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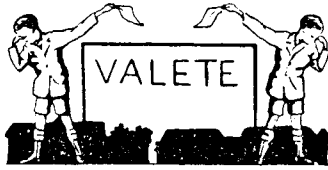
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THE term has been satisfactory in a number of ways, but not for the Editor of "The Lion." During the war we had perforce to reduce the number of original contributions printed. A reversion to the pre-war practice is overdue but it cannot come unless the School provides the contributions. A fair start was made a term or two ago, but it has not been maintained. If "The Lion" is to fulfil its proper purpose it must have the co-operation of its readers, so it is to be hoped that the flow of contributions has only been temporarily checked.

After a bad start owing to the weather our sports have flourished. Hockey has been the main game and results have been satisfactory. Some football has also been played and there is some very promising material in the lower part of the School. We hope soon to have passed through the recent rather lean period.

Other activities are recorded in "The Lion": we may fairly claim that they show reasonable freedom from degeneracy. Two other matters may be noted here: a welcome improvement in uniformity of dress, and on two separate evenings Parents came to the School to meet the Headmaster and Staff. We believe these meetings served a useful purpose and that the opportunities provided were appreciated by all.



BLACKBROOK.—H. W. Langridge (House Captain, Vice-Captain School Cricket and Football), R. J. Monk, T. K. Maybee.

CAMS.—D. Johnston (School 1st XI Football), S. Courtney.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—E. A. Thorburn (Prefect), D. Hunt (1st XI Football), R. T. Targett, C. G. Aitken.

WESTBURY.—R. W. G. Hoar.



Edwards, P. B. A. Ridett, M. Judd, J. A. Clifford.

Cadet Corps

This term has been one of the most successful in the history of the Corps. It has seen an increase in strength of nearly 50 per cent. and a 100 per cent. success in the Certificate A examination.

It was decided last term that all boys on reaching the age of 14 should become members of the Cadet Corps unless they were exempted by the Headmaster. This new instruction was put into effect this term and 17 boys joined and in addition 17 others joined although they had not reached the necessary age limit. As a result our strength is now over 100 for the first time for many years. It should increase to approximately 150 by the end of next year.

In the Certificate A examination held on February 29th, 14 N.C.O's and cadets entered and passed Part II and 13 N.C.O's and cadets entered and passed Part I. This is a most gratifying success and reflects great credit on the candidates and their instructors. It is, however, a very high standard to keep up and will necessitate further hard slogging by future candidates and their instructors. We can do it if we work with a will.

Since the increase in strength it has now been found possible to start new courses of instruction. These are a course for Certificate T, candidates being run by Mr. Briscoe, and a course in Signal Instruction, being run by Mr. Foster. It is hoped that the results in any examination will be as good as they have always been in the Certificate A examination.

Again because of the increase in strength it has been possible to increase the size of the band. This has of course necessitated the purchase of additional instruments and Lt.-Col. Walker has approved their purchase and the total cost will be in the region of £100. We want a good band and the Band Festival held in Winchester in May is now quite near and we can win if we go all out.

Of future activities, it is hoped to have a Field Day at the end of this term and it has been decided that a termly award of a "Best Cadet" Cup shall be instituted this term. The General Inspection is to be held on 24th June and the Annual Camp which will be a Battalion Camp only, probably at Corfe Castle, will begin on August 1st. It is hoped that this company will put in a large attendance.

Best of luck to you all.

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

The Scout Troop

The energies of many of the Scout Troop this term have been largely devoted to the production of a play to be given at Parents' Night at the end of the term. Plays always take a great deal of work, but it is work that is not wasted as it is both good fun and good education. Other scouting activities have inevitably suffered, but that is only temporarily. We shall need to start soon intensive training in preparation for the district competitions at the beginning of next term, and for camps at Whitsun and in the Summer.

One of our Scout parents successfully organised a concert from which the Troop receives about £10 towards buying tents.

Four members of the Troop are planning a hike during the Easter holidays, probably round the Isle of Wight. They will carry tents and equipment with them and will be completely independent. In the summer about a dozen Senior Scouts are hoping to spend a fortnight in the Scout Chalêt at Kandersteg among the mountains of Switzerland.

Dramatic Society

The Christmas plays are over, with some good performances, although our audiences were not up to their normal size. However, we have now to settle down to the task of choosing a play, which will definitely be a three-act, for production next December.

With the leaving of Thorburn and Target the Society has lost two strong supporters, both excellent stage-hands and one a principal actor. We wish them the best of luck in their new spheres of life.

The Committee has been enlarged and one or two changes of office made. A Sub-committee has been appointed for the choice of a new play, and Miss Jewell has been appointed Producer for this year.

The Society is open to all boys in the School, and there is plenty of work for everyone, whether interested in acting or working back-stage on scenery and so on. Any new members will be gladly welcomed.

Finally we wish all a pleasant holiday and success in the fast-approaching Higher and School Certificate examinations.

T.W.

THIS YEAR'S DRAMATIC PRODUCTIONS

Marshall, Macfarlane and Stone have all left the School, but nowhere has their absence been more felt than in the Dramatic Society. Few have come forward to fill their places, yet I feel that more might have been accomplished had the Committee for the selection of plays decided differently.

As it fell, chiefly owing to the difficulties of "Becky Sharp," this year's production fell below the usual high standard. The uninspiring material afforded by "Becky Sharp" made the actors fight hard for recognition of their talents, which I am convinced some possess to a marked degree. The scenes from Henry IV, Part 1, were quite successful. Innocent made an admirable Falstaff and, of the others, Nisbet had marked success as the Prince. The whole cast worked with a will.

Of the Staff play I have nothing to say that is not complimentary. It presented an interesting situation in a convincing manner. Particularly noteworthy, however, was Mr. Shaw's technique of appearing on the stage when no immediate action or speech was required of him without seeming like a piece of misplaced furniture.

Mention must be made of the backstage men: Webb worked heroically and all the actors know how much they owed to him. We have never had a better stage manager. Thorburn, too, did a tremendous amount of work.

Nevertheless I feel that we should congratulate the Dramatic Society on achieving a success, however limited, in the face of many disadvantages. Now let us look forward to an unqualified success for next time, which I am sure will come in the form of one good play as it has in the past.

A.J.F.

The Chess Club

The attendance at the weekly meetings throughout the term shows that most of the members are very keen on the game, though the number of members did not increase after Christmas as I hoped it would. A tournament has been in progress for some weeks, but is far from finished, and the number of games played by members up to date is so varied that any attempt to give the present state of the score would be misleading. I hope that the tournament will be finished by the time this appears.

We are fortunate in being still able to borrow men and boards, but we cannot be sure of this privilege next season, though I have some reason to hope it will continue.

The standard of play has improved very considerably. I used at first to watch members making futile and useless moves, merely because it was their turn to move, but with no clear purpose in view, but now that has all gone, and I think every member has a good idea of what he is trying to do and of how to do it. This shows the effect of regular practice, and of taking the trouble to study a book or two about the game.

Our thanks are due to the Secretary, and also to one or two other members who have regularly fetched and carried the men and boards for our use.

J.S.

The Steeplechase

The Steeplechase was run at the end of the Christmas Term and illustrated as well as ever the importance of team work in this event. The winning house, both in the Junior and Senior Competitions had only one runner in the first six home; the cups were won by boys whose names do not appear in "The Lion" but who brought credit on their houses, nevertheless.

Both races were won with a fair degree of ease, and both Gatesman and Foster appeared to be well up to the usual steeplechase standard. The winners apart, probably the best performance was Groves' who ran in the Seniors for the first time. He will have to be regarded as a very serious challenger to Foster next year.

This year the Senior teams were enlarged to twelve. It cannot be made too clear that every man counts and that this race offers everyone an opportunity of doing something for his house.

STEEPLECHASE RESULT

Junior	Senior	Combined
1. Blackbrook 114	1. School House 99	1. School House 231
2. School House 132	2. Westbury 108	2. Westbury 252
3. Westbury 144	3. Blackbrook 156½	3. Blackbrook 270½
4. Cams 144½	4. Cams 180½	4. Cams 325

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

Junior	Senior
1. Gatesman (S)	1. Foster (B)
2. Parfitt (C)	2. Groves (C)
3. Swift (B)	3. Webb, A. R. (W)
4. Parker (C)	4. Toyne (B)
5. Jennings (S)	5. Welsh (S)
6. Cook (S)	6. Stone, G. P. (W)



MATCHES

1st XI.—Played 4, Won 2, Lost 2, Drawn 0, Scratched 4. To be played 3.
 2nd XI.—Played 2, Won 1, Lost 0, Drawn 1, Scratched 2. To be played 3.
 COLTS (under 14)—Played 2, Won 0, Lost 1, Drawn 1.

FIRST ELEVEN

Havant III. Won 4-2.

A very pleasant match played at Havant on Saturday, December 20th—the first time we have ever played a match before Christmas. The team played as a cohesive body and deserved their win, goals being scored by Webb, Jarmain 2, Watts.

King Alfred's College, Winchester. Lost 1-3.

It was an extremely wet day, and most unsuitable for Hockey. Considering it was so early in the season the team played quite well and apart from a lack of thrust there were no obvious weaknesses. Webb scored the only goal.

H.M.S. St. Vincent. Won 2-0.

It was a very good game played at a fast pace throughout, and only our superior thrust in the centre enabled us to win. Webb and Watts were the scorers.

Collegiate School, Bournemouth. Lost 2-3.

Played at Fleming Park, Eastleigh, on Wednesday, March 3rd. Rather a disappointing result as so many "ifs" did not come off for us, and some that should have only been "ifs" materialized for our opponents. The goals were scored by Ellis and Maybee.

SECOND ELEVEN

H.M.S. St. Vincent. Drawn 2-2.

Quite a good game which we might easily have won. Goals scored by Ellis and Maybee.

Collegiate School, Bournemouth. Won 4-0.

Our opponents were rather smaller than our team, and we had it much our own way. Goals were scored by Bailey, Jarmain and Alderton (2).

RETROSPECT

A good season from the point of view of the number of games played. We have never had quite so many games before Christmas, and one match, too.

About 200 boys have had some chance of learning the game, and there is no little promise when they play another season. Some may seem to make little progress but one has to remember there are so many things to master in Hockey, stick-craft (with many facets), hitting quickly and hard, shooting, and that very elusive chimæra—positional play—i.e., getting in the position to take or give a pass, to snap up an opponent's hit, and so to position yourself that an opponent does not know quite what to do.

Some primal truths must be read, marked and learnt: a forward is there to get on with it, but not to try and trick two or three opponents; the best way to get through the opposing defence is to pass to his next forward or even the other wing.

The five forwards are a line, not two running with the ball and the other three trotting along behind in a leisurely manner. A half is there to stop the opponents, get the ball and feed his forwards, not to dribble, however clever he may be, more than to get in position to pass to his wing (or the opposite one if his is closely marked).

Do we not sometimes see halves—such is their distrust of the forwards—trying to dribble through them, while the five forwards look on, admiringly or otherwise, till the panting half loses the ball eventually through sheer exhaustion? And then, too, how many forwards or halves dribble right across the ground, to the delight of the opposing defence, who merely have to amble back to their circle? How easy it is to blame the goal-keeper for letting through a shot, but what of the back who cleared straight to an opponent just before, or the wing-half who left his man with a clear run. And lastly, 5 or 6 off sides in one half is more than the ration even in these days. One more word—our thanks are due to several members of the 1st side for materially helping with Junior games: but after all, what more profitable occupation could there be than handing on the secrets of the magic baton to neophytes of the game?

CHARACTERS OF FIRST ELEVEN

- C. E. MISKIN (Centre Half, Captain).—Good stick-work, works indefatigably and intelligently, one-handed play is austere and judicious.
- H. T. SHACKLOCK (Right Back, Vice-Captain).—Very fair stick-work, fast and energetic, clears hard and well.
- G. H. WATTS (Left Half).—Has generally played inside-right, stick-work good, dribbles well, must learn to keep his place, a fault which, if not corrected, will debar him from getting very far.
- A. R. WEBB (Inside Left).—Has played centre. Must learn to pass to his right, especially when approaching the 25 yard line. Inclined to dribble too far.
- D. HUNT (Outside Right).—Quite speedy, gets in his centre hard and refreshingly in good time. Should be very useful.
- B. COZENS (Left Back).—Quite fair stick work, clears hard. Must learn to recover quicker when a forward has passed him. Works very hard.
- A. J. FIGES (Outside Left).—Has grappled quite well with the difficulties of the position. Very fair stick work, and manages the half-turn necessary to centre successfully.
- M. BLAKE (Right Half).—Should practice stick-work and run harder when passed.
- P. ELLIS (Centre Forward).—Has learnt not to hang on to the ball too long. Plays very hard and shoots quite well, but should practice.
- J. K. MAYBEE (Inside Right). With more experience will be quite a useful forward.
- C. FOSTER (Goalkeeper).—Kicks quite well. Must get back quickly after coming out.

CHARACTERS OF SECOND ELEVEN

- L. ROWE (Inside Right).—Works hard, dribbles quite well with quite fair stick-work.
- L. QUINLAN (Right Back).—Hits clearly and hard. Will be useful.
- L. HALL (Goalkeeper).—Kicks hard. Must remember that most shots must be stopped with both legs before clearing by hit or kick.
- D. ALDERTON (Outside Right).—Quite a fair dribbler, who gets in a good centre; inclined to wander when playing inside.
- E. TURNER (Centre Half).—Has quite good stick-work. Must acquire more speed and turning power.
- P. GREGORY (Centre Forward).—Has played quite well with very fair stick-work at left half, where he was too inclined to leave a speedy forward. Must put more energy and pace into his play generally.
- D. JARMAN (Inside Left).—Has good stick-work and is a fair shot, but without more vigour and dash will not get anywhere.
- B. E. CALLON (Left Back).—Must practice stick-work and learn to turn quickly when he has missed his tackle.
- A. BAILEY (Outside Left).—Puts much energy into his play. He is perhaps unfortunate in having to play in so difficult a position.
- N. BROWN (Left Half).—Quite a vigorous player who will get used to his difficult position.
- V. HUGHES (Right Half).—Must learn to hit the ball better.

SCHOOL BOYS' COUNTY GAMES

The tournament at Southampton on January 6th was unfortunately entirely spoilt by the grounds and weather. The School Boys Trial is to be played on Thursday, March 18th, and in this we shall have five or six players, and from this trial a Hants School Boys' team will be chosen to play in the tournament at Chichester on April 1st and 2nd against those of Sussex, Kent and Surrey.

HOUSE NOTES

Blackbrook

The House did very well in the Steeplechase. The Seniors were unlucky not to get many in the first twelve, for they were just behind and I know they put all that they had into it. Foster was prominent in the run and he came in first. I would like to congratulate him on his fine effort, also the rest of the runners for putting up a good show. In the Juniors we fared much better and did well to gain the Junior Cup. Swift deserves mention as he ran well, and the whole team contributed to success.

As I am leaving this term I would like to wish the house the best of luck in all future events, both in school and on the sports field.

H.W.L.

The House owes Langridge a great deal and we shall sorely miss him next term at cricket. We wish him all success in his career.

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

Cams

The House notes this term will be remarkable chiefly in their brevity. The Steeplechase is the only event of interest which we have to report. We congratulate Groves on a very good performance, as he came second in the Senior run. This, in view of his age, is a notable achievement.

Among the Juniors, Parfitt came second, Parker fourth. The latter had not run before, so he did very well indeed.

There was a hope that a Knock-out Competition might have been held for the Hockey Cup, and if there had been we might have done quite well as we have four members of our house in the 1st XI.

Cricket prospects for next term are quite bright, and we may hope that the Cricket Cups may join the Football ones already on our shelves.

C.M.

School House

Since the last issue of "The Lion" there has been only one event of any importance upon which to comment, namely the Steeplechase. In this we did very well, repeating the success we had several years ago; altogether we succeeded in winning the Senior and Combined cups, coming 2nd in the Juniors although the winner of the race was a School House boy. In the Senior race the whole team ran very well, packing together so that only 16 places separated the first and last of the eight men to score. Special mention should be made of Welch and Shacklock, who came respectively 5th and 7th. Next we come to the Juniors; they would have carried off the Junior Cup easily if the team on the whole had been better, as the better runners in the team did very well, four of them coming in the first seven men home. These were Gatesman who came in first, winning by a fair margin, Jennings, Cook and Wallbridge who came respectively 5th, 6th and 7th. However, the remainder of the team came well down the list, so we only obtained 2nd place. But the combined efforts of both teams gained us the Combined Cup, so we did not have much to complain about.

Another success gained last term, which we must be proud of, is that we succeeded in winning the Tarbat Cup, the first time for several years. We hope that in future all members of the house will put that "little extra" into their schoolwork and besides helping the house to retain this trophy bring praise and credit to themselves.

This term there have been no inter-house tournaments as yet, although 1st, 2nd and Colts Hockey XI's have been run. It is encouraging to note that in spite of the weather and other difficulties, nearly every boy in the School has had two or three games. As regards members of the 1st and 2nd XI's, we have had four members of the First XI and four of the Second XI. The members of the 1st XI have been Shacklock, who was elected vice-captain and plays at right back, Figes, inside or outside left, Hunt, outside right, and Ellis, centre forward. Callon, Hughes, Gregory and Brown have played for the 2nd, besides Ellis who captained the side until promoted to the 1st XI.

We hope for the future that we will retain all the cups at present on our shelf, and that we will add to them in the near future. To conclude we wish everyone good Easter holidays and hope that all concerned will return determined to do justice to themselves in the forthcoming School and Higher School Certificate examinations. Finally we wish everyone who is leaving good luck in their chosen careers.

P.J.E., H.T.S.

Westbury

The only House competition held since the last "Lion" was the Steeplechase, and this was run at the end of last term.

In this event the House, without winning any cups, did reasonably well and came third in the Combined Cup.

In the Seniors we came second, closely behind the winners. We were well represented in the leaders but our last men were placed well down the list. Runners who did well were Prescott, Stone, Palmer and James.

The Juniors did not do quite so well and were in third position. Johnson, who was regarded as the likely winner, unfortunately had the stitch when leading and did very well to come ninth. Other runners who did reasonably well were Biggs, Wyeth and Hart.

At the moment the House only possesses one cup, the Junior Cricket Cup, and it is to be hoped that next term, when there will be a good number of cups to be won, we shall be successful in gaining some of them.

I hope you all have a good holiday and that you will come back next term ready to do your best in both work and games.

A.R.W.



We have continued monthly meetings at the à la Broche Brasserie throughout the winter. Contact has been regained with several pre-war members and, what is even more cheering, we have for the first time been joined by an O.P. who left School since 1939. We hope that more will follow his example and I shall be delighted to hear from any O.P. living in or near London.

Our erstwhile popular and energetic Secretary, Dudley Masterman, is now back in this country. He is in business in Northamptonshire which prevents his regular attendance at meetings but he has promised to come along occasionally.

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Old Priceans' Association

The Meeting held on the 6th March was rather disappointing as there were very few members present.

Unfortunately we were unable to field a team to play the School. It is not known whether transport difficulties were responsible, but we rather suspect that the presence of a prominent footballer at Portsmouth might have been one of the causes so far as a few members were concerned.

We most sincerely hope that our Annual General Meeting in June will be very well attended.

I am afraid I was wrong for notifying members that our Meeting on the 6th March was the Annual General Meeting—my apologies!

Will all members please note that Rule 5 should read in line 3 "the first Saturday in June" *and not* "the second Saturday in July." An amendment slip will in due course be sent to each member to attach to the rules.

It was decided at our Meeting that we should have an Annual Dinner after the November Meeting and it is hoped that the transport situation will not keep many away.

The War Memorial Fund is steadily growing but we should like to hear from many more Old Boys with a little something to show that their colleagues who died in the war have not already been forgotten.

Yours sincerely,

E. G. DIMMER.