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CALENDAR.

Founder's Day, July 21st.

Term ended July 21st.

Harvest Camp began July 27th.

Autumn Term begins Tuesday, September 15th.

Half Term, October 30th and November 2nd.

Autumn Term ends December 17th.

Spring Term begins January 12th, 1943.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

We have now completed our third year of "exile," and although, like most exiles, we are longing for home, it can be said that the Roan School has adapted itself well to its new and strange conditions, and has neither allowed itself to be thwarted nor has it been guilty of losing in any degree the respect for those traditions which have been built up by so many generations of Old Boys. It is, consequently, so much more to be regretted that so many new boys are remaining in London and are so growing up in "alien" surroundings, so far removed from the influence of those things which are the real life of a school such as ours. A glance through the succeeding pages of this magazine will show any Old Boy that scholastically, athletically and patriotically, the Roan boy of to-day can face the Old Boy of yesterday with quiet pride and confidence.

Our Founder's Day was observed on July 21st at All Saints' Church, Ammanford, with the traditional service. The Choir of Roan Boys and Girls sang, as the Vicar, the Rev. T. C. Phillips, M.C., M.A., said, more beautifully than last year and the year before, thanks to the unwearying efforts of Miss Wenden. Our Vicar, as we may now, without presumption describe him, did not *preach*—he never does—he talked to us in that characteristically quiet but telling way, which, derived from a full understanding and a varied experience reaches both heart and intellect. His work during the last year has compelled the admiration of those older ones amongst us, who realize the brave battle he has fought against ill-health, and those Roan boys and girls who have known the Vicar will surely carry with them throughout their lives both pleasant memories and grateful thanks for all he has meant to them.

It is a particular feature of our two years in South Wales that our relations with the Local Officials, and those of the boys with their hosts and hostesses, have been happy. It would be untrue to say that there have been no difficulties, but these have always been met in a spirit of mutual goodwill, and have usually resolved themselves readily. It is particularly pleasing to be able to recognize the great help given to us by Mr. D. J. Lewis since his appointment as Billeting Officer at Ammanford.

The school has said its formal farewell to Mr. Kirby, who leaves us after 38 years of quiet, unobtrusive, but effective and lasting service. His quietude was of his own nature and it always achieved its end. Never assertive, his very restraint imposed itself on other more dynamic personalities. His work will long be a real influence in the lives of those who knew him, both boys and men. The Form rooms will keep something of his spirit and the Common room will long remember those characteristic twists of thought and embodied phrase which oft-times took the argument out of the commonplace and raised it above the ordinary level of scholastic discussion, and they will treasure the memory of a man who was at once a valued colleague, a wise counsellor and a candid friend.

This year the Harvest Camp is being held at Eglwys Cymryn in West Carmarthenshire, beginning on July 27th, with Mr. Pye in charge. The site is a charming one in hilly country, not far from Pendine. We hope to be able to print a report of the Camp on another page.

Athletics have formed a great feature of the school's activities this term. Reports of the Inter Schools, our own meeting, the Neath sports and the A.T.C. efforts appear in this issue.

It is with regret that we have to part with Mr. Rathbone, Mr. Nicholson and Miss Lambert at the end of the summer term. Mr. Rathbone joined the school in March, 1941; Mr. Nicholson in June and Miss Lambert in September. Owing to decreasing numbers here we can no longer make use of their services, but we wish to thank them for the work they have done for the school, and to wish them every success in their new schools.

We are glad to welcome Mr. L. C. Hankinson, who joins us this term for Physical Training. In addition to a three months' course of Physical Training at Borough Road College, Mr. Hankinson has had experience in teaching P.T. to senior boys, to members of the A.F.S., and in the Home Guard.

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J. W. KIRBY, B.A. (1904—1942).

The departure of Mr. Kirby removes one more of the few remaining members of the staff who were appointed in the Ridger era. He joined the school in East Street, before it became Eastney Street, in 1904, after a short period of service at Deal College, and has thus spent practically the whole of his professional life at the Roan School. Starting as a Junior Form Master, he began to specialise in Modern Languages and when Mr. Llewellyn left in 1920 he became head of the Modern Language Department. He was attached to Wolfe House from its foundation, becoming its Senior Housemaster in 1930. When the school moved to Maze Hill and adequate library accommodation was provided he reorganised and expanded the previous rudimentary library and has built it up and fostered its use until it has become a really useful part of the school organisation.

But it is as the historian of the school that his name will be perpetuated in its annals. His deep interest in and knowledge of the history of the district marked him out as the proper person to clear away the myths which had become attached to the name of John Roan and to trace the vicissitudes through which the foundation had passed since the original bequest. This involved a long and careful search for and examination of many old documents and other material and it is unlikely that much of value for the purpose escaped his search. The result of this labour of love appeared in 1929 as the History of the Roan School and its Founder. Mr. Kirby has been for many years Honorary Secretary of the Greenwich and Lewisham Antiquarian Society.

And what of the man himself? His chief characteristics are perhaps his modesty and his equability of temperament. He has

always preferred to keep in the background, he has never been known to raise his voice in anger, and no one has ever seen him out of temper. But that did not mean that he could be ignored. He got his effects by a quiet firmness, and he never had any disciplinary trouble. Thorough and conscientious, his teaching was enlivened by a keen sense of humour. In his several capacities of Form Master, Housemaster, Senior Modern Language Master and Librarian, there can be few Roan boys of the last 40 years who escaped his influence, an influence always for good. He was sincerely interested in his pupils and this interest continued after they left school. He was a keen supporter of the Old Roan Association and nothing gave him greater pleasure than to meet Old Roans and to talk over their past and present activities, and the pleasure was mutual. In his younger days he was a keen cricketer and was a regular member of the Masters XI which flourished in the years immediately preceding the last war. His "donkey-drops" were a feature of many Masters v. Boys matches.

He will undoubtedly be missed for he has served the school well. We wish to him and to Mrs. Kirby many years of health and happiness in a well-earned retirement.

G.R.P.

A speaker at an Old Roan dinner once described a member of the Staff in these words: "He leads his flock into those fair Gallic pastures on which they may so richly browse," and of another he said: "He fought his pupils, in order that none should leave school altogether ignorant of French grammar." It is not difficult for those who knew Mr. Kirby to guess which of these two descriptions referred to him. In these times of violence, it is pleasant to remember that, for Mr. Kirby, teaching was a question of leading rather than goading, of persuasion rather than force. Moreover, just as life is more than bread, and French more than grammar, so Mr. Kirby had no narrow conception of his work, and did not permit problems of language to exclude the literary and cultural values of modern language learning. He had a real love of learning for its own sake, and his interests ranged wide, not only in the fields of modern languages, but also in local and educational history. But of all his qualities, one remembers, perhaps mostly, his "approachableness," whether in School or in his own home. We hope he soon will be able to return to his vantage point on the 'Heath and to all its associations which mean so much to him.

S.R.M.

THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION, 1942.

The 65th Annual Prize Distribution was held in the Hall of the Amman Valley County School on the 27th of March. Councillor H. W. H. Icough (the Chairman of the Governors) was again with us, but the Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor G. L. Bruce) was unable to be present as London's Warship Week claimed his services. Among others on the platform were Mr. B. A. Howard, M.A. (headmaster Addey and Stanhope School), Mr. Howard Hayden, M.A. (L.C.C. Inspector), the Rev. T. C. Phillips, M.A. (Vicar of Ammanford), Mr. J. James (headmaster Ammanford Central School), Mr. W. S. Rees, B.A. (headmaster Llandebie Central School), Mr. P. B. Dannatt (Surveyor to the Roan Foundation), and Mr. W. Wheeler, headmaster of Creek Road School.

The prizes were distributed by the Chairman of the Governors.

PRIZE LIST.

- SECOND FORM.—*Prize*: Williams, J. *Certificate*: Donnison, P. V.
- THIRD B.—*Prizes*: Kennedy, C. S.; Martin, P. H. *Certificates*: Boyle, A. O.; Webster, G. S.; Reading, A. L.
- THIRD A.—*Prizes*: Marhoff, F.; McLaren, R. W. *Certificates*: Kinsey, A.; Jones, D. A.; Athey, R. M.
- SHELL B.—*Prizes*: Shave, A. E.; Siggers, R. W. *Certificates*: Scrafton, D.; Holland, D. A.; Barrett, P. J.
- SHELL A.—*Prizes*: Hardingham, C.; Davis, J. *Certificates*: Earl, J. J.; Jenner, A.; Maund, J. V.
- FOURTH B.—*Prizes*: Moore, W. G.; Bishop, P. J. *Certificates*: Heath, P.; Castle, G. A.; Parnell, E. D.
- FOURTH A.—*Prizes*: Parrott, P. G.; Wright, D. W. *Certificates*: Bennett, D. A.; Pretty, R. G.; Preston, A. J.
- LATIN REMOVE.—*Prizes*: Harris, D. R.; Williams, B. J. *Certificates*: Perry, P. L.; Hill, J. B.; Hoare, R. G.
- GERMAN REMOVE.—*Prizes*: Williams, P.; Smith, A. J. *Certificates*: Stimpson, C. J.; Cherry, K. A.; Crumplin, P. J.
- MR. KIRBY'S FIFTH.—*Prizes*: Hales, J. D. ("Baron Memorial" Prize); Homewood, D. E. ("Baron Memorial" Prize); Owen, R. E. (Examination Prize); Turner, R. C. ("Hope Memorial" Prize for History).
- MR. PARKER'S FIFTH.—*Prizes*: Gilbertson, J. A. (Examination Prize); Bishop, R. E. D. (Examination Prize); Mortimer, A. F. (Examination Prize).

SIXTH FORM.—Prizes: Moore, M. D. (Roan Exhibition tenable at Imperial College, London. "Potter Memorial" Prize for Chemistry); Newman, E. E. ("Jennings Memorial" Prize); Hooke, E. J. ("Ridger Memorial" Prize); Bishop, K. F. (Examination Prize); Jones, G. F. (Examination Prize); White, T. T. (Prize for General Proficiency); Dibben, B. J. (Prize for General Proficiency).

THOMPSON MEMORIAL PRIZES.—Cricket: Roberts, J. S.; Widdrington, T. Football: Brooks, H. W. F.

TUGWELL MEMORIAL PRIZE.—Williams, P.

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No. 996 A.T.C. NOTES.

We started the Summer Term with 53 Cadets on the Roll. Nearly 30 left in July, but a large number of new recruits is expected in September. Good luck to the Cadets leaving and a welcome to the new-comers. The "high spot" of the year was the week's Camp at an R.A.F. Station.

On Friday, July 17th, we were visited by Squadron Leader McD. Turner, M.C., D.F.C., who took the salute at a march-past, and also gave a most interesting talk.

We are sorry that P/O Rathbone is leaving us. He has been of great assistance throughout and we shall miss him very much. We wish him good luck and hope to see him again at some future date.

In the last six months 13 Cadets gained their Proficiency Stars. Pt. 1, and 5 other Cadets are awaiting the results of an examination held on July 20th. Since the Flight started in May, 1941, 25 Stars have been gained. This reflects great credit on the Cadets and also their Instructors.

After Founder's Day Service, our Chaplain, the Rev. T. C. Phillips, M.C., M.A., Vicar of Ammanford, said a few words to the Flight and wished good luck to the Cadets who were leaving.

I should like to congratulate the Flight on their smartness and efficiency. They have built up a reputation of which the school is proud and I am sure the new-comers will do their utmost to maintain it.

T. HOLT, F/O,

O.C. No. 996 FLIGHT.

I shall be glad to hear at any time from Cadets who have left. Information concerning transfers to other A.T.C. Units, University Air Squadrons or His Majesty's Forces will be welcomed.

A.T.C. CAMP, MAY, 1942.

From May 23rd to 30th 33 Cadets, with F/O Holt and P/O Rathbone camped at No. 4 School of Technical Training. This experience gave us a glimpse of Air Force life, a chance to compare ourselves with other Flights, and a brief view of the problems which confront every would-be airman.

On arrival we were allotted to two huts, and spent the evening looking over the aerodrome. The Wing dining hall and canteen satisfied our appetites, and throughout the camp our food was excellent.

Sunday saw us at Church Parade, attended by the entire station personnel. Under the critical gaze of several R.A.F. Officers, and the Mayor of a near-by city, we marched past the saluting-base. The first N.C.O., incidentally, to pass the saluting base, ahead of the A.T.C. parade, was Flight Sergeant Dibben. The A.T.C. squadrons carried themselves well; the officials were impressed; we had made a good start.

During the afternoon we had the unexpected privilege of being addressed by Air Commander Chamier, who made an encouraging speech. Then we were divided into various groups—air-crew, flight-mechanics, etc.—for instruction during the week.

Monday began, rather abruptly, at 6 a.m. After breakfast we saluted the Flag, a custom observed every morning. Then followed instruction in the workshops and hangars until 12.0 noon. Here we met the N.C.O. instructors, whose patience, interest and humour contributed to the success of the camp, (and whose eloquence contributed to our vocabulary). They showed us engines, plans and diagrams; they led us over bombers, fighters and reconnaissance planes; they answered our questions and showed an interest in our opinions.

The afternoons were varied, depending largely on the weather. When it rained we had technical film shows at the cinema. When it was fine we had drill. This latter was, at first, the despair of our instructors. They tore their hair; they entreated; they stormed; they wept. Eventually they restored some sort of order to our ranks, so that when we left the aerodrome, our marching and rhythm had greatly improved.

The weather was unkind, and prevented the large number of flights for which we had hoped. Cadet Gerhold was the only member of 996 lucky enough to go for a flip.

Throughout the whole camp, our Flight showed keenness and earned fresh laurels. In the cross-country race, held on the Wednesday afternoon, some 500 cadets competed, and Cadet Hales brought honour to the Flight by coming first. On the following day 996 won

the swimming gala, Cadet Williams distinguished himself in the diving contest. Our C.O., F/O Holt, who came regularly to see us every evening in the hut, was visibly pleased by our high standard of efficiency. We had earned a reputation of which every cadet might be proud.

The R.A.F. were most willing to make our camp as enjoyable as possible. They held two concerts, both of which were greatly appreciated by the A.T.C. A free cinema show was provided on the Friday afternoon, and on that occasion the Station Commander gave us a spirited and sincere talk.

One advantage of the camp, involving as it did so many parades, was that it gave a greater degree of freedom to the N.C.O's of the A.T.C., who had hitherto—at any rate in 1996—had less opportunity to exercise their authority.

On the last evening an informal party was held by the cadets of hut D17, at which "Tommy," together with F/O Clark and Corporal Foster, was guest-of-honour. The latter had, like all the station N.C.O's, shown us the greatest consideration and encouragement. We left the aerodrome with a feeling that we had lived up to the standard expected by our C.O., and with pleasant memories.

R.C.T.

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ATHLETICS.

1942 has been a memorable athletic season for the Roan School. Despite the inconveniences and privations that evacuation, and the Welsh climate, have imposed, our Sports have been as successful as ever; and our School and A.T.C. teams have acquitted themselves with distinction in their various encounters. The spirit of the school has been happily demonstrated by the way in which, in spite of reduced numbers, inter-house competition has continued to thrive. Although one house—we grieve to report that it is the one presided over by the Editor himself—has been ingloriously absent from all the athletic contests, the other seven have competed in them all, with unflagging keenness.

The honours have been shared by Grenville, who, in the Sports, won the Open and Combined Championships; by Raleigh, who won both Cross-Country races and the Junior Sports; and by School House, who had the Intermediate Sports almost to themselves.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

The Cross-Country races were again held at Llandebie. The junior course had, unfortunately, to be changed, as the landowner

refused us permission to use the 1941 route, which some of us will look back upon as the best we have had. The modified course was out and back over a section of the Senior course; the latter was unaltered.

The Junior race, held in the afternoon on March 20th, attracted 41 runners—the same number as in 1941. The pace was set throughout by D. Scrafton (W); the finish was exciting, when L. Lee (C), who had been fifth at the half-way point, came up to challenge him, and the result was a dead-heat. P. Purves (G) was third. It was by good "packing" that Raleigh won the team race; their runners held positions between 4th and 14th. The team points were:—1. Raleigh, 22; 2. Nelson, 23; 3. Grenville, 30.

In the Senior, held on the following morning, there were 26 runners. T. Widdington (Ra.) led throughout; P. O'Donovan (Gr.) and J. Hales (Gr.) finished 2nd and 3rd. The most spectacular performance was that of A. Weir, who, after being 11th at the water-jump, came up to 4th position at the finish, and secured Raleigh's success. The points were:—1. Raleigh, 12; 2. Grenville, 14; 3. Nelson, 29.

THE INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS.

The Amman Valley Sports were held earlier this year, on Saturday, June 20th; we were thus not handicapped, as in 1940 and 1941, through having to raise a team after the end of term. The weather was fine, and we enjoyed an excellent afternoon's sport. The result was a fairly easy victory for us in the Boys' Championship (104 points, against the next team's 70), and for the combined Roan Schools (135 against 101) against our co-educated rivals.

The sports were again in aid of the Cottage Hospital, who, we hope, benefited as much as in previous years; no figures have been published.

The Roan success was due, not to brilliant performances by a few, but to all-round prowess and team-work. There was only one event in the programme in which we did not score a place. Among several outstanding performances space permits us to note only the following:

D. Gerhold ran brilliantly in the Intermediate Sprints—performances he repeated in the school sports. He was first in both 100yds. and 220yds.

There were three admirable 440yds. races. D. Harris won the Intermediate event, S. Thew won the Open, and W. Brooks, replacing Thew at short notice because of a rearrangement of the programme, ran a memorable 440 in the Open Relay. D. Homewood won the 880 yds. Open in 2 mins. 14.8 secs., a better time than we have

known since our record was made in 1936. We won both the Senior Relays; the races were a joy to watch, and our teams earned special praise.

Our success would have been the greater if the programme had included three events in which our boys take special interest—the hurdles, the discus, and the Mile. Of these, the first was excluded because of lack of equipment, and for this reason we had again to omit it from the school sports; the other two events were excluded because they are not practised in the Welsh schools. At our urgent request, however, a mile race, open to all comers, was held; this did not count in the contest, but handsome silver trophies were awarded to the first two. The race justified its inclusion, the crowd showing especial interest; and we secured both awards, O'Donovan and Weir finishing in that order.

We record once again our appreciative thanks to Mr. W. Rees and the organising committee of these sports.



THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

The 31st annual Sports were held under much the same conditions as prevailed last year. There were no hurdles, the equipment was poor, and the track was uneven and coarse grass. Difficulties were increased by bad weather, which caused two postponements of the Preliminaries and two of the Sports. However, as before, there was a general desire to make the best of what facilities were available, and the keenness shown on all hands was impressive. Under the guidance of Mr. Nicholson, to whom a special note of thanks is due, the equipment was improved, and added to by the addition of a set of flags to mark the course. The results of the meeting, when allowance is made for the difficulties, can be considered very satisfactory.

The most brilliant achievements were those of the three Victores Ludorum—W. Brooks (Gr) in the Open, D. Gerhold (S) in the Intermediate, and M. Peddie (Ra) in the junior. To Gerhold goes also the credit of having established three U/16 Records—the 440 yds. (re-introduced to the Sports) (57 7/10 secs.), 100 yards (11½ secs.), and the 220 yds. (26 1/10 secs.). The runners-up, whose performances were also outstanding, were D. Homewood (Gr.) in the Open, and B. Williams (C.) in the Intermediate.

The House results were as follows:—

Open: 1, Grenville (133); 2, Raleigh (95); 3, Rodney (39).

Intermediate: 1, School (127); 2, Nelson (72); 3, Collingwood (64).

Junior: 1, Raleigh (51); 2, Grenville (49); 3, Collingwood (38).

Combined Championship: 1, Grenville (199); 2, Raleigh (167); 3, School (155).

The Individual results were:—

High Jump Open: 1, Homewood (Gr.); 2, Brooks (Gr.); 3, McGregor (Ro.).

" " *U/16:* 1, Williams (C.); 2, Gerhold (S.); 3, Oliver (C.).

" " *U/14:* 1, Coe, L. (W.); 2, Siggers (N.); 3, Jones (Ro.).

Discus Open: 1, Homewood (Gr.); 2, Brooks (Gr.); 3, Cranefield (W.).

" *U/16:* 1, Williams, B. (C.); 2, East (S.); 3, Paul, D. (S.).

Sack Race (Llandeib boys U/13): 1, Lang, P. (Gr.); 2, Evans E. (Ra.).

100 yds. U/12: 1, Laing, J. (N.); 2, Donnison (Gr.); 3, Bannock (Ro.).

" *U/13:* Ellinor (Ro.); 2, Evans, E. (Ra.); 3, Coe, N. (W.).

" *U/14:* 1, Peddie (Ra.); 2, Paul, A. (S.); 3, Kennedy (Gr.).

" *U/15:* 1, Trew (S.); 2, Stemp (C.); 3, Baker (N.).

" *U/16:* 1, Gerhold (S.); 2, Harris, D. (N.); 3, Williams (C.).

" *Open:* 1, Dibben (Ra.); 2, Brooks (Gr.); 3, McGregor (Ro.).

440 yds. U/16: 1, Gerhold (S.); 2, Harris, D. (N.); 3, Moore, J. (S.).

" *Open:* 1, Brooks (Gr.); 2, Homewood (Gr.); 3, McGregor (Ro.).

Long Jump U/14: 1, Peddie (Ra.); 2, Kennedy (Gr.); 3, Lee (C.).

" *U/16:* 1, Gerhold (S.); 2, Williams, B. (C.); 3, Harris, D. (N.).

" *Open:* 1, McGregor (Ro.); 2, Brooks (Gr.); 3, Roberts (N.).

Putting the Shot U/16: 1, Fry (Ro.) 2, Hawes (N.); 3, East (S.).

" " *Open:* 1, Eagles (W.); 2, Cranefield (N.); 3, Brooks (Gr.).

220 yds. U/13: 1, Atter (C.); 2, Evans, E. (Ra.); 3, Laing, J. (N.).

" *U/14:* 1, Peddie (Ra.); 2, Kennedy (Gr.); 3, Siggers (N.).

" *U/16:* 1, Gerhold (S.); 2, Williams, B. (C.).

" *Open:* 1, Dibben (Ra.); 2, Bishop, R. (Ra.); 3, Homewood (Gr.).

The team has been: W. Brooks, G. Roberts, T. Widdrington, B. Dibben, P. Williams, D. Homewood, L. England, C. Stimpson, E. Dibblin, J. Wilson and D. Miles. C. Hooper, A. Thompson and E. Howse have also played. Gerhold and Phillips have scored and umpired ably.

| RESULTS. | | SCORES. | |
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| Opponents | Result | For | Against |
| Ammanford XI | ... Draw (game abandoned) | 141-4 (dec.) | 13-0 |
| Carmarthen Grammar School | Lost | 73 | 80 |
| Llandilo County School | ... Draw | 56-6 (dec.) | 17-5 |
| A.V.C.S. | ... Lost | 52 | 53-6 |
| Llandovery County School | ... Won | 85-5 | 36 |

The best batting performance was by Brooks, scoring 48; the best bowling performance going to Widdrington with 6-4.

W.H.F.B.

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FOOTBALL.

1ST XI RESULTS, SEASON 1941-42.

Played 14, won 9, lost 4, drawn 1.

RESULTS SINCE CHRISTMAS, 1941.

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| v. Welfare Institute | won 3-1 (h.). |
| v. Bettws Boys' Club | won 4-2 (a.). |
| v. Welfare Institute | lost 1-2 (h.). |
| v. Penybanc F.C. | lost 1-3 (h.). |
| v. Garnant A.T.C. | won 2-0 (a.). |
| v. Welfare Institute | won 1-0 (h.). |
| v. Bettws Boys' Club | drew 1-1 (h.). |

E.W.D.

Continuing its successes, the 1st XI lost only two games after Christmas of 1941. Several hard and well-contested games were played, and, as we kept the same team almost to a man for two seasons, good combination was shown consistently.

The House Championship was fought out to the last game with Nelson as worthy winners under their hard playing captain, G. S. Roberts. Raleigh were runners up.

Also this season an inter-form handicap knock-out competition was played. This was won by Mr. Kirby's Vth in a hard-fought final with the 2nd year VIth.

The 2nd XI again beat Addey's, and our under 15 drew with theirs.

1st XI.—Williams, P., Dibben, B. J. C. (Capt.), White, T. T., Howse, E. A. (Vice-Capt.), Brooks, W. H. F., Dibblin, F. W., England, L., Roberts, J. S., Emms, E. T., Ashfield, B. D., and Widdrington, T. A.

B.J.C.D.

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THE SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP.

The flag still flies, the Troop still meets. But the flag flies metaphorically, and the Troop is in miniature. Very properly, the older Scouts have moved into the A.T.C., where their training is up to the war-time minute, and our Monday mid-day parade is of boys younger than ever before. Nevertheless, we are still scouts in spirit, and, though we do not often burst into camp songs (we have pity on those occupying the other partitioned half of the room) we demonstrate that a Scout is cheerful. Also he is thrifty, as our few precious bits of equipment show. We build bridges in sections, as you cannot build a whole bridge with four broomsticks and four pieces of rope! Our bandages have been used so often that if ever they have to be used in earnest, I should not be surprised to see them bind up the patient by themselves. But the buzzer has not yet acquired great facility in translating accurately the thoughts of the sender, though the receivers of the messages are all proficient enough in the alphabet to howl down mistakes. We measure the width of imaginary rivers and the height of real telegraph poles, and so—we Scout.

Several proficiency badges have been won, including Fireman, Ambulance and Cyclist which help to qualify for the King's Scout badge.

You old Scouts, wherever you may be when you read these notes, will be glad to know that the old Troop is carrying on and will still be there when you and we are home again. When that time comes, come and see for yourselves. In the meantime, we send you our good wishes.

K.S.B.

ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY.

Summer Term.

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

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

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| President | ... | Mr. W. H. F. BROOKS. |
| Hon. Treasurer | ... | Mr. D. L. CRANFIELD. |
| Hon. Secretary | ... | Mr. R. C. TURNER. |

Although there have been only eight meetings this term, the spirit of the House has been keen and lively. A varied programme included a debate on Science in the war-time curriculum; a "Brains Trust," which went off very successfully; and a paper by Mr. Rolfe, illustrated with gramophone records, on "Popular Classical Music." But for the examinations, a Play reading session could have been held.

At the suggestion of Mr. McGregor, a motion was carried allowing 15/- of the Society's funds to be invested in National Savings.

There have been heated discussions on many topics, including the eating of buns during meetings, and the general conduct of the House. These displays of eloquence have made up for the small attendances. It is hoped that in the future the Society may increase its ranks, while retaining its present standard of enthusiasm.

R.C.T.

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THE BROADCAST.

On May 18th two junior boys, P. Cook and J. Parmee, both of 3a, took part in a broadcast from the Welfare Hall, Ammanford, in association with the Choir of the Girls' School.

The following extract is from the *Amman Valley Chronicle* of May 21st last. We are indebted to Mr. Peddie for the translation from the Welsh.

"Last Monday evening talented children of Ammanford and London broadcast from the Welfare Hall an uncommonly interesting programme in the Children's Hour, and, to tell the honest truth, it was as good as anything of the kind on the wireless for many years."

"The programme was well arranged and pleasantly varied. A choir from the Roan Girls' School, under the leadership of Miss Wenden, was excellent, their singing being tasteful

and truly musical, showing consistent discipline, with an extraordinary beauty of tone. Two stories, spoken by two young boys of the Roan School, were also very good.

"This all shows us that we Welsh people have some way to go yet before reaching the musical standard and freedom of the London Schools."

Y CERDDETWR.

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HOUSE NOTES.

NELSON.

Since the last report was published the result of the House Football Competition has been decided, Nelson being the winners; and we hope to repeat this victory next season. For the School Cricket XI the House has supplied Roberts, Williams, P., Hooper and Stimpson.

The House has done reasonably well at Athletics, too. Not having many seniors, the House did not shine in the Open Competition in the School Sports, although Cranfield was placed in the Shot, and Roberts in the Long Jump and Discus. In the Intermediate Class, however, the House was second, the relay being a particularly keen event. Harris, who has represented the School, has been awarded Colours.

In the next School year there will be some gaps in the House, and the Juniors, especially, some of whom show promise, must work hard; we look to all in Nelson to keep the House at the top.

L.C.
J.R.
D.R.H.

DRAKE.

The House has not indulged in many activities this term, due no doubt to the small number of members of which the House is comprised.

Next term, however, Football will return, and with Turner and Ashfield as leaders of the House, I know that as I leave I may have implicit faith in you, that you will do all you can to arouse that feeling of Inter-House competition, and do your utmost to carry on the good work of the House. Good Luck!

W.T.T.
E.A.H.

WOLFE.

This has been an unfortunate year for Wolfe House. The cross-country results were poor, although D. Scafton tied

for 1st place in the Junior race. Our performance in the School Sports was equally disappointing. This is mainly due to the smallness of the House and a sad lack of talent. However, the results could have been improved by more effort from House members.

We were sorry to say good-bye to Mr. Kirby, who is retiring. He has been Senior House-Master for many years, and has taken a great interest in House affairs. In appreciation of his services and our regard for him, the House presented him with a book-token. We all wish him long life and happiness.

H.E.M.E.

J.F.V.

RALEIGH.

Once again we are able to report for this House a term of success. Despite the fact that we failed to hold the football Championship we were runners-up to Nelson, losing only one match.

In the Cross Country races we acquitted ourselves brilliantly. In the Senior and Junior races Raleigh came 1st, T. A. Widdrington winning the Senior cross country in fine style.

At the Inter-School sports, T. A. Widdrington, B. J. C. Dibben, A. C. Weir and E. E. Evans represented the School, Weir coming second in the invitation mile race.

Weir, Widdrington and Dibben also ran for the School A.T.C. Flight at Llanelly in the inter-squadron sports, and each won his race, which were the mile, half-mile and 220 yds. respectively.

At the School sports Raleigh also did well, winning the Junior competition and coming second in the Senior and second in the combined Championship.

In the Juniors the individual performance of M. P. Peddie is worth mentioning, winning the 100 yds., 220 and long jump; he was a worthy winner of the title Victor Ludorum.

In the intermediate competition the trouble of our members was laziness.

The Senior competition was fought to a finish with Grenville, and all through the sports there was evidence of the keen competition between these two houses. In the half-mile Widdrington came first after a thrilling finish with Homewood, of Grenville, and in the 100 there was a thrilling duel between Dibben and Brooks.

From these facts it can be seen that Raleigh has several honours to retain and increase. Many Seniors are leaving this term. I hope that the new officers will do all in their power to drum into the members of this House that our successes must be maintained.

B.J.C.D.

T.A.W.

RODNEY.

These notes regretfully only record more failures. The lack of Seniors has become a serious drag upon the activities of the House and upon the spirits of the Juniors. However, this has not prevented us entering a team in every School activity. Last term's football and cross-country running ended disastrously. We had hoped for better things at the Sports, but our enthusiasm lacked the skill to forward it.

Thew, McGregor, Hickman and Jones have represented the School in athletics. Perhaps, luckily, there has been no House cricket this term, and so our ability remains a secret. However, Miles has been a constant member of the 1st XI.

In conclusion I would like to say this to every Rodneyite: You have tried so far without success. But do not be dispirited; keep trying and we will soon resume our place among the leaders.

A.McG.

SCHOOL.

These notes cover the period from July, 1941, to the present. In the 1941 School Sports the House came top in the Intermediate section. For his part in the Inter School Sports of that year Gerhold was awarded School running colours.

In the House football competition we did commendably well, a marked enthusiasm being shown by all concerned. The match against Grenville, which we lost 1-0, will be particularly remembered. L. England played regularly for the Football 1st XI, and also Wilson until his unfortunate leg injury.

Much keenness was also shown in the cross-country during the Spring Term. In the Senior race Gerhold was placed 5th and J. Moore 13th. The latter's was a very fine effort.

In the realm of cricket J. Wilson and L. England have both played regularly for the 1st XI, but in the absence of a House championship other members of the House have not had a chance to show their cricketing talent.

Coming to athletics, Trew and Gerhold represented the School at the Inter-School Sports, while the latter has also been a member of the A.T.C. Running Team. In the actual School sports we repeated last year's performance by again winning the Intermediate section and the under 16 relay. In the combined championship the House was placed 3rd—a very fine effort considering the dearth of Seniors in the House.

And so we start another School year. We say good luck to all those leaving, and to those remaining—Carry On the Good Work.

D.G.

GRENVILLE.

The officers this year have been W. Brooks (Captain), E. Emms and E. Dibblin (Vice-Capts.).

Altogether the House has had a year which one may proudly review. In School sports Grenville repeated last year's success, gaining 199 points, 32 points ahead of Raleigh. The Senior championship was carried off by Grenville, this time with a margin of 38 points. The Juniors did very well, being beaten into second place by two points. Also, Brooks managed to win the Senior Victor Ludorum, his chief rival being Homewood, another "Grenvillian." These successes were due to the team work of the whole House, and not to individual brilliance.

In other spheres Grenville has been to the fore always. At football, Dibblin, Emms and Brooks were regular members of the 1st XI, whilst Hales and Thompson played for the 2nd XI. At cricket, Dibblin, Homewood and Brooks have played in all 1st XI games, whilst Thompson has played twice. The House also distinguished itself in the cross-country races, being 2nd in the Senior and 3rd in the Junior. The individual positions were:—in the Senior event, O'Donovan (2nd), Hales (3rd), Brooks (9th); and in the Junior, Purves (3rd).

Hales and Brooks have both represented the School A.T.C. Flight at athletics.

From the above statements those members of Grenville staying on will see that they have something to live up to. This applies especially to the remaining VI Form members, upon whose shoulders the responsibility for engineering further success lies. The rest of the House must help them all they can, so that we who are leaving may read in future Magazines that Grenville is *the* House. Finally, good luck to you all, and, if you can't always win, then lose cheerfully.

W.H.F.B.

E.T.E.

E.W.D.

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ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

(Additions and Corrections to lists previously published.)

Allen, B. L. W. (24-30), R.A.F.

Allen, P. F. N. (20-26), Iran.

Bartlett, K. (32-37), O.C.T.U.

Berry, A. S. (33-39), R.A.F.V.R.

Bradgate, N. C. (34-39), R.A.F.

Brewer, H. C. (33-38), R.A.F.

Cables, J. P. M. (26-34), Reported missing.

Cables, C. H. T. (31-), R.A.F.

Cammell, R. L. (33-38), R.N.

Care, R. A. (24-28), R.H.A.

Carter, H. (33-39), Cadet, R.A.F. (I.T.U.S.).

Davis, G. R., Cadet, R.A.F. (I.T.U.S.).

Dodds, R. (-30), A.C.2, R.A.F.

Drakley, D. (35-40), Merchant Navy.

Dunmore, W. (32-38), R.A.F.

Elliot, H. W. C. (22-28), R.H.A.

Ellingham, J. (31-36), O.C.T.U.

Frooms, D. W. (26-31), R.A.

Glastonbury, H. A. (30-), Technical Officer,
Admiralty.

Hanreck, R. P. (31-37), 2nd Lt., Signals.

Hicks, N., R.A.F.

Higgins, W. T. (33-38), P/O., R.A.F.

Johnson, W. (41-).

Jones, K. de L. (32-38), R.A.F.

Kaberry, G. (32-39), R.A.C.

Kempton, R. (-40), R.A.F.

in London since the outbreak of war, and since August, 1941, he has had the unique rank of "Chief Fire Commander" in the National Fire Service, commanding the Greater London Fire Forces.

PHILLIPS, M. A. (14-21), has recently had the degree of D.Sc. conferred on him as a result of the publication of original research work during the past 18 years, and of his work on M. & B. 693, the famous cure for pneumonia. Calcutta University has recommended that the Nobel Prize for Chemists be awarded to Dr. A. J. Ewins and Dr. M. A. Phillips for the discovery of this drug, four and a half years ago, which it is claimed has cut the death-rate from pneumonia from 70 to 20 per cent., and has proved invaluable in combating infection in war wounds, and is also exceedingly useful for meningitis and other diseases.

On leaving the School, M. A. Phillips became laboratory assistant at May & Baker, Ltd. Evening classes at Battersea Polytechnic resulted in his passing the A.I.C. exam. in 1924 and the B.Sc. (Hons. Chemistry) in 1925. He was appointed Research Chemist at May & Baker's in 1926, and in 1937 patented M. & B. 693 under the leadership of Dr. A. J. Ewins, Chief Research Chemist. In 1939 he became Head of the main Research Laboratory, and Assistant Chief Chemist in 1941.

In reply to our congratulations he writes, . . . "I have to thank the old School for the ground work, under Mr. Potter and Mr. White and others, who were concerned with the fundamentals of science. Of one thing I am certain: I could not have had better masters or better training than that I received at the old School in Eastney Street."

TRAFFORD, P. (28-37), writes from Guildford, where he is completing his medical training. He has already passed in midwifery and gynaecology, and hopes to qualify by next October.

REED, P. A. (-40), has obtained the 2nd M.B. (London).

WALL, H. C. (08-14), writes of his escape from Paris three days before the Germans arrived. He writes from "Scriven," 67 Princes Drive, Colwyn Bay, and asks for news of Boyten and H. C. Dade (06-14).

POTTER, W. L. (88-90), who was at School with Sir John Atkin, writes of his pleasure in receiving the Magazine.

HARRIS, W. (24-29), is home again after service in India, and received a Mag., which had followed him home from round the world. He met Proctor (-29), home from Canada (R.A.F.), in the black-out on Paddington Station!

MAIN, HUGH, one of the first entrants in 1877, writes from "The Summerhouse," Prior Park Road, Bath, asking for news of any of his contemporaries.

"Tich" Manning (14-21) writes to the Editor wanting news of Crew (19-22), L. R. Watts (14-20), W. Record (14-20). Incidentally he tells me he is the happy father of two boys and a girl.

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POTTER MEMORIAL FUND.

The Potter Memorial Fund continues to grow, but we wish it to be a Memorial from *all* Old Roans. Mr. Allen has kindly consented to act as Hon. Treasurer, and so, to save expense, all donations should be sent direct to

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Now, Old Roans, send your donations to Mr. Allen, and let us make this Memorial worthy of the name of our late Headmaster.

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JOHN ROAN SCHOOL LODGE, No. 5085.

The Lodge has met twice this year, on April 28th and June 23rd, both meetings being well attended considering the difficult times.

At the latter meeting Bro. W. F. Dines was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The Installation Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 31st, at the Freemasons' Hall, and our Master-Elect extends a cordial invitation to any Old Roan Freemason who would like to attend.

W.J.R.B.

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OLD ROAN COLOURS.

Will members please note that ties, scarves, mufflers and button-hole badges are now out of stock, and that no further supplies are likely.

A limited supply of pocket badges is available at 8/- each. Blazers can still be obtained on application to the Secretary, but Coupons are required.

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| Benjamin, W. H. ... | 34-40 | Glover, W. J. ... | 31-37 |
| Bishop, K. F. ... | 34-41 | | |

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| Beckwith, J. A. C. ... | 22-27 | Petty, L. P. ... | 29-35 |
| Davis, R. E. ... | 31-36 | Thomas, G. A. ... | 03-06 |
| Fair, D. R. R. ... | 28-35 | Trafford, L. E. ... | 27-37 |
| Marsh, G. P. ... | 23-29 | Trafford, P. A. ... | 28-38 |

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| Arnould, R. H. ... | — | Dibblin, E. W. ... | 35-42 |
| Bartrop, G. A. ... | 36-40 | Howse, E. A. ... | 35-42 |
| Bennett, D. A. ... | 38-42 | White, T. T. ... | 35-42 |
| Bennett, W. H. ... | 35-40 | Perry, P. L. ... | 40-42 |
| Blackhall, R. C. J. ... | 37-40 | Bow, L. L. ... | 35-42 |
| Brewer, H. C. J. ... | 33-38 | Brooks, W. H. F. ... | 33-42 |
| Buckle, R. P. ... | 36-41 | Thew, S. A. M. ... | 36-42 |
| Chapman, D. A. ... | — | Crisp, K. J. H. ... | 37-42 |
| Collins, B. C. ... | — | Stevens, A. F. ... | 37-42 |
| Cryer, F. G. W. ... | 34-40 | Davies, W. D. ... | 37-42 |
| Drakley, D. ... | 35-40 | Thompson, A. F. ... | 37-42 |
| Elliot, E. R. ... | 33-39 | Jenne, H. J. ... | 37-42 |
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| Russell, R. A. ... | 33-39 | Weir, A. G. ... | 36-42 |
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| Whitaker, E. ... | 33-40 | Vickers, J. F. ... | 34-42 |
| Wheeler, K. ... | 32-40 | Widdrington, T. A. ... | 35-42 |
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