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“THE LION” appears once more, despite unsuccessful efforts by the enemy to obliterate the school, and we all congratulate the Headmaster’s house on the way it stood firm against an unprovoked assault.

The Examination results were not quite so good as they have sometimes been, but with a less disturbed term and an entry in satisfactory numbers, we hope this year to equal the glories of the past.

We welcome to the Staff this term Miss Mullens and Miss Sims and we hope that their stay at Price’s will be as pleasant to them as it is valuable to us.

Obituary.

We regret very much having to record the following casualties on active service:—

A. J. M. DAVID, now reported killed.
J. DILL.
A. H. READER.
O. J. HOSKINS.
F. L. GRIGGS.
A. G. SMITH.
M. J. HYNES.
H. WHITFIELD. lost at sea.



BLACKBROOK : J. H. Scarrott, D. Upton, H. A. Knight (School 1st XI Football, Cricket, Hockey). K. A. Ford (School 1st XI Football and Cricket), G. Luckins, G. W. Coles (School 1st XI Football), W. A. Richards.

CAMS : M. J. Robins, G. Parsons.

SCHOOL HOUSE : R. Latty (School 1st XI Football), G. Hawes, R. J. White (School 1st XI Football), E. Lycett.

WESTBURY : J. H. Timcke (School Colts Football and 1st XI Cricket), C. Hills (School 1st XI Football and Cricket), D. E. Harman, S. Carter.



V.B. : J. E. Keress, R. J. Wetherell.

4a : C. E. Weight.

4b : P. A. Johnson.

Rem. : J. Kemp.

3a : J. Agneray.

3b : B. W. Wolfe.

2a : D. G. Baker, L. W. Betts, D. F. C. Bonsey, A. D. Cawte, P. A. Corby, L. H. Corner, P. J. Ellis, R. D. J. Farwell, D. S. Gates, N. J. Hibdige, R. J. Johnston, P. L. Lamport, W. J. Lucas, W. C. McCallum, P. A. Morley, L. R. Morrison, K. Nickless, E. F. Norster, D. B. Rich, L. A. V. Scott, G. M. Shelton, J. G. Smaldon, O. G. Smith, D. W. Stone, D. A. Toyne, P. L. Trelfa, T. R. Webb, P. H. D. Wigg, E. J. Young, A. Hasdell, C. A. Dines.

2b : J. A. K. Thompson, B. J. Collis, A. R. Webb, J. K. Denton, J. D. Shepherd, D. E. Holt, W. S. Bass, D. W. G. Arber, B. B. Nickless, J. B. Tappenden, N. J. Barnett, L. R. Hall, D. J. Swinburne, M. K. F. Caws, P. V. Gale, C. H. Clegg, R. H. Pook, H. S. Whatley, D. M. Abraham, W. R. Forsyth, V. W. Maynard, J. S. Porteous, R. E. Spencer, R. H. Gates, I. Wingfield, M. J. Lewis, L. J. F. Jarvis, E. H. V. Butcher, K. J. Garside, W. F. Banks, B. Mead.

Examination Results.

OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATE: J. A. Way*, R. A. Tribbeck,* M. J. Robins,* D. Sturgess,* M. L. Urry,* C. M. Pyle, F. G. Calton, C. Hills, J. H. Scarrott,* D. Upton,* R. Beasant, K. A. Knight, M. J. Jeffrey, J. Dowden, R. A. Foulkes, D. Harman, W. Kent, G. Luckins.

*Signifies exemption from Matriculation.

PRICE'S SCHOOL CADET CORPS.

There are no outstanding events or sensational developments to place on record this term. Work has been carried on normally so far as possible and the standard of drill shows some improvement. In fact I think I might say considerable improvement, so that if this continues we ought to be able to put up a good show by next inspection. I am trying to get in as much tactical training as possible, but it is difficult to arrange, since exercises should be prepared beforehand, which is impossible at present. Much tactical training needs small squads with many instructors, and we are obliged to work with larger numbers and few instructors. We must do our best to make the most of such training as we can manage to get and every cadet should try to understand the lessons brought out by the various exercises. I fear there is little prospect of shooting now that the dark evenings are on us. Bad light is a serious difficulty even to good shots, let alone to beginners. I hope however that as soon as the light improves we shall be able to get started again. Cadets must be prepared to do something to help though. At the beginning of this term I asked for volunteers to clear the weeds from the range, and had only two names. If that is the spirit of the cadets, it doesn't say much for them, I see no reason why such tasks should be looked upon as reserved for boarders, nor why cadets should be unwilling to take their share of such work. There is not much you can do to help—surely you should be willing to do what you can.

I am pleased to record that twenty-seven recruits have joined this term. They are all welcome, and I shall be pleased to enrol any more who like to come along.

There are signs that the War Office are taking the Cadet force much more seriously than they formerly did. For a long time it was controlled by the British National Cadet Association, but now the War Office have again taken charge. This means among other things that more will be expected of us, and we shall have our work cut out to keep pace with requirements.

Finally the ever present topic of money. I have not worked out the exact state of things, but I think that there are not so many bad debts as there were. Some cadets have paid off quite big balances, and so have improved the financial condition of the corps. In spite of this there are still too many who have not paid what they owe. Some have had uniform for some time and paid nothing. Please don't make it necessary for me to incur the trouble and expense of having bills printed to send out to parents. If you don't know how your account stands, come and ask, and then put it right.

I wish to acknowledge our gratitude to Pilot Officer Gashion, R.A.F., for his kindness in undertaking the training of N.C.O's. His help will be most valuable.

The Scouts.

Four Price's boys at a summer camp with Portsmouth scouts, and invested as scouts on the last day in camp, were the start of a troop of scouts in the School. The first difficulty to be met was the provision of a meeting place. The troop tried in succession the Corn Exchange in Fareham Market, the hall of the Five Arches Club, and a room in front of the Youth Centre. The first, with the stalls and desks in it, was too small and dingy ; the second seemed almost ideal until an irate clerk appeared and said that he could not work in the room below with noise so loud above his head ; in the third there was hardly room for the troop to move. Since the beginning of October the troop has been the guest of the Home Guard at the Connaught Drill Hall, a very spacious place, well blacked-out, though unheated. On some Saturdays Price's School Scout Troop has appeared in the Orders for the Day for the troops stationed at ——— when the sentries have been instructed to allow the scouts to use their woods. The wet weather has afforded good training in fire lighting. Anyone can light a fire in dry weather—it takes a good scout to light a fire, using only what he finds in the woods, when it has been raining all night and for some days before.

When the warm weather begins next year we hope to build trestle bridges across a river. The blitzed trees in front of the school were a godsend for practicing axmanship, but in the spring we shall try to get permission to fell some large dead pines.

The troop, to start with, has been limited to a few keen boys. By the beginning of next term it will have been sufficiently well established to accept new recruits.



The fixture list has again of necessity been greatly curtailed. Only one school, Purbrook, has been played, and there have been three fixtures against Club sides. It is thus difficult to assess at all accurately the standard or ability of the 1st XI. The two games against Purbrook did show us, however, that we have a certain amount of talent in the School. The first game at home was a hard tussle in a gale of wind and the School certainly adapted themselves to the conditions more quickly than their opponents and were fairly easy winners.

In this game Keane led the forwards brilliantly, and made the most of all his chances. In fact, in this match he reached a standard which he afterwards could not attain. Marshall and Wood were the best of the other forwards, both doing a tremendous amount of work in defence. In the return match the form of the school was disappointing. There seemed to be an atmosphere of slackness throughout the team, with one or two exceptions, and this applied more particularly to the defence. At half-time Purbrook, who had been far the better side, had a comfortable lead.

In the second half the School played much better. They began to go hard for the ball, and had much the better of the game throughout ; in fact, sufficient chances

were made for the game to have been won, but Keane, although working very hard, was completely off the target when it came to shooting, and a solitary goal by Marshall was the only reward.

Against the Five Arches Youth Club XI the School were up against it from the start in both their matches. Their opponents were all players of ability, including three or four of the best players we have had at the School in the last two or three seasons. They were also up against a side whose average age was at least two years higher, and who were very fit at that, so it was apparent that it was largely a matter of keeping down the score. This was done fairly successfully, although the defence could never quite manage to cope with the controlled dribbling of Knight and Powell.

In both their games, Marshall, Wood, Pyle and White, and Levin in particular, played hard and never gave up trying, and Coles made many really fine saves in goal.

Mills, at outside right, has also played a wholehearted game in all the matches, and it was unfortunate in the extreme that his efforts met with such a disaster in the second match with the Five Arches XI. He is at present in Haslemere Hospital suffering from a broken leg, and I am sure that everyone interested in School football will wish him a speedy and complete recovery. We have not so many players who are his equals in speed and pluck, that we can afford to lose him.

These games emphasised a fact which has been becoming more and more obvious since the war started. Boys are now leaving school at least a year earlier than would normally be the case and it is quite certain that this must affect the standard of the 1st XI adversely.

The extra experience, weight and solidity cannot be replaced by skill alone except it be of extraordinary calibre, and we shall have to resign ourselves to this fact for some time whilst the present state of affairs continues.

1st XI apart, School football has been going on as usual. Mention of the Colts XI is made elsewhere. They have been a good side, almost up to the high standard of recent years, and it is a pity that they should have to be promoted to 1st XI football before they are really old enough or strong enough to cope with the much stronger opposition.

Another handicap to School football is the much greater number of boys in the School. With nearly three hundred boys to provide for and only four pitches to play on, boys only get a game once in four or five halves. This is not sufficient for normal improvement and it is to be feared that the general level of achievement will suffer unless something can be done about it. Moreover, with the departure of Masters on military service, boys are deprived of the advice and example of experienced players, and this it is impossible to avoid. With the larger numbers to draw upon it might be thought that we ought to produce better teams, but this will not be the case for some years at least.

The School team has consisted of:—

Goal : COLES.

Backs : WOOD, ADAMS, PYLE.

Halves : WHITE I, LEVIN, PRIDDLE, DAYSH.

Forwards : MILLS, MARSHALL I (Capt.), KEANE, LAMPORT, LATTY and COOK.

Of these Coles, Levin, Marshall and Latty were Old Colours, and Colours this season have been awarded to Wood, Keane and Mills.

The side has been captained for the second season by Marshall I. He is easily the most accomplished player in the team, and has always set the other players an inspiring example in whole-hearted endeavour, and has done a tremendous amount of work both in attack and defence.

FIRST ELEVEN.

- v. Purbrook at home—Won 6-3. (Kean 5, Marshall).
- v. Five Arches Youth Club at home—Lost 7-1. (Keane).
- v. Purbrook, away—Lost 4-2. (Keane, Marshall).
- v. Five Arches Youth Club, away. Lost 6-1. (Keane).
- v. Hampers at home, won 8-6. (Cook 3, Latty 2, Keane, Marshall and own goal).

Although there have been only three fixtures, all have been won and the team as a whole, if not rising to great heights, has been much better than at one time it seemed likely to be. It owed a great deal to the efficient captaincy and excellent example of Daysh, who has all the football virtues except size. Of the rest Cook developed remarkably as a centre-forward and gives promise of being a really good player in that position, which is usually most difficult to fill. Weight in goal never let the side down, and Long is a very sound full-back. Elcock plays a quiet but efficient game, and Allerston has considerable promise but often holds the ball much too long and does not mark sufficiently closely. The same criticism applies to Gwilliam, an untiring worker with a good shot which he is seldom in a position to deliver. Richards has played well and would have played better with more self-confidence, while Cole, the only regular player from last year's side, has played consistently well and is still improving.

The following have played :—WEIGHT ; LONG, WRIGHT, KNIGHT ; ELCOCK, ALLERSTON, DAYSH, MACKMURDIE, HUNT, GWILLIAM, COOK, RICHARDS, COLE.

COLTS XI.

- v. Purbrook, home : Price's School 3 (Muckmurdie 2, Cook) Purbrook 2
- v. Purbrook, away : Price's School 2 (Cook, Richards) Purbrook 0
- v. Fareham Senior School, home : Price's School 7 Senior School 2
(Cook 4, Richards, Gwilliam, Cole)

HOUSE MATCHES.

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| 1st XI | Cams 1 | Blackbrook 1 | Colts XI | Cams 2 | Blackbrook 1 |
| | Westbury 5 | School House 3 | | School House 4 | Westbury 1 |
| | Cams 6 | Westbury 1 | | Blackbrook 1 | School House 0 |
| | School House 4 | Blackbrook 3 | | Cams 6 | Westbury 0 |
| | Cams 5 | School House 2 | | School House 2 | Cams 1 |
| | Blackbrook 1 | Westbury 0 | | Blackbrook 4 | Westbury 0 |



HOUSE MATCH RESULTS.

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| 1st XI | Blackbrook beat Westbury | Colts XI | Blackbrook beat Westbury |
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HOUSE NOTES.

Blackbrook.

The first item of any note to be mentioned is that we won the Senior Cricket Cup. Levin's bowling was outstanding. Westbury were beaten easily by ten wickets. The match against Cams was a more difficult proposition, but we managed to win by three wickets. The match against School House was played in two parts, the first being rather disastrous for us; we did, however, recover in the second part well enough to win by five runs. The outstanding player against Cams was Ford, who scored over 30 runs and took some wickets as well.

The Junior cricket team did not do so well, winning only one match—that against Westbury. Richards played quite well.

On the whole the Senior House football was very poor. The Seniors won one and drew one. Coles played his usual good game in goal, and Levin was the best of the half-backs. In two matches we played with only ten players.

The Juniors won two of their games and share the Junior Cup with Cams and School House. The best players in the Junior team were Weight, Gilbody, Rees and Young.

The House must be congratulated on winning the Tarbat Cup last term. Let us hope that it will remain on our shelf for some time to come.

It is to be regretted that Coles, who has played so well for School at football, is leaving this term.

I must now wish all members of the House a Happy 'Xmas and an enjoyable New Year in which they will return to win more cups.

R. W. K.

Cams.

The first thing which should be mentioned is last term's cricket. The Seniors won the first two matches against Westbury and School House, but lost the last one against Blackbrook after a very exciting game. Jeffery and Priddle batted very well, and Marshall bowled fairly well. The Juniors won all their matches easily, Cole, Daysh and Stevenson being the best of a very fine Junior team.

We started this term with fairly good prospects of winning both Senior and Junior Football Cups. The Seniors drew with Blackbrook in the first game, both sides scoring one goal each. We beat Westbury by six clear goals and School House by five goals to two. Pyle and Daysh were very good, with support from Priddle and Long. Mention should be made of Urry's surprising performance in the game against School House, when he scored the first goal, a very good effort, and later scored another excellent one to put us farther along the road to victory.

The Juniors won their first two games, and then very surprisingly lost the last one to School House. In spite of this, however, they shared the cup with Blackbrook and School House. Cole, Brickwood and Davis played very well.

After a brief stay on our shelf, the Tarbat Cup again left us last term. It would be good to see it return again, so I hope the House will make an effort to regain it.

There remains nothing more, except to wish all members of the House a very happy Christmas, and hope they will come back next term, ready to help the House to gain some more new cups.

W. H. M.

School House.

Perhaps a little late in the day, we can look back on the cricket of last term, and remember our steering along the "via media," the efficient captaincy of Kent, the bowling of Allerston and the remarkable match with Blackbrook, which began with our sending them out with only eleven and ended with a victory for Blackbrook.

This term has been rather more cheerful, however, and held out considerable promise for the future. Outstanding in the Senior football team were Latty (Captain), White and Cook. Our decisive defeat of Blackbrook made us hope for a similar outcome in the match against Cams, but they proved too good for us. The Juniors did very well: School House thereby sharing the Cup with Cams and Blackbrook. Wright (Capt.), Harrison and Cole 2 deserve especial mention.

The entire School has been plunged into the violent exertions of running practice, but at the moment of writing there is little possibility of a Steeplechase being held this term.

Merry Christmas!

I. M. M.

Westbury.

The weather having been very good, all rounds of House matches have been played. Westbury Seniors won against School House but lost to Cams and Blackbrook. Carter was very good as goalkeeper, while Mills and Gwilliam played well. Westbury Colts however, were not as good as anticipated and lost all their games. However, Bloomfield played well as goalkeeper and Thompson and McMurdie as forwards.

We regret that Mills was unable to play against Blackbrook owing to an unfortunate accident while playing football for the School. The whole House wish him a quick recovery and congratulate him on his being awarded his 1st XI football colours. We hope to see him back early in the New Year.

Finally, I wish the whole House a Merry 'Xmas, and to those who are leaving, for those who are returning, I say : " Goodbye and Good Luck."

E. W.

The Drama Club.

On Tuesday, the 10th of December, 1940, the curtain went up, and incidentally, failed to come down again, on the first performance of " Where's That Body ? " The audience, composed of the scholars of Price's School, was very excited, perhaps at the prospect of an unusual half-holiday. The stage had been erected, with the kind help of Mr. Lockhart, the last finger had been bruised by that creator of bad temper, the hammer, and the play was at last started.

The mysterious inn, the " Olive Branch," had for its equally mysterious proprietor, L. J. Priddle, whilst the part of the barmaid was vivaciously filled by A. W. Lamport.

Doktor Max Schiller was well portrayed by M. A. Reed, whose arrival on the stage caused considerable merriment. The " Al-Caponish " gangsters, if one may coin an adjective, were ably played by R. L. Edwards and W. H. Marshall, both of whom seemed to instil a touch of Chicago into their acting. R. W. Keane was competent and spirited as Reggie, while G. J. Nutter gave a very good performance as Mr Jenkins, that devotee of the piscatorial art. Last, but by no means least, that exotic lady, Volga Tamirovski, was very effectively played by I. M. May.

In conclusion, the cast and myself, the deputy stage manager, wish to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Ashton and the Governors, and to everyone who helped to raise the final profit of £26-11-0, by coming to see the play, and also to Mrs. Ashton for the very pleasant tea which followed the last performance.

We had hoped to present May's new play, " She Wandered Down the Mountainside," this Christmas, but it was decided that pressure of work was too heavy.

J. H. D.