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SCHOOL OFFICERS



School Captain :

A. D. Dixon.

Prefects :

D. F. Ball, D. H. L. Burrige, S. H. Findlay, D. J. Palmer,
R. A. Rand, L. J. Stammers.

Football Captain :

A. D. Dixon.

Cricket Captain :

D. J. Palmer.

Beatty House Captain : A. D. Dixon.

Keyes House Captain : D. F. Ball.

Nelson House Captain : R. A. Rand.

Rodney House Captain : D. J. Palmer.

SCHOOL YEAR 1948-1949

Autumn Term

Everyone has at least one idea for improving things in a school : here is a modest contribution to the host of others.

Imagine a large box—Gilbert's tuck-box will do, except a thin rectangular hole like the mouth of a pillar-box would have to be cut into it. Imagine a bright, intelligent collector of the sort of information required for a school magazine writing out on a slip of paper each event in the round of the School year, and inserting it in this box. And then imagine the joy of opening this box about November of the next year, and finding labelled, docketed, fresh with the memories of the day on which it happened, each little event ready to be dropped on the right line on the right page.

It does not seem possible to believe now that it was in this Autumn Term of 1948 that Mr. Houghton-Williams was still enquiring the way to the Lower Remove, or that Mr. Beckerman was still having those football jackets lettered with a broad "C.H." or "Inside Left." The minute cubs that prance across to the Gym on Thursday afternoons and the coltish "under-14's" that practice in those letters are no longer something new—though all these things had their beginnings then.

It was then too that Mills began to grow interested in the projector that was used for films on Tuesdays : the same Mills that manages the same projector himself nowadays. Strange how useful that box would be today if you were asked to write down a sort of Kim's Game list of the films of that Term : "We Dive at Dawn"—and then what? Will Hay—he was still alive then—and the blind man with that remarkable dog that helped him catch crooks from behind privet hedges in the dark.

And the pill before the jam : going up to your dorm and lying down on your bed, and untying your shoe-laces ; and then getting up from your bed and tying those laces again, and going down to a fire-practice Roll Call, and early Prep.

Or other darkening afternoons when the House Football matches were played off, and you remembered the springy turf on Anderson's Field as you splattered about in the mud at School. Dark afternoons turning into darker evenings and brighter window displays and the spirit of Christmas breaking out into an unprecedented spate of Form Parties : decorations which waved and bobbed in the form-rooms and disturbed

Button's hair as he went to his desk ; and other decorations which adorned the necks of Barltrop and Hope-Johnstone.

All this rising to the finale of the Carol Service, for which Mr. Bowie had trained a Choral Society of fifty boys. There may not have been fifty, but they filled the stage in the Gym and sang with an enthusiasm that fitted the season of festivity. A personal choice—but perhaps the best of all was "Holy Night," which brings back memories of the quiet villages in the Bavarian hills lying under the Christmas snow, and the German words which have been sung by Landgraf and peasant since the day when Grüber wrote them.

Then, in a little country church in Essex, a few days after the end of term Miss Booker was married to Mr. Bowie. At a reception in the heart of Hatfield Forest, with the open lake in front and roaring logs in the fireplaces behind, we wished them Godspeed on their new journey.

Spring Term

The Reverend Oliver White has started a tradition now, in letting us begin each Spring Term with the last performance of the play he produces for the New Year : "Ten Little Niggers" was delightfully gruesome : there has hardly been a small boy since, whose pockets have not bulged apart with the pressure of his Ranger revolver.

But this was an especial occasion, for the Potter Street Players did us the great kindness of offering to help us in making scenery for our next play. It is true that a year has passed since that generous offer was made, but we are still grateful for that kindness and hope to take advantage of it in the present School year.

There was another show in the Term, of a kind that was new to us—Mr. Clifford Heap's Puppets. Most boys like things in miniature or they would not play with Hornby Doublos, and the strange antics of the little figures in "Aladdin" stick in the memory along with the Flying Horse and the multi-jointed Serpent. How the scenery changed with such sleight-of-hand rapidity—from the market square crowded with gesticulating figures to the eerie loneliness of the Sesame Cave, we never discovered till at the end of the performance we were allowed behind the curtain to see the mysteries by daylight.

It is a good thing that the cross-country comes at this time of the year. You can plod through the mud of other people's fields instead of your own ; see the beginnings of the buds in the hedges if you are merely one of the tail of your

House team and notice the different reactions of different masters to cows in the fields. At least four masters did make the trip more than once.

The old Junior Course was again too deeply under water, so a new run was derouted via the Park and Anderson's Farm, a distance (we were informed on the highest mathematical authority) of 1 mile, 1,040 yards. Here Bartlett showed his mettle by winning the run for Keyes ; the trouble was he ran so fast that none of his team-mates could keep near enough to support his effort, and Rodney's more evenly placed six won the Junior Cup. Rand won the Senior race, which had been changed again to a there-and-back course, but Beatty with a second and third and four other fairly high places took the Cup. So every House had some share in the day's glory, and everyone will know next year that the benches placed diagonally across the School Field are merely guides to the finishing post, and are not provided for rest on the way to it.

The Spring Term is to be remembered too, as the time of choir practices and Mr. Bowie's efforts to bring the choir up to its high standard in the difficult anthem "The Lord is My Shepherd." It is a pity that the recording of this work which was done later in the year was an inadequate reproduction of what was heard in the School Service in March.

Summer Term

Whether it is true that the Ice Cap round the North Pole has receded a hundred and fifty miles or not we can only judge from the newspapers, but if it can produce another summer like 1949 in 1950 we hope it will recede again even if the Gym does become unbearably hot for the School Certificate and the river at Sawbridgeworth drops down to its bed.

Cricket, of course, was still cricket even when the School pitch grew browner and browner. There was still green at Marigolds, and the chestnuts at the Tennis Club end were as lovely as ever. But the new town had sent out a tentacle towards the Pavilion end and excavators were tearing out a mammoth ditch, which the Second and Third teams had to cross on their way from the Post Office.

It might have been a very ordinary season had not Nelson, with two matches already lost and the best team yet to play, repeated their surprise of last year and turned their own luck when least expected. With a depleted team they

managed to hold Beatty to a reasonable score and in the end, helped by a brilliant partnership between Stammers and Quinnell, beat them. It did not profit Nelson much, but it meant a replay for the Cricket Cup, and gave Keyes a chance to revenge their first defeat and win the trophy from Beatty.

For those whose team was not at cricket there was swimming, and this year the pool was ready in time. It was warmer than usual and Mr. Beckerman's swimming parties almost ran the danger of over-crowding. The day was rounded off by a game of the Hit-and-Run sort of cricket which had been popularised by Mr. Houghton-Williams, and reached its highest point in that fantastic Half-Term game which ran on into the dark till the ball sizzled through the grass like a serpent, and you could only hear it, for it was no longer visible.

There were quieter activities than these ; a circle for Musical Appreciation on Thursday evenings which Mr. O'Friel arranged, and the Wool Lectures which were spread over most of the Term, and gave a history of wool and how the trade is carried on today.

The sun seemed to put on an extra sparkle just as the School Certificate began and the victims took their places and turned to their papers in that heated silence of the Gym, which was only broken by the wailing of a baby somewhere in the background.

Then for the others a morning of exams followed by an afternoon of Heats. The die-hards had wagged their heads solemnly over the new Big Oval track, but events were to prove that Mr. Beckerman's scheme was not wrong, for two School Records were broken.

It was a good Sports Day, and we saw it all again on the ciné film which Mrs. Dames took. There they all were : the mob of little boys tearing down the 75 yards track with Taylor II looking round to see if anyone was going to beat him ; the Old Boys with Peter Crussell just out of the army fit enough to win ; Dixon sailing through the Hundred Yards' tapes with his hands up and a smile of satisfaction ; the Headmaster forgetting his own rules and pacing Cottee II in an attempt to beat Cracknell to the Half-Mile finish, and of course, the young man who gave up his Sports Day to make daisy chains for the very young lady.

And perhaps that would be a better idea than Gilbert's tuck-box and the slips of paper : to make a mammoth film which would just go on clicking all the year round, so that you could see everything : exactly what happened when you

made that fatal swipe ; exactly how you looked when you discovered that you were 22nd on that Mark Sheet ; and exactly where you left that Gym shoe which you are quite sure somebody else has taken from your locker.

OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

In the examinations held in July, the following were successful :—

F. R. B. Crouchman, A. D. Dixon, S. H. Findlay, E. A. Mills, D. J. Palmer, A. D. Pollitt, R. G. Sothcott, D. M. Squires, I. Stuchbery (Matriculation Exemption), R. B. B. Summers, R. W. J. Wilcox.

PRIZE GIVING

Old Harlovians' War Memorial. Prizes for English Literature :—

The following prizes were awarded, on books read during the holidays throughout the year :

- Vb. 1, Smith, I. 2, Findlay, II. 3, Tipton.
 1, Smith, I. 2, Tipton. 3, Cottee, I. 4, White, I.
 5, Tolfts.
- IV. 1, Parsons. 2, Edmunds, I. 3, Shipman.
 4, Graham and Harris.
- 1, Parsons. 2, Monk. 3, Shipman.
- U.R. 1, Clarke and Shaw. 3, Menhinick.
 1, Wicks. 2, Tucker. 3, Shaw.
- M.R. 1, Borrass. 2, Bickell and Oliver.
- L.R. 1, Perry. 2, Dixon, II. 3, Hodgson.

For these prizes, book tokens were presented by the Headmaster on the last day of the Summer Term. At the same time other prizes were presented, as follows :—

Seabrook Memorial Prizes for Mathematics.

- Va. (Awarded on the results of the School Certificate):
 Squires (who gained the "A" mark).
- Vb. Cottee, I.

Form Prizes (on results throughout the year).

- Va : Stuchbery. Vb : Cottee, I. IV : Edmunds ;
 extra prize, Haigh. U.R. : Cottee, II. M.R. :
 Burrows. L.R. : Dixon, II and Loram. III : Ross.
 II : Careless, II. I : Penny.

With regard to the Old Harlovian Literature Prizes it

is to be noted that the number of boys who took the trouble to get the books, and to read them, was disappointingly low, for in a form of thirty boys it was rare to find that ten boys took the test paper. This lack of enthusiasm is bound to be reflected in the general standard of English throughout the School, and there is no doubt whatever that this standard is considerably lower than before the war, when far more boys read the prescribed books. Every attempt is made to choose books which can be obtained, and it certainly cannot be said that the books chosen are of the dull variety. We are informed by the Secretary of the Fund that there is a considerable balance in hand, and it is proposed that during 1950 prizes of a greater value will be awarded, and it is hoped that a greater effort will be made to compete for these prizes.

CONFIRMATION

On the 15th June the following boys were confirmed in St. Mary's Church by the new Bishop of Barking, who gave them a most inspiring address :—

A. K. Bell, M. G. Fausser, M. J. Haseler, M. C. Sharpless, P. Stratton, J. E. Taylor, J. C. White.

FOOTBALL

A successful soccer programme was carried out during the season and most of the matches that had been arranged were played. Mr. Fieldus, the Essex football coach, visited the School twice during the season, and each time gave us an interesting and instructive coaching.

- Oct. 16.—Newport Grammar School... 4, School 2, Away.
 " 23.—Saffron Waldon Friends S.... 3, School 6, Home.
- Nov. 6.—Old Harlovians ... 10, School 6, Home.
 " 20.—Earls Colne ... 8, School 2, Away.
 " 24.—Newport Grammar School... 8, School 3, Home.
 " 27.—Chigwell 2nd XI ... 3, School 5, Away.
- Dec. 11.—Harlow Youth Club ... 1, School 9, Home.
- Feb. 19.—Old Harlovians ... 7, School 5, Home.
 " 23.—Brentwood Colts ... 3, School 5, Away.
- Mar. 9.—Harlow Wed. Football Club 2, School 1, Away.

Under 14 XI

- Oct. 20.—Newport Grammar School... 4, School 2, Away.
 Nov. 3.—Newport Grammar School... 2, School 3, Home.

Under 11 XI

Feb. 17.—Brentwood School 4. School 2, Away.
 Mar. 2.—Brentwood School 0, School 3, Home.

Picked XI

Jan. 22.—Sawbridgeworth Youth Club 0, School 4, Home.
 Feb. 26.—Sawbridgeworth Youth Club 5, School 1, Home.

HOUSE FOOTBALL 1948-1949

Beatty, possessing most of the 1st XI players, won the Inter-House soccer, both 1st and 2nd XI's winning all their matches. The Nelson-Rodney 1st XI match was not played due to the weather and the fact that we had only one ground available. All the matches were played off with a great deal of enthusiasm—perhaps in most cases, more enthusiasm than skill.

Results of the games :

1st XI

Beatty	2	v.	Rodney	1
Nelson	2	v.	Keyes	1
Beatty	5	v.	Nelson	1
Rodney	1	v.	Keyes	0
Beatty	3	v.	Keyes	0
Nelson	—	v.	Rodney	— (not played)

2nd XI

Beatty	2	v.	Nelson	0
Nelson	2	v.	Keyes	0
Keyes	5	v.	Rodney	3
Beatty	3	v.	Rodney	0
Beatty	5	v.	Keyes	1
Nelson	3	v.	Rodney	1

Aggregate Points, 1st and 2nd XI

	Beatty	Nelson	Rodney	Keyes
1st XI	6	2	2	0
2nd XI	6	4	0	2

SCHOOL'S 1948-1949 XI

DIXON (Captain).—Outstanding for straight and fearless tackling. Very fast with the ball, and if he could use both feet for ball control would be an outstanding defensive player. Fulfilled his duties as Captain very satisfactorily.

PALMER.—A very steady all-rounder. Good ball control with both feet. A thinking player and a reliable half-back.

ELCOME.—Is both tricky and fast with the ball in his position as wing, and can kick with either foot with equal facility. Needs to centre his shots more than he has done.

HAYWORTH.—A speedy and reliable all-rounder. Very good ball control. His game improved considerably towards the end of the season as he used different tactics in attack.

WILCOX.—Good ball control, although slow in attack. Plays a useful game.

STAMMERS.—When in position makes full use of his opportunities, but is inclined to get out of place, thus weakening team work. Kicks a good left.

RAND.—Very speedy, but has insufficient ball control. Would be a more useful player if he could use his left foot.

BURRIDGE.—A good tackler, and can kick strongly when he gets his eye on the ball. Needs to practice ball control before he can be rated a 1st XI player.

QUINNELL.—Works hard on the field. Kicks with both feet very effectively. Has improved steadily throughout the season.

CARRUTHERS.—A strong and fearless tackler, but he must clear more quickly when he has the ball, and mark his opponent more closely. Would improve his position considerably if he could develop his right kick. Is apt to fall back too far when on the defensive.

BALL.—Was disappointing. Has the makings of a good player as he is fast and uses both feet well. Kicks wildly without thought.

NOTTON.—Has kept goal fairly well on the whole. Should judge his position between the posts and should come out to meet the ball more often.

SOCCER NOTES

Oct. 16th. v. Newport Grammar School (Away).

This match, the first one of the season, turned out to be fast and exciting, with the School taking a 2-0 lead in the first half but ending with 4-2 defeat. During the first 15 minutes our goal mouth was attacked three times, and only the poor shooting of the Newport forwards prevented them from scoring. Then our defence started to mark their opponents more closely and to feed the forward line. A few minutes later the School scored when Elcome centred to Hayworth, I, who flicked the ball over to Stammers, and he placed a beautiful shot into the net. Newport rallied, but our defence players, Dixon, I, Carruthers and Burrige managed to clear and Stammers again made full use of his opportunity when he scored just before the whistle. During the second half, although we made many attempts we could do no more than reach their goal area. Newport played a fine passing game and had our backs out-manoeuvred. Dixon and Carruthers played a good defensive game.

Oct. 23rd. v. Saffron Waldon Friends' School (Home).

Team work, marking opponents and keeping up with the ball brought the School the first victory of the season. Wilcox opened for us when he got the ball on the run and scored after cleverly dribbling past the backs. Rand scored the second goal, taking a long lob at the goal from the 40-yard mark. Hayworth, I, playing a clever combination game with Elcome and Rand, scored the third from the 30-yard mark. Then the opposing forwards broke through our defences and netted just before the whistle. Saffron Waldon made a strenuous effort to keep up the attack, but our backs, Burrige and Carruthers, helped by Dixon, prevented them from scoring and cleared to our forwards. The School became more confident in the second half and some fine passing and team work was displayed. A forward pass from Hayworth got Elcome on the run and he beat the goalie, bringing the score to 5-3. Five minutes from the end Stammers scored his second goal of the match—the final result being 6-3.

Nov. 6th. v. Old Harlovians (Home).

In this game which ended in a 10-6 defeat for us, we lacked combination and played erratically—the half-backs played too far back, thus hindering the backs themselves,

and they did not help the forward line as much as they should have done. During the first half, the Old Boys scored six goals and four more in the second—Parks, playing left-wing, being top scorer with four goals to his credit. Wilcox, Hayworth and Elcome netted for the School. The game was an enjoyable one. Dixon played a good defence game whilst Elcome and Ball were better than usual. Carruthers played well as left back.

Nov. 20th. v. Earls Colne (Away).

The College putting up a good fight, but could not stand the pace of Earls Colne forwards and went down to an 8-2 defeat. The field was in a muddy condition and the School players found the going very heavy. A pass from Wilcox enabled Anson I, to score the first goal. Earls Colne equalized within 5 minutes and from then on kept up a steady attack on our goal mouth. Just before half-time, their inside forward, who was unmarked, made good his attack to give them a 2-1 lead. During the second half the School rallied and Elcome receiving the ball sprinted down the right wing and shot to the far side of the goal mouth. After this, Earls Colne forwards, getting good support from their half-backs, shot six more goals, bringing the final score to 8-2. Rand was tireless on the field.

Nov. 24th. v. Newport Grammar School (Home).

A heavier, more experienced Newport team beat the College by 8-3 in the return match. Their half-backs very ably supported the forward line by sending in low shots past our defence which were very neatly picked up by their waiting forwards. The School's shooting was not to standard and the half-backs did not play a very defensive game, leaving the usual three backs to do all the work near the goal mouth. If Burrige had not played such a fine game we might have suffered an even greater defeat.

Nov. 27th. v. Chigwell 2nd XI (Away).

The School played an inspired game when they rallied as a team after being three down, to beat Chigwell 2nd XI by 5-3. The first half saw our defence sorely tried and unable to keep the Chigwell forwards from breaking through—with the result that 3 goals were scored early in the match. Then the School got into its stride. The marking became more noticeable and the forward line was well supported by the

half-backs. Elcome opened up for us to be followed by Ball. The score at half-time stood at 3-2 in their favour. The second half saw our defence much steadier and our forwards more aggressive. They were on the attack until the final whistle. Hayworth, I, brought the score to three all after some good positional play with Elcome. Wilcox followed up a ball that slipped out of the goalie's hands to put the School in the lead and Hayworth netted the final goal of the match.

Feb. 19th. v. Old Harlovians (Home).

The School faced heavier and more experienced players and our visitors had a very skilful combination in Willmott and Parks. Had our half-backs played together with the backs in a more defensive game, the attacks of the opposing forwards would have failed. As it was, the College were too eager to be on the offensive; consequently the backs were over-worked and Heaton in goal had no chance of saving shots brought up to within a few yards of the goal mouth. Stammers and Wilcox scored for the College but the Old Boys had brought their score up to 7 before the end of the first half. The game ranged up and down the field and the College could not stave off the attacks of Willmott and Parks who were ably supported by their backs. The fast play and the weight of the visitors was beginning to tell on us, but in a last effort the School rallied and Elcome scored two quick goals—the last being a penalty. Mr. Henfrey gave us an unusual exhibition of fine goal keeping. Final score—a 7-5 defeat.

Feb. 23rd. v. Brentwood Colts (Away).

The College had a really fast game when they met Brentwood. Stammers was in good form and opened the score by netting the ball from a corner kick by Elcome, and he scored again from a pass by Hayworth, I. Before half-time Brentwood had equalized but in the second half, after each side had scored, the School adopted a pace which Brentwood could not follow, and Elcome and Wilcox brought the final score up to 5-3. Notton was back in the team as goal-keeper and played well.

March 9th. v. Harlow Wednesday Football Club (Away).

This was one of the best football games of the season and it was sheer luck that gave them the match. The Club

fielded 10 men, three of whom played for Harlow Town in the League and when the final whistle blew the score stood at 2-1 in their favour. The game ranged up and down the field very quickly, and had our shooting been stronger in front of their goal mouth, the final score might have been a different one. Neither side scored in the first half, but the Club scored two quick goals in the beginning of the second half. Rand then sent a long high lob shot from the 40-yard mark which fell just under the bar beyond their goalie's reach. The School kept up its pressure continually and one shot came off the body of their goalie and was cleared. Quinnell was outstanding for the defence—tackling and clearing well. Dixon played an excellent third back game, and in collaboration with Carruthers and Quinnell kept our opponents from breaking through time and again. Good team work was displayed throughout the game; Palmer played his usual reliable game, and Hayworth I, though well marked, managed to take the ball into the goal area a number of times but failed to score. Elcome was fast on the wing, centring well, whilst Ball played a much steadier game.

Nov. 3rd. Under 14 XI v. Newport Grammar School (Home).

Hayworth II, the goalie, saved the day for the College as he stopped what seemed to be certain goals. The first goal was scored by Short playing inside-right, from a *melée* in front of their goal. Their own full-back scored the next as the ball glanced off his boot into the net. Tipton scored the third and the most spectacular goal of the match when he headed a low ball from a corner kick. The School marked their men better than usual and Findlay II, played a sterling game. The final score was 3-2 in our favour.

Oct. 20th. Under 14 XI v. Newport Grammar School (Away).

Newport opened the score when their centre-forward, unmarked in front of the goal, received the ball and netted. Findlay II equalized when he followed up the forward line and netted a beauty from the 40-yard mark. Both sides played hard in an effort to take the lead, but two minutes before half-time, Newport scored. We kicked off with one minute to play and keeping the ball in the centre our forwards swept up the field through the opposing defence and Cracknell scored after a good pass from Anson II. The School was

against a strong wind during the second half and it was soon obvious that our players could not hold them. Despite Findlay's hard effort to prevent their break through, Newport score two more before the final whistle. 4-2 in their favour.

Feb. 17th. Under 11 XI v. Brentwood (Away).

The goalkeeper was not available for this match and the team had difficulty in finding another to replace him. Downing opened the scoring, but before half-time Brentwood had three goals to their credit. In the second half, the School backs were hard pressed and received very little support from the halves. Carruthers II, was the mainstay of the defence. On one occasion he saved a certain goal when he ran to defend the empty goal mouth and headed the ball out. Hodgson scored for us in the second half. Final score 4-2 in their favour.

March 2nd. Under 11 v. Brentwood (Home).

The School turned the tables on their opponents in this match, attacking and defending so well that the School goalkeeper had no occasion to handle the ball. Bailes II, shot the first goal and Downing netted two more. Final score 3-0.

CROSS COUNTRY

As is now the custom our main attention during the Spring Term was turned towards the Cross-County Races, which now occupy a more important position in the Sport of the School than they did in pre-war days. This is due to the fact that House Cups are held for both the Senior and Junior races, whereas in the past the points gained by the Houses in these races were counted towards the Ansell Athletic Sports Cup. Furthermore, training is now very much more intensified, an active part being taken by the various House Masters.

This year's races by no means fell short of their predecessors in the matter of enthusiasm, and in the Junior Race so massed were the competitors at the finish that it was exceedingly hard for the Judges and the House Masters to give accurate placings. As a result mistakes may have been made in the individual placings, but these had no effect whatever on the award of the Cup. Steps were taken to avoid a repetition of the "scramble" in the Senior Race,

but, owing to the fact that the course was naturally a longer one, the competitors were more strung out at the finish.

It is difficult to compare times with the races of previous years since the course is changed from time to time, to conform with flooded tow-paths, etc., and to avoid mingling with the London—Cambridge traffic, but there is no doubt that the standard of running was at least up to that of previous years, and enthusiasm exceeded that of all past years.

Houses were allowed to enter as many runners as they wished, but only the first six of each House were counted in the results. By this means it is felt that *all* runners have the opportunity of doing something for their House, even though they may not be in the first six of their own House. For instance, in the Junior Race No. 20 (Rodney), though 7th runner for his own House, came in ahead of one Beatty team member, one Nelson member and three Keyes members, and so scored valuable points for his House.

The following were the results, the names appearing only of those who in some way affected the result. There were many more runners in both races, and there is no doubt that the names of these will figure in the 1950 results.

Junior

Time : 10 minutes, 26 seconds.

1. Bartlett (K)—Winner of Medal.
2. White II (N).
3. Ross (N).
4. Philbrick (R).
5. White I (R).
6. Haigh (B).
7. Anderson I (B).
8. Shipman (N).
9. Short I (N).
10. Oliver (R).
11. Bickell (B).
12. Shaw (R).
15. { McLellan (R).
Clarke II (K).
Cracknell (K).
Jermy (B).
West (R).
18. Menhinick (N).
19. Hodgson (B).
20. Nugent (R).

21. Cottee II (B).
22. Porcher (R).
23. Barden (K).
24. Borrás (B).
25. Howe (K).
26. Polaine (R).
27. Clarke I (B).
28. Tucker (N).
29. Sarling (R).
30. Burrows (K).

Team Placings

Rodney—4, 5, 10, 12, 15	...	61 points.
Neslon—2, 3, 8, 9, 18, 28	...	68 points.
Beatty—6, 7, 11, 15, 19, 21	...	79 points.
Keyes—1, 15, 15, 23, 25, 30	...	109 points.

Senior

Time : 20 minutes, 47 seconds.

1. Rand (N).—Winner of Medal.
1. Findlay I (B).
3. Booker (B).
4. Quinnell (N).
5. Payne (R).
6. Tipton (R).
7. Elcome (B).
8. Ball (K).
9. Beaumont (K).
10. Brown II (K).
11. Anson I (B).
12. Roberts (N).
13. Cottee I (B).
14. Pollitt (R).
15. Carruthers I (B).
16. White II (N).
17. Taylor I (N).
18. Wilcox (R).
19. Tolfts (R).
20. Dixon (B).
21. Turner I (R).
22. Anson II (B).
23. Hotter (B).
24. Stuchbery (R).
25. Snaden (N).

26. Fish (K).
27. Mackenzie (R).
28. Burrige (B).
29. Palmer (R).
30. Findlay II (B).
31. Brand (B).
32. Shipman (N).
33. Short I (N).
34. Walters (R).
35. Haseler I (K).
36. Charleston (K).

Beatty—2, 3, 7, 11, 13, 15	...	51 points.
Nelson—1, 4, 12, 16, 17, 25	...	75 points.
Rodney—5, 6, 14, 18, 19, 21	...	83 points.
Keyes—8, 9, 10, 26, 35, 36	...	124 points.

Thus Beatty won the Senior House Cup, while Rodney, who in 1948 won the Senior Cup, carried off the Junior Cup. Congratulations to Rand and Bartlett, the winners of the respective races. The latter should be able to improve his House's position in 1950, if support is given to him. A word of praise also to White II, who, after being runner-up in the Junior, scored well for his House in the Senior race.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

Owing to the outbreak of Mumps in the School during the Spring Term the annual Physical Training Display was this year not given before the parents, but the Senior and Junior Physical Training Cups were again competed for, and an informal display was given before the members of the School, at which the cups were presented. The following were the results :—

Senior Physical Training Cup.—(The "Munns" Cup).

- 1, Beaumont I (K.). 2, Hayworth I (B.). 3, Stammers (N.). 4, Anson I (B.). 5, Elcome (B.). 6, Dixon I (B.).

Junior Physical Training Cup.—(The "Inman" Cup).

- 1, Bartlett (K.). 2, Menhinick (N.). 3, Burrows (K.). 4, Martin (R.). 5, Borrás (B.). 6, Streeter (N.).

Senior Boxing Cup.—(The "Inman" Cup).—Fowles (K.).

It would thus seem that Keyes put their whole energies during the Spring Term into the Gymnasium, and their success may compensate them for their "tortoise" work-out on the Cross-country track.

BADMINTON

The Badminton Club has gone from strength to strength and it has been pleasing to note that the game has attracted not only the boys at the top of the School but also many of the younger boys. Several informal tournaments were played off on wet Saturdays during the winter months, and during the Spring Term the "Hayworth" Cup was played for, the following being the results :—

Booker Carruthers } Carruthers 15-4, 15-6	} Dixon I 15-9, 10-15, 15-10	} Findlay II 15-2, 15-9	} FINDLAY II 15-7, 15-9
— } —			
— } Elcome Findlay II	} Findlay II 15-7, 15-3	} Hayworth I 15-5, 15-8	
— } —			
— } Pollitt Hayworth I	} Hayworth I 15-6, 8-15, 15-12	} Hayworth II 15-12, 15-8	
— } —			
Shipman White II } Shipman 15-8, 15-8	} Shipman 17-14, 15-10	} Hayworth II 15-12, 15-8	
Wallis } Hayworth II			

Findlay II is to be congratulated on his success, which was fully expected since he is a player well above the average of the schoolboy. We understand that he plays in "high circles" in the Ware Club.

The whole competition was fought out with great enthusiasm, and it was a pleasure to watch the sportsmanlike way in which, especially, the final was played.

Our players have been represented in a Junior Hertfordshire Tournament, played at Shenley, and it was gratifying to hear that they carried all before them (with their lady partners).

These notes would not be complete if a very hearty vote of thanks were not passed to Miss Johnson, who again has given up so much of her spare time in "starting" nervous beginners, organising the "Hayworth" Cup Competition and various other tournaments, and also keeping us well supplied with racquets and shuttles, aided by her reliable messenger, Button.

CRICKET

A most successful season, with all the matches being played off. The weather throughout was very warm and the hard pitches enabled the batsmen to make some fast and good scores. Although Hayworth I and Ball dominated the batting side early in the season the "body and tail" end of the list showed up very well as the season progressed, and some good batsmanship was displayed by many. Elcome is to be congratulated on his steady climb to the top of the batting list to win the Senior Batting Cup, but it was Hayworth's 91 against Newport that will not be easily forgotten. Wilcox's medium pace off-break bowling contributed greatly to the success of the season, and he well deserved his cup and bat. The outstanding match was that against Newport when 208 for 5 was reached inside two hours. Elcome repeated his 50 not out and was for this awarded his colours. The strategy of placing the field, proper calling and running between the wickets for sharp singles, need more attention. Wickets were lost, and matches too, on account of this. The fielding improved considerably and the School can look forward to holding its own in 1950.

Match Reports

May 21st. v. Harlow 2nd XI. Won by 68 runs.

An excellent performance by Hayworth I, whose 37 included 5 boundaries. He also took 4 wickets for 20. Drain, playing for the School, scored 36 and took 2 for 26. Elcome and Quinnell scored 14 and 13 respectively, putting life into our tail. Wilcox took 4 for 9.

June 6th. v. Old Harlovians. Won by 3 wickets and 119 runs.

A most disastrous day for the Old Boys, who brought a weaker team than usual. The match was an all day affair and there were many boundaries scored by the School. Hayworth again reached 37, which included 3 fours and 2 sixes. Elcome made an impressive 28, Ball 18, while Day stood out well with his 15. The School totalled 144 in the first innings, to which the Old Boys could reply with only 25, Wilcox taking 5 for 7, Hayworth taking the other 5 for 11. In the second innings the School declared at 101 for 7 (Drain 49, Hayworth 34), the Old Boys replying with 40 (Wilcox 4 for 15).

June 8th. v. Saffron Waldon Friends' School. Draw.

Hayworth I and Ball put up a good opening stand, breaking the backs of their fast bowlers, for the score stood at 40 before Hayworth was caught at point for 22. Ball carried on until he had made 21, after which the surprise batsman was Fish, whose 21 included 3 boundaries. He later took 3 wickets for 13, when Saffron Walden, playing for time, lost 6 wickets for 67.

June 11th. v. Earl's Colne Grammar School. Draw.

The School should have walked away with this game, but the over-confident attitude of the fielding and bowling brought the match to another draw, for we could not get their last man out before the time limit. The School declared after tea with the score at 113 for 6, Ball scoring an impressive 48, Stammers 16, Hayworth 15. Earl's Colne, although losing their first wicket to Hayworth's first ball, stayed in, through Geason and Folkard, to draw, their score reaching 94 for 9.

June 5th. v. Bishop's Stortford Wednesday XI. Lost.

This match was thrown away mainly through the weak placing of our field. Ball scored 34, staying in until tea, while Fish scored 18. Our total reached 78, to which Stortford replied with 92 (Wilcox 6 for 27).

July 3rd. v. Dean's XI. Won by 44 runs.

It was Hayworth's 39 and Elcome's 14 that were mainly responsible for the School's reaching a century for their total score. The School displayed spirited fielding and bowling, despite the heat and dismissed Dean's XI for 56 (Wilcox 5 for 20, Fish 4 for 18).

July 6th. v. Chigwell School 2nd XI. Draw.

An evening match, in which the School reached its quickest century. After a shaky start Hayworth started to hit out and in 20 minutes reached 35, hitting 8 boundaries. Stammers was in good form, making his biggest score of the season, 33 not out. Ball made 29 runs, scoring the only 6 of the match. (Skinner 17, Carruthers 10 not out). The century was reached in 65 minutes and we declared at 132 for 4, but could not get them out in the time left, their score being 53 for 6 (Wilcox 4 for 33, Hayworth 2 for 15).

July 9th. v. Bishop's Stortford 3rd XI. Lost.

The School met a formidable XI in this match. Hayworth and Ball lost their wickets for a total of 6 runs and it looked rather black for us, but Elcome helped in a promising stand with his 29 not out, and the rest of the team did well considering the strength of the bowlers and the hard pitch, Quinnell doing his share with 15. Our total of 94 was passed by Stortford with only five wickets down, and they carried their total to 137 for the loss of 7 wickets.

July 13th. v. Saffron Walden Friends' School. Draw.

After a very shaky start, in which the three opening wickets fell for 16, the School pulled themselves together, mainly through Elcome's fine 55 not out and Skinner's 33, and put together the respectable score of 156. Elcome's score put him in the lead ahead of Hayworth for the Senior Batting Cup. Skinner's 33 was fast and he displayed excellent leg glide shots, sending 4 boundaries to fine leg. Carruther's 14 had 2 boundaries, which was a marked improvement on his earlier defensive play. Hayworth and Wilcox bowled throughout their innings to take 4 wickets each, but Saffron Walden played rather a gloomy defensive game, reaching 70 for 8 after an hour and a half's play.

July 26th. v. Newport Grammar School (Under 17 XI). Draw.

This was indeed a great day for the School when inside two hours we reached 208 for 5 wickets and then declared. Hayworth treated us to a display of hard hitting drives to the boundary, hitting 13 fours and 2 sixes in his innings of 91. Elcome started to hit much earlier than usual and reached his 50 not out early after tea. Newport at first showed signs of playing for a win but then settled down to a most monotonous stone-walling innings in which they reached 123 for 6. As then they could not stay for the extra half-hour the match had to be left undecided.

Summary of 1st XI Results

Played 10. Won 3. Lost 2. Drawn 5.
Runs made : 1,351. Against : 812.

Batting Averages

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Average</i>
Elcome ...	9	196	55 (n.o.)	3	32.66
Hayworth ...	11	316	91	—	28.72
Ball ...	10	195	48	—	19.50
Carruthers ...	7	52	14	3	13.00
Booker ...	3	12	10 (n.o.)	2	12.00
Skinner ...	5	51	33	—	10.20
Fish ...	6	50	21	1	10.00
Stammers ...	11	79	33 (n.o.)	2	8.77
Quinnell ...	8	49	15	—	6.12
Palmer ...	11	62	19	—	5.63
Wilcox ...	7	23	7	2	4.60
Day ...	7	22	15	—	3.14
Rand ...	4	12	9	—	3.00
Dixon ...	2	6	4	—	3.00

Bowling Averages

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Wilcox ...	126.3	51	226	40	5.65
Hayworth ...	117.0	41	240	28	8.56
Fish ...	27.1	7	105	10	10.50
Palmer ...	11.0	1	40	3	13.33
Quinnell ...	10.3	3	40	3	13.33
Ball ...	12.0	5	20	1	20.00

Catches

Hayworth 4 and 4. Palmer, Wilcox, Stammers 3. Elcome, Ball, Rand, Carruthers, Fish, Quinnell, Skinner 2. Booker 1.

Cricket Characters

- D. PALMER (Captain, Colours).—Has progressed satisfactorily throughout the season. His placing of the fieldsmen, batting and fielding has improved considerably, though he is apt to cross his bat to leg on a middle and leg ball. More striking power needed.
- D. F. BALL (Colours).—Has the makings of a good batsman. Batted well throughout the season but was inclined to be on the defensive although capable of hitting out.

S. J. R. HAYWORTH (Colours).—An outstanding cricketer who has put in a considerable amount of practice with very favourable results. Footwork could be improved upon especially to off bowling. A reliable bowler and good fielder.

A. M. D. ELCOME (Colours).—Wicket-keeper who stops ball well at leg, but should stand closer to the wicket for medium-slow bowling. In batting wears out the bowler and then makes his runs. Timing needs watching.

L. J. STAMMERS.—Must pay more attention to body action and footwork; often completely off balance when hitting the ball. Fielding good, as he has held good catches.

M. H. QUINNELL.—A keen left-handed batsman with good driving power, who showed a greater variety of strokes towards the end of the season. A good fielder and relief leg-break bowler.

J. D. CARRUTHERS.—A promising batsman who is developing his scoring strokes. Fielding improving.

R. WILCOX.—A valuable bowler who has developed good length off-breaks. Fielding good but has to develop more aggressive strokes in his batting.

N. DAY.—A keen all-rounder who has not had the runs he should have had. Rather timid when he opens but will, with a little more confidence, be a useful batsman. Fielding on the slow side.

D. A. FISH.—Has not been consistent throughout the season. More footwork and swing of the bat with the follow-through would see him in good form.

R. A. RAND.—Not forceful with his bat. Should have put in more practice during the season, to acquire more variety of strokes. Fielding excellent, as he has saved many runs.

Other XI's

June 25.—Under 15's v. Chigwell School Senior Colts. Harlow 47 (Bartrop 26). Chigwell 105 for 6 (Quinnell 5 for 40).

„ 8.—Under 14's v. Saffron Walden Friends' School. Harlow 40 (Deval 16). Saffron Walden 67.

„ 29.—Under 14's v. Saffron Walden Frineds' School. Harlow 36. Saffron Walden 101 for 7.

- „ 19.—Under 14's v. Bishops Stortford College Under 14.
Harlow 47. Stortford 75 (Borras 5 for 8).
- „ 25.—Under 15's v. Chigwell School Colts. Harlow 47
(Barltrop 26). Chigwell 105 for 7 (Quinnell
5 for 40).
- „ 2.—Under 11's v. Brentwood School Under 11.
Harlow 54 (Loram 35 not out). Brentwood
87 for 8.
- „ 22.—Under 11's v. Brentwood School Under 11.
Harlow 71 (Bailes 16, Mansell 15, Howe 11).
Brentwood 14 (Bailes 4 for 5, Downing 4
for 5).

HOUSE MATCHES

1st XI

Keyes	46	v.	Nelson	35
Rodney	20	v.	Beatty	59
Beatty	104	v.	Keyes	77
Nelson	37	v.	Rodney	49
Keyes	74	v.	Rodney	57
Beatty	97	v.	Nelson	124
Beatty	—	v.	Keyes	—

(Keyes won by 8 wickets).

2nd XI

Keyes	33	v.	Nelson	66
Beatty	59	v.	Rodney	20
Beatty	79	v.	Keyes	35
Nelson	71	v.	Rodney	49
Keyes	—	v.	Rodney	— cancelled.
Beatty	23	v.	Nelson	16

3rd XI

Keyes	65	v.	Nelson	26
Beatty	38	v.	Rodney	17
Beatty	40	v.	Keyes	43
Nelson	28	v.	Rodney	60
Keyes	—	v.	Rodney	— unfinished.
Beatty	73	v.	Nelson	36

Final Standing

1st XI Won	2nd XI Won	3rd XI Won
Keyes ... 3	Beatty ... 3	Keyes ... 2
Beatty ... 2	Nelson ... 2	Beatty ... 2
Nelson ... 1		Rodney ... 1
Rodney ... 1		

Senior House Cup won by **Keyes**. Junior House Cup won by **Beatty**.

The "Forster Stephenson" Cup for Bowling, together with a bat presented by Mr. Norman, was won by Wilcox.

Elcome won the Senior Batting Cup ("Graham" Cup). Hayworth I won the Fielding Cup ("Claydon" Cup).

The Junior Cricket Cup ("Graham" Cup) was won by Cracknell.

"Fifty Bats" were won by Elcome and Hayworth I.

RESULTS OF THE SPORTS 1949

The Annual Sports were held on 23rd July, 1949. Judging by the number of standards gained both in the preliminary heats and in the finals, it would appear that the general standard of performance is very much higher than in recent years. This year's outstanding athlete was Rand who in the course of the afternoon succeeded in breaking the record times for the half-mile and mile. After tea in the Gymnasium, the individual prizes and House trophies were presented by Mrs. Dixon, mother of the School Captain. The School takes this opportunity of expressing its thanks to Mrs. Dixon and to those who presented additional prizes.

Results of Individual Events

(The letters n.s. after a name indicate that no standard was gained in that event by the boy in question).

- 440 yards, Senior. Std. 65 secs.—1, RAND (N); 2, BALL (K); 3, DIXON I (B). Standards: CARRUTHERS I (B), QUINNELL (N).
- 440 yards, Junior. Std. 76 secs.—1, CRACKNELL (K); 2, ASHWELL (K); 3, HAIGH (B). Standards: COTTEE II (B), BORRAS (B), ANDERSON I (B), JERMY (B), BICKELL (B), BROOKS (K), HOWE (K), BURROWS (K), WHITE II (N), ROSS (N), SHIPMAN (N), PURKISS (N), PEACOCK (R), MARTIN (R), McLELLAN (R), WEST (R).
- 440 yards, Preparatory. Std. 82 secs.—1, PENNY (R); 2, BALDRY (K); 3, BOGGIS I (K). Standards: ANDERSON II (B), FRENCH (B), THOMAS (N).
- Junior Cricket Ball. Std. 51 yards.—1, ANDERSON I (B); 2, DUFTON (K); 3, BORRAS (B). Standards: DEVAL (B), CRACKNELL (K), BAILES I (K), McLELLAN (R).

5. *Senior High Jump*. Std. 4 ft. 7 ins.—1, STAMMERS (N) ; 2, CARRUTHERS I (B) ; 3, Tie COTTEE I (B) and HAYWORTH I (B). Standard : DIXON I (B).
6. *Preparatory 220 yards*. Std. 34 secs.—1, FINTER (B) ; 2, PENNY (R) ; 3, BALDRY (K). Standards : BAILES II (K), GUYON (K).
7. *Junior 220 yards*. Std. 31 secs.—1, PEACOCK (R) ; 2, HAIGH (B) ; 3, MARTIN (R). Standards : ANDERSON I (B), DUFTON (K), CRACKNELL (K), CARELESS I (K), ASHWELL (K), BURROWS (K), WHITE II (N), STREETER (N), TULK (N).
8. *Senior 220 yards*. Std. 27 secs.—1, RAND (N) ; 2, BALL (K) ; 3, HAYWORTH I (B). Standards : DIXON I (B), ELCOME (B), NOTTON (N), QUINNELL (N).
9. *75 yards. Under nine*. Std. 12 secs.—1, BERENDT (K) n.s. ; 2, ANDERSON II (B), n.s. ; 3, HAYWORTH III (B), n.s.
10. *Preparatory 100 yards*. Std. 14.4/5 secs.—1, Tie FINTER (B), CURTIS (B), n.s., and BALDRY (K), n.s.
11. *Senior 100 yards*. Std. 11.4/5 secs.—1, DIXON I (B) ; 2, BALL (K) ; 3, ELCOME (B). Standards : CARRUTHERS I (B), HAYWORTH I (B).
12. *Standing Long Jump, Preparatory*. Std. 5 ft. 3 ins. 1, BOGGIS I (K) ; 2, BAILES II (K) ; 3, FINTER (B). Standards : FRENCH (B), CARRUTHERS II (K), BERENDT (K), SHARPLESS II (N).
13. *Junior 100 yards*. Std. 13 secs.—1, Tie DUFTON (K) n.s. and ANDERSON I (B), n.s. ; 3, PEACOCK (R), n.s.
14. *Senior Cricket Ball*. Std. 70 yards.—1, NOTTON (N) ; 2, DAY (K) ; 3, BALL (K). Standards : BEAUMONT I (K), RAND (N), SNADEN (N), STAMMERS (N), QUINNELL (N).
15. *Junior High Jump*. Std. 3 ft. 10 ins.—1, CRACKNELL (K) ; 2, Tie ANDERSON I (B), and HAIGH (B). Standard : BORRAS (B).
16. *Senior Relay Race*. 1, NELSON HOUSE ; 2, BEATTY HOUSE ; 3, RODNEY HOUSE.
17. *Junior Relay Race*.—1, BEATTY HOUSE ; 2, KEYES HOUSE ; 3, RODNEY HOUSE.

18. *Senior Long Jump*. Std. 15 ft.—1, RAND (N) ; 2, STAMMERS (N) ; 3, DIXON I (B). Standards : HAYWORTH I (B), QUINNELL (N).
19. *Preparatory High Jump*. Std. 3 ft. 1 in.—1, BAILES II (K) ; 2, EDMUNDS II (K) ; 3, SHARPLESS II (N). Standards : AYRES (B), GABRIEL III (K), BOGGIS I (K).
20. *Old Harlovians' Race*. 100 yards.—Won by CRUSSELL.
21. *Junior Half Mile*. Std. 2 mins. 55 secs.—1, CRACKNELL (K) ; 2, COTTEE II (B) ; 3, BROOKS (K). Standards : BICKELL (B), HODGSON (B), CRAGGS (B), JOHNS (B), CLARKE II (K), PURKISS (N), SHIPMAN (N), MENHINICK (N), WHITE II (N), ROSS (N).
22. *Mile Open*. Std. 6 mins.—1, RAND (N) ; 2, FINDLAY I (B) ; 3, PAYNE (R). Standards : BARLTROP (B), BOOKER (B), HOTTER (B), COTTEE I (B), HASELER I (B), FINDLAY II (B), CARRUTHERS I (B), BURRIDGE (B), BARTLETT (K), BALL (K), CHARLESTON (K), SNADEN (N), QUINNELL (N), ROBERTS (N), MONK (R), WALTERS (R), TOLFTS (R).
23. *Tug-of-War*.—1, BEATTY HOUSE ; 2, RODNEY HOUSE ; 3, NELSON HOUSE.
24. *Senior Half Mile*. Std. 2 mins. 30 secs.—1, RAND (N) ; 2, QUINNELL (N) ; 3, NOTTON (N). Standards : FINDLAY I (B), ELCOME (B), DIXON I (B), COTTEE I (B), ROBERTS (N), TOLFTS (R), PAYNE (R).
25. *Junior Long Jump*. Std. 13 ft.—1, ANDERSON I (B) ; 2, PEACOCK (R) ; 3, HAIGH (B).

Senior Cross Country Cup and Medal (Mrs. Carruthers) to RAND.

Senior House Cricket Cup (Bodger Cup) to KEYES.

Junior Cricket Cup to BEATTY.

Senior Batting Cup (Graham Cup) to ELCOME.

Junior Cricket Cup (Graham Cup) to CRACKNELL.

Senior Bowling Cup (Forster Stephenson) to WILCOX.

Senior Bowling Cup Bat (Mr. W. R. Norman) to WILCOX.

Fielding Cup (Claydon Cup) to HAYWORTH I.

Mile Cup (Mr. W. M. Streeter) to RAND.

Badminton Cup (Mr. and Mrs. Hayworth) to FINDLAY II.

Senior Victor Ludorum (White Cup) to RAND.

Junior Victor Ludorum (Mr. Streeter) to ANDERSON I.
 Ansell House Cup for Sports (Senior Event) to NELSON.
 Baldwin House Cup for Junior Sports to KEYES.
 Cock House Cup (Brooks Cup) to BEATTY.

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As has been the custom for the last three years, the competitors have been classed as Preparatory (under 11), Junior (up to 14 years) and Senior. The House positions in each group, together with the points scored, are shown in the table below.

SENIORS.	JUNIORS.	PREPARATORY.
1. Nelson 41	1. Keyes 52½	1. Keyes 25½
2. Beatty 31	2. Beatty 46½	2. Beatty 14½
3. Keyes 13½	3. Rodney 18	3. Rodney 6
4. Rodney 7	4. Nelson 8½	4. Nelson 2½

Victores Ludorum

Rand (N) 15. Anderson I (B) 10. Finter (B) 6.

ARMY CADET FORCE

The year's training has unfortunately been rather unsettled, chiefly owing to the fact that early in the year we were transferred, without any official intimation, from the 2/4th Cadet Battalion, the Essex Regiment, to the 6th Essex Yeomanry. This means that we are now in the same unit as Malden Grammar School, from some 30 miles away, while the Epping Company, from 6 miles away, are still in the original 2/4th. It also means that we now miss the friendly interest of our old friends Majors Charleston and Berendt, and rather feel that those who control us are far away in the distance. In spite of this, training has been continued, in a modified form, throughout the year, led, as before, by Sgt. Major Crisp, who has been ably assisted by M. Drain, now with the rank of Under Officer. During the Autumn and Spring Terms we were again grateful to Sgt. Major Roseblade for his assistance, and regret that, owing to his promotion, we no longer have him with us. During the course of the year there have been some resignations, possibly owing to the fact that their training did not give them some excitement, but those whose natural enthusiasm gave them the necessary impetus are to be

congratulated on their attendance, which, there is no doubt, they will not regret. In the training for Part I of Certificate "A" the N.C.O.'s who already had passed in this examination and in Part II gave valuable help.

This year, for the first time, the examination for Certificate "A" was not held at Harlow, but on unfamiliar ground, at Warley, and the general impression was that the examiners were not particularly friendly and co-operative, as they have always been in the past, and as a result the number of passes were considerably lower than in former years, not only in our own company, but in the whole unit. The standard required may have gone up, in which case the following three cadets are to be the more congratulated:—Booker, Hayworth and Smith.

The following served as N.C.O.'s during the course of the year:—C.S.M. Dixon, Sgt. Burrige, Sgt. Hayworth, Cpl. Carruthers, Cpl. Elcome, Cpl. Rand, L/Cpl. Findlay, L/Cpl. Stammers, L/Cpl. Anson, L/Cpl. Booker.

During this year our contingent took a greater part than ever before in the sporting activities of the Regiment, and were congratulated at the end of the School year by Captain Barrett, the Sports Officer. In Athletics trials were given to Booker, Carruthers, Dixon, Findlay I, Rand and Taylor. Of these Dixon, Findlay and Rand represented the Regiment in the Essex competitions at Colchester, both Dixon and Rand later competing in the Eastern Command Sports, also at Colchester. Their final glory was to compete at Chiswick in the all-England Cadet Sports, in which they did not win their events but won medals and certificates. Congratulations to them.

During the summer holidays Dixon and Hayworth I represented the 6th Essex in the Inter-Essex Cricket Cup, and the latter was largely responsible for the victory of the 6th, with his 6 wickets for 12 runs.

C.O.

A.C.F. CAMP—31st JULY to 7th AUGUST

Sunday. We arrived at Walton-on-the-Naze Camp at 7.30 p.m., after quite a good journey. We had tea, and spent the rest of the evening settling in. At 10 p.m., "Lights Out" was sounded, and we spent quite a quiet first night.

Monday. Reveillé was sounded at 6.30 a.m., but nearly everybody had been up since around 4 a.m. We had a wash and kit inspection, followed by breakfast at 7.45 a.m. There was a parade at 9 a.m., followed by rifle instruction until 10.50 a.m. After a N.A.A.F.I. break of 15 minutes, we paraded at 11.5 a.m. for post-finding instruction until lunch-time at 1 p.m. The afternoon and evening were free until 10 p.m.

Tuesday. Reveillé sounded at 6.30 a.m. and we had breakfast after a kit inspection. After breakfast, it rained, and so the morning was spent in watching instructional films on drill and rifle care. In the evening there were instructional and sports films.

Wednesday. The morning was spent on sectional field-work exercises. A party of cadets went to Harwich and went over a Merchant Navy Repair ship.

Thursday. This morning was spent on crawling exercises and map-reading and compass practice. In the evening from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m., we had a very good variety show.

Friday. In the morning there was a manoeuvre, attacking and defending the Camp.

Saturday. An open-air service and prize-giving ceremony was held in the morning, while, in the afternoon there was a photo-parade for the "R" and "Q" Batteries of the 6th Essex Yeomanry.

Sunday. After a morning's clearing up, we left Camp at mid-day, having had a very good weeks' camp.

R.E.S.

THE CHOIR

It is some considerable time since any notes appeared in the *Harlovian* concerning the activities of the School Choir, and I feel that some record should be made of their doings during 1948-1949.

Old Harlovians of pre-war days will remember the time when we first started to hold our Morning Prayers in St. John's Church, in 1936, and how from that time we started to build up our School Choir. They will remember the early days of Mrs. Robertson as our organist, followed by the time when the organist's seat was occupied so efficiently by Jack

Jones and Tony Dawes when they were still members of the School. During the "reign" of the latter we first learned how to sing in parts and later, when we gained confidence in ourselves, to sing unaccompanied—in the days of Tony Cox, Ian Gardiner and Terry Cullum, to mention but a few names. It was then that Mr. Dams presented us with our first set of psalters, and it was then, too, that our now traditional *Nunc Dimittis* on the last day of term was started. "School Sunday" Service once a month during term time became a fixture which was kept alive by the services of Mr. Laing until shortly after the end of the war. Mr. Laing left us to take up a position at another school, and we wondered whether the services that we had come so much to enjoy would have to cease for lack of an organist, but the Navy came to our aid and sent us Mr. Bowie as a Maths master who could combine logarithms with the art of teaching boys who could not read music, to sing in parts.

In the Summer Term new life was once again brought to the Choir, whose numbers were greatly increased, to the extent that at times there was an overflow into the body of the church. Practices were a daily affair—almost an hourly affair—and we heard rumours of an anthem: but before this was to come a carol festival in the Gym at the end of the Christmas Term, with Mr. Bowie mounted high on a rostrum before the stage. Later an anthem there was—an anthem which was in itself one that would have frightened many a trained choir. Very creditably performed, considering the fact that when it was performed during one of our Sunday services there were still only a few of the Choir who could read at sight. The Choir themselves were dissatisfied with their work, especially when they heard themselves as others heard them, through the medium of a gramophone recording which was taken of this anthem and of the *Venite* which is usually sung on College Sunday. Yet this spurred them on to further efforts, and yet another anthem was produced during the Summer Term—and as we go to print there are carols in the air—but more of that in the next issue of the *Harlovian*.

Alas! Mr. Bowie leaves us at Christmas. We thank him sincerely for what he has done for the School Chapel Service and trust that after his departure our Chapel tradition will not die.

K.L.D.

LUGANO REVISITED

Never go back to the same place to look for the Blue Bird : it never sits on the same branch twice—especially when the days are rainy.

And when the rains did pour down the hilly streets for the first few days, there must have been some of us who wondered if it had been worth coming all that way : having your breakfast at four o'clock on Basle Station, and then when you really were tired clattering on and on round the winding loops that lead up to and through the St. Gotthard Tunnel and then down into Ticino, where the grapes looked strangely out of place in the misty rain that seaped down the cream-walled villas.

We met Signor Ripamonte on the second day when we had lunch at his restaurant, and he did the right things : filled our plates with a groundwork of English cooking and added a dash of Italian cuisinerie so that you could feel you were having a holiday abroad ; and after we had finished, had buses waiting outside the side door or motor launches outside the front to take us off for the afternoon.

Shorter excursions this year, but we did explore the country in every direction : round the hairpin bends of the Malaconte country to the Italian frontier at Ponte Tresa, where the Carabinieri insisted on arranging the plumes in their helmets before we could snap them ; up the lake to hillside Gandria, with its streets of steps or across to Chateau St. George and the rafts on the lake ; over to Locarno for a day that began in rain and ended on the scorching plage, and the final trip over the passes into Italian Menaggio on Lake Como, where we had to do a beach-head landing from the motor launch.

The trips were different, but the background was the same. Breakfast on the verandah at the hostel watching the mountains go and come through the morning mist ; Jöki toddling round the gardens where those enormous tomatoes flourished ; the swimming bath growing deeper and deeper once the drought was broken, but not as deep as Anderson imagined ; the shops in the arcaded Via Nassa still full of the most delightful presents, and the Square with its coloured cafés and mushroom umbrellas in the lights and music of the summer evenings.

We were lucky. Devaluation did not come till we were back through Lucerne, Basle, Thionville, Calais and Dover.

Our pounds were enough. But we can only hope for the best for next year : that in all the queer interweaving of exports, dollars and production that no iron curtain will come down between that delightful country and our own.

THE OLD HARLOVIANS' CLUB

Despite the exigencies of National Service, which have robbed us of the support of so many young and keen members during the last eighteen months, the Club has continued to survive, and membership has increased steadily. This year's annual dinner and dance had to be cancelled because of high costs and lack of support, and the Annual General Meeting was deferred until November.

Lack of social events has, however, been compensated by enthusiastic activity on the sports field. In March we emerged victorious from an exciting and muddy football match, but, for the first time since the war, our Cricket XI was roundly trounced at Whitsun. The timely intervention of a thunderstorm averted a similar disaster in July. Rain prevented the Club from avenging these defeats on 5th November, but our disappointment was soothed by a very successful dinner and Annual General Meeting a the " Green Man " in the evening. Unhappily, the weather prevented our President, Mr. Horsey, from attending. Old Boys will be glad to know both he and Miss Jessie are both in good health.

With the death of Mr. Leith, a Vice-President, last December, the Club suffered an untimely loss. Dick Leith was at Harlow from 1893-1903 and after he left he became one of the most active supporters of the Club. His place, as one of the Vice-Presidents, has been filled by his great friend the Rev. R. F. S. Abbott whom many older members will recall.

The erection of an Old Harlovian War Memorial has been the chief concern of the Committee during the year. The original plan for a plaque to hang in the Dining Hall has been abandoned in favour of a scheme suggested by Mrs. Dames. Twenty-six trees, one to commemorate each Old Boy who fell in the war, are to be planted along the lower side of the cricket field. Each tree will be equipped with a seat bearing details of the person commemorated. Work on this scheme has been delayed by negotiations aimed at securing for the College the piece of land lying between the cricket field and the main London road. The successful

outcome of this project means that the trees will now stretch from the original site of the Scout Hut across to the road.

It is hoped that the trees will be planted next Autumn. Meanwhile, the War Memorial Fund stands at very nearly £,100, but this will be insufficient. Any further donations will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. G. Clarke, 97, West Coker Road, Yeovil, Somerset.

A Club Dinner, to be held in London next March, is now being arranged. Details will be sent out shortly and we look forward to a large and happy gathering of Old Harlovians.

Finally, we offer our warmest thanks to Mr. C. H. Barker for his unfailing support and help on all occasions, to Mr. Dames and Miss Johnson at the College for their continued assistance, and to Mrs. Dames for feeding many hungry teams so well!

J.G.H.

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It is with great regret that we have to record the deaths of two prominent Old Harlovians, Mr. Richard Leith and Mr. Peter Cairns. Of the former, Mr. Horsey writes:—

Harlovians, and more particularly those of older generations, heard with deep regret of the sudden and untimely death of Mr. Richard Leith, one of our two Vice-Presidents.

He joined the School in 1895 and remained until 1904, when he entered the firm of stockbrokers of which he was one day to become the mainstay. For several years he was the Secretary of the Old Harlovians Association, of which he was the leading spirit, and though pressure of work compelled him to relinquish his office, he never lost his love of the old School, which he entered more than half a century ago, and continued till the very end to take a keen interest in its doings and to attend Old Harlovian functions whenever possible. On one occasion he brought down to play at the College, a cricket team composed entirely of Old Harlovians who had left more than twenty years previously.

By his death the College loses one of "the best of the Old Harlovians" and Miss Jessie and I lose one of our oldest and dearest friends.

E. PERCIVAL HORSEY.

Mr. Cairns (Jock) was known to Harlovians of later generations, leaving us towards the end of the war after a devoted service of fourteen years. Old Harlovians of days back to 1930 loved and respected Jock and they will all be glad to know how, after he left us, he was regarded with esteem and affection at Glasgow Academy, whose Rector wrote as follows in March of this year:—

Dear Headmaster,

As Mr. Peter Cairns was on your staff for some fifteen years before he came here in 1944, and as his work with you will have been known and appreciated by a good many old boys of your School, I thought you ought to have this news for your records as you will probably not receive it from other quarters. It is distressing to me to write and say that after an illness of about three weeks Mr. Cairns died last week of pneumonia. He is a great loss to us. As I expected from the terms in which you wrote to me at the time of his move here, he threw himself with every ounce of his energy into his work. We always suspected, and now, from what has been said by doctors, it is only too clear that he was anything but robust physically and his devotion to his job caused his early death. You told me at the time that he was only moving because he had to be near his home. He was very reticent and only lately did we understand how much responsibility in that sort of way he had taken upon his own shoulders.

I hope you will excuse this letter. But I am uncertain whether you are likely to hear this story from his home, and I should not like to feel that a man who did well by you as he has done by us, should go with his memory unrecorded.

Yours very truly,

F. ROYDEN RICHARDS,

Rector.

It is indeed good to know that others shared with us our high opinion of his worth. When he left us many were the Old Harlovians who said to me that they could not imagine Harlow without "Poppa Cairns." We shall always remember him for his ready understanding of the "boy mind," his never failing sympathy for those in trouble, and

his amazing powers of teaching both English and French. To him was due the many successes of the Dramatic Club and our very high standard of French scholarship. Countless Old Harlovians mourn the loss of a friend, as I do, to whom he gave loyal and devoted service.

K.L.D.

NEWS OF OLD HARLOVIANS

- R. BAGGOTT (1939-1943), has chosen life in the Merchant Navy as a career and in November was on his way to Australia.
- H. BODGER (1941-1946), working in Stirling Castle, Brigade H.Q., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 51st (Highland) Div., has the Brigadier next door to keep an eye on him.
- K. G. BROOKS (1942-1946), has been serving with the Royal Navy for fourteen months.
- IAN BUIST (1937-1945), is enduring flies and sandstorms as a Corporal in an Egyptian Command Signal Regiment.
- DR. CROUCHER of Reading, the oldest Old Boy, who was at Harlow in 1878, still writes from time to time, despite interruptions from a tame jackdaw.
- A. H. DAVIES (1937-1943), has now gone to work in Warrington, Lancs.
- A. M. ELCOME (1943-1949), is settling down to life in the R.A.F. in Wiltshire and hopes to play football for the Old Boys next term.
- R. F. FELS (1935-1938), was about to be married when he wrote in November. He has managed to secure a house! Congratulations to him on both achievements!
- ALAN INMAN (1941-1947), was very disappointed at having to be invalided out of the Fleet Air Arm last January with hip trouble.
- A. J. SOUTHGATE (1941-1947), released from the R.A.F. in October, hopes to resume his studies which National Service interrupted.
- MISS K. WARD fell and broke her thigh last December but happily, after six months in hospital, she has recovered.

R. WELLS (1932-1939), is now working in a bank in Penang. He enjoys plenty of swimming, golf and tennis. Life, he reports is "by European standards, the height of comfort and luxury."

M. B. MASKELL (1931-1936), was married last July. Congratulations, but his presence on the football field is sadly missed by the Old Boys.

REX PAIN (1936-1943), wrote in November to say he was leaving shortly to take up a post in India.

C. E. DAVISON (1940-1947), has passed his Intermediate Exam and is waiting entry into the Engineering Faculty, King's College, London.

F. E. WHITBY (1936-1941), is working for his History Honours Finals next June at King's College, London.

J. L. SEED (1928-1935), until recently was working day and night at Wanstorf to help keep the Berlin Airlift in the air.

J.H.G.

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JOHN HENFREY.—To our Secretary, our very heartiest congratulations on his First in his Finals at London University (B.A. General). It surprises us that, after all the work which he does for the Club, he should have time enough to gain a Third. Present boys of the School may possibly admire him more for his prowess in goal ! !).

L. J. PEACOCK (1944-1949), has now joined the Staff of the Westminster Bank.

N. D. CHAPMAN (1938-1940), is studying for the N.D.A. at the Essex Institute of Agriculture, Writtle, Chelmsford.

E. D. VALLE-JONES (1931-1937), is now to be found at 12, Cumberland House, Kensington High Street, W.8. He is a Director of Our Hospital and Municipal Pen Service. His brother Tony has now a permanent commission in the R.A.F.

M. DRAIN (1937-1948), has completed one year of his training at Faraday House, passing well in his exams at the end of the first year. He is still at the School, travelling to London daily, and will be with us until the end of his four-year course, by which time he will have completed a record for length of stay at the School, fifteen years. During the Summer Term he was a regular

member of the Harlow 2nd XI, with several good bowling feats to his credit, and on occasions played for the strong Harlow 1st XI. He has been awarded an Exhibition by the Independent School Association.

- M. CHAMBERS (1937-1945), is now a Leading Seaman (R.N.), and goes to the Mediterranean in October, to H.M.S. *Liverpool* (Lord Louis Mountbatten's ship). He has kept up his football, playing for R.N. Writers (Portsmouth).
- C. J. ANSELL (1938-1941), is to be congratulated on his marriage, on October 20th, to Betsy Macmillan Mackay.
- T. J. FOULKES (1940-1945), appears in the Brentwood School Calendar as Head of Otway House.
- I. C. MORLEY (1940-1943), writes from 91, Ferndale Court, Ferndale Road, Brixton, where, after his marriage, he and his wife are living in a police flat. In January he had completed his two years probationary period in the City of London Police. He was then embarking on a three-month period of night duty. He had heard from G. KELLY (1939-1943) who recently took a part of his final exams, with success, and was then engaged on a course at Chelmsford.
- J. D. ROE (1937-1945), 30, Reigate Way, Wallington, Surrey, writes that he much enjoys reading his copies of the *Harlovian*.
- B. JACKSON (1939-1944), visited us in March. He was then about to join the Army, having left Dover College, where he had finished up as a School Prefect and House Captain. He is to be congratulated; an Essex Major Scholarship and an Open Scholarship in Classics to St. John's College, Cambridge, where he will take up residence after completing his military service.
- D. P. RUNDLE (1931-1937), was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Exeter in Exeter Cathedral, on Trinity Sunday, 12th June. He will serve as a Deacon in the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Laira, Plymouth.
- P. H. N. DAVIS (1945-1947), has finished his service with the R.A.F. and intends to obtain his diploma as a Dental Surgeon.
- D. WICKHAM (1943-1946), in April was serving with the R.A.F. in Cyprus. He was there able to play squash, badminton and table tennis and was looking forward to the cricket season. In winter he was hoping for skiing.

- A. C. ANSON (1944-1949), was successful in passing the entrance examination to H.M.S. *Conway*, a training ship in the Menai Straits, and joined in April. He wrote that he quickly settled down and that, though his A.C.F. work concerned mainly Army training, he found it exceedingly valuable to him.
- A. R. T. HANNAH (1937-1940), has visited us. He is now married and is living in Bristol.
- J. C. ROLSTONE (1936-1942), visited us during the summer with B. O. BARHAM (1940-1942). The former is still playing in first-class club cricket and is scoring centuries. Amongst other successes were a score of over 40 against Trevor Bailey, the test cricketer. Rolstone is also playing badminton, and talks of bringing a team to play against the School.
- D. G. A. RAND (1942-1947), has been demobbed after service in Greece. He hopes to go into the Civil Service (Customs and Excise). While out in Salonika he happened to pick up an English paper and immediately saw a photograph of Mrs. Dames, taken at an Archery Tournament—which brought him very near to the H.M.'s lawn.

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The Headmaster wishes to thank, rather belatedly, those Old Harlovians who sent him Christmas cards in 1948:—Howard Bodger, Denis Rand, Allan Baldock, John Ansell, Peter Howson-Russell, John A. Tyler, Tony Dawes, David and John Graham, M. A. Calcutt, Michael and John Baggott, Roy C. Ebsworth, Michael Drain, Terence Fitch, Richard Stuart, James D. Roe, Barry Jackson, John Henfrey, Ian Morley, Ian D. Gardiner, John and Brian Power, Roger Russell, John Congdon, Tony Cox, R. E. Hare, Ronald Hammond, Roy Wykes, Christopher Davison, Peter J. Crussell and Edward Dimond.