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## Editorial

"It's the war" is becoming rather too frequent an excuse for deterioration of goods or their high prices, but we hope that our good readers will realize that it is the patriotic desire to save paper which produces a curtailed Magazine. There are some people—and not a few of these the members of the School—who will raise their arms in thankfulness at its shortness but we are flattered enough to believe that there are others to whom the shorter Magazine is a matter for regret. We consider, by the way, that many of the national newspapers would do well to follow our example and should in future publish facts and not schoolboy scribbling. We hope that our attempt to publish the bare facts will not be followed by the same fate as Rose Macaulay's young heroes.

Finally, let it be said that at the time of going to press the "holiday-term" (whatever that may mean!) has produced in the school a state of suspended animation which everyone hopes will soon reach absolute lifelessness. The "holiday-term" has shown the impossibility and even undesirability of trying to coop up virile youths in glorious weather.

## School Notes

Founder's Day, June 8th, fell this year on a Saturday. The service in the Parish Church was held on Friday, June 7th, when the preacher was the Rev. A. B. Sellars.

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The Annual Sports took place this year at Springhall on Thursday, June 6th. We were favoured with good weather and several records were broken. To save expense in these times no prizes were awarded for individual performances. The trophies were presented at the end of a very successful meeting by Mrs. D. J. D. Smith.

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It is with deep regret that we record here the death of Mr. A. H. Stocks, lost at sea through enemy action on his way back to West Africa. Mr. Stocks, among his other services to the School had two years ago presented some of his own valuable books to the Classical Sixth, the Form in which he himself, as a boy, had been.

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The School has, as a war measure, been kept open this year all through the summer holidays. In Wakes-week the proportion was one master to every three boys. The time was passed quite pleasantly with the aid of a cinematograph projector, plays, community singing, games and suchlike activities.

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The annual Swimming Sports had to be cancelled this year, as no baths were available.

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Since the appeal was made last December for National Savings the School group has grown to 130 members. 250 Certificates have been issued and a total sum of £224 1s. 6d. has been saved. These figures are not very large; we think that the School is capable of a much better effort than this. Let us see twice the amount saved next term.

### Distinctions

- S. NEAVEYSON, B.Sc. (Civil Engineering), Leeds.  
 R. A. H. JOHNSON, B.Sc. (Engineering), 2nd Class Hons., Imperial College of Science.  
 E. HARWOOD, 1st Class in the Passing-out Examination of the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

### On Active Service

Ashton, J.	1936	Sapper, R.T.C.	R.E.
Aske, K. B.	1927	Surgeon-Lieut.	R.N.V.R.
Barker, C. F. W.	1933		R.A.M.C.
Barker, J.	1936		R.C.S.
Barnett, E.	1938	A.C. (2nd Class).	
Blackburn, J.	1936	Gunner.	R.A.
Boocock, G. H.	1933	L./Corporal.	R.E.
Booth, R.	1929	Sergt.-Observer.	R.A.F.
Brearley, R. S.	1933	Private.	R.A.D.C.
Burgoyne, G.	1936		Admiralty.
Carter, C.	1932		
Clegg, P.	1936	L.A.C.	R.A.F.
Crossley, J. F.		Second-Lieut.	R.A. (A.T.).
Crowther, E. L.	1933		Royal Marines.
Davidson, W.	1926	Captain.	R.A.M.C.
Eastwood, A. R.	1929	Private.	R.A.O.C.
Garnett, W. O.	1928	Writer.	R.N.S.R.
Grave, J. H.	1934	Sergeant.	R.A.S.C.
Greenwood, A. V.	1935	Signalman.	R.A.F.
Greenwood, K.	1934	Signalman.	R.C.S.
Guest, A.	1938		
Haller, A. C.	1937		
Handley, K.		Private.	R.A.S.C.
Harrison, E.	1935	Private.	R.A. (T.A.).
Hayes, W.	1935		Intelligence Dept.
Hetherington, R.	1936	Flight Mechanic.	R.A.F.

Hinchcliffe, E.	1937	Gunner.	R.A.
Hopkinson, J.	1933	P.T. Instructor.	R.N.
Howarth, G. W.	1933		Fleet Air Arm.
Hutchinson, J.	1935		
Longthorne, C.	1935	Private.	D.W.
Milligan, G.	1933	A.C. (2nd Class).	Service Police.
Milligan, J. S.	1934	Private.	R.A.O.C.
Mulroy, M.	1932	Second-Lieut.	A.T.
Murrell, B.	1935	Gunner.	R.A.
Nutton, M.	1933	Private.	W.Y.R.
Peckett, K. R.	1935	A.C. (2nd Class).	R.A.F.
Ratcliffe, R. M.	1934		R.E. (Survey Training)
Sharp, G. G.		Private.	R.A.S.C. [Centre].
Smith, J.	1933	L.A.C. (1st Class).	
Stead, R.	1927	Second-Lieut.	R.A. (A.T.).
Taylor, K.	1932	Private.	R.A.S.C.
Thomas, J. G. B.	1929	L.A.C.	R.A.F.
Varley, F. W.	1936	Private.	R.A.O.C.
Walker, W.	1935		Admiralty.
Waring, A. R.	1933	L.A.C.	
Wilson, L.	1935		R.A.C.

### Roll of Honour

B. MURRELL, Gunner (R.A.), killed in action, May 30th, 1940.

### MISSING.

J. G. B. THOMAS, L.A.C. (R.A.F.), posted as missing, June 18th, 1940.

### PRISONERS OF WAR.

R. BOOTH. G. H. HALL. J. MARSDEN.

### PROMOTION.

E. I. CLARRY, 2nd Lieut. (D.W.).

### A. H. Stocks

The lamented death, at the early age of fifty-one, of Arthur Hudson Stocks, C.M.G., Secretary to the Protectorate of Sierra Leone, deprives Heath of one of its most distinguished and devoted Old Boys. Stocks came to Heath from Hebden Bridge in about 1900 and won the Neale Scholarship to Oriel College, Oxford, in 1908. On the results of the Civil Service Examination (Administrative Class) he was posted to Sierra Leone, where he served until his death. His last post was a new one in the Colony and was specially created; he was the first holder.

He will be remembered by many boys who went on to Oxford and Cambridge as the giver of a generous prize to winners of Scholarships, to buy books. He did not wait to be told of their success, for he followed assiduously the University announcements in *The Times*.



There are few who continue to take so strong and abiding an interest in their old school. When he was home on leave, he never failed to visit the School, and once at least he gave an illuminating talk to boys on life in Sierra Leone.

He was due to retire, but for the war, after longer service in West Africa than most men can endure without ill health, but he was single-minded in his devotion to duty and country and he can ill be spared.

O.R.A.B.

### The Connal Trophy

At last someone has realized that it is time Britain rivalled other nations in field sports as well as in track events. Continually we have seen our Woodersons and Finlays outshining the rest of the world, yet our hammer-heavers and their kind are but rarely heard of. The lead has been given to the School through Professor Connal's presentation of a trophy for the person gaining most points in field events at the annual sports. Professor Connal, who has been a Professor in Classics at Leeds University, has served the School as Governor for the remarkable period of half a century. His kind presentation was especially appropriate since his daughter's fame in field sports extends beyond England's boundaries—it may gratify him also to know that the winner of the discus event at the sports was a fellow classic, Moseley, who threw the discus with all the grace of a Discobolos.

As soon as the School was informed of the offer of a prize for field sports it adopted the traditional method of calling a committee which decided that the trophy should be a miniature discus with a silver plate for inscription which we all hope will serve to commemorate the donor's outstanding efforts on behalf of the School and to arouse more interest in field sports (which would, perhaps, please Professor Connal just as well).

### The School Sports

#### RESULTS.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Open).—A. C. Hall (S.). 84 yds. 1 ft. 6 ins.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (under 13).—K. G. McGill (K.). 58 yds. (Record.)

LONG JUMP (Open).—R. W. Lumb (K.). 17 ft. 2 ins.

LONG JUMP (under 15).—A. L. Calveart (S.). 15 ft. 8 ins.

LONG JUMP (under 13).—F. Berry (S.). 14 ft. 3 ins.

HIGH JUMP (Open).—D. Nicholl (H.). 4 ft. 11 ins.

HIGH JUMP (under 15).—W. G. Wells (K.). 4 ft. 8 ins. (Equals record.)

HIGH JUMP (under 13).—R. Baldwin (K.). 4 ft. 1 in.

880 YARDS (Open).—M. W. Bottomley (Q.). 2 min. 20 secs.

220 YARDS (Open).—J. Harrington (H.). 25 secs.

120 YARDS HURDLES (Open).—R. A. Williams (S.). 20 secs.

100 YARDS (Open).—J. Harrington (H.). 11 3/5ths secs.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (under 15).—J. H. Shoesmith (Q.). 70 yds. 2 ft. 2 ins.

440 YARDS (Open).—J. Harrington (H.).

100 YARDS (under 15).—J. A. McDonald (K.). 11 7/10ths secs. (Record.)

MILE (Open).—M. W. Bottomley (Q.). 5 min. 28 secs. (Record.)

880 YARDS HANDICAP (Open).—D. S. Entwistle.

80 YARDS (under 13).—E. F. Heppenstall (Q.). 10 4/5ths secs.

PUTTING THE SHOT (Open).—R. W. Lumb (K.). 31 ft. 6 ins.

170 YARDS (under 14).—W. G. Wells (K.). 21 3/5ths secs. (Record.)

THROWING THE DISCUS (Open).—D. B. Mosley (Q.). 88 ft. 6 ins.

HOUSE RELAY: Senior.—Queen's.

HOUSE RELAY: Junior.—School.

House Points: Queen's, 172; King's, 159; Heath, 114; School, 103.

### Junior School

LONG JUMP.—J. T. Broadbent (Q.).

HIGH JUMP.—K. Pollit (S.).

80 YARDS (over 10).—K. Firth (Q.) and W. A. Beaumont (H.).

80 YARDS (over 11).—K. Pollit (S.).

EGG-AND-SPOON RACE.—C. M. Feavers (H.).

80 YARDS (under 10).—M. Pollit (S.).

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—A. Pickles (Q.).

SACK RACE.—P. M. O. Jollie (Q.).

THREE-LEGGED RACE.—J. M. Jackson and J. K. Hodgson.

220 YARDS HANDICAP.—D. A. Whitworth.

HOUSE RELAY RACE.—Queen's.

HOUSE POINTS: Queen's, 51½; School, 35; Heath, 21½.

### Cricket

Apart from two heavy defeats at the hands of Keighley the side has shown signs of more promise and ability than could be expected from a side so young. Unlike last year's side, which above all things lacked guts, there has nearly always been someone to carry us over a crisis.



Barker's seven for 3 at Crossley's is probably more representative of his form than a reckoning of his performances throughout the season, because in many of the matches the batsmen have not been skilful enough to give the flick eagerly awaited by slips and wicket-keeper. Much more accurate than Atkins he is more easily put off by a forceful batsman; Atkins, our other opening bowler, although he so often bowls wildly, has nevertheless used his abundant energy to great advantage—and, fortunately, this has usually been on one of Barker's bad days.

The other bowlers have not been varied enough in style to win games which opening bowlers could not. Hall and Lumb are slow medium bowlers without very great command of length, whilst Dale, although bowling an immaculate length, has not varied his flight and spin enough to be more than a run-stopper. He has, on the other hand, suffered very much from the side's tendency to walk away from "sitters." Nicholl, whose wicket was regarded too preciously at the beginning of the season, has collected some unworthy scores, redeemed by one fifty at the end of the season. Shoemith has had a season very much like those experienced by so many young players; he has been unfortunately run out, and at other times he has been out through half-hearted swings at the ball. He will score freely when he decides that he can master the bowling. The same may be said of Entwistle, whose fine straight bat will bring him many runs when accompanied by an adventuresome spirit. The adventuresome has proved its worth in the batting of Atkins and Williams, who have delighted the spectators by their gay method of attack. That light-heartedness and cautiousness are both necessary is shown by the valuable performances of Lees, who should make a useful opener next year.

Our wicket-keeper, Dudley, whose batting needs a good deal of revision, has shown skill and enthusiasm for the game which might serve as an example to many of our fielders. Many of the side seem to regard fielding as an epilogue or a prologue to their own performances and the result is slowness in pursuit of the ball, slackness in picking it up and inability to hold catches.

The enjoyment of the game has been greatly due to the carefulness with which Mr. Place and Mr. Withycombe have encouraged us. As usual, Mr. Young's diligent coaching of the second team has provided us with most useful and zealous members for the first team.

Congratulations to Atkins, Barker and Shoemith upon gaining their Colours.

B.W.

## Cricket Results

### 1ST XI.

- v. Keighley G.S. (Away).—Keighley, 131 for seven; Heath, 32.
- v. Crossley and Porter's School (Away).—Heath, 60; Crossley and Porter's, 27 (Barker seven for 3).
- v. Rishworth School (Away).—Heath, 36. Rain stopped play.
- v. Crossley and Porter's School (Home).—Heath, 120 for eight; Crossley and Porter's, 34 (Atkins eight for 13).
- v. Rishworth School (Away).—Heath, 110; Rishworth, 91 for nine.
- v. Silcoates School (Home).—Silcoates, 163 for five; Heath, 157.
- v. An Army XI (Away).—An Army XI, 107; Heath, 92.
- v. Keighley G.S. (Home).—Keighley, 70 for no wicket; Heath, 66.
- v. Thornton G.S. (Away).—Heath, 93 for four (Nicholl 63 not out); Thornton, 77 for five.

### 2ND XI.

- v. Keighley G.S. 2nd XI (Home).—Keighley, 88 for eight; Heath, 84.
- v. Hipperholme G.S. (Away).—Hipperholme, 105; Heath, 48.
- v. Silcoates School 2nd XI (Away).—Silcoates, 64; Heath, 41.
- v. Rishworth School 2nd XI (Home).—Heath, 101 for three; Rishworth, 44.
- v. New School (Away).—Heath, 23 for no wicket; New School, 20.
- v. Keighley 2nd XI (Away).—Keighley, 107; Heath, 54.
- v. New School (Home).—Heath, 41 for three; New School, 39.

## School Club

Meetings of the School Club have been numerous this term; the amount of important business transacted inversely proportional. Sub-committees have been formed who reported back to general committees who referred back to sub-committees. Progress has been sure but slow. Thus was the sports' financial problem settled, war-time economy demanding suspension of prizes. A tennis secretary has now been elected with duties equivalent to those of the swimming and athletics secretaries, which are precisely nothing.

The executive committee has had some financial business, the most important being the decision to use certain donations of the Governors for a House Athletics Cup and the decision to buy an ebony discus to be awarded as the "Connal Trophy."

We fear we must end on a note of caution! The aim of the school club was to put the government of a certain side of the school in the hands of the people. Unless Form representatives turn up at meetings and make their views known, the School Club will become but an instrument of scheming officials.



## The Favourites

Possibly the Sixth Form is waiting for seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness before its thought ripens and becomes so heavy that it must drop off, ripe fruit for eager mouths; possibly the Sixth Form lapsed into its pre-examination coma; possibly the Sixth Form is just lazy; which ever explanation we accept it is certain that the Sixth Form has not been very active this term.

We had one debate in which the usual trio of Messrs. Nicholl, Marsland and the Secretary appeared, but they, along with the other principal speaker, Mr. Mackley, did not provoke much public discussion, in spite of the fact that the Staff and the Removes were invited to the debate and that the motion was, "That neutrality in the present conflict is cowardice." The Chairman gave his casting vote against the motion.

The only other activity, apart from purely business meetings, has been an inspection of the Parish Church conducted by Mr. Hanson. As might be expected, the very small party who accompanied Mr. Hanson received some extremely interesting information from our guide, who quite lived up to the hopes we had formed due to his previous charming chat on printers. The Sixth Form does not seem to realize the honour it is being paid in two talks from a distinguished antiquarian within a year, but we would not wish it to be thought that we of the select band are anything but honoured and grateful.

Reference has been made to business meetings at which Messrs. Bottomley and Nicholl waxed hot on the subject of the fairer sex and its correct position in society. The only effect was great amusement for the rest of the society. The sun-struck society dispersed for the summer.

## Library Report

The Librarian's Report, called for rather unexpectedly when he is in the middle of stooks rather than books, proves necessarily rather scrappy and fragmentary, and will, it is hoped, be received "E. and O.E." All the Librarian would do is to call attention to the recent additions, mentioning especially our principal acquisition in T. E. Lawrence's *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, and to acknowledge gratefully presentations of books by Mr. Dudley, R. J. H. Collinson and D. Kergon. If any donor has been overlooked in these notes, it is hoped that he will accept the introductory explanation as an apology. We shall always be grateful for similar examples of interest.

C.O.M.

## Scout Notes

### "B" SECTION.

This term has been made memorable by a disgraceful series of poor turn-ups; members have come, unwillingly as to school, just as often as, and when, they felt like it. This must stop! Nothing can upset a Troop's effort more surely than laxity on the part of individuals.

We have held two camps at Mytholmroyd besides the affair at Crimsworth Dean, both as sparingly attended as the meetings, but which were most enjoyable insofar as cooking and fun were concerned: at the latter of the two, we were roused (to a certain extent) by air-raided sirens in the valley, although the majority of us only by the "all clear."

There's very little else to say: an appeal to prospective recruits to consider us; an appeal for more and better turn-ups (although we must admit that those who came have worked jolly hard); and an appeal to present Tenderfeet to buck up with the job, because there'll be no end of promotions in a year or so, and the more badges—the more promotions; *ça va sans dire*.

### "C" SECTION.

This has been a mixed term. Sometimes the Webecees have looked like Scouts, at other times they have been more like Squealers.

The allotment has been tackled with little spirit except for one week of hard digging—and Scout D. Binns (to whom we take off our highest hat). He has saved us from complete disgrace, but he must have help.

There are one or two Squealers, too, who don't like their lady friends to see their bare knees, and who, in consequence, turn up without uniform. A lady who jeers at a chap's legs is no lady and should obviously be dropped from the repertoire. And a chap who is so sensitive that a female jeer controls his actions ought to try to regain his independence.

To turn to the brighter side, there was a queer experiment. We dropped our P.L.s and most of our Seconds for the time being, partly because they seemed rather stale, chiefly because of exams. Hats off to the fellows who took their places and made patrol corners better than before.

We have been quite active campers this summer. The Easter hike receives separate treatment, but there was also the Whit experiment at Crimsworth Dean Hut—a very good last minute substitute for a camp. We found the chaps from other sections quite bearable, and congratulate "B" Section on their well deserved success in the competition. We have had one or



two camps at Mytholmroyd and the inter-patrol competition won by Hounds showed quite a high standard of camping. Then Bobbies Crapper and Harrison ran a very good camp for the Tenderfoots, doing all the planning themselves—which augurs well for the future of the section. All our newcomers have been to camp this summer.

Far away in the past, too, we recall an almost-Rugby game with "A" Section. With our usual arrogance we expected to win easily but after three and a half hours they were certainly wearing us down, and Desmond's offside tactics bottled up our attack very successfully. He should have been laid out at the beginning. Hats off to Mr. Place for the tactful way in which he interpreted the rules to cover the game we played.

The year's inter-patrol competition was won by Squirrels.

#### WEBECE'S EASTER HIKE.

There are some simpletons who can't see a mountain without trying to reach the top. The top is generally cold and draughty and sometimes very damp; the ascent strains the heart and lungs, and the descent strains knees and ankles; the other side, seen from the summit, is usually much the same as this side. Mountain climbing in short is a sport for the mentally deficient. Small wonder that Webece went mountain climbing at Easter.

It was a great success. We admitted only the tougher and more experienced campers. Exploring new country, not camping, was our main object this time, as we put up at Youth Hostels—doing our own cooking, of course. Hostelling was an interesting change; we met new people, heard new songs, were able to travel light over the mountains; and at Easter in the mountains there is much to be said for a dry place to come down to at night. Altogether Hostelling is a very useful occasional variant on ordinary camping.

The tour started as usual at Windermere, and ended up there. We did a round which included Grasmere, Borrowdale, Keswick, Patterdale and Troutbeck. Only twice did we return to the hostel from which we started in the morning.

Here are some of our memories:—

(1) To-day we climbed Gable and some of us followed it up with Scafell Pike. It was typical Easter-in-the-mountains weather, with a bracing wind, a tang in the air that hinted snow, the hillsides streaked with snow gullies, rich brown bracken slopes, heather fires blotting out portions of an otherwise extensive view which included the Irish Sea and the hills of Galloway.

(2) Lakeland sausages.

(3) Bertie glissading down a snow slope with unnailed leather soles. As he gathered speed he turned round and went stern foremost, then his feet went faster than the rest of him,

and he completed the run balanced on his right cheek with the rest of him anywhere. Painful and not a bit funny, but the rest laughed.

(4) Harry Berry under his pack at the end of a long day, his back so bent that at every second shuffle his knees hit his chin—but this wasn't sufficient to keep his mouth shut.

(5) Tiny—our six-foot-eight-inches high South African friend, who always landed at the same hostel as ourselves, and froze the blood of the ladies present by the tale of his terrible adventures; the sing-songs we had together and the way he used to take his boots off when he died.

(6) The crossing of Helvellyn with its extremes of heat and cold, the colour of Tiny's nose (yes, we met him on top) as he numbly tried to cut the bread on the snowy summit, and the exhilarating scramble along Striding Edge over slippery snow with a wind that tried to lift us from the ridge and deposit us on the farm below.

(7) The Kirkstone in cold, stinging, ceaseless rain, and the castellated hostel at Troutbeck where we dripped on the stone slabs like cod in a fishmonger's window.

All in all it was probably the best expedition we have had—so far.

#### Cub Notes

The Pack has done very well this term, both in Pack work and in outside competitions. We have gained second place in the Wolf Cub Trophy, in token of which Kaa's skin is stretched out in the Junior School Form room, and also second place in the Jungle Trophy. One Cub has made a record for this Pack, and equalled the Halifax record, in having nine Proficiency Badges. Only one other Cub in Halifax has had nine badges. We soon hope to hold the record. In one week we gained two second stars and thirty-three badges. Good work! We held a successful camp at Whitsun, which everyone enjoyed, and we have had some hikes. Another Scout joined the Pack, and we have christened him Mysel. You have done well, but there is still more to be done. We want to see every Cub with at least one eye open.

Good hunting, Pack, from Akela, Kaa, Myoa and Kikki.

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