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Headmaster's Notes.

IT was with profound regret that the School learnt of the death of Lt.-Col. Frank Heilgers, M.P., in a railway accident at Ilford. Col. Heilgers was very deeply interested in the School, and it will be recalled that only a few months ago he presented the prizes at the School Speech Day. We shall remember his modesty, kindness, and obvious sincerity.

The Rev. Dr. Simpson paid a hurried visit to Bury shortly before sailing for West Africa. All have learnt with pleasure of his safe arrival.

Once again we are indebted to the Provost of the Cathedral for his interest in us. During recent weeks fourteen boys have been prepared for Confirmation.

The School congratulates A. C. T. Hawksley on his outstanding success in the Special Entry Examination for admission to the Royal Naval College. This is one of the most difficult of competitive examinations and over a thousand candidates presented themselves for the Executive Branch. Hawksley was one of the successful thirty. B. J. Marriott, another candidate, did extremely well, and very narrowly missed being called for interview. We trust, however, that he will be able to make a permanent career for himself in the Navy after following a Naval Short Course at Cambridge.

It will be remembered that on Empire Day last year the School subscribed some £7 towards the fund for sending cigarettes to the Forces overseas. Recently a number of most appreciative letters have been received.

Congratulations to M. F. H. Simpson and M. J. Dorey on their success in the local chess tournaments.

It is very pleasing to note that at last official permission has been granted for members of Junior Training Corps throughout the country to attend Annual Camp. In pre-war

days camp was most keenly looked forward to, and there is no doubt that each camp, representing about fifteen hundred cadets from probably twenty Schools offered the maximum in instruction and amusement.

We have recently formed a Young Farmers' Club, with a very encouraging membership. The aim of the Club is to stimulate interest in every aspect of Agriculture by practical work, demonstrations, lectures, and discussions.

Congratulations to N. B. Williams on becoming Head of the School, to C. A. H. Hodge on becoming a School Prefect, and to J. H. Asquith, P. J. G. Barnett, and D. W. C. Charmbury on becoming House Prefects.

Coming events—we look forward to seeing a large assembly of old friends on Sports Day, Thursday, June 1st, and on Founder's Day, Thursday, July 6th.

The Spirit of Cambridge.

I walked amid the stillness of twilight, unbroken save by the chimes of a distant college clock, the hoarse cries of the rooks in their tree-top homes, and the soft murmurings of the breeze. The quiet waters of the Cam rippled as though an indefinable spirit, winging its way through the air, had touched them with the hem of his garment, and the weeping willows seemed to shed their tears, unseen but not unheard, with a gentle plashing into the slow moving waters. The black, straight stems of the tall trees stood like pillars of a Nature Temple, their gloomy faces mirrored in the glinting waters and the grey shapes of Learning, silhouetted with their pinnacled towers against a darkening, leaden sky, stood immovable, unchangeable, with the bold front of permanence shrouded with the grey impenetrability of mysterious shadows. M.F.H.S.

Athletic Sports.

Cross Country Races, Thursday, March 16th—

JUNIOR.			
1st	Lancs.	...	104
2nd	York	...	182
3rd	Tudor	...	203

SENIOR.

1st	Lancs.	...	125
2nd	Tudor	...	134
3rd	York	...	214

STANDARD POINTS.

JUNIOR	...	Lancs. 8; Tudor 5; York 3.
SENIOR	...	Lancs. 8; Tudor 8; York 4.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS.

Senior.

1st	R. Wolfendale	(Lancs.)
2nd	N. B. Williams	(Lancs.)
3rd	P. F. Webb i.	(York)
4th	A. B. Rood	(Lancs.)
5th	M. F. H. Simpson	(Tudor)
6th	E. C. Reeve	(Lancs.)

Junior.

1st	I. F. McGeehan	(Lancs.)
2nd	P. M. Miller	(Lancs.)
3rd	J. C. Nice i.	(Lancs.)
4th	D. Webb ii.	(York)
5th	C. A. Clark ii.	(Tudor)
6th	M. O. R. Minns	(York)

Rabbit Club.

We have few members, but keenness runs high. During the past year we have discussed the housing, management, war-time feeding, and breeding of rabbits, and the merits of some of the pure breeds. We constructed a two-tier hutch, have reared some rabbits for meat, and have sold young stock to boys in School. Unfortunately, we have lost two litters during the year owing to the curiosity of non-members. Marfleet i. deserves special mention for his consistent good work in the club. Our success may be measured by the fact that we have paid a twopenny dividend on sixpenny shares last year.

Hockey.

HOCKEY REVIEW.

Although we have no successes to show for this term's play, the experience gained by the newcomers to the XI. will prove most valuable in the future. We have seen clearly that there is no lack of enthusiasm in the junior school.

The team-work has been good in spite of the small fixture list. However, there was noticeable reluctance to make use of long passing movements.

Unfortunately, touch line support has been singularly lacking and I hope, in future, more non-players will attend the matches.
N.B.W.

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

- *N. B. WILLIAMS (captain and centre-forward). A very enthusiastic leader who deserves to be congratulated on moulding a good, if not brilliant Eleven out of almost entirely untried material. His good example would have been even more successful if accompanied by vocal encouragement.
- *A. R. THOMSON (centre-half). A hard-hitting player who works hard. Must learn to hit to the right instead of always to the left.
- *D. W. C. CHARMBURY (right-back). An energetic player whose hard hitting has often changed defence into attack. Must not dribble when near his own goal.
- *G. C. BAXTER (right-half). A most improved player. Tackles well; ball control good. Could use a more powerful "flick."
- †C. A. H. HODGE (left-back). A sound player who uses his size to advantage. His hitting could be more accurate.
- †D. J. EVANS (goal-keeper). Has played some very good games, but has his "off" days. Has a tendency to dribble instead of clearing first time.

- †F. B. GOW (inside-left). A very determined player, though handicapped by size. Ball control good, but he must shoot as soon as he enters the circle.
- A. B. ROOD (left-wing). Has played soundly throughout the term. Should try to develop a stronger centre. Quite a good shot.
- A. T. RUDDOCK (right-wing). Is quite fast, but has little ball control. Must centre to the back of the circle and not cut in.
- W. G. PODMORE (inside-right). Has the makings of a first-class forward. Shoots quite well, but must realise the value of a powerful "flick."
- P. F. WEBB (left-half). An enthusiastic player who tackles well, but who must stop the ball and clear more effectively. Vesy sound.

* Full Colours. † Half-Colours.

HOCKEY RESULTS.

Culford—1st XI.	A.	Lost 5—1.
2nd XI.	H.	Lost 4—3.
Junior XI.	A.	Drawn 2—2.
1st XI.	H.	Lost 5—3.
2nd XI.	A.	Drawn 1—1.
Junior XI.	H.	Won 3—1.

House Matches—

	1st XI.	2nd XI.
Lancs. v. Tudor	2—3	1—5.
Lancs. v. York	12—1	12—0.
York v. Tudor	0—6	1—14.

The Young Farmers' Club.

A Young Farmers' Club is being formed in the School for all those interested in such matters. As soon as it was decided to try to do this a notice appeared on the Notice Board to that effect and 25 boys have enrolled.

The War Agricultural Executive Committee are now helping us to get together an Advisory Committee of influential Farmers and Horticulturists, and these under the Chairmanship of the Headmaster, will on Wednesday, March 22nd, at 4 o'clock, meet and help the boys to build up a suitable programme for the coming year. The boys will then form their own Committee to run the Club.

Items on the programme will be Lectures on Farming and Stock Breeding, Horticulture and such matters as the Keeping of Goats, Bees, Rabbits, Poultry, etc. The W.A.E.C. will organise Film Shows and suitable visits will be undertaken to Farms near at hand to see these things carried out in practice. It is hoped later to keep pigs, and grow certain crops on land in the School grounds.

Suffolk is a great Farming County and it is felt that no Suffolk boy is properly educated who is not made to know this and to learn how it comes about, even if he, personally, never takes up the tilling of the soil as a means of livelihood.

One hesitates to prophesy, but it may be that for many years to come Farming in England will occupy the position of importance to which it has risen in the economic welfare of our country.

Savings Notes.

The total collected this term is £49 16s.

We are asked to make a special effort next term in connection with Salute the Soldier Week, 13th—20th May. It is also hoped to increase the average subscriptions of savings members in Bury. This average subscription was £4 1s. 2d. per member for the last half year, while several committees in West Suffolk showed an average of well over £7. We hope that all our members will see what they can do next term to help us to compare more favourably with other districts and with other schools in our own district.

D.A.Y.

Debating Society Notes.

The Debating Society has continued its activities during the Autumn and Easter Terms. During the Autumn Term four Meetings were held. The first, held on October 24th, was a debate, the motion being "That this house is of the opinion that conventions are the enemy of progress, and should be abolished." The motion was carried by three votes. Mr. Morgan was in the chair.

The second Meeting was an impromptu speech evening, with Dr. Simpson as Chairman and adjudicator; his choice of subject and speaker was admirable.

The third meeting was a "Quiz Bee," the most successful meeting of the term. The Headmaster was an excellent question-master. Two teams were picked, of six members each, under the command of P. J. G. Barnett and M. R. Wilson. The questions were divided into three sections, general knowledge, spelling, and music. Barnett's side won fairly easily. The questions were chosen by Mr. Morgan and N. B. Williams.

The fourth meeting was a discussion. Dr. Simpson was in the chair. The subjects under discussion were, "Who would you choose to live with on a desert island, provided with all the necessary comforts of life," and "Prefects." The latter provoked most discussion!

The Easter Term started with a General Meeting, during which the Constitution was revised and new officials elected. An agenda for the Term was drawn up.

The second meeting, held on February 26th, was a discussion, the subjects being, "The Bill you would pass through Parliament" and "The Electoral Truce." Mr. Morgan was in the chair.

The third meeting, following the excitement in the town, was in the form of an election. There were two candidates, an Independent and a National Government candidate, the former being O. J. W. Gilbert, and the latter A. R. Thomson. Each made a speech and was questioned. A secret ballot at the end gave the result, Gilbert 17 votes, Thomson 18 votes, the Government candidate thus being returned with the very narrow majority of 1 vote. The Headmaster was in the chair.

The fourth meeting was a "Quiz Bee," so far the most successful meeting of the term. The Headmaster again proved an excellent question-master. Two teams were picked, of 5 members each, under the leadership of P. J. G. Barnett and C. A. H. Hodge. The questions were divided into 9 rounds of spelling, general knowledge, music, christian names of famous people and composers, and other subjects. The scores were: Barnett's side 22½, Hodge's 18. The questions were chosen by A. R. Thomson and N. B. Williams.

All our Meetings have been successful this term, but we would like to see more Royalists at the Meetings. The final Meeting of the Society will be a discussion and will be held after examinations are completed.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the Headmaster and Mr. Morgan for the invaluable help and encouragement they have given to our activities.

J.T.C. Notes.

Last term we lost the most useful services of our C.S.M. Marriott, but once again we see the truth of the axiom that no man is indispensable, for our new C.S.M., Charmbury, is proving himself to be of great value. We can all draw one valuable lesson from this fact. While simple cadets, each one can prepare himself by attention, not only to teaching, but to example too, for the day when he will be called upon to control some number, small or large, of his fellow cadets. To exercise authority over one's everyday friends is not easy and he who succeeds in it is on the road to Leadership, which is the main object of the Junior Training Corps.

We have all been working hard for Certificate "A" this term. Of the 12 who took "Section Leading," 9 were successful and of the 14 for "Individual," 12 passed and can now prepare for the second part next year. The following passed: Section Leading—Charmbury, Davies, Garrod, Gow, Hodge, Payne, Savill, Thomson, Woodrow. Individual—Asquith, Butterfield, Francis, Hughes ii., Hughes iii., Jennings, Pask, Podmore, Rood, Ruddock, Syrett, Webb.

At last the War Office has restored camps to the J.T.C. Where ours will be we do not yet know, but the date will most probably be Sunday, 30th July to Sunday, 6th August. Details will be circulated as soon as they are known.

The following promotions and appointments have been made:—

Sgt. Charmbury	to be	C.S.M.	w.e.f.	18 Jan. 44.
Cpl. Williams	" "	Sgt.	" "	" "
" Evans	" "	" "	" "	" "
L/Cpl. Thomson	" "	Cpl.	" "	" "
" Hodge	" "	" "	" "	" "
Cadet Barnett	appointed	L/Cpl.	" "	" "

F. H. SWAINSTON, Captain.

Scout Notes.

Steady progress has continued in various directions, mainly with indoor work, in preparation for more extended outdoor activities in the Summer. Regular classes have been held in pioneering, first aid, estimation and tenderfoot work.

Two investitures have been held. Wilson, Savill, Baker and Edgar have gained their first class badges, and Wilson is now a King's Scout with 13 proficiency badges. Marshall ii. has completed his first-class tests and will receive the badge when he is qualified by age. Several others have almost reached the same standard.

A successful camp fire was organised by Lucas early in the term. The cub pack was present and a Going-Up ceremony held. Another entertainment is being prepared for the end of term.

Patrol and Troop points will be awarded next term for the whole year. D.A.Y.

Cub Notes.

The chief event of the term was the Scout Camp Fire, to which the Pack were invited. This was particularly interesting to us, as at the beginning of the afternoon some of the old cubs were invested as Scouts, and Williams, Senior Sixer, "went up." Our routine work progresses slowly—at the time of writing three boys are very near finishing their Second Star tests, and Williams and Hodge have this term passed the Guide Badge.

School Notes.

VALETE—

Sixth Form.	J. Blackstock	M. F. Last
	R. F. Cann	B. J. Marriott
	A. C. T. Hawksley	
Fifth Form.	C. S. Coombs	
Fourth Form.	B. E. Burke	
Prep.	D. J. Urpeth	

SALVETE—

First Form.	R. H. Field	C. A. M. Schofield
	D. B. Kiddy	
Upper Prep.	D. A. Byford	J. A. Cobbald
Lower Prep.	D. B. Ashton	

The term has passed quietly, with no epidemics or really bad weather.

Congratulations to C. A. H. Hodge on becoming a School Prefect and to J. H. Asquith, P. J. G. Barnett and D. W. C. Charnbury on becoming House Prefects.

Congratulations to F. B. Gow on passing the School Certificate with London Matriculation exemption.

It was with great regret that we said good-bye to Dr. Simpson at the end of last term. We miss him not only in Science but in many of our out of school activities. In his place we welcome Miss G. E. A. Laughlin and Mr. B. S. Rich, the former to teach Biology, the latter Physics and Chemistry.

In the House Competition the Tudors have retained their lead in Work and Punctuality, but are second to the Lancastrians in Conduct. The Tudors have won the Hockey Shield but the results of the P.T. competition are not yet available.

At the moment the Royalist v. Foreigner match has not been played.

In Memoriam.

LT. R. H. PETCH.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the parents of Roy Petch who at the age of 23, has been killed on active service in Italy. A warm-hearted boy, he had an ever ready smile, and was the essence of sportsmanship. True to himself, he was almost the first volunteer when it was announced that the 5th Suffolks were to be re-formed.

CAPT. F. WAYMAN.

The School heard with the greatest of regret of the death of Frank Wayman in a prisoner-of-war camp. For some considerable time before the war he held a post in Malaya. He joined up when war broke out and was taken prisoner when the Japanese over-ran the Malay Peninsula.

Old Boys' Notes.

D. M. Gardiner and M. D. Forster have now completed their Royal Marines Short Course at Cambridge.

H. J. E. Wombwell (R.A.F.) and G. F. Bevis (Royal Marines) recently visited the School. The latter gave us a most interesting description of the allied landings in Sicily and Italy.

B. J. Marriott, waiting to commence his University Short Course, has been working in Forestry.

A. C. T. Hawksley (Royal Naval College) is at Chester—rising at 6.20 a.m.

T. H. Philips (Sudan) recently sent an airgraph letter telling of his impending return, and of his hope that his son might become a member of the School.

P. C. G. Brander is now in the Fleet Air Arm. He recently called at the School.

G. F. Bell took part in the last campaign in Burma. He finds himself in the same Battalion as J. Ainley.

J. N. Goodchild joined the Royal Corps of Signals in June, 1943.

A. H. Rymer recently arrived in this country from Canada. He wrote to us from a Canadian General Hospital—after a little despatch riding.

G. Rumsey has spent his last two leaves in visiting Palestine and Alexandria.

D. Allen sends all good wishes from the Middle East—as does J. C. Johnson.

J. Barry (R.A.F.) sent Christmas greetings.

F. H. Jones once more acknowledges receipt of the *Burian*—an earlier copy had reached him shortly after landing on the Salerno beaches. He pays tribute to those who have taken part in the Anzio landing.

R. James has recently completed seven weeks at sea in a cruiser. He now goes to O.C.T.U.

We were very pleased to see C. R. Paine recently—he has seen active service in North Africa and Sicily.

H. S. Sanders is still with the King's African Rifles (East Africa Command). Two spells of sick leave have enabled him to visit Nigeria and Nairobi—the latter at Christmas.

School Calendar, 1944.

SUMMER TERM.

First Session ...	Thursday, 27th April.
Athletic Sports ...	Thursday, 1st June.
Founder's Day ...	Thursday, 6th July.
Last Session ...	Wednesday, 26th July.

AUTUMN TERM.

First Session ...	Thursday, 21st Sept.
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Boarders arrive the afternoon or evening **before** the first session and go home the day **after** the last session.

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