

THE LION

MARCH, 1935.



EDITORIAL.

THE TERM has passed without much outward excitement, but one important decision is announced in the Old Boys' pages, if as we hope, sufficient funds are available and a pavilion worthy of the school is built, the pleasure of all playing games at the School will be greatly increased.

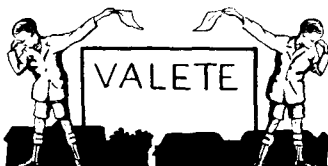
We have to thank Bent for the excellent blocks which adorn this issue, and the School should be grateful to him for making "The Lion" more ornamental than it has ever been before.

The Hockey team have been unlucky with the weather and in losing their Captain early in the term, but have at least one good performance to their credit. The Steeplechase will be run under a new system, with a definite number of runners in each House team, and it is hoped that this experiment will make for a better and fairer race.

The Summer Term would seem to have plenty of activity in store for the School and we wish our readers a pleasant holiday before returning to the scene of their toil.



REMOVE	...	T. C. LEGGETT, W. J. ANDREWS.
IVA	...	J. GIBBS.
IIIA	...	G. V. WATTS, M. ANDREWS.
II	...	D. BENEY, B. W. CAWTE, J. K. DRAPER.



BLACKBROOK.

F. C. J. DIXON (Head of the School, Captain of Hockey, Captain of Blackbrook, School Football Colours), D. V. GOUGH (Winner of Steeplechase, 1934-35, Winchester Sports), P. A. PRESSLEY (School Football and Hockey Colours, Winchester Sports).

CAMS.

J. WATSON (School 1st XI Football, Winchester Sports).

WESTBURY.

P. S. MOORE (Monitor, Captain of Football, Captain of Westbury, Cricket and Hockey Colours, Winchester Sports), B. COLLINS.



RETROSPECT, 1935.

With a spell of fine weather in the earlier part of the term, several sides were shewing improvement, a matter as important, though not so spectacular, as 1st XI results. The first match against Netley Hospital was lost 0-1, and the forwards must take the blame for not winning at least 3-1, as most of us had opportunities of scoring in both halves. We supplied the substitutes for Havant II and drew 2-2, enjoying the game and ground. Taunton's School, H.M.S. St. Vincent, Netley Hospital (return), and Old Boys were all scratched owing to the continual monsoons, which shewed a preference for Wednesdays. The two matches with Fareham proved two most enjoyable games, both of which were lost, the latter by a smaller margin than the former, shewing the truth of the adage that the whistle is mightier than the stick, yet credit is due to the defence, that the adverse account was not larger against so useful a side as Fareham possess. King Edward VI School, played away in pouring rain, drew 2-2; perhaps we were lucky in the score, yet the team played well together. The return match, played for all folk to see on the Recreation Ground, was a bitter disappointment. The less said the better, except that slowness of foot and lack of intelligent marking were rather widely manifest, and all those shots should not have been goals.

Taunton's School (return) played at home gave us a welcome victory, 3-0, a few alterations in the team making for a better understanding. We have yet to play H.M.S. St. Vincent and Netley Hospital.

The Second XI were twice rather severely beaten by King Edward VI School II, but size and strength are bound to tell. Civil Service III beat our "A" team, but they had some stars for a 3rd XI. Taunton's II, Havant III and H.M.S. St. Vincent II were scratched owing to the weather. Taunton's II (return) were beaten 1-0, and H.M.S. St. Vincent II (return) has yet to be played. Of the players, Headden at centre-half has worked really hard, while several of the others, especially Searle, Godwin and Hawkins, have shown distinct promise and should be useful members of the 1st XI next year.

The Colts XI have beaten Fareham Ladies and Emsworth House after a keenly fought game, while a return match with Fareham Ladies and a game against the Waverley Ladies were drawn. The fostering of a colts' team is perhaps the most important part of the programme, and we hope to increase their matches in the future. Many boys have played in these games, with Brooks, Beavis, Ruthen and Alderton II being outstanding.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Read of Southampton for umpiring, when his duties with the Southern Counties Hockey Umpires' Association and other clubs have allowed. Here it may be noted that umpiring is of paramount importance, and all the players would benefit from a course of umpiring.

1ST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

- B. C. Buckley** (Centre Forward).—Is quite fast, with plenty of dash and shoots hard. Has set the side a fine example by his keenness.
- C. L. Hale** (Inside Left).—His stick work and dribbling are distinctly above the average. He also shoots quickly, hard and straight. With a little more robust tackling back will be very useful.
- A. C. Troke** (Centre Half).—Quite fair stick work, but must learn to turn more quickly when a forward has passed him. With more speed would be useful.
- D. L. Grafham** (Outside Left).—Has pace and can dribble, and does not delay his centre too late. Should improve much next season.
- R. R. Sanders** (Left Back).—With quite an aptitude for left wing play, has played some quite fair games, but must learn more of positional play with regard to opposing forwards, and also his own defence.
- F. C. Bowen** (Left Half).—Has fair stick work, but must learn to run faster. With more strength in his wrists should improve considerably.
- E. E. Dore** (Outside Left).—Is better on the wing than inside. Slow in starting, but has sent in some good centres.
- C. P. Aps** (Right Half).—Stick work fair, but lacks thrust and must learn to send his passes harder.
- L. G. Moss** (Right Back).—His stick work is good and he has some pace. Will be very useful in the future.
- C. P. Bromley** (Goalkeeper).—Has played outside right, where though slow, works hard. As a goalkeeper has not been much tested, but does not lose his head—a valuable asset.
- T. F. Knott** (Inside Right).—Came into the Eleven late in the Season. Works hard and should be useful next year.
- V. Dodds** (Goalkeeper). and **J. Bent** (Right Back) also played.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley	...	...	Lost	0-1
Havant II	...	...	Drawn	2-2
Fareham	...	...	Lost	1-6
King Edward's Grammar School	...	...	Drawn	2-2
Fareham	...	...	Lost	2-5
King Edward VI's Grammar School	...	...	Lost	1-12
Taunton's School	...	...	Won	3-0
H.M.S. St. Vincent	...	...	Won	2-1
Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley	...	...	Won	3-2

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

King Edward VI's Grammar School	...	...	Lost	0-7
Civil Service III	...	...	Lost	0-3
King Edward VI's Grammar School	...	...	Lost	1-7
Taunton's School	...	...	Won	1-0
H.M.S. St. Vincent	...	...	Drawn	1-1

JUNIOR MATCHES.

Waverley Ladies	...	...	Drawn	1-1
Fareham Ladies	...	...	Drawn	1-1
Emsworth House	...	...	Won	7-5
Fareham Ladies	...	...	Won	4-1
Taunton's School	...	...	Won	8-0

HOUSE MATCHES.**First Elevens:—**

Westbury	3	Blackbrook.....	2
School House	2	Cams.....	0
Cams.....	8	Westbury	1
School House.....	5	Blackbrook.....	1
School House.....	6	Westbury.....	0
Cams.....	6	Blackbrook	0

Second Elevens:—

Westbury.....	1	Blackbrook.....	1
Cams.....	1	School House.....	0
Westbury.....	0	Cams	1
School House	1	Blackbrook.....	1
School House	1	Westbury.....	0
Blackbrook.....	2	Cams	1



House Notes.

Blackbrook.

Rain has greatly interfered with Hockey this term, and we have not had as much practice as we should have liked, but, nevertheless, a very small team acquitted itself quite well. Against Westbury, we were lucky to have the services of Dixon, who left us immediately following this match, in which he scored two extraordinarily good goals. (May I take this opportunity of wishing Dixon the best of luck in the future?). Against School House our small team played quite well, and if our forwards had only had the strength to shoot a little harder, we should not have lost by five goals to one.

Blackbrook has been well represented in the School Junior Hockey Team, and in about two years time we shall have a formidable House team.

At the time of writing these notes, the destination of the Steeplechase Cups is still unknown, but by dint of hard training on the part of both Seniors and Juniors, we should retain at least one of them. The Tarbat Cup has been away from our shelf for an abnormal length of time—so see to it Blackbrook that we win it again in the near future.

Next term we have the Sports and Cricket Cups to compete for. The former can only be won if everyone practises with a will, and if we cannot win the Cricket Cup (although, of course, there is no reason why we shouldn't), we shall stand a good chance of winning the Cricket League Cup. Next term will also see the introduction of a Boxing Cup, and many members of Blackbrook, although by no means heavy-weights, will become excellent boxers under the expert tuition of Sergeant Barnes.

Finally, congratulations to Miller on being appointed a Monitor.

H. T. W. H.

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To past generations of Blackbrook and to some of the present no name was more familiar than McNeil. A McNeil was our first Captain and it was only a year or two ago that we were left without one of the family. Before our last issue was published, Hector McNeil was tragically killed. He led the House on the field and off it with an unquenchable spirit, but it was at football that he was most in his element. If there was any mud about he was covered with it, his stockings ragged, and he was often limping; still he was often engaged in a seemingly interminable dribble, which, just as one had given up all hope of any result, would be crowned with a fine shot from a most awkward angle. He had just started his career. To his parents and family we offer our profound sympathy.

H. R. T.

Cams.

At the time of writing these notes, the last round of the House matches remains to be played, and consequently the destinies of both Hockey Cups are still uncertain.

Our 1st XI defeated Westbury fairly easily, and in this match Hale distinguished himself; we were certainly unfortunate not to have him for the match with School House.

Our Junior team has won both of its matches and we have a very reasonable hope of winning the Junior Cup. The members of our Junior team are very enthusiastic and have played some very good games; Fleming, Sanders II, Ruthen, Norgett and Weager especially played well.

Dore has proved himself a very efficient Hockey Captain, and I would like to congratulate him on gaining his 1st XI colours for Football last term, and also those members of the House who gained 2nd XI colours.

Last term we lost the services of Watson, and we wish him the best of luck in the future.

When these notes are published, I expect the Steeplechase will have been run; we still hold the Junior Cup, and there is no reason why we should not bring greater success to the House this year; if as much enthusiasm is shown in training for running as in playing Hockey.

Next term there will be the Sports and Cricket, and also a Boxing Competition; well, if each one does his best for his House, we ought to improve the appearance of our shelf.

D. G. W.



School House.

At the end of last term we were all very much surprised to find that we had at last won the Tarbat Cup. We do not know how it happened, because nearly every other time we have been bottom in this competition.

We have been rather lucky in our Hockey matches this term. When we played Cams they had one of the best men of their 1st XI absent; and when we played Blackbrook, although we played very hard, we were somewhat clumsy, and were lucky to win by five goals to one. Our Junior eleven has played very keenly in all their matches, and the whole House has shown great keenness when training for the Steeplechase. The new system of having a team for the Steeplechase, instead of an unlimited entry, should benefit the House's Seniors considerably.

Next term we must have a try for the Cricket and Sports Cups. We certainly have a better chance than we did last year, as we have not lost many of the last year's team, and seem to have some promising juniors. To add to the Cricket and Sports Cups there will also be a Boxing Cup for which to enter. We have been in need of a House Boxing Competition for a long time, and now we have got one. The weights will be arranged so that a good boxer of under six stone will be able to win almost as many points for his House as a boy who is much heavier, and he will box someone his own weight. We already have an assortment of fairly good boxers, and should do quite well in the competition.

We are luckily not losing many people at the end of this term. However, we are losing Aps, who has been with us a long time, and I am sure everyone wishes him the best of luck in the future.

J. D. B.

Westbury.

This season has not been one of unqualified success for Westbury, but it would be a mistake to regard it as one of abject failure. Returning from the Christmas holidays, we found that we had lost the services of Moore. While bemoaning our loss, we hasten to congratulate him on his appointment, and to wish him every success in the future. His place in the House and School will not easily be filled.

We started our Hockey campaign in a promising manner by taking six points from Blackbrook in the first round. In these two matches our young players, of which our teams are almost wholly composed, played very well, and our success was well deserved. In the first Eleven, Brooks's goal in the second half enabled us to regain the lead over Blackbrook, and to win the match.

In the next round against Cams, the First Eleven met larger and more experienced opponents, and suffered a heavy defeat. The Second Eleven was somewhat unlucky to lose to Cams by two goals to one. They played well, and Bannell I repeated his success in the Blackbrook match by scoring a good goal.

The last round is, at the time of writing, not complete, but it is certain that either Cams or School House will win the Hockey Cup. We tender the subsequent winners our hearty congratulations, and warn them that we intend that they shall keep the Cup for one year only.

It is generally thought that Westbury are at last entering upon a run of lean years following upon years of plenty. This I am confident is not the case. We are fortunate in possessing a score of promising young players and athletes who, in a year or two will carry on the success which in recent years has become a Westbury tradition.

As usual, the result of the Steeplechase is unknown at the time of going to print, but as the House has been training sensibly and conscientiously, we should at least put up a good performance in the new inter-team competition.

Last term we were unsuccessful in the Tarbat and Spelling Cups. We hope for an improvement this term.

Next term, the Cricket, Sports and Boxing Cups are the objects of competition. Both Cricket and Athletics are sports which require considerable practice of the serious kind. It is only after such practice that they can be enjoyed to the full. So next term, Westbury, make up your minds to train and practice with a will, see that you learn to play the King of Games with skill, and in the right spirit. Success will then come automatically to yourself and to your House.

In conclusion, I should like to thank Messrs. Johnston, Brown and Shaw for the excellent way in which they carried out that rather unenviable duty, the umpiring of House matches.

B. G. B.



The British Empire.

Who made the British Empire
 The greatest power on earth ?
 Our generals and our captains
 Or the gallant men they led ?
 The simple peasants toiling
 To earn their daily bread ;
 Or those who mine the iron
 Deep in its earthy bed ?

Who made the British Empire
 The greatest power on earth ?

What made the British Empire
 The greatest power on earth ?
 The iron-fields and coal-fields
 And crowded factory towns,
 The fertile plains of Norfolk
 And rolling grassy downs ;
 Or Scotland and its mountains
 Topped by their snowy crowns ?

What made the British Empire
 The greatest power on earth ?

What made the British Empire
 The greatest power on earth ?
 The forests dark and gloomy
 That furnished the oak trees
 For the wooden walls of England
 That proudly sailed the seas,
 Or the glorious spread of canvas
 That spread out in the breeze ?

What made the British Empire
 The greatest power on earth ?

L. V. M. (VI).



Bathing in Summer.

The sun is setting in the west,
 Our daily tasks are o'er ;
 Now for the sport that we love best,
 We race to Hamble shore.

We plunge head first into the tide,
 And swim from shore to shore ;
 We watch the yachts at anchor ride,
 Then home return once more.

W. J. N. (Rem.)

Fareham Creek.

Oh, Fareham Creek, look what man has made of you !
 Rubbish and bottles and filth and slime,
 Sea-borne coal with the dust of ages
 Make one sigh for the long-past time
 When the sun set red on your soft green margin
 And poets could praise you in song and rhyme.

Oh, Fareham Creek, look what man has made of you !
 Coal barges float on your waters wide,
 Vile bridges straddle you, thick mud engulfs you,
 Filthy your waters, low sunk is your pride.
 Time was when swans floated white on your surface,
 Sweet birds sang clearly, and soft breezes sighed.

Oh, Fareham Creek, look what man could make of you,
 If he had vision to see as he should !
 No longer the filth and the dust and the squalor,
 But sweet waters washing and tender green wood.
 With flowers on your banks, and grassy walks showing
 The beauties of Nature, the All-Seeing Good.

A. J. D. (VA).



The First Fall of Snow.

The first snowflakes float gently down
 Through the wintry air,
 Covering all the dull brown earth
 With a blanket fair.

You can have a snowball fight
 If you are strong and tough ;
 You can make a big snow man
 If there is snow enough.

The wind is cold, but what care we ?
 The fun is fast and jolly ;
 We have a merry snowball fight
 With Tom and Jack and Molly.

But snow down south does not last long,
 It soon will melt away ;
 So we will make the best of it,
 For soon it will be May !

M. R. (IIIA.)



Spring Flowers.

Do you see the spring flowers as they come peeping,
 Crocus and daffodil nodding in the grass!
 Waking in the spring time from their long, long sleeping,
 Laughing and smiling to greet us as we pass?

Do you see the pussy willow by the streamlet swaying,
 Violets and primroses hidden in the wood;
 Budding branches tossed about, with the breezes playing,
 And Jack-in-the-Pulpit dressed in his hood.

Buttercups and daisies, ladysmocks and bluebells,
 Standing by the roadside, dandelions we see;
 Apple trees in blossom to the world the time tells,
 And I tell you plainly Spring's the time for me.

K. E. L. D. (IV.A.)





THE SCHOOL PAVILION FUND.

MARCH, 1935.

Dear O.P's.,

The School is requiring a Pavilion with changing rooms and bathing accommodation. We should like, if possible, something which is in keeping with the rest of the permanent buildings. Such a pavilion would cost something like £1,100.

The number of boys, past and present, has now passed the 1,100 mark, and if every boy who has been at the School could make himself responsible for £1, and then the matter would solve itself. Unfortunately, this is not possible, for many obvious reasons.

I am asking Old Boys to subscribe as generously as they can towards the Pavilion Fund. Any subscription, however small, will be gratefully received.

Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to:—
G. A. ASHTON, PAVILION FUND, and sent to G. A. Ashton, Esq.,
The School House, Fareham, Hants.

Yours faithfully,

G. A. ASHTON.

Old Boys' Day—Easter Term, 1935.

Old Boys' Day was held at the School on Saturday, March 2nd.

The day turned out to be a fine one; but owing to heavy rain on the previous evening the Hockey match was cancelled early on the Saturday morning.

Needless to say, this caused keen disappointment to those selected to play; especially as it was too late to notify them of the cancellation.

The team selected was a strong one, and comprised most of the Old Boys who will be representing the Old Pricean Association at Bournemouth for the Easter Hockey Festival.

The selected Team was :—

F. Nugent (Captain), F. Wagstaffe, A. Jones, J. Riches, D. Raby-Cox, F. Raby-Cox, R. Connolly, F. Taulbut, D. Gregory, D. C. Humphries, G. Rampton and J. Smith.

Thirty-four Old Boys sat down to tea and participated in the usual informal smoking concert that followed.

Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Ashton for their kind welcome and hospitality.

We trust that when we meet the Headmaster again in the summer, he will be very much better in health, and fully recovered from the attack of sciatica which has laid him low since Xmas. We were again delighted to have both Mr. and Mrs. Bradly and Miss Boucher with us.



Secretarial Notes.

Arrangements have been made for our entry into the Bournemouth Hockey Festival, to be held at Bournemouth during the Easter week-end, from Friday, April 19th, until Monday, 22nd. Hotel accommodation has been made at "The Rendezvous Club," Boscombe Overcliff Drive, Boscombe, at the reasonable cost of 6/6 per head for bed and breakfast.

We are still anxious to have other members to join our party, which promises to be a very pleasant gathering, so if there should be any Old Boy who can join us, and is prepared to play; I should be obliged if he would write to me without delay. It has been arranged that as many as possible will gather at the Rendezvous Club on Thursday, April 18th. I should like to thank H. E. Dean-Cooper and F. E. Nugent for the kind assistance they have given me in making these arrangements. Full details of this will be given in the next issue of "The Lion."

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Our next meeting will be held at the School on Saturday, July 13th, and as this is the Big Day of the year for the Association, I wish to make an appeal to all Old Boys: it is that they will make a special effort to keep this date free.

There are many Old Boys who cannot manage the Christmas and Easter meetings, so I am going to rely upon your united efforts to make this a great gathering.

The usual Re-Union Dinner will take place in the evening and those that have not attended this in the past should do so, because it is a splendid finale to a usually most enjoyable day. I am hoping to arrange a programme of entertainment to follow the Dinner, and I gladly welcome the names of any Old Boys who will assist me in this matter.

NOTE.

The Old Priceans' Association is a body founded to enable all Old Boys to keep in touch with the School and with each other.

Please remember that it is *your* Association and calls for your individual support, without which it cannot flourish.

The Hon. Sec's. Address is:—

B. R. L. ROSS, "Fairholme," Station Road, Netley Abbey, Hants.





Will all whom it may concern please note that the London Section has now fixed a definite day for its meetings, so that O.P.'s. visiting London will always know when and where we are to be found. We meet on the first Tuesday in every month, September to May inclusive, and the rendezvous is De Hems Restaurant, 16, Gerrard Street, W. J. We meet for lunch and evening grub from 7-30 p.m. onwards. If any visiting O.P. has difficulty in tracing us, we shall be found at one of Miss Wilson's tables.

We held our Christmas Dinner at De Hems on December 18th, and had an excellent room to ourselves, but I regret to have to report that we only numbered thirteen. At the last moment, various causes prevented several people from attending, but we were pleased to have C. H. Gribble and E. J. K. Garrett in our midst; these stalwarts always support us at Christmas time. Two other old members who, since enjoying wedded bliss, have become comparative strangers to us, but who, nevertheless, have a way of making their presence felt when they do attend, were the two brothers Carr-Hill, Eric and Ralph.

The hockey team has done fairly well for this its first real season. D. C. T. Humphries has worked hard and enthusiastically, and secured quite a goodly number of fixtures for us. We still have to depend on his club, Tulse Hill, for substitutes to make up a team, and we owe them a debt of gratitude for helping us so worthily as they do.

A list of the fixtures with the results to-date will be found at the foot of these notes, and it will be seen that we have not entirely disgraced ourselves.

In several of the games we were playing with one or two men short, and in the first game against the Croydon Gas Company we were three short.

Our sole remaining fixture is against Hayesco, who have a splendid club, and they are arranging a dance afterwards to wind up the season. We feel somewhat flattered that they should have sought us out and arranged for us to be the last people they play this season, so that we might join in their end of the season celebrations.

Their neighbours are the Fairey Aviation Company, who always manage to pile up goals against us. In each game we were one or two men short, and in the last game against them we held them to 1-1 until the last quarter of an hour, when our men had become tired and run off their feet, and our opponents just poured through us and piled up six goals.

In conclusion, I would draw attention to my change of address. Several letters to me have been sadly delayed through going to the old address.

DUDLEY R. MASTERMAN,
35, Hillside Gardens,
Wallington, Surrey.

HOCKEY—1934-5.

Date	Opponents.	Result
30-9-34	Hayesco	Lost 3-2
7-10-34	Fairey Aviation Co.	Lost 8-0
21-10-34	Harrods	Lost 4-3
28-10-34	Croydon Gas Co.	Won 3-0
2-12-34	Ass. Banks S. America	Won 5-3
9-12-34	Exiles	Won 1-0
16-12-34	Gresham H.C.	Scratched, ground unfit
30-12-34	Gaumont British	Scratched, ground unfit
6-1-35	Hayesco	Lost 4-1
13-1-35	Exiles	Won 4-2
20-1-35	Croydon Gas Co.	Won 7-1
17-2-35	Harrods	Won 2-1
24-2-35	Gaumont British	Won 8-3
10-3-35	Fairey Aviation Co.	Lost 7-1

Played 12, Won 7, Lost 5. Goals for 37, Goals against 29.



News of Old Boys.

FRANK BUCKLEY.—A very interesting letter was received from Buckley, who is bound for Chittagong aboard the s.s. *Clan Monroe*.

He says they have a "Clan Monroe" branch of the O.P., as Eric Parsons-Smith is his second officer.

H. RABY-COX.—Our heartiest congratulations upon the occasion of his marriage in December last. He is now living at Swindon.

J. WHEATLEY.—Our heartiest congratulations upon the arrival of a son and heir.

J. RICHES.—Our congratulations upon his being "capped" for Hampshire at Hockey this season.

L. S. LIGHTENING (1917).—Writes from the Assay Laboratory of the Rhodesia Chrome Mines, Selukloe, S. Rhodesia, that having come in contact with someone who knew Chignell, he realizes that it is up to him to join the Old Boys' Club and get in touch with the School again. After leaving England he went to Pietermaritzburg College, matriculated in 1924, and then took up analytical chemistry, working first on sugar estates in Natal and subsequently in copper mines in the Belgian Congo. He is now Chief Chemist to the Chrome Mining Industry in S. Africa, and expects to come to England in this summer and look us up at the School.

R. DA CUNHA is living at Glencoe, Chigwell Road, South Woodford, Essex, and is a Draughtsman at Cribballs, in London.

- B. J. HYNES, No. 23 Platoon, No. 5 Company, R.M.C., Sandhurst, found that he would have been helped greatly on starting in the Army if the School Corps had been functioning in his time, as he was the only one in his squad who had done no corps work and consequently found things very strenuous for a bit. The day's work starts at 6-30 with shaving parade, i.e., inspection of dress, etc. He has been running and boxing and playing some Hockey, and with a strenuous P.T. Course finds himself extremely fit, feeling no ill effect of his appendix troubles of last term, and the commissariat is generous, Dinner on Band nights running to six courses, so that a good digestion is a valuable asset. He will get more opportunity for week-end leave after Easter, and intends to come over as soon as he can.
- J. P. SMITH has just been appointed to the Exeter Police Force, and takes up his new duties at once.
- F. P. SMITH has a responsible post in connection with the development of an Estate at Portchester, which seems likely to prove a very satisfactory appointment.
- R. B. SCOTT, Waziristan Scouts, Jandola, Waziristan, hopes to get leave in the summer. A friend of his who was in Fareham last year and is now in Jaipur heard a noise in his room at 1-30 a.m. His wife switched on the light and found a man, armed with a sword, in the room. She pluckily threw the bedclothes over him while he went for the man and with the help of the servants caught him in the garden but was badly cut in the process and is now in hospital. 'Xmas Day was celebrated with a mounted paper chase, the hare taking the hounds twice through a canal as well as over some fairly stiff jumps, so the chase was a great success.
- R. H. SCOTT joins the Staff College at Quetta in February. He was held up at Bannu for over two months on a Court-Martial case, as a man in his regiment was condemned to death for killing four or five men, but appealed against the sentence, so Scott has to wait for the result, as, if not relieved it will be his duty to see that the sentence is carried out, a very unpleasant job. The case started in October. He has acquired a cine-camera, so we hope to see the results on his next home leave.
- K. EDDOWES, c/o Ferro Central del Peru, Lima, sends a photo of his 'Xmas house party, which includes PICKWOAD, who looks very flourishing. Eddowes has been put in charge of the old English Railway between Callao and Lima, which has been taken over by the Peruvian Corporation, and his job has been, as Acting Superintendent, to re-organize matters, so that it will fit in with the rest of the Peruvian Railway System, which has given him plenty to do
- J. F. S. TAULBUT has just reached home, after a spell of foreign service in the course of which he saw H. WELLBOURNE playing hockey in S. America, and making an excellent show at centre-half.

