH JUMP (Under 15)

Record 4ft. 10½ins.

1. P. M. Glassbrook (Bl)
2. D. R. Carter (R)
3. B. W. T. Leech (R)

Height: 4ft. 5ins.

2. JAVELIN (Open)

1. J. B. Walker (Bl)
2. D. E. Allen (R)
3. F. C. Lucas (T)

Distance: 108ft. 5½ins.

4. HIGH JUMP (Open)

Record 5ft. 4½ins.

1. D. E. Allen (R)
2. I. M. Pickford (R)
3. J. S. Draisey (R)

Height: 4ft. 9½ins.

5. LONG JUMP (Under 15)
Record 17ft. 3½ins.
1. R. W. Allen ii (R)
2. B. W. T. Leech (R)
3. B. A. Whiteford (B)
Distance 16ft. 2¾ins.
6. HURDLES (Open)
Record 16 secs.
1. J. T. Cullen (T)
2. M. D. Millichap (B)
3. M. Bateman (Bl)
Time 18.2 secs.
7. HURDLES (Under 16)
Record 17.6 secs.
1. R. S. M. Millard i (B)
2. D. R. G. Andrews (T)
3. M. J. Austwick (R)
Time: 20.2 secs.
8. 80 YARDS (Under 11)
Record 11.4 secs.
1. N. A. Carter (R)
2. I. T. S. Ashworth (T)
3. W. N. R. Stevens (R) and
R. C. Spring (B) equal
Time: 11.3 secs., new record
9. 100 YARDS (Under 13)
Record 13 secs.
1. A. J. Pickford (R)
2. R. P. Clewley (R)
3. A. C. Marshall (R) and
P. G. Cope (T) equal
Time: 13.3 secs.
10. 100 YARDS (Under 15)
Record 12.1 secs.
1. R. W. Allen (R)
2. J. H. Pinniger (T)
3. J. B. Archer (Bl)
Time: 12.3 secs.
11. 100 YARDS (Open)
1. D. M. Aldworth (T)
2. J. T. Cullen (T)
3. B. R. Perry (R)
Time: 10.5 secs.
12. PUTTING THE WEIGHT
(Open)
Record 46ft. 9ins.
1. J. T. Cullen (T)
2. J. B. Walker (Bl)
3. A. F. Bastin (Bl)
Distance: 34ft. 10ins.
13. QUARTER MILE (Under 15)
Record 60.4 secs.
1. B. W. T. Leech (R)
2. P. M. Glassbrook (Bl)
3. J. B. Archer (Bl)
Time: 62.7 secs.
14. QUARTER MILE (Open)
Record 54.4 secs.
1. D. M. Aldworth (T)
2. D. E. Allen (R)
3. M. Bateman (Bl.)
Time: 57.3 secs.
15. THROWING THE DISCUS
(Open)
Record 114ft. 6ins.
1. A. G. B. King (R)
2. J. B. Walker (Bl)
3. J. T. Cullen (T)
Distance 89ft. 11ins.
16. HALF MILE (Under 15)
Record 2 mins. 26 secs.
1. M. C. Glassbrook (Bl)
2. P. M. Glassbrook (Bl)
3. D. R. Carter (R)
Time: 2 mins. 24.4 secs.
(new record)
17. HALF MILE (Open)
Record 2 mins. 10.2 secs.
1. M. Bateman (Bl)
2. D. E. Allen (R)
3. D. J. Heavens (B)
Time: 2mins. 14.2 secs.
18. JUNIOR HOUSE RELAY
1. Bennett House
2. Blacknall House
3. Reeves House

19 SENIOR HOUSE RELAY

1. Tesdale House
2. Bennett House
3. Reeves House

The following events were run off before Sports Day:—

MILE (Open)

Record 4 mins. 50.8 secs.

1. D. E. Allen (R)
2. D. J. Heavens (B)
3. M. D. Millichap (B)

Time: 5 mins. 3.9 secs.

MILE (Under 15)

Record 5 mins. 20.2 secs.

1. M. C. Glassbrook (Bl)
2. P. M. Glassbrook (Bl)
3. B. W. T. Leech (R)

Time: 5 mins. 29.5 secs.

HALF MILE (Under 13)

Record 2 mins. 35.8 secs.

1. A. C. Marshall (R)
2. R. M. Marchbanks (T)
3. R. D. P. Griffith (R)

Time: 2 mins. 39.5 secs.

The Ladies of Abingdon House Challenge Cup was won by Reeves House with a total of 217 points, Blacknall House being second with 192 points, Tesdale House third with 163 points, and Bennett House last with 123 points.

SCHOOL v. CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL

Keen competition was a feature of this match on Waste Court. The Junior contest proved a fairly easy win for C.O.S., but the Senior match remained a close thing almost to the end, the School losing only as a result of bad relay racing.

The results of the Senior Match were:—

1. LONG JUMP

1. M. A. J. Gardner (C.O.S.)
2. D. M. Aldworth (Sch.)
3. M. F. Warland (C.O.S.)

Distance: 18ft. 6 ins.

2. HIGH JUMP

1. P. S. Wharton (C.O.S.)
2. W. G. Olscher (Sch.)
3. D. E. Allen (Sch.)

Height: 5ft. 2ins.

3. 100 YARDS

1. D. M. Aldworth (Sch.)
2. I. J. Kempson (C.O.S.)
3. M. A. J. Gardner (C.O.S.)

Time: 11 secs.

4. PUTTING THE WEIGHT

1. J. B. Walker (Sch.)
2. J. T. Cullen (Sch.)
3. P. S. Wharton (C.O.S.)

Distance: 32ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

5. HALF MILE

1. G. L. Frewer (C.O.S.)
2. M. Bateman (Sch.)
3. A. L. Hearn (C.O.S.)

Time: 2 mins. 12.6 secs.

6. QUARTER MILE

1. K. G. Beckinsale (C.O.S.)
2. D. M. Aldworth (Sch.)
3. M. D. Millichap (Sch.)

Time: 55.6 secs.

7. THROWING THE DISCUS

1. W. G. Olscher (Sch.)
2. P. S. Wharton (C.O.S.)
3. J. Hall (C.O.S.)

Distance: 106ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

8. ONE MILE

1. D. E. Allen (Sch.)
2. J. C. Collinson (C.O.S.)
3. D. J. Heavens (Sch.)

Time: 5 mins. 0.2 secs.

9. RELAY 'A' TEAM (4 x 220) 10. RELAY 'B' TEAM (4 x 110)

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| 1. C.O.S. (Gardner, Warland,
Beckinsale, Kempson)
2. School (Aldworth, Cullen,
Perry, Millichap) | 1. C.O.S. (Robinson, Hearn,
Peacock, Collinson)
2. School (Millard, Lucas,
Fathers, Bastin) |
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Time 1-min. 40.7 secs.

Time: 53.3 secs.

Result C.O.S. 57 points; Abingdon 51 points.

The Results of the 'Under 15' Match were:—

1. LONG JUMP

1. D. C. Watts (C.O.S.)
2. P. Stone (C.O.S.)
3. R. W. Allen (Sch.)

Distance: 15ft. 2½ins.

4. HALF MILE

1. A. Dunnill (C.O.S.)
2. M. C. Glassbrook (Sch.)
3. P. M. Glassbrook (Sch.)

Time: 2 mins. 17.2 secs.

2. HIGH JUMP

1. A. Dunnill (C.O.S.)
2. R. D. Cooper (C.O.S.)
3. M. C. Glassbrook (Sch.)

Height: 4ft. 6 ins.

5. QUARTER MILE

1. B. W. T. Leech (Sch.)
2. C. Clarke (C.O.S.)
3. R. Edwards (C.O.S.)

Time: 62.5 secs.

3. 100 YARDS

1. D. C. Watts (C.O.S.)
2. P. H. Whitter (C.O.S.)
3. D. Williams (C.O.S.)

Time: 11.8 secs.

6. RELAY 'A' TEAM (4 x 110)

1. C.O.S. (Watts, Williams,
Whitter, Stone)
2. School (Allen, Stopps, Fay,
Pinniger)

Time: 55.8 secs.

7. RELAY 'B' TEAM (4 x 110)

1. C.O.S. (Day, Tapping,
Cross, Jeffrey)
2. School (Archer, Full,
Glassbrook, Glassbrook)

Time: 58.7 secs.

Result C.O.S. 57 points, Abingdon 23 points.

SCHOOL v. OLD ABINGDONIANS

The meeting, held at Waste Court, resulted in a victory for the School with 55 points as against 34.

Results were as follows:—

1. LONG JUMP

Record 22ft. 2ins.

1. K. J. Weston (O.A.)
2. D. M. Aldworth (Sch.)
3. K. A. Fathers (Sch.)

Distance: 19ft. 6½ins.

2. HIGH JUMP

Record 5ft. 5½ins.

1. B. G. Budden (O.A.)
2. W. G. Olscher (Sch.)
3. D. E. Allen (Sch.)

Height: 4ft. 10½ins.

3. **HALF MILE**
Record 2 mins. 9.8 secs.
1. J. S. Draisey (Sch.)
2. M. D. Millichap (Sch.)
3. L. A. Lewis (O.A.)
Time: 2 mins. 18.4 secs.
4. **THROWING THE DISCUS**
Record 133ft.
1. J. B. Walker (Sch.)
2. B. G. Budden (O.A.)
3. W. G. Olscher (Sch.)
Distance: 99ft. 7½ins.
5. **100 YARDS**
Record 10 secs.
1. D. M. Aldworth (Sch.)
2. J. T. Cullen (Sch.)
3. K. J. Weston (O.A.)
Time: 10.8 secs.
6. **PUTTING THE WEIGHT**
Record 51ft.
1. W. G. Olscher (Sch.)
2. J. T. Cullen (Sch.)
3. D. Hayter (O.A.)
Distance: 36ft. 3ins.
7. **QUARTER MILE**
Record 52 secs.
1. D. Hayter (O.A.)
2. D. M. Aldworth (Sch.)
3. M. D. Millichap (Sch.)
Time: 56.3 secs.
8. **JAVELIN (new event)**
1. E. H. Aldworth (O.A.)
2. J. B. Walker (Sch.)
3. W. G. Olscher (Sch.)
Distance: 124ft. 6ins.
9. **MILE**
Record 4 mins. 50.8 secs.
1. D. E. Allen (Sch.)
2. D. J. Heavens (Sch.)
3. G. S. Strachan (Sch.)
Time: 5 mins. 0.9 secs.
10. **RELAY (6 x 220)**
Record 2 mins. 31 secs.
1. O.A.C. (Weston, Budden, Lewis, Willson, Hayter, Cox)
2. School (Aldworth, Cullen, Perry, Millichap, Fathers Bastin)
Time: 2 mins. 34 secs.

The following Colours have been awarded:—

Full Colours: D. E. Allen, D. M. Aldworth, M. Bateman, J. T. Cullen and J. B. Walker.

Half Colours: J. S. Draisey, K. A. Fathers, D. J. Heavens, A. G. B. King and M. D. Millichap.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Junior rugger was again played during the first half of the term. The Colts XV played only one match, losing to the City of Oxford School, but much valuable time was spent in practice and coaching.

House matches this term were restricted to boys 'Under 14' so that there might be some distinction between the Junior House matches of

the Michaelmas and Lent Terms. The Bayley Cup was won by Blacknall House, the match results being as under:—

Bennett v. Tesdale 13—0.

Reeves v. Blacknall 3—24.

Bennett v. Blacknall 6—12.

During the Christmas vacation three members of the 1st XV—D. M. Aldworth, J. T. Cullen and G. S. Strachan—played for Berkshire Public Schools in all of their four matches, against the Wasps, Oxfordshire, Wilts. and Dorset, and Sussex.

HOCKEY, 1949.

This year the team has had a fairly successful season, winning four matches, drawing one and losing three. Three matches were cancelled owing to infectious diseases and inclement weather.

The most outstanding weakness in the team was a noticeable lack of scoring power, mainly due to slowness in the circle. The defence was generally sound, with T. O. Inwood at centre-half particularly safe.

1st XI CHARACTERS

M. H. VENABLES (Capt., Colours 1949. Left-back): A much improved player who has set a good example of keenness to the rest of the team. His interception and tackling are good and his clearances usually well-placed.

T. O. INWOOD (Colours 1949. Centre-half): Has played consistently well throughout the season. His stickwork is good and his anticipation and interception have been effective both in defence and attack.

D. M. ALDWORTH (Half Colours 1948. Left-half): A fast and strong player who hits the ball hard but is inclined to be rather wild. Nevertheless, he has played effectively in several positions.

D. E. ALLEN (Half Colours 1948. Inside-right): A strong and determined player who has been inclined to emphasise the defensive side of his work. When he learns to be up in attack as quickly as he is back in defence he will double his effectiveness.

M. D. MILLICHAP (Half Colours 1948. Right-wing): A fast winger who will be of far more value when he learns to pass sooner. On occasions his stickwork is good but his centring needs greater control.

M. BATEMAN (Half Colours 1949. Inside-left): A fast and enterprising player who has played usefully. He could make a good half-back quite easily but he needs much practice and experience before he becomes a good forward.

B. R. PERRY (Half Colours 1949. Left-wing): A much improved player who has played well in a difficult position. He is fast and determined and knows when to pass.

W. L. WOOLDRIDGE (Half Colours 1949. Right-back): A very reliable player. His tackling and stickwork are good and his clearances well-placed and powerful.

D. W. H. RIDOUT (Half Colours 1949. Right-half): A young player who has developed well. With experience he could make a really good half-back.

A. W. H. RIGGOTT (Half Colours 1949. Centre-forward): A hard-working and enthusiastic member of the team. He needs a greater sense of anticipation and must improve his ball control. He must learn to shoot harder and quicker in the circle.

H. B. STEVENS (Half Colours 1949. Goalkeeper): Has played quite well in a thankless position. He must curb a tendency to kick over the ball and must learn when to come out of his goal. He needs to be more aggressive in his attitude towards opposing forwards.

Also played: **B. H. WIGGINS**, **C. E. STOPPS**.

1st XI MATCHES

v. ABINGDON TOWN (H). Lost 2—6.

This match was played in a very thick fog. Mr. Griffin and Mr. Tudor turned out to strengthen the School team while Aldworth took over the captaincy from Venables who was unable to play owing to injury. The School XI did not combine well and the Town were a faster and more experienced side who deserved their victory. Goals for the School were scored by Aldworth and Bateman.

v. SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL (A). Won 1—0.

This was a slow and unconvincing game. The School forwards lost many opportunities for scoring through a tendency to be offside and the whole XI played more as a collection of individuals than as a team. The only goal was scored by Aldworth.

v. WALLINGFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL (H). Won 2—1.

The element of chance entered unduly into this game, as the ball performed many strange antics on the frosty ground. Consequently it was rather a 'scrappy' game but nevertheless enjoyable, though both sides found difficulty in staying on their feet. Riggott scored twice for the School.

v. OLD ABINGDONIANS (H). Drawn 2—2.

A hard, fast and enjoyable game which was just as even as the score suggests. The School XI rose to the occasion and played very well. Hayter was unlucky to put the ball into his own net, while attempting to clear, and thus put the School ahead. Riggott scored the other goal for the School, while Barrett and Budden scored for the O.A.s.

v. CULHAM COLLEGE (H). Won 4—0.

Culham were unfortunately compelled to put out a much weakened side. Nevertheless the game was enjoyable though played at an easy pace. Perry scored twice for the School and Riggott and Bateman brought the total of goals up to four.

v. RADLEY COLLEGE 2nd XI (A). Lost 0—4.

The game was far more even than the score suggests. The School forwards were often in the Radley circle but failed their opportunities. In this match Stopps took the place of Inwood whose absence was much felt.

v. QUEEN'S COLLEGE 2nd XI (H). Lost 1—2.

In this game the School team were not at their best and there was a sad lack of combination. Wooldridge was unable to play and his place was taken by Wiggins. The School were lucky to be awarded their goal which Riggott put in with a 'first-time' shot from a corner.

v. SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL (H). Won 3—1.

An easy paced match, half of which was played in snow. The School forwards combined better than usual in this game and goals were scored by Allen, Millichap and Riggott.

ROWING, LENT TERM, 1949.

The prospect at the start of the season was reasonably cheerful as a fair number of last year's oarsmen were still available, but apart from the 1st IV which soon settled down and remained unchanged, any hopes of regular and progressive training were rudely shattered. Illness and other causes prevented the 2nd and 3rd crews from rowing in the same order for more than two or three days consecutively so that their performance in races was inevitably somewhat disappointing. There are however two points worth emphasizing for future crews. First, it is the duty of every oarsman, in fairness to other members of the crew rather than to himself, to take elementary precautions to make, and keep himself fit. Secondly, it appeared at times that individuals were not making serious enough efforts to rid themselves of simple faults, in spite of constant advice and correction—even such elementary lapses as failing to sit the boat level when eased.

In matters of equipment, the tub position is still difficult with costs prohibitive, but we are once again possessed of a floating raft. This is a great boon, and once it is over its teething troubles should give many years' service and save many countless tedious treks along Wilsham Road.

We have a much more ambitious fixture list arranged for the Summer Term and look forward confidently to some good racing.

1st IV.

The 1st boat was fortunate in having three of last year's 1st crew, Strachan, Cullen and Wyatt, still available, and with the addition of Bastin from the successful 2nd IV, soon settled down. Conditions were good and steady progress was made in eliminating individual and collective faults. From the outset stress was laid on slide-control and leg-control, and this paid dividends when rowing began in earnest. Wyatt, at bow, improved in style and performance though he never quite overcame a tendency to row his blade in from too great a height. Bastin at 2 rowed very steadily and fitted in well with the others. His blade-work was good but his body-swing needs improving. Strachan at 3, locked bow and stroke sides together well and soon overcame a tendency to snatch at the finish. Cullen shewed himself a greatly improved oar, and stroked the boat with courage and good judgement, finally attaining a very fair rate of striking. Atkinson coxed well, was always ready to learn his trade and shewed that he realised that steering is not the only pre-occupation of a cox.

1st IV RACES

v. PEMBROKE COLLEGE O.A.s (Home) on 26th February

Won by 4 lengths in 3 mins. 28 secs.

This was a good performance in roughish conditions with a strong cross wind. After a fairly good start the School forged steadily ahead and stroke brought her in with fine dash at the end, to return a very fast time in the conditions. O.A. Crew—R. Hedger (Str.); D. E. P. Jones; T. W. Green; J. T. Moore (bow).

v. WALLINGFORD R.C. IV (Home) on 5th March.

Won easily in 4 mins. 7 secs.

Conditions were poor, cold with a stiff head-wind. The School gained an early lead and rapidly increased it, assisted by a crab in the other boat. We appreciate the visitors' keenness and realise the opposition will be different in the Summer.

v. M.C.S. OXFORD (Home) on 9th March.

Lost by 6 feet in 4 mins. 12.8 secs.

The weather was cold, with a strongish east wind and a faster stream than previously. Magdalen won the toss and taking the Oxon side went off very fast and in half a minute were a length ahead. By half-way, however, the School were shewing ahead by a few feet and from there to the finish there was a thrilling struggle, with the issue in doubt to the last stroke, only a supreme effort by Magdalen in the last 5 strokes giving them a canvas lead. The crews were very evenly matched and the extra weight perhaps just tipped the scale.

The Crew and weights were:—

- Bow: J. L. WYATT, 10 st. 9 lbs.,
 2 A. F. BASTIN, 10 st. 7½ lbs.
 3 G. S. STRACHAN, 11 st. 8 lbs.
 Str.: J. T. CULLEN, 11 st. 10 lbs.
 Cox: R. B. ATKINSON, 8 st. 3 lbs.

2nd IV

As already mentioned the order of rowing was constantly upset, Lucas alone regularly occupying his place. Though inclined to row in rather deep and tear out his finish he stroked with immense vigour and steadiness and was well backed by Fathers, a hard-working but rather clumsy '3'. Hamer at '2' was neat, but got very short when tired, while Klein at bow, though showing much improved form, was

in the boat for all too short a time. Had the crew been able to row together for a few weeks potentialities might have been realised. As it was, apart from the fact that Leach showed himself a much improved cox, another term's rowing will be needed to assess the merits of the crew.

2nd IV RACES

v. O.A. 2nd IV on 19th February. Won by 1/3 length, 3 mins. 56 secs.

A very provisional School crew secured a small lead at the start and in spite of constant pressure all over the course just scraped home. The O.A. crew was a very useful combination, but the School's grim determination atoned for somewhat rough and ready methods. O.A. Crew was:—R. P. F. Mills (Str.); K. Donkin; R. J. Pezaro; R. A. Clay (bow).

v. M.C.S. OXFORD II on 9th March

Lost by 5 lengths. Time 4 mins. 39 secs.

Conditions were very slow, which accentuated the deficiencies of the crew. Even so they were more ragged and lifeless than in practice, and completely outclassed by the Magdalen crew, who returned a very good time.

The 2nd IV was as follows:—

- Bow: R. KLEIN, 10 st. 8 lbs.
- 2 R. F. HAMER 8 st. 13 lbs.
- 3 K. A. FATHERS, 11 st. 8 lbs.
- Str. P. R. LUCAS, 10 st. 13 lbs.
- Cox H. R. LEACH, 6st. 7 lbs.

J. A. Penning and B. J. Noyce rowed bow and '2' respectively in the first race.

3rd IV

The 3rd Crew was in a constant state of flux to the last, but whatever the composition, there was plenty of keenness, if too little skill and experience. Brakespear revealed signs of becoming a useful stroke when he has learned to maintain a steady rhythm. Hullett is a neat natural oar but is too fond of studying the scenery. Olscher improved considerably but was not quite lively enough, while Light worked very hard, but naturally cannot produce much body-swing on a fixed seat.

In their one race against M.C.S., Oxford, they rowed with considerable pluck but lacked the experience and combination to make a race of it, and lost by 29 secs. over a shortened course.

The crew in the race was: J. W. HULLETT (bow) 8 st. 8 lbs.; J. H. LIGHT, 11 st. 9 lbs.; W. G. OLSCHER, 12 st. 2 lbs.; J. A. M. BRAKSPEAR (Str.) 10 st. 11 lbs.; D. R. ELLIS (Cox) 7 st. 9 lbs.

VALETE ET SALVETE

VALETE (Left, December, 1948).

Lower Sixth Form:

R. M. Reed (Modern) (ii, 41): Head of School House 48; O.S.C. 48; 2nd IV 48; 2nd Colours 48; 1st XV 47; Colours 48; Athletics Team 48; Half Colours 48; Tennis VI 48; J.T.C., Cpl., Cert. 'A', 48; Shooting VIII 47, 48; 1st Class Shot; G.G.C.; Hon. Sec. Minor Games 47; Hon. Sec. Rugger 48; Turnor Society Committee; Play-reading Society Committee; Roysse Society; Joint Club Committee.

Form 5B:

P. J. Chamberlin (iii, 42): J.T.C.

F. J. W. Lacey (i, 43): J.T.C., Cert. 'A', 47.

Remove: E. D. S. Schwler (i, 46): 'Under 15' XV 47.

Form 4A: D. M. Pointer (i, 43); (9th October).

Form 3A: P. J. Carey (iii, 47); (25th November).

Prep.: T. M. Trowell (iii, 48).

SALVETE (Came, January, 1949).

Form 4B: K. J. Clarke (Day-boy); M. J. Strickland (Day-boy).

Form 2A: M. H. Creevy (Larkhill).

Prep: A. J. Foden (Waste Court).

MINOR SPORTS

Boxing is now in full swing, under the able guidance of Messrs. Coleman and Tudor, the latter, unfortunately, now leaving us. Classes are held regularly one evening per week and are attended with great keenness. We have a new punch-ball and some enthusiasts are now campaigning for the purchase of a ring. This, however, will have to wait, unless someone shows great generosity.

Arrangements are in hand for the purchase of basketball equipment and we hope to see play commence in the reasonably near future.

It is hoped to arrange again this year a number of tennis matches to be played towards the end of the Summer term.

C.C.F. NOTES

There has been a marked improvement in the Lent term in the standard of turnout of the C.C.F. especially among the senior squads. This, coupled with the new uniforms sported by the Naval Section, is encouraging although there is a long way to go before the C.C.F. reaches the ideal in appearance.

No Cert 'A' exams took place this term but members of the post-Cert 'A' squad could be regularly seen improving their instructing prowess in the capable hands of instructors of the O.B.L.I. The shortage of N.C.O.s at the moment is so acute that it is most important that the members of this N.C.O.s cadre should become capable instructors.

Several lectures were given to the C.C.F. during the term, including one by Capt. Chipp, of the War Office Lecture Team, on "The Organisation of the Army with regard to the National Serviceman"; also Commander Buckley, R.N., paid us another visit to give a fascinating account of "The Chase and Sinking of the Bismarck". Much benefit was derived from these lectures and also the films shown with them.

We are again indebted to Mr. Mortimer who rendered valuable assistance at the Drill Hall where shooting was carried on through the term. We should also like to express our gratitude to Squad 'X' who, under the critical eye of Mr. Baynes, have been rebuilding the miniature range in the Lower Field. We extend hearty congratulations to Lt. Moore upon his promotion to the rank of Captain as announced in the London Gazette at the beginning of the Lent term.

Undoubtedly the most energetic activity of the C.C.F. during the term was Field Day which took place on Wednesday, 23rd March. The Naval Section spent the day at the R.N.A.S. Station, Culham, where we understand they were well taught, entertained and fed. Meanwhile the soldiers were carrying out patrol exercises in the Upton—Blewbury area of the County, which had been carefully planned by C.S.M. Cullen and C.Q.M.S. Heavens. These developed almost into a cross-country run, although No. 1 Patrol, under Cdt. King, succeeded in exploring vast tracts of Berkshire with unwarrantable thoroughness. Concern was expressed at the absence of Captain Moore at lunch-time, but it seems he had found the pace at which the patrol leaders moved their men too fast. The afternoon exercise consisting of a platoon attack, proved a great success. In this there was a surprising conclusion when a section of young recruits penetrated and disrupted the defensive position.

During the Christmas holidays an R.A. course was attended by several senior cadets, and again during the Easter holidays several will be attending an R.E. Course at Aldershot.

ROYSSÉ SOCIETY

The Society met on Tuesday, 22nd February, to hear a paper on "The History of Royssé's School since 1563" read by Mr. C. E. T. Moore. Both the paper and the subsequent discussion were of great interest and the latter embraced not only the past but also the future of the School.

On Friday, 11th March, the Society heard J. L. Wyatt on "Bermuda" and we were all delighted to hear of a land where freezing is an outlandish curiosity. Afterwards the reader was asked to explain many of his observations from personal experience.

The Society wish to express their appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Cobban's hospitality.

H. D. B.

DEBATING SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster.

Chairman: M. A. C. Heavens

Hon. Sec.: M. H. Venables

The Society was revived this term to the great joy of those members of the senior forms who have that intense desire to (forcibly) impose their own points of view upon others.

The first meeting was held on Friday afternoon, 28th January. The motion was "That this House considers the Internal Combustion Engine to be the work of the Devil." It was proposed by Mr. D. O. Willis who drew particular attention to the fact that this infernal machine was a toy of Beelzebub in as much as all poor school masters were tantalized and frustrated because they were too poor to own them. It was seconded by K. A. Fathers who enlarged upon Mr. Willis' points as seen through the eyes of a person of the younger generation. The motion was opposed by R. B. Atkinson who made a convincing speech to show how the engine had benefited mankind by making travel faster and cleaner. His seconder was B. W. T. Leech who added even more weight to the argument against the motion. Other speakers included J. T. Cullen and R. S. M. Millard.

The motion was defeated by 5 votes to 37.

The second meeting was held on Friday afternoon, 4th March. The motion was "That this House considers that History is, as Mr. Ford has alleged, 'bunk' ". It was proposed by A. W. H. Riggott who based his argument upon the fact that, if History is interpreted in the wrong way it is dangerous. To illustrate this he quoted the Communist Manifesto and showed that History had been interpreted badly enough by other authors to be called 'bunk'. It was seconded by D. M. Aldworth who, while admitting that he had not completely convinced

himself, nevertheless made, as it seemed, a very watertight case. The motion was opposed by J. T. Cullen. He said that he was radically against such a motion because he believed that if the world would take History seriously it could learn from it and prevent further great wars. His seconder was R. F. Hamer who very ably 'tore large holes' in D. M. Aldworth's arguments to such an extent that nothing but the mere shell was left. Other speakers included Mr. D. O. Willis, A. F. Bastin, H. D. Baecker, K. Fathers and R. Grant.

The motion was defeated by 22 votes to 17.

M. H. V.

TURNOR SOCIETY

There were five meetings in all during the Lent term.

The first talk, given by Mr. D. O. Willis, was entitled "Persian Journey". It was an interesting and amusing account of his war-time experiences on Iranian Territory.

The second was given by the President in which he elucidated "The Job of a Schoolmaster". We were told how to become one of the Pandits of Society, and then, in a lively and interesting manner, were told something about the life of a schoolmaster.

Our third talk, by Mr. G. P. Martindale, was a portrait of P.o.W. life—"Behind the Wire". This interesting talk was illustrated by etchings and cartoons on the epidiascope.

This was followed by "Britain's Overseas Trade", a talk by Mr. S. F. Perry, J.P. In his lecture Mr. Perry told us about the Marshall Plan, and showed us that Britain's recovery is faster than we are sometimes led to believe.

The term's meetings closed with a talk by Mr. W. A. Rudd who described his recent American holiday, on the Pacific Coast of the United States. The talk was illustrated by picture post-cards which Mr. Rudd had collected on his travels.

P. C. R.

JOINT CLUB

The Club had four meetings in the Lent term.

The first activity of the term was a dance held in the Council Chambers on 29th January. This was much enjoyed by everybody including the many new members whom we welcomed to the Club,

The second meeting was held under the hospitable roof of St. Helen's School. It took the form of a social, beginning with some energetic team games and community singing, and closing with dancing, after excellent refreshments.

On 5th March, we held a third meeting, again at St. Helen's and this time the meeting took the form of a debate on the motion that "This House considers that the activities of the Joint Club are a waste of time". The motion was ably proposed by Miss S. M. Willmott and seconded by J. T. Cullen; and the opposition was led by M. A. C. Heavens and seconded by Miss D. Henslowe. Many interesting suggestions were made, and I am sure that the Committee will not fail to allow members to help in their business, after the heated manner in which this suggestion was made. Needless to say the motion was defeated by a very large majority.

Our last meeting, held at St. Helen's, was a miscellany of intellectual pastimes. The programme included Twenty Questions, and a gruesome game which involved passing round a dismembered body in the dark. This was very effective, if one can judge by the horrified screams of some of the ladies present. The meeting ended with a short service in St. Helen's Chapel, when Father Moore gave us a very valuable and helpful talk about our activities. On this note we ended the Joint Club's most successful activities for the Lent term.

R. F. H.

HOLIDAY CLUB

The Club only fulfilled one engagement last holidays.

This was the Youth Carol Service, which was held in the Corn Exchange on Sunday, 19th December, 1948. The Club, as in previous years, sang a carol, the English translation by Mr. J. Y. Ingham of "O Tannenbaum" (O Christmas Tree). The whole service was conducted by Gordon B. Holdom, Esq., who also provided the highlights of the programme with his solo pieces.

A hockey fixture had been arranged against the Abingdon Young Conservatives, but had to be cancelled on account of the very bad weather.

M. A. C. H.

AVIATION CLUB

At our first meeting last term we were given an excellent, short talk on "Wind Circulation" by Mr. F. J. Sewry. Consequently most of us can now understand why British Modellers are not blessed with good weather for even one month in the year.

Our second meeting was a successful afternoon's flying, although the only two power models present were not destined to see the light of another day.

Next term we hope to pay a visit to the Handley-Page Aircraft Factory near London.

B. H. W.

CHESS CLUB

A number of meetings were held last term. The membership was still rather small, but for all that there was no lack of enthusiasm in the Club, and we have gained useful experience.

Again we are extremely grateful to Mr. W. M. Grundy for coming to our Saturday evening meetings to continue his valuable coaching. We should like to take this opportunity of saying how much we look forward to seeing him again in the Summer term, when, it is hoped, we shall be able to arrange fixtures with other Schools.

M. B.

SCOUT NOTES

There have been several changes in the troop during Lent term, several of the older members having left, and new members joined. Field Day was once again spent at Youlbury, where some fourteen Scouts spent an enjoyable day under the able leadership of Mr. Baynes, to whom the Troop is most grateful.

We hope that the coming Summer term will bring wider activities.

L. C. J. G.

THE CUB PACK

Our Cubmaster, the Rev. F. W. Burgess, was assisted in the term's activities by M. M. Grant. We welcome all those who joined the pack in the Lent term and so enabled us to form four Sixes, as we now have a membership of over twenty.

The Sixers during the term were K. Prentice (White) P. R. Turck (Red), J. A. Battam (Black) and J. L. Brown (Brown). The activities included passing Tests and obtaining Proficiency Badges, Tracking, and Treasure Hunts, with clues in Morse and Semaphore. We also lit fires, and tried bridge-building in a small way.

On 23rd March, Field Day, we went to the Old Canal where we built a bridge, and ate some food kindly provided by the School.

K. P.

LIBRARY NOTES

During the last month the Library has been the scene of intense activity as the process of radical, and it is hoped final, re-organisation was

being carried out by the Librarian and a band of willing and efficient assistants, who must unfortunately remain anonymous. The bookshelves have been brought down to earth—or rather floor-level—and all the books renumbered, classified by the Dewey system, and provided with ticket-pockets. When the new system is in operation next term the Library should be able to offer a more useful and efficient service.

We are extremely grateful for the increased allowance which the Governing Body has very wisely and generously allocated to the Library, thus enabling many of the weaker sections to be built up more quickly. We also acknowledge, with many thanks, the following gifts: from W. T. Morland, O.A., some 20 leather-bound prizes, won by himself and his brothers during their School careers, and other books including a handsome 4-volume set of *The Story of the Nations*. From Mr. V. C. Buckley, F.R.G.S., *Seven Sailors* by Kenneth Edwards; from Mr. E. S. Nicholls *Pictorial Britain and Ireland*; and from the Barnet & District Record Society another early copy of Godwin's *Res Romanae* and *Moses and Aaron*; and *Hockey* by D. S. Milford, as a leaving gift from Mr. Tudor. The Library staff in the Summer term will consist of M. H. Venables, S. R. Mills and N. J. Shurrock.

OXFORD LETTER

To the Editor, 'Abingdonian'.

Oxford,
April, 1949.

Dear Sir,

Tempted as I was to commence this little article of irritant gossip with a lengthy eulogy on the joys of Oxford in Spring, I nevertheless curbed my innate desire, recalling in time the residential proximity of my severest critics.

As the genius foci of Oxford has, ever since Thomas Tesdale put munificent quill to parchment, emanated from the precincts of Pembroke, it is only to be expected that your roving reporter's first call should be at that College.

Rupert Hedger who has just completed his term of office as Elder Statesman of the J.C.R. would only comment "Democracy at work is so sordid", whilst Mark Hedger would not even hint at his term's activities, possibly because rowing in the 2nd Torpid had left him very little energy for aught else.

Tubby Green did venture to emerge from his pre-finals' academic seclusion in order to support the Pembroke O.A.s in their efforts against the School IV, but otherwise very little was seen of him. Peter Jones has now completed his Oxford training and has moved to further his

studies at a hospital in London, (Caveant appendix cases). Timothy Moore assisted Mark Hedger in providing motive power for the 2nd Torpid, and also appeared to enjoy splashing around the Iffley running track, which was submerged during Inter-College Athletics. Peter King is now a firmly established member of the College Rugger team, but finds other College social activities precluded to a certain extent as he unfortunately has to live out, and 'out' proves to be no mean distance.

At St. Catherine's, Stanley Hazel assured me he was working very hard for exams in June, and, if I remember correctly, at the same time tried to sell me a ticket for the St. Cath.'s Play, but being financially distraught, I left without obliging.

Jim Betterton journeyed round from Balliol to inform your correspondent in no uncertain tones that it is Physics he is reading. At least I think that was the one he stressed, and tubbing on the river, and also playing rugger seemed to prove admirable outlets for his ire.

I regret that I did not complete my task, as I forgot to visit Geoffrey Hill, but I will endeavour to rectify this omission next term.

Trusting you remember that 'students returning to College find naught but their lecturers dry'.

I remain Sir,

Your Oxford Correspondent.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

To the Editor, 'Abingdonian'.

Sir,

It was with malediction upon my fellow O.A.s at Cambridge that I realised as Term ended that no epistle to your magazine had been composed. Your correspondent has actually spent most of the term seeking to transfer the liability, or making arrangements for the joint composition, of a letter, but the only result unfortunately has been to reveal a strong antipathy towards literary effort among O.A.s. Perhaps his mentioning, with excessive carelessness, the urgent necessity of combined effort has accounted for his seeing little of O.A.s this term. They always see him first.

It is on the river that most encounters have therefore occurred, 75 per cent of resident O.A.s having been engaged in the Lent Bumps. But the nature of these meetings has seldom allowed more than a grunt of welcome and farewell, and coaches actively discourage even the wave of a hand. W. S. Ogden, stroking Jesus' IV; P. M. McLeod, idling at 2 in Christs' IV; and T. W. Smith bewildered at 6 in Downing I, all had invaluable experiences in the Lents. The fact that convention

decrees that one faces the back end of a boat meant that in addition to feeling the shock of impact, they saw themselves being bumped as well.

It is unfortunately necessary to correct a mis-statement in our previous letter, and apologise to J. A. Rose for having libellously reported him to be in *statu pupillari*. Of the private activities of our number there is still too little to be reported to date. T. W. Smith is involved in a minor way in a forthcoming production of "French without Tears" by yet another new Theatre Group, and can already say 'She has ideas above her station', in fourteen different ways. McLeod is engaged in making an economic survey which absorbs all his energies from 6 p.m. onwards; it is not clear what he is surveying but it appears to involve demand and supply, and the perennial problem which besets us all—how to live on the Grant.

And with that, I have the misfortune to be, Sir,

Your Cambridge Correspondent.

O.A. NOTES

Births

BARBER. On 25th December, 1948, to Muriel, wife of J. E. Barber (1932) a daughter, Maureen Janet.

BOWDITCH. On 8th February, 1948, to the wife of T. V. Bowditch (1940) a daughter (Susan Carol).

LAY. On 10th February, 1949, to Barbara, wife of Joseph Lay (1933) of Harwell, a son.

WOOLF. On 13th January, 1949, at Somerset, Bermuda, to Frances, wife of Lieut. Cmdr. D. C. Woolf (1934), R.N., H.M.S. Glasgow, a son (Peter Douglas).

WOOD. On 1st April, at Woking Maternity Home, to Toni, wife of James D. Wood (1926) a son (Timothy James).

HOLMES. On 18th April, at the Warren Hospital, Abingdon, to Mary (née Capel), wife of Norman J. Holmes, a sister for Suzanne.

Marriages

JACKSON—MITCHELL. On 3rd February, 1949, at Harwell Parish Church, Robert F. Jackson (1939) to Margaret R. S. Mitchell of Glasgow.

PAGE—MURGATROYD. On 24th January, 1949, at Abingdon, George Anthony Page (1930) of The White House, Dry Sandford, to Diana J. Murgatroyd of Huddersfield.

WOOD—AITKEN. On 19th February, 1949, at Walmer Parish Church, John Michael Wood (1938) of Walmer, Kent, to Marsali Aitken.

Deaths

RUSSWURM. On 28th December, 1948, in British Columbia, Alexander Russwurm (1890) son of Rev A. Russwurm (sometime Vicar, of Shippon), aged 75.

SCHAFFER. On 26th December, 1948, killed in action in Israel, Wolfgang Schafer (1940) aged 25.

Alexander Russwurm was the youngest of three brothers who were at the School in the '80s. Like many other Abingdonians, after leaving School he emigrated to Canada and the news of his death is unfortunately the first tidings we have had of him for many years.

Wolfgang Schafer came to the School in January, 1939, from Vienna, where he and his family were the victims of Nazi occupation. When he arrived he knew scarcely a word of English, but such was his ability and industry that in 18 months he gained the School Certificate with a Credit in English, and many other subjects. When he left School he did some Economic Research work at Exeter University College and later joined the Pioneer Corps. As might have been expected, he was a passionate supporter of Jewish aspirations in Palestine, but a future full of promise and the realisation of his hopes was denied him. He was killed while serving with the Israeli Army.

We have heard from the Rev. G. E. Summers that he was not in fact, as we stated, the first 'new boy' born in the present School House, but that the right belongs to his elder brother, the Rev. W. E. Henty-Summers, now living at Rownhams, Southampton; and their sister can claim right of 'primogeniture' over them both.

After more than ten years of official service to the London Fire Brigade, H. R. Lansdown (1927) has now severed his L.C.C. connection and joined (last July) the Road Transport Executive of the British Transport Commission (Valuation Section), where he finds the work interesting and congenial, and prospects hopeful in spite of nationalisation.

H. J. Clarke (1941) writes from Naft Safid, via Abadan, Southern Iran, whither he went in March last year to work for the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. He is employed in the drilling department, which he finds interesting and life on the whole was pleasant, in spite of some rheumatic trouble, from which he had recently recovered. He wrote in October, after three weeks in hospital and three on sick leave in Teheran. While there he fell in with J. P. Mosdell (1939) who is out there with his wife and a job in the Bank,

Sqdn. Ldr. P. A. Wimberley (1936) is at present stationed with his Squadron in Egypt: and in the same region is Capt. L. L. Lacey-Johnson (1944), returned to his old regiment, the Royal Hampshires, and serving on the administration staff at the Middle East College in the Delta.

M. H. Jones (1947) R.A.S.C., has also been serving in Egypt, and spent a very pleasant leave in Cyprus.

We were very glad to learn that the report that Shaw Brown (1925) had lost his life while serving with the A.I.F. in North Africa was unfounded. In fact, after serving for five years in the Middle East and New Guinea he was demobbed in October, 1945.

A recent letter brings news of E. R. Leigh-Parkin (1941). After three years at the Cable and Wireless Technical School he left England for Portugal and after a short stay was posted to Cape Verde Is. His particular island, São Vicente had the remarkable record of complete rainlessness during the whole of the three years he was there. Since 1947 he has been at Horta, in the Azores and is looking forward to his first leave in England since he left five years ago.

Tom Bowditch (1940) now settled in Nakuru, Kenya, with his wife and little daughter seems well contented with both the country and his job in the motor business.

We were very glad to see Pat Mosdell (1931) home on leave from N. Rhodesia, looking fit and unmarked by the years. R. S. Barnes (1944) will shortly be going out to that country for service in the Police Force. At present he is doing a 13 weeks training course at Eynsham Hall, near Witney.

A. L. Fleet (1934) formerly assistant secretary and registrar of the University of Bristol, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Association of Universities of the British Commonwealth.

R. B. H. Morland (1920) has been home on leave from his post at Lagos, B.W. Africa, with Barclay's Bank.

R. L. C. Footitt (1923) is on his way home from Calcutta with his wife, to settle down permanently in England.

J. B. H. J. Aldiss (1946) has visited most of the Continents and Oceans during his seafaring life. His experience included seven months in Palestinian waters deporting illegal Jewish immigrants, and a trip to Hamburg in the notorious 'Exodus 1947'. At present he is engaged in carrying coal around the Indian Ocean in a tramp and life is less exciting.

M. J. Cullen (1945) has been doing his course at Mons Barracks, Aldershot, where F. C. Stott (1946) also did six weeks before moving on to the R.E. Officer Cadet School at Ripon.

A. C. Croasdell (1925) who succeeded his father as Town Clerk of Abingdon in 1940 has resigned that office on his appointment as solicitor to the West Midland Gas Board. He will be leaving Abingdon shortly to live in Birmingham.

We congratulate the Pembroke B.C. on their success in the Torpids. The 1st boat with four bumps to its credit, gained its oars: in the 2nd Togger, which made two bumps, the Abingdon representatives were M. Hedger (1942) and J. T. Moore (1947).

Colin Calvert-Fisher (1944) is home again from Malta and doing a spell at the Royal Marines Depot at Deal.

M. G. Holt (1943) is working with the Royal Insurance Co. and living at Hendon, while C. D. Slingsby (1944) is also in Insurance, with the General Accident, Fire and Life, at Oxford.

L. A. Lewis (1945) having completed his military service is working in the office of M.E. and O.H. Collins, Architects, in the City of London.

O.A.s—particularly those coming out of the Forces—may be interested to know that the School's Careers Service can put them in touch, through the Public Schools' Employment Bureau, with a variety of Commercial and business firms, who have good appointments awaiting the right sort of candidate. These are mainly on the administration or sales side of the concerns. At the moment the Bureau has on its books a larger number of vacancies, both at home and abroad, than applicants. Any O.A. wishing to avail himself of this service should get in touch with Mr. Ingham. It should be added that the upper age limit is 21 plus time spent in the Forces.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

At a Committee Meeting held on 19th February, 1949, the following items dealt with should be of interest to all members:

1. The President, in his capacity as Treasurer, gave a brief report on the O.A. Club Dance. 107 tickets were sold and the balance sheet was as follows:—

Receipts £53 19s. 6d. Expenditure £38 15s. 0d.

Profit Balance £15 4s. 6d.

2. It was agreed that accumulated profits of the Annual Dinners and Annual Dances should be handed over to the Club at the Annual General Meeting for disposal as the Club thought fit.

3. J. O. Bury was asked to obtain a quotation from the Crown & Thistle for the Annual Dinner, so that the Committee could discuss the grading of prices at its next meeting.

4. It was decided that the Annual Dance should be held on 10th December, 1949, provided that the O.A. Match can be arranged for the same date; and that arrangements should be made with the Crown & Thistle so that any members who wish to might be able to dine together, informally, before the Dance.

5. The Vice-President reported that progress towards the purchase of the Memorial Field was slow but hopeful. The Memorial Tablet is being executed and will be dedicated on the afternoon of Sunday, 26th June, by the Rev. T. M. Layng.

The following new members have been elected:

- P. J. Chamberlin, 12/48, Shoughlaige Farm, Michael, I.O.M.
- T. W. J. Jordan, 7/48, 19 Cheyney Walk, Abingdon.
- F. J. W. Lacey, 12/48, 5 Town Close, Sutton Courtenay.
- R. M. Reed, 12/48, 7 The Ridgeway, Westcliffe-on-Sea, Essex.
- E. D. S. Schwier, 12/48, Lyndsays Farm, Ingatestone, Essex.

Changes of Address:

- Bowditch T. V., c/o Motor Mart & Exchange Ltd., Nakuru, Kenya.
- Brown D. G., c/o B.O.M.A., Livingstone, N. Rhodesia.
- Calvert-Fisher C., Seafeld Lodge, 19a The Beach, Walmer, Kent.
- Footitt R. L. C., c/o National Provincial Bank Ltd., Cambridge.
- Jackson R. F., 20 Avon Road, A.E.R.E., Harwell, Berks.
- Lacey-Johnson Capt. L. L., Thatched Cottage, Sheepstead Rd., Marcham, Abingdon.
- Leigh Parkin E. R., Europe & Azores Telegraph, Rua Consul Dabney, Horta, Fayal, Azores.
- Barnes R. S., 44 Madeley Road, London, W.5.

O.A. Trust Fund

Since our last issue the following have signed Forms of Covenant (marked with asterisk) or Bankers' Orders: J. A. D. Cox, R. L. C. Footitt, J. H. Hooke*, L. L. Lacey-Johnson, H. R. Lansdown*, E. F. Parks*, T. W. Smith.

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Any items of news relating to O.A.s will be gladly received by G. F. Duxbury, Abingdon School, Berks.