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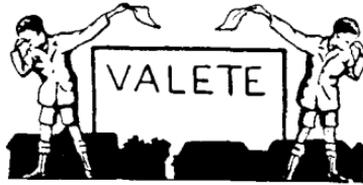
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**F**ROM the date of its refounding Price's School has invariably had a leavening of boarders and it cannot be doubted that this element has had a considerable influence on the fortunes of the School. This term, owing to the operation of the Education Act of 1944 and the action of the authorities, the boarding side of the School will close. It is not easy to see how this enforced decision will improve the educational facilities of the country, but the break has come and we believe that the news will be heard with disappointment by many Old Priceans and others. We thank all the boarders for what they have contributed to the School and we are glad to know that for some time yet there will be many who remember and can transmit the traditions which are associated with the School House.

Meanwhile the accommodation thus released will help to ease the strain on class rooms that has been increasingly felt since 1939 and the Governors are taking all the steps in their power to improve and extend the present premises. We cannot see into the distant future but we hope and expect that for the next ten or twelve years we shall be able to continue our tradition and maintain our not inconsiderable reputation on the present site.

A good many boys are leaving this term : we wish them all success in their future careers and we hope they will all get in touch with the Secretary of the Old Boys' Association and become members, thereby ensuring that they neither forget nor are forgotten.



BLACKBROOK.—B. R. Pearce, A. C. Bailey, H. J. Andrews, R. N. Tatford, J. D. Toyne, T. K. Lee.

CAMS.—M. J. E. Blake (Prefect, C.S.M. Cadet Corps, 1st XI Football and Hockey), L. F. Weyman, P. Bowman, J. B. Brickwood.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—H. T. Shacklock (Senior Prefect, 1st XI Hockey), T. R. Webb (Prefect), L. L. Wassell, R. W. J. Bedford, D. E. Watts, P. J. Spinner, J. S. Holman, M. A. Targett, D. F. Peckham, J. R. Jennings.

WESTBURY.—N. C. Alderton (1st XI Cricket and Football), P. I. Phillips, D. J. Blackmore, H. L. Williams, E. C. Bald.



CAMS.—M. T. Watts.

## Cadet Corps Notes

Training has progressed favourably in every department. The Technical and Signal classes are making very good progress thanks to Mr. Briscoe and Mr. Foster.

Preparing for competitions seems to have taken up the bulk of our term's work and in some respects we are having too many, as it is difficult to fit them all in especially as, perhaps unfortunately, school work has to be fitted into the week's curriculum.

To take the competitions in order, however. First of all we have the Band Festival in which the band gained 5th place. This was a very good result, especially so was the fact that we got specially commended for turnout and drill. In this connection it is necessary to welcome Mr. Hayes, R.M., as our instructor. He is coming up very regularly to teach the band, and already after very few lessons they have improved out of all recognition. We hereby thank him very much and we must not forget Insp. W. J. Verdon who was so kind as to find Mr. Hayes for us. In future we expect the band to gain a higher place in the annual festival.

The London Cup competition was in some ways disappointing as we had a very strong section ably led. Owing to some misunderstanding we failed to win the Cup purely on our failure in drill which we thought was our strongest card. It is quite unexplicable and we must make every effort to see that we are not let down in this branch again.

In the County Sports we fielded a strong Junior team but we were thoroughly defeated by a stronger 2nd Battalion team. They were very good indeed. Cadet Quinlan was our only successful runner; he came 1st in the 220 yards.

There are several important events to come. On July 25th will be the Cert. "A" examination, and from 1st to 8th August there is the Annual Camp to be held at Aldershot and to be inspected by H.M. The King. A good attendance is anticipated. Next term, October 10th to 16th is to be held a Cadet Week in Fareham and this Company has been allotted the task of producing plays on the Thursday and Friday of that week. Capt. R. Jones is in charge of production and expects great keenness from the cadets concerned.

We are pleased to note the gift of a cup from ex-C.S.M. Tappenden. This cup will be awarded each term to the cadet who shows the greatest improvement. Thank you, Tappenden—a very pleasing gesture.

In conclusion may we wish all cadets a good holiday, and those of you who are leaving, a happy time in the service for which at any rate you are partially trained.

T.H., M.H.J., R.J.

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## The Scout Troop

Perhaps the most popular thing at Whitsun Camp this year was a pool we discovered in the river Wallington. It was big enough to swim in and deep enough to drown in, as Tich endeavoured to demonstrate. The weather was the hottest that we seem likely to have this year. Our camp site in Southwick Park was one which we had contemplated during the war, but had been unsuccessful in obtaining as General Montgomery was using it as his Headquarters in preparation for D-Day. It is a good site, but it is a pity that the lake was contaminated and therefore unusable.

For the first time we failed to win the Local Association Competition. Our patrol was fourth, though in marking there was little to choose between the teams. Though our lack of success is disappointing to us, it is, perhaps, good for the Association that the same Troop should not win every year. It is also salutary for us to know that we cannot win the competition without real effort. Our weakness this year seems to have been failure on the part of one or two boys to pull their weight and back up the Patrol Leader.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the Association Sports. All the cups that we won last year have been handed back, and we are hoping to win some back.

For Summer Camp we are again co-operating with the 21st Portsmouth Troop, and going to a site near Privet to which Scouts have not gone before. We very much like our old war-time site at Rogate, and the superb site at Adhurst, which, alas, is now ploughed up; but it is not good to go to the same place each year. Anything suggesting getting into a rut is deadening to the spirit of adventure. Our new site is on a knoll on high land and encircled by trees, and many acres of park land all round. Two of the old members of the Troop are going to the Scout Chalet in Switzerland. Many more would like to go, but an adventure like that costs too much for most people.

# The Library

Last term E. A. Thorburn and this term L. B. Rowe have made very welcome donations of books to the Library. We can do with more, and more bookcases and indeed we have an urgent need for a new Library. In the absence of a Public Library in Fareham our School Library is all the more important and those who next year enter Remove and the Fourth Forms may like to be reminded that the Library is open to them and it is hoped that they will use this privilege freely.

## The Sports

The Sports were held on May 8th in just about perfect conditions before a large body of spectators. Certain alterations were made this year which led to improved performances: the position and shape of the track were changed and, to promote a more satisfactory division within the houses, the age limit for Minors was raised to 13½ and for Juniors to 15½, and allowance for this must be made when judging times and distances.

In the Minors Baker was the outstanding performer and well in Hurdles and Half-Mile: Priestley and Jennings won the 80 yards and 220 respectively in good times. In the Juniors Stone is one of the best short distance runners we have had for a long time and was specially impressive in the 440. Parker, though too heavily built to be a first-class hurdler, yet showed remarkably good form in winning that event.

In the Seniors only one point separated Webb from Quinlan in the struggle for the Victor Ludorum Cup and either would have been a worthy winner. Quinlan, who is still under 16, is exceptionally well-developed for his age. He won the 100 by yards and, despite tactical mistakes and a strong challenge from Shacklock, the 440 in very satisfactory time. Webb won the High Jump and was well placed in everything for which he entered. Blake won the Hurdles well but Rowe, who won the Cricket Ball as usual, could not compete in the finals owing to an accident, thereby destroying the prospects of a good race. Foster, despite a fall, won the Mile in good time and looks a powerful and formidable runner.

The Combined Cup fell to Westbury after unusually keen competition for Westbury, Blackbrook and Cams all had between 120 and 130 points. The one and only unsatisfactory element was the number of disqualifications in the Hurdles and it is devoutly to be hoped that next year competitors will temper enthusiasm with judgment and recall that Hurdles are to be cleared, not broken.

### SPORTS RESULTS

#### MINORS

80 Yards	1 Priestley (B), 2 Williams (W), 3 Jennings (S). 10-2/5 secs.
220 ..	1 Jennings (S), 2 Williams (W), 3 Byng (C). 31-3/5 secs.
880 ..	1 Baker (C), 2 Dimmock (C), 3 Porter (B). 2 min. 36-3/5 secs.
Hurdles	1 Baker (C), 2 Priestley (B), 3 Dimmock (C). 17-2/5 secs.
High Jump	1 Warts (C), 2 Dimmock (C), 3 Williams (W). 3 ft. 8 ins.
Long Jump	1 Williams (W), 2 Jennings (S), 3 Baker (C). 13 ft.
Relay	1 Cams, 2 Westbury, 3 Blackbrook. 49-4,5 secs.

## JUNIORS

100 Yards	1 Stone (W), 2 Peckham (S), 3 Eldred (B).	11-4/5 secs.
440 "	1 Stone (W), 2 Palmer (W), 3 Stubbington (B).	60-9/10 secs.
880 "	1 Parker (C), 2 Peckham (S), 3 Palmer (W).	2 min. 29-2/5 secs.
Hurdles	1 Parker (C), 2 Collins (W).	16-3,5 secs.
High Jump	1 Collins (W), 2 Stubbington (B), 3 Gregory (S).	4 ft. 5 ins.
Long Jump	1 Peckham (S), 2 Palmer (W), 3 Stubbington (B).	15 ft. 7 1/4 ins.
T.C.B.	1 Ingle (B), 2 Peckham (S), 3 Nobes (S).	70 yds. 0 ft. 3 ins.
Relay	1 Blackbrook, 2 Westbury, 3 Cams.	1 min. 21-1/5 secs.
Tug-of-War	Blackbrook.	

## SENIORS.

100 Yards	1 Quinlan (B), 2 Webb (W), 3 Hall (B).	10-4/5 secs.
440 "	1 Quinlan (B), 2 Shacklock (S), 3 Webb (W).	57-2/5 secs.
Mile	1 Foster (B), 2 Hughes (S), 3 Groves (C).	5 min. 11-2/5 secs.
Hurdles	1 Blake (C); Prescott (W), Rowe (B), Hall (B).	18-4/5 secs.
High Jump	1 Webb (W), 2 Callon (S), 3 Prescott (W).	4 ft. 8 ins.
Long Jump	1 Phillips (W), 2 Quinlan (B), 3 Webb (W).	17 ft. 11 1/4 ins.
T.C.B.	1 Rowe (B), 2 Ditchburn (W), 3 Watts (C).	85 yds. 2 ft. 3 ins.
Relay	1 Cams, 2 Blackbrook, 3 Westbury.	1 min. 14-4/5 secs.
Tug-of-War	School House.	

Minor Cup	...	Cams	Combined Cup	...	Westbury
Junior Cup	...	Westbury	Iain May Cup	...	A. R. Webb
Senior Cup	...	Blackbrook	Relay Cup	...	Cams
		Victor Ludorum	...		A. R. Webb



In many ways this season may be considered to have been a successful one from the point of school cricket. The weather has not been as summery as one could have wished, but only one 1st XI game has been scratched, and the ordinary games have been as little affected. A considerable amount of new talent has been unearthed, and generally boys have shown a gratifying keenness for the game. There is still too great a number of boys who avoid every opportunity of playing, but there are far more who would play more frequently than the accommodation allows.

The 1st XI have had a very fair season which has only just fallen short of being an excellent one. Of eight matches played four have been won, three lost and one drawn, and three more games remain to be played. This may not sound an impressive record, but on examination it is rather better than the bare figures would suggest. The drawn game was most decidedly in our favour, and in both the school games which were lost we had much the best of matters for a good deal of the game, and with a little more determination at critical periods the final results would have been different. This was particularly the case against Portsmouth Grammar, who, batting first, lost seven wickets for 27, but were then allowed to go on to make some 90 odd runs.

Perhaps, however, it is unnecessary to make any excuses for a lost game or two. The best criterion of a School cricket side is not the number of victories, but the kind of team which has been built up and the ability it has shown. Sometimes this ability is more latent than actual, and it can be truthfully said of this year's XI that there is a great deal of ability, some of which needs a little longer to produce results. The side has been a keen one from the very start of the season, and with a keen side there is bound to be considerable enjoyment both for the players and those interested in them.

The batting looked to be stronger than it has turned out to be. With Webb, Jarman, Watts and Miskin, all of whom looked good last year, we hoped for plenty of runs, and in the last few games good scores have been made, but none of these could get going earlier on, and scores were not high enough to give the bowlers much of a chance.

The attack has without exception been fully equal to the demands made on it and no side has scored a total of a hundred against us. The bowlers have been supported by fielding of a fair standard which has steadily improved throughout the season. There was early on too little hostility and too much immobility, but these weaknesses have now been overcome and they are now quite a good side in the field with perhaps Watts and Hills outstanding. The former of these is quite brilliant in the short leg position and has taken some fine catches.

Of the batsmen Webb, Hills and Jarman have looked to be best. Webb has not lived up to the promise of last year's innings of 92 against Portsmouth Grammar School, but he has great ability and is likely to make many runs when he overcomes an exaggerated reverence for stroke play. Most of the side can play well, and not for several years have we had a side in which the later batsmen look to be almost as good as the openers.

In summing up the season as a whole it is quite fair comment to say that it has been an interesting and at least a fairly successful one.

The Second XI have had three games and have shown great keenness and ability. Pearce and Hall have batted well and Figes and Ballard have bowled with success. I hope it may be possible in the future to arrange more fixtures for this side, as with the number of older boys increasing in the school there should be enough material to provide quite a capable XI.

The House Matches provided some good games, but Cams and Westbury were too strong for the other houses, and Westbury easily won a disappointing deciding game against Cams. Webb must have established a record in batting through all three games without losing his wicket.

The Junior House Competition was won by Cams who won all three of their games fairly easily.

I am sure the 1st XI would wish me to thank Mr. Johnston and Watts for the way in which they have worked on the pitches which have been very good this year. Watts has also seen to the gear in a noble fashion, and has been one of the most hard-working officials we have ever had in the side.

#### FIRST ELEVEN.

C. E. MISKIN (Captain).—He is a keen cricketer and has proved a capable captain. Has not developed his natural hitting powers as a batsman. Bowls quite fast and his best ball is a good one, but not frequent enough.

- G. H. WATTS (Vice-Captain).—A keen cricketer with a good knowledge of the game. Has not had much luck with the bat. A brilliant field at short forward leg.
- A. R. WEBB.—Has many good shots and looks a really good batsman. Bats well and can hit to leg, but must put more power into his straight driving.
- C. F. HILLS.—A good bat with many nice looking shots. Is inclined to swing crookedly, and must beware of the ball on his leg stump. A very good field with good hands and excellent sense of position.
- D. T. JARMAIN.—Bowls left-arm slows very well. Turns the ball considerably from leg and flights it well up to the batsman. Has improved with the bat and is now a reliable No. 4.
- A. J. BROWNING.—A keen bowler with a good natural outswing. Bowls very well down the hill with a good length and occasional life from the wicket. Might develop into a good forcing batsman if he were to take batting more seriously.
- R. D. DITCHBURN.—Bowls a good in-swing up the hill which moves late and quickly across the batsman. Must learn to pitch the ball well up the whole time, as a short in-swing is a gift to the leg hitter.
- N. C. ALDERTON.—Has kept wicket remarkably well all the season. Takes the ball easily and cleanly and gets out well to the pitch of the ball from returns. With a little more confidence should make a good stumper. Can hit the ball hard and should cultivate his batting.
- C. P. NOBES —A left-handed batsman whose performances have been rather disappointing. Stands too far from the ball and swings his bat late. Good in the field, and should improve next season.
- P. J. ELLIS.—Is very keen but has little defence particularly in his back-play. Can hit an overpitched ball well and has a good shot on the offside of the wicket.
- B. A. COZENS.—Put into the side to hold up an end, has done his job very well. Watches the ball closely, but could hit the loose ones harder and must learn to play straighter when going back. Can bowl an accurate length.

### FIRST XI MATCHES

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| School 73 for 6 dec.<br>(Webb 16, Watts 10, Jarmain 10)                     | B. R. Shaw's XI 30<br>(Browning 5 for 12, Miskin 2 for 0)                                  |
| School 36 (Ellis 17 not out)  | Portsmouth Grammar 90 (Ditchburn 5 for 21)   |
| School 47 (Alderton 12 not out)   | Old Boys 32 (Ditchburn 6 for 18,<br>Browning 4 for 13)                                     |
| School 45 (Watts 10)  | Purbrook Park C.H.S. 57 (Ditchburn 4 for 4,<br>Browning 3 for 12, Miskin 2 for 11)         |
| School 77 (Cozens 12, Jarmain 15, Miskin 13)                                | St. Mary's 39 (Miskin 6 for 5)   |
| School 62 (Hills 10)  | Fareham 2nd XI 74 (Ditchburn 6 for 34, Jarmain 3 for 16)                                   |
| School 112 for 9 dec. (Webb 32,<br>Jarmain 15, Hills 20, Cozens 24 not out) | Eastleigh C.H.S. 39 for 8 wkts. (Browning 4 for 14,<br>Ditchburn 2 for 13, Miskin 2 for 4) |
| School 123 for 7 dec. (Jarmain 39,<br>Hills 12, Alderton 19 not out)        | Northern Grammar 60 (Jarmain 3 for 12,<br>Cozens 2 for 3)                                  |

## COLT'S CRICKET

Rather a short season in matches, but a lot of games and nets have been played, and quite a few have learnt to watch the ball and play with a moderately straight bat.

Wilcox has come on in batting, playing quite a creditable forward stroke, and hitting anything on the leg hard, with quite a few off shots; his bowling with an off break is quite fair, but his fielding must improve.

Gilham plays quite straight, and has strokes to cover. Wadey plays each ball on its merits, and has played useful innings, but must field better. Gregory as a bat is disappointing and as a bowler has a good ball, but it appears between a gaggle of long hops and full pitches. Palmer is a much improved bat, who has learnt to play forward fairly straight, has acquired shots to the off, and can hit hard to leg; as a bowler has a good ball swinging from the off, but it must pitch on the off and not swing from the oner to the onest.

Parker is capable of hitting hard and should improve; as a bowler is too vague about length and direction. Williams watches the ball with great care and has played useful innings more than once; with the acquisition of scoring strokes to the off will be a more prolific bat; quite a fair wicket keeper, but too prone to diving.

Dimmock comes out delightfully to the pitch of the ball, has a good eye and watches the ball; when he has got out of the irredeemable shot across the wrong ball will be very useful as he is a good field (when he has no antiflogistined fingers) and can bowl quite well.

Sidwell is at present too impatient but might become a quick scoring bat and competent bowler. Dore can bowl quite well, but some balls are indescribably short; spinning the ball is all very well, but without length is innocuous and very expensive.

Purkis will improve as a bat; as a bowler must pay first attention to length. Rudling watches the ball and for his age is very imperturbable; as a bowler pitches the ball commendably up and is a very keen field. Percival may be a useful bowler.

Considering the chance the boys of this School get of playing on the field from pre-9 a.m. to post-4 p.m., the standard of batting is poor, and we have seldom seen weaker bowling than that which the under 14 Colts have shewn. Some of the fielding too of both teams has been very much below standard; what should be an undoubted catch has been unaccountably not quite reached through a lagging start.

I wish more than two of our Colts could have seen some of the Winchester College Colts eleven playing Hants Colts; we saw the forward stroke in its ortho-soundness and the whole gamut of off strokes from point via the covers to mid-off all along the ground, and nice forcing shots off the legs from mid-on via mid-wicket to square and fine leg. let alone drives into the deep.

## COLT'S CRICKET MATCHES

Under 15. Played 3, Won 3, Scratched 1, To be played 2.

St. Mary's College. Won by 12 runs.

School 71 (Wadey 20) St. Mary's 59 (Gregory 5 for 14, Wilcox 4 for 17)

Manor House School. Won by an innings and 56 runs.

School 74 for 2 dec. Manor House 1st Innings 5 (Gregory 7 for 3)  
(Williams 26 not, Dimmock 20, 2nd Innings 13 (Parker 9 for 1)  
Wadey 16 not)

	Eastleigh C.H.S.	Won by 52 runs.
School 85 for 9 dec. (Wilcox 26,	Gilham 19, Dimmock 12)	Eastleigh 33 (Gregory 7 for 11, Wilcox 2 for 10)
	Under 14. Played 3, Won 1 Lost 2.	
	Purbrook C.H.S.	
School 57 (Williams 20,	Rudling 7)	Purbrook 28 (Robertson-Fox 6 for 7, Dore 2 for 5)
	Portsmouth G.S.	Lost by 20 runs.
School 26	Portsmouth G.S. 46 for 9 dec. (Dore 3 wkts., Dimmock 2 wkts., Sidwell 2 wkts.)	
	Taunton's School.	Lost by 7 wkts.
	School 34	Taunton's 35 for 3
	(4 catches were missed, and two run-outs not accepted)	

### HOUSE MATCHES

#### 1st XI.

Westbury 54 for 3	Blackbrook 33	Westbury 26 for 4	School House 23
Cams 50	School House 24	Westbury 46 for 4	Cams 42
Cams 30 for 2	Blackbrook 29	School House 45	Blackbrook 37

#### COLTS' XI.

Blackbrook 49	Westbury 46	Cams 22	Blackbrook 14
Cams 31	School House 30	Cams 20 for 0	Westbury 19
School House 56	Westbury 38	School House 26	Blackbrook 34

## Hockey

### First Eleven Matches

Taunton's, drawn 2-2.	Ryde School, drawn 2-2.	St. Vincent, drawn 2-2.
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### Second Eleven Matches

Taunton's, won 4-1.	Ryde, won 3-1.	St. Vincent, lost 0-3.
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### Colt's Eleven Matches

Taunton's, lost 0-1.	Taunton's, drawn 2-2.
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## HOUSE NOTES

### Blackbrook

Since the last issue two important events have taken place, namely the School Sports and the Inter-House Cricket Competition. In the Sports we were reasonably successful in all three groups, winning the Senior Cup and obtaining second and third places in the Junior and Minor events and second place in the Combined Cup. In the Senior events Quinlan was outstanding. He won the 100 yards in fine style and also won a magnificent quarter mile; in addition he obtained second place in the long jump and was narrowly beaten by Webb for the honour of Victor Ludorum. Foster also ran well to win the Mile and Rowe won the Cricket Ball.

In the Juniors Eldred and Stubbington ran and jumped well and were ably assisted by Allwood, Bailey and Ingle, who won the Cricket Ball. The Juniors also won the Relay and the Tug-of-War. The Minors were not quite so successful, and, although Priestley and Porter ran very well, they did not receive enough support to enable them to win the cup.

Our hopes for the future are quite promising and we must see that the Junior and Minor Cups join the Senior Cup on our shelf and stay there.

In the Cricket competition we did not do so well, but, although our senior team was disappointing the Juniors showed promise. The Seniors lost all three games and this, I am afraid, was due to the lack of bowlers, and little but tail in the batting order. Cozens and Turner bowled quite well in all the games, and Walling batted fairly well in common with Cozens and Turner.

The Juniors, who were ably captained by Gilham, won two of their three games and were unfortunate to lose the third because they were forced to play with nine men. This rather marred the sporting activities of the House, and I hope that none of our House teams are ever again forced to take the field with short numbers. Apart from this Gilham, Percival and Purkiss bowled with success, Percival batted well in one match and French kept wicket like a veteran.

To conclude I want to wish all of you who are taking the Higher and School Certificates the best of luck, and those who are leaving, success in their chosen career.

L.R.H.

We have been passing through a comparatively lean time but there is a good deal of ability in the House and our fortunes will soon change if everyone does his best. At present we rely too much on too few. It was significant that hardly anyone turned up to watch the House Matches and a match and cup were very likely lost because two members of a team did not turn out. Let us all do our best and ensure that next term our teams have plenty of support.

H.R.T.

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## Cams

The term started with the Sports, so they are the first thing which we have to report.

The House won the Relay Cup, the Seniors setting up a record time for their event. But the Seniors were not otherwise very successful, although Blake won the Hurdles at his first attempt at hurdling.

Among the Juniors Parker was the most notable, winning the Hurdles and 880 yards.

The Minors won the Minor Cup, largely owing to the efforts of Dimmock and Baker, who did extremely well and should prove to be our best runners later on.

A cup did come our way, however, which we welcome above all others. This was the Tarbat Cup, which represents, more than the Sports Cups, an all-House effort. Every member of the House contributes to the House's chance of winning this cup, and it is in the competition for this that the weight of those who are more distinguished in School than outside counts.

House cricket is the next thing to report, and we think that the House can congratulate itself on the performance of what was not one of its most impressive teams.

The match against School was notable for a most praiseworthy innings by Brickwood. He went in at a crucial moment, when a complete rot had set in, and put up an extremely good performance, scoring 26 runs. Jarmain enabled us to win the game by some really good bowling, and the team as a whole held together well, the fielding being very fair for a House game.

In the match against Blackbrook, we got our opponents out for a low figure, and Watts and Jarmain won the game for us by some sound batting.

The match against Westbury we lost, mainly owing to the fact that we had not enough runs to work with, and the consciousness of this deficiency made the team nervous, causing missed chances of run-outs. We did, however, get away to a good start, and a reliable change bowler might have made a difference. But it was a good game.

The Juniors succeeded in winning the cup, good bowling being the basis of their success. Walker, Dimmock and Parker did well.

We wish those who are taking School and Higher School Certificates the best of luck, and the whole House a pleasant holiday.

C.E.M.

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## School House

At the beginning of this term we returned to School to find that the Sports would be held in the near future.

However, it was a sad day for School House, in spite of all the training. We lost all the five cups which we had succeeded in winning last year and did not win any to replace them. Our sole glory was in winning the Tug-of-War final from Cams after three very strenuous pulls, this being the first time we had won this event for several years although we had been in the final most of the times.

Our most successful competitors in the Seniors were Shacklock and Callon. Callon was narrowly beaten into 2nd place in the High Jump and Shacklock was beaten only by inches in the 440 which was run in one of the fastest times for several years. In the Juniors we were slightly more successful, Peckham gaining 21 points out of a maximum of 24, including a first in the Long Jump and 3 second places. Nobes also did quite well. The best of the Minors was Jennings who gained a first, a second and a third place.

At cricket we did not distinguish ourselves, winning only one game out of three, namely against Blackbrook. In the opening match, winning the toss we sent Cams in to bat; this policy seemed justified when Cams stood at 7 wickets for 11 runs; at this stage in came Brickwood who immediately began to hit our bowling about so well that he had collected 26 not out when the Cams innings finished at 50. This set-back seemed to dispirit our batsmen so much that we were all out for 24, nobody except the tail-enders offering much resistance. Against Westbury, we again won the toss and decided to bat first. Again, however, our batsmen failed and we were all out for 23. Westbury passed our total with 6 wickets in hand, although, thanks to some good bowling by Figs, they had had 3 wickets down for 4 runs at the beginning.

In our last match we met Blackbrook, who also had not yet won. For the third time in succession we won the toss and we decided to bat first; again the earlier batsmen did not do very well, the score being 7 for 26; however, a partnership of 18 between Peckham and Shacklock altered things considerably and the innings closed for a total of 45. The Blackbrook innings was very long; of the 37 overs bowled by 6 School House bowlers 22 were maidens. However, after nearly having to be content with a draw, the last wicket fell within 10 minutes of the time for drawing stumps, we managed to win a rather dreary game by 8 runs. Our most successful batsman was Shacklock who, although rather unorthodox, had several good innings. Figes took 8 wickets for 26 runs in the 3 matches although he was bowling under the strain of a bad ankle in the last two matches.

The Juniors were no more successful than the Seniors, winning only one match, although the other two were very close decisions. We lost to Cams by 1 wicket, beat Westbury by 18 runs and lost to Blackbrook by 8 runs. Of the players Rudling and Willis show great promise in both batting and bowling, whilst Gatesman has scored quite a few runs.

We hope that we shall again win the Tarbat cup which we lost last term, having held it for only one term. We also sincerely hope that everyone who is taking the School or Higher School Certificate will be successful; also we would like to wish everyone who is leaving the best of luck and we sincerely hope that all those who are returning will come back with renewed vigour in both their school work and on the sports field.

P.J.E.

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## Westbury

This term has been easily the best term Westbury has had since I was appointed house captain, and during the term we have won five cups.

The Sports were held at the beginning of the term and in this competition we gained four cups:—the Junior, the Combined, the Iain May and the Victor Ludorum.

The Minors ran well to come runners up and Williams, D., deserves special praise for winning one event and being placed in three others. Other runners who did well were Hart and Wyeth.

The Juniors won their cup mainly through good performances put up by Stone, G. P., and Collins. Stone, who also won the 100 yards, completely outclassed the field in the 440 yards to break the record. Collins, who gained points in three other events, easily won the high jump with a most unorthodox hurdling style. These two were well backed by Palmer, G., who was second in two events.

The Seniors also came runners up and with a few more points would have won the cup. Boys who deserve praise are, Philips who won the long jump, Prescott who came third in the high jump, and Ditchburn and Watts, P. G., for their places in the cricket ball throw.

We easily took the Combined Cup, the result of a good all round performance by the competitors.

We now turn to cricket where the Seniors played well to win the cup and the Juniors, as a result of their disappointing performances, lost the Junior Cup which we have held for two years running.

The Seniors won all their matches with wickets to spare, and in fact none of the last five batsmen had an innings in any match. The reason for our success was our bowling strength; there were at least six recognised bowlers in the team. This is shown by the fact that no other house scored as many as fifty runs against us. The fielding has been reliable and some good catches were held.

Our first two games with Blackbrook and School House were easily won by eight and six wickets respectively, Browning and Ditchburn taking honours for bowling and Hills and Wilcox for the batting.

Our final game with Cams, the runners up, was easily our best match. In this game fortunes fluctuated frequently. Cams went in to bat first and looked like putting up a good score and were at one time 34 for 4, but Wilcox, bowling a lovely length, and Browning managed to cause a collapse and Cams were put out for 43. Wilcox took 4 for 5 and Browning 4 for 10. We then started badly, Cams getting our first four wickets for four runs, but Browning completely changed the outlook by hitting out and knocking the bowlers off their length, and the Cams' total was reached without further loss, Browning scoring 17 not out.

A final word of praise to Alderton who kept wicket very efficiently and kept the tally of extras low.

The Juniors did very badly and lost all their matches. This was due more to inexperience than to lack of keenness, and the main weakness was the bowling and fielding. However, there were some good performances and Williams, D., the captain, scored 15 against Blackbrook and Sidwell 19 against School House.

Finally I wish good luck to all members of the House who have entered for the Higher and School Certificates, and also to all who are leaving this summer. To the rest of the House, I hope you all have a good holiday and will come back ready for School work and games.

A.R.W.

In the foregoing notes A. R. Webb has naturally not mentioned his own very considerable share in the events of the term.

Two of the five cups the House has won, namely the Iain May cup for the High Jump and the Victor Ludorum, were won by Webb personally, and he deserves our hearty congratulations for his success.

The winning of the Victor Ludorum Cup, of course, means that Webb gained more points for his house than any other senior, and therefore contributed very greatly to our gaining the Combined Sports Cup.

In addition to these personal successes Webb has been always keen to help in every way in the running of the House and we have been fortunate in having him as House Captain.

J.S.

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## Old Priceans' Association

The Annual Cricket Match versus the School XI was, sad to relate, not the success we had hoped for. We could not get enough Old Boys to raise a team, but fortunately were able to "scrounge" one or two of the School Second XI who were good enough to make up our numbers. We had a very interesting match, but had it not been for Durant we should have put up a very sorry show. As will be seen elsewhere in this issue, we lost by a few runs.

Congratulations to the School XI!

Our Annual General Meeting was also poorly attended, we hope it is not a sign of apathy.

The Officers were elected for the following year as follows:—

Hon. Treasurer, M. W. Gardner (re-elected).  
 Assistant Hon. Treasurer, Chapman (re-elected).  
 Hon. Secretary, E. G. Dimmer (re-elected).  
 Assistant Hon. Secretary, D. E. Gregory.  
 Committee (for one year), E. R. J. Hinxman, Claney and Stone.

A Committee to contact Old Priceans for the purpose of selecting teams was formed consisting of S. Moore, Stone and the Assistant Secretary.

It was decided to hold the Annual Dinner in November, Mr. Ashton reported on the position regarding the re-arrangements taking place at the School, and the proposal of the County Authorities that there should be no more Boarders.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to convey to the Governors our consternation and regret at the proposal, as we felt it was detrimental to the School life. The School House had always been one of the strongest Houses, and to dispense with it would mean a definite falling off in the competitive spirit.

With regard to the War Memorial, the Hon. Secretary informed the meeting that he had now heard from Mr. Lavery that the timber would soon be available, and he (the Hon. Secretary) was now awaiting the estimate for which he had asked. The Meeting empowered the Committee to act on receiving the estimate.

So much for the Annual General Meeting.

I shall look forward to hearing from all members as to whether they propose to attend the Dinner in November. Please make an entry in your Diary now and reserve the **THIRD SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER**. There will be the annual Soccer Match versus the School previous to the Dinner.

Have you made your entry? Very well, now just drop me a line to say so, and it will help me immensely. Remember those who have to make the arrangements and spare them a little sympathy. I shall be sending you all particulars later but you needn't wait for these before writing.

All the best for your Summer vacations.

Yours sincerely,

E. G. DIMMER,

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Hon. Secretary.

P.S.—Since writing the above, I hear R. E. Kendrick has been awarded a Sam Browne belt for the best Cadet at Aldershot and is considering the offer of a Commission in the Regular Army. Well done, Kendrick! All your colleagues in the Association will wish me to offer you our congratulations on the honour you have brought to the School.



We have continued monthly meetings at à la Broche, Jermyn Street, through the Summer and they have been fairly well attended. Some headway has been made in contacting pre-war members with whom touch had been lost and two who left School more recently, namely D. C. Bansey and J. F. G. Jones, have joined us. We hope that more will follow their example and that before long we shall be able to muster a hockey team once more. Among those we have seen recently have been A. D. Hayward and and H. E. Lardeau, the latter home on leave from Lima.

It seems early in the year to be thinking in terms of a Christmas Dinner, but it is perhaps appropriate to mention that we hope to hold one this year after a lapse of ten years, provided that sufficient support is forthcoming.

B. G. BUCKLEY Hon. Secretary,  
3b, Prince's Parade, Muswell Hill, London, N.10.

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## Report on Initiative and Endurance Test

Carried out by C.Q.M.S. Wigg and Sgt. Hall of  
No. 2 Coy., 14th Bn. Royal Hampshire Regt.

### Information :

Initiative and endurance test carried out between Saturday evening (1915 hrs.), 3rd July, and Thursday morning (1020 hrs.) 8th July. We travelled from Fareham to Bristol, and through the following large towns:—Gloucester, Manchester, Carlisle, Glasgow, Edinburgh, London, Reading, Marlborough, Bristol, Exeter, Dorchester, Salisbury, and back to Fareham in 111 hrs., 86 hrs. of which were spent travelling, the remainder of the time spent sleeping, etc. Our average speed for the journey was 19 m.p.h., thus giving us a total mileage of 2109 miles. We took no money or food with us, and so lived as well as we could.

### Equipment :

Full battledress, groundsheet-cape, blanket, cleaning and washing requisites, small pack, road map.

### Method :

Having prepared our kit we left Fareham walking in the direction of Southampton. Our first lift was at 1935 hrs. from Catisfield Fork to Titchfield Balloon Barrage Station, and this was followed at 1945 hrs. by a lift in a 13 year old Austin to Bitterne. When we reached Bitterne we began the disheartening task of walking through Southampton, but at 2035 hrs. we were lucky enough to get a lift through the town. When we were clear of the town we were given a lift at 2100 hrs. to Ower, where a taxi gave us a very short ride onto the main Salisbury road. We had hardly got out of the taxi when we were given a lift in a Salvation Army car to Salisbury.

We then began to walk along the Warminster and Bath road, and our next lift took us to Wilton. At Wilton a kindly farmer took us in and gave us tea and cakes. Now came the first blow of the evening. We were forced to march, an event against our principles, 7 miles into Stapleford, where at 2445 hrs, we received a lift in a large Buick to Warminster, arriving at 0115 hrs. We cleared the town and eventually bedded down for the night in a clover field on the Warminster to Bath road at 0200 hrs. As this was Saturday evening, when there is no long distance transport, we thought ourselves lucky to reach Warminster, a distance of 55 miles.

The next morning we moved off at 0745 hrs. heading for Bath. As it had rained all night, and was still raining, we were really wet, and the wind, which was very strong, whipped the rain into our faces, and made us feel thoroughly downcast. Although the road we were travelling on was a main road only 3 cars passed us during the next four hours. During this monotonous march we were given a cup of tea by a pleasant old lady, who was eighty years of age and who knitted garments for 8 hours a day to help the export drive. We had a short rest in her picturesque old cottage for 10 minutes. After this our luck changed, we had only walked another mile when we got a lift in a Ford 10 car to Bath. As we approached Bath we had a wonderful panoramic view of the city, lying in the Avon valley. From Bath we had a short lift, which took us back onto the main road. Our next lift was to Bristol, where we arrived at 1355 hrs. This was rather an eventful journey as the car in which we were riding burst a tyre, which we changed. When we reached Bristol the driver, who said we had earned a reward for our services, bought us lemonade and two piping hot pasties, which were greatly appreciated. After this short interlude we proceeded to the Police Station where we had our log book stamped by P.C. Robert Knight. We now had to walk across another large city, and when clear of the town, we were given a lift to Filton. Then a taxi took us by a very devious route to within 8 miles of Gloucester. From here we got a lift in a converted Army Recce car, which seemed to have no springs as we were considerably shaken up. This took us to Redditch, and the driver stopped half way to buy us a cup of tea. Our next lift was in the back of an open lorry to Wolverhampton, where we had our log book signed by P.C. G. Morgan of the Wolverhampton Boro Police. A car then took us to the centre of the town where we picked up a private car and were taken to the point where Watling Street crosses the Wolverhampton to Stafford road, and we had not gone more than 100 yards when the car we had got out of caught us up again and gave us some gloves which we had overlooked in getting out of the car. This lift was rather amusing as the car had something wrong with its steering which made it zig-zag along the road. By now it had stopped raining, and although we were still very wet our spirits rose with the sun. It was not long before we were picked up by two R.M. diesel lorries which took us to Newcastle-under-Lyme. During this ride the heat of the engine dried us out and made our boots, which had been supple when wet, feel like clogs. By now we had passed through the rural country of Somerset, through the dock areas, we had been through high class residential areas, through the well planned city of Bath, and through colonies of prefabs. Our final lift on Sunday, which in our opinion was the best of the whole trip, took us by a very devious route to Manchester. The reason why this was our best lift was that the driver of the car, a gentleman of scientific repute, not only gave us sandwiches and fruit in the car, but also took us to his Manchester home, in the Disbury area, and gave us dinner for which, unfortunately, we were unable to dress. In addition to this he gave us a bed for the night and cooked us a wonderful breakfast and drove us on to the main road. Thank you very much, David, it was certainly very good of you. Needless to say Manchester greeted us with rain.

The next day we left our very comfortable sleeping place at 0830 hrs. after having overslept. Our first lift after we left David was in a van through Manchester and Salford on our way to Warrington. We then had a ride in a heavy lorry to Warrington, quickly followed by a lift in a private car to within a mile of Preston. The driver of this car bought us some sandwiches for our lunch in a tavern on the road. From here we were taken into Preston. In Preston a generous cafe proprietor gave us tea and cake. From this time onwards we had to cut the walking down to a minimum as our boots, which were as stiff as breadboards, were playing havoc with our feet. We hobbled out of Preston and were given a lift in an M.G. for about 10 miles, to Garstang. This car was supercharged with twin carburettors, and along the wide, dead straight road several times exceeded 90 m.p.h. The driver, although very good, was rather too reckless for our liking and we were glad to get out. During this trip we had to lean out of the sides of the car to keep it on the road. We then got into a heavy tar lorry, the impressions of this lorry we still bear, and it took us into Kendal. We marched across the town and were picked up by a R.A.F. lorry which took us right through the beautiful Lake District to Carlisle. This was really a most enjoyable trip, as we were in a covered wagon which was very comfortable in comparison with some we had ridden in, and we had a lovely view as we passed through the rugged scenery. At Carlisle we had our log book signed by P.Sgt. Ballantyre of the Carlisle City Police. Here we met our first Scotsman who took us to the famous Scots village of Gretna Green where we saw the famous marriage room where 10,000 marriages have been made. We crossed the border at 1855 hrs. From here we were taken in a furniture van to Glasgow, which we reached at 2230 hrs. Leaving our transport we walked about 75 yards to our sleeping accommodation, the Plantation sub-station of the Govan police division, where we had our log book stamped by a police sergeant. We spent the night in a cell.

After having washed and shaved we were given tea and rolls by the police and set off for Edinburgh at 0700 hrs. in a laundry van which took us to Edinburgh, where we arrived at 0820 hrs. We were then taken into the centre of the city in a vegetable van. We had our log book stamped and pressed on to the A1 road. We were taken to the outskirts on the Dunbar road, and then given a lift on a lemonade lorry to Musselburgh. We were then taken to within 3 miles of Dunbar in a converted 14 cwt. truck. The driver bought us tea and sandwiches on route. From this point a private car took us to Broxburn Bridge. The driver gave us a 7 lb. basket of strawberries so we sat on the bridge and ate the lot. After this very important event we were taken to Innerwick. From there we got a lift via St. Abbs Head to Eyemouth. This again was a very pleasant journey as it took us along a very picturesque part of the coast. Here we met an American who was travelling the same road as us and who was trying to hitch-hike to Cambridge. He gave us some food for which we were very grateful. All three of us were taken on to the main road where we separated. Our next lift was to Alnwick, and then to Newcastle where we marched through to Gateshead. Here we had our log book stamped at the Gateshead police headquarters by P.Sgt. Fowlie. From here we were given a lift in a heavy transport lorry by a very devious route to Weatherby. We were picked up by another lorry which took us to Bawtry. From here we were picked up by a private car, which ran out of petrol half way to Newark. Then came a really good lift. At 2230 hrs. we picked up a heavy furniture van which took us from Newark to Tottenham. We had company on this trip in the shape of two Edinburgh University Students who were going to London and on to Paris for three months holiday. By now we were really hungry, as we had not had a cooked meal since we left Manchester. During the early hours of the morning,

at 0315 hrs., we stopped at a wayside transport cafe and the driver bought us breakfast. This was a wonderful affair and consisted of 3 eggs, 3 large sausages, 2 slices of bacon, green peas, 4 pieces of fried bread, unlimited bread and butter and several mugs of tea. The whole of this only cost 6/3 for all five of us. We arrived at Tottenham at 0445 hrs. and had our log stamped. We then marched back to Edmonton, on the North Circular Road, where we picked up a lift to Reading and were given another good breakfast. On arrival at Reading we were picked up almost immediately and driven to Newbury. We then went on to Hungerford where we were taken in a very uncomfortable lorry to Bristol. Even though this was an uncomfortable journey we were so tired we managed to sleep most of the way. At Bristol we again had our log stamped, and after walking all over Bristol, owing to erroneous police directions, we eventually got a lift to within three miles of Cheddar. At this point we passed a section of Army Cadets from a local school out doing Signal training. Our next lift was in a market lorry to Bridgwater, from there we got a lift in a converted 14 cwt. van through Taunton, Ilminster, Chard, Axminster, Cullumpton, to Exeter. This trip was very amusing from the drivers point of view because when he was driving along at 60 m.p.h. he suddenly decided to stop and one of us was projected from the cab, across the bonnet into the nearest ditch, but was fortunate enough to escape with minor bruises. On arrival in Exeter we had our log book stamped by the city police, and then took the coast road towards Dorchester. After we cleared the town we were picked up by a Royal Blue coach which was returning empty to Dorchester. This was a very comfortable ride, and we saw some wonderful West Country scenery, both inland and on the coast. It is certainly understandable why the tourist trade is prospering in the West. The driver of the coach gave us 7/- to buy a meal, but as all cafes were closed we used it to buy breakfast next morning. From Dorchester we were taken as far as Puddletown and then to Blandford where we had our log book stamped by the Blandford police, who also put us up for the night in the cells. The next morning we were given a lift at 0730 hrs. to Salisbury. From here we were taken in an electrician's van to Whiteparish where we bought breakfast. We were taken from the wayside cafe as far as Bitterne, and from here we were taken to Park Gate. And then came our last lift in a small van as far as Fareham Railway Station.

Throughout the test we found everyone most helpful, and always willing to put us right, and to do as much as they could for us. Our lifts were all given out of kindness, and were often accompanied by food and drink, all of which was given freely, nothing being asked for or begged. Money was only accepted under pressure, usually of our stomachs, and was only used to buy food. During the trip everybody was very interested in our progress, and certainly gave us some exciting thrills and surprises. We both would like to thank all persons who helped us on our way and gave us refreshments. If anybody ever thinks of doing a similar test we would both highly recommend it as one of the best ways of seeing our country and meeting some of her very interesting peoples.

Fareham. 9-7-48

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