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THE LION" appears this term in a simplified form. We hope that, devoid of literary graces though it be, it will serve the purpose of recording the changes and the chances which the first six months of the year have brought us.

School work has proceeded without serious interruption, both incendiaries and high explosives having missed us by satisfactory distances. Sport has been more handicapped. The weather and the difficulty of getting fixtures, reduced hockey to a minimum. A late start to the Summer Term, bad weather, and the difficulty of getting petrol for the mower caused the Sports to be abandoned and Cricket curtailed.

Still, we have carried on and we hope to go on doing so until the field is once more properly cut, "The Lion" its usual size and, in a word, victory is ours.

Obituary.

It is with great regret that we have to record a number of deaths which have taken place since our last issue went to press. Generations of Priceans will remember Miss Evelyn Bourchier with gratitude and affection: both as matron and as teacher she was intimately connected with the School during Mr. Bradly's Headship, and we feel sad that our hopes that she would have a long and happy retirement were not to be fulfilled.

During the present term we were shocked by the sudden illness and death of Mrs. Shaddock. She was admired and respected by all who knew her and we can only express our deepest sympathy to Mr. Shaddock and his children in their irreparable loss.

Before our last issue had been published D. J. Hunt had been killed in an air raid on Gosport. He was a member of the Sixth Form engaged on a Higher Certificate Course and was a boy of considerable ability. In particular the School owes him a debt for the work he did for the Library.

Casualty List.

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

W. ABBOTT. Missing, believed killed.

A. J. M. DAVID. Missing, believed killed.

J. COOK. Missing at sea.

A. N. PEARSE. Killed in an air accident.

J. WHITEMAN. Killed during an air raid.



V.-A. F. Garner.

IVB.-B. W. Tyrrell, J. F. Mockford.

Rem.-F. G. Underwood.

IIIA.-R. J. Budd.

IIIB.—I. R. F. Hammond.

IIA.-R. MacMurdie, P. H. Allen, R. A. Thorn.

IIB.—P. C. J. Kelly, R. C. Ponsford, P. L. Price, H. C. P. Nicholas, J. R. Olding, B. E. Pilcher, P. Whales, R, Thompson.



BLACKBROOK.—D. Sturgess, C. R. Woolcok, C. A. Edgeley, F. Edwards, L. Harding, E. Hardy, G. K. Kerwood, W. Ellicott.

CAMS.—M. A. Reed (Prefect), M. J. Jeffrey (School Cricket), B. R. Holmes (School Football and Cricket), J. Dowden, F. G. Calton, A. Simmons, B. Slater, H. Catchpole.

SCHOOL HOUSE,—G. J. Nutter (Prefect), W. Kent (Steeplechase Winner), G. J. Moran, L. T. Bennett, R. V. Amor, D. Hill, A. Kiddle, T. Haslam, D. J. Hunt.

WESTBURY.—R. L. Edwards (Head of the School, House Captain, School Football), N. R. Jackson (School Football and Cricket), C. J. Cheater (School Football), E. F. Reddell, M. Thorne, W. O. Pearce, E. Roberts, A. J. C. Pearce, J. Meloy, J. A. Graham, P. Lebbon.

PRICE'S SCHOOL CADET CORPS.

No outstanding events mark the two terms since the last issue of the Lion. As usual, the Spring Term was interfered with by absence through illness, but this term the attendance at parades has been good on the whole.

I had hoped that I should have the report of the inspection before writing these notes, but it has not yet arrived.

Major-General H. Rowan Robinson inspected the Corps on Thursday, July 3rd. He was due at 2-30 p.m., but actually was a few minutes late, which was a trial for the cadets waiting on parade. The General realised this, and in his final talk to the cadets taking part in the tactical exercise he made a most courteous apology.

As usual the proceedings opened with ceremonial, the General being received with the general salute, followed by inspection in line and march past in threes, with the band at its post playing appropriate music.

After this the General saw drill by separate troops under their N.C.O's and inspected some of the rifles. Then Groups were formed, and the Signallers and First Aid groups were seen at work while the remainder got ready for a tactical exercise.

The tactical exercise was carried out under Bombardiers Dowden and Steel, who were given the tasks of Attack and Defence respectively. I should like to point out that these N.C.O's. were given no help in the carrying out of the operation, each had to make and carry out his own plan and to stand up to questions and criticism afterwards. Both of course made mistakes; I have never known anybody who didn't on his first exercise, but they each had a definite plan and carried it out, and the result was that useful lessons were learnt. The General was evidently quite pleased with the exercise and gave careful criticism and helpful advice in his final talk.

I should like here to take the opportunity of expressing our thanks to Miss Kinnear for undertaking the work of training the First Aid Group. She has cheerfully and willingly given up what would otherwise be free time to do this work, and I feel sure that those in the group will find the instruction most useful. In these days it is important that everybody should have some knowledge of First Aid, and I am aiming at changing the membership of this group from time to time so that as many as possible may take advantage of the opportunity offered.

I also thank Mr. Ashton again for his continued help with the Signalling group, This work is not very satisfying for an instructor, since boys so frequently leave just as they are getting to the interesting stage, and the work has to go back to the beginning again with new members.

Mr. Marsh has also given valuable help in recruit training and in talks to other cadets, and we much appreciate his kindness.

A beginning has been made on shooting, and I hope this will continue regularly for the future.

The War Office has urged that Cadet Corps should be affiliated to the Home Guard for their mutual benefit, and I am taking steps to affiliate this company to the local Home Guard. We have in consequence obtained the services of Lance Corporal Corbett to help in instruction, which I have no doubt will be of considerable value. In wet weather too we shall be able to use the Connaught Drill Hall if we wish.

The War Office express the hope that every cadet who has reached the age of 17 will as a matter of course join the Home Guard, while still remaining a cadet. Thus, the training they receive as cadets will be put to good use in case of need. Cadets of 16 can be usefully employed as messengers, etc., for the H.G. If any wish to offer their services they should let me know.

Some cadets have made a real effort to pay off their debts, but there are still too many big balances on the wrong side. It is not playing the game to add to my work the task of worrying people for money. Pay up and help instead of hindering.

J.S.

The Steeplechase.

JUNIOR.

School House ... 82. Westbury ... 121. Blackbrook ... 149. Cams ... 204.
Winner: JOHNSON 2 (School House).

SENIOR.

Cams ... 56. Blackbrook 68. . School House ... 85. Westbury ... 94. Winner: KENT (School House).

COMBINED.

School House ... 506. Blackbrook ... 719. Westbury ... 739. Cams .. 836.



The only match arranged, that with University College, Southampton, was scratched owing to unfitness of the ground. The season was a mere matter of just over a fortnight; however, most of the School had a chance of learning something of the game. We must hope that next year the ground will less rival the Pripet marshes.



FIRST ELEVEN.

Once again the team was handicapped by the war in getting fixtures. So far, there have been three matches and there are two to play.

In the first match, Emmanuel's School won, largely through having had more practice than we. In the second, we narrowly beat Purbrook by 3 runs, and in the third match, we lost to Churcher's. In the last, we were badly handicapped by Levin's absence.

Of the individual players, Jeffery and Priddle batted quite well, with rather spasmodic support from Marshall, Knight and Jackson. Levin, as usual, bowled excellently, and Knight and Jeffery each got a smaller share of the wickets.

We have to play Purbrook again, and the Fareham Youth Centre.

W.H.M.

SCORES.

v. Emmanuel School.

Price's ... 57—all out: Emmanuel ... 70—6 wickets.

Marshall 22 not out, Knight 15; Knight 4 for 21).

Emmanuel won by 4 wickets.

v. Purbrook Park County High School.

Purbrook ... 54--all out: Price's 57...all out. (Levin 7 for 11, Ford 2 for 0; Jeffery 16, Priddle 13). Price's won by 3 runs.

v. Churcher's College.

Price's ... 43—all out; Churcher's ... 46—3 wickets. (Priddle 11).

Churcher's won by 7 wickets.

COLTS' CRICKET.

June	14th	 Emmanuel		60	Price's School	•••	11
••	21st	 Purbrook C.S.	•••	37	Price's School		32
,,	28th	 Churcher's Coll	lege	25	Price's School		27
Tuly	5th	 Purbrook C.S.	•••	28	Price's School		19

The fielding was up to quite a fair standard, the catching as often being better than the ground fielding. The bowling of Tubbs, Pyle and Quilliam was quite fair, and Allerston in two matches took five and six wickets at very low cost. It is a pity Blake (left hand) did not come into the side till the last match. As regards the batting, it is still very weak, but it has possibilities in the future, perhaps not so distant a future as the scores, individual and aggregate, would suggest. Tubbs has played well and really has the makings of a batsman. Downes plays a nice forward stroke, but must learn to quickly spot the difference in length of each ball. Allerston will come on next year. Grogan shews much promise in batting, and is a good field. Stevenson, with his impetuosity curbed, may well prove a useful left hand batsman.

Since Cricket began—and that was lamentably late in the term—the Colts have had several practice games, and not a few nets, but batting requires endless practice along sound lines, energy, patience and restraint beyond the ordinary.

HOUSE NOTES.

Blackbrook.

The Steeplechase was held towards the end of last term, Lamport being the best Senior, coming in third. In the Juniors, Hooker was the first home for Blackbrook.

The present term started off with two weeks' energetic practice in preparation for the School Sports. The weather intervened on the appointed Saturday and the following two weeks, resulting in the Sports being postponed indefinitely.

There has been no House Cricket yet, but there are hopes of some soon. We should have a good Senior XI, including five of the School 1st XI.

The Tarbat Cup has been absent from our shelf for a long time. This gives a chance to those who have scholastic rather than athletic ability, to help their House, so let it return to us once again.

R. W. H.

Cams.

As there were no Sports, and as yet there have been no House Matches, there is not much to write about. I think, however, that our performance last term in the Senior Steeplechase, when we won the Cup, is worthy of note. Pyle, Priddle, Dowden and Jeffery all ran well, and were ably backed up by the other members of the team.

Congratulations should also be given to the scholars in the House who helped to win the Tarbat Cup.

School House.

There is very little to report, other than our remarkable success in the Steeple-chase last term. We won the Junior 'Chase and our Senior effort gained us the Combined. The whole team pulled together excellently and deserves sincere congratulations.

IM M.

Westbury.

After two weeks' strenuous training at the beginning of the term, the Sports were postponed to an indefinite date owing to rain.

At the time of writing no House cricket matches have been played. The Senior team is rather weak with only a small number of 1st XI characters, but the Junior team possesses several eminent School Colts.

The least said about the Steeplechase, held at the end of last term, the better. It is true that most of the Seniors were only just Seniors by age, but it is a pity that they were only just Seniors by performance also. The one bright patch in an otherwise gloomy situation is that the team will consist of almost the same boys next year, with another twelve months' experience and ability. Several of the Juniors ran well and should do even better if they are still Juniors next year.

There is one cup I would like to see Westbury gain, and it is here that those with no particular athletic prowess can help. It is the Tarbat Cup. Many years have elapsed since this cup rested on the Westbury shelf, and it calls for a combined effort on the part of all Westburians to obtain it.

R L E.

Since Edwards is leaving this term, I should like on behalf of the whole of the House to express our thanks to him for the time and energy he has given to directing our various activities and to wish him every good fortune in the future.

J. S.