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December, 1943.

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Jean Cheater, Kathleen Clarke, C. H. Pepper, J. Bennett, R. Simmonds.

EDITORIAL.

This issue of *The Peveril* appears, as it were, " under new management." The editorial staff has also been considerably enlarged, thereby conferring upon the editor that enhanced dignity and distinction accorded to those who delegate their functions to subordinates.

Severe paper restrictions make it necessary to devote almost all the available space to news of the activities of the School and of Old Bartonians. So long an interval has elapsed since the publication of the last number of *The Peveril* that a wide range of half-forgotten events have to be recorded, such as Sports Day and Speech. Day. Numerous staff changes, too, necessitate both hearty greetings and regretful farewells.

Those with literary aspirations, therefore, must be content with but little space in which to exercise their talents, and unsuccessful would-be contributors may console themselves with the thought that very few articles have been accepted, and rejection is no proof of lack of merit. It only remains to remind them, with the usual incredible optimism of school magazine editors, that *Labor omnia vincit—even* to the point of achieving the interpretation of annoying Latin tags.

M. K.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We offer our hearty congratulations to the Chairman of the Governors, Councillor A. H. Quilley, J.P., C.C., on his election as Mayor of the Borough.

Since our last issue we have had to bid farewell to no less than four members of the staff. Miss Worthington left us at the end of the Summer Term to take up an appointment at the North London Collegiate School for Girls. In October Mr. Allen and Mr. Anderson went to Huish Grammar School, Taunton, and the Blue School, Wells, respectively. At the end of this term Miss Whieldon leaves us to take up an appointment at Ware Grammar School for Girls. All have left their mark on the School in the activities with which they were associated. This is especially true, perhaps, of Mr. Allen, who, during the thirteen years which he spent at the School, was concerned with so many aspects of its life. We hope that they all enjoyed the time which they spent with us, and we wish them well in their new Schools.

We welcome Mrs. M. W. Stone and Mrs. B. R. Dyson, who came to us during the Spring Term, Mrs. S. Eastman, Mrs. M. S.

Holt, Mr. A. H. Habbitts and Mr. C. H. Beck, who joined the staff during this term, and Miss J. Combes, who takes up her appointment at the beginning of next term. We hope that each of them will have a long and happy association with the School.

The War Savings Group, which raised no less than 750 during " Wings for Victory " Week, has continued the good work this term by saving a further £530.

For the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund, the School collected £23 5s. iod. during the Summer Term and ^{x35} 4s. during this term. Poppy Day yielded £7 13s.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

TENNIS.

Captain : Barbara Currie. *Vice-Captain* : Jean Cheater.

Secretary : Barbara Currie.

Despite the loss of several members of last year's team quite a strong team was built up this year, and it enjoyed a very successful season. Two matches which were greatly enjoyed by spectators and players alike were those played against the invincible staff and against an enthusiastic team of boys. The latter gave a magnificent display of physical strength, which, however, proved unavailing against the greater skill and experience of the School team.

The final of the Tennis Tournament was won, for the third year in succession, by Barbara Currie, who beat Jean Cheater 6-3, 6-4.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Portsmouth Northern School (Home)	Won
Gosport County School (Home)	Won
Winchester County School (Away)	Lost
Portsmouth Northern School (Away)	Won
Wykeham House School (Away)	Won
Staff	Lost
Boys	Won

J. C.

CRICKET.

Captain : R. Phillips. *Vice-Captain* : F. Coleman.

Owing to the difficulties involved in arranging fixtures under war-time conditions, the School XI played only three matches.

Two matches were played against the Deanery Colts. The home match was won by the School after an even game, the outstanding feature of which was the dismissal of half of the opposing side by a series of brilliant catches. In the return match the Colts secured their revenge, Macderment scoring 109 runs for them in a fine innings.

The final match of the season was played against the staff and the parents. Coleman made 21 runs for the School team, but the remainder of the side failed and the staff and the parents won an easy victory.

The batting and bowling of the School team were, on the whole, weaker than they were during last season, but the fielding was generally of a high standard. R. E. W.

NETBALL.

Captain : Jean Cheater. *Vice-Captain* : Jean Scott.
Secretary : Jean Cheater.

The School netball has shown a great improvement this season, but owing to the unfavourable weather few matches have been played. The teams are, however, looking forward to playing a greater number of matches next term.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Result.</i>	<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
Gosport 1st VII. (Away)	Won .		8
Gosport 2nd VII. (Away)	Lost ..	5	9
Gosport Junior VII. (Away)	Won	15	8
First Aid Post (Home)	Won .	15	0

J. C.

HOCKEY.

Captain : Joan Dawkins. *Vice-Captain* : Jessie Leigh.
Secretary : Jessie Leigh.

The hockey season has been very disappointing up to date. A considerable number of fixtures were arranged, but owing to the intervention of the weather only one match has taken place. This was played against Wykeham House School, at Fareham, and was lost 2-4. The team are hoping to do greater things next term. J. D.

FOOTBALL.

Captain : R. Phillips.

Five matches have been played by the School team this term, and in all the play has been reasonably good. The attack, however, which was very forceful in the first match with Gosport County School, deteriorated in the subsequent games, the general fault being the inadequate speed of the forwards, who have not been fast enough to carry the attack through their opponents' defence. The defence has been fairly strong, although it was hard-pressed during the match against Portsmouth Northern Secondary School.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Result.</i>	<i>Scorers.</i>
Gosport County School (Home)	Won 6—0	Gibbons (2), Burbidge (2), Creed, Benson
Gosport County School (Away)	Won	Etherton-Baker
St. Mary's College (Away)	Lost 2-4	R. Phillips, Etherton-Baker
Portsmouth Northern Secondary School (Away)	Lost 2-6	R. Phillips, Burbidge
St. Mary's College (Home)	Drawn 4-4	Burbidge (2), Etherton-Baker, Gibbons

HOUSE MATCHES.

Barton	2	Peak	
• Peel	3	Peak	0
Barton	4	Peel	0

R. P.

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Athletic Sports were held on June 9th, on the School playing field. Once more we were favoured with brilliant sunshine and the events were witnessed by a large number of parents, old students and friends.

Results of Events.

SENIOR GIRLS.

100 Yards ..	Beryl Banks	.. 13 2/5-secs.
220 Yards	Leonie Stewart	... 33 1/5-secs.
Hurdles ...	Jessie Leigh	22 3/5-secs.
House Relay	Barton	51-secs.
Ball Race ...	Jessie Leigh	27 4/5-secs.

SENIOR BOYS.

100 Yards	J. Candy	11 3/5-secs.
440 Yards .	J. Candy	59-secs.
Hurdles ...	G. Johnston	22 3/5-secs.
High Jump	G. Johnston	4-ft. 8 1/2-ins.
House Relay	Barton	1-min. 17 4/5-secs.
Mile	H. Potter	5-mins. 18 4/5-secs.
Cross Country	H. Potter	18-min. 18 1/5-secs.
Cross Country Team	Barton	

JUNIOR GIRLS.

100 Yards	Edna Hockey	13 4/5-secs.
Skipping .	Mary Veck	14-secs.
Hurdles ...	Ruby Philp	.. 21-secs.
House Relay	Barton	50 1/5-secs.
Ball Race ...	Betty Woodgate	. 28 2/5-secs.

JUNIOR BOYS.

100 Yards ..	R. Bull	.. 12 3/5-secs.
440 Yards ..	R. Bull	66-secs.
Hurdles ..	K. Grayer	21-secs. (new record)
High Jump	N. Benson	4-ft. 4-ins.
House Relay	Barton	1-min. 24 3/5-secs.
880 Yards . .	R. Bull	2-mins. 38 2/5-secs.
Cross Country	Burbidge	19-mins. 39-secs.
Cross Country Team	Peel	

PORTAL GIRLS.

80 Yards	Patricia Bugden .	12-secs.
Skipping ..	Edna Leigh	12 2/5-secs.
Hurdles -	Edna Leigh	17 4/5-secs. (new record)
House Relay	Peel	53 3/5-secs.
Ball Race	Edna Leigh	18 4/5-secs.

PORTAL BOYS.

80 Yards	J. White	11 1/5-secs.
220 Yards	B. Gould	32 3/5-secs.
Hurdles	R. Palmer	22 3/5-secs.
High Jump	D. Fox	3-ft. 8-ins.
House Relay	Peak	52-secs.
880 Yards K. Astbury	.. 2-mins. 44 3/5-secs. (new record)

GIRLS' OPEN

Hoop Race ..	Jean Watson	17 2/5-secs .
Egg and Spoon Race	Ruby Philp	17-secs. (new record)

BOYS' OPEN.

Cricket Ball	R. Phillips	79-yds. 2-ft. (new record)
Slow Bicycle	K. Crosswell	
Sack Race .	H. Potter	. 31-secs.

TROPHY WINNERS.

Senior Girl .	Pamela Jukes and Jessie Leigh
Senior Boy	J. Candy
Mile	H. Potter
junior Girl	Edna Leigh
Junior Boy . . .	R. Bull
Senior House	Barton
Junior House	Peel

THE SWIMMING SPORTS.

The Swimming Sports were held at the Eastleigh Swimming Baths on July 23rd. The events were keenly contested, and the proceedings were concluded by a masterly demonstration of under-water swimming by D. S. Davis. In spite of the inclemency of the weather and of the comments of the competitors concerning the temperature of the water, the sports were a great success, and it is hoped to repeat the experiment next year.

Results of Events.

GIRLS.

100 Yards	I. Nancy Loveridge	2. Elizabeth Iddenten
50 Yards	I. Audrey Steer	2. Joyce Andrews
Novices' Race	I. Audrey Derby	2. Doreen Lovick

BOYS.

¹⁰⁰ Yards	I. H. Potter	2. L. Tilley
50 Yards	z. F. Goldby	2. M. Fowler
Novices' Race	I. J. Bennett	2. G. Ball

MIXED.

House Relay	I. Peel	2. Peak
Obstacle Race	I. A. Whale	2. B. Davis
House Diving	I. Barton	2. Peel
Plate Diving	I. D. Davis	2. A. Whale

Champion House BARTON. B. D.

ARMY CADET FORCE.

During the past year the School platoon has consolidated its position and has made very considerable progress.

The successes achieved in examinations for War Certificate "A" have been one of the outstanding features of the period. In the first of these examinations, held in the spring, 22 candidates were entered for Part I, and all were successful ! Of these, 9 were entered for Part II, and 7 were successful. Further successes were gained in examinations held in October and December.

In addition to the routine training, a number of Field Days have been held. These proved very enjoyable to all who took part and many valuable lessons were learned, particularly by the N.C.O.s.

In the second week of August a Battalion Camp was held at Bossington. Nine N.C.O.'s and cadets and one officer represented the platoon, and benefited both from the change of environment and from the knowledge of army conditions which was gained. Their thanks are due to all those who made the Camp possible, and especially to Capt. Carroll, who so ably attended to the wants of the inner man.

In October the platoon suffered a severe loss. Capt. Anderson was compelled to relinquish his command on leaving the School to take up an appointment at Wells. The success of the unit, if not its existence, has been due very largely to his interest and enthusiasm, and it is with the deepest regret that we record his departure. We wish him the best of luck in his new post.

In his place we are fortunate to have Lieut. A. H. Habbitts, who has recently joined the staff, as Platoon Commander. Mr. C. H. Beck is also joining the unit. We extend to both a very hearty welcome.

Our congratulations are offered to the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, Major B. L. Shotton, on his promotion to Lieut.-Colonel.

War Certificate " A " Examination Results.

March, 1943 :—

Part I.—Sgt. B. L. Cavill, Cpls. D. S. Davis and R. E. Waters L. /Cpl. B. E. Davis, Cdts. J. Bennett, R. Blacknell, V. Bower, A. Bull, J. Candy, R. Edney, C. Edridge, B. Flower, D. Hall, R. Hughes, A. Picknell, J. Pidgeon, L. Robinson, E. Russell, P. Smith, M. Steer, F. Ticehurst, L. Tilley.

Part II.—Sgt. B. L. Cavill, Cpls. B. E. Davis, J. S. Davis and R. E. Waters, L. /Cpls. J. Bennett and B. Flower, Cdt. J. Candy.

October, 1943 :—

Part I.—Cdts. J. Davis, B. Emery, G. Hawkes, D. Ingram, N. Lynn, C. Newington, G. Springett.

Part II.—Cdts. C. Edridge, J. Hall, R. Hughes.

December, 1943 :—

Part II.—L. /Cpls. R. Blacknell, P. Smith.

Promotions.

April, 1943 :—

To be 2nd Lieut.	Sgt. B. L. Cavill.
To be Sgt.	Cpl. R. E. Waters.
To be Sgt. (First Aid)	Cpl. D. S. Davis
To be Cpl.	L. ,Cpls. J. Bennett, B. E. Davis.
To be L. /Cpl.	Cdts. J. Candy, M. Steer.

October, 1943 :—

To be L. /Sgt.	Cpl. J. Bennett.
To be Cpl.	Cdts. C. Edridge, D. Hall, N. Lynn.
To be L. /Cpl.	Cdts. R. Blacknell, B. Emery, P. Smith.

B. L. C.

THE JUNIOR CADETS.

In March of this year the idea of a Junior Cadet Force was conceived, and any boy between the ages of twelve and fourteen was eligible to join. There was one meeting each week, and groups were trained in Signalling, First Aid and Fieldcraft. About 60 boys were enrolled, and progress was very satisfactory.

Unfortunately, it proved necessary this term to hold the weekly meeting out of school hours. Many boys were unable to attend at the new time and the strength of the unit dwindled to about 20.

We are much indebted to Mr. Crooks, who has had charge of the Signalling Group, and to Mr. Ashton, who has kindly come from First Aid H.Q. to teach First Aid. The Fieldcraft was carried on by the N.C.O's of the School platoon during the Summer Term, but this term Drill and Map-reading have taken its place.

J. B.

THE DISCUSSION GROUP.

President : Kathleen Clarke.

Secretary : R. Simmonds. *Treasurer :* Beryl Banks.

During the year a discussion group has been formed. In its early days it consisted of members of Form VI, and included among its stalwarts Barbara Currie, J. Thompson, and others who have now, to our great loss, left the School. It continues to flourish, however, and a number of Form V are now regular attenders at our meetings. We are anxious still further to broaden the basis of our membership, and we extend a cordial invitation to younger pupils of the School to take part in our meetings.

Unfortunately, even the influence of our President, who is on the editorial staff, failed to secure from a somewhat parsimonious editor more than a meagre ration of space in which to report upon our proceedings, and we are constrained, therefore, to confine ourselves to our more recent activities.

This term we decided to embark upon the ambitious project of a study of Civics. Dissertation upon a subject of which one's knowledge is very limited is unlikely to be profitable, as bitter experience of examinations has taught us. We therefore determined to invite a number of distinguished persons with first-hand knowledge and practical experience of public affairs to address us on various aspects of civic life.

We were fortunate to secure as our first speakers, Mrs. E. B. M. Moore, J.P., who is well-known for her work in connection with the W.V.S. and in many other spheres, and his Worship the Mayor of Eastleigh (Councillor A. H. Quilley, J.P., C.C.), who has long served both the Borough, as a member of the Hampshire County Council and of the Borough Council, and the School, as Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Mrs. Moore's Talk.

Mrs. Moore was the first of our guests to address us. Her subject was "Local Government," and her talk served, therefore, as an admirable introduction to our study of Civics.

Mrs. Moore, who was welcomed and introduced by our President, expressed her pleasure at being invited to be our first speaker. She said that her talk could not cover the whole of the subject, but that she hoped that she would be able to give us the basic ideas.

This she accomplished in a masterly fashion. After stressing the duty of a good citizen to know not only his rights but his obligations, Mrs. Moore gave a brief outline of the history of local government, of the various local government authorities, and of the relations between them. She then described the constitution and work of a Borough Council and of its committees, impressing upon her listeners the fact that the members of the Council are voluntary workers, who give their services for the benefit of the community.

After Mrs. Moore had answered a number of questions put to her by members of the group, the President thanked her for giving up her valuable time to us and paid tribute to the very clear, careful and interesting way in which she had given her talk.

We are looking forward keenly to the further talk, dealing with the W.V.S., which Mrs. Moore has promised to give us.

R. S.

The Mayor's Talk.

On Thursday, December 16th, we were honoured by a visit from the Mayor (Councillor A. H. Quilley), who addressed us on "The Duties of the Mayor and Municipal Finance."

In the absence of the President, Beryl Banks welcomed and introduced the Mayor. In a very interesting talk he described the election of, and the qualifications necessary for, a mayor, and the duties and privileges, both official and social, pertaining to that office. He also explained the sources of the municipal income, the objects of its expenditure, and the care taken in preparing estimates and in auditing accounts. We were particularly grateful to the speaker for his forethought in bringing with him copies of rate demands and of the Borough estimates. It was noticeable that interest in the former was conspicuously greater among the pupils than among those members of the staff who attended the meeting.

Beryl Banks told the Mayor how deeply we appreciated his setting aside his valuable time to give us this informative talk on such an important subject.

The Mayor showed great interest in the Discussion Group. He proposed that in the New Year members should hold a debate on selected subjects in the Council Chamber, and offered a prize for the member who distinguished himself in an examination in Civics.

We wish once more to express our gratitude to the Mayor for paying us this visit, and our hope that we shall see him again among the speakers who will address us at future meetings. M.K.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

University Scholarships, etc.

Barbara Currie was awarded a County Senior Scholarship and an Exhibition to St. Anne's Society, Oxford.

John Thompson was awarded an Exhibition at University College, Southampton.

Higher School Certificate, June, 1943.

Barbara Currie passed in English and History and gained distinction in French.

John Thompson passed in Applied Mathematics, Chemistry and Geography.

General School Certificate, December, 1942.

School Certificate with exemption from Matriculation :-
Sylvia Hockey.

School Certificate :-

Ronald Bran (Mathematics). Amelia Mears.

General School Certificate, June, 1943.

Completed Matriculation :-

Morris Steer.

School Certificate with exemption from Matriculation :-

Daphne Birch (Physics)	Jenifer Martin (English, French, Mathematics)
Eileen Bryan (French)	Gerald Mould (Mathematics)
Patricia Crosswell (French)	David Oxford (Mathematics, Mechanics, Physics)
Ronald Hughes	Rodney Simmonds
Marjorie King (English, English Literature, - History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics)	Barbara Williams (English Literature)

School Certificate :-

Dennis Barrett	Jessie Leigh (English Literature)
Alfred Bull	Maurice Martin (Mathematics, Geometrical Drawing, Handicraft)
Alan Callaway	John Meek
Graham Clapp (Handicraft)	William Dance (Handicraft)
Frederick Coleman	Mary Roberts
William Dance (Handicraft)	Leslie Robinson
Joan Dawkins (English Literature)	Eric Smith
Cyril Edridge (Handicraft)	Sylvia Syvret
Brian Flower	Frederick Ticehurst
Marjorie Greenslade	Leonard Tilley
Denys Greenway	Aileen Willsher
Alan Hodder (Handicraft)	Cicely Wood
Anthony Hoole	Martyn Lee (Physics)
Geoffrey Johnston	

N.B.—The subjects given in brackets are those in which Distinction was gained.

SPEECH DAY.

Speech Day was held on July 16th. In the morning a Service of Commemoration was held in All Saints' Church, this being the first occasion in the history of the School that a Church Service had been held on Speech Day. In the afternoon, at the Town Hall, the prizes were presented by Mr. Gerald Palmer, M.P. for the Winchester Division, who addressed a large gathering of pupils, parents and friends on " The Empire."

The Programme opened with a Latin speech given by Barbara Currie. This was followed by the Choir, who rendered " Oh ! Had I Jubal's Lyre," " Five Eyes " and " England, My England." The second scene of Shaw's " St. Joan " was then performed. Beryl Banks played the title role in a most convincing manner, while N. Stephenson gave a magnificent performance as the Dauphin.

Mr. Gerald Palmer, the Governors, the Headmaster and the then took their seats on the platform. The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. A. H. Quilley, J.P., C.C., called upon the Headmaster to read his report. The Headmaster said that in spite of the war the School was continuing to make very good progress. It now provided several alternative courses of instruction suitable for boys and girls of different types. Satisfactory results had been obtained in public examinations, and Barbara Currie and J. D. Thompson had gained scholarships to Oxford and Southampton respectively. Meanwhile, the physical side of education had not been neglected, and the football and hockey teams had done particularly well. The Cadet Platoon and the Red Cross Detachment had also reached a high standard of efficiency. Members of each had been successful in examinations, and three girls represented the Red Cross Division in a rally at Buckingham Palace. Junior branches of the A.C.F. and of the Red Cross had been formed and were progressing favourably. The National Savings Group, too, continued to flourish, and had raised 750 during " Wings for Victory " Week. The Headmaster paid a tribute to the loyal co-operation of the Staff and welcomed its new members. Referring to religious instruction, he thanked the Rev. T. B. Randolph, the Rev. R. S. Parkes and Miss Maurice, who were responsible for the religious teaching of all Church of England pupils, for the services which they gave quite voluntarily to the School. In its religious instruction, as indeed in all its activities, the School was trying to develop in its pupils those qualities of courage and resolution which would be so greatly needed in the difficult times ahead of them.

Introducing Mr. Gerald Palmer, the Chairman said that few were as well qualified as he to address us on the subject of the Empire, since he had paid visits quite recently to several parts of it, including his very important visit to India as a member of Sir Stafford Cripps' mission. In an inspiring and instructive address, Mr. Palmer spoke of the interest and pride in the Mother Country which he had encountered in all those parts of the Empire

which he had visited, and urged that we in the Mother Country should show a similar interest and pride in the Empire. He laid stress on the interdependence of its several parts, and spoke of important developments of the future which would be for their mutual benefit.

Mr. Palmer then presented the prizes and certificates. In a witty speech, the Vicar, the Rev. T. B. Randolph, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Palmer, and this was seconded by Mrs. Sawyer. Mr. Palmer replied briefly, and the proceedings' terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and to the Donors of Prizes, proposed by Barbara Currie, the Head Girl, and seconded by J. D. Thompson, the Head Boy.

Many parents and friends then repaired to the School, where there were Geographical, Scientific, Art and Handicraft Exhibitions. The Cadet Platoon gave a demonstration and held an exhibition of the smaller weapons of war and of some of the equipment used in their training.

PRIZE LIST.

Form Prizes.

Form II.	J. T. Stubbs. J. D. White, Jacqueline Carter.
Form III.	Elizabeth Bendall, A. S. Whale, Gillian Cooper.
Form IV.	Olive Snook, Barbara Wakeham, J. Tapley.
Form L.V.	D. Bonella, Lois South, Leila Price.
Form U.V.	Marjorie King, E. Smith, M. E. Martin.

Subject Prizes.

Scripture	Marjorie King.
English	Marjorie King, Gillian Cooper.
Geography	J. Bennett, D. C. Scott.
History	Barbara Currie, J. Hounslow.
Latin	N. R. W. Stephenson, Jenifer Martin.
French	N. R. W. Stephenson, Jean Dunn.
Mathematics	M. E. Martin, R. J. Hendley.
Physics	C. H. Pepper, D. Taylor.
Chemistry	J. D. Thompson.
Biology	M. A. Lee, F. J. Ticehurst, D. E. Moorhouse.
Art	M. A. Lee.
Woodwork	I). Burbidge, F. J. West, G. Clapp.
Engineering Drawing	M. E. Martin.
Cookery	Brenda Wells.
Needlework	Sylvia Syvret.
Music	Mary Clarke, Myra Handley, Evaline Robbie.
Economics	Jenifer Martin.

London Higher School Certificates.

Barbara Currie.	K: Smith.
P. N. Clark.	It O. Weeks.

London General School Certificates.

J. Bennett	Joan Smaldon	Jean Cheater
Margaret Bodey	M. Steer	R. Dyke
E. Britten	N. Stephenson	N. Foot
June Brown	W. Stubbington	A. French
Eileen Bryan	Irene Styles	J. Iddenten
Margaret Clark	G. Taylor	P. Martin
Kathleen Clarke	C. Wren	C. Pepper
Patricia Crosswell	Joyce Campbell	H. Potter

London General School Certificates—(Continued)

Joyce Dunning	D. Davis	R. Radford
Sylvia Hockey (2)	Gweneth Garrett	Lena Stallard
E. Hutchings	Joyce Long	H. Symes
J. Jones	P. Moore	F. Tuffin
Joyce Kerridge	Pamela Phillips .	J. Wallace
R. Knowles	J. Pickett	R. Waters
Olive Mann	D. Runyard	R. Bran
B. Cavill		

War Certificate

	Lieut. B. L. Cavill	
Sgt. R. E. Waters	Cpl. B. Davis	L. /Cpl. B. Flower
Sgt. D. S. Davis	Cpl. J. Bennett	L. /Cpl. J. Candy

Red Cross (Infant and Child Welfare) Certificates.

Sylvia Hockey	Nancy Loveridge	Margaret Clark
Cicely Wood	Joyce Shipp	Joyce Dunning
Barbara Williams	Marjorie Greenslade	Margaret Bodey
Brenda Wells	Jean Cheater	Kathleen Clarke
Leonie Stewart	Josephine Collings	

Sports Trophies.

Victor and Victrix Ludorum Shield .	J. Candy, Pamela Jukes, Jessie Leigh
Mile Cup	H. Potter
Senior House Cup	Barton
Junoir House Cup	Peel

VISIT TO THE MAYOR.

On December 14th representatives of the School paid a courtesy visit to the Mayor of Eastleigh (Councillor A. H. Quilley, J.P., C.C.). The deputation, which was received in the Mayor's Parlour, was headed by Mr. Moore and included Miss Talbot, Mr. Bodey, B. Cavill, Margaret Clark, J. Hounslow and Freda Stickley. On behalf of the staff, the Cadet Platoon and pupils of the School, the Mayor was offered congratulations on his recent election and good wishes for a successful year of office.

Mr. Moore spoke of the position which the School held in the town and of the high intellectual standard of Eastleigh. He went on to discuss the benefits which the coming Education Bill had in store and the possibilities of a post-war educational centre in Eastleigh.

In his reply the Mayor thanked the deputation of the School for their kind wishes and expressed the pleasure which the visit gave him. As Chairman to the Board of Governors, he had always had a deep interest in the welfare and activities of the School. He, also, looked forward to seeing the proposed improvements carried out. The Borough of Eastleigh, he said, was 'doing and would continue to do everything in its power to. make this possible, and to provide better facilities for the schools of which it was justifiably proud.

M. C.

THE MAYOR'S VISIT TO THE SCHOOL.

On December 21st the School was honoured by a visit paid to it by the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor A. H. Quilley, J.P., C.C., and Mrs. Quilley). On their arrival, the Mayor and Mayoress inspected the School Cadet Platoon, which they complimented on its efficiency. They then made a tour of the School, visiting each Form in turn.

There followed an assembly of the whole School in the Hall, at which Pamela Handley presented a bouquet to the Mayoress. The Headmaster said that it was a special occasion to have both the Mayor and the Chairman of the Governors present at one and the same time. The Mayoress then presented War Certificates and lanyards to cadets who had been successful in recent examinations. In a short address to the School, the Mayor expressed his satisfaction at being able to see the School at work, and his pleasure at being greeted in French and in Latin. As Chairman of the Eastleigh A.C.F. Committee, he was particularly pleased with the progress of the Cadet Platoon, which he had inspected earlier. He knew that all the pupils were looking forward to the vacation, as he had done years before, and said that he and the Mayoress wished them a very Merry Christmas.

The Headmaster thanked the Mayor and Mayoress and called for three cheers for them. They left the hall with the cheers of the School ringing in their ears.

J. B.

SIREN TIME AT SCHOOL.

Everyone is, ostensibly, absorbed in deep thought. The master stands by the blackboard, waiting for the dormant class to come to life and to answer his question. A few hands are raised, rather gingerly. Suddenly the door opens, and a raucous voice is heard.

" Sirens, Sir ! "

At once everyone jumps up, only to be made to sit down again while the master issues his instructions. Then books are flung down, tongues are loosened, and everyone makes his escape. Those who are indifferent to lessons whoop with joy at this agreeable break, while a small minority sigh with vexation, but all join the surging mass of children without.

As one they clatter down the stairs. Wearers of new shoes, fearful of parental wrath, raise plaintive cries of protest, but they are unheeded. At the foot of the stairs the throng divides, some going into the lobbies, the others out into the rain ! With coats over heads they scurry towards the School playing-field, like rabbits to their burrows.

At last, rather wet and very noisy, they tumble into the shelters. Scouts are stationed at the doors to warn the inmates of the approach of hostile prefects or still more hostile mistresses. Eventually the defences are penetrated and impositions are

distributed. Rumours of the " all clear " are circulated and then contradicted ; so many rumours, in fact, that when the " all clear " is sounded, everyone is sceptical. When convinced, they prepare to rush out. Suddenly they remember that it is still lesson time, and they return towards the School at a snail's pace until they are herded on, like so many unwilling sheep, before a prefect or teacher.

EVALINE ROBBIE (*Ma.*).

A CHILD'S BALLADE.

I should have been a brave brigand
Robbing the Spaniards of their gold,
With searing oaths and sword in hand
O'er-topping deeds of Vikings told.
I should have sailed to climates cold,
To sunny lands, to distant shore,
In pirate ship, with well-stocked hold—
Had I but lived in days of yore !

A highwayman who roamed the land,
Ranged heather heath and rolling wold,
By sun and wind my features tanned,
My hiding place, a tavern old ;
A knight in armour, gallant, bold,
In castle grey on storm-swept moor,
My deeds and prowess wide
I but lived in days of yore !

I should have been of Robin's band,
Whose secrets Sherwood's glades unfold—
Aladdin in rich caverns grand—
A sailor, wrecked whilst thunder roll'd-
A sultan to whom slaves were sold—
A fearless Spanish matador
His name in story ever scroll'd-
Had I but lived in days of yore !

Envoy

Teller of tales, with you I stroll'd
Through realms of ancient, faery lore ;
My childhood's thoughts you helped to mould.
Oh, had I lived in days of yore !

PAMELA R. PHILLIPS (*V.I.*).

BEAUTE DE LA NATURE.

Un jour d'ete, je decidai d'aller faire une promenade a la campagne. Il faisait tres chaud. Le soleil brillait, les oiseaux chantaient ; ci et la, de beaux papillons voltigeaient de fleur en

Je montai au sommet d'une belle colline verte d'ou le coup d'oeil etait magnifique. Dans la distance on pouvait voir un grand bois devant lequel une jolie riviere coulait ; le soleil brillait sur les eaux etincelantes. A droite il y avait un autre endroit charmant. C'etait un champ ou des jacinthes des bois faisaient un beau tapis d'un bleu tres doux. Cette vue admirable me fit penser a la beaute de la nature. D. HALL (*U.V.H.*).

EASTLEIGH CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK.

Commencing on Monday, November 22nd, a " Book Week " was held in the Eastleigh Public Library with a view both to encouraging children to join the Library and to helping them to make a good choice of books.

Lectures were arranged for each morning and afternoon during the week, and were greatly appreciated by groups of pupils from the School who went along to the Library thirsting for knowledge and revelling in escape from their normal course of instruction.

Three lectures were of particular interest to those who attended them. A French officer, Lieut. H. Ehretsman, gave a moving picture of life in France under the Nazis. " The Children of Russia. " was the subject of a talk by Mrs. Zina Hugo. Finally, Lieut. Daniel James, of the U.S. army, delighted his audience by asking them questions and rewarding those who answered them with chewing gum, a method which we commend to the consideration of the staff. The remaining lectures dealt with Mountaineering, Natural History and various more general topics connected with books and reading.

Other features of the week were an exhibition of books and a film, " Chapter and Verse," which told the story of a book from wood-pulp to finished article.

The " Book Week " was a great success and resulted in a considerable increase in the number of juvenile members of the Library. R. S.

OLD STUDENTS' NOTES.

It is with the deepest regret that we add the names of five more Old Bartonians to our casualty list, which now includes the following :—

P. /O. P. Shelley, R.A.F.
Sgt. G. R. Croasdell, R.A.F.
Sgt. C. Q. F. Hartley, R.A.F.
Flight-Sgt. S. W. Pook, R.A.F.
Flight-Sgt. A. N. Charlton, R.A.F.
L. /Cpl. S. W. Smith
Flight-Sgt. D. A. Dear, A.T.C.

Sgt. M. J. Kynaston, R.A.F.
Sgt. B. Symes, R.A.F.
L. /Cpl. P. Connor
Q.M.S. S. Taylor
P. /O. R. C. Sawyer, R.A.F.
P. /O. D. Coates, R.A.F.

The following are now in the Forces :

W. R. N. S.	Stella Godden, Betty Young, Patricia Remnant
A. T. S.	Joan Kyles, Molly Day, Betty Garnett
W. A. A. F.	Doris Ludbrook
R. N.	E. C. Britten
Army	D. Davis, N. Lee

L. Stannard is now a F. /0. and an Air Navigator. P. /0. L. Light, K. C. Carley and W. Lee have recently completed their training as Pilot or Navigator. L. Redford is a Sgt.-Instructor in the R.A.F. at Cranwell, and P. Clapp is a Sgt.-Observer. N. Clark has gained his commission in the Fleet Air Arm, and F. Fellows is a Lieutenant in the R.A. L. Ludbrook, has also gained a commission. E. Osmond is a Wireless Operator in the R.N. Pte. F. Brown, who is stationed in Cairo, is one of the editors of the Forces' magazine " Orientations."

Kathleen Scivier, B.A., is training for teaching at University College, Southampton. Joyce Shipp, J. I. Thompson and N. Flower are also there.

Barbara Currie and Nancy Loveridge have visited us after their first term at St. Anne's Society, Oxford, and Gypsy Hill Training College, Bingley, respectively.

Our congratulations to Winifred Kilford and W./0 . H. Reed on their marriages, and to Gladys Miller, Pearl Darner, Joy Carpenter and Sgt. R. Hemington on their engagements ; also to Mrs. Fish (*nee* Winifred Beckett) on the birth of a daughter.

† visitors to the School include Kathleen Hill, A. J. Hann, J. Candy, F. Ticehurst, G. Taylor, A. French, H. F. Symes and J. Iddenten.

293, Cranbury Road,
Eastleigh, Hants.

December, 1943.

Dear Fellow Members,

We wish you all a bright and prosperous New Year, wherever you may be.

Our social activities during 1943, though not numerous, have been very successful. Three social evenings were held at the School, all of which were well supported.

The annual re-union day last March was organised as usual despite difficulties in arranging the teams. Once again, the School proved too strong for our hockey, netball and football teams.

Following tea in the Hall, a General Meeting was held, at which the Committee for the coming year was elected. The officers are as follows : President, Mr. W. Smith ; Treasurer, Miss Talbot ; Joint Hon. Secretaries, Mr. and Mrs. Collins ; Committee, Misses Hedge, Maton and Newton, Mesdames Fish and Neale, Messrs. Britton, Connor, Cummins, Currell, Glasspool, Lawford, Light, Moore, Newman, Page, Taylor and Waller. An informal dance was held in the evening.

We congratulate Mr. Allen on his new appointment, and wish him every success at Taunton. With him he takes a record of thirteen years' encouragement and support of the Old Bartonians' Association. At a social held in his honour, Mr. Smith made a presentation of a cheque and an album containing the names of all the subscribers. (We have since learned that Mr. Allen has purchased an eight-day striking clock). In reply, Mr. Allen said it was his dearest wish to see the Association go from strength to strength.

We should like to take this opportunity of reminding all Old Students that subscriptions can be paid in at any time either to Mrs Talbot or any Committee member.

Finally, . here is an appeal. From time to time we have received news of some of our members. Unfortunately, this is not enough ! In particular, our aim is to compile a complete record of all our members in His Majesty's Forces. So please let us have all your news as soon as possible.

C. P. COLLINS
H. J. COLLINS *Joint Hon. Secs.*

The Junior Common Room,
St. Anne's Society,
Musgrave House,
Oxford.

20th December, 1943.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Despite the above address, the demand for an article for *The Peveril* reaches me in the middle of what the University of Oxford ironically calls a six-weeks' vacation—ironically, because one is expected to do twelve weeks' work in it. I must, therefore, be excused if this letter does not contain a comprehensive account of life at Oxford which will inspire the present pupils of Eastleigh with a wish to become, in the future, undergraduates of the University.

Beginning with the subject most likely to bring about this desirable state of mind, I will say that in one's first term, one has (comparatively) little work to do ; for instance, a mere thousand years of English history fell to my portion. The method of working is a pleasant change from school life. Nobody tells one that this or that piece of work must be done in twenty minutes on Tuesday evening or --. A tutorial is given once a week at which one's tutor gives a subject for an essay to be written by the same time the next week. The work can be done when and how one likes, except that undergraduates are not supposed to do anything but work in the mornings. As there is no teacher overseeing one with a whip, one can, if one wishes, spend the mornings dozing comfort-

ably ill an arm-chair, or unless the proctors are unusually active, doing some shopping. In summer, I understand, an undergraduate's best work is done between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m., the remainder of the day being spent on the river. Lectures can be attended or not, according to taste. The various great ones of the University prepare learned discourses on various subjects which they repeat, at the beginning of the term to hordes of earnest Freshers, who as yet know no better, and at the end, to a sprinkling of even more earnest graduates, whose ages range from thirty to ninety. The lectures take place generally in those beautiful, if insanitary, buildings, the men's colleges.

There is, of course, a lighter side to college life. One can join one of the innumerable University societies, listed as religious, political and miscellaneous. Oxford University societies are privileged in obtaining many of the world's famous, or at least notorious, men to address their meetings. Not that they often say anything worth listening to, but at least one has the satisfaction of gazing from afar on great politicians, journalists, scholars, soldiers and occasionally, even on great men. And then, one can play games, or go for cycle rides, or punt on the river, but I am sorry to have to warn prospective candidates for Oxford, that it is forbidden in the University Statutes to play marbles on the steps of the Sheldonian theatre.

My first impression of Oxford was of a mad dash from place to place on a bicycle with short intervals for work, sleep and food. A bicycle is an essential part of one's equipment in Oxford, especially if one is foolish enough, as Freshers always are, to attend all the lectures on one's particular subject. A war-time degree, which consists of two-and-a-half years' work crammed into two years, leaves no time to listen to superfluous lectures though it apparently gives ample time to belong to clubs, go to the theatre, hold tea-parties, and, this applies especially to the men, indulge in ridiculous rags.

I hope this does not leave anybody who wishes to come up to Oxford with the impression that life here is all jam and honey. In war-time, Government regulations make it impossible to take up residence at Oxford and then do no work, as could be done by those with sufficient money before the war. One has to work very hard and one's recreations seem even harder than the work. But in case this is discouraging, I can add that it is enjoyable too, and, above all, a great change from school life.

With this little homily from a veteran who has been at Oxford a whole term, I will end this letter, which I hope has given a little, some of it even serious, about life at Oxford.

With best wishes for the school, I am, yours sincerely,
BARBARA CURRIE.

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