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### AGENDA FUTURA.

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| July   | 5th  | School Athletic Sports.                               |
|        | 18th | Founder's Day: Service in Royal Naval College Chapel. |
|        | 24th | French Camp begins.                                   |
|        | 25th | Summer Term ends                                      |
|        | 26th | Cricket Match. Old Roans v. School.                   |
| August | 10th | Ickham Harvest Camp begins.                           |
|        | 12th | Throckmorton Harvest Camp begins.                     |
| Sept.  | 10th | Autumn Term begins.                                   |

### OCCASIONAL NOTES.

Our activities since the last issue of the Roan Magazine have been as varied as the weather. We chronicle in these pages two very successful terms in work, sport and social life, which sufficiently show that the School may claim at length to have returned to its full pre-war standards. We may all feel pride in having indeed "maintained and strengthened" our traditions in many spheres.

The greatest pride will be felt, by past as well as present boys, and by all friends of the School, in three outstanding achievements—the production of a Hobbies' Exhibition on a larger scale than ever before, the unbeaten record of our football teams, and the comprehensive victory of our athletic



team at the Herne Hill Sports. We may also pride ourselves on the successful resumption of School chess and dramatics, and on continued efforts to raise funds for a worthy War Memorial. This summer will be the eighth in which our boys have helped to bring in the harvest, and our camping tradition is also continued through the Whitsuntide Camp at Braithwaite and the summer camp in France. The Old Roan Association, too, has flourished, as will be seen from the reports at the end of this issue.

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Of the wretched weather of the so-called Spring Term we will say no more than that, though it held up our games, it did not stop our work. The School was never closed, and attendances, all things considered, were very creditable. Mr. Hammond kept the school warmer than many of our homes, once again earning our gratitude.

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There are again several changes in Staff to record. Mr. P. M. Dyke left us at Easter to take up an administrative post with the Nottinghamshire Education Committee. He joined us in January, 1939, and during his comparatively short stay—for he was away in the Army, on very active service, from 1939 to 1945—gained a great reputation as a P. T. Instructor, a versatile colleague, and an enthusiast in many school activities. His praises may best be sung by calling him a worthy successor to Mr. Ashworth.

Dr. H. S. Allen, Mr. W. R. Dalzell, Mr. J. B. Beecher, Mr. W. G. Brabyn and Miss E. M. Morton will be leaving us in July. Dr. Allen succeeded Mr. Daltry, and, like him, is now entering University work, as a lecturer in Mathematics at Queen Mary College, London. Mr. Dalzell succeeded Mr. Horth in January, 1938, and has made a name for himself by his energetic and inspiring teaching of Art, and through his widely-popular broadcasts in the Children's Hour. He has rendered valuable assistance to School and O.R. dramatics, has been our leading first-aid expert, and has been prominent at our athletic and swimming meetings. His enthusiastic personality will be missed in our school, but will win him success, we are confident, in his new appointment at Bedford School.

The news of Mr. Beecher's departure reached us as we were going to press; a note of appreciation will appear in our next issue. He has been appointed as a Senior Lecturer in Science at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Mr. Brabyn is returning to Parmiter's School as Head of the Biology Department. Miss Morton leaves us, much

to our regret, owing to the closing of the Preparatory Department, under the new Education Act.

Mr. Dyke has been succeeded by Mr. B. T. Westmarland, who comes to us from Santley Street Modern School. He is an old boy of Alleyn's School, and obtained the Diploma in Physical Training at Goldsmiths' College with the mark of distinction.

The following appointments have been made for next term:—

Senior Mathematics Master in place of Dr. Allen—

Mr. C. H. Sefton, B.Sc. (London)—first-class honours in Mathematics, now Senior Mathematics Master at Kingswood Grammar School, Bath.

English Master in place of Miss Morton—

Mr. F. White, B.A. (London)—second-class honours in History, now sitting for Part II of the English Tripos at Cambridge.

General Science Master in place of Mr. W. G. Brabyn—

Mr. J. Hamstead, B.Sc. (Manchester)—Honours in Chemistry and Physiology, now master for Chemistry and Biology at the Grammar School, Lydney, Glos.

Mathematics and General Science Master—

Mr. G. W. Hall, B.Sc. (London)—Honours in Physics with subsidiary Mathematics, now serving under the L.C.C.

Art Master in place of Mr. W. R. Dalzell—

Mr. E. J. Geddes, A.R.C.A. (London), and winner of the special Painting Prize at the Royal School of Art.

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Several visits of value and interest have been paid during the two terms. A party of fifth-formers saw a production of "Henry IV, Part I," by Battersea Grammar School. The Science VI visited the Physical Society's Exhibition. The Modern Sixth have attended lectures in History at Goldsmiths' College, and in French at the City of London School. Several of the athletics team attended a valuable course of training, also at "the City." The usual post-examination visits figure on the Fifth Forms' time-table, and Form IVA have made several form outings, organized by themselves, notably day visits to Cambridge (for the "Lent" boat races) and to Ashford Railway Works.

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On the first day of the summer term, the Rev. Bryan Green visited the school as a leader of the "Christian Commando" Campaign, to give the senior forms an inspiring talk.



The hard tennis-courts on the field are now again in commission, and some games have been played, the players all being members of the Sixth Forms. Recent matches included one with Christ Church Tennis Club (won, by 9-0 sets), and another, away, with the City of London Freemen's School, at Epsom (drawn, 4-4).

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The Roan War Memorial Fund has now reached the sum of £887 15s. We anticipate that we shall be able to plant the memorial trees and erect the tablet in the autumn of 1947.

A new development has arisen since the Headmaster's appeal in our December issue. The L.C.C. have asked the Governors to prepare a claim for the reinstatement of the pavilion, and Mr. Alan D. Reid, the architect of the pavilion and an Old Roan, has been asked by the Governors to prepare a claim for submission to the War Damage Commission. It is clear that any additions or improvements which we wish to do as part of the Roan War Memorial must be done when the pavilion is rebuilt, and must be taken into consideration by the architect when he makes his plans for the rebuilding. It therefore becomes an urgent matter to obtain all possible subscriptions to the War Memorial Fund so that we can tell the architect how much we can afford to spend. We should aim at a figure of at least £2,000 in order to provide a suitable memorial to the gallant young men of this School who gave their lives in the war. Contributions will be welcomed by Mr. Pye, as Hon. Treasurer. Over £120 of the sum now in the Fund was raised by the Hobbies' Exhibition, the Football Match, the House Plays, and the Concert—which were all organized in its aid. These events are all separately reported.

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The School Savings campaign continues to flourish, under Mr. Holt's direction. The total savings invested by the group during six months ending March 31st was £121 6s.

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A. J. G. Knott, the School Captain, has been awarded an L.C.C. Modern Language Travelling Scholarship of the value of £60.

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In addition to Mr. Dalzell, two of our boys have broadcast recently—A. Brown, of IVA (in the Children's Hour) and B. J. Ashley, of IIIA, in a "Joe Linnane" programme).

The following boys recently gained certificates of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, for violin-playing:

Grade I: P. Lawrence (R.A.), C. Cook (R.A.), P. Walker (IVA).

Grade II: L. Perry (IVB), F. Bowles (R.A.), D. Carter (Sh.B).

Preliminary Grade: B. Whitefield (IVA), C. Carr (Sh.B),

D. Carter (Sh.B), J. Adams (IVA), A. Thomson (Sh.A).

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At a recent examination, conducted by Dame Irene Vanbrugh, the following boys gained Certificates in Spoken English issued by the Poetry Lovers' Fellowship:

M. Pink (Junior Primary); A. L. Brown and R. H. Mercer (Senior Primary); K. S. Pound (Senior Secondary).

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At the Founder's Day service, to be held in the Royal Naval College Chapel, by kind permission of Vice-Admiral Sir E. J. Patrick Brind, K.C.B., C.B.E., the preacher will be Rev. Bryan S. W. Green, B.D. (Vicar of Holy Trinity, Brompton Square).

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Mr. H. W. Phillips, an old friend of the School, who has always taken a special interest in our swimming, has presented four challenge cups in memory of Licnel Parker (26-33), one of our outstanding swimmers, who was killed in Italy in 1943.

Two of the cups are to be awarded to the leading swimmers of Parker's old house, Wolfe. The others are to be used at the Headmaster's discretion, and it was recently decided that they should become trophies for the Athletic Sports. One is to be awarded for the 100 yards Open, while the other is to be given for the best performance in an Open Field Event (including the Hurdles)—as decided by the Milocarian competition tables.

The School still lacks worthy trophies for the Sports and for other competitions, notably the Hobbies' Exhibition. We appeal to friends of the School who can help us by presenting suitable shields and cups.

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We are glad to publish our first post-war "Valet," referring to boys who have left during the present school year, or are expecting to leave in July.

We also acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a number of our contemporaries. Many have not been published



during the war, and this is the first time since 1939 that we have made an acknowledgement even of the few that continued to reach us. We would apologize for any inadvertent omissions from this list: The Askean, The Beccehamian, Colfensia, The Olavian, The Pelican, The Raven, The Roan Gazette, The Ship, The Magazine of the Kingston High School, Hull.

The large space required for reporting School activities has made it necessary to restrict the original contributions we should like to publish. We hope to include a good selection in our next issue, for which further material will be welcomed.

### VALETE.

The following boys have left between September, 1946, and July, 1947. A supplementary list will appear in our December issue.

#### Modern Sixth.

- A. J. G. Knott: entered the School, September, 1943, Captain of the School, Captain of Football, Captain of Blake House, Joint-Captain of Athletics, Football and Athletic colours.
- J. H. W. Basing: entered the School, September, 1940, School Prefect, Captain of Cross-Country, Captain of Drake House, Captain of 2nd Cricket XI, Football and Athletic colours.
- R. J. Cody: entered the School, September, 1940, School Prefect, Editor of the Roan Magazine, Football colours.
- N. D. Coe: entered the School, April, 1941, School Prefect, Captain of Wolfe House.
- K. M. Horn: entered the School, September, 1940, School Prefect, Joint-Captain of Athletics, Secretary of Football, Football and Athletic colours.
- W. E. Malyon: entered the School, September, 1940.

#### Science Sixth.

- D. A. Jones: entered the School, September, 1940, Vice-Capt. of the School, Captain of Rodney House, Secretary of Cricket, Cricket colours.
- J. G. Taylor: entered the School, September, 1940, Vice-Capt. of the School, Captain of Cricket, Captain of Nelson House, Cricket and Football colours.
- S. Jones: entered the School, January, 1941, School Prefect.

- P. Lane: entered the School, September, 1938, School Prefect, Captain of 2nd Football XI, Athletic colours.
- F. A. Marhoff: entered the School, September, 1940, School Prefect.
- D. P. Merrett: entered the School, September, 1937, School Prefect, Captain of Raleigh House, Football colours.
- D. R. Terrey: entered the School, September, 1940, School Prefect.
- N. J. G. Thompson: entered the School, September, 1938, School Prefect.
- P. J. Warren: entered the School, September 1944, School Prefect.
- D. A. Gay: entered the School, September, 1943.
- A. L. Reading: entered the School, September, 1938.
- J. R. Symonds: entered the School, September, 1945.

#### Middle and Lower School.

- V.A.—J. A. Goodwin; K. A. Reid.
- V.B.—A. G. Dolder; R. A. Glover.
- V.C.—D. A. Gilbert; A. McDonald.
- R.B.—H. J. Barrett; A. B. Hearn; M. J. Jackman; D. E. Mossman; B. R. Smith.
- R.C.—I. L. McMillan; G. J. Payne.
- IV.A.—J. W. Fenn.
- IV.B.—C. Hooper.
- Sh.A.—R. Shoubridge.
- Sh.C.—B. S. Blackburne.
- III.—O. M. O'Brien; A. M. Bird.

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#### THE 69th ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING.

The principal speaker at the Prize-giving on December 12th was Dr. J. S. Whale, who is Head Master of Mill Hill School, and present were the Mayor and Mayoress of Greenwich, Councillor and Mrs. Jaques; Councillor H. W. Icough, Chairman of the Governors; Councillors G. Bruce, Mrs. F. Carter, Mrs. A. M. Godfree, Mrs. Gollogly and Mrs. L. M. Jones, Admiral Sir P. Brind K.C.B., C.B.E., President of the Naval College; Miss M. E. Barnsdale, M.A., Head Mistress of the Roan Girls' School, Rev. L. M. Wollen, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. P. Dannatt, Surveyor to the Roan Governors; Mrs. Gilbert; Mrs. Holt; and Mr. M. M. Jennings, Clerk to the Foundation.



The Chairman, having addressed the assembly, was followed by the Head Master, who gave his annual report on School progress. Mr. Gilbert recalled that John Roan's School had been founded, originally, in 1677, and he believed that in all its history, it had experienced no difficulties greater than those which it had overcome during the past six years. The pre-war total of boys attending the school had again been attained, and results in the public examinations were very creditable—since from 70 to 85 per cent. of all candidates were successful. Boys taking the Higher Certificate had spent all seven years of their course under war conditions; with such evidence, the Head Master was confident that the School would not fail to play its part in the new order of education. Referring to other school activities, Mr. Gilbert announced the institution of the new "Batchelor," "Humphreys," and "Stallard" prizes. In conclusion he gave details of the project for the war memorial.

Dr. Whale's address contained valuable advice, offered in racy style and with obvious conviction and sincerity. Education, he said, to deserve the name, must aim at producing people of culture, judgment and taste who really care for moral values.

Dr. Whale was thanked on the proposition of Councillor G. Bruce, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Godfree, and the Mayor of Greenwich, seconded by Mrs. Gollogly, proposed a vote of thanks to the Head Master and Staff. The School's appreciation of the active interest always shown by the Chairman and Governors was expressed by the Captain, A. J. G. Knott, and one of the Vice-Captains, J. G. Taylor.

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### THE HOBBIES' EXHIBITION.

This year's Hobbies' Exhibition will be remembered as easily the most comprehensive ever attempted. It was held during the afternoon and evening of the last Saturday in the Easter Term—on March 29th—and was the greatest of the several events organized in aid of our War Memorial Fund, which benefited to the extent of some £65, after expenses had been paid.

The number and range of entries was a record; it appeared that every conceivable hobby a boy might adopt was represented. So much space was required to show the exhibits that almost the entire school building was brought into use. To enable announcements to be given, a loud-speaker system was installed and operated by Mr. Thorp.

The collections, and original work in handwork, literature, scouting and cookery, were displayed in the ground-floor classrooms, one room being allotted to each Section.

The care which the competitors had taken was reflected in the very high quality of the entries. Outstanding were a fine collection of birds' eggs, shown by T. Cook, and collections of butterflies shown by J. Burton and D. Owen. In the Handwork Section a high standard of craftsmanship was attained, the model aircraft being of special merit. The Cookery Section produced some creditable efforts, and assisted the Fund through a series of raffles.

The Art Room provided another fascinating series of displays. Mr. Dalzell had collected a representative show of posters, drawings, model theatres (complete with settings) and lino-cuts. Demonstrations were also given of fabric-printing. To illustrate the boat-race, the broadcast commentary on which was available, an excellent relief model of the course, made by IV.A under the guidance of Mr. Dyke, was set up in the library.

Displays of physical training were given in the gymnasium, where the finals of the table-tennis tournament were also held.

The Hall was used for a number of cultural activities. The Choir and Orchestra gave several performances, the Puppet Club ran through its repertoire, and the finals of the Spoken English competition and the House Debates were staged. Separate reports on these events appear below.

### SCIENTIFIC SECTION.

A considerable display of exhibits and demonstrations were to be seen upstairs in the laboratories. The demonstrations, in particular, attracted considerable attention. Among these was a display of glass-blowing: an enthusiastic audience watched wine glasses, flasks, etc., grow from a piece of glass tubing. Demonstrations of the properties of liquid oxygen, given by Warren and Williamson, attracted full houses, and the Lecture Room was also filled to capacity to watch Television, and programmes of films. Amongst the many experiments to be seen were some on the uses of vacuum pumps, blood tests, bleaching, etching, applications of colour, electro-statics, the cathode-ray tube, sound, surface tension, smoke abatement, wireless, and others too numerous to mention. Great credit is due to members of the Scientific Society, who not only organized the displays, but were, in many cases, demonstrating continuously throughout the afternoon and evening.



We should like to express our sincere thanks to the following well-known firms for loan of apparatus, and other help, in connection with the display:—Messrs. Pye, Ltd., Messrs Keating and Miskin, The Aluminium Development Association, the G.E.C Research Laboratory, Messrs. Mul-lard, Ltd., The Eureka Scientific Co., Ltd., Messrs. Morphy-Richards, Ltd., Messrs. Crompton-Parkinson, Ltd., Messrs. W. Edwards and Co., Ltd.

### THE PUPPETS' PROGRESS.

The first production of the Puppet Club was given before the junior school on Wednesday, the 18th of December, when it rendered great amusement to its audience and provided considerable pleasure for its performers. Despite previous rehearsals, however, the inevitable number of accidents occurred. It was completely unexpected, for instance, that the hand of the Town Crier, as a prologue, should depart from the rest of the puppet and remain suspended awhile on the end of its string. This took place after some four words of the script had been spoken, but fortunately no further serious accidents followed, and the play continued.

Several humorous incidents are remembered from the time when the manipulators were less practiced. Often puppets possessed the most laughable gaits and many other such peculiarities. Upon occasion parts of the wooden control would inconveniently drop on to the stage, but happily nothing so disastrous occurred during the first performance.

At the Hobbies' Exhibition the Puppet Club again presented "The Pardoner's Tale" (this time without untoward incident) and it earned universal appreciation. In the evening the lack of time made it necessary to repeat this production only, and defer the intended Variety Show to an improvised Art Room showing. The audience was necessarily small, but those who were present were highly satisfied. There was a pianist, a trick-cyclist, and a conjuror who wrought wondrous feats. The high-light of the show, however, was a skeleton; it was a great success with its disappearing head and continually chattering jaws, which earned it mention in the local Press.

In this way the Puppet Club progresses, compensating by enthusiasm for what it lacks in accomplishment. Its members eagerly anticipate presenting their production of "Aladdin" as Christmas, and confidently hope for support in this new venture.

### HOUSE DEBATES.

The entries for these debates were enthusiastic and all eight houses, with few exceptions, put very strong teams into the field for both junior and senior competitions. The motions were distributed, and the preliminary debates took place a few weeks before the Hobbies' Exhibition day, the participants discussing various subjects from the relative merits of cricket and football to the replacement of home-work by extra school-time.

The final debates took place on Hobbies' Day, the finalists being Raleigh and Drake houses for the junior debate. The Raleigh team consisted of K. S. Pound, the proposer; the seconder was W. Daniel, and the other members of the team were J. Bowkett, D. Hamblen and G. Reid. A. Brown and W. Hills with I. Smith, C. Bowden and M. Swainston as supporting speakers, represented Drake and offered a fiery opposition.

There were also several visitors from other houses who had distinguished themselves in preliminary debates. The motion was, "That making models is the best hobby," and a very lively debate took place in a spirit worthy of all the best debating tradition. Raleigh were declared the winners after a thoroughly enjoyable discussion with each side giving of its best.

In a more serious vein followed the seniors to debate "That compulsory military service should cease when the country is at war," with Blake and Nelson taking part. The teams were, for Blake, A. Knott, A. Trew, D. Baxter, M. Cooper and C. McDuff, and for Nelson, D. Terrey, J. Taylor, K. Horn, J. Spinks and D. Laing. Some visitors were present as before, and again there was no lack of verve and friendly criticism. The Rev. L. M. Wollen, who kindly adjudicated, decided in favour of Blake House, after both sides had proved that considerable pains had been taken to have the subject completely at their command.

The debates were very lively, and the points used by opposing speakers were clearly understood and quickly answered. The standard of speech was very high, both in the teams and among the visitors, and most of the boys on the stage showed great promise as public speakers.

### SPOKEN ENGLISH COMPETITION.

In the course of the Hobbies' Competition, the finals of the Spoken English Competition and the Spoken English Prizes, senior and junior, were held. The position in the House Contest was very interesting; Drake had scored 262 points and Raleigh, 271. As there were finalists from both



houses, and as these competitors for the Spoken English Prize in both the senior and junior section earned 20 points for a first place, 10 points for a second and 5 points for a third, the House Competition was decided by the achievements of the finalists for the Spoken English Prizes.

The order was as follows:—

Senior:

1st: A. Knott (B); 2nd: J. Basing (D); 3rd: R. Mercer (Ra)

Junior:

1st: K. Pound (Ra); 2nd: I. Smith (D); 3rd: A. Brown (D)

Thus, A. Knott won the Spoken English Prize (senior) and K. Pound won the Junior Prize.

In the House Contest the final position was:—

Raleigh House 296 points; Drake House 287 points.

Miss Alice Martin, the adjudicator, complimented the competitors on the high standard of their work in both the formal speech and in the verse-speaking. She said that the words of boys who had trained themselves in this way would be listened to with consideration in after life, and she stressed the importance of good speech in every branch of activity.

#### FINAL RESULT.

The final result of the Inter-House Competition for Hobbies was as follows:—

1. Grenville	172 points	5. Blake	123 points
2. Wolfe	149	6. Nelson	117
3. Collingwood	148	7. Drake	99
4. Rodney	129	8. Raleigh	97

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#### THE HOUSE DRAMATIC COMPETITION.

The performance of the plays entered in the House Competition took place in the School Hall on Friday, March 7th, before a large audience.

Blake House won the trophy from Nelson with "Ten o'clock," a thriller, in which the plan of three rogues to evade the law was defeated by a slight mistake. A. Knott was most convincing as the iron-nerved leader who applied a desperate remedy in a very dangerous circumstance. His diction, stage movement and interpretation of the part contributed much to the success of the play. A. J. Trew played the criminal with a conscience very well indeed, and A. D. Baxter presented a man whose nerves were not equal to the

danger, with power and realism. There was much difficult stage business in this play but the cast worked together as a team and the precision of their movements carried it through without a hitch. The tension was held at the climax until a very grim and efficient Police Inspector, played by C. F. McDuff, proved to them that "Crime does not pay." Blake were worthy winners.

Rodney's play, "The Man in the Bowler Hat," caused much amusement. D. A. Jones, the harassed husband, and P. J. Warren, the wife who harassed him, depicted very successfully the humour of domestic life, and R. A. Red, P. F. Lane, N. J. Thompson, A. Cook, and F. Marhoff presented a very pretty piece of melodrama. The diction was very good and the actors did well in the very difficult sphere of farcical comedy.

"Wanted—Mr. Stuart," presented by Nelson House, took us back to the stirring times of the Civil War when Charles Stuart, in various disguises, was hiding from the Republican troops. It showed that the Prince's escape was due to the loyalty of his subjects. The stage setting was an Inn, and, not only was it very pleasing to the eye, but it suggested, very adequately, the period of the play. The costume was a triumph of needlework and ingenuity, and there has rarely been so picturesque a production on this stage, which has seen many fine plays. The standard of speech, acting and stagecraft was also very high. D. R. Terrey and J. G. Taylor were outstanding in character parts and they were ably supported by K. M. Horn, K. A. Reggler and M. Lowe. Terrey's diction was particularly pleasing.

The judges had a very difficult task, but there was general agreement with their decision.

The high standard of dramatic attainment was evidence of the keenness of all taking part, and the School Choir and Orchestra contributed much to this very enjoyable evening's entertainment. A substantial sum was raised for the Roan Memorial Fund.

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#### ORCHESTRAL CONCERT.

On Wednesday, May 14th, an orchestral concert was given in the School Hall by the City String Players before a large and appreciative audience.

The programme consisted of works from classical and modern composers, and the Orchestra did full justice to them.



The singing of Lilian Jones was very much enjoyed, and "The Open Road," composed in Glen Affric by Mr. Harold Rawlinson, the conductor and organizer of the orchestra, was very well received. Brenda Clarke proved herself to be a very fine pianist.

This enjoyable evening raised a very good sum for the Roan Memorial Fund.

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### FOOTBALL, 1946-47.

*Captain:* A. J. KNOTT. *Hon. Secretary:* K. M. HORN.

Despite the assurance of the poet, Robert Burns, only the naive nowadays can believe that facts are chieftains ye canna ding. Indeed, facts, like photos, can not only flatter but quite mislead. But anyone who has enjoyed watching the School XI when in good form this season will agree that facts do not mislead here and that the impressive record of unbroken victory and of goals scored suggests quite rightly that the team was an unusually good one even if some of the scores were due partly to weak opposition. Playing with only ten men throughout against Erith, who had quite a good side, the School showed the quality and fighting spirit which contributed so much to a successful season by gaining a four-goal lead at half-time.

It is a commonplace that the essential raw material for a good team is a number of skilful individual players but a collection of clever individuals is not necessarily a good team. The XI, who had already the advantage of knowing one another's play, benefited early in the season by three afternoons with Mr. E. A. Webster, an F.A. coach, and a very good coach, too. But even technical, individual and combinational skill are not enough. The spirit counts even in football, and there developed in the XI a will-to-win, a supreme confidence, justified in the event, in their ability to score goal for goal and then some, a spirit of attack, which, early on, carried to excess, led to temporary disasters in the first match against Sidcup.

In conclusion, a few remarks on the members of the team:

Basing: A daring, at times too daring, goal-keeper. Held the ball well and cleared with great discretion.

Taylor: Left back. A good, safe kick; excellent anticipation; rather slow in recovery.



ROAN SCHOOL FIRST XI, 1946-47  
An Unbeaten Record



ROAN SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAM, 1947  
Winners of the Gibson Shield at the Herne Hill Sports



Borrett: Right back. Could never forget he used to be a half; good ball control, always ready to start an attack from the stickiest position; rather weak kick.

Horn: Left half. Very fast and good with his head. Fed his forwards well.

Knott: Centre half. He played a captain's part, and, to use a cliché, which imposes itself by its appropriateness, was a tower of strength in defence in spite of his very untower-like physique. A triumph of quality over quantity.

Evenden: Right half. Enormously improved since last year. Kicking and tackling very safe.

Dobson: Left wing. Well fed by his inside, was a constant menace to the defence and to the net by the quickness of his moves and the velocity of his shots which, when his eye was in, found the net from angles which astonished the goal-keeper, the onlookers and perhaps even himself.

Dawtry: Inside left. Tireless and ubiquitous, his brilliant ball control and dribbling made many chances for others and himself. An accurate and powerful shot.

Cutting: Centre forward (after Cook, so unfortunately, broke his leg). A good shot who was quick to seize on opportunities. Rather too inclined to wait for the ball.

Trew: Inside right (when Cutting moved to centre). Very fast, a hard worker, a good shot but dribbled too much.

Merrett: Right wing. A very determined player with a quick eye for a scoring opportunity. He was very hard to stop.

Rowe, in goal, played some very good games for the XI and Billings, at inside right, did useful work, though he is happier on the wing.

Colours were awarded to Borrett, Cutting, Dobson, Evenden, and Trew, the remainder of the team already having their colours.

The second XI had an almost equally successful season despite losing their best players at times to fill gaps in the first. Their success, too, was due in some measure to the same team spirit. It is impossible to describe all the individual players but Lane, the captain and centre half, played a great part himself and Rowe, in goal, was the essence of soundness.

Team:—Rowe; Towells, Laing; Dolder (till he left), Lane, Copus; Carr, Billings, Wheeler, Franks, Baxter. Willshire, Webb and Parker also played.



The junior XI's were less successful, The following boys played:

Under 15 XI.

Team:—Britton; Barrett, Hutchinson; Copus, Hudson, Pizzey; Dawes, Wheeler (capt.), Cook, Dawson, McInnes.

Claridge, Williams and D. V. Andrews have also played.

Under 14½ XI.

Team:—Trew; Barrett, Norton; Marsh, Pizzey (capt.), Butcher; Brown, Turley, Williams, Huntley, Cavey.

Under 13 XI.

Team:—Bryant; Hampton, Chamberlain; Green, Breach, Maynard; Gurr, Carr, Hider, Spence (capt.), Wright.

Horn has been everything a secretary should be—enthusiastic and methodical, like the elephant, never forgetting.

The School football results up to November 16th were given in the last issue of the magazine. Here are the remainder of the results:—

#### 1st XI RESULTS:

Nov.	30th	v.	Sidecup County 1st XI	A	Won	8—1
Dec.	7th	v.	Old Colfeians' 1st XI	H	Won	9—1
	14th	v.	Clarke's College 1st XI	H	Won	15—0
Jan.	11th	v.	Blackheath Wanderers' 1st XI	H	Won	8—4
	25th	v.	Erith County 1st XI	H	Won	4—2
March	15th	v.	Old Addeyans' 1st XI	H	Won	8—2
	22nd	v.	Bromley County 1st XI	H	Won	10—1
	26th	v.	Erith County 1st XI	A	Won	3—0
April	2nd	v.	Old Roan 1st XI	H	Won	3—2

Played 18; Won 18; Goals. For 118, Against 24.

Goal-scorers:—Cutting 37, Dawtry 25, Dobson 22, Merrett 17, Trew 7, Cook 7, Evenden 2 and Horn 1.

#### 2nd XI RESULTS:

Nov.	30th	v.	Sidecup County 2nd XI	A	Won	2—0
Dec.	7th	v.	Christ's College 1st XI	H	Won	10—0
	18th	v.	George Green's School 1st XI	A	Won	2—0
Jan.	11th	v.	City of London College 2nd XI	H	Lost	0—2
	18th	v.	S.E. London Tech. College 2nd XI	H	Won	8—2
March	1st	v.	City of London College 3rd XI	A	Won	9—2
	15th	v.	Archbishop Tenison's 2nd XI	H	Won	9—5
	26th	v.	Erith County 2nd XI	H	Won	6—3

Played 19; Won 17; Drawn 1; Lost 1; Goals, For 120, Against 33.

#### UNDER 15 XI RESULTS:

Jan.	18th	v.	S.E. London Tech. Coll. u/15 XI	H	Won	9—2
March	22nd	v.	Bromley County u/15 XI	H	Won	7—2

Played 4; Won 3; Lost 1; Goals, For 23, Against 10.

#### UNDER 14½ RESULTS:

Nov.	30th	v.	Sidecup County u/14½ XI	H	Lost	0—10
Jan.	25th	v.	Erith County u/14½ XI	H	Lost	2—4
March	26th	v.	Erith County u/14½ XI	A	Won	9—1

Played 5; Won 1; Lost 4; Goals, For 14, Against 28.

#### UNDER 13 XI RESULTS:

Dec.	7th	v.	Christ's College u/13 XI	H	Drew	2—2
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Played 2; Won 1; Drawn 1; Goals, For 5, Against 2.

The Junior House football competition which had been so delayed by the bad weather was eventually concluded, with Blake House winning the shield for the second year in succession as a result of beating Grenville by 4 goals to 3, and Wolfe by one goal to nil in the last two games.

Here are the final positions:—

	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Points
Blake	7	7	0	42	9	14
Grenville	7	6	1	58	5	12
Wolfe	7	5	2	36	6	10

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### ATHLETICS.

*Joint Captains:* A. J. KNOTT, K. M. HORN.

*Cross-Country Captain:* J. W. BASING.

The Cross-country season was seriously hampered by the bad weather, and several fixtures had consequently to be cancelled. Our only match proved to be the Blackheath Harriers' Inter-Schools race, for which we were obliged by illness and absence to enter a team drawn from the Fifts and Removes only, who, considering their inexperience, did well enough.

The Inter-house races, after two postponements, took place on March 3rd and 12th. The Senior event was disappointing, attracting only thirty runners, constituting six teams. D. A. Dawtry (Drake) was first, in 23 m. 4 s., while R. A. Red and P. Lane, both of Rodney, were second and third. Rodney supplied also the fifth man, T. Russell, and won the contest very easily, with 19 points. Wolfe were second (33), and Collingwood third (47). The houses who failed to compete were Grenville and Nelson.

The Intermediate and Junior races were encouraging, producing record entries in each case.

The Intermediate race was won by Wolfe (48 points), Rodney being second (49½), and Collingwood third (73). The Individual winner was T. Russell (Rodney).

The Junior was won by Collingwood ((283), with Grenville second (285), and Wolfe third (340). The individual winner was Garland (Drake), a Third-former who shows promise of doing very well.

As soon as the weather improved, the athletically-minded began to prepare for the track season, with two early fixtures, against Blackheath Harriers and at Herne Hill, in



view. The school field was open during the Easter holiday, and the majority availed themselves of this opportunity of training. When term began, a full programme of trails and practices was carried through, particular attention being paid to the relays. Valuable assistance in this training was given by two Old Roans, A. McGregor and J. D. Hales—both members of the generation which competed as juniors at the 1939 Herne Hill meeting, but were prevented by the war from participating in what would probably have been a record-breaking meeting in 1941.

The match with Blackheath Harriers took place on our ground on the evening of Monday, May 5th. There were nine events, in five of which the visitors conceded a handicap. Of the four "level" events we won the Relay, tied in the Long Jump and 100 yards, and took second place only in the High Jump—a creditable effort. In the end Blackheath won by the narrow margin of 45—40. Our best performances of the evening were Towells' Discus throwing, Lane's 440 yards, the sprinting of Horn and Trew, Law's High Jump, the Long-jumps of Knott and Trew, and above all the brilliant Relay (Knott, Horn, Lane and Trew), and the Mile. Our Junior and Intermediate Relay teams took part (on a handicap) along with the Seniors—a useful experiment. The Mile was designed as the climax of the meeting, with Sydney Wooderson once again honouring us by running—naturally enough, as the only "scratch" runner. Our team gave a good account of themselves, Basing and Red finishing second and third to the Blackheath President. After the race, many a junior secured a coveted autograph.

This meeting served as a "dress rehearsal" for Herne Hill. The results made us confident that we should do well ten days later—though, knowing the records of some of the other schools, we did not feel sure of winning the Gibson Shield.

That we did win on May 15th, with comparative ease, is a tribute to the team-work of our boys. There were few outstanding performances, but, by consistent effort, we were placed in every event except one; the exception, was the Mile, which circumstances obliged us to forfeit, as our strongest distance runners were required for the 880 yards. We were particularly pleased with our record in the Relays: we won the Junior and Intermediate and were second in the Senior.

The Sports are so arranged as to encourage the team spirit. Except in the 100 yards and Hurdles (where it would be impracticable) every event is a team or relay contest, so that the winning school requires, not a few isolated "stars",

but two or four in a team. Individual records are, however, kept, and it is notable that in 16 events we had six individual winners—Trew, A., in the Hurdles, Loveday in the 100 yards and Long Jump u/16, Law in the High Jump u/16, and Trew, C., in the 100 yards and High Jump u/14.

The outstanding good performers were the following, to whom Colours have been awarded: \*K. Horn, \*J. Basing, \*A. Knott, A. Trew, P. Lane, G. Budd, A. Towells, A. Law, K. Loveday, \*T. Russell, \*R. Red. (Those marked \* already held Colours). Among the Juniors, to whom it is not customary to give colours, the four consistently successful boys were C. Trew, G. Breach, C. Andrews and I. Smith; we shall expect to hear more of them in future years.

We give below the full results of the Sports (finals only). It will be seen that the runners-up, Beckenham, had the distinction of setting up new records in the Discus. We congratulate them, and look forward to a further meeting with their team towards the end of term.

In the results, the Roan teams are given, in brackets, immediately after the names of the Events. School teams are referred to by the following code: —A: Battersea G.S.; B: Bec School; C: Beckenham and Penge C.G.S.; H: Brockley School; M: Whitgift Middle School; O: St. Olave's G.S.; R: Roan School; S: Sloane School; T: Archbishop Tenison's School; W: Wandsworth School.

**Putting the Shot** (Budd, Knott).

1. H. 2. S. 3. R. 4. C. 5. B. 6. W. Winners' aggregate: 65ft. 10½in.  
Individual: Frith (H)—33ft. 9½in.

**Long Jump, u/16.** (Loveday, Newman).

1. R. 2. O. 3. M. 4. T. 5. B. 6. A. Winners' aggregate: 34ft. 7½in.  
Individual: Loveday (R)—17ft. 7½in.

**Long Jump, Open.** (Knott, Horn).

1. C. 2. A. 3. R. 4. M. 5. T. 6. H. Winners' aggregate: 34ft. 9½in.  
Individual: Wallen (A)—18ft. 4½in.

**High Jump, u/14.** (Trew, C., Breach).

1. R. 2. equal, A. O. T. 5. equal, C. H. W. Winners' aggregate: 8ft. 7in. Individual: Trew, C. (R)—4ft. 4½in.

**High Jump, u/16.** (Law, Baxter).

1. O. 2. R. 3. C. 4. equal, B. M. 6. S. Winners' aggregate 9ft. 6in.  
Individual: Law (R)—4ft. 10in.

**100 Yards, Open.** (Horn, Trew, A.).

1. M. 2. equal, R. R. 4. O. 5. A. 6. B.  
Individual: Sexton (M)—11.3 secs.

**100 Yards, u/14.** (Trew, C., Andrews).

1. R. 2. M. 3. equal, R. T. 5. C. 6. O.  
Individual: Trew C. (R)—12.4 secs.

**100 Yards, u/16.** (Loveday, Red).

1. R. 2. W. 3. R. 4. W. 5. M. 6. B.  
Individual: Loveday (R)—11.6 secs.

**Mile Relay (2 x 880 yards) Open.** (Basing, Cutting).

1. C. 2. M. 3. R. 4. H. 5. S. 6. O. 4 m. 27.6 s.



**Throwing the Discus** (Towells, Lane).

1. C. 2. B. 3. R. 4. H. 5. O. 6. W. Winners' aggregate 224ft. 8in.  
Individual: Cannon (C)—122ft. 8in.

New Aggregate and Individual Records.

**Relay, u/16 (4 x 220 yards)**. (Loveday, Baxter, Newman, Red).

1. R. 2. W. 3. T. 4. M. 5. S. 6. O. 1 m. 44 s.

**Male Team Race**. (Russell, Kenward).

1. C. 2. O. 3. B. 4. W. 5. H. 6. M.

Individual: Hayday (C)—4 m. 49 s.

**Hurdles**. (Trew, A.)

1. R. 2. M. 3. M. 4. O. 5. W. 6. W.

Individual: Trew, A. (R)—17.6 secs.

**Relay, u/14** (220, 110, 119, 220 yds.). (Trew, C., Breach, Smith, I., Andrews.)

1. R. 2. A. 3. M. 4. T. 5. C. 6. W. 1 m. 23s.

**Mile Relay (2 x 880 yards), u/16**. (Loveday, Red).

1. R. 2. B. 3. W. 4. H. 5. A. 6. T. 4 m. 32 s.

**Relay, Open: 220, 220, 440, 440 yards**. (Horn, Trew, A., Knott, Lane).

1. C. 2. R. 3. S. 4. M. 5. W. 6. O. 2 m. 42.4 s.

**High Jump, Open, and Long Jump, u/14**, were cancelled owing to lack of time.

The final team-placings were as follows: 1. Roan (152½ points); 2. Beckenham (77); 3. Whitgift Middle (72); 4. equal, St. Olave's and Wandsworth (44); 5. Tenison's (36½); 7. Battersea (35); 8. Bec (31); 9. Sloane (27); 10. Brockley (26).

Since Herne Hill, several of our team have appeared in public, some notable performances being: Trew, A., was second, in 10.4 secs., in the 100 yards Invitation race at Dartford G.S. Sports. Trew, A., Horn and Knott have figured prominently at Blackheath Harriers' meetings. In an Invitation 880 yards Open at Ladywell, Loveday was second, and Basing was fourth.

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**CRICKET NOTES, 1947.**

*Captain*: J. G. TAYLOR. *Vice-Captain*: J. WHEELER.

For the first time since 1939 we are running three senior XI.s and one junior team. The opening month of the season has shown an all-round improvement in every department of the game. This is mainly due to the enthusiasm shown by the teams, and to hard work and good coaching at the nets.

There have already been some very good performances this season, both with the ball and the bat. In the 1st XI Wheeler, in particular, has scored over 90 runs and has bowled extremely well, while Towells and Knott have also proved themselves very useful bowlers, and Dawtry has shown that he is still safe behind the stumps.

The junior XI has also had its individual successes, Trew, C., and Pizzey bowling very well, and Trew hitting a useful 34 against Sidcup County School.

Heartiest congratulations must be extended to Wheeler who has played brilliantly for the London Schools' XI this season against Winchester and Eton. In the first match, Wheeler scored 13 runs out of a total of 92; against Eton, he scored 51 runs out of 128.

The results of the games played to date are:—

1st XI Played 5; Won 2; Lost 2; Drawn 1.

2nd XI Played 4; Won 2; Lost 2.

3rd XI Played 3; Won 2; Lost 1.

Junior XI Played 4, Won 4.

The four teams each have a full fixture list, for the rest of the season, thanks to much hard work by our team secretary, D. A. Jones.

Let us hope that the enthusiasm in the teams at the present, continues throughout the season.

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**THE ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY.**

*"I take all knowledge to be my province."*—BACON.

*"Homo sum: humani nihil a me alienum puto."*—TERENCE.

OFFICERS, SUMMER, 1947:

*President*: Mr. W. E. MALYON.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mr. P. F. LANE.

The spring term meetings, during the presidency of Mr. P. J. Warren, commenced with a paper, "A Visit to America," in which, responding to the serious and popular interest among the Sixth forms, in the affairs of the U.S., Mr. Binnie described his personal impressions and activities during the period when he was teaching across the Atlantic. The general idea of the American scene, and particularly of the American educational system, which most of the Sixth possess, provided an interesting comparative background for the first-hand report of Mr. Binnie, and the address was well received and greatly appreciated.

Figuring prominently in the programme for the term was the meeting at Brockley County School, to debate the motion—proposed by Mr. N. J. Thompson and seconded by Mr. S. Jones—"That Poverty is the Greatest Enemy of Mankind."



The programme for the summer term opened at Colfe's Grammar School with a similar extramural debate, proposed by Mr. N. J. Thompson and seconded by Mr. S. Jones: "That there should be Uni-cameral Government in this country." The agenda for this last term, however, becomes inevitably curtailed by the imminence of the Higher Certificate examinations: it is, nevertheless, proposed to conclude the year's business customarily with a Social meeting.

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### THE WHITSUN CAMP AT BRAITHWAITE.

I was one of the forty-two fortunate boys who were chosen to attend the Whitsun camp at Braithwaite, from May 21st to June 4th.

After a very long journey we arrived at the camp. I was impressed by my first view of the buildings; their wood-work was green and white and, in the background, were some fir trees. In fact, it looked a very pleasant camp.

After a meal and an hour's exploration we went to bed very tired. Next morning we were up very early and most of us went up Kinn to look at the surrounding countryside. I could see the small village of Braithwaite and, in the distance, Lake Derwentwater with Keswick on its shores. Behind me were peaks which later on I had the opportunity to climb.

I returned to the camp and ate a very good breakfast. There were six tables and we all tried to sit next to our friends. Each morning one table chose the hymn which we sang after breakfast. On this first morning we were free to go where we liked as long as we were back punctually for dinner. Sometimes sandwiches were given out to last the day and then we went out to climb mountains, see lakes and go into Keswick.

We often went for long and interesting organized walks. Sometimes it was to lakes like Derwentwater, where we had tea, or Buttermere; at others it was to mountains such as Scafell Pike, Helvellyn or Grassmoor. One day we had a very special treat when it was announced that we were going in a coach for a tour of the lakes. It was a very interesting afternoon as we saw lakes that we could not have reached in a day by walking. We saw Ullswater, Windermere, Rydal Water, Grasmere and Thirlmere. At Grasmere we saw Wordsworth's cottage and his grave.

Seven "fag leaders" were chosen and under them were five "fags" to each leader. Twice in the holiday the fags

had to help cook the dinner and other meals, clean the camp, fetch supplies of food, post letters and so on.

On Sunday those who wanted to go to church could do so. The rest devoted their time to improving the camp site. Frequently we went for a swim in the beck, for the weather was exceptionally good all the time we were there. Many of us came back with very brown backs.

When we were around the camp there were always games to play. Cricket and table tennis were very popular. A table-tennis competition was won by Stringer. One night Newman and others made a huge bonfire and we had a sing-song. It was nearly midnight when we went to bed that night. Another evening was spent in a great treasure hunt. We had to run for miles and nobody found all the clues.

On the last Tuesday we had our meals on the terrace. Until three o'clock we were free and most people went into Keswick to buy a few presents to take home. After dinner each fag was given a job to do like cleaning the field of all bits of paper and making it look neat, sweeping out the huts very thoroughly, burning rubbish and, then, packing your own luggage. After all this was done some of us climbed the How and looked at the surrounding countryside just as we did when we first came.

That night we went to bed early, and rose early next morning to pack our beds. This done we had breakfast and, soon after seven, started on our long journey home. We had pies, sandwiches and biscuits to eat on the way and we played games. In fact, the journey back home seemed much quicker than the one going.

Our journey and holiday ended at Euston and I think that we all enjoyed our fortnight at Braithwaite very much, thanks to Mr. Binnie and Mr. Beecher, who gave up their vacation at home to come with us, and the good weather that does so much to make an enjoyable holiday.

R.J.C.

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### THE SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

OFFICERS: *President:* Mr. L. J. BERRY.

*Chairman:* Mr. W. G. BRABYN.

*Hon. Minutes Secretary:* Mr. P. V. DONNISON.

*Hon. General Secretary:* Mr. R. H. WILLIAMSON.

The first paper of the Spring Term Session was given by Mr. A. K. Brookman, who gave a very interesting and instructive talk on "The Generation and Distribution of



Electricity." This was followed by a paper on "Plastics" by Mr. F. A. Marhoff, which provided the Society with much new information on this new industrial development and showed evidence of much care in preparation. The Society then paid a visit, in two sections, to the Sir John Cass Technical Institute, where the Chemical Department arranged practical demonstrations of modern methods of micro-analysis. A number of members were inspired to try these methods for themselves. Most of the members also availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the Annual Exhibition of the Physical Society. Towards the end of the term, an official of the British Oxygen Company kindly gave the Society a demonstration of the properties of liquid oxygen.

The culmination of the term's activities came with the Hobbies' Exhibition. The very comprehensive and interesting display given in the laboratories was arranged by a committee of members of the Society and all members played an active part in making the exhibition a success. They were congratulated on all sides for the way in which they handled the experiments and answered the many questions. We are justly pleased that their efforts were so obviously successful and worth while.

At the end of the Summer Term it is hoped to arrange some visits to neighbouring factories, details of which will be announced later.

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### CHESS CLUB.

OFFICERS: *President*: THE HEADMASTER.

*Chairman*: Mr. S. BEALE.

*Hon. Secretary*: G. A. LODGE.

*Hon. Treasurer*: H. HOLLOWAY.

*Committee*: P. COOK AND P. V. DONNISON.

When Mr. Beale joined the School last September, it soon became known that he was an accomplished chess player, and a Chess Club was formed under his chairmanship. At first it was open only to the Senior School, but after Christmas a Junior Section was formed.

During the Christmas Term, the members played games among themselves, but in the Spring Term we took ourselves further afield, playing two games against other schools. The first at home to Colfe's was lost by five games to one and the second away to St. Joseph's Academy was

lost by four to two. This term return matches were played with St. Joseph's and Colfe's, who again proved too strong for our inexperienced players who lost both games.

At the end of this term the team will play the Staff.

Next year, it is hoped that the team will be elected to play in the London Secondary School League (S.E. Section).

Just before Easter, a Junior Section was formed and it is hoped that it will be possible to arrange for a Junior team to play other schools.

School Chess Team:—H. Holloway, P. H. Cook, G. A. Lodge, G. Vivian, A. Brown and P. V. Donnison.

Results:

v. Colfe's	H	Lost	1 —5
v. St. Joseph's Academy	A	Lost	2 —4
v. St. Joseph's Academy	H	Lost	2½ —3½
v. Colfe's	A	Lost	2 —4

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### A PUNISHMENT?

Grey winter rules us with his baleful hand,

The earth is forced to wear his livery white,

The sun from all approach to us is barred

And cannot help us in our sorry plight;

Frost holds the rivers still in icy chains;

Warm life is crushed by hunger and fierce cold;

A suffering race of men to Heaven complains

Of bitter wrongs and sorrows manifold.

Is this our just desert for evil ways?

A second deluge, worse in frozen form,

Celestial ice to quench the wicked craze

For trumpet, drum, and gun and uniform?

Let's learn a lesson from our punishment:

On virtue, love and progress be intent.

### A REPRIEVE?

Rejoice, for haggard winter flees away:

The cuckoo's note makes every woodland ring,

Bright crocuses obey the call of spring,

Decking the earth in colourful array,

In nourishing fields the new-born lambskins play,

And to our ears the cool winds softly bring

The stuttering songs and melodies they sing

While basking in the new sun's kindly ray.



Life is renewed for all upon the earth;  
 Man as survived the crisis once again  
 But Love and Trust must also have new birth,  
 For wars and conquests only bring more pain—  
 Of which in this poor world there is no dearth—  
 Or for contentment we shall strive in vain.

A.J.K.

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## HOUSE NOTES.

BLAKE

*Captain: A. J. KNOTT. Vice-Captain: A. TREW.*

Since the last issue of the magazine the four main house activities have been the Cross-country, House Dramatics, Junior football and the Hobbies' Exhibition. Lack of natural ability, and inclement weather which prevented training, were the reasons for our poor performance in the Cross-country. However, individuals ran well in all three age groups. (Knott, Trew and Ettling finished 9th, 11th, 12th, respectively in the Senior, Baxter 15th in the Intermediate and Trew, C., 6th in the Junior race.)

This year we won the Dramatic Trophy through the combined and whole-hearted efforts of all participating. Only one of the cast is leaving this year, so Blake should certainly retain the trophy next year.

The juniors won the football shield, beating Grenville and Wolfe in the finals. This was a great performance against two teams which, on paper, were definitely stronger. Trew, C., is to be congratulated on his inspiring leadership.

Although we did not win the Hobbies' Shield, once more individuals were well to the fore. Trew and Baxter won the table-tennis doubles, and Knott won the Senior Spoken English. The seniors won the debate after a spirited contest against Nelson

At the recent sports at Herne Hill, Blake was represented in all the age groups. Trew, A., won the hurdles open and was second in the 100 yards, Knott was second in the long jump, Baxter ran in the intermediate relay, Trew, C., won the 100 yards and high jump, junior, and Andrews was third in the 100 yards junior.

The house is well represented in all the cricket elevens, Baxter, Trew and Knott playing in the first eleven, and Trew, C., captaining the junior eleven. At the time of writing the juniors have won all their house matches.

It is noticeable that the bulk of our achievements during this period go to the credit of a few members of the house. The coming Sports provide the opportunity for all to earn points by winning standards. We have won the shield for four years running, and this year will see it again in our possession if every boy does his utmost before and on the day of the Sports. No words are necessary to urge each member to do his best.

## COLLINGWOOD.

*Captain: A. P. TATT. Vice-Captain: K. LOVEDAY.*

We are all very sorry to learn that Mr. Dalzell will be leaving us this term; we are grateful to him for all he has done for the house.

Last term we lost one of our vice-captains, A. Dolder. M. Franks has been elected in his place.

The junior cricket team has been placed under the captaincy of D. Smith, and it is hoped that they will do well; it is, of course, still too early in the season to say more.

Last year, the house won the Junior Cricket Shield; this year, when junior matches start, the team will have a high standard to keep up.

In the Cross-country races the juniors are to be commended for the skill and enthusiasm which won them the Junior Shield. The individual winner in the house team was Crayk, who finished second.

The intermediate and senior teams also did very well, the house being placed third in each race. The individual team leaders in the Senior were Wheeler (2nd) and Rolington (4th). All runners, however, are to be congratulated.

In the recent Sports at Herne Hill two Collingwood boys contributed much to the outstanding victory. Loveday ran extremely well in three events and was individual winner in the Long Jump u/16, and Budd put the shot.

Another contribution of Collingwood House members to School victories was made by Franks, Dolder and Wheeler, who played for the 2nd football XI, while Wheeler and Imber have been regularly in the cricket XI's.

Wheeler is to be congratulated on having been chosen to play in the London Schools under 16 XI.

The admirable work of boys who entered exhibits for the recent Hobbies' Competition resulted in the house being placed 2nd in the Senior and 3rd in the Junior sections. In the combined results the house was placed 3rd.

The number of entries received for the School Sports is large, and if Collingwood competitors show enthusiasm in gaining standard points and in the final placings, the house will be assured of success.



## DRAKE.

*Captain:* J. BASING. *Vice-Captains:* R. CODY, D. DAWTRY.

Drake House, though failing to secure any victories in the Easter Term, were by no means discredited as a result of their efforts. The main sporting events were the cross-country races. Dawtry and Garland were the individual winners of the senior and junior races, but the support they received being inadequate, our placing in the championships were not as high as had been hoped. Of the successful School football XI, the house provided two members (Basing and Dawtry), while Towells played for the second team.

Two new competitions were introduced last term, in both of which we acquitted ourselves well. The junior debating team was placed second and the seniors third. In the Spoken English competition, Smith, I., and Brown, A. (second and third in the junior contest) and Basing (second in the senior) were our best speakers, and the house were placed second.

The junior cricket team has so far only secured a tie and it is sincerely hoped that it will go one better before the end of the season. A recent outstanding performance in the School 1st XI was that of Towells who took 5 wickets for 9 runs in a total of 75 for 9. Dawtry (wicket-keeper) has scored 48 runs in the last two matches for the same team. Basing (captain) and Dawes are members of the second XI and Yeulett plays for the junior XI.

At the Herne Hill meeting, Basing (mile relay), Towells (discus) and Smith (junior relay) made their contributions towards the School's victory.

## GRENVILLE

*Captain:* P. COOK. *Vice-Captain:* G. A. LODGE.

During the last year, the house has once again made a very fair showing in most of the School activities.

For the second year in succession we won the Hobbies' Shield, and it should be noted that nearly every boy in this house entered an exhibit of some kind. The enthusiasm of the boys is shown by the score:—

Grenville 179 points; the runners-up 149 and 148 points.

The juniors finished as runners-up in the Football Competition, losing only one game, to Blake. Before this game both teams had won six games, and after a dull game Blake won by four goals to three.

In the Junior Cross-country we were narrowly beaten by Collingwood.

Sports Day is again approaching and we hope to be well represented.

In the School teams, Roe is a member of the 1st XI, Lodge is in the 2nd XI and Donnison (capt.), T. Cook and Lowen play in the 3rd XI; T. Cook also plays in the u/15 XI. With these five and several other promising players, we should be able to put a good senior cricket team into the field when house matches are played at the end of this term. Meanwhile the junior team has played seven games and won six, and Turley has represented us in the u/14½ School eleven. We also supply half of the School chess team: P. Cook, G. A. Lodge and P. V. Donnison.

It is expected and hoped that every boy will do his share in the School activities, whether it be on the cricket or football fields, in the swimming-pool or on the athletic track, and once again this house will rise to its proper place as the best house in the School.

## NELSON.

*Captain:* J. G. TAYLOR. *Vice-Captain:* K. M. HORN.

The house has not had much success since the last issue of the magazine. The junior football XI gained only one point from a possible fourteen, the house was placed sixth in the Hobbies' Exhibition, and although we had two representatives in the junior final of the Spoken English Competition, they were both beaten. The seniors fared a little better, being runners-up to Blake House in the House Debating Competition, while our Dramatic team were placed third with a 17th century play called "Wanted—Mr. Stuart."

It was a great pity that both the 5-a-side and 11-a-side senior football competitions were cancelled owing to pressure of activities. We had a good chance of gaining a victory in these competitions, as five members of the house were in the two School football XI's: they were Horn and Taylor in the 1st XI and Carr, Copus and Laing in the 2nd XI.

The cricket season is now in full swing, but the results are no more encouraging than the football results, the juniors having won only one of their first three games. The house is, however, represented by Taylor (1st XI), Copus (2nd XI) and Laing (3rd XI) in the School cricket teams.

We congratulate Horn, who ran extremely well at Herne Hill, when the School team won the Gibson Shield.

It seems as though this is not Nelson's year, but to the younger members of the house we say, "It's up to you."



## RALEIGH.

*Captain*: D. P. MERRETT. *Vice-Captain*: D. W. WILLSHIRE.

Since the Christmas issue of the magazine the juniors of the house have come to the fore; although the seniors entered for most of the competitions, they failed to gain many distinctions.

In the Cross-country races, Raleigh entered teams in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior sections, but we were not able to live up to the Cross-country traditions of the house, coming 5th, 4th and 6th respectively.

At the Hobbies' Exhibition, Raleigh had a triple success. In the final of the Junior House Debates, we defeated Drake when K. S. Pound proposed "That making models is the best hobby." The other members of the team were W. Daniel seconding, with J. Bowkett, E. Reid and D. Hamblen supporting. In the Spoken English Competition Raleigh came first. Our finalists were K. S. Pound (1st Junior) and R. H. Mercer (3rd Senior). The third event Raleigh won was the Choir Competition, when "Cargoes" and "Where'er you walk" were sung. The number of boys who entered for the Hobbies' Exhibition, however, was not as high as it might have been.

In the recent football season the Raleigh Junior team did not do well, winning only one match. The Junior cricket team has scarcely fared better, but we feel sure that this state of affairs cannot last long. Raleigh was represented by Dobson, Evenden and Merrett in the unbeaten soccer 1st XI, while Dobson and Evenden are members of the 1st XI cricket team. Willshire plays for the 2nd XI.

We confidently expect a good performance in the forthcoming School Sports.

## RODNEY.

*Captain*: D. A. JONES. *Vice-Captain*: P. F. LANE.

Once again Rodney's House Notes open regretfully announcing the leaving of another of our House-masters. Last Easter Mr. Dyke left us, just over a year after returning from the Forces. In that time, however, he saw Rodney rise from a moderate house to the one that he took pride in eight years ago. Few of us will ever forget his pleasant way of enrolling boys in the numerous house activities and how successful he was in re-developing that house spirit among us, which was so lacking during the war. I should like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the house, of expressing our gratitude to Mr. Dyke and wish him "all the best" at his new post.

Another sad blow to Rodney is the news that Dr. Allen will be leaving us soon. He joined the house in place of Mr. Daltrey just over a year ago, but in that short time he has shown us what a valuable House-master he is, and his help and advice will be greatly missed in the future. We all wish Dr. Allen the very best of fortune in the years to come.

Since our last report many house activities have taken place, and looking at the results, it can be said that Rodney did very well.

After keen and persistent training, we won the Senior Cross-country Shield for the first time for twenty-two years, after coming a very close second on several occasions. The intermediates also did very well and repeated last year's performance of coming second. Congratulations to both seniors and intermediates. The juniors, however, once again failed to co-operate and join in the practice runs, and let the record of the house down badly by coming seventh! This will not do, juniors!

The House Dramatic Competition took place last December, and as we were fortunate enough to have the same boys who took part in last year's competition, we decided to put on A. A. Milne's "The Man in the Bowler Hat" once again. We jumped one place from last year's position and were a very close second to Blake. Red must be specially mentioned in connection with the play; he used to arrive at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday morning for a rehearsal after an hour-and-half's journey across London. If the juniors showed more of this house spirit, I am sure they would do much better.

In the House Debates, Spoken English Competition and Hobbies' Exhibition, which came at Easter, Rodney neither disgraced nor distinguished itself.

The junior football team improved slightly after their disastrous start, and finished about half-way down the list. Unfortunately there was no senior football competition last season. Borrett and Red represented the School 1st XI, while our vice-captain, P. Lane, was captain of the School 2nd XI.

The junior cricket team have opened moderately, but their last two matches have shown definite improvement; we hope this will be maintained. Jones and Parker (1st XI), Claridge (2nd XI), Webb and Loder (3rd XI) and Tobin (Junior XI) have represented the School this season.

The house was represented in the School's Athletic team which went to Herne Hill, by Red, Lane and Law.

Now a final word for the future. Many of the seniors who have been carrying the house for the past two years



will be leaving this summer, and so unless the juniors put their backs into it, and take a more determined part in the house activities the prestige of the house will steadily fall. If, however, you do pull your weight then there is no reason why Rodney should not remain one of the best houses in the School.

### WOLFE.

*Captain:* N. D. COE. *Vice-Captain:* D. CUTTING.

Since the last issue of the Magazine a glut of sporting events has occurred, some of which have been decided while others are in the process of being contested.

Owing to the conscientious, if rather unmerciful, conscription tactics of our vice-captain we had a copious number of entries for the Cross-country, especially from the juniors. We were second in the Senior Cross-country, first in the Intermediate, and third in the Junior—an altogether heartening result.

Our Junior House football team reached the semi-final of the competition, and Cutting distinguished himself, and Wolfe House, by being leading goal-scorer in the very successful 1st XI football team.

A side-line of the Hobbies' Exhibition was the table-tennis competition, in which the irrepressible Cutting reached the final to be beaten by Towells.

In the inter-house debates we were drawn to meet the formidable Drake House. Our team had the admirable asset of enthusiasm, but seemed to scorn any form of preparation.

Wolfe was ably represented in the Roan team at Herne Hill by Cutting, Breach and Kenward; the School cricket teams were strengthened by Mathews, Pizzey and Butcher in the u/14 XI, Coe in the 2nd XI, and Cutting in the 1st XI.

Wolfe are lucky in having some really exceptional juniors, which fact leaves us in no doubt as to the bright future of the House.

### Old Roan Association Notes.

*President:* H. H. PYE, Roan School, Maze Hill, S.E.3.

*Hon. Secretary:* Not yet appointed.

*Hon. Asst. Secretary:* A. G. ROBINSON, 16 Felhampton Road, New Eltham, S.E.9.

*Hon. Treasurer:* W. A. ALLEN, Hillside, Coltishall, Norfolk.

*Hon. Asst. Treasurer:* T. HOLT, Roan School, Maze Hill, S.E.3.

*Hon. Press Secretary:* G. C. WITTEN, Roan School, S.E.3.

*Hon. Magazine Correspondent:* J. F. N. WEDGE, 72 Felhampton Road, New Eltham, S.E.9.

### THE SERVICE LIST.

(Second Supplement).

#### I: Corrections to Service List.

Aggett, W. J. P. (30-40), Captain, Devonshire Regiment (Regular), formerly K. African Rifles.

Hicks, N. J. (33-38), W.O., R.A.F.

Rattray, J.M. (25-33), S/Ldr., R.A.F.V.R. Twice mentioned in Dispatches.

Westmoreland, A. G. (33-39), F/O., D.F.C., R.A.F.V.R., "Pathfinder" force, '43. Took part in 36 "ops" and served as Instructor and Met. Officer.

#### II: Additions to Service List.

Bunnett, C. E. (20-25), Sgt., R.A.F., N. Africa, India, Assam, Burma.

Courtney, K. H. ( - ), F/Lt., R.A.F. Now in the Argentine.

Low, D. J. D. (31-37), Cpl., R.C.S. Far East.

Low, J. D. (33-39), Lt., R.N.V.R. Served in Submarines and M.T.B.'s, in all theatres, including Channel battles, Malta convoys, and the Far East.

MacNicol, A. ( - ), S/Ldr. (Admin.), R.A.F., Bomber Command. Mentioned in Dispatches four times.

Morgan, J. ( - ), Captain, R.T.R.

Morgan, R. F. ( - ), Major. Aide-de-Camp to G.O.C., B.O.A.R.

Petty, A. J. ( - ), Major, R.A.S.C.

Petty, L. P. (29-35), Captain. Mentioned in Dispatches, Italy.

Planker, H. ( - ), Royal Fusiliers.



Ratcliffe, K. S. ( - ), Major, R. Signals. Served as Staff Officer, H.Q., 21 Army, and H.Q., B.A.O.R., from D. Day onwards.

✠Turner, B. E. (19-22), Coder, R.N. Lost in H.M. Destroyer "Belmont" 1/41

Turp, W. R. L. ( - ), Captain, R.E. Has a post on the Military staff of the British Embassy in Paris.

### III: News of O.R.'s "called up" since the war.

Atkins, A. E., I.C.—has been on Airport Control, Vienna.

Dale, A., A.C.2, R.A.F.

Francis, J. E., L.A.C., R.A.F., Italy.

Greig, A., A.C.2, R.A.F.

Hill, J. B. A., Cadet, R.C.S., Catterick.

Hinde, A., Cpl., Italy.

Hopkins, D. A., Radiographer, R.A.M.C.

Jenne, H. J., R.E. Aldershot.

Lane, P. J., L.A.C., R.A.F.

Moore, J. G. Tel./Mech., R.C.S.

Moss, W. E., Ex-Editor, Sgt., Field Security, I.C., Vienna.  
Writes an interesting letter on life in Austria. He has given his first piano recital.

Reddie, C. D., Palestine Police.

Williams, P., Army.

### NEWS OF OLD ROANS

**Bishop, J. F.** (22-27), has been appointed Senior Mathematics Master at Greenford County Grammar School, Middlesex.

**Bishop, R. F.** (28-37), is now on the Staff of Shoreditch Training College.

**Boyden, B.** (19-25), in response to the appeal in our last issue, has presented a copy of Mr. Kirby's "History of the Roan Schools" to four New Zealanders who were seeking a copy. He writes an interesting letter, speaking of many pleasurable meetings with "Tommy Kiwis," for whom he arranged a number of war-time Rugby games. He urges the School to take up "Rugger" again, and offers to help any enthusiasts interested in the game.

**Daniell, Harold** (18-26), again won the Senior Tourist Trophy motor-cycle race this year. Riding a Norton machine, he completed the 264 miles of the Isle of Man course in 3 hrs. 11mins. 22.2 secs. (82.813 m.p.h.), after an unusually close and exciting race.

**Farrell, R. W.** ( - ), Councillor, Chairman of the Finance Committee and member of the Education Committee at Worthing, sends an account of some of his activities. The Worthing Herald records, under the heading "Crabbed Age v. Youth," an amusing speech of his, as a Senior Councillor, at a meeting of the local Youth Council.

**Gerhold, D. A.** (36-41), has gained the Engineering Degree in Metallurgy of London University, with First Class Honours. He holds a commercial appointment at Avonmouth.

**Harrowing, S. E.** (10-11) is now Chairman and Hon. Coach of the Kent Athletic Club. It will be remembered that Mr. Harrowing ran for Canada in the Olympic team of 1920. He kindly offers to help any senior boys who are interested in athletics.

**Moore, M. D.** ((34-41), has a permanent appointment in H.M. Patents Office.

**Pearce, I. R.** (36-40), has gained the same degree as D. A. Gerhold.

**Peddie, D. W.** (30-39) is back in his Civil Service post.

**Peddie, M. P.** (38-44), passed the Inter R.I.B.A. examination, November, 1946.

**Richards, J. D.** (36-42), is teaching at the County Grammar School, Bexhill—a building of which our war-time generation (including Richards himself) will have affectionate memories. He was recently married.

**Robinson, C. E. J.** (1877) writes a letter of reminiscence, and sends a thoughtful article which we wish we had space to publish.

**Shaw, W. E.** ("Ted") and **Shaw, C. E.**, are now Directors of a manufacturing concern in Durban, S. Africa. They write reminiscences of the old school, and of the magazine ("quite often bringing back the most pleasant of recollections") and add their appreciation of the plans for the War Memorial. Through their London agent, they have sent a substantial donation to the War Memorial Fund.

**Mr. W. A. Allen** came up from Norfolk for the A.G.M., looking very fit. He celebrates 21 years as Hon. Treasurer of the Association this year!

**Eldridge, F. C.** (35-40) is with the Army in East Africa.



**Mr. F. W. Harris** writes a most interesting account of his experiences in the Educational Branch of the Control Commission in Germany, and promises an article for the next Magazine.

**Henley, M. W.** (31-39), D.S.C., R.N., is in H.M.S. "Theseus" in the East.

**Keating, D. N.** ((32-40) is now at King's reading History.

**Lane, E. S.** (11-13) is now living at Hove; his brother-in-law,

**Smart, V. A.** (01-06), is manager of a Mineral Oil Company in Cape Town.

**Lyne, Lieut (E) "Mickey," R.N. (34-39)**, is now on a two-year course at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, after a year in H.M.S. "Duke of York." He played Rugby for Kent last winter.

**May, R. P. G.** (37-42), was in H.M.S. "Vanguard" when she took the Royal Family to South Africa.

**McLay, W. (80-83)**, writing from Wellington, N Z., encloses a cheque for the Memorial, Potter and Benevolent funds. He remembers Mr. Ridger and Messrs. Baron, Gorse, Luckett and Henchie.

**McMenamin, J. C. S. M. (35-39)**, is on the designing staff of a fire and safety engineering firm at Brentford.

**Murphy, E. R. (26-33)**, is about to take up the post of Inspector in the Home Office, Children's Branch. He is in touch with **Alan Betts** and **Leo Saunders** (both at Coulsdon) and **P. B. Wilcox**.

**North, B. (31-36)**, W.O.I., instructing in the M.E.L.F., suggests a Scouts' War Memorial in the shape of a challenge trophy for the School Troop. Mr. K. S. Binnie will be pleased to receive subscriptions at the school.

**North, G. H. (29-34)**, Staff-Sergt., R.A.S.C., is Personal Assistant to a Deputy Director at the War Office. Both brothers are in the Regular Army.

**Peirce, S. L. (32-39)**, has joined the R.A.F. as a regular, specializing in Radar. He is as tall as ever.

**Porter, A. H. (17-23; Staff, 27-29)**, is teaching in Bolton. He reports that **Savage, H. L.**, has recovered from a serious breakdown.

**Rattray, J. M. (25-33)**, is settling down to civilian life after a busy time as C.O. of an aircraft repair unit in Europe, during which he made good use of his Scout training.

**Wedge, P. L. (38-44)**, has qualified as a telegraphist in the Royal Navy.

**Arthur, L., Ford, F. A., Kenyon, E. C., and Perry, V. G.**—are all playing hockey with the "big five" banks.

**Wilson, William ( -05)** O.B.E., an Assistant Secretary in the Home Office, was appointed a C.B.E. in the King's Birthday Honours List, June, 1947.

**Smith, H. M. (18-23)**, O.B.E., has been appointed Deputy Chief of the Fire Staff, National Fire Service.

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The Secretary will be grateful for any information of the following members who are out of touch:—

Cooper, W. J. ( - ), McKenzie, R. (21-28), Bruce, L. J. (20-25), Saunders, C. J. (18-23), Sivyier, G. (22-26), Pittman, S. T. (19-24), Norton, P. S. (20-23), Wall, H. C. (08-14), Ridley, A. F. (05-09), Bowles, M. (17-23).

## OLD ROAN PERSONALITIES, II.

**Albert Leopold Thompson ("Bomber"), (16-20).**

**George Edward Thompson (16-22).**

My memory goes back to 1920 when first I met them. Both were in the 1st XI soccer and cricket teams. "Bomber" was excellent at both games but George was outstanding. (Incidentally, can any O.R. explain the origin of the nickname "Bomber"?) Their passing in their early twenties left a gap in O.R. sports activities. Both helped untiringly in preparing pitches on the School Field (in those days we had no full-time groundsman). George is remembered especially for his six goals scored when playing for an A.F.A. side against United Banks, 10 wickets for 28 runs against Mill Hill Park C.C., and 104 not out against Guildhall C.C., who, included in their team G. Nichols, Essex County and England Test player. Incidentally, he bowled Nichols with the first ball of the match.

In those days when the Thompson brothers were at School a little comedy was played. Test matches in Australia excited great interest then. Each morning about 11 a.m. George raised his hand asking to be excused. Masters, I am ashamed to say—and none more implicated than I—were in the game, too. George "hared" it down to the Woolwich Road and when the interval bell rang, there he was with the paper giving the close of play score. "Like to see the score, Sir?" When the present-day Roan boy receives his "Thompson Memorial Prize," let him remember these two stalwarts who did so much for football and cricket in the Roan School. I can picture both these eager athletes now—what bonny fighters they would have been in our Herne Hill contests!

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# FOOTBALL SECTION.

*Hon. Secretary:* R. W. PEARMAN, 49 King Harold's Way, Bexleyheath, Kent.

After a very good start, the 1946-47 season ended without the successes expected having materialized. This was due to a variety of reasons, but mainly to the fact that instead of the steady influx of new members hoped for, various members were forced to retire. These members being mainly 1st XI stalwarts, notably Cutts, Townsend, Ellingham and Brewer, the effect was to weaken considerably the Club's playing strength—this can be seen from the results after Christmas.

The Reserve XI fared very well until the closing stages of the season. At one time they had every chance of winning their league, but losing the last four games they could do no better than finish 3rd. Only a few games were possible for the "A" XI, partly because of membership shortage and partly because of the long spell of bad weather which played havoc with the fixtures.

During the season we were glad to renew acquaintance with various friends from O.B.L. days and to hold once again our Boxing Day fixture with Old Colfeians.

A very enjoyable match was played with the School 1st XI, in aid of the Memorial Fund, but the Old Boys had to admit defeat to a very keen and constructive team.

Next season we hope to field three elevens regularly in various leagues, but to do this the membership of the Club must be increased. All O.R.s who left during the war years are cordially invited to join and such members should contact the Hon. Secretary for further particulars. To any boys leaving this summer we also extend a hearty welcome and trust they will find their way to joining the Club and keep the standard of O.R. soccer high. Boys who, on leaving school have to enter the Forces, will always be welcome to play when available and should inform the Hon. Secretary of their movements. Subscription rates are specially adjusted for boys joining the Club direct from school.

On behalf of the clubs I would like to thank Mr. Gilbert for the facilities put at our disposal, also to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley for work on teas, and Mr. Carter, who gave up his time to refereeing, and also, with Mr. Bradley, cleared the fields on various occasions of snow and ice. Thanks are also due to those members who gave loyal support during the season and I trust that, along with numerous new members, they will do the same next season.

The "Kentish Mercury," in its issue of May 2nd last, published a note on the O.R. football team in their series "Meet the Secretaries."

## RESULTS—1st XI.

November	16th	v. Old Thorntonians	(L)	H	Lost	2-4
	23rd	v. Old Dorkinians	(L)	A	Won	9-1
	30th	v. Old Reigateans	(L)	H	Won	6-1
December	14th	v. Dulwich Hamlet Juniors	(F)	H	Won	3-2
	26th	v. Old Colfeians	(Ch)	A	Won	5-2
January	4th	v. Old Chigwellians	(F)	A	Lost	0-9
	11th	v. Old Bromleians	(L)	A	Lost	0-5
	25th	v. Old Thorntonians	(L)	A	Lost	1-11
March	1st	v. Streatham O.G.	(L)	A	Drew	1-1
	8th	v. Old Bromleians	(L)	H	Lost	1-12
	22nd	v. Old Salesians	(L)	H	Lost	1-4
	22nd	v. Old Salesians	(L)	H	Drew	0-0
	29th	v. Old Suttonians	(L)	A	Won	3-2
April	2nd	v. School 1st XI	(Ch)	H	Lost	2-3
	5th	v. Streatham O.G.	(L)	H	Won	2-1
	12th	v. Epsom Old Boys	(L)	A	Lost	0-4
	19th	v. Old Dorkinians	(L)	H	Lost	0-7
	28th	v. Old Tenisonians' Reserves	(L)	H	Won	5-1
	30th	v. Old Reigateans	(L)	A	Drew	0-0

(L)—O.B.L. South A. (Ch)—Charity. (F)—Friendly.

League Games	13	6	9	3	44	62
All Matches	25	9	12	4	69	91

## RESERVE XI.

November	23rd	v. Beckenham Technical O.B.	(L)	H	Won	1-0
	30th	v. Ministry of Supply Reserves	(F)	A	Lost	0-2
December	7th	v. Inland Revenue	(F)	H	Won	4-2
	14th	v. Wandsworth Training College	(F)	A	Won	5-1
	21st	v. Gaumont British Reserves	(F)	A	Won	5-1
	28th	v. Old Tenisonians' Reserves	(L)	H	Won	5-1
January	18th	v. Beckenham Technical O.B.	(L)	A	Won	2-1
	25th	v. Old Thorntonians' Reserves	(L)	H	Won	3-2
March	1st	v. Streatham O.G. Reserves	(L)	H	Won	3-0*
April	12th	v. Epsom O.B. Reserves	(L)	H	Won	8-0*
	19th	v. Old Thorntonians' Reserves	(L)	A	Lost	1-2
	26th	v. Old Bromleians' Reserves	(L)	A	Lost	0-9
	29th	v. Old Tenisonians' Reserves	(L)	H	Lost	2-5
May	3rd	v. Old Salesians' Reserves	(L)	H	Lost	0-2

\* Played for 4 points.

(L)—O.B.L. South B. (F)—Friendly.

League Games	14	9	5	0	38	27
All Matches	20	11	8	1	73	47

## "A" XI.

December	7th	v. Woolwich Polytechnic	(F)	A	Won	4-1
	28th	v. Old Bromleians' 3rd	(F)	H	Won	4-3
January	4th	v. Old Addeyans	(F)	H	Won	2-0
	11th	v. Irving S.C. Reserves	(F)	H	Lost	1-3
March	22nd	v. Cuaco	(F)	A	Won	4-2
	29th	v. Borough Polytechnic	(F)	A	Lost	1-2
April	12th	v. Old Addeyans	(F)	H	Lost	1-8
May	7th	v. School	(F)	H	Lost	1-4

Played 8; Won 4; Lost 4; Goals: For 18; Against 23.

January	18th	O.R. XI v. Blackheath W.	(F)	H	Drew	0-0
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## SPORTS SECTION.

*Hon. Secretary:* S. H. HAMMOND, 69 The Highway, Orpington, Kent.

The Tennis Courts on the School Field are again available for play, and the Headmaster has kindly given permission for the use of them by Old Boys.

The Sports Secretary will be glad if all Old Roans (including wives and lady-friends) interested in restarting the Old Roan Tennis Club will send him their names and addresses, so that a meeting to elect officers may be called.

## BIRTHS.

**Cowie.**—On 6th January, 1947, at Hampstead, to Miriam, wife of H. J. Cowie (26-35), a daughter (Margaret Ann).

**Dyke.**—On 5th February, 1947, at Petts Wood, to Sybil, wife of P. M. Dyke (Staff, 39-47), a daughter (Elizabeth).

**Lyne.**—On 27th September, 1945, to Nornice (née Davies), wife of M. G. Lyne, a daughter (Lesley Monica)

**Phillips.**—On 17th November, 1946, to Brenda Mary (née Willison), wife of Herbert Phillips (28-33), a boy (Graham John).

## MARRIAGES.

**Lyne, M. G.** (34-39), on 22nd December, 1944, at St. Andrew's, Cardiff, M. G. Lyne to Nornice Davies

**Richards, J. D.** (36-41), on 5th April, 1947, at Sackville Road Methodist Church, Bexhill, to Gwendoline Wise, of Bexhill.

**Barnwell, P. J.** (23-31), on 7th April, 1947, in Mauritius, to Marjorie Violet Hale

## DEATHS.

**Gould, H. S.** (1878), on 20th April, 1947. Cremated at Mitcham Cemetery, Croydon.

**Huntley, A.** (79-81), in April, 1947, at the Royal Masonic Hospital, after an illness most patiently borne.

**Skinner, A.** (81-83), on 20th May, 1947, at Lewisham.

## Early Issues of the "Roan Magazine."

We still have a number of copies of early issues of this Magazine available; they can be sent on request to any O.R. making a donation to the War Memorial Fund.

We have no copies of the issues in the following list. On the contrary, we require a copy of each of these to make up an additional set for the School library, and shall be glad to hear from any who would be willing to present copies to the School.

Issues required: Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 15, 24, 29, 31, 32, 40, 42, 43, 44.

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## CHAUCER ON MAZE HILL: No. III.

A further Chaucerian fragment tells of two distinguished former members of the School Staff who appear to have been known in Greenwich even in Chaucer's time:

Tweye scolemaistres hadde joyned oure compaignie

That camraides were, so everich man colde see.

They bothe a mostache woren on hir lippe,

And weren talle as mastes of a shippe.

On ferce was that alle were sore afrayde

Whan spak he, as a sergent on paraide.

Yette kindlie was his herte to on and alle,

And merie was he with his jokes withalle.

A mightie feste-bowlere was he in youthe,

And hadde the shouldres for the feate, forsoothe!

He wore the Legion d'Honneur of France,

And wode-worke was his favourite plesaunce.

This man of reverence Daun Parker hight:

His bold compeer was a ful wittie wight.

Frensshe and Latyn ful gladly taute he,

Of Grenewich knewe he all the historie.

Lene was his frame and thereto somdel talle,

His voys was smale; his scoleres knewe he alle.

Within a boke he writ the Roane Scoler's fame—

A worthy wight, Daun Kirby was his name.

These tweye live ever in men's memorie

And on Blakheth as neybores merilie.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Fifty members of the Association gathered in the Art Room at the school on 28th February, 1947, for the Annual General Meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. G. E. T. Tomkins, the President.

The Secretary, Mr. H. A. Baker, in his report mentioned that so far only twelve requests had been received for Old Roan ties and that he would be unable to proceed until six dozen orders had been given. He also stated that he felt that an Entertainments Committee should be formed to organize the reunions, dinners, etc.



During the past year there had been a ten per cent. increase in membership, there now being 571 Life members (against 463) and 207 Ordinary members (against 246). There were also three Honorary members.

The Treasurer, Mr. W. A. Allen, reported a difficult year; however, the accumulated funds had increased to £8 4s. although there was a deficit of £16 3s. 6d. in the Revenue Account on the year, due to increased activities, higher postage and more expensive magazines. He felt that some alteration in the subscription rates was necessary. He thanked the auditors, Messrs. Daltry and Hewlett, for their assistance. Mr. Hewlett, in the following discussion, pointed out that the subscriptions to the Memorial Fund and the Presentation Fund were unusual items which had not appeared the previous year.

The Balance Sheet for the year appears on page 272.

Mr. George Tomkins, in his address, thanked everyone for the splendid help given him during his most enjoyable year of office. He extended a hearty welcome to the new President, Mr. H. H. Pye, who was elected unanimously amid acclamation.

The standing officers were re-elected en bloc, and Messrs. L. W. Loryman, Radford and Gordon Smith were elected to fill vacant places on the committee.

An amendment to Rule 4 of the Association was accepted, this rule now reading:—

“For Life Membership:

- (i) An initial payment of £2 10s. or
- (ii) The payment of a sum depending on the number of full annual subscriptions already paid, being calculated as £2 10s less 1/- for every full annual subscription paid with a minimum transfer fee of £1.”

The meeting concluded with various appeals which are repeated in the appropriate sections in this magazine.

#### OLD ROAN DINNER.

The 28th Annual Dinner of the Association took place at Pyne's Restaurant on Friday, 6th December, 1946, the President, Mr. George E. J. Tomkins in the chair. Guests were Messrs. A. T. Cutts, M.C., G. R. Parker, J. W. Kirby, W. W. Poyser and W. J. R. Bullers, Mr. W. A. Allen being unable to accept the invitation, and 78 other members were present.

The Headmaster, Mr. H. W. Gilbert, responding to the toast of “The School,” proposed by Mr. A. T. Cutts, gave some statistics of the war service of Old Boys of the School. 65 Old Roans lost their lives, five of the 26 who were prisoners of war dying in captivity. (The roll has since increased.)

Councillor H. W. H. Icough, who was celebrating 25 years' connection with the School, proposed the toast of “The Association,” to which Mr. Tomkins replied in a speech in which he looked forward to the day when Old Roans would figure prominently in all that was good in the country.

Mr. K. H. Wheeler's toast of “Our Guests,” brought forth a wealth of most interesting reminiscence in the responses of Mr. W. J. Bullers and Mr. G. R. Parker, the latter recalling the achievements of his early colleagues, among them Mr. Usherwood, who became Headmaster of St. Dunstan's and Mr. Lucas who became Headmaster of Colfe's Grammar School.

The evening was concluded by entertainment in the capable hands of Mr. G. C. Witten.

#### ANNUAL DANCE.

The Association's first post-war dance was held at the Town Hall, Greenwich, on Saturday, 18th January, 1947. Mr. George Lee, to whom the credit for the organization must go, acted as M.C., carrying out his duties in his customarily smooth, efficient manner.

The President and the Headmaster were among the 290 members and their friends who enjoyed this most pleasant function, which raised about £40 for the Roan War Memorial Fund.

It is understood that Mr. Lee is already planning for next year's dance, which will take place in January, 1948.

#### JOAN ROAN SCHOOL LODGE, No. 5085.

*Hon. Secretary:* W. J. R. BULLERS, 77 Coleraine Road, S.E.3.

Three meetings of the Lodge have been held since my last report and at each of these we have had the pleasure of initiating two Old Roans into Freemasonry. The Lodge has now fully returned to pre-war conditions and the number of visitors at every meeting shows how much they are appreciated.

Bro. C. J. Sweeney has been elected as Master for next year, and I am sure that he will enjoy the good wishes of all Old Roan Freemasons, particularly those who knew him at School. His installation will take place at the Freemasons' Hall, W.C.2, on Tuesday, 28th October, 1947.

It is intended to form a John Roan School Chapter, and I shall be pleased to hear from any Old Roan Freemason who may be interested.



## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.—1946.

## ACCUMULATED FUNDS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Presentation Fund ...	5	5	0	By Balance 1945 ...	680	14	0
„ Roan Memorial ...	50	0	0	„ Life Members ...	135	18	0
„ General Revenue (563							
„ Life Members at 2/-)	56	6	0				
„ Deficit on General							
„ Revenue ...	16	2	6				
„ Balance ...	688	18	6				
	£816	12	0		£816	12	0

## REVENUE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Expenses: Association				By Life Members:			
Meetings, 1943—46	4	6	0	(563 at 2/-) ...	56	6	0
„ Expenses: Annual				„ Ordinary Members:			
„ General Meeting ...	2	5	9	(180 at 3/6) ...	31	10	0
„ Expenses: Committee				(23 at 2/6) ...	2	17	6
„ Meetings ...	10	0		(2 at 2/-) ...	4	0	
„ Postages ...	19	12	2	(2 at 5/-) ...	10	0	
„ Stationery ...	17	1	8	„ Interest:			
„ Magazines ...	68	14	4	Post Office ...	11	18	0
„ Sundries ...	7	2	1	Hope Memorial ...	2	4	0
„ Blazer Badges written				„ Balance: By			
off ...	2	0	0	Accumulated Funds	16	2	6
	£121	12	0		£121	12	0

## BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Accumulated Funds ...	688	18	6	By Stock:—			
„ Prepaid Subscriptions	1	6	0	Entertainment ...	5	0	
„ Entertainment Fund	37	10	3	Stationery, etc. ...	37	5	4
				President's Collar ...	2	0	0
				Post Office Savings			
				Bank ...	488	4	2
				„ Hope Memorial ...	100	0	0
				„ Bank Balance ...	81	18	5
				„ Cash in Secretary's			
				Hands ...	18	1	0
				„ Cash in Treasurer's			
				Hands ...	10		
	£727	14	9		£727	14	9

W. A. ALLEN, Hon. Treasurer.

## CRICKET MATCH

## SCHOOL v. OLD ROANS

JULY 26th at 2.30 p.m. on the  
SCHOOL FIELD

Parents and Old Boys are reminded that this very important Cricket Match is taking place as above.

Refreshments, including teas and ices, will be available. During the tea interval a physical training display will be given, after which will be held a **Dutch Auction**—one item for auction being a new cricket bat autographed by the entire South African XI.

A small charge will be made for admission. All proceeds will go towards the War Memorial Fund.

It is hoped that parents and Old Roans alike will attend in force to make the match a great success.