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KING EDWARD VI. SCHOOL,
BURY ST. EDMUND'S,
SUFFOLK.

Headmaster's Notes.

THIS term we have welcomed as a temporary member of the Staff our old friend, Mrs. Bartholomew, and we hope to have her with us for the remainder of the School year.

All will join with me in regretting the departure of Mr. E. T. Butcher at Christmas. In the comparatively short time he has been with us Mr. Butcher has identified himself so fully with various School activities that his going represents a real loss to us. We shall welcome in his place Mr. M. S. Bridge, who is joining us from Glossop.

We are grateful to Mr. F. J. Wise, M.P. for King's Lynn, for so kindly responding to our request for a portrait of himself to hang beside that of his brother, the late E. F. Wise, M.P. for East Leicester, 1929—1931.

Early in the Spring Term the Provost of St. Edmundsbury will hold Confirmation Classes at School. All boys of about fourteen years of age will be welcomed at these classes and it is emphasised that a boy is under no obligation to be confirmed. The course of instruction is simply to help each to give due consideration to the question.

For long I have been anxious to form a Cinematograph Society in the School, purely for entertainment purposes. This means the purchase of a 16 m.m. Sound Projector at a cost of about £200. The moment is now opportune, I feel, to launch an appeal, for if we can raise £50 amongst us I think I know how the balance can be found. We shall be grateful for any donations.

Sixty-five Years Ago.

It seems a long time ago, but none the less vivid for all that. To the old, the distant past is clearer than more recent events. I easily return to that day when I entered Bury School as a Royalist, the beginning of the happiest days of my school life. The School had only recently been transferred from Northgate Street to the present buildings. In fact we often visited the old school where we would find old exercise books and other relics of its late inhabitants. Mr. Charles Sankey had lately succeeded Mr. Wratislaw as Headmaster, two more in the long list of good Headmasters. I have, indeed, never heard of an indifferent Head presiding over this School. Probably this is why my old school has always been such a happy one. In Cambridge University Library I once came across the reminiscences of Sir Simon D'Ewes at St. John's College at Cambridge, an undergraduate in the days of Charles I. Here he speaks in eulogistic terms of his days at Bury School and speaks in affectionate terms of his excellent Headmaster. He states that he learnt more Latin in one term at Bury than he had learnt in the whole time spent in other schools.

I lived in Chequer Square and took that pleasant walk through the Abbey Gardens every day at 8.20, accompanied by the bells of the Norman Tower chiming for morning service. School began at 8.30. In those days Latin and Greek were our chief subjects. Later on Chemistry was first introduced. There were no Labs. so the teaching was purely theoretical and not too interesting. We found plenty of ways of amusing ourselves in spite of the lack of gramophones, wireless, and Cinemas. An occasional play at the theatre or a visit from Sanger's or Hengler's Circus. Games were not compulsory for Royalists but most of us turned up for cricket or football. Several boys owned high bicycles and managed long rides. Care had to be taken going down hill. A sudden application of the brake and the "backbone" would rise up and throw you over the handles. It was an accomplishment to ride round the fives court. There was a bicycle race at the Sports. Not easy going on the soft turf with narrow tyres—no cinder track. Foreigners had to wear cap and gown when going into the town. There was no School cap, "squares" being our only headgear. In May the Militia and Yeomanry Cavalry were called up for training. The streets looked gay with the scarlet uniforms of the Militia and smart dress of the Cavalry. Our

cricket and football elevens played much the same teams as to-day, but could not go as long distances as do our modern teams. We did a little boating on the Lark. A small shop in Eastgate Street let a boat at 3d. an hour. We conveniently possessed two ages. We were under twelve for railway travelling and over 14 for buying fireworks or gunpowder. Our interest in politics was very mild in those uneventful days. We never read newspapers, which were much too dignified and staid for our taste. There were no sensational headlines. Our chief literature was the "Boys Own Paper," and such authors as Talbot Baines Reed, Henty, Jules Verne, and Rider Haggard. The only exciting incidents were the bombarding of Alexandria and the assassination of General Gordon. At the end of the Michaelmas term the School gave a dramatic entertainment. The Sports took place at the end of the Lent term, Speech Day and prize giving at the end of July.

Foreigners were just as happy as Royalists. I never heard a Foreigner grumble at the School. There was mild fagging for the juniors, more or less voluntary. Juniors were called upon to field when the 1st XI. practised at the nets. The whole School was expected to enter for the Soccer sixes at the end of the Lent term. This required no compulsion as we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. It was a peaceful and uneventful life and therefore happy. We had none of the sensational episodes of School life of fiction. No bullying, no hero or villain. There was no mystery. Just the tranquil life of Bury School sixty-five years ago. In these present days of dull and uninspiring standardisation, it is to be sincerely hoped that Bury School will cling fast to her splendid traditions and never lose her most charming individuality. "Floreat Schola Buriensis."

L. McA. WESTALL,
Villa St. Gérard,
Chemin des Sables,
Antibes, A.M.,
France.

Football, 1949.

K.E.G.S. v. NEWMARKET G.S.

Saturday, October 1st. Although weakened by injury and absence the School gained a creditable 2—0 victory in a match which never rose above the mediocre. Seddon scored both goals, one in each half.

K.E.G.S. v. W.S.C.G.S.

Saturday, October 8th. A very enjoyable game. The School, leading at half-time through Dutton, had attacked strongly. A great struggle followed and the visitors could not equalise until just before time. (1—1).

K.E.G.S. v. THETFORD G.S.

Saturday, October 15th. Thetford went ahead immediately through a defensive mistake, but the School pressed hard, and Barratt equalised with a great goal soon after. The game swayed to and fro, and Thetford scored in a break-away, just managing to hold their lead until the end. (1—2).

H.M.S. GANGES v. K.E.G.S.

Thursday, October 20th. In an entertaining game the School, although losing 4—2, played well against a side which showed the greater football skill. Kohler and Barratt scored for the School.

SUDBURY G.S. v. K.E.G.S.

Saturday, October 22nd. This deservedly drawn game produced rather poor football. The School scored two snap goals within two minutes, but could not hold their lead, despite stout defending by the School backs and goal-keeper. (2—2).

CLARE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE v. K.E.G.S.

Thursday, October 27th. The College team showed a marked all-round superiority, although they did not deserve to win by so great a margin as 7—0. The School defended well in the second half.

SOHAM G.S. v. K.E.G.S.

Saturday, October 29th. The School forward line lacked cohesion and punch, and faded out after a good beginning. Soham were no better, but ensured their win with two late goals conceded by an overworked and fast tiring School defence. (3—1).

KING'S SCHOOL, ELY v. K.E.G.S.

Thursday, November 3rd. A great victory for the School and our first win at Ely for many years. Ely led 1—0 at half-time, but brilliant goals by Barratt and Loades put the School in the lead before the home side equalised. Seddon scored the winning goal late in the game. (2—3).

NEWMARKET G.S. v. K.E.G.S.

Saturday, November 5th. Rain fell steadily through this short game, and the School soon showed themselves vastly superior. Dutton and Barratt scored good goals and only the brilliance of the Newmarket goal-keeper kept the score down. (2—3).

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE v. K.E.G.S.

Thursday, November 10th. St. John's took an early lead through their centre-forward but Barratt equalised with a header from a corner. The home side then asserted their superiority and emerged worthy winners, their centre-forward scoring four of the five goals. Jennings played an excellent game in the School goal. (5—1).

K.E.G.S. v. MR. P. SMELTZER'S XI.

Thursday, November 17th. After a fierce first half, the School led 2—1 at the interval. P. Abbott showed himself a fine opportunist and a spate of good movements and goals gained the School a comfortable win from a very interesting match. (6—2).

K.E.G.S. v. SUDBURY G.S.

Saturday, November 19th. The School were no match for a Sudbury team which combined brilliantly in attack and defence. The visitors led by five clear goals at half-time, and although the School reduced arrears later, Sudbury were worthy winners. A penalty just on time marred an otherwise good match. (2—8).

K.E.G.S. v. ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

Thursday, November 24th. This return match proved to be a magnificent game, ending in a very fair result. After constant pressure by St. John's and staunch defence by the School, the visitors led 2—0 at the interval. The School fought their way ahead with Barratt as an inspiration, but St. John's snatched an equaliser in the closing minutes. (3—3).

THETFORD G.S. v. K.E.G.S.

Saturday, November 26th. Thetford turned what looked like certain defeat into dramatic victory. The School led through goals by Seddon and Barratt (2) just after half-time, but Thetford rallied to snatch a late victory after Williams had been injured. (4—3).

K.E.G.S. v. KING'S SCHOOL, ELY.

Thursday, December 1st. The School forwards overran an Ely defence that gave nothing away, after the visitors' centre-forward had been injured. A slender half-time lead was increased in the second half as the visitor's defence tired, Barratt completing his hat-trick in grand style. (5—0).

K.E.G.S. v. P. BAXTER'S OLD BOYS' XI.

Saturday, December 3rd. This was an extremely interesting game, but the final result was never in doubt. Baxter scored for the Old Boys within ten seconds of the kick-off, but within two minutes the School had equalised through R. Abbott. Baxter then put the Old Boys ahead from a McGeehan centre, but before half-time Dye and Knight restored the School lead. Some very clever movements ended in three more goals for the School, scored by Seddon, Barratt and Kohler, and the School forwards kept up a sustained attack to the end, supported by a solid defence and a hard-working half-back line.

K.E.G.S. v. H.M.S. GANGES

Thursday, December 8th. The School offered little resistance to a good team whose forwards combined well but finished badly. Jennings kept goal efficiently, and the School defence had conceded one goal only until the Ganges inside-left scored with a terrific drive almost on time.

W.S.C.G.S. v. K.E.G.S.

Saturday, December 10th. Both sides missed chances in a poor game, but the result was a fair reflection of the inability of either team to control a light ball on a bumpy ground. (0—0).
P.C. E.C.W.

SECOND XI. RESULTS.

Silver Jubilee M.S.	Drew 1—1	Away
Thetford G.S.	Lost 0—8	Away
H.M.S. Ganges	Lost 0—8	Away
Sudbury G.S.	Won 3—2	Away
King's School, Ely	Drew 4—4	Home
Silver Jubilee M.S.	Won 3—1	Home
Sudbury G.S.	Won 5—4	Home
Thetford G.S.	Lost 1—3	Home
King's School, Ely	Lost 3—6	Away
H.M.S. Ganges	Lost 1—10	Home

Royalists beat Foreigners 6—0.

JUNIOR XI. RESULTS.

Silver Jubilee M.S. u. 13	Lost 1—5	Home
Thetford G.S. u. 13	Lost 1—3	Away
Culford School u. 12	Won 3—0	Home
Soham G.S. u. 14	Won 6—4	Away
King's School, Ely u. 13	Lost 2—5	Home
Culford School u. 12	Won 2—1	Away
Thetford G.S. u. 13	Drew 3—3	Home
King's School, Ely u. 13	Won 7—4	Away

FOOTBALL REVIEW.

There have, throughout the term, been numerous injuries affecting almost every member of the eleven. The season's record cannot be looked upon as a true reflection of our standard of play. The defeat of Ely on their home ground was a grand performance and coupled with this was a drawn match with St. John's. These games were truly representative of the team's capabilities. The efforts of the younger members of the eleven have been very encouraging, and doubtless they will soon acquire prestige for the School soccer elevens.

The 2nd XI. has been rather disappointing. There seems to be a considerable lack of team spirit and enthusiasm and until this fault is remedied success will not be forthcoming. The Junior XI., however, has played remarkably well.

It is with much regret that we say goodbye to our Sports Master, Mr. E. Butcher. We would like to thank him for his wonderful organisation. Mr. Edwards once again has assisted with the Junior teams. Wright and Cooke deserve special mention for their efficiency in their duties as linesman and reporter.

Finally, we thank Mr. Flack for his coaching; it will, I am sure, benefit the players in their future games.

B.J.B.

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

- *B. J. BARRATT (inside-right, capt.) Has led the team well. His ability and enthusiasm were always in evidence. Undoubtedly the outstanding player in the side.
- *G. E. WILLIAMS (centre-half, vice-captain). His power and enthusiasm have been a great asset to the team. Excellent heading and fine tackling have ensured the solidity of the defence.
- *E. J. KNIGHT (left-half). Ball control and distribution have been extremely good. Always turns from defence to attack effectively. However, he sometimes appears to be too nonchalant.
- *A. E. DYE (right-back). Has filled his position magnificently. His superb kicking has been of great value to the team, although he has been inclined to relax his marking.
- *C. R. JENNINGS (goal-keeper). Has played consistently well throughout the season. Safe handling and uncanny anticipation have formed the basis of some brilliant performances.
- †J. A. KOHLER (left-back). Although his kicking lacks power, tackling and positioning have been of the highest order. Fully deserves his colours.

- †R. B. ABBOTT (outside-right). Prevented by unfortunate injury from playing until late in the season. Ball control excellent, but must develop his speed and shooting power.
- †R. P. DUTTON (inside-left). A grand player whose excellent ball control makes up for his small build. His passing is both clever and accurate, and he combines well with his winger.
- †R. H. SEDDON (centre-forward). A natural wing man who has played well in his new position. Ball control and heading are sound but he tends to slow down attacks near goal with excessive dribbling.
- B. L. LOADES (right-half). The discovery of the season. With more experience he will prove to be a great asset to future elevens. A whole-hearted player possessing sound knowledge of the game.
- D. M. KIDD (left-back). Owing to numerous injuries to other players he has gained a regular place in the eleven. A very enthusiastic player who never fails to rise to the occasion.
- P. ABBOTT (outside-left). Another newcomer this season. He has played quite soundly although lack of ball control prevents him being more dangerous.

House Competition.

Lancastrians	45
Tudors	40
Yorkists	35

Savings Notes.

The total amount collected this term is £8 18s. 6d., and the number of members is 23.

Hockey Fixtures, 1950.

Captain—E. J. Knight. *Vice-Captain*—G. E. C. Williams

Jan. 26	Trials
Jan. 28	Woodbridge School 1st (A) Juniors (H)
Feb. 2	Framlingham College 1st (H) Juniors u. 13 (H)
Feb. 4	Northgate 1st (H) 2nd (H)
Feb. 9	Culford 1st (A) 2nd (H) Juniors u. 13 (A) Culford u. 12 (H)—Soccer
Feb. 11	Shell B.P. (Ipswich) 1st (H) Junior House (H)
Feb. 16	Caius College 1st (A) Junior House (H)
Feb. 18	Woodbridge 1st (H) 2nd u. 15½ (H)
Feb. 23	County A XI. 1st (H)
Feb. 25	Fison's (Ipswich) 1st (H) 2nd H.M.S. Ganges (H)
Mar. 2	H.M.S. Ganges 1st (A) 2nd (A)
Mar. 4	Y.M.C.A. 1st (A)
Mar. 9	St. John's, 1st (A) Juniors R. v. F. (H)
Mar. 11	Northgate, 1st (A) 2nd (A)
Mar. 16	Framlingham College, 1st (A) Juniors u. 13 (A) Combined Schools Trial (Northgate Ground)
Mar. 18	Old Boys, 1st (H)
Mar. 23	Culford, 1st (H) 2nd (A) Juniors, under 13 (H) Culford u. 12 (A)—Soccer

Combined Schools XI. v. County XI. (Victory Ground)

Negotiations in progress for 2nd and Junior XI. matches with East Anglian School.

Senior House and R. v. F. matches to be fitted in.

C.C.F. Notes.

This term has been one of normal Certificate "A" training for the C.C.F.; we have had one Field Day, on Tuesday, November 8th. This was held in the Lackford area, and the programme was divided into two parts, the first consisting of a demonstration by senior cadets of "Section in Attack" and a practical lesson in observation, the second being a field exercise from which everybody benefitted since this was the first company exercise for some time.

From October 4th to October 25th, Travelling Wing came from Colchester each Tuesday to give instruction to the Post Certificate "A" and Part 2 Classes; these consisted of hints on teaching, illustrated by several very interesting demonstrations, with Section Leading for the latter class.

Despite failing light in the afternoons towards the end of the term there has been a considerable amount of shooting on the Miniature Range. There are now 28 First Class and 4 Second Class Shots, two of the former being recruits, and nine have been awarded the National Small Bore Rifle Association's Junior Marksman's Badge.

It is with regret that we have to report that we are losing Lieutenant E. T. Butcher who has done much for the Contingent, especially in starting a Signals Platoon. We are also sorry that Sgt. Mayhew will be visiting us no more. He has now finished his tour of Territorial and Cadet instruction.

PROMOTIONS—

19-9-49	To be C.S.M.	C.Q.M.S. Williams
"	" " Sergeants	Corporal Clark
"	" " " Corporal (A/C.Q.M.S.)	" Barratt
"	" " " L/Corporals	L/Corporal Wright
		Cadet Marriott
		" Knight
		" Seddon
25-10-49		" Hughes
		G.E.W., C.S.M.

Scout Notes.

The planning and carrying out of the weekly programmes has been done efficiently this term by the senior scouts and patrol leaders. We no longer have any help from outside the School and we are still in great need of an assistant scoutmaster.

The Troop now numbers 48, 9 of whom joined this term. All but two of the new recruits have been invested. Kohler ii. and Lister have gained second class badges. Butterfield is now a first-class scout. His persistence and enthusiasm deserve special commendation.

The camp report was very encouraging, and is given below. We should like once more to emphasise the importance of camping. It is an essential part of scout training, and we hope that every member of the Troop will attend the next Summer Camp. This will probably be held from 15th to 29th August.

The patrol competition has been suspended for this term, but points gained for badges will be carried over to next term.

D.A.Y.

REPORT ON SUMMER CAMP.

An excellent camp lay. Good strong green tents for sleeping, and large brown tent for stores. Kitchen under a wall, neat and well equipped, has a shelter for wet weather. Ample firewood neatly stacked. Lats. adequate and well sited, and well kept. Bench for wash basins. Kit was still out for airing after inspection, and tents tidily cleared. The flagpole deserves special mention. The whole camp was a proof of a well trained troop, the majority being out on a visit to Castleton caves with their G.S.M. A camp guard of three was a very sensible arrangement where sheep and cattle can do material damage on these hill farms, to both stores and food. We also have stoats and foxes in these parts to raid stores.

If time allows I shall pay them a further call in friendship. Congratulations on the whole lay-out. Water supply a pipe near the field.

(Signed) M. ANDREWS,
District Commissioner,
Hope Valley District, Derbyshire.

Cub Notes.

As we only have nine cubs in the Pack this year, our meetings now are hardly typical Pack Meetings. The Cubs are doing their test work steadily, and in addition we have been out tracking, and on one occasion we lit a fire outside and cooked a meal. The Cubs have still to learn that a lot of cooking can be done on a small fire.

Two Cubs attended the District Cub Party on December 3rd.

The Debating Society.

Early in November the Debating Society was revived after a lapse of some four years, and at an inaugural general meeting the following officials were elected: Chairman, Williams; Secretary, Wright; Committee, Cooke and J. Kohler.

A debate has been held each week at the end of afternoon school, and each one has received a good attendance. The motion "Stamp collecting is a waste of time and money" was carried by 22 votes to 17; Cooke and Jermy spoke for the proposition and Wright and Clark for the opposition; that "Co-education is a desirable feature in a school," proposed by Hunnable and Barratt and opposed by Montgomery and R. Abbott, was carried by 45 votes to 13; that "Preparation should be abolished" was defeated by 43 votes to 9; H. Shelbourne and Kidd spoke for the proposition and Clark and Bates for the opposition. The debate on the motion that "National Service is unnecessary and undesirable" provided the most interest and discussion. The motion, proposed by Snell, who made a fine speech, and Barratt, and opposed by Williams and Game, was carried by 21 votes to 20.

Next term it is hoped to enlarge the scope of the Society's activities further.

School Notes.

VALETE—

VIth Form—R. B. Abbott 1st XI. Football Half-
Colours.

B. J. Barratt School Prefect; Sgt. C.C.F.,
Cert. "A," Football Captain
1948, 1949; Cricket Captain
1948, 1949; Vice-Captain
Hockey 1949; School Certifi-
cate.

R. W. J. Presbury

Vth Form—G. Wharton (July, 1949)

IIInd Form—D. M. Archer (July, 1949)

Prep.—R. L. Fulcher (July, 1949)

SALVETE—

IIIrd Form *B. P. Barrett

J. Caddy

IIInd Form—A. G. Carruthers

1st Form—	R. C. Adams	*C. F. J. Harper
	R. E. Addis	W. W. Hawes
	A. C. Battell	P. J. Hopwood
	R. C. Bryant	N. E. Hurrell
	D. A. Clarke	M. C. Lambourne
	E. J. Clarke	C. L. A. Moore
	D. G. Davey	J. C. Orsler
	I. S. Davidson	R. C. Rayner
	P. J. Debenham	*D. J. Simpkin
	*R. K. Edwards	*D. I. Smith
	P. J. Farthing	J. C. Soames
	C. A. Gladwell	D. G. Southgate
	*R. N. Ground	M. H. Tippett
	*W. H. Hardy	

*denotes Boarder.

Early in November the C.C.F. enjoyed a Field Day organised by the Suffolk Regiment.

On November 14th the Boarders all attended the Monday evening performance of "Show Boat," by the Bury St. Edmund's Operatic and Dramatic Society. A few days earlier they saw the film, "Hamlet."

Two lantern lectures were given to the Lower School by Mr. G. Bird, the eminent naturalist and pioneer of bird photography.

A most interesting lecture on life in Tibet was given by Miss Francesca French, the well-known authoress and missionary.

This term has seen a most successful revival of the Debating Society under the guidance of Mr. Smeltzer.

On December 14th the Sixth Form were the guests of Thetford Grammar School at the latter's production of Noel Coward's "Peace in our Time."

Unfortunately we have had to say goodbye to Mr. E. T. Butcher. We offer him our sincere thanks for all he has done for us and our best wishes for his future.

Old Boys' Notes.

Congratulations to M. J. H. Orsler on being admitted to University College, Leicester.

We were pleased to see B. J. Meadows, R. T. Pike and C. F. Gould among the spectators at the O.B. football match.

B. J. Mason has recently completed his National Service in the R.A.F. and is seeking a post with the Westminster Bank.

K. G. Melton is doing extremely well in his Army apprenticeship examinations.

We were sorry to hear that S. J. H. Pughe was having to leave the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Singapore and return to this country for health reasons. He hopes to take up agriculture.

E. Netscher is probably at the University by this time. At Emanuel School he passed "Higher" with distinctions in Chemistry, Pure Maths., and Applied Maths.

R. L. Dodds, now doing his National Service, is at Catterick Camp, Yorkshire, where he is concentrating on Hockey.

B. R. Payne has returned to Nottingham University for an extra year.

Congratulations to M. J. Dorey on gaining his B.Sc. (London). He remains at the University to specialise in Botany. J. M. Ross frequently visits him.

R. B. Watson has written at length from Melfi. After his release he is taking a post in Italy for six months prior to going to St. John's, Cambridge. Recently Watson took part in a Divisional Pentathlon—shooting, swimming 330 yards, cross-country, throwing the javelin, kicking the football, throwing the cricket ball, and motor cycling (cross-country and obstacles). His efforts were valiant, seemingly, but not completely successful.

We congratulate J. C. Dunn on his success in the written examination for Cranwell and offer our best wishes to him at the Selection Board.

School Calendar.

EASTER TERM, 1950.

FIRST SESSION	...	Thursday, January 19th.
LAST SESSION	...	Friday, March 31st.
Confirmation	...	Wednesday, March 22nd.

SUMMER TERM, 1950.

FIRST SESSION	...	Friday, April 28th.
LAST SESSION	...	Friday, July 21st.
H.S.C. Commences		Tuesday, June 6th.
Quarter-Centenary Week commences		Monday, July 3rd.

Boarders return **before 6 p.m.** on the evening of the day **before** the first session, and may return home on the **afternoon** of the last session.

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