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School Notes.

For the third time the *Wathonian* has perforce to content its readers with an annual appearance. The catalogue of activities and interests shows that in all the main departments School life flourishes. Work and games persist and in some respects with increased vigour. The Easter and Christmas plays have again delighted audiences now trained to expect high standards of performance and entertainment. The harvest of examination successes, if not startling, has been at least as plentiful as we had reason to expect.

Since our last issue we have said God-speed to Miss Spencer, who has gone to Donnington Grammar School, and Miss Wilkie, who left us to take a post at Waterloo-with-Seaforth Grammar School, Liverpool. We have welcomed Miss Bourne in Miss Spencer's place, Miss Carryer as Gymnastic and Games Mistress, Miss Jones to the Science Staff, and Mrs. Smith. We hope they will be happy in their work with us.

With four first forms once more we hope great things from the juniors. Already there have been formed two violin classes from among them; one day they will swell our pool of orchestral talent, we hope.

The frequent visits during the year of Old Wathonians in uniform have given pleasure and encouragement to many sides of School life. The happy association of past and present boys in the Lincolnshire harvest camp was a fitting start to our new year's work.

School Prefects—1943-44.

Boys.	Girls.
Wolsey, R.	N. Thompson
Probert, G. O.	J. Starling
Elliott, B.	B. Sharpe
Stephenson, A.	E. Harrington

<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>
Barrass, S.	M. Barber
Cutts, J.	V. Ibbotson
Gibbs, H.	S. Moffatt
Hill, J. D.	M. Kirk
Malyan, R. G.	B. Hough
Moulson, I.	D. Illingworth
Outram, A.	M. Myers
Sokell, J.	
Stott, B.	
Walton, B.	
Clarke, E.	
Ardron, P.	

Magazine Competitions. Winners were as follows :—

Senior Competition : Margaret Kirk, U.VI.Gen.
Probert, G. O., U.VI.Lit.

Middle School Competition : Pat Kilner, III.A.

Junior Competition : P. S. Birkhead, II.A.

Examination Successes.

Higher School Certificates were gained by :

U.VI.Lit.: Barnes, D. J. ; Beardsall, T. R.; Probert, G. O. ;
Turton, C. W.; P. Curran ; M. D. Evans ; J. Gawthorpe ;
B. Jackson ; F. Nicholson ; E. M. Rhodes ; M. E.
Robinson ; S. M. Wood.

U.VI.Sc. : Burton, K.; Elliott, F. B.; Finean, J. B.; Goodyear,
P.; Higgs, E. W.; Metcalfe, H.; Potts, E.; Wade, T. B.;
M. B. Williams.

School Certificates this year numbered 76. In the
interest of paper saving we are precluded from publishing
detailed lists.

University Scholarship Successes :

King's College, Cambridge, State K. Burton
Scholarship.

County Major Scholarship.

West Riding County Techno- P. Goodyear.
logical Scholarship.

Miners' Welfare Scholarship. J. B. Finean.

State Bursaries in Science :
Goodyear, P.
Wade, T. B.
Higgs, E. W.
Elliott, F. B.



House Notes.

ATHENS.

<i>House Captains</i>	..	E. E. Clarke. J. Starling.
<i>Games Committee</i>	..	H. Gibbs. J. Starling.
<i>Magazine Representatives</i>	E. E. Clarke. J. Hinchcliffe.

Games Captains :

D. Thorley	} <i>Senior.</i>	B. Wilks	} <i>Junior.</i>
M. Nicholson		V. Rowley	

In spite of a good start by the boys in the House Hundred, and the genuine effort shown by all, our achievements in the battle for the Sports Cup this year were disappointing, resulting in an unspectacular fourth!

In games both boys and girls have done rather better than in the sports.

Last season's cricket team, under the captaincy of J. Dobson, was victorious in all its matches.

Although four of the Senior boys play for the Rugger XV., the Senior Rugger team headed by D. Thorley, has so far, this term, won all its matches. Let us hope they will continue to be successful.

For the Junior boys, B. Wilks has been an able Cricket and Rugger Captain.

The girls' Rounders team last term, under the captaincy of J. Sykes, was very keen, and won three out of its four matches. Tennis has not yet been our strong suit, but we live in hopes for next summer.

This year's Junior Hockey team (Captain, V. Rowley) contains many enthusiastic and storm defying stalwarts. Many of the Seniors, too, are keen. However, the keen ones are not always supported by a certain section of "hot house blooms" who, when a little invigorating fresh air is suggested, apparently "cannot take it."

Could it be that due to the keenness of the Athenians for games, the garden has been overlooked? This branch of our activities is in a sad plight, and cannot be said to reflect much credit on us, the sporting spirit present in our other activities not being in evidence here.

This term we are pleased to welcome Miss Jones to Athens, and hope that she will enjoy her stay with us. We were sorry to lose M. Morris as our House Captain after a very

short term of office, but warmly welcome J. Starling as her successor.

We wish to congratulate all those who were successful in the Higher School and School Certificate Examinations, and wish E. Higgs and J. Gawthorpe, our Captains last year, success in their future careers.



CARTHAGE.

<i>House Captains</i>	..	R. Wolsey B. Harrington.
<i>Secretary</i>	B. Stott.
<i>Games Committee Representatives</i>		R. Wolsey, B. Harrington.
<i>Magazine Committee Representatives</i>	..	A. Stephenson M. Barber.

Carthaginians seem to have excelled themselves in physical activities this year, winning the Sports Cup, with a record number of points, and last term winning the Games Cup. Let us maintain this standard, and set the standard of our mental activity as high.

We would like to wish every success to old Carthaginians and welcome new members, who have a great tradition to live up to. At present, the House is as big as it has ever been, and we are pleased to report that this increase in quantity has not meant a decrease in quality, for if the present enthusiasm is maintained, we shall have to raise our standard!

Miss Spencer, who has been our House Mistress for many years, left us at the end of last term. Her contribution to the success of the House will not be forgotten. She carries with her our very best wishes for success in her new post. Her departure is certainly a great loss to Carthage, and we hope she will have many happy memories of us.

Carthago non delenda est.



ROME.

<i>House Captains</i>	..	R. G. Malyan. V. Ibbotson.
<i>Games Committee</i>	..	R. G. Malyan. D. Sanderson.
<i>Magazine</i>	Hattan. S. Moffatt.

Oh, Rome, where is thy ancient glory? Would not the souls of your mighty ancestors turn in their graves if they could now look down upon you?

Gardening, and the avoidance thereof, seems to be the principal study of the Romans in the Middle School, and it must, of necessity be admitted, that, were it not for the efforts of a stalwart few, the garden would be a sorry wilderness.

True, some kind of an effort seemed to be shown in the Sports, where we finished third ; yet, with regret it must be admitted that this again was the work of a capable few.

In the Games Cups also we failed to maintain our magnificent traditions ; whilst of the Work Cup, I will say nothing, for no remark is necessary to bring home to you our wretched plight.

In fact, the only place where Romans seem to be adequately represented is in the Detention Book. It must be recognised that in this direction we have an amazing wealth of talent. Indeed, during the Christmas term we managed to collect almost as many detentions as the other four Houses put together—oh, well ! may the day be lamented when a magazine (of not so very long ago) reported that Rome, a shining example to the rest of the School, had gone a whole term without earning a single detention.

Can it be that this mighty organism, once "second to none" and even "superior to all," is falling into decay ? We are loath to believe it. Therefore, O children of Aeneas, arise ; lay aside your evil ways ; and with regenerated hope and determination, advance to avenge this stigma on our ancient reputation, and to restore to its former splendour and magnificence "the grandeur that was Rome."



SPARTA.

House Captains .. B. Hough.
Elliott.

Games Committee .. M. Wheelhouse.
Sokell.

Games Captains :

V. Leneham } *Senior.*
Sokell

B. Waddington } *Junior.*
Bailey

Magazine Committee M. Richards, Walker.

We were sorry to lose the Boys' House Captain, Walker, to the Army at Easter last year, but Wade ably stepped into his shoes. We would like to wish Walker and all other old members now in the Services the best of luck, and welcome the "new generation."

We now wish our two new House Captains the best of success during their period of office.

Last year Sparta came second in the Winter games competition. We hope that the Juniors will copy last year's team and win all their matches, also that the girls and the Senior boys will meet with success in their games this season. We hope to see Sparta placed at least three places higher in this year's summer games.

We would like to congratulate all Spartans who helped in any way in the Sports. A margin of twelve points alone separated us from the victors, Carthage. Special thanks are due to the Senior girls relay team, in breaking the record for that race.

Spartans this year have been well on top of the gardening and have set such a high standard that, in our opinion, no other House has equalled us.

Sparta is once more to be congratulated on winning the Work Cup, thus beating Rome's record. It is to be hoped that all Spartans will try and keep up the good work and remember that :

Labor omnia vicit improbus.



TROY.

<i>House Captains</i>	..	L. Drakes. Ardron.
<i>Games Committee</i>	..	D. Waller. Wilks.
<i>Games Captains</i>	..	L. Drakes. Perkins.
<i>Magazine Committee</i>	W. Wilkinson, Cutts.

We wish success in their future lives to our last year's House Captains, Finean and M. Rorison, and to the others who have left us, and heartily welcome all the newcomers amongst us. We also wish L. Drakes and Ardron the best of luck and success in their respective periods of office as House Captains this year.

Our hopes for the Sports Cup were once again dashed last September, although Group II boys are to be congratulated on their efforts and successes.

The Senior boys did quite well in games, but the Juniors lost because they lacked size (but not courage). Despite the fact that they were always outsized by their opponents, they played like "Trojans," and should do better this season.

The very mention of gardening sends some boys into hiding, although I am glad to say that this number is not large. Quite good work has been done by the Juniors, but not so much by the Seniors.

Last term, although interrupted by sports practices, quite a lot of time was put in on the gardens. The boys did the productive work while the girls did the decorating of the plots. The Gardening Cup can be won by determined effort, so turn out regularly and lend a willing hand.

I hardly think it will ever again be possible to hear that Trojans have passed a term without a single detention—imagine it! Although the number of detentions has not been many, they have been limited to a certain few. The girls have contributed to this number as well as the boys, and it is a number which might well be decreased. Every detention diminishes the chance of Troy gaining the Work Cup.

Again we must complain of those who do not seem enthusiastic about the welfare of the House. This fault is confined to a few individuals, while the remainder do try to improve the position of the House in regard to the Work and Games Cups.

Speech Day, 1943.

Speech day was held on June 18th. The School assembled at two o'clock, and after the entry of the platform visitors, the National Anthem was sung. The Orchestra opened with the Allegretto from Symphony in D by Schubert, after which the opening remarks were made by the Chairman of the Governors, H. Hallsworth, Esq., J.P.

The Headmaster's report followed. He expressed his satisfaction with the progress of the School, and drew particular attention to the good standard of effort as shown by the monthly effort sheets.

The Choir then sang two songs: "I attempt from love's sickness to fly," by Purcell, and "The Fairy Ring," by Schubert. This was followed by the presentation of the sixteen Higher School Certificates, two Letters of Success, and forty-three School Certificates to the successful candidates. In addition the two special prizes for English, awarded by Mr. P. B. Nicholson, J.P., were presented to Dorothy Hughes and E. Evans.

University Scholarships gained by the School in the past year had been :

County Major Scholarships : P. Dale, O. Edgar, Kathleen P. Disley.

Board of Education Studentship in Science : O. Edgar.

Miners' Welfare Scholarship : K. Disley.

State Bursarships in Science : J. D. Miller, P. Dale, O. Edgar, H. E. Kerry.

The Address by Mr. Will Lowther, J.P., President of the Mineworkers' Federation of Great Britain, followed. His account of his own experiences and fund of anecdote were highly appreciated by the School.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Burtoft, and seconded by Mr. P. B. Nicholson, J.P.

In conclusion the School Song was sung with the accustomed vigour, and our guests departed. G.O.P.

Sports Day—1943.

Once again, the School Sports Day was held in the Christmas Term, so that more attention could be paid to the gardens in the Summer Term. The weather was reasonably favourable, and the programme was carried out according to plan, the high jumps having previously taken place in the gymnasium.

We were pleased to welcome a number of parents, friends and Old Wathonians, many of whom were in uniform or from the universities.

Carthage went one better than last year, winning the Sports Cup by 14 points from last year's winning House, Sparta. It is noteworthy that Carthage registered the greatest number of points on record, thanks to the constant endurance which has persisted throughout the whole House so far this year.

The following records were broken :—Group II, Boys' 100 yards, by Burrows ; Group III, Boys' 100 yards, by Davies ; New Girls' 80 yards, by M. Greaves ; Group I, Girls' 80 yards, by J. Smith ; Group III, girls' 100 yards, by H. Hartley ; and Group III, girls' relay, by Sparta.

R. WOLSEY, U.VI.Sc.

The Senior Literary Society.

At the first meeting of the Easter Term, 1943, papers were read by the Upper VI. Literary to a large audience. The second meeting was devoted to performances of selected scenes from "As You Like It" by V.b. These were given on two days so that as many members as possible of the Upper School might be present.

At the first presentation the caste gave a good interpretation, but on the second day the performance was much better. The outstanding performers were Margaret Morris as Rosalind, Mattock as Jaques, and Lydia Stott as Phoebe, all of whom showed insight into character and gave an intelligent presentation. Davis as Touchstone, and Coles as Sylvius were also quite good.

Members of the Lower VIth read various poems and prose articles at the first meeting of the Autumn Term. Spencer, D. M., read his poem, "Convoy"; Owen, E., gave a very good account of cheese making; Hunt, J., read a very amusing description of his "First Initiation Ceremony," Clegg, D., read a long description of Dover; Gleadall, G., told of his "Visit to Derbyshire"; Clarke, E., read a very short but cheerful account of his "First 'Flip'"; and Machin, B., recited his poem, "Night Falls in the Village." The two girls, who read their efforts, were Margaret Richards and Mary Hawke. The former described a "Visit to Castleton," a very good literary effort, and Mary Hawke read her poem, "My Delights."

A debate on the motion that "Man does not know how he is made, therefore he cannot be blamed for what he does" was held on December 2nd. Mary Hawke and Irene Evans proposed the motion, and Doreen Illingworth and Norma Keeling opposed it.

The last debate of the Christmas term was on the motion that "We have too many luxuries to-day," proposed by Alec Lazenby and Irene Evans, and opposed by Doreen Illingworth and Norma Keeling.

The Christmas production of "Marigold" ended the Autumn Term session.

VERA IBBOTSON, Upp. VI.Lit.

"Arms and the Man."

Everyone who saw Miss Deeks' production of George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man," given Easter, 1943, thoroughly enjoyed it. A most conclusive testimony to its excellence was the repeat performance, although it had been intended that only one should be given.

The play has a comparatively small caste, and the characters were very carefully chosen from the Upper VI Literary. Barnes gave a good rendering of the part of the Swiss soldier, Captain Bluntschli, who seems to be very practical and full of common sense, but in reality has an incurably romantic disposition.

F. Nicholson succeeded in presenting the romantic nature of Raina Petkoff, hidden under her adoption of the "noble attitude and thrilling voice." Major Saranoff was played by Probert, who well displayed the high ideals and "heroics" of that officer. T. Beardsall as Major Petkoff gave a very amusing performance, and J. Gawthorpe played Catherine Petkoff with spirit and, although she had never had so important a part before, gave a very good rendering. E. Rhodes as Louka, the maid to the Petkoff household, and Nikola, the manservant, completed a really good caste.

The music supplied by the orchestra was from "The Chocolate Soldier," and the whole production easily maintained the high standard of previous ones.

The Orchestra.

"Marigold," the Christmas term's play, was Scottish in character so the Orchestra spent Christmas Term practising Scottish music, relieved by a selection from Edward German's "Merrie England." Our Speech Day item has yet to be chosen.

At the end of the last School year we lost a valuable former in M. B. Williams. Since we have had no new members, the strength of the Orchestra consists of M. Hawke, an admirable assistant pianist, J. D. Hill, J. G. Jones, P. Thompson, G. Cummins, P. Hardy, and D. Lightly violinists. Miss Deeks organizes the orchestra and Miss Knowles is our 'cellist.

The number of violinists in the Orchestra has steadily decreased over the past four years from eleven to six. We should therefore welcome any new members, especially (later on) members of the newly formed violin class.

J. D. HILL.

The Wireless Club.

Three or four years ago the need was felt for a club for those skilled, partly skilled, or only interested in wireless technique. In order to provide a nucleus of apparatus, I. Boyd left some "junk." Additions were made to this by J. D. Miller later on, and up to the present this has been used by Sixth formers and the A.T.C. The "junk" is now of such a quality that they can go on using it (or what is left of it ! (?)).

At the end of the Summer Term Mr. Cooper was approached by a small group of enthusiasts who had decided that the need, at last, must be satisfied. Mr. Cooper accepted the unenviable post of "Master in charge," and meetings began early the next term.

Up to the present activity has centred on the production of the Club's first "set"—a "straight mains."

J. D. HILL.

Art Club.

Once again the Art Club membership has had to be restricted. Most members came from the first, second, third and fourth forms. There seems to be a more regular attendance on Saturday mornings than last year, although many prefer the mid-day meetings.

Even though there are so many members the work is not as varied as in previous terms. Bakelite brooches are still very popular among the lower forms. Not many lino cuts are being made as lino is scarce, but more people are making water and poster colour paintings. Raffia work is still carried on by a few.

Two enterprising people (girls) have struck a new note in activities. One has produced an oil painting and the other a pair of gloves out of home cured rabbit skins.

JOSE SHAW.

Science Club.

(*Chairman*: Stevenson, VI.Sc. *Secretary*: Cutts, VI.Sc.)

The meetings this term are being held on Wednesdays in the Lecture Room. We have continued the wartime practice of holding our meetings during the dinner hour.

Papers have been given by Elliott ("Glass Manufacture"), and Cutts ("Anæsthetics").

A paper on "Leather" was read by Lazenby, v.ich, together with a meeting of the "Brains' Trust," provided two interesting sessions.

With the exception of the meeting of the "Brains Trust" on October 27th, attendances have not been very high. At this meeting spontaneous answers were supplied to questions asked by the IV's, V's and VI's.

Our ranks are weakened by the fact that the VIth with their various duties are not all on the same dinner. More support from the IV's and V's would be appreciated.

A number of papers have been promised which will provide interesting meetings in the near future,

No. 1 Flight, Air Training Corps.

Since the last report the Flight has continued with its two weekly instructional parades.

We are now well supplied with such necessaries as uniforms, signalling, aircraft recognition, and navigational equipment.

Quite a number of the members of the Flight attended the Squadron's annual camp at a N. Yorks. R.A.F. Station last summer. Unlike the preceding camp, we enjoyed exceedingly clement weather. Most cadets were lucky enough to get flights in various types of aircraft. We have also enjoyed visits to our Area Station at regular intervals.

The successful candidates for the Proficiency Test, Part I, were : Elliott, Hattan, Hill, Jones, Malyan, Moulson, Thompson, and Wolsey. Other successful candidates who have since left us were : Higgs, Burton, Vaughan, Bowley, Corton, Turton, Goodyear, Graham, Clarke.

The Flight was sorry to lose Flt-Sergt. Finean, Cpl. Metcalf, and Cpl. Rothnie at the end of last term. To replace them Cpl. Thompson and L/Cpl. Wolsey have been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

One cadet, Vaughan, has passed into the R.A.F.

Two cadets, Armitage and Hattan, have successfully enlisted in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, and are now on temporary deferred service.

With regard to sport, the Squadron cricket team, captained by L/Cdt. Malyan, was successful enough to get into the semi-final for the A.T.C. Cup.

The Flight wishes to thank Miss Henderson, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Wilkinson, for their help in instructional classes.

Senior boys who are not already members of the Flight should remember that there is no entry into the R.A.F. except through the A.T.C. Recruits are accepted during the first fortnight of each term.

J.A.H.

The Girls' Training Corps.

The number of cadets in the School section has decreased considerably, owing to the fact that we have not enough new recruits to make up for the loss of those cadets who have gone to college. However, the section still manages to hold meetings on Wednesdays and Sundays, when, apart from drill and P.T., lessons in First Aid and Despatch Carrying are given by Miss Gillmour and Miss Bovingdon, to whom we owe our grateful thanks. We are also glad to welcome Miss Carryer into the company as an officer.

A very successful G.T.C. camp was held, for the first time, this year at Ingleton, and it was enjoyed by everyone who attended it.

We rose at 7.30 every morning and had prayers and inspection in full uniform, after which we had breakfast. From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. was our own time, usually occupied by swimming. After "elevenses" we were always busy packing picnic lunches to take with us climbing. If we returned for tea, we had it out in the fields, where we could sun-bathe, while describing the beautiful scenery in letters home. The more active among us played cricket, rounders, or did P.T., but for all of us supper at 7 p.m. was a welcome meal. After supper we entertained ourselves with sing-songs, dancing and sketches.

At home, during the summer months, we tried to make the G.T.C. more interesting by organising rounders matches with Rawmarsh and Mexborough cadets and Park Road and Brampton Senior girls. The school courts were also open on Thursday nights for those who would rather play tennis. The Field Day, however, was not very well patronised.

As the neighbouring G.T.C. companies, like us, were anxious to increase their numbers, it was suggested that we should hold rallies to encourage young girls to join us.

The first one was held at Wath and, along with Rawmarsh, Mexborough and Darfield companies, we marched through the village with Adjutant Miss Gibbs and Commandant Miss Potts heading the parade. The salute was taken at the Grammar School by Commandant Mrs. Hancock, of Leeds, who, after inspecting us, gave an address, with Miss Deeks, who is the chairman of the Administrative Committee, in the chair. F/Lt. Ritchie also gave a short address, which was followed by a film show of all the women's services. Similar rallies were held at Royston and Darfield on the following two Sundays.

Another dance has been held this term to increase the funds so that we could buy battle blouses, and a total profit of £15 was made.

Scout Notes.

After a summer spent in campaigning the home districts, our troop again advanced ad castra in Kento. A week of excellent weather, good fun and lively scouting made camp a great success. The evening sing-songs rivalled in melody the music said to exist in the spheres. The new "hay-seed," presented by our old friend Brown, after much animated contest, was placed, coronet-like, on Victor's brow by conductor Wolsey. The initiation ceremony was a great success,

under Brown as high-priest. The initiates were so forward that several of them asked for more of the holy-oil, which, of course, was bestowed with a relish. (Why should Englishmen tremble?) Several of our ancient brothers-in-arms were welcomed with us, and we wish them, and others who were not so fortunate, the best in their careers.

At home the troop has made full use of its opportunities. Several of our second-class Scouts have started to work for their first-class badge, while others have gained proficiency in other directions. A War Service Patrol and a Senior Patrol have now been added to the troop, which, under the strong leadership has moved forward enormously. Another institution, which has by now become almost a tradition, is the "tea-fights" which are enjoyed at the end of each term by all who attend. Thus we have established a final hand-shake to each term's work and end the term in jovial fraternity.

Scouts! carry on the good work! but remember:
Exploratores non dormiunt.

Guide Notes.

Extra responsibilities, arising from war-time requirements, have fallen rather heavily of late on the two companies, but the Guides have cheerfully undertaken to raise as much money as possible for the various funds needing it. In connection with these, sales of work have been held. Also, at a district concert held in the School Hall one evening last term, a country dancing performance was given by several of our Guides.

Camp this year, held at Owston Park, near Doncaster, was a huge success, despite all the wartime difficulties. Guides from several other companies attended it as well as our own Patrol Leaders and Seconds. We shared the field with a Doncaster Company, with whom we arranged two rounders matches and two camp fires. The matches we won, in one case owing to our opponent's lack of years and in the other due to our proficiency. The camp-fires promoted further friendly feeling and were thoroughly enjoyed by both camps.

This term we have attempted to settle down to more serious Guide-work, but we are not forgetting the pressing necessity to raise money for the usual funds. We have been selling Christmas seals for the Tuberculosis Relief Fund and have collected well over £4.

As the demands from other sources lessen we find time to pay more attention to the Old Wathonians' Comforts Fund.

In this connection one Sale of Work has already been held, raising £3 5s., and it is hoped that, as this is a fund which must hold their special interest, present Wathonians will give their keen support to our future efforts.

Meetings are held during the dinner hour on Fridays, and new recruits attending either dinner will be heartily welcomed.
M.B.K.

Gardening Notes.

This year the cultivation of the School gardens has been fairly successful and further progress has been made. Nevertheless, as on previous occasions, certain House members refuse to do their share of the work, hoping other people will do it for them. In future, see that this does not happen.

This year the School did not hold a harvest thanksgiving, and consequently more of the garden produce was sold to Mr. Gardner and eventually used in the School kitchen.

Though the girls have again helped on the former Theban plot, they and their activities have, as previously, been chiefly concerned with the decorative effect of the gardens, which have brightened and blossomed as a result of their efforts.

Now that the crops have been gathered fresh work remains to be done—more work if we are to produce better crops in the future. Although we have gained considerable success our object hasn't yet been achieved ; more helpers are needed.

Rugger Notes—1943-44.

This season has proved very successful up to the time of press. The teams are very indebted to all the masters who have helped in any way with the teams, and also to Wilks, our invaluable secretary.

1st XV.

Mattock (Athens) : A reliable full-back with a safe pair of hands. A good kicker.

Jones (Rome) : He has done good work on the wing. Gains much ground through his "guerilla" tactics.

Adron (Troy, vice-captain) : Has given excellent service. He is always outstanding and his name is weekly on the role of scorers.

Wilks (Troy) : A second year member. Has gained many points with his outstanding kicks. He brings the opponents down from any angle.

Stott (Carthage) : His speed has been invaluable to him on the wing. Makes dashes which are dangerous to the opponents.

Cutts (Troy) : Very fast and efficient as stand-off. A good and reliable back.

Ibbotson (Troy) : Our little newcomer. Has played excellently in most matches.

Gibbs (Athens) : His footwork dazzles the opponents, and proves a valuable aid. A very reliable forward.

Scholey (Athens) : His speed has been a great asset. Works very hard in the scrum.

Clarke (Athens, captain) : A vigorous and experienced forward. Always with the ball and on the offensive. In his third year with the 1st XV., he is an inspiring leader.

Wolsey (Carthage) : Full of initiative and endurance. For two years he has proved himself a good all-rounder and can be fully relied upon.

Lazenby (Sparta) : He is making up for his absence last year. Has played excellently in all the matches.

Morton (Sparta) : A very good prop, giving much weight. Makes many valuable dashes.

Probert (Rome) : Hooked for the second year running. Originator of many winning scrums. Always reliable.

Oldfield (Sparta) : His weight is invaluable in the scrum. Good in line-outs and loose scrums.

2nd XV.

Thorley ; Nesbitt, Malyan, Johnson, Hattan ; Parkinson, Outram ; Oldroyd, Swales, Perkins, Ellis, Sokell, Thompson, Lythe, Martin.

They have played very few matches this season owing to restrictions on travel. However, under their inspiring captain, Malyan, they have played hard both in practices and matches.

The outstanding members have been Malyan, their centre-three, who has shone with his kicking ; Sokell, a scrum winning hooker ; Parkinson and Johnson, who form a perfect combination. Hattan has played excellently on the wing and is a reliable player.

Under 15 XV.

It has been impossible to arrange matches owing to travel restrictions. Members have willingly turned out for practice matches. (Captain, B. Machin).

1st XI. Cricket Notes.

The team was chosen from Malyan (captain), Clarke (vice-captain), Ardron, Wilks, Bate, Scothern, Higgs, Finean, Nesbitt, Sokell, Mattock, Owen, Scholey, Dobson.

Of the 8 matches played, 4 were won, 3 lost and 1 drawn.

At Hemsworth the School scored 46 (Wilkes 3, Bate 12 not out); Hemsworth replied with 49 for 7 wickets (Clarke 4 for 19).

The School were beaten at Thorne, who made 70 (Clarke 5 for 23). The School replied with 19. At School we beat Thorne, the School scoring 35 (Ardron 16), Thorne 23 (Nesbitt 7 for 9, Malyan 3 for 9).

At Mexboro' the School made 43; Mexboro' replied with 46 for 7 wickets. When Mexboro' visited Wath they were dismissed for 36 (Malyan 6 for 15, Clarke 3 for 17); the School replied with 36 for 1 wicket (Wilks 19 not out, Ardron 13).

At Barnsley the School was forced to a draw by the lack of time. Barnsley scored 78, the School replied with 67 for 4 wickets (Malyan 48 not out, Bute 12).

The return match was won by the School, who scored 42 (Higgs 13), Barnsley being dismissed for 29 (Clarke 4 for 6, Wilks 4 for 6).

The Old Boys' match was won by the School who made 70 (Ardron 10). The Old Boys' replied with 21 (Clarke 5 for 13, Malyan 3 for 2, Wilks 2 for 3).

The team would like to thank all who, in any small way, have helped to make the season successful, especially Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Smith, who have helped in the practices at dinner-time.

Hockey Notes.

Very few matches were played last season owing to lack of both travelling facilities and lack of good weather.

On the whole, both the first and second XI's scored more goals than were scored against them.

The captain was Freda Nicholson and acting-captain for the second XI was Megan B. Williams. They have been succeeded by Stella Moffatt and Dorothy Sanderson respectively.

We send hopes of success to those members now in college, and congratulate those whose abilities are appreciated there.

The retiring team expressed regret at the loss of Miss Wilkie's careful coaching for the new team. The latter, however, are looking forward to a successful season under the extensive training of Miss Carryer, whom we heartily welcome.

The retiring team is :

- D.^r Evans* : Useful and speedy on the left wing.
J. Gawthorpe : Co-operated very well with the wing. Left inner.
E. Rhodes : Centre-forward ; very good ; retained her position well.
M. Rothnie : Right inner ; excellent tackler.
M. Wheelhouse : Right wing ; a new useful addition to the team.
S. Moffatt : Left half-back ; reliable, hard-hitting defence player.
F. Nicholson : Captain : Centre-half-back ; good wing passing.
W. Thwaites : Another reliable hard-hitting half-back.
J. Pinder : Left-back ; good tackles and clearances.
M. Beardshaw : Reliable back.
M. Robinson : Very dependable goalie.

The 1943-44 team is as follows :—

- M. Wheelhouse* : Left wing ; last season's right wing ; very speedy.
H. Hartley : Left inner ; co-operates well with wing ; her speed is an advantage.
B. Harrington : Centre-forward ; another speedy attacker ; good shooting on the run.
H. Tindall : Energetic right inner ; Shoots well and plays tirelessly.
B. Hough : Good ; retains her position as right wing very well.
M. Barber : Left half-back ; a great help to the wing and inner in addition to the defence.
S. Moffatt (captain) : Experience useful ; distributes the ball to the team's advantage ; centre half-back.
N. Thompson : Reliable tackler ; she plays right half-back and marks the opposing wing well.
J. Pinder : Reliable hard-hitting left back.
J. Smith : Right back ; very dependable defence.
M. Warburton : Goal-keeper ; very good ; the ability to use her feet is very advantageous.

Both the retiring team and the present team are indebted to Mr. Gardner for his stimulating tea and his help in the kitchen.
 S. MOFFAT.

Tennis.

Several matches had to be cancelled last season owing to travelling difficulties. The matches which were played were fairly successful. Joan Gawthorpe, as captain, was a great help to her team. The members were : 1st, Joan Gawthorpe and Joan Stevenson ; 2nd, Doreen Evans and Sheila Wood ; 3rd, Marjorie Sykes and Freda Nicholson.

The second team played even less matches, but showed promise for the first, next season. · M. BARBER.

“Things I Can Remember.”

A Trip to a Foreign Land.

I made my first trip to a foreign land the year before the war. We sailed from Folkestone to Boulogne on a fine day in August, when the coast of France could easily be seen. We were given passports on the boat, so that we could land without any trouble. We had some of our money changed into French coins at the post office, and then went up the Quai Gambetta, until we came to a small restaurant. What struck me as peculiar, was that the tables were set on the pavement, with big sun-shades, like huge parasols, over them, because the part of the pavement in front of the shop is owned by the shopkeeper. After lunch we walked on the Quai Gambetta until we were walking past some small streets, and a little boy said “English penny, please” (the only English he knew). Soon we arrived at the “plage” or sands. We stayed there a little while and were very amused to hear the children talking at their play, and then we made our way round the town, to see the shops. We bought several small presents as mementos. Then we sat down to rest and watch the busy life of the French port. Before the ship sailed we saw two men fighting, and when the Gendarme (French policeman) came up to stop them, all the crowd dispersed as if by magic. When the ship did sail we were thinking of the splendid day we had had, and when we looked back we saw France and Boulogne fading away towards the horizon.

Since the war came we have often wondered about the French people we talked to, and what Boulogne looks like now.

P. G. BIRKHEAD, II.A.

The Harvest Camp—Sept. 18—Oct. 2.

An advance party, composed of some old boys, present pupils, and a Master, went to Red House Farm a few days before the main party, in order to prepare the camp site.

We, the rest of the harvesters, assembled on Wath L.N.E.R. Station to catch the 8.7 a.m. train to Doncaster. On arriving there about 8.30 a.m., we changed to the 8.40 a.m. train to Spalding. Gainsborough, Lincoln, Boston, Spalding, was the route followed, though of course there were intermediate halts.

Soon after leaving Doncaster a marked change was noticeable in the scenery. No chimneys were visible, nor were there any hills in sight, the land seeming to stretch away for

miles. There were numerous hedges, dykes, potato, beet, and onion fields, all of which were to become very familiar to us in the next fortnight.

After reaching Spalding about 12.30 p.m., the boys who were to cycle to camp claimed their cycles from the luggage van which had been sent in advance, and set off. The camp, 13 miles from Spalding, was reached in little over an hour. Arrived at Red House Farm, most of the boys claimed their kit which had been brought in a van, and after ascertaining where they were to sleep, went there to unpack. After a wash, a hot meal, prepared by the advance party, was served about 3 p.m. Afterwards we were all issued with a palliasse and three blankets each. Time passed all too quickly before supper, after which everyone went thankfully to bed.

Next morning, after rising about 7 a.m., and after a wash or a shower (cold water), breakfast was served.

About 10 a.m. we set off to the Church at Gedney Dausmere (2 miles distant) and on arriving there we were told that there was no morning service. Not wishing to attend Sunday School, we continued to walk to a nearby landing ground. There we watched aircraft taking off and landing, and heard messages being wirelessly to another aircraft flying above us.

We returned to camp in time for dinner at 12.30 p.m., and after it, we were told the addresses of the farms upon which we were to work on the morrow, and the afternoon was spent in locating these farms. Another blanket and a ground-sheet cape were issued to everyone after tea.

We were called at 6 a.m. on Monday morning, and after a wash, breakfast was eaten, and we set off for work.

Six of us, who were to work on our particular farm, were to pick onions. We had to pick them, pull the tops off, and pack them in a tray, which held, when full, about two stones weight of onions. The lunch break was from 11.30 to 12.30 p.m., and the farmer brought us a jug of tea which we drank while we ate our sandwiches. Our first day's work finished at 3.30 p.m., when we returned to camp for a most welcome hot meal. On this first day we were paid on time rates (7/6 each), but for the remainder of the fortnight we were paid on piece work rates (5d. per tray of onions). One day the six of us filled 147 trays of onions between us, earning £3 1s. 3d.

At night we were usually allowed out until about 7.30 p.m., except on the Wednesdays, when we had to clean out the huts and rooms. On Saturday we worked until 12 o'clock, and then, after dinner, the rooms were recleaned. We were then

free until 7 or 8 p.m. Nearly everyone went to the neighbouring towns, Holbeach or Long Sutton, and the half-day was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday morning the non-cyclists walked to the neighbouring church at Sutton, while in the afternoon the cyclists rode to Long Sutton Church. A "Battle of Britain" commemoration service was held, which was attended by a very impressive parade which we watched.

The second week was practically a repetition of the first week's events except in the case of weather. No work could be done at all on the Tuesday morning, and a few parties returned to camp on Thursday, a continuous drizzle having stopped their work.

On Friday night, everyone was busy packing their kit or mending their cycles ready to ride to Spalding on the next morning. On Saturday morning we rose at 5 or 5.30 a.m., and after washing, we ate a cold breakfast (the cooking equipment having been packed the previous night). Then the palliasses, blankets, and capes were given in. At about 8 a.m. the cyclists left for Spalding, thus having plenty of time to catch the 10.15 a.m. Doncaster train.

Because this train arrived late in Doncaster, the connection which would have taken us to Wath or Wombwell was missed, and the "last lap" of our return journey was completed on the familiar red and cream "Yorkshire Traction omnibuses."

A. P. WALKER, Lower VI.Science.

(*Senior Magazine Competition*).

"A Great Orchestra."

After a little tuning up by the Halle Orchestra a burst of applause heralded pleasant-faced Laurance Turner, the leader. But a much greater crescendo announced the entry of John Barbirolli, fresh from New York. It was obvious that most of the audience had come not so much to hear the famous Halle, as to see John Barbirolli.

The second item on the programme was a piece by Sibelius, which included a solo on the oboe.

Next came Tchaikowsky's "Francesca da Rimini," and the hall was veritably transformed into the "second circle" of the "Inferno" by the wizardry of Laurance Turner and his violinists, and one thought of Francesca da Rimini's plaintive cry, "No greater grief than to remember days of joy, when misery is at hand."

The chief item was a Mozart Symphony and, on reaching the delicate piece for the violins, Barbirolli laid aside his baton and, with his hands, controlled the first violins with a skill which clearly showed that his reputation did not depend solely on his dynamic interpretation of vigorous and fiery music of the kind which ends the Mozart Symphony.

The programme was concluded by "The Artist's Life," and the gay, sparkling overture "Die Fledermaus." "The Artist's Life" was especially interesting in view of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's outburst of enthusiasm in the poem of that title:

"It stirs my blood to my finger ends,
Thrills me and fills me with vague unrest,
And all that is sweetest and saddest blends
Together within my breast."

MARGARET B. KIRK, Upper VI. General.

A Visit to the Theatre—Oct. 15, 1943.

October clouds gazed down on me, as I
Toward the station bent my weary way;
No glimpse of sunshine brightened up the sky
On this most cold and hostile autumn day.
I spent a dismal hour aboard the train,
Arrived at last in fiercely pouring rain,
Walked half a mile, stood anxious in the queue,
And after countless ages, forged a passage through.
Yet once the lights grew dim, and curtain rose,
All weary thoughts from out my mem'ry fled;
The players' lines a fairy realm enclose,
And recreate the annals of the dead.
And then I knew that all my petty pain
Must stand as nought beside th' inestimable gain.

G. O. PROBERT, Upp. VI.Lit.

Middle School Magazine Competition

- If I were to be someone else, I wouldn't be my brother,
My father, uncle, cousins, aunt, my sister or my mother;
I'd like to be a film star, full of glamour and romance,
A Durbin or a Garbo if only I'd the chance.
I'd like to be a little bird and fly up in the sky,
To view the world at black of night from 'mid the stars on high
Perhaps I'd be a peacock, proudly strutting round the park,
Or maybe a squirrel small, a robin, or a lark.
I'd like to be a mermaid a-swimming in the bay,
Watching all the shoals of fish that in coral beds do play.
- I'd like to be a pirate bold with treasures in my store,

And lots of sturdy fighting-men to help me get some more.
 I'd like to be a Scottie-dog and always wag my tail,
 To prance with joy along the lane when e're I fetch the mail.
 Or I'd be an elfin sprite and dance the winter through ;
 When the summer comes again, I'd tiptoe 'mongst the dew.
 If I could be the sun or moon which shines down from on high
 I'd shed my rays down on the world and all who passeth by.
 Its very nice to sit and think of what I'd like to be,
 But when I come back to the earth I find I'm only "me."
 P. KILNER, III.A (Sparta).

Autumn.

It's Autumn in the country and the year is growing mellow,
 The birds are all returning to the warm southern air,
 From the trees the leaves are swirling brown, red and yellow,
 Where the west wind swoops along wild without a care ;
 And down away among the trees, the golden leaves are flying,
 The branches make a tracery against the evening sky.
 Oh ! its Autumn in the wood, and the summer is a dying,
 And a soft blue mist is rising, as the day goes by ;
 Its Autumn in the city, and the early twilight's falling,
 Through the foggy Autumn evening the lights shine blurred
 and dull,

Like grey ghosts upon the river the barges are a-crawling,
 Dark waters glide on every side athwart the shadowy hull,
 And the glory of the Autumn bids farewell to summer days,
 The hum of bees and insects and the sun's warm fruitful rays.
 JEAN WADE, L.VI.Sc.

The First "Blood."

She's sleek, slim and streamlined, her nose in the air,
 Her pilot climbs in her with slightest of care ;
 He knows that his 'plane, swift sky-bird, will take him
 Wherever he wishes—nothing can shake him.
 They turn into wind—the airscrew fast-turning,
 (The pilot's first lone-flight after his learning),
 They streak down the runway, this man-and-plane pair,
 Up goes the tail—and they're both in the air.
 A sigh of relief comes from those on the ground,
 Both man and his 'plane are now heavenward bound.
 They turn on to course, they are climbing full out
 Towards France and the enemy. And now with a shout—
 "Tally-ho !" He sees a small dot which enlarges,
 Still larger—until, like two knights on their chargers,

They clash!—man and man, in a fight to the death,
 Manoeuv'ring for vantage, each holds his breath.
 The silence is shattered, as the pilot's thumb
 Presses down on the button until almost numb.
 And now both 'planes zoom, loop and dive, swoop and soar,
 In efforts, his enemy to gain vantage o'er.
 At last, on the tail of the foe, now the 'plane
 Is well placed—in the "sights"!—with full might and main
 He presses his button as hard as he can
 The first of the vict'ries for this 'plane and man.

R. BROADBENT, Lower VI. Science.

The King's Vigil and Coronation.

The coronations of kings have always been rich with ritual, but gradually, during the years, they have become embellished with fresh ceremonial or have had certain details removed. The crowning*of Henry the First marked the first appearance of the sceptre in an English coronation, and also the usage of the royal mantle.

The coronation of James the First was a gorgeous procedure and was an impressive scene of splendour and magnificence. In accordance with custom in those days, prior to the day of the actual crowning, the king rode in procession from the Tower of London to Westminster Abbey.

There he remained throughout the night, amid the memories of his predecessors, considering and meditating on the great trust that was about to be placed in him. During his vigil the king had to undergo the ordeal of being informed as to his royal duties, by an Abbot, who had also to remain in the darkness and eeriness of Westminster Abbey. The Abbot would impress upon the King the seriousness of his kingly position and the nature of his temporal and spiritual obligations.

When morning dawned the King was led into the ancient Hall of Westminster, where he was ceremoniously installed in the Marble Chair, a magnificent seat placed on the King's bench.

After being seated in the chair he was accompanied by two Abbots, into the Abbey. As he walked into the Abbey all the regalia of England was displayed in procession before him. He then ascended the throne, and was acclaimed King. Following the acclamation the King moved to the high altar, where he made a gift of a covering for the altar and a pound of gold.

The coronation ceremony of the King included a sermon given by the Archbishop, the administration of the oath, and finally, the anointing. When he had been anointed the King was invested with a silk dalmatic, or long tunic, reaching to his ankles and into which were woven large golden images. He received buskins, sandals, spurs, sword, the girdle and the stole. With the laying on his shoulders of the royal mantle with its golden eagles, he was ready to receive the crown, originally the crown of Edward the Saint. A ring was placed on his wedding finger, gloves were drawn over his hands, and into his keeping was given the golden sceptre which was in the shape of an orb and a cross. Finally the golden rod, surmounted by a dove was set in the King's left hand, and the crowning of the King was complete.

A banquet was held in Westminster Hall and it was at this banquet a most picturesque custom was carried out, namely the throwing down of the gauntlet of the King's Champion.

NORMA KEELING, Lower VI.Lit.

My First Visit to an Agricultural Show.

I was about nine years old at the time. My grandfather had decided to show some of his cattle at the Yorkshire Show—to be held that year at Wakefield. All the previous week work was going on to prepare the cows which were to be shown. If they were not being washed, their horns were being sand-papered, or their hair was being trimmed.

At last the great day arrived. The cows were sent in a cattle-lorry rather early, as the judging was due to take place sometime about noon. We set off in the car about half past eleven and arrived about an hour later at the show-ground.

Judging was still in progress when we arrived. This seemed to me a very slow job, and so I went with my cousin into some of the tents. I remember being particularly interested in a breed of hen—I think they were called "Blue Andalusian"—and a certain type of pigeon with feathers down to its feet. After going into the rabbit tent we went to the other side of the show-ground to look at the home-made farming produce. On our way we noticed some veiled men, who seemed to be "playing" with some kind of bees and giving a lecture to the would-be bee-keepers. I remember, I was terrified at the time—but the bees could not have been so very vicious because there was quite a crowd of men, and women,

around this hive or hives. Instead of the smoker or the carbolic cloth that is used to calm them down, one or two men were smoking, and when the bees got a bit "naughty" they would just blow a little smoke into the hive. This seemed to calm the bees down no end.

The highlight of the afternoon, as I then thought, came about three o'clock. I refer, of course, to the jumping. There were several jumping classes, and for each there were about half-a-dozen or perhaps even eight barriers. A very nasty jump was the one over some rather deep water. Several of the competitors who had otherwise perfect cards, came down here. I remember one horse getting out of control while he was being ridden into the field, and I heard several people complaining about him being dangerous.

The jumping went on until about five o'clock and by that time people were beginning to drift away. As we went towards the entrance to get back we bought some ice-cream. There were several of these and other such stalls near the entrance to the show, and they seemed to be doing quite a good trade.

My last impression of the Show was a loud speaker in the distance which seemed to be announcing some show or other in a large tent and which seemed to be advising people to book their tickets in advance. As we came through Wakefield we could see queues waiting for buses home. We got home about half-past six, and I'm afraid—perhaps on account of my young age—that I was not much wiser after seeing the show.

A. LAZENBY, L.VI.Sc.

Sunset to Sunrise.

The golden sun was low in the heavens as we passed the last few houses before reaching the open country. On our way through the town, shouts of "Where have you been?" assailed us. We had not been anywhere. We had just started off. Scouts in full uniform always attract a certain amount of attention, and so it was with us. However, we were too interested discussing the prospects of this unique enterprise to be self-conscious, as Scouts with bare knees usually are. Our parents were quite amused at this idea of night hiking. "Tramping in the dark," said they, "when you could be warm and comfortable in bed." The novelty of the hike outweighed even this strong argument.

Before we had walked many miles the sun relinquished its flaming glory to the stars, and the heat of the day gave way to the pleasant coolness of a clear June night. The troop was in high spirits, and one had only to whistle a popular air to start a more or less melodious chorus of voices. In this manner the miles rolled quickly by, but we had to stop occasionally to check our course, for we had no landmarks to guide us. That is to say, they were not visible. "Skip" always kept an eye on the mapping side of the business, for it would not do for Scouts in uniform to get lost. "Skip," short for skipper or captain, is the name with which a troop christens its Scoutmaster, and it remains his honorary title. Our task in mapping the route would have been much easier if we had decided to keep to the roads, but this would have robbed the hike of a large part of its interest. This avoidance of main roads necessitated a very careful use of our feet, for it was only too easy to trip over a rut or a fallen branch. The moon was, therefore, welcome when it rose above our horizon, and it allowed us to see more of the surrounding country, too.

As time went on we began to feel tired, so we sat down by the side of the cart track we were following to eat sandwiches and drink whatever we had brought. Skip even brought his baby primus to make himself a cup of tea. A few Scouts stretched out full length on the ground and promptly fell asleep. It was such a shame to wake them when it was time to carry on, and they seemed to think so too. When we started again we gradually fell into groups of three or four, and it was at this stage that the unlucky ones who had not very comfortable shoes began to complain of sore and blistered feet. They endured their discomfort with more patience however, when they learned we were well on the way back home. At the prospect of bed in an hour or so the pace perceptibly quickened, but of course it was not kept up for long.

Dawn found us only a cockstride from home, and in the grey light we could pick out familiar landmarks. Our pace was hardly as fast as when we set out, for one does not feel quite as fresh at the end of a twenty mile hike as one did at the start. The sun that peered over the hills seemed to have changed since I saw it the night before, but I ceased to wonder at the change, or anything else, as soon as my head touched a pillow.

K. SHUTTLEWORTH, L.VI.Sc.

Old Wathonians' Comforts Fund.

We have increased our funds this year by £19, bringing our total so far to approximately £52. This year's amount shows a favourable increase when compared with last year's, and it is to be hoped that next year we shall have made even more progress. We feel that our small gifts give pleasure to our serving old boys and girls.

Whist drives have been held by Miss Deeks and Margaret Wragg, and the annual whist drive was held in the School Library after the Easter Hockey and Rugby matches. The Tennis Tournament was spoiled by inclement weather. Mrs. Thompson (N. Midwood) is giving a Ping-Pong Drive in February.

Valuable donations have been given by the School Scouts, and Guides, and from several forms in the School. The Old Boys' Rugby Association also promised us a donation, which they have raised by the Dance which they held on the 10th December, 1943. Form II Alpha (of last summer), Form Q.I and Form VI. have supported us well.

Cigarettes, supplied by Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, Ltd., have been sent to the following Old Wathonians now overseas: 2nd/Lt. J. B. Taylor; Lt. J. R. Horn; Sgt. Inst. W. Preston; Pte. E. Harrison; Bdr. E. Cameron; J. Bottomley; T. Hyland; Sgt. F. Cartledge; L.A/C. W. Rees; Cpl K. A. Steer; T. Carr.

Books also have been sent, per W. H. Smith & Son, Ltd., to the following Old Wathonians:

A/C.2 B. W. Catton; A/C.2 A. Foulstone; L.A/C. E. R. Bond; Gnr. H. Knutton; F/Sgt. J. Waddington; 2/Lt. C. H. Cook; Sub/Lt. D. Scholey; Lt. D. H. Hargreaves; Wren M. E. Cook; Pte. O. Varney; P/O. G. W. Wright; L/S. R. Law; Major D. Hardy; Capt. W. A. Horner; L.A/C. T. V. Howdle; F/O. J. Humphries; Pte. J. E. Sayles; Cpl. J. Edwards; Cpl. W. Starkey; Cpl. R. Langford; Gnr. J. E. Murphy; A/C.2 W. J. Oliver; L/S. M. G. Steel; F. Youel; S/Sgt. S. G. Atkinson; Capt. G. Hudson; Sgt. F. Cartledge; Cpl. E. Stones; Lt. D. Cresswell; Cpl. T. V. Howdle; Cpl. A. L. Jones; Sgt. D. C. Wollman; Lt. J. Painter; L.A/C. A. Rusling; Major C. K. Phillips; L.A/C. C. Robson; L.A/C. L. Dyson; Sig. G. H. McHugh; Major H. F. Laver; P/O R. Prendergast; F/Lt. J. Scholey; Cpl. A. Haigh; A/C. D. Davies; Sister C. Fuller; Lt. G. Collins; Lt. C. J. Curran; F/Sgt. J. Blanchard; Lt. G. Greenall; Bdr. M. Findley; Lt. G. Peace;

L/Cpl. O. R. Guy ; Capt. D. Norman ; W. S. Rowlinson ; D/Sig. W. L. Schofield ; P/O C. S. Smith ; G. Kenning ; Capt. E. Green ; Lt. J. B. Taylor.

We have received acknowledgments from many of the recipients and hope all the books have arrived safely at their destinations.

In addition to these, almost 100 Old Wathonians serving in the Home Forces have received Penguins or similar types of books, and School Magazines from us. All have been accompanied by a short letter.

Hilda Redgate, who has given Miss Deeks such valuable aid for five years as Treasurer, has now taken up Nursing work, and so had to relinquish her work with the Comforts Fund. We owe her our grateful thanks. She has, however, left us a competent helper in Gladys Gregory, and her support as well as that of Mrs. Thompson (Nancy Midwood) is much appreciated.

We shall find our chief difficulty in tracking down addresses so will all rally round us with the necessary information both for Old Boys and Girls.

Marriages.

Joseph Lord (W.G.S.) to Muriel Cartwright.
 P/O J. G. Lee (W.G.S.) to D. V. Jones.
 Sub/Lt. L. E. Hudson to Helen Hill (W.G.S.).
 Kenneth Ward (W.G.S.) to Nancy Wetherell (W.G.S.).
 Cecil Birkinshaw (W.G.S.) to Hilda Ward (W.G.S.).
 Albert Abson (W.G.S.) to N. Goodwin.
 Lt. R. Kitson (W.G.S.) to Muriel Parkes (W.G.S.).
 W. A. Horner (W.G.S.) to Kitty B. Tasker.
 L. D. Vickers to J. Addy (W.G.S.).
 R. Ellis (W.G.S.) to L. Barlow (W.G.S.).
 Sgt. J. Clarney (W.G.S.) to Margaret Hill.
 A.C/2 J. Richardson to Dora Liles (W.G.S.).

Births.

Mr. and Mrs. Field (Joan Hammerton), a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. Yeomans (Muriel Coakes), a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith (Theresa Redgate), a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith (Sylvia Johnson), a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. Turp (Monica Hayes), a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Simpson, a son.
 F/O K. and Mrs. Hollingsworth, a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. Oughton (D. Hollingsworth), a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Adams (Edna Trickett), a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. Beaumont, a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. Chesworth (Mary Wenman), a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Sinclair (Freda Thomas), a daughter.
 Lt. and Mrs. E. Fitch (Sheila Taylor), twin daughters.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Andrews (Jessie Camps), a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Horner, a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. Lloyd (Stella Heeley), a son.
 F/O and Mrs. Margram (Peggy Wall), a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. Heal (Edith Cook), a daughter.

Old Girls' Hockey Club—1943-44.

This season has proved more successful than last since several new members have arrived and more enthusiasm has been shown among the team.

B. Umpleby has been appointed treasurer in place of H. Redgate, who has taken up nursing in Chesterfield.

Only one match has been played away as most teams have lost their grounds for cultivation.

So far the following matches have been played :

1943	
Oct. 16—School Lost 1—0
30—Rotherham M.O. Won 2—0
27—Elmfield House Club, Doncaster Won 3—0
Dec. 11—Doncaster Technical Union Drew 1—1
18—Rotherham M.O. Lost 3—0

We are looking forward to the match with the School at Easter, and to the subsequent Beetle and Whist Drive for the Old Students' Comforts Fund.

R. CHANDLER, *Secretary.*

NOTE.—We wish to add that the donation from the Old Boys' Rugby Club to the Old Wathonian's Comforts Fund is now to hand, and amounts to the generous sum of £10. Many thanks.

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