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THIS term we started for the first time for many years with something like our full staff. Miss Harcourt left us last term, and, at her request, no mention was made of her departure in the last issue of "The Lion," but it is only right that our gratitude should be expressed to her for the devoted service she gave to the School throughout the trying years of war and we wish her all success in her new appointment. Mr. Howard Jones is an old friend, but we were very pleased to welcome this term Messrs. Briscoe and Howe who have lost no time, we are glad to say, in making themselves at home at Price's School. We should also like to congratulate Mr. Turner on his marriage and to wish him all success and happiness in his new appointment.

A large number of boys succeeded in gaining School Certificates last year and two succeeded in the Higher. This was in itself very satisfactory, but it increased our difficulties as regards accommodation, especially in the upper part of the School. It may truly be said that we are doing our very best with the existing resources, but as long as the present conditions exist the work of the School is bound to be in some measure handicapped.

Out-of-School activities have not been helped by the weather. The football has not, it must be confessed, been particularly exhilarating, but the Cadet Corps, the Scouts and the Dramatic Society have all been active and successful, and we have reason for feeling that the School, which held its own remarkably well during the years of war, is making progress once again in the new era in which we find ourselves.

Attempts are continuing to revive the Old Pricean's Association. May we urge all those interested and all those leaving to get in touch with E. G. Dimmer, "Clovelly," Gosport Road, Stubbington, Fareham, Hants?

And a Happy Christmas to you all !



BLACKBROOK.—J. Davidson, L. Rumbold, M. Palmer, E. C. J. Kelly.

CAMS.—K. S. Gibson, A. F. Hill, A. M. Baker, P. Gale, A. S. Hamerton, C. Cowdrey, B. Nickless, E. Newland.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—J. F. Jones, H. Watson, R. Ward, J. Keats.

WESTBURY.—R. F. Stapley (Head of the School, Prefect), P. Treelfa, M. Upshall, V. W. Maynard, W. French.



BLACKBROOK.—J. W. Lee, A. I. J. Ingle, C. White, R. J. Harding, J. P. Cussel, R. Hackett, R. B. Clark, E. G. Orchard, R. Ingle, G. R. Hughes, A. R. Pearce, R. J. Porter, M. F. Padwick, J. G. Priestley, D. B. Woolf.

CAMS.—R. R. Baker, A. H. Hayter, R. Harris, P. Hirtes, R. C. Goodman, R. C. Dimmock, R. B. Cockbain, F. Barrett, B. A. Byng, T. P. Burley, P. R. Lewis, G. P. Maidment, J. Parfitt, B. W. Scott, P. Phelan.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—J. R. Targett, M. A. Targett, C. A. Fleming, R. J. Welch, M. G. Cossens, J. Coombes, M. A. Flemons, J. R. Jennings, K. G. Wilby, J. R. Watkins, R. Wallbridge, G. G. Grant, R. J. Willis, N. C. Brown.

WESTBURY.—D. Sidwell, A. H. Abraham, T. D. G. Hayes, A. G. Hill, N. G. Densham, R. Beautyman, A. R. Reed, D. C. Williams, R. N. Pain, A. J. Morris, C. R. Maltby, C. R. Johnson, D. M. Phillips, A. J. Terry, W. G. Wyeth, R. F. Whale.

Examination Results.

OXFORD HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.—R. A. Hamper, R. F. Stapley.

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*Signifies exemption from London Matriculation.

Cadet Corps.

At the beginning of the term, the whole Company was very pleased to learn that Mr. Hilton and Mr. Howard Jones were taking charge in the respective capacities of Company Commander and Second-in-Command. Only the N.C.O's can appreciate fully what this means, but everyone concerned with the Corps has already felt the benefit of the new arrangement.

Surveying Cadet activities since the last issue of the "Lion," we come first to the annual Summer Camp, held by the Battalion this year at Freshwater in the Isle of Wight. In spite of weather which left much to be desired, 24 members of the School Company spent a very enjoyable week, in which they did at least their fair share in raising the Battalion to the place of honour which it attained in the various competitions.

During the term, four N.C.O's, Bandmaster Wolfe, Sergeant Tappenden, Corporal Winfield and Lance-Corporal Nicholas, attended a course on Instruction of the Bren Gun, in which they all did very well, three of them reaching the highest standard possible.

Directly after this, the whole Company was given a chance to show Fareham how smart it really was when Armistice Day Service and Parade was held on November 10th. Extra credit goes to the recruits of the Coy. who were very smart, especially in view of the little training they had received. Still on the subject of recruits, we were very pleased to enrol some twenty-five cadets during the term, of whom their Sergeant said, after their first parade, "These kids are keen, and will go far"—and he did not add "the farther the better."

Next, the Coy. sent twelve candidates for the War Certificate "A" examination, of whom ten passed, a very creditable performance in view of the fact that the entrants had not been specially trained.

It was hoped that many of the N.C.O's and senior Cadets would be able to go on various Engineering Courses after Christmas to obtain their Certificate "T," but unfortunately it was found that School arrangements would not allow it, and so the scheme fell through. Several Cadets, however, hope to attend P.T. courses in Wiltshire this Christmas.

As we both will be leaving before the next "Lion" we would like to wish the Coy. a very prosperous and successful future in all its activities.

C.S.M. E. W. GROGAN.
C.Q.M.S. K. R. JOINT.

Beaudesert International Scout Camp, 1946.

The Norwegians were the first to arrive at the camp, reaching it on the evening of the 31st July. These were closely followed on Thursday by the Dutch, Belgian, Luxembourg and French contingents. We arrived on Friday evening; we had been met at the railway station by the scouter in charge of the Sub-Camp to which we had been posted; he had a car and took our kit, or rather most of it, for our patrol box which had been sent on as advance luggage had not arrived. We were

told that the camp was about five miles away and that we could bus for two of them, which was very nice to know. We were extremely lucky, however, for soon after we had got off the bus a lorry which was going to the camp came past and gave us a lift. We went to our Sub-Camp and found our tent pitched, a fire place dug and enough food for twenty ready to be cooked. We had no cooking utensils but by a process known as "winning" the Sub-Camp's Q.M. and Chief, who was the local D.C., obtained sufficient for us. After dinner we went to a Norwegian camp fire and "sang" Abdul-Abul-bull.

Saturday morning was spent in making sandwiches for the 50 Danes who were to form the foreign part of our Sub-Camp and who were arriving about mid-day. The rest of our troop, Lichfield and Little Aston, arrived in the afternoon.

In case this business of Sub-Camps and Troops is getting confusing I will explain the camp organization. Twenty English counties had sent patrols of not more than eight whilst South Staffs, being the host, could send as many as wished to come. The English section was divided into eight Sub-Camps. To each Sub-Camp was sent one foreign contingent. Inside the Sub-Camp there was a Sub-Camp Leader and Q.M., and the scouts who were divided into four troops, the foreigners being in a different troop to the English. Each troop was divided into four patrols. For each troop there was one kitchen only as cooking was by troops, not patrols.

On Saturday evening there was a camp-fire; it was fairly good, but not as good as I had hoped it might be. The camp-fire hollow is a marvellous place, a huge natural basin in a hillside with seats carved out of the sides on the style of the Roman theatres. There is also a huge wooden throne for the camp-fire chief and any distinguished visitors. To-day was published the first issue of the "Beaudesert Sun."

On Sunday morning we had a rehearsal for the Chief Scout's visit. In the afternoon there was a scouts' own in the camp-fire hollow, followed by a camp-fire practice. There was another camp-fire in the evening.

The Chief Scout came Monday morning. I was chosen to be one of the special colour party on the main flagstaff whilst the rest of the camp waited at the three doors which lead to the Arena. The Chief came round and spoke to the colour parties and then went into the centre of the Arena. At a given signal the scouts rushed in and formed a seven spoked wheel of friendship. The Chief then gave a short address. Scouting was the one firm foundation on which all nations, creeds and colours could meet to understand each other better and go forward in service to lasting peace, he declared.

Welcoming foreign contingents the Chief said: "We have read with pride of your courage and devotion during the war years, and have been thrilled by stories of how you kept the faith and never forgot the scout promise and law."

"We are," he concluded, "the greatest movement of young men the world has ever seen—five million strong. We are proud of what we have achieved in the past, but we are only at the beginning and as the years pass Scouting will have an increasingly important part to play throughout the world."

On Tuesday afternoon there were inter Sub-Camp sports. Not athletics but the obstacle variety. Hampshire and Denmark came 6th out of 14. Especially noticeable were the foreigners' hopeless attempts to catch or throw a ball; their football, however, was good though it seemed rather rough at times.

The following day Hampshire was invited to lunch with a Danish patrol, an excellent lunch which left us in no mood for rehearsing for the display, to be given on Friday. The B.B.C. were in camp all day making notes and records; they also came to the camp fire in the evening.

Thursday was a free day for all; most of us went to Lichfield to see the cathedral. Treloar and myself went on Police Duty from 10-12 in the morning and from 10-11 in the "evening." Our duties were to see that no cars were parked in awkward places and to see the camp was cleared of visitors at night. The second spell of duty was quite eventful. I went into the Swiss camp and enquired, "Avez-vous les civilians ici?" One chap looked at me and said, "Are you a kipper foot?" I nodded, whereupon fifteen enormous Swiss jumped upon me with glee and showed me in no uncertain manner the way out. My next discovery was that Stoke-on-Trent had three Rangers in their site; however, in return for two cups of cocoa and three sandwiches they were allowed to stay another half-hour, at the end of which we helped escort them to the Guide-House where they were spending the night.

On Friday there was a grand luncheon at the Danes' site in honour of some distinguished visitors. The chiefs of all the Sub-Camps were there and for some reason or reasons unknown I was also invited. The luncheon was excellent; I am not sure about the speeches. In the afternoon there was a display in the arena. We did a pioneering stunt, which apart from the fact that it wasn't announced went off quite well. In the evening there was a really good camp fire, the best I have ever been to. It wasn't broadcast but I think it was recorded.

Saturday, 1 a.m., began to rain. 9 a.m., breakfast was floated in to us under the tent door.

12 o'clock we got up. We had some tea made on primus stoves in the marquee and then went to a nearby farm to dry our bedding in a huge barn where several braziers were burning.

2 p.m., had dinner also cooked on primus stoves; most of the English chaps had left earlier in the morning so there was central cooking for those left.

5 p.m., stopped raining. Most of the camp was soaked so half slept at the farm and the other half, including ourselves, at the Guide-House.

Sunday was the best day we had at camp, a lovely clear sky and hot sun. We moved the tent onto some higher ground and the rest of the other English Troop E. Yorks, followed suit. Scouts' own the afternoon.

The camping part had really ended now, the rest of the time being spent on taking the foreigners out to see the nearby towns. It was, however, arranged that all the English scouts in camp should go on one trip. Four of us went to Walsall on Monday, the other two went on another trip on Tuesday. As it was still fine on Tuesday I decided to pack the tent and sleep at the Guide house for the remaining two nights. On Wednesday we were extremely fortunate in being chosen to go on another trip, this time to Stafford. It rained a little in the evening. We left camp on Thursday morning at 8 o'clock and travelled with the Danes as far as London.

The Dramatic Society.

At the end of last term, a meeting of the Upper School was called to restart the Dramatic Society, after its wartime lapse. A committee was formed, with Mr. Thacker as Chairman. It was decided to produce Ian Hay's "Housemaster," and production was commenced immediately the School returned at the beginning of this term.

Mr. Howe was asked to take the leading part, and he consented. From then onwards rehearsals were held every Friday, and later on Thursdays and Fridays.

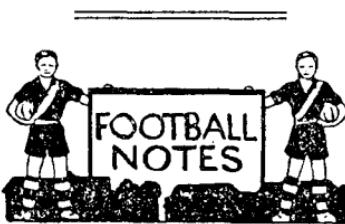
The stage was erected after half-term and the scenery and properties collected. As I write this the applause of the audience has yet to be heard, but I am sure it will be as great as our last adventure in amateur dramatics.

I should like to thank Miss Jewell and Mr. Hilton for the hours of rehearsal they have directed. Levey, T. Webb, Hunt, and many others also deserve praise for their labours. I have left the stage-manager, Mr. Turner, until last. We should like to thank him most heartily for the work he has put in for the Society since he joined the School a year ago. Since he is leaving this term, I should like to add my appreciations and best wishes for the future.

When this venture is over we hope to continue the organisation in some form or other, and this requires the support of all interested in dramatics, either acting or stage-work.

In concluding I should like to wish the cast good luck on the nights, and to the rest, the spirit of adventure for the next term.

E. A. T.



The season has been very disappointing; we have played 13, won 4, lost 8, drawn 1.

In the first match against St. John's College we were defeated, and it was obvious at once that the team was too slow as it was outpaced in almost every position. However, against Gosport and the Staff the team seemed to be a lot faster, but it must have been that the opposition was much slower.

St. Mary's College only just failed to defeat us in a last few minutes' rally in which they were helped by slow tackling of the defence, and one began to wonder what would happen when we came up against a really fast team. The answer came the very next match when we met Portsmouth Grammar School. They were a good fast team and they made rings round us and gave us a sound thrashing to the tune of ten goals with no response from us. This colossal defeat seemed to knock all the fight out of the team and a succession of four defeats followed, two of them, Purbrook

and Midhurst, could have been turned into victory had the team really tried. One can excuse defeat; it is inexcusable to see a team being defeated and doing little to prevent it. At the end of the season a partial rally was staged and we won two matches, against St. Mary's and St. John's, out of four.

It is interesting to analyse the reasons for the poor season, and they are many. We must try and learn from them.

In my opinion the causes are as follows:—

(1) The team has, on the whole, too few true footballers. By that is meant players able to control the ball and pass with accuracy.

(2) The team as a whole has been far too slow in every respect, viz., running, thinking, passing and positioning.

(3) The wing forward positions have never been satisfactorily filled all the season. It is difficult for a team to succeed with poor wingers.

(4) Too few players can really *kick* the ball. Seldom does one see a player really swing his leg with the intent to "kick the leather off." It became very obvious as the ball got heavier. The reason may be that the team gets far too little practice with a heavy ball on a wet ground as our field is either dry or too wet for play.

(5) Lack of thrust of the inside forwards, especially in the penalty area. This lack of thrust is very serious and has been directly responsible for our losing many matches.

In conclusion let me say that the captain has played well at all times and the team could always know that the middle was blocked by his long legs. In tackling and kicking he has been very sound and when he gets a bit more weight will be an extremely useful centre-half.

The House Competition has been badly interfered with by bad weather and has not been completed. It looks at the moment as if Westbury will win, though no doubt School House will not agree. It should be a good game when they meet.

Only one Junior House round has been completed, and no one can say who will win at this stage.

FIRST ELEVEN.

E. W. GROGAN (Centre-Half—Captain).—He has played in general very well all the season, but in concentrating on being a "stopper," has neglected chances sometimes to go up and help the forwards.

K. R. JOINT (Goalkeeper).—Would be very good if he was not quite so erratic. Generally sound but makes occasional errors of judgement in his positional play. A safe pair of hands.

P. C. F. WILKINS (Right Full Back).—Has played consistently well all the season. Quite tireless in his work and a powerful tackler. His very keenness to tackle is the cause of his downfall on occasions. Must learn to control the tendency to rush into a tackle.

D. A. WILCOX (Left Full Back).—Quite a sound full-back. Tackles and heads well, but he miskicks far too often, particularly in the goal area. A trifle slow.

- D. T. FEAST (Left Half Back and Inside Left).—Sound player both in defence and attack, with a very good throw-in from touch. Suffers from the handicap of being too slow and the inability to keep his feet on wet ground. He played in the forward line recently with a certain measure of success.
- G. H. SHELTON (Right Half Back).—Tackles hard but his positional play has very often been at fault. Inclined to be tempermental.
- D. E. HOLT (Outside Left).—Has played in most matches and often quite well. Gives up heart quite quickly, and very often his mind is not on the game. Could be very good if he really tried.
- V. HUGHES (Left Half Back).—Came in half way through the season, and has played very well. A good tackler and uses the ball in a constructional manner. Would be even better if he could only run faster.
- A. R. WEBB (Centre Forward).—Still unable to face up to a robust opponent. Must learn to conquer the habit of hanging back, but go hard instead. Clever footballer and the only really fast player in the side.
- P. GWILLIAM (Inside Right).—A clever dribbler, but like all dribblers generally tries to beat one man too many, and as a result the opposing defence has time to position itself. Uses the ball with intelligence and kicks quite well with both feet. Too slow.
- H. G. WOODNUTT (Outside Right).—He has filled the position in most of the games, but cannot be said to be a really good outside right. He tries hard and kicks well, but has little ball control. He is improving.
- J. W. F. BIGGS (Inside Right).—Played in several matches but was too slow even for a slow team. A clever ball player and would be very good if only he could run faster.

SMITH, PYLE, HEWITT, PEARCE, BARNARD and BLAKE have also played.

FIRST XI RECORD—SEASON 1946.

At Fareham, October 2nd.

Price's School 0. St. John's College 2.

At Fareham, October 5th.

Price's School 1 Gosport Grammar School 0.
(Webb, A. R.)

At Fareham, October 9th.

Price's School 4 Staff 1.
(Webb 3, Biggs)

At Fareham, October 12th.

Price's School 3 St. Mary's College 3.
(Webb 2, Biggs)

At Fareham, October 16th.

Price's School 0 Portsmouth Grammar School 10.

At Purbrook, October 19th.

Purbrook P.G.S. 2 Price's School 0.

At Fareham, October 23rd.

Price's School 0 Taunton's School 5.

At Fareham, October 26th.

Price's School 1 Midhurst Grammar School 2.
(Hewitt)

At Portsmouth, November 9th.

Northern Grammar School 3 Price's School 0.

At Southampton, November 13th.

St. Mary's College 2 Price's School 3.
(Feast 3)

At Fareham, November 16th.

Price's School 1 Purbrook P.G.S. 4.
(own goal)

At Hilsea, November 20th.

St. John's College 1. Price's School 5.
(Webb 2, Feast, Smith, Holt)

At Fareham, November 23rd.

Price's School 1 Southern Grammar School 2.
(Webb)

FIRST XI MATCHES.

October 2nd.

St. John's College.
Lost 2-0.

Home.

This was a very disappointing opening to the season, and the weakness of the team lay chiefly in the forward line, still in the experimental stages. After half-time, however, when we were 1 nil down, the attack developed a trifle better, but many more scoring chances were missed and the game finished with the School 2 nil down. No one distinguished himself, and the team showed that it had a lot of leeway to make up.

October 5th.

Gosport Grammar School.
Won 1-0.

Home.

In this match again, the defence was by far the stronger part of the team, although the attack improved to a certain extent on its previous performance. We lost the toss, and, kicking down, scored after about ten minutes when Webb put in a nice shot from the right. This was the only goal of the game, although we tried hard to increase the lead during the first half and were very lucky in preventing Gosport from scoring during the second.

October 9th.

Staff.
Won 4-1.

Home.

It seemed as though the problem of the attack was at last solved during this match, when the forwards played a different sort of game entirely from their two previous performances. The whole team was much quicker on the ball and played very well indeed. The School was quick to open the scoring when Biggs netted shortly after the kick-off. Webb increased the lead by one during the first half, but the Staff were next to score by a header off a very nice centre from the left wing. From then on the play was fairly even, but the School scored twice more, again through Webb, who scored a hat-trick.

October 12th. **St. Mary's College.** **Home.**

Drew 3-3.

Although the team did not show the same form as against the Staff XI, it played very well against a rather robust, first-time-tackling team. Having kicked up the field first, we were leading 2 nil at half-time, thanks to a goal each by Biggs and Webb. In the second half, however, St. Mary's forced the pace, equalised, and, after another goal by Webb, gained a draw through an unlucky goal headed in by a hard-pressed defender.

October 16th. **Portsmouth Grammar School.** **Home.**

Lost 10-0.

Going all to pieces during the first half of this match, the team was 8 nil down at half-time, but pulled up its socks a bit during the second half, and gave the Grammar School at least a harder game, only conceding two more goals. The forward line gave its worst exhibition of the season and, although the defence was not entirely blameless, was responsible for the bad loss.

October 19th. **Purbrook Park C.H. School.** **Away.**

Lost 2-0.

Here, again, we played a depressing game, marked by seeming inability to get hold of the ball before our opponents, or, having obtained it, to do anything useful with it. Losing by 1-0 at half-time, we put another "O.G." on our score-sheet when a second goal was unaccountably put past Joint as he was about to pick it up during a bit of a scrimmage in the second half.

October 23rd. **Taunton's School.** **Home.**

Lost 5-0.

Playing against a really clever team in this match, the School did not do too badly in keeping the score down to 5-0.

October 26th. **Midhurst Grammar School.** **Home.**

Lost 2-1.

This was rather a dull game, but it must be remembered that the pitch was very muddy and slippery, and so the standard of football on both sides was not what it might have been. Midhurst scored first, but very soon after Hewitt netted an easy goal for the School and the score at half-time was one-all. It looked as though this would be the final score, but shortly before the whistle the Midhurst centre-forward ran through and put an unstoppable shot past the advancing Joint.

November 9th. **Northern Grammar School.** **Away.**

Lost 3-0.

This match started off promisingly for the School, but after about thirty-five minutes an opponent made use of a hole in our defence to push the ball in the corner of the net. We fully expected to repair the situation, however, but although, especially during the second half, we tried hard, our best shots came from Wilkins, our right full-back, and the attack was not very successful. Again our opponents scored, twice, with very accurately placed headers from good centres.

November 13th. **St. Mary's College.** **Away.**

Won 3-2.

Shortly after the start of this game Feast showed that he fully justified his selection as centre-forward by banging in a goal which gave the goal-keeper no chance. Heartened by this, the team played very well, but very soon after St. Mary's was awarded a penalty, apparently for elbowing, which was converted by a really good

shot which left Joint absolutely no chance at all. However, again Feast put us ahead with a very well placed header, and shortly after he netted once again, giving us a lead of 3-1 at half-time. During the second half both teams played very well, and St. Mary's, battling against a setting sun, reduced our lead but could not force a draw.

November 16th. **Purbrook Park C.H. School.** **Home.**
Lost 4-1.

Despite the fact that this match was played at home, the team's form suffered another lapse and was completely put in the shade by the visitors. The Purbrook attack was superior to our defence in the first half, which sealed our fate, and yet again a defender put in a goal for the opponents. Play was more even during the later stages, but nothing could be done to repair the situation.

Both the Purbrook games were very disappointing and were two of the worst matches of the season.

November 20th. **St. John's College.** **Away.**
Won 5-1.

On a muddy pitch, St. John's opened the scoring after about fifteen minutes. Shortly afterwards, however, Feast equalised with a header off a centre from Holt on the left. There was no more scoring in the first half, but halfway through the second, four came in quick succession from Webb, who ran through and scored twice, Holt and Smith, B. Thus, having been 1-0 down at one stage, the School won 5-1.

November 24th. **Southern Grammar School.** **Home.**
Lost 2-1.

The ground for this match was the worst on which we had so far played, and, despite having won the toss and kicked "against the tide" first, the School could do nothing to avoid defeat. The muddy conditions had a great deal to do with the result, and probably on a dry ground the score would have been quite different. Neither team could play its best, and the luck of the day lay with the visitors.

COLTS' FOOTBALL.

Played 11. Won 5. Lost 4, Drawn 2. Goals for 29, Goals against 28.

After an inauspicious start, the Colts completed an interesting list of fixtures with a satisfactory record.

The defence was the outstanding factor despite two results of 9 goals and 6 goals against. Ditchburn kept goal admirably and Cozens was a uniformly hard and successful worker. Monk, who was brought in toward the end of the season, is promising and shows exceptional keenness, while the midfield trio of Langridge, Hoar (Capt.) and Pearce did good work.

Forward play was very disappointing, and until the introduction of Johnston towards the middle of the season, goals were very scarce. Callon, in the centre, was very much alone.

I hope all who played in the team profited from the excellent coaching hints of Mr. Luckett of the Southampton A.F.C. The benefits of this teaching should become apparent next season.

COLTS' RESULTS.

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result	Score	Scorers
Wed., Oct. 2	St. John's College	Fareham	Draw	1-1	Callon
Sat., .. 12	St. Mary's College	Fareham	Won	2-0	Callon 2
Wed., .. 16	Portsm'th Grammar Sch.	Fareham	Lost	3-9	Callon 2, Jarmain

Sat., Oct. 19	Purbrook Park School	Purbrook	Lost	1-6	Weyman
Wed., .. 23	Taunton School	Fareham	Lost	0-1	
Sat., .. 26	Midhurst Gram. School	Fareham	Draw	3-3	Callon 2, Johnston
Sat., Nov. 9	Northern Gram. School	Fareham	Won	4-2	Johnston 2, Callon, Jarmain
Wed., .. 13	St. Mary's College	Mayfield Park	Won	2-1	Jarmain, Callon
Sat., .. 16	Purbrook Park School	Fareham	Lost	1-2	Johnston
Wed., .. 20	St. John's College	Paulsgrove	Won	5-2	Johnston 2, Callon, Jarmain 2
Sat., .. 23	Southern Gram. School	Fareham	Won	7-1	Johnston 6, Weyman

Goal Scorers: Callon 10, Jarmain 5, Weyman 2, Johnston 12.

HOUSE NOTES.

Blackbrook.

Although this term has not been a very successful one with regards to the Senior House Matches, the Juniors have managed quite well so far.

The Seniors may have lacked the quality of being good footballers, but they certainly showed that they always have a good try at making the game a good one, even if they are being beaten and know they cannot win.

A few of the players played quite well in both matches, and I think that Hall, Woodnutt, Langridge and Biggs ought to be congratulated on playing good games.

Hall excelled himself in the Westbury game ; I think that any other members of the House who watched the game will agree with me.

The House has two quite good young players in Langridge and Pearce, and I think they will be quite useful next year in the Senior team.

Although the team has so far lost both games I feel confident that they should do well against Cams with the experience of team-work they have gained.

The Juniors have so far beaten Westbury and may be able to beat the other two houses. The team contains many good players who should be a credit to the House teams in future years, if they continue to play as they are doing. Allwood, Cosens and Stubbington need mention as playing well, and I think Dyer will be a very good goal-keeper.

Although the House has not gained the Senior Cup I think they put up a very good show in trying to. I wish the Juniors luck, and I think they should get their cup.

Finally I wish good luck to any of our members leaving us and I hope that those returning to School will see to it that we regain a few more cups.

D. T. F.

Feast, most unfortunately, was absent from the Westbury match, but there is plenty of spirit in the team and we have no need to feel depressed about the future.

H. R. T.

Cams.

So far this has been an unsuccessful and disappointing term for all of us in Cams. We started out in high hopes of gaining at least one cup for our sadly depleted shelf, and, though the inter-House games are not yet over, our hopes are almost completely shattered.

First, Senior Football. Our team looked as good as any other on paper, but it failed to live up to expectations. Though possessing many good individual players the team failed to combine and lacked that thrustful co-operation of the forwards, so indispensable to goal-getting. The defence, while not possessing perfect combination, yet played together much better and almost succeeded in keeping the opponents out.

In the first match—against Westbury—all went well up to about the 35th minute. Up till then the teams were almost equal, all attacks being thwarted by the defences. But then an opponent was fouled in the penalty area, and the referee gave a penalty which Webb converted. Despite all our efforts, the half-time score was still 1-0. During the second half our attack faded out, and Westbury did most of the attacking. They were rewarded by two goals, the second of which was very lucky, the ball hitting the cross-bar and going in off the goal-keeper. Shelton led our attack with great dash, unfortunately unrewarded, and Miskin and Nicholas played well in defence.

In the match against School House the tale was practically the same. Despite several changes the attack failed to break through; this was partly due to the fact that we played with only ten men. The defence held out during the whole of the first half, the half-time score being 0-0; but it cracked enough in the second half to let in two goals. One of these was deflected at close range by a defender, giving the goalie no chance of covering it. No further goals were scored and the result was 2-0. Johnston, at centre-forward, hammered away hard, with good support from the rest of the forwards, but missed several opportunities by delaying his shot too long, especially in the first half. Shelton, brought back to right-half, played splendidly and Bowman did well in goal.

The Juniors have played only one match, against School House, and lost by one goal against three. The first half was a hard struggle in which each side scored once. Checksfield put the ball in for Cams after the goal-keeper had failed to hold a good shot from Farthing. But after the interval School House went ahead with another two goals. Groves captained the side ably and played well in centre-half position, with good support from the rest of the defence, especially Dimmock. Of the attack, Farthing at outside-right was outstanding. Although they have lost this first match of theirs, the Junior team has another two matches in which to prove their worth, and they should do well in them.

Although this has been almost completely a record of failures, I would like to end these notes on a more cheerful note; and so I will remind all members that there is still great opportunity to show our superiority next term in the Sports and the Steeplechase especially. Therefore all members must remember it is up to them to pull together with all their strength if Cams is to prove its superiority. And on that more hopeful note I will wish you all, whatever your house, a happy Christmas and a New Year in which you will be ready for hard work and hard sport alike.

School House.

At the beginning of this term the House had only four cups on its shelf, these all being Sport's Cups. However, both the Senior and Junior football teams made good starts and at the time of writing they have won all their games.

The Seniors have beaten Blackbrook 5-2 and Cams 2-0, but they have yet to encounter Westbury, who have a very strong team this year, and have beaten both Cams and Blackbrook by greater scores than we did. We are hopeful of a win against Westbury, but this is unlikely.

Holt, Barnard, Hewitt and Hughes, V. have all had the honour of playing for the 1st XI, whilst Hunt and Harding have been reserves.

The Juniors have been captained very well by Callon, who has been a regular member of the School Colts' XI, and has had quite a successful season at centre-forward. The Juniors have only played one match, against Cams, which they won 3-1.

We hope that the weather will improve by the end of the term so that the Inter-House Competition may be finished.

It is hoped that the House has worked as well as it has played, so that the Tarbat Cup may once more rest on our shelf, after a long period of absence.

To conclude, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year which we hope may bring new laurels to the house. Good luck in your new life to all those who are leaving this term.

P.J.E., E.A.T., D.E.H.

Westbury.

As usual at this time of the year, we start House Notes by congratulating all boys successful in the Higher School and School Certificates.

The chief subject for discussion is naturally football, and, with our eye already on the Football Cup, we in Westbury can regard the two House Matches which we have played, with satisfaction. We expected the first, against Cams, to be the most difficult game, but it now seems that the match of the term is to be between School House and ourselves, who have each won two games and are each determined to win the third and deciding one.

Going back to the Cams match, we played well against a team which did very well to limit our score to 3, while unlucky not to score themselves.

Against Blackbrook we gained an easy win, as we had anticipated, being in the lead by 9-0 at half-time. During the first half our forwards played a really excellent game and had the Blackbrook defence at sixes and sevens. Packer scored the best goal of the match, a header from a centre, but Alderton, Clegg, Gwilliam and Webb also put up a really good performance. The second half was more even, both sides scoring once, but Blackbrook could not reduce the lead we had gained and we won 10-1.

The Junior team has not been so fortunate, having lost its one game so far, against Blackbrook, by 0-2. Hills and Williams, R. J., did much for the House against Blackbrook.

While on the subject of football we must congratulate Gwilliam, Webb and Wilcox on showing themselves useful members of the 1st XI.

The whole Senior team hopes that when they meet School House they will have a much greater amount of support than has been in evidence at the two previous matches. A little support can make a great deal of difference to the morale of a team.

In conclusion, we wish a very happy Christmas to all members of Westbury and hope that future authors of Westbury's House Notes will receive as much support from the House as we have done.

K.R.J., E.W.G.

Edinburgh.

Auld Reekie's roofs are robed in white,
The coated hills stand out against the sky.
The castle, like a fairy palace high,
Glow dimly through the misty, eerie light.
The snow, like seagulls swirling out of sight,
Suggesting Arctic beauty to the eye,
Alights on frozen soil and there does lie
So silent and so still unto the night.

R.M.

Autumn.

Now that the swallows and martins have fled
The rose-hips are changing from green to deep red,
And the leaves of the chestnut are nearly all shed,
Can winter be far behind?
Gone are the butterflies that I know so well;
There are no more blooms on the pimpernel;
Even the whispering birches seem to foretell
That winter is coming soon.
The cry of the bittern is not heard in the fen,
The squirrel has retired to its winter den,
Even the sheep are snug in their pen,
For winter has now arrived.

P.J.C.

Winter.

Winter is the time of snow,
When everything is cold,
And the North wind will blow
Then, robins grow bold.
In winter people go a-sleighting,
Mistletoe, holly,
Children playing,
Fun, and games, everyone jolly.

In winter people go snow-balling,
Trees are bare,
No birds are calling,
They never seem to care.
Party frocks as white as snow,
People dine,
Berries a-glow
In winter-time.

J.P.

The Old Pricean Association.

All Old Priceans will doubtless be interested to know that there is a very energetic movement on foot to revive the Old Priceans' Association which, of necessity, has lain dormant during the war years.

Two meetings (which have been very well attended) have been held at the School, and there are very encouraging signs that the Association will emerge from its dormant state into a very successful organisation.

The London Section is going strong, and it is hoped that the Fareham Section will soon be operating.

A Dance is being held in January for all Old Boys and their respective wives (or friends) and Tickets will be on sale at 5/- each.

The Annual General Meeting will be held early in March on the same day as the Hockey Match between the O.P.A. and the School, the date for which is being arranged by Mr. Johnson.

It is hoped that as many Old Boys as possible will attend, and all who are interested should write to the Hon. Secretary, E. G. Dimmer, "Clovelly," Gosport Road, Stubbington, Fareham, or c/o the School, and he will be pleased to give details of the above functions in due course.



The one hundred and thirtieth meeting, the first since April, 1939, took place at the à la Broche Restaurant, Jermyn Street, on 27th November. It had not been possible to contact many of the pre-war members and consequently the gathering was small. Since then, however, further enquiries have traced more O.P's in the London area and the next meeting, called for 18th December, should be better attended. It is proposed to carry on the pre-war practice of monthly meetings held informally over the supper table followed occasionally by a visit in strength to a variety show or other entertainment. It has not been possible to start a hockey side this season, but we hope for better luck next year. The great need at the moment is to get in touch with the many O.P's who must be in or near London. I should be very pleased if any readers of the "Lion" who are in London or expect to live there in the future would contact me, or if they know of any O.P's who may not see the "Lion," ask them to write to me. I can then give them details of time and place of meetings. We who are in London are most anxious that the Section shall be a live and enthusiastic outpost of the main Association and we shall be particularly pleased to welcome any O.P's who have left school in recent years.

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