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BURY ST. EDMUND'S,
SUFFOLK.

Theadmaster's Notes.

ONCE again our thanks are due to the Provost for so kindly preparing our candidates for Confirmation. Five boys presented themselves at the recent service in the Cathedral.

The term has been somewhat uneventful. Hockey fixtures have been limited to a number of most enjoyable games against our near neighbours, Culford, and to House matches. However, a reminder of next term's Athletic Sports was given when a very fair number of runners turned out for the Senior and Junior Cross Country races. The younger boys ran particularly well, but in the Senior event we were deprived of a good finish by two of the leading runners mistaking the route.

In one respect this present term has been as noteworthy as last—in our freedom from infectious illness in the Boarding House, and this has enormously eased the strain of what we all hope will be our last black-out winter.

Congratulations to Pask, Davies, Hughes ii., and Ruddock on their success in the December School Certificate Examination. There was no failure in any subject. That reminds me that in the forthcoming Higher School Certificate Examination we shall present the record number of seven candidates for the full certificate, and three for a partial certificate.

Examination talk recalls the recent visit of Squadron Leader Shore of the Air Ministry. Undoubtedly the most significant point he made was that a boy's first aim must be to gain his School Certificate. In other words, once again the simple truth was expressed that a boy is deemed to be fitting himself to serve his country if he is developing his brain, adding to his knowledge, and doing his best to secure documentary evidence of his success therein. The developed brain, later on, will find no difficulty in absorbing specialist knowledge that may be demanded of it.

We shall have two social events next term, the Athletic Sports on Thursday, May 24th, and the Founder's Day Service on Thursday, July 5th. We hope to welcome a large number of parents and friends on each occasion.

Young Farmers' Club.

Owing to the term being short and the weather being so severe we did not have many items on our programme.

It was decided to divide the Club into juniors and seniors as it was so large, a committee and leader being chosen by the juniors and Miss Laughlin undertaking to act as Secretary.

Marfleet i. was elected leader, and Rush ii., Kiddy ii., and Shelbourne i. as committee-men.

On Wednesday, 28th February, Miss Kilpatrick gave the juniors a very interesting and instructive talk on Rabbits.

At the same time, the seniors were listening with great attention to a splendid talk by Mr. Macdonald on "Breeds of Cows."

On Wednesday, 14th March, the seniors and the juniors amalgamated for a lecture by Mr. R. Appleyard, on "Poultry." Mr. Appleyard is one of the greatest authorities on his subject and a well-known broadcaster. His lecture was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

If time permits the seniors hope to follow up Mr. Macdonald's lecture by a visit to a dairy herd in the district.

B.S.R.

Hockey.

HOCKEY REVIEW.

After a rather late start due to the snow, hockey soon came into full swing. The available talent came to the surface much sooner than it did last term and we soon had a first eleven success against Culford. However, in the return match we were beaten despite the fact that it was much the same

team in opposition. This was mainly due to over-confidence and lack of team-work. In the coming match—on the 20th March—the first eleven will be slightly changed and we hope for another victory.

It seems a pity that we should have so few fixtures, but next year the travel position will, no doubt, be more suitable.

Stick-work generally has greatly improved with practice, but the "flick" has now apparently become extinct.

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

- *A. R. THOMSON. Has shown himself as capable a captain at hockey as he was at football. Always keen, always energetic, he sets a splendid example to the other members of the XI. He hits hard and accurately, and moves at a great speed in attack and defence. Although not a master of stick play, he is a tower of strength in the School team.
- *A. B. ROOD (vice-captain and goal-keeper). He allows his great enthusiasm to get the better of his judgment. Consequently he makes a very impetuous goal-keeper. Should not make such extensive forays. Very demoralising at close quarters.
- *J. F. FORDHAM (left-back). Easily the best player in the team. He has an excellent eye as is obvious from his clean hitting. However, he should try to find his man with the ball and should not neglect his marking.
- *F. B. GOW (centre-forward). A tenacious player who makes a good spear-head. Must not lose heart so easily.
- †J. SYRETT (inside-right). A keen player with an excellent shot. He passes more spontaneously than any other member of the forward line. Has his "off-days" rather inconveniently.
- †C. A. H. HODGE (right-back). His speed and tackling tactics are truly amazing. Perhaps it is his unorthodoxy that obtains the results. He must try to make his "off sides" intentional rather than accidental.

P. M. MILLER (right-wing). He must not allow his great spurts of speed to land him up behind the goal-line before he can "back-circle." Has improved greatly, though his stopping is far from perfect.

R. L. DODDS (left-wing). A young player whose speed more than compensates for the disadvantage his size tends to impose. He has learned by practice to stop the ball very cleanly and efficiently.

G. J. MARSHALL (right-half). Another young player who shows great promise. His stick-play is very good indeed. Though far from being ineffective, he should put still more heart into the game.

W. G. PODMORE (inside-left). He has certainly not improved during the term and, if anything, his play has taken a turn in the wrong direction. Tends to keep the ball to himself and not to help keep the opposing defence split up.

P. F. WEBB (left-half). His general play has been rather disappointing. He does not attempt to pass to any particular forward, and his stopping is inconsistent.

A.R.T.

* Full Colours. † Half-Colours.

HOCKEY RESULTS.

Culford—1st XI.	H.	Won 7—1.
"	A.	Lost 1—2.
"	H.	Won 4—0.
2nd XI.	A.	Lost 0—3.
"	H.	Lost 0—3.
"	H.	Lost 1—3.
"	A.	Lost 4—6.
Junior XI.	A.	Drawn 3—3.
"	H.	Lost 2—4.
"	H.	Won 3—0.
"	A.	Lost 1—6.

Royalist v. Foreigner—Royalists 0, Foreigners 3.

The Cross-Country.

7th March, 1945.

SENIOR.

1st	Lancs.	...	121
2nd	Tudor	...	164
3rd	York	...	189

JUNIOR.

1st	Lancs.	...	114
2nd	Tudor	...	158
3rd	York	...	198

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS.

Senior.

1st	J. F. Fordham
2nd	E. C. Reeve
3rd	{ A. B. Rood P. F. Webb
5th	J. Syrett
6th	F. S. Footer

Time—21 mins. 40 secs.

Junior.

1st	I. F. McGeehan
2nd	M. O. R. Minns
3rd	D. Webb
4th	D. G. Smith
5th	R. L. Dodds
6th	J. C. Nice

Time—21 mins. 48 secs.

Savings Notes.

The total collected so far this term is £44 0s. 6d., a much smaller amount than usual. The Prep. department has continued to make regular and substantial contributions, but in the main school the number of regular subscribers is now exceedingly small.

D.A.Y.

J. T. C. Notes.

The term has been busy rather than eventful, although, in its early days, the Contingent was honoured by a visit from the O.C. East Anglia District; he expressed his satisfaction with the way in which Post-Certificate "A" cadets were assisting with the training programme.

The War Certificate "A" Examination was held at the School on Tuesday, 13th March, with very pleasing results. Of 12 candidates examined for Part II., eight were successful and 14 passed in Part I, out of 18. It is to be hoped that these successes will inspire all cadets to greater efforts in future.

Other features worthy of mention are the marked enthusiasm of the recruits and the eagerness and skill with which the Post-Certificate "A" Class prepared its demonstrations of Battle Drill under C.S.M. Thomson. Cpl. Woodrow is attending an advanced course in Physical Training at Aldershot, Cadet Shafto, an elementary course in the same subject at Colchester, and fourteen others a training course with an R.A.C. Unit, in the Easter holidays. There certainly should be no dearth of instructors in the future.

R. F. MORGAN, Capt.

CERTIFICATE "A" SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.**Part I.**

J. H. R. Baker	P. M. Miller	E. W. Sims
A. G. B. Cobbold	P. L. Nice	R. J. W. Stow
J. F. Fordham	R. S. Pask	J. F. Tripp
D. M. Lucas	E. C. Reeve	M. R. Wilson
B. S. Mason	J. M. Ross	

Part II.

P. J. G. Barnett	A. Jennings	A. B. Rood
O. J. W. Gilbert	E. H. Pask	P. F. Webb
J. V. Hughes	J. Syrett	

In Memoriam.

It is with regret that we record that Flying Officer J. F. S. Marshall has been reported missing, believed killed, on air operations, and that D. F. Barnard lost his life on a practice flight in the Middle East. The School extends its deepest sympathy to their parents, relatives, and friends.

Scout Notes.

The chief activity of the troop this term has been pioneering, and various types of bridge and aerial runway have been constructed, most of them proving very satisfactory. There have been remarkably few casualties; one bridge collapsed owing to a thumb-knot being mistaken for a sheet-bend, and on another occasion one P.L. was half immersed in the river.

We were sorry to lose Wilson from the troop at the end of last term, but his place as T.L. has been ably filled by Marshall ii. The three Troop Leaders are now each in charge of a particular troop and have relieved the S.M. of much work by planning their own troop programmes.

Sketch and Williams have been appointed P.L.'s in place of Osborne and Rowat, who have left.

On 23rd January the T.L.'s and P.L.'s attended a camp fire held by the 4th Bury and had a very enjoyable evening. They have arranged a camp fire at the School for the last Thursday of term to which the 4th Bury have been invited.

It is hoped to hold a troop camp at Long Melford early in September. A number of applications have been received, but there are still a few vacancies. D.A.Y.

Cub Notes.

Nothing eventful has happened in the life of the Cub Pack this term. Our meetings have been chiefly indoors and considerable time has been spent on tests and training, with the result that most of the Cubs have their First Star now, and Nice ii. has gained his Second Star. Signalling is still the stumbling block, but good progress has been made this term. At the time of writing, the Blacks (Sixer, Shelbourne ii.) are leading in the term competition, with the Tawnies (Sixer, Nice ii.) only one point behind. We are looking forward to turning up in strength at the Scout Camp Fire at the end of term.

School Notes.

VALETE—

Sixth Form.	A. T. Ruddock
Fourth Form.	P. R. P. Osborne
First Form.	M. P. Nudds
Upper Prep.	G. B. Iles

SALVETE—

Third Form.	E. S. W. Netscher M. Paddon
Second Form.	P. Redfearn
First Form.	G. R. Hughes
Upper Prep.	M. G. Ockendon

This term we welcomed back Mr. Wood after an absence of one term. It was unfortunate for the Yorkists that he should return as a Tudor Master rather than to his old House. He has also taken over P.T. in the Upper Forms where the "non-stop" nature of his training has, surprisingly enough, caused a general increase in weight; or can we attribute this to more milk and newly introduced "high-teas"—for the boarders anyway?

We have been fortunate in having a term remarkably free from illness, despite all the epidemics in the neighbourhood.

Up to now the House Competition has gone in favour of the Tudors, with work and games tipping the scales to the greatest extent. However, the Lancastrians ran away with both the senior and junior sections of the cross-country and the P.T. points are being keenly contested.

There has been a slight improvement in the number of late marks. Although we have little reason to complain about the weather of the latter half of this term, next term's weather should provide no excuse whatever for lateness.

Once again Squadron Leader Shore came down to give the seniors more interesting information about entry into the R.A.F. especially, and the Services generally. He dispelled the ever-growing idea that our choice is "the army or the mines."

Let us hope for good holidays and for both a happy and a successful term to follow—the last for so many of the seniors.
A.R.T.

Old Boys' Notes.

We have been very pleased to see at School this term, R. F. Cann, M. D. Forster, B. J. Marriott, D. M. Gardiner, and B. C. King. It is now several years since the latter took up a geological post in Uganda, but this is his first leave in this country.

We offer our congratulations and good wishes to A. R. Gilchrist on his engagement to Miss Minchin of Cedarville, East Griqualand, South Africa.

Congratulations also to Capt. J. W. G. Sandford, serving with the 11th Armoured Division, on receiving a personal letter of appreciation of his good service from Field-Marshal Montgomery. It was this Division that kept two Panzer Divisions occupied and enabled the Americans to break out of the Normandy beach-head, and which later made an advance of 580 miles to seize Antwerp.

A. C. T. Hawksley writes of a grand Mediterranean cruise to Naples and of spending a week there, during which time he saw two operas at the Opera House. Some while later, after various journeyings, he joined H.M.S. "Ajax," and saw something of the civil war in Greece. It was at this time that Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden stayed on the "Ajax."

D. R. Parkyn has completed his training in Canada as a bomb aimer, and holds the rank of Sgt.

P. W. R. Parkyn is still with the Admiralty at Bath.

P. E. Brassel has been ordained and has a Curacy in Wood Green.

Congratulations to P. R. P. Osborne on his success in the R.A.F. Aircraft Apprentices examination. He was one-hundred-and-forty-fourth out of three-hundred-and-eighty-seven candidates.

J. A. Tavener has been invalided out of the R.A.F. and is now employed in a Solicitor's Office in London.

After spending eight weeks in Lanark, R. Wolfendale moved to Catterick Camp. He has met Capt. Bramald there. Mr. Bramald left the Staff of the School in July, 1940.

E. Wolfendale (Lieutenant) has been on active service since June.

N. B. Williams will take Part 1 of the London University B.Sc. next July.

E. J. M. Miller is in France with an Airborne Division.

M. W. Neill reports that his brother, A. W. Neill, has now obtained his commission in the R.A.F.

H. S. Sanders apologises for writing in pencil, explaining that in Burma he has been dependent on what he could carry in his pack, the country at times being almost too difficult for mules. However, one copy of the *Burian* has reached him there.

School Calendar, 1945.

SUMMER TERM.

First Session ...	Thursday, 26th April.
Athletic Sports ...	Thursday, 24th May.
Founder's Day ...	Thursday, 5th July.
Last Session ...	Wednesday, 25th July.

AUTUMN TERM.

First Session ...	Thursday, 20th Sept.
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Boarders arrive the afternoon **before** the first session and go home the day **after** the last session.

Boarders must report by 6 p.m. on the day of their return.

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