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Editorial.

DESPITE renewed salvage drives, the famine in paper becomes increasingly grave. Though the shelves of bookshops are liberally filled at the moment, the appearance of plenty is but a fictitious one, and soon our books will be obtainable only in very limited quantities, for present supplies of paper can not replace the immense number of books destroyed by enemy action, one business house alone having lost three million copies, still less cater for the normal output of new works, and the position is made even more complicated by the increasing numbers of men and women passing into the Forces. We are faced with unofficial rationing of material for the mind. How tragic this is, coming as it does at the very moment when, because of the same war, the public is recapturing the lost art of reading—such a feature of the lives of our fathers, and such a rarity in ours, an art whose voice was lost amidst the more blatant tones of the wireless set at the very moment when it was helping to maim the art of listening, and whose mental pictures have grown pale beside the brilliant colours of the screen and the pictorial daily.

But we can resist the oncoming of the tragedy. Our existing books must be increasingly treasured, the paths of true literature kept free, and the gateway to knowledge open. One individual often does the work of two—so must one book. We have salvaged one sheet of paper. We must make it two. Whilst we are fighting on the one flank for the freedom of the mind, let us not lose that freedom on the other. *De te fabula!*

Headmaster's Notes.

By the evening of September 17th a record number of Foreigners had assembled, and further records were broken when the whole School assembled for prayers on the following morning. The Big Schoolroom was indeed one sea of faces. Some of the best known were, of course, missing, but in their places youthful newcomers glanced hesitatingly around, boldly pushing hands into the deepest recesses of pockets, only to withdraw them furtively, and to gaze fixedly ahead.

To those who have left us we send our very best wishes. May what was moulded here ever be at the service of all that is good and true, and may the paths that they tread be soon the paths of peace. To their successors the School extends the heartiest of welcomes, asking only that they be conscious of their responsibilities in their new sphere.

Matins at the Cathedral on the first Sunday of term was particularly well attended, and it was a real joy to all to hear the Provost's introductory words of welcome, a real pleasure to find the Service commencing with our beginning of term hymn, and a real inspiration to feel such an integral part of the Cathedral congregation.

Speech Day celebrations were held in the Gymnasium, where, to the surprise of many, it was found possible to accommodate some four hundred people. A detailed report of the proceedings will be found elsewhere. All I would say here is to express our thanks to General Sir Harry Knox for coming to address the School, and to offer him congratulations on the recent promotion of his son-in-law, General Nye.

It has been a matter of great regret to me that so few School matches have been possible this term. Transport has been quite unobtainable. However, as a consequence, House matches have been thrown into bolder relief, and some excellent games have been seen.

The three cross-country races have been held as usual, and a steady improvement in technique noted. The standard of running is already very high, and in a little while should be very good indeed, for there are some grand runners amongst the juniors.

Once again we have been able to lend a hand in agriculture. Several afternoons have been spent at Sir John Wood's estates, "picking up" the potatoes we "dropped" earlier in the year, and a number of whole days have been spent at West Row helping the West Suffolk War Agricultural Executive Committee with what must be one of the most noteworthy win-the-war efforts in agriculture in the whole country.

The School gardens have received their fair share of attention, and at the moment present a well-dug appearance. It is very pleasing to be able to report that the crops of the first year of allotment holding have proved most satisfactory.

The Pig Club will shortly be issuing its first accounts, and they already promise well, for the two pigs recently disposed

of between them weighed thirty-two stones and we await with interest news of the remaining five.

It is impossible to conclude without mention of the infrequency of alerts during the term, and of the consequent uninterrupted of School life and work. In our gratitude for this let us each try for a moment to think why this should have been the case, and let those thoughts point a moral to each and everyone of us, a moral that we shall carry with us throughout our Christmas holidays, and into the New Year, and for always.

My best wishes to you all, wherever you may be, for your safety, your health and your happiness.

Speech Day.

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The first report of the present Headmaster of King Edward VI. School, Bury St. Edmund's (Mr. R. W. Elliott, M.A.), presented at the Speech Day held at the School, was a very pleasing one, recording as it did a high tone, a successful academic year, many useful war-time additional activities, and a record number of pupils.

The Chairman of an interesting Speech Day was the Comptroller (Rt. Hon. Sir John Tilley), with the special speaker General Sir Harry Knox, Governor of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. The proceedings opened with the School song, "Rex Edwardus," composer, the late Sir A. W. Ward, formerly Master of Peterhouse College, and an Old Boy of the School.

The Mayor of Bury (Deputy Comptroller), the Provost, Sir John Wood, Bart., Lt.-Col. Gerald Long and Mr. S. E. Smith (Governors) and the Headmaster and Mrs. Elliott were also on the platform.

The Comptroller warmly congratulated the Headmaster and Mrs. Elliott on the tremendous success of their first year in charge and on the improvements introduced. Mr. Elliott had put new life into the School. Sir John spoke of the close relationship between the School and the Cathedral Church and

said that when considering the new order in education after the war, there was a large body of opinion which did demand that religion should have a place in all the schools of England.

THE HEADMASTER'S AIMS.

The Headmaster opened his report by referring to the honour paid him little over a year ago when he was appointed Headmaster of the School he had worked in for a number of years, "a school that had as its Headmaster during those years one of the sincerest and most hardworking men that one could be privileged to work with, a School whose traditions I had always valued and whose boys I had always tried to call friends, a School situated in a town that I had come to look upon as my own birthplace." He cordially welcomed the visitors and said that in the School buildings was the atmosphere of their everyday lives, an atmosphere of home and he hoped that the benefit of the years spent there by the pupils might be a good deal more than academic. Referring to the progress of the School during the past year, he pointed out that education in some respects taught what to think, and in all respects how to think; it imparted knowledge and developed the body, but, and far more important, inculcated a way of life, a life of loyalties towards God, towards the State, and towards one's fellows. He recalled the Statutes rapidly nearing their four hundredth birthday, and said they were of vivid interest in these controversial times, and conveyed the fundamental principles of all that was meant by education. First they referred to childhood as life's anteroom foreshadowing the whole design and structure of the years to follow, and admonished the Masters to see that that anteroom was tinctured with the highest intellectual, moral and spiritual education, and, above all, so to fulfil their duties that "Christ's empire may be implanted in the tender heart of youth."

A RECORD ROLL.

Referring to the effects of the war, he said that the first morning roll call of the Autumn Term of 1940 revealed the presence of only 100 boys, and of those only 24 were boarders. But, thanks to the battle of Britain, in which Old Boys of this School fought, that number had increased to 116 by Christmas. By Easter it was 130, by July 140, and by September 1941, every record had been broken, and they had 57 "Foreigners" or boarders and 110 "Royalists," that is dayboys, making the most encouraging total of 167,

more by far than the School had ever held before, and at the moment there was not one vacant desk nor one empty bed. Of this number of boys he particularly mentioned the 34 in the Preparatory Department in the care of Miss Woodward and Miss Lofts and housed in an admirable building of their own. These prep. boys were, of course, an essential part of the Main School of the future, and, indeed, their numbers were going to make admissions other than through this Department extraordinary few.

Whatever the merits or demerits of the present examination system, it did throw a good deal of light on the measure of success that was being achieved in the development of one side of the child. In the recent School Certificate Examination they presented 15 candidates for the full Certificate—the whole of the Fifth Form. Twelve were successful, five of the twelve obtaining the standard known as Matriculation Exemption. Looked at from another angle these boys between them offered 117 papers, of these, 87 were awarded the pass mark or more. Actually 44 of the 87 gained credit or more. As a fact in the past nine years they had entered every Fifth Form boy—a total of 142—and exactly 100 Certificates have been gained. In the Sixth Form three were now preparing to go to the University and six were continuing their studies along well defined but non-examination lines. Unfortunately too many of the parents whose boys did so well a year ago took their children away often from an inadequate knowledge of the value of Sixth Form work, often from financial inability to support them any longer, particularly when desperate employers were dangling such glittering prizes before the eyes of school-children. Some while ago a boy at the age of 14½ passed with credit in every subject he took in the School Certificate Examination—eight subjects in all. He immediately left school. What would two further years have meant to him? The nation could not afford to lose such material, and it was his sincere hope that every parent would endeavour to give his boy a chance in the Sixth Form, and that the State would do more to help such parents. At this very moment the State was paying full tuition fees and full maintenance grants to enable suitable boys and girls to proceed to the Universities to study Science—as this is a war of Science; he referred to the newly instituted State Bursaries. In the years of peace then was it too much to hope that more would be done to enable a parent to keep his child at school? "I for one could not believe that the cry raised recently for the throwing open of the Public Schools to all children no matter what their walk in life, at all represents the

wishes of the thinking parent of this country. What he wants when he wants more for his child in the way of education and opportunity, is the development of the existing system and the obvious solution to that is the vastly extended system of maintenance grants, vastly extended in amount, and vastly extended in the salary range to which they are applicable, maintenance grants that takes notice particularly of the many difficulties of what has been termed the black-coated worker."

APPEAL TO PARENTS.

Having referred to the excellent record of Old Boys in the Services, and the academic successes of P. E. Brassel and J. A. Hutchinson, the Headmaster addressed himself to the parents and appealed for a thorough understanding between those in authority at home and those in authority at School. In this connection he advocated a Parents' Association though they could not think of having one in war-time. However, there were innumerable occasions on which they could all meet, and he asked all to take full advantage of such occasions.

Speaking of the many other activities that helped to make up School life, he referred to the Scouts, which now had a second very keen Scout Troop; the Officers' Training Corps, now named the Junior Training Corps, two Platoons strong; the games, continued with enthusiasm, though with restricted fixture lists, and with a fair measure of success; and regretted that the Dramatic activities had been restricted owing to the lack of a suitable hall and the obvious difficulties of war-time. The School took its part in the war effort by getting on with their everyday tasks in school, by helping in agriculture, either in term time or in holiday time; by cultivating every inch of available land; by forming a pig clup; and by the savings movement.

In conclusion he spoke of the very generous measure of support from the Board of Governors, the staff, the prefects, and his wife, whom he particularly thanked for her untiring efforts. Fifty-seven boarders represented no small handful at the best of times. They were a very large one in this age of coupons. He had referred at the onset to the spirit of home; if anything of success had been achieved along these lines the credit was due to his wife. Finally he referred to the spiritual side of the School, to the Founder's Day Service and the Sunday Services at the Cathedral, and thanked the Provost and the Cathedral Clergy.

PRIZE LIST.

The Lower Prep., J. C. Snell.

The Upper Prep., P. Cooke.

First Form, 1st H. Hurley, 2nd C. Nathan.

Second Form, 1st M. R. Wilson, 2nd R. J. W. Stow, general ability, G. R. Feavearyear.

Handwriting, open to boys below the Third, C. Nathan.

Third Form, 1st P. J. G. Barnett, 2nd B. R. Payne.

Fourth Form, 1st A. R. Thompson, 2nd B. J. Marriott.

Fifth Form. The Fitzgerald prize for Science, A. C. T. Hawksley; the Wrattislaw prize for Geography, A. C. T. Hawksley; the Old Boys' prize for Maths., N. B. Williams; the Blomfield prize for French, D. M. Gardiner; the Hervey prize for Classics, A. C. T. Hawksley; the Farmiloe prize for Modern History, A. C. T. Hawksley; the Hardcastle prize for English Literature, L. G. Browning; the Tercentenary prize for general ability, N. B. Williams; Sir John Tilley's prize for reading aloud, D. M. Gardiner; the John Greene Bowl, for the boy setting the best example to his fellows, D. M. Gardiner.

The awards were presented by General Sir Harry Knox, who urged pupils to work hard and play hard, and to make up their minds what they were working for—what professions they were going to take up.

Thanks to Sir Harry Knox were voiced by the Mayor and Sir John Wood, the latter warmly endorsing the speaker's urge to the boys to do what they could to see the world.

The Provost voiced thanks to the Comptroller.

Football Review.

Owing to the impossibility of obtaining transport, away fixtures had to be cancelled early in the term. Although this was regretted at the time the position has had its compensations. We have renewed acquaintance with former opponents in the Brewery XI., have had one enjoyable game against the A.T.C. and are eagerly awaiting the return match on the last Saturday of the term. Moreover, there has been an added interest and keenness in the House matches. This perhaps reached its climax when the Tudor House XI. defeated the redoubtable Yorkists by the narrow margin of one goal.

The standard of play was rather low in the early weeks of the term, but practice has led to an improvement and there have been some quite satisfactory results. The House matches have also served to show that we have, in the lower forms, some very promising players, for they have acquitted themselves well, even when playing against members of the 1st XI.

H.J.E.W.

RESULTS.

	1st XI.		2nd XI.		Junior XI.	
	F.	A.	F.	A.	F.	A.
v. County School	(h) 0	4	(h) 1	3	(h) 0	6
" "	(a) 0	5	(a) 1	1	(a) 0	9
v. Brewery XI.	(h) 3	2				
" "	(a) 1	1				
v. A.T.C.	(h) 2	7				
v. Silver Jubilee School					(h) 3	0
" "					(a) 1	2

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

- *H. J. E. WOMBWELL (Capt.) A really fine player and good captain who kicks powerfully with both feet. Has played equally well at back and at his normal position of centre-half. A tower of strength in defence and the spearhead of the attack.
- †P. C. G. BRANDER. An able player with a very strong kick and a good sense of positional play, but unfortunately he has missed one or two games owing to illness.
- †R. F. BOUGHTON. A competent all-rounder, with good ball control and a very nice cross shot. Should try to develop his right-foot kicking.
- †N. B. WILLIAMS. A consistent, hard-working player, who backs up well, but should practise kicking with his left foot.
- †M. G. ISIKSON. A plucky player with a good sense of position. He should try to shoot more quickly and often.
- †R. C. STIFF. A young player whose size is no drawback. Very good at ball control and positional play. Should use his right foot more.
- †D. J. EVANS. A very good goal-keeper who is not afraid of coming out, and has averted many disasters by this means. His goal-kicking calls for improvement.

G. C. BAXTER. A "coming" winger who centres accurately and passes well. Should try to move more quickly with the ball.

S. P. DAVIS. A sound hard-kicking back, with a very safe and accurate first-time kick. He covers up very well, but would benefit by learning to use his left foot.

J. BLACKSTOCK. A good player with a nice shot and centre, but whose play is not up to last season's standard. A little more effort would improve his play.

B. J. MARRIOTT. A hard-working player, with a good sense of position, but who tends to make short passes instead of shooting when nearing goal.

D. M. GARDINER. A good all round player, who uses his height to advantage. Unfortunately, owing to illness, he has been unable to play more than once or twice.

* Full Colours. † Half-Colours.

Inter-House Competition,
1940-41.

		Lancaster.	York.	Tudor.	
Work	1940/3	10	5	—	
	1941/1	10	—	5	
	1941/2	5	—	10	
Football		1	4	1	
	Hockey		—	4	2
		Cricket		—	2
P.T.			1940/3	2	4
	1941/1		4	—	2
	1941/2	—	4	2	
Cross Country	1940/3	2	—	4	
	1941/1	2	2	2	
Athletic Sports		2	4	—	
	Conduct	1940/3	4	2	—
		1941/1	—	4	2
1941/2		3	—	3	
Punctuality	1940/3	2	4	—	
	1941/1	4	2	—	
	1941/2	3	—	3	
		54	41	40	

History in our Gestures.

When the dictators meet a heel-clicking, arm extending ceremony occurs. When an officer and a private meet they salute. When friends meet they shake hands. What meaning lies behind these actions? Each is a greeting or salute given to show that the weapon hand, which is usually the right hand, holds no weapon, and each had its origin in the ancient's truce offer of at least temporary peace, and indicates a mutual understanding not to draw arms.

In the ages when man had a gorilla-like appearance, and hunted with a club, he sometimes found himself in an awkward situation. Roving about in search of food he came across a fellow creature, also carrying a club. One of four things might happen, retreat, fight, pass, or make friends. If one was friendly and thought the other was similarly inclined, he might put down his club and display his weapon-hand, now free from any weapon, for the removal of fear was essential to friendship, and was the basis of all primitive etiquette. It is here then that the hand gesture originated as a greeting and a salute.

The meaning of the savage's salute, "I have no weapons," has changed, and a salute now implies that there is no intention to draw arms or to be anything other than friendly. This meaning also applies when guns are fired in salute, arms presented, and swords lowered. It is not unnatural that saluting should be most carefully observed in the Forces.

It is curious to note that the civilian shakes hands without being truly conscious of his actions, and it is only when another civilian refuses to shake hands with him that he become aware of the true meaning of a handshake.

Raising the hat is a mark of respect, symbolising stripping the body, a custom dating back to the ancient Assyrians, who, as a sign of humiliation, stripped their prisoners of war of all arms and clothing. Another trace of this custom can be found in the stripping of a disgraced soldier's decorations, buttons, and symbols of rank.

There are many hundreds of small gestures, all of which have curious origins. A nod is a sign of recognition or mark of respect, and is descended from the serf's humble crouch and the intermediate step, the bow.

Mourning is worn in respect for the dead, though it was first worn to disguise the bereaved from the spirits of the dead or the gods responsible for their death.

Again, the first visiting cards belonged to the primitive savage. If he wished to meet another savage he left a small gift, perhaps a carved stone or piece of wood, to show that he was friendly and to discover the other's disposition. If the gift was refused then the meeting was off, if accepted he could proceed in safety.

These are the histories of a few of our common-place gestures. All of them have become obscure, and though the gestures played an essential part in primitive communities, they have comparatively little meaning to-day. D.M.G.

Robin Hood's Bay.

As I reached the crest of the hill I sat down and took off my rucksack. Behind and on either side stretched the heather-covered Yorkshire moors, with little sign of any habitation. In front of, and below me, was Robin Hood's Bay and the sea.

The little village which had collected in this steep-sided bay was sheltered on three sides by the rugged moors, but the fourth was open to the full blast of the elements. It looked as if a giant handful of earth had been scooped out of the seaward face of the cliff. The sides of the bay were far short of precipitous, yet the slope of the only practicable road was one in three, despite the fact that it zig-zagged considerably.

The houses were built chiefly of grey slabs of stone, which gave a singular, if drab, appearance. So steep was the slope that the floor which on one side was the basement would be the ground floor on the other. The mossy roofs were tiled and they dropped away sharply to either side. The windows were of the diamond pane variety, and the front doors were well above the level of the street without.

The streets, or paths, for such they were, were a series of steps exceptionally wide and made of flagstones. No motor vehicles were allowed to use these rights-of-way, so that the baker and milkman had to use small handcarts. Along each side of the streets stretched paths, cobbled and raised above the causeway, though for what reason I could not conceive, for visits from horse-drawn vehicles were very few and far between. The street lighting consisted of a number of ancient oil lamps fixed to the sides of the houses at roughly twenty yards intervals.

Drawn up on what might be termed a promenade was a number of small, seaworthy fishing craft. The sea was pounding against the foot of the promenade. For that very reason the boats were drawn up.

Out at sea I could see several small coasting vessels and on the horizon a few dark smudges of smoke from other more distant ships. Several small fishing craft were battling bravely against the heavy swell which threatened to engulf them.

Having feasted my eyes on this view I got up, stretched myself, and strode down the hill into the village, where I put up at the inn for the night. B.J.M. (Form V.)

Glimpses of the Past.

We are grateful to Mr. Thurlow Champness for presenting to the School two of its former prize medals that recently came into his hands. The first, one inch and a half in diameter, commemorates the connection of William Sancroft, Archbishop of Canterbury, with the School, and gives an admirable portrait of him, whilst the obverse depicts the famous seven Bishops so well known to every schoolboy. The second, of a similar size, commemorates the Tercentenary celebrations and carries an excellent portrait of the founder of the School.

We are also indebted to Miss E. M. Bullen for a manuscript letter dated November 24th, 1794, and for a cutting from the *Bury Post*, dated 1792. The first was written by Miss Bullen's great-great aunt and describes a Ball in Bury. "And now give me leave to attend you to the Ballroom, which we entered about eight o'clock and found already assembled the greater part of fashionable people in the town and neighbourhood. The Ball was opened by little Nelson, the Admiral's own nephew (who is at our School)." This almost certainly refers to the Grammar School, particularly as the writer's brother, Henry St. John Bullen, was first a pupil and then a Master at the School. The cutting from the *Bury Post* is headed "An Occasional Epilogue, spoken at our Theatre on Saturday night last, by Mr. Waddy, after the Comedy of the West Indian, performed by desire of the Young Gentlemen of the Grammar School in this town." The epilogue contains some seventy lines written in the heroic couplets so typical of the eighteenth century. A few extracts may be of interest.

"Well done, my pretty Masters! Grammar Boys
This night a charter have to make a noise;
But sure 'twould ease your little Grammar lungs,
For one ten minutes just to hold your tongues;
Yet, for my pains, perhaps you'll call me Fool—
I mean to prove that all the World's a School."

"Look at the State—a School for grown-up men,
Out of their places some, and others in."

"But ah! few docile pupils now we find
Who learn that useful lesson call'd—Mankind."

"What is the army but a School for War?
The Soldier fights—the Schoolboy plays at law;
The palm of honour neither cares to yield,
But loves to strut the Hector of the field."

In conclusion—

"On then, and shout away, my lovely boys,
You like our plays, and we must like your noise;
Since then to please you is our only care,
Remember—not to truant it next Fair."

The Call of the Wild.

Many people consider that East Anglia is flat, uninteresting and dull, but to some this statement is idle and unfair. The most beautiful part of an absorbing section of the British Isles is Breckland, that wild, mystical, and sparsely inhabited tract of land stretching from the Wash to just north of Bury St. Edmund's. Nobody, on thinking, can deny that this district has at least, a subtle beauty; but few are ardent admirers of Breckland.

The great spaces encourage one's mind to think widely, one feels free and glad and, most important of all, they make one feel insignificant in a great universe. On the heath on a summer's day, when a slight breeze ruffles the bracken and causes the firs to whisper, and the clouds are scurrying across the sky, an exhilarating feeling is wrought in us. The peace is only broken by the firs, the shrill whistle of a stone curlew, or the plaintive call of the pee-wit or golden plover.

Because of their remoteness the meres are one of the phenomena of Breckland. Known only to the enthusiast and

the dweller, yet the meres are beauty pictured in simplicity, and the placid water, sometimes ringed by trees, makes a scene of eternal peace. M.D.F.

Cross-Country.

We have had large fields and keen running. Results:—

1st Run.

Tudor. 2 5 6 7 13 14 16 17 21 22nd places. 123 pts.
Lancs. 3 4 8 9 10 11 12 15 24 27th places. 123 pts.
Yorks. 1 18 19 20 23 28 31 33 36 38th places. 247 pts.
1st Wombwell, 2nd Boughton, 3rd Isikson.

2nd Run.

Tudor. 1 7 9 10 13 14 16 17 19 20th places. 126 pts.
Lancs. 2 3 4 8 =11 15 21 =22 =22 25th places. 132 pts.
Yorks. 5 6 =11 18 27 30 33 35 40 41st places. 246 pts.
1st Boughton, 2nd Isikson, 3rd Wolfendale.

3rd Run.

Tudor. 2 6 7 9 13 16 19 20 24 27th places. 143 pts.
Lancs. 4 5 8 10 12 14 18 23 25 30th places. 149 pts.
Yorks. 1 3 11 15 17 21 22 26 34 35th places. 185 pts.
1st Wombwell, 2nd Boughton, 3rd Gardiner.

Each run was stoutly contested right to the finish.

The senior boys, named above, maintained their reputations, and, among junior boys, Syrett, Footer, Ward ii., Bates and Dakovnick ran consistently well.

J.T.C. Notes.

For the first time for nearly ten years the contingent has reached the fifty mark. All members, recruits as well as trained men, have shown a commendable keenness and the work done has been very comprehensive.

The New War Certificate "A" regulations will, from February onwards, allow all over 15 who have passed the Tests of Elementary Training to take the first part of the examination. Both parts are practical, Part I. is purely on Individual Training, Part II., for those over 16 who have passed Part I., is concerned with the handling of men in action. Naturally

all members of the Corps will take both examinations as they reach the required standard of training.

We are having considerable difficulty in fitting all recruits with uniform and if all Old Boys (or parents of Old Boys) would look up all uniform, especially cap badges and shoulder titles (which are unobtainable) and send them to the School, it would be most helpful.

Promotions, etc.—

Sgt. Wombwell to command No. 1 Platoon.

Cpl. Jennings to be Sergeant and command No. 2 Platoon.

L/Cpl. Forster to be Sergeant.

A/L/Cpl. Marriott „ „ Corporal.

„ Gardiner „ „ „

„ Brander „ „ L/Corporal.

Cadet Brittain „ „ A/L/Corporal.

„ Boughton „ „ „

F. H. SWAINSTON, Captain.

Scout Notes.

There have, of course, been many changes in our patrols this term. We are sorry to have lost a number of boys who joined the J.T.C., but we are glad that a few have taken advantage of the change in our parade day and have remained Scouts as well as becoming J.T.C. Recruits. This change in parade time to Thursday afternoons is thus fulfilling a useful purpose.

We have also welcomed many newcomers, and a considerable amount of badge work has been done both by them and by older members of the troops. We propose to hold an investiture before the end of term.

The number of Scouts on the register is now 81, of whom about 20 are second class Scouts, and over 40 others have passed their tenderfoot tests. D.A.Y.

Savings Group.

The total amount collected this term, up to the end of November, was £110 7s. 5d. There are nearly 80 names on the register, but only about half of these can be classed as regular subscribers. Many boys, of course, belong to savings

groups outside the School, but we feel that it should be possible for a much larger number to become active members of the School group.

We hope to promote keener interest next term by means of a house competition. It is proposed to award points based both on the amounts subscribed and on the regularity of the contributors.

D.A.Y.

The Row Dramatic Society.

The Row Dramatic Society was formed at the beginning of this term, with the object of providing entertainment for the boarders on some of the long Sunday nights in the winter months.

Many Study Row boys showed great enthusiasm, and it was quite easy to obtain a large enough number to form a small Society, which now consists of fifteen members.

Although our activities have been limited, we managed to effect one production, on Sunday, November 9th, lasting approximately eighty minutes. Despite various obstacles, the concert was well received. We have arranged to give another programme on the last Tuesday of term; this time we hope to have some kind of improvised curtain.

The Society would like to thank the Headmaster, Mrs. Elliott, and all the staff. They have helped us to overcome many difficulties, and throughout have displayed a kindly interest in all our activities.

T.B.S.

School Notes.

VALETE—1941-2:

	L.	Y.	T.
Form 5.			
	W. A. H. Banks	L. G. Browning	J. A. Nolan
	K. E. Barker	K. P. Darby	
	P. E. S. Webb		
Form 4.		C. W. S. Miller	
Form 3.			
	D. R. Blewett		

SALVETE—1941-3:

	L.	Y.	T.
Form 5.			
	S. P. Davies		
Form 3.		E. Day	
		H. J. Goldstein	
		J. M. Ross	
Form 1.			
	N. H. Bates	P. S. G. Rainbird	D. R. Bond
	T. W. Blumfield	D. Webb	C. A. Clark
	R. L. Dodds		W. F. Fisher
	J. F. Jones		P. N. Gates
	B. A. Martin		R. E. Phillips
	P. J. Olley		T. H. Stone
	H. W. Rushbrooke		J. S. Webb
	C. A. Shafto		
	R. Sheere		
	A. Thompson		
	D. J. Ward		
Prep.—Upper.			
	B. J. Barratt	D. Hodge	
	T. G. L. Dodds	J. E. Hunnable	
	C. Mander	J. C. Q. Roberts	
Prep.—Lower.			
	A. Baker	P. Abbott	J. M. Forster
	M. Webb	P. R. Hazel	K. Stephenson
		T. O. Thwaites	

This term we welcome on the Staff Miss Kilpatrick, and wish her every success.

L. G. Browning left us in October to take up an appointment in the Post Office. Our best wishes for his future.

Congratulations to R. F. Boughton, L. G. Browning, M. D. Forster, D. M. Gardiner and A. C. T. Hawksley on gaining exemption from London Matriculation. Also to W. A. H. Banks, K. P. Darby, K. E. G. Howes, S. H. Jennings, J. A. Nolan, N. B. Williams and R. Wolfendale on gaining School Certificate. Also to M. D. Forster on becoming House Prefect.

Our best wishes to S. H. Jennings who is taking the exam. at Christmas, also to those boys taking Certificate "A" in February.

The Poppy Day collection this term raised the record total of £3 13s. 9d., a most creditable effort.

On several days this term parties from the School have been helping the national war effort by gathering potatoes, first at Hengrave and later in the Fens. D.M.O'N.B.

ROYALIST NOTES.

The chief Royalist event of this term has been the football matches versus the Foreigners. Both matches were won by 10 goals to nil. Thus the Grudging's Cup has been secured once more for the House. Congratulations to R. F. Boughton, our captain, and to all else concerned. D.M.O'N.B.

FOREIGNER NOTES.

With nine new Boarders we have reached our apparent maximum of fifty-eight Boarders.

Owing to illness we suffered two severe defeats at football, both XI.'s losing 10—0. That stinging defeat must be avenged next term on the hockey pitch.

Numbers of boys have been and are going potato-picking this term. Apart from the pay, a half or whole day outing is tempting to all.

The Headmaster's order "Land not dug at the end of term will be taken" has stimulated the interested into frenzied but pleasantly warming activity on their ground below the Armoury. All the gardeners are hoping for as good a harvest as the last one.

Study row have formed a Dramatic Society under T. B. Squire's leadership. They have already entertained us once, and a more ambitious project is planned for the end of term.

Weeding the Square has provided a convenient punishment for at least one prefect. This and the tasks of clearing the buildings have been done well by most boys, to whom at least this mention is due. D.M.G.

House Notes.

LANCASTER.

This term has been quite successful for our House. We are leading in work points, although we are rather badly down in the way of conduct and late marks. However, it is certain that this fault can be remedied if everyone will do his best.

The House is to be congratulated on its success in the House Competition of last year, and we are all very grateful to those boys who worked conscientiously throughout the year for their House.

Football this term has gone against us; we lost 2—7 against the Yorkists, but drew with the Tudors 1—1, our 2nd XI. beating the Tudors 2—1. Both XI.'s played very keenly in the two games and we have suffered no discredit by our losses.

We offer our congratulations to M. G. Isikson and N. B. Williams on gaining their half-colours.

We have held our own in the three cross-country runs held this term, we tied with the Tudors in the first, and came second in both the others.

N.B.W.

YORK.

The high reputation which the House gained last year in sporting circles has not this year been upheld. While we beat the Lancastrians, we lost to the Tudors. Scores, York 7, Lancaster 2; York 0, Tudor 1.

In addition, both cross-country runs have been lost. This was due, not to poor runners in the first few home, but to sheer laziness in mid-field. We are glad to be able to say, however, that our younger members showed good spirit.

Neither have work or conduct shown any great improvement on last year. The position in punctuality has, however, grown better.

D.M.O'N.B.

TUDOR.

This term has been a successful one for us, especially in sports. We have beaten the Yorkists and drawn with the Lancs. in football, and so are winners of the football competition. In the cross-country races we have won two and drawn one, so we have won the cross-country for this term. Thanks, I think, are due to R. F. Boughton and J. R. James for their devotion to duty in football and athletics respectively. To D. J. Evans, R. C. Stiff and again R. F. Boughton, congratulations are due for obtaining their half-colours.

Work, late, and conduct marks, however, do not compare so favourably with those of our opponents. Although we are ahead by a narrow margin in work, we are second in late and conduct marks.

M. D. Forster is to be congratulated on becoming a Royalists Prefect; we are sure that he will do credit to the Tudor House by carrying out his duties thoroughly. A.C.T.H.

Old Boys' Notes.

A long and interesting letter from P. W. R. Parkyn, who is still working in the Admiralty, but who wishes he might undertake some of the more hazardous work of the latter. Civil Service examinations have, of course, been abandoned, and so, to keep mentally fit, Parkyn has been following a course in Electricity. We were pleased to hear that he had joined the Home Guard. His brother, D. R. Parkyn, realising the comparatively small value of a School Certificate without Matriculation exemption, after fruitless efforts to find a post with a future, has had to resume his studies.

David Barnard, we hear, successfully passed through his initial training as a pilot, and was last heard of in a very distant spot.

M. W. Neil informs us that John Miller, Malcolm Rumsey and George Rumsey are now in the Forces, and that his brother will soon be joining.

We were very pleased to hear of the whereabouts of Michael Watkins—perhaps he will run across Geoffrey Fulcher. There's quite a chance, for there is no black-out.

David Fulcher has been on the sick list for some while, but is now making good progress.

A tall, heavily-moustached visitor turned out to be G. F. Bell, who was posted to the district for a short while. We congratulate Mrs. Bell and G. F. on the birth of a daughter.

An airgraph letter from M. C. P. Groombridge proved especially interesting. He is in what the Fifth Form would call the Near East, but what others choose to call the Middle East. He has met R. R. Higgins. Both send their very best wishes to the School. Concluding words of the letter—"V for Victory."

J. A. Nolan has commenced work with Messrs. Ruston & Hornsby of Lincoln and has to rise at 6.30 (rather like the song of old). Lateness is attended by a loss in wages—this doesn't appeal to Nolan. His query as to whether Dr. Simpson or he received the greater shock at the Credit in General Science remains unanswered. As does the enquiry, "Did everyone else gain a Distinction?"

From the length of H. V. Iggulden's address we assume he must now be in command of the Air Force. After trying with two envelopes we still found we had a certain amount left over. However, he is A/C 2, and awaiting posting to an Air Observer's Navigational School. Those in England he considers to be highly undesirable. His comments on marching at 160 per minute, together with those on the amount of work expected each day, were in typical vein.

We have heard from Peter Fraser's father (Guayaquil, Ecuador) of Peter's progress. One of the difficulties is the small number of boys of Peter's age. Father says that Peter is having a good time, but is having to keep his studies going.

2nd Lt. F. H. Jones is now in command of a Troop, and equipped for foreign service. Recently he met E. T. W. Whiting, now in the Canadian Seaforth Highlanders, and M. E. Peppiatt.

J. C. Jones is now a member of the Royal Corps of Signals.

Congratulations to P. E. Brassel on passing the London Internal B.A. Final Examination and being placed in Division 2, and to J. A. Hutchison on gaining an Honours Degree in Engineering at Oxford. The former now proceeds to New College, Finchley, in order to study for B.D.

Best wishes to Eric Barratt now in training for the Mercantile Marine.

O. T. Lloyd has now left the Metropolitan Police and joined the R.A.F. His brother, A. M. Lloyd, is in the R.A.

2nd Lt. H. S. Sanders tells us that he knows at least six Old Boys who hold Commissions in the Suffolk Regiment—C. W. Cooper, D. Fulcher, R. Fulcher, B. J. Clarke, W. Allen and himself. We know one other immediately—G. Fulcher.

R. L. Hemsley recently paid us a visit. He is still with John Player & Sons. When we saw him our hopes rose high—but they were dashed. R. H. Burgess, of the same firm, would be delighted if any Old Burians would obtain his address from the School and call and see him.

J. N. Goodchild has obtained a post with the British Steamship Investment Trust in the City.

Owen Jennings (2nd Lt. R.E.) recently paid a visit to the School, as did 2nd Lt. G. F. Bevis and J. C. Wise.

We recently met 2nd Lt. and Mrs. J. H. Tilbrook. J. H. keenly looks forward to the day when he may captain an Old Boys' Cricket XI. in which his two brothers are playing. We must admit that those three would be a force in themselves.

L./Cpl. J. P. Mitchell, of the Military Police, has recently been busily engaged painting fire buckets red. We refrain from the obvious comment.

Harold Henshall is now a Pilot Officer.

Congratulations to C. R. Paine on attaining commissioned rank.

Harvey i. is now a Pilot Officer and Harvey ii. (Sgt.) an Air Gunner.

Sapper M. C. C. Husk, of the South African Engineers, gives us news of himself and of J. C. Johnson (Natal Mounted Rifles) and of N. A. S. King (King's African Rifles). All have seen action. "Coming up to the front we covered about 4,000 miles by lorry. We passed through some deserts where water was a luxury, we passed over lava belts, and through thick forests and lots of other things. As Engineers, our biggest tasks so far have been producing water (and they think we are magicians) and destroying enemy land mines."

It may be of interest to note that the December issue of the *Burian* reached J. C. Johnson in Abyssinia.

We were pleased to welcome Peter King and his wife at the School recently. Peter has been serving on the "Ajax" for some considerable while, and has seen a good deal of activity in one place and another. Actually we are waiting an article from him, for he has more than sufficient material for a most absorbing one. In the course of his travels (NOT with the "Ajax") he visited New York. A conversation with a reporter resulted in a lengthy column in a prominent newspaper there. We had the pleasure of reading this and were very interested to read of Leading Seaman Peter King looking up at the reporter out of a pair of innocent blue eyes. Peter wisely accepted hospitality, but refused to broadcast.

A word to all Old Boys.—Would you be good enough to help us over our clothing difficulties by letting us have any articles of clothing that may be of use to present pupils?

Obituary.

It is with regret that we record the deaths of two of the oldest Old Boys of the School:—C. W. TURNER, who passed away on May 5th, and H. R. BARKER, who passed away on September 21st.

The latter was a native of Bury St. Edmund's and had lived in the Borough all his life, few people knowing more about its history. Possessing considerable literary ability, he was the author of *East Suffolk Illustrated* and *West Suffolk Illustrated*, published more than 30 years ago, and of several volumes of poems. He also contributed to the *Encyclopædia Britannica*. He will long be remembered as Curator of Moyse's Hall (1900—1933), and as Librarian of the Cullum Library. By his death the town has lost one of its best-loved figures, and the School one of its most sincere friends.

To those whose articles have not been published.

The Editor is very grateful to all those who so cordially supported his appeal for articles for the magazine. Unfortunately, pressure of space has resulted in the printing of only a small number. He trusts that no-one will feel unduly disappointed, nor too discouraged to hope for success next term.

The School List.

LANCASTER.	YORK.	TUDOR.
SIXTH		
N. B. Williams	D. M. O'N. Brittain L. G. Browning D. M. Gardiner H. J. E. Wombwell	R. F. Boughton M. D. Forster A. C. T. Hawksley S. H. Jennings
FIFTH		
J. Blackstock D. J. E. Clamp O. J. W. Gilbert M. G. Isikson A. R. Thomson R. Wolfendale	M. W. Armstrong J. H. Asquith P. C. G. Brander K. G. E. Howes M. F. Last B. J. Marriott	R. F. Cann C. A. H. Hodge J. R. James S. P. Davies M. F. H. Simpson M. V. Downes-Martin
FOURTH		
G. Baxter C. S. Coombs A. M. Peck A. T. Ruddock P. Sale D. Savill	D. E. Bloomfield D. W. G. Charmbury F. R. Herbert B. R. Payne T. B. Squires F. R. J. Sydes R. W. F. Ward G. S. Wright	P. J. G. Barnett D. J. Evans J. H. Garrod F. B. Gow R. Stiff P. Woodrow
THIRD		
C. W. A. Bull A. G. B. Cobbold N. E. T. Edgar B. Francis I. D. Pettit E. C. Reeve A. B. Rood J. R. Rowat D. G. Terry R. C. Todd	C. D. Bonniwell F. S. Cole E. Day G. R. Feavearyear D. G. Horrex E. H. Pask D. W. Twissell P. F. Webb M. R. Wilson	A. H. Armson D. B. Butterfield P. G. de H. Champion J. F. Fordham A. F. Jennings W. G. Podmore E. W. Sims R. J. W. Stow J. Syrett
SECOND		
J. H. R. Baker B. R. Bloomfield M. J. Dorey H. Hurley D. W. Mayhew P. M. Miller P. L. Nice A. K. Robathan R. W. Rose	B. E. Burke L. Dekovnick H. J. Goldstein D. M. Lucas R. W. Ross A. G. Scott	W. E. Cotton W. E. Footer F. A. Gates S. O. N. Hawes C. J. Irwin A. R. Le Grice A. S. Marshall G. J. Marshall G. L. Mayers C. Nathan D. J. Pettit

THE SCHOOL LIST—(Continued).

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PREPARATORY A.		
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PREPARATORY B.		
A. Baker R. M. Palmer M. Webb W. H. D. Wood	P. Abbott P. R. Hazell A. E. Nice T. O. Thwaites	J. M. Forster A. G. Eee D. R. J. Potter K. Stephenson

School Calendar, 1942.

EASTER TERM.		
FIRST SESSION	...	Thursday, 15th January.
LAST SESSION	...	Friday, 27th March.
SUMMER TERM.		
FIRST SESSION	...	Thursday, 23rd April.
Whit Sunday	...	24th May.
Exams. start	...	Wednesday, 8th July.
Exams. end	...	Tuesday, 21st July.
LAST SESSION	...	Friday, 24th July.
AUTUMN TERM.		
FIRST SESSION	...	Thursday, 17th September.

BOARDERS arrive the afternoon or evening **before** the first session, and go home the day **after** the last session.

The date of the Founder's Day celebrations will be announced later.

Answers to Correspondents.

1. No, PERCY, if your clothing coupons are still missing we suggest you return in a bathing costume.
2. It is obvious, MERCER, that this unending rush and bustle of yours is wearing you down. Try to take things a little more leisurely.
3. "Ratepayer"—the Cabinet changes you ask for were as follows:

Ministry of Information	-	Marriott.
Ministry of the Interior	-	Simpson.
Ministry of Labour	-	Squires.
4. We can only suggest, DAVID, that you make still stronger efforts to overcome this shyness. Try to join in conversation.
5. DONALD.—all that remains now is for you to have the very best of face massage next term. It will probably be found most convenient for you to attend between the hours of 9.0 and 12.40. We shall answer your query with regard to pork cheese in our next issue.
6. ERIC. We suggest you remember your namesake and do not be impatient. You will soon be playing "The Blue Bells of Scotland."
7. TOM.—We should not worry about these childish nicknames. Yes, it is usually necessary to book appointments for permanent waves.
8. DEREK.—Don't worry, she may yet realise the beauty of your smile.
9. BRIAN JOHN.—You should stand in front of one mirror and hold a second one behind your head.
10. FRANK.—We regret we do not know the derivation of "bawbee."
11. RONALD.—Choreography is the word you require. Yes, a special costume is necessary for ballet.
12. DESMOND.—It would be unusual for anyone learning Rigger so late to obtain his "Blue," but why not try?

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