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CALENDAR.

December 12th	Prize Distribution.
18th	Autumn Term ends.
January 7th	Spring Term commences.
February 13th	Cross-Country Races (Junior).
16th	Cross-Country Race (Senior).
20th-23rd	Half-Term Holiday.
March 24th	Spring Term ends.
April 14th	Summer Term commences.
May 14th-21st	Half-Term Holiday.
12th-26th	Braithwaite Camp.
July 3rd	Athletic Sports.
22nd	Summer Term ends.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER.

The first "Roan Magazine" was issued in March, 1912. It consisted of 16 pages of very superior paper and 400 copies were sold at the remarkably low price of 2d. There was no School Field in those days, and of course no pavilion. Football was played on "a little corner of the Heath grudgingly vouchsafed to us by the Heath rangers." The secretary of the Cricket Club was wondering when they would have a ground to themselves, and also how they would be able to raise a 1st XI team, as only one boy remained from the previous year's 1st XI. The School had a flourishing Debat-

ing Society, a Chess Club, and a Rambling Club. The Old Boys' Notes record the formation of the Old Roan Association with 180 members, and the first Old Roan Dinner is reported, but the sportsmen of the Association are asked to possess their souls in patience pending the acquisition of a School ground.

Since then the "Roan Magazine" has been produced continuously, even during the war years, and the present issue shows how our School institutions and activities have multiplied and enlarged themselves. There is ample evidence to be found in these pages of a pulsating School life, of a determination to overcome present restrictions, and to surmount obstacles, and of co-operation and comradeship between Staff and boys, Old Roans, parents and friends of the School.

I would plead for more support only in one direction, and that is for the War Memorial Fund. We have passed the £1,000 mark, but we must go on from there. This, I know, is the difficult time. The first big rush of subscriptions has passed, and both the School and the Old Roans have organized successful functions to raise money for the Fund. We must not, however, relax our efforts to obtain further subscriptions and to devise new projects for the furtherance of our aim.

Can you help in any way, either large or small? We shall welcome your suggestions and we shall greatly appreciate your help. (A donation form appears at the end of this issue.)

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OCCASIONAL NOTES.

The opening of the new school year was remarkable in that it introduced us to no fewer than six new masters—exactly the number we welcomed a year ago. Messrs. Geddes, Hall, Hamstead, Sefton and White were mentioned in our July issue. The sixth is Mr. H. V. Corradine, who comes to us from the L.C.C. service, and is teaching Mathematics.

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A new French *assistant* also joins us this term—Monsieur A. Dorémus, who comes from Etaples, on the Channel coast, and holds the degrees of L.-ès-L. and Diplômé d'Etudes Supérieures.

The term was saddened, for all who knew him, by the news of the death of Mr. Barratt. A note of appreciation appears on a later page. The School was represented at the funeral.

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We are proud to report that the Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters has just elected "our" Mr. G. R. Parker to Emeritus membership. In the September Editorial of the "A.M.A." journal, the announcement of his election begins: "No name is better known to members," and goes on to survey Mr. Parker's work for education. Among many other activities, "he has been the moving spirit in the international side of the Association's work, attending many conferences in different parts of the world and becoming Vice-President of the World Federation of Education Associations in 1937-40." The Editorial ends with a sentence which, though familiar to us in fact, should be quoted here with pride in our former Vice-Master's greatness: "The whole of his teaching career was spent at the Roan School, Greenwich, where he was appointed to a science mastership in 1898."

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A. K. Brookman is to be congratulated on his brilliant success in the Higher School Certificate examination, after only one year's preparation. On this result he has been awarded the Roan Exhibition. Proxime accessit R. J. Cody.

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The chief speaker at our Prize Distribution is to be the Minister of Education, the Right Hon. G. Tomlinson, P.C., M.P. We look forward to a memorable occasion.

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The closing down of the Preparatory Department has released an additional classroom for special uses, and the old Rb room is now an English room, which is being equipped as a model theatre and for spoken English work.

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The School Savings Group continues to flourish. The amount collected during the period April to September was £30 7s. 6d. New members are required, and it is pleasing to note the increase in this direction, particularly from the Third Form.

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D. R. Cutting, A. J. Showler and B. G. Stocking attended the Scout Jamboree in Paris this summer—representing Troops outside the School to which they belong.

We were glad to see last year's School Captain, A. J. Knott, on his return from Switzerland, where he has been studying French; it will be remembered that he was awarded an L.C.C. Travelling Scholarship.

The cottage on the School Field has been declared unsafe on account of subsidence of the foundations. Games are therefore being conducted under additional difficulties, makeshift changing accommodation having to be found in the Scout huts.

In the July examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, the following boys gained certificates for violin playing:—Grade III: P. Lawrence, VA, C. Cook, VA (Credit), P. Walker, RA. Grade II: C. Carr, IV, B. Whitefield, RA, F. Bowles, VA. Preliminary Grade: D. Tyler, IV alpha, D. Thorpe, IV, T. Craddock, III, D. Brady, Rem., J. Bowkett, IVA.

MR. J. B. BEECHER.

We print below an appreciation of Mr. Beecher's work for the School. It will be recalled that the news of his appointment to Sandhurst reached us too late for a notice in our last issue:

The School, and especially the Science Department, have sustained another considerable loss with the departure of Mr. J. B. Beecher to take up an appointment at Sandhurst Academy as a Senior Civilian Instructor.

Mr. Beecher, after seven years as a pupil of the School, eventually becoming School Captain, never lost touch with Roan activities. He will be remembered particularly for his many fine performances in the Old Roan Dramatic Society. Commencing his teaching career at Dartford Grammar School, he had a distinguished war-time career, rising to the rank of Major, and returned to his old school to take Senior Physics on the retirement of Mr. Parker. Although with us for only a short time, he had already made his mark as an enthusiastic, original and conscientious teacher. He took a genuine interest in all activities, and will be especially missed by the Scouts and the Scientific Society, whose interests he always had at heart. He will also be missed at the Braithwaite Camps.

As a colleague, his gay disposition and earnest and thoughtful outlook on all human problems endeared him to all. Whilst regretting our loss, however, we congratulate him on his promotion, and wish him every success. We know he will always remain a keen Old Roan.

Mr. J. F. Davies, B.Sc., will join us next term as Senior Physics Master in place of Mr. Beecher. Mr. Davies obtained the London B.Sc. degree with second class honours after three years at University College, London. After serving for six years in R.E.M.E. he was appointed as a Lecturer in Physics at Woolwich Polytechnic in September, 1946.

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OBITUARY.

Mr. T. H. Barratt (1920-44).

The death of Mr. T. H. Barratt, on September 16th, will be a shock to all who knew him. Mr. Barratt was a model of loyalty and conscientiousness, and an example to all in the way he conquered the ill-health which had dogged him since the first World War—for that war killed him as surely as it did the many who lie buried in France.

One had always to admire his valiant spirit. He never spared himself. No man was ever less guilty of self-pity, or more gifted with the blessed disposition to enjoy life in spite of all handicaps. He had a marked and delightful sense of humour.

His old colleagues will remember him best in the common-room surrounded by piles of books; some, in fact, leaving him in the midst of his books at the end of the afternoon school and finding him in the same place in the morning when they arrived, would ask him whether he ever left them. He was not, however, so completely buried in his books that he failed to notice and to greet each and every one of them. They will easily recall his cheerful, noisy "Good morning," with its special emphasis for each individual. His interest in every detail of school-life and his willingness to take his part were most marked, and he felt very keenly the partial break-up of common-room life brought about by evacuation.

Barratt was a ripe and exact scholar: he was well on the way to adding the London M.A. degree in English to his M.A. degree in Classics when his illness forced him to give up. His learning was lightly borne, but it was there; a few bars from a classic of the old music-hall or his beloved "Gilbert and Sullivan" would express his mood rather than a quotation from the ancient philosophers. Latin is not a welcome subject to the modern secondary school-boy—in no other subject is the cry so often heard: "Why do we learn this?"—but Barratt knew his subject, and he could make it interesting to his pupils. The indifferent ones, and they were many,

learned something from him, and the good ones found themselves well equipped for higher work.

The world is the poorer for the passing of a fine gentleman. He will not be forgotten: *Non omnis moriar.*

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As we go to press, news comes of the sudden death, on 18th November, of another greatly-respected member of the Staff, **Mr. W. E. Ashworth** (P.T. Master, 1917-38 and 40-42).

An appreciation will appear in our July issue.

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VALETE.

The following list, supplementary to that in our last issue, names boys who left school in July:

V.A.—Ashworth, H.; Dixon, L. J.; Dobson, M. W.; Drewe, P.; Evenden, R.; Hedgcock, G. A.; Hudson, A. A.; Monahan, E. P.

V.B.—Billings, A. R.; Borrett, T. J.; Bullers, R. F.; Carr, G.; Dawtry, D. A.; Dockerill, T. H.; Jackson, J. A.; Jaques, R. T.; Jessop, F. B.; Loder, S. F.; Morley, R. C.; Olive, R. M.; Owen, D. F.; Parker, R. A.; Webb, G. G.

V.C.—Click, P.; Colby, R. J.; Davison, R. C.; Godfrey, A. W.; Gomme, L. J.; Holmes, J. S.; Lowen, G. T.; Medland, P. A.; Meston, D. S.; Painter, W. M.; Price, B. W.; Roch, D. P.; Roe, T. J.; Rolington, G.

R.A.—Andrews, D. V.; Andrews, E. J.; Clarkson, D. K.; Dawson, J. J.; Griffiths, H. C.; Rossano, J. R.; Vivian, G. W.

R.C.—Claridge, J. C.; Crayk, A.; Forrester, J. A.; Gardner, A. E.; Lineham, D.; Terry, J. E.

IV.B.—Hooke, R.; Sh.B.—Craig, D. A.

III.A.—Adair, W.; III.—Painter, G. J.

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SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1947-48.

CAPTAIN OF THE SCHOOL: J. W. Basing.

VICE-CAPTAINS: P. H. Cook, J. D. Laing.

SCHOOL PREFECTS: S. Jones, R. Lodge, J. R. Rawstron, A. P. Tatt, R. H. Williamson, D. W. Willshire, A. K. Brookman, J. W. Cody, D. Cogger, P. V. Donnison, M. Franks, T. Hatton, B. Hounsell, C. Hutchinson, B. H. Livett, K. Loveday, R. A. Red, I. N. Saunders, A. J. Trew.

Bicycle Prefects: E. Ettling; P. Stass.

CAPTAIN OF FOOTBALL: J. W. Basing.

Hon. Secretary: A. J. Trew.

CAPTAIN OF ATHLETICS: J. W. Basing.

Hon. Secretary: K. Loveday.

HOUSE CAPTAINS:

Blake: A. J. Trew; **Collingwood:** A. P. Tatt;

Drake: J. W. Basing; **Grenville:** P. H. Cook;

Nelson: J. D. Laing; **Raleigh:** D. W. Willshire;

Rodney: R. A. Red; **Wolfe:** D. R. Cutting.

ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY:

President: J. W. Basing.

Hon. Secretaries: R. H. Williamson and Mr. G. C. Witten.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY:

Chairman: Mr. J. Hazell.

Hon. Secretaries: A. K. Brookman and J. R. Rawstron.

CHESS CLUB:

Chairman: Mr. S. Beale; **Hon. Secretary:** H. Holloway.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Mr. W. Peddie; **Vice-Chairman:** J. W. Basing.

Hon. Secretary: I. N. Saunders.

EDITOR OF THE ROAN MAGAZINE: A. K. Brookman.

Assistant Editor: J. W. Cody.

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MUSIC IN THE SCHOOL.

The past year has given evidence of a healthy musical life in the School which should augur well for the future. Music in a day school must of necessity come partly within the category of after-school activities, and thus is liable to encounter all those difficulties which any change of strict routine may bring. Nevertheless, only the deaf could ignore the sounds, musical in fact or intention, which are bowed, blown, or sung at any convenient time. The Orchestra made its first formal appearance since the war, on Prize Day. Its performance, if not of a high order, deserves congratulation. Although most of the players were completely inexperienced, the degree of "ensemble" they achieved showed that hard work had been put into the rehearsals. Further public performances were given at the House Plays and at the Hobbies' Exhibition.

The backbone of an orchestra is always the string section. We are indeed fortunate in having a flourishing violin class in the School, under the direction of Mr. Winter, who also is a tower of strength as leader of the orchestra. In the comparatively short time that this class has been functioning, it has achieved considerable success, 29 boys having passed some of the first four grades of the Associated Board examinations. The existence of the class should

ensure a steady flow of string players into the Orchestra. Our gratitude is due to the Headmaster and Governors for providing a number of violins for tuition purposes.

The recent appearance of two 'cellos in the Orchestra is most welcome. The success of T. Cook in gaining useful competence on the instrument in a very short time may act as an encouragement to other boys: we need at least another 'cello to provide a firm bass to the orchestra.

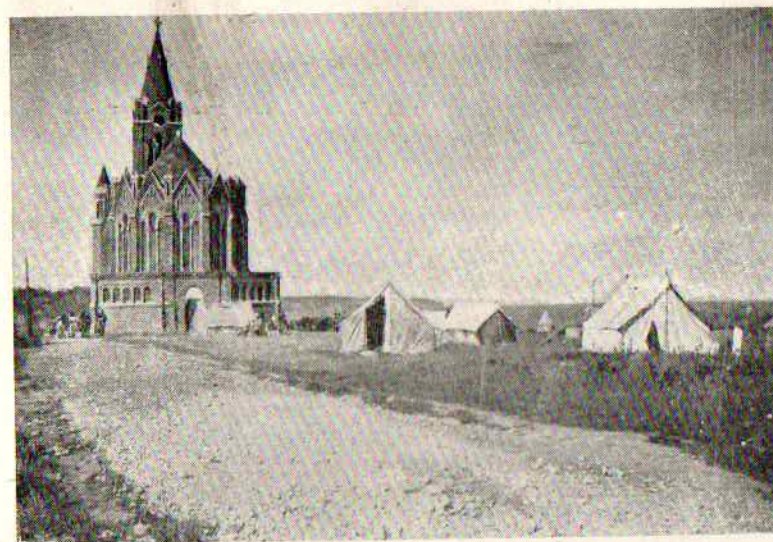
Violas are sadly lacking, and until we have three or four the orchestra will be unbalanced. We are fortunate in having an enthusiastic clarinet player in Mr. Witten, whose instrument does much to supply the deficit of violas, and is very useful as a contrast to string tone in melodic passages. W. Morris has made good progress under Mr. Witten's tuition, and will soon be a useful member of the Orchestra.

The brass section is composed of instruments which properly belong to the brass band, and not to the legitimate orchestra. Last year we had two cornets and a euphonium; we have lost one cornet player, but have been strengthened this term by a tenor horn. All the brass players receive tuition outside the School.

Last year a class of recorder players was formed. The instruments are Descant recorders, and although limited in capability, are of inestimable value as a means of learning to make music with the fingers, reading from printed notes, at a very small cost. Recorder playing is a very useful step towards the playing of any instrument, especially the legitimate woodwind of the orchestra.

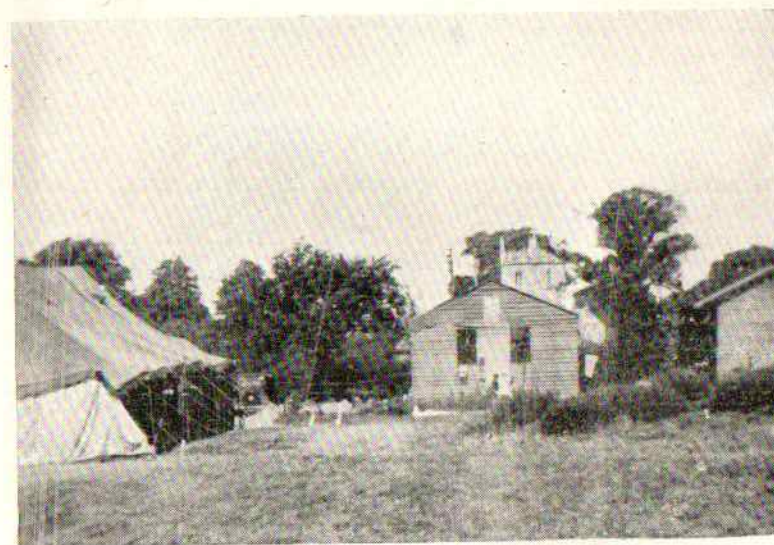
It may not be generally realized that it is possible at present to receive elementary tuition at the School in the playing of most orchestral instruments. The first step towards forming a proper orchestra from the heterogeneous collection of instruments which now assembles under that title is that more boys should come forward who are interested in learning an instrument. Opportunities occur during school life which often cease with it. The Roan School should, of course, have a worthy orchestra able to bear comparison with that of any other grammar school. We have a long way to go. There are many difficulties, largely financial, since instruments are very costly in these days. Perhaps it is not too foolish to hope that a benefactor may help solve some of our problems.

A School Choir was formed last year, and has made good progress. Its first appearance was on Prize Day, when it acquitted itself creditably, thanks to the keenness of its members. These are all from the junior school, the most senior boys being drawn from the Fourths. The Choir was



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A CORNER OF THE THROCKMORTON CAMP

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useful in providing music for the intervals of the House Plays, and on Hobbies' Day. On Founder's Day the Choir joined forces with that of the Girls' School, and together they sang very well in descants to the hymns, and provided a firm lead to the general congregational singing. This year reading and musicianship have improved among the younger boys. Consequently part singing is much surer, and "ensemble" is better. The Fourths provide the third part, and deserve commendation for their long-suffering efforts to sing a part almost below their compass, with voices which will break this year. Let us hope that the ability to read music, together with the choral experience which the juniors are now gaining, will result in tenors and basses joining to form a complete four-part choir within the next few years. Our thanks are due to Mr. Beale for the great assistance he has given as accompanist to the Choir and Orchestra.

The massed singing of the whole School fluctuates in quality and enthusiasm; the apparently variable factor is the upper school. Too often diffidence and lethargy leave most of the burden to the unbroken voices of the younger boys. The seniors have shown what they can do, as in the singing of the School Song on Prize Day, at the Carol Concert, and on Founder's Day. If every hymn at morning Assembly was sung with the enthusiasm given to "For all the Saints," all would be well. Perhaps the reason for this is that every hymn tune is not written by Vaughan Williams.

The morning Appreciation record seems to be well worth the five minutes spent on it. Recently the record library has been augmented, enabling us this year to learn something of great music from Bach to the present day.

A party of junior boys paid a visit to the New Cross Empire last term to listen to the London Philharmonic Orchestra. This term three musicians visited the School, under the auspices of the Arts Council of Great Britain, and gave a most enjoyable recital of music for voice, clarinet and piano. These experiences of actual performances are very necessary in these days, when we tend to limit our music to that provided by radio and gramophone, to our great loss.

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THE FRENCH CAMP.

On the 24th July this year some thirty boys, on their way to establish the first Roan School camp since the beginning of the war, saw the high cliffs above Dieppe and the

harbour, lying below in the sun, as their smooth Channel crossing came to an end.

The camp site, with its dozen or so white ridge tents, was situated near the village of Neuville and, as our photograph shows, high upon the cliffs close by the church; it commanded a magnificent view of the town below, the harbour, and the coast stretching away to the west. The boys spent much of their time in Dieppe, becoming acquainted with the habits of France and the sound of the native language; many of us swam in the harbour or at Puys, some little distance from the camp, and visited the caves under the cliffs in parties conducted by local boys.

In Dieppe—as in France generally—food was by no means plentiful, and the fact that our camp food was good was largely due to our having brought our own rations from home, as well as to the expert management of the masters in charge. The boys were not slow to augment their menu by evening visits to Madame's café, near the camp site.

During the ten days spent at Dieppe, an organized visit was made to Rouen, where, despite damage to many of the beautiful buildings, the cathedral and several other aspects of historical interest which the town possesses remained the greatest attraction.

Throughout the ten days we were all looking forward, with some excitement, to the short stay in Paris which our programme included—for, enjoyable as was our stay at Dieppe, the prospect of real French cooking and of staying at a lycée, where we would sleep in beds, seemed very attractive after ten days under canvas, during which time we prepared all our own meals.

Naturally, almost our entire visit to Paris was devoted to sight-seeing, although the cinemas drew many of our party. Among many other attractions were the Eiffel Tower; with its grand view of Paris, Notre-Dame, with its impressive stained-glass windows, and the Louvre, whose beautiful pieces of sculpture and paintings had a lasting effect upon us all.

Unfortunately, G. Webb, through an untimely attack of mumps while at Dieppe, was deprived of the later enjoyments of the holiday.

The camp was altogether a great success, and this is in no small measure due to the masters in charge, who overcame many difficulties arising in the course of the holiday, and whose work was fully appreciated by the boys. To most, the trip was the first taste of foreign travel and we all look forward to further visits to France, where many friends were left behind on August 7th.

The organizers wish to thank parents for their contributions of food and, more particularly, Messrs. Cooper and Williams for their help.

V.C.A., G.F.B., K.S.P.

A footnote to this report is that a weekly local paper reported that one of our masters, well-known in the locality, "returned on August 7th from France, where he has been for a fortnight with a party of 307 (sic) boys from his school." The article gives an otherwise accurate report of the camp; and of our master's impressions of the cost of living in present-day France.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE CAMP, 1947.

One of our illustrations shows the meadow adjacent to Throckmorton Court, with its five huts standing by the roadside on the abandoned searchlight station, among the cottages which comprise the straggling village; this was again the site of the School Farming Camp in Worcestershire; it was here that the seven boys who formed the advance party arrived, one warm Sunday in August, and, to the ringing of the church bell across the meadow, which broke the silence over the quiet fields and the wide expanse of the aerodrome, began the work of preparation for the arrival of the main party. The care of one of Captain Stallard's employees, who had lived in the huts until the previous spring, had left them in reasonable repair, and, although the dust of the summer, together with a year's growth of grass and weed, which had encroached upon the paths and up the sides of the huts and hedges, remained to be cleared, no difficult obstacles arose; and, after two days of preparation, all was in readiness for the arrival of the boys.

Several bell and ridge tents stood over in the meadow, empty and with the brailings raised against the heat of the August afternoon, the large marquee offered tempting shade under its weathered canvas, and the tall oven chimney at the back of the kitchen smoked a welcome to the main party as it arrived by lorry from Evesham. Provided with their camping equipment, the boys were soon installed in the tents, and, after the evening meal, the entire camp, including Mr. Daltry, whom we were all pleased to see again, assembled in the dusk to hear the announcements with which the camp was set under weigh; and the first night under canvas began.

Throughout our stay, as the guests of Captain R. H. Stallard, M.C., the organization of the camp and the food, which was cooked by the boys themselves, were considerably better than they had been the previous year. The weather was also a vast improvement. As before, the greater part of the work was done in the plum plantation, whose long rows of fruit trees, beginning some half mile from the camp site, stretched over the summit of a rise to the north, and away on the other side. To those who were familiar with it, the plantation had lost none of its impressive greatness, none of its awesome atmosphere; upon the newcomers, whose daily life was the leaves and the clusters of fruit, the blue sky and the furrowed earth between the long rows, a greater effect was no doubt produced. The boys whistled tunes, and the tractor spluttered along the rows over the earth, crusted by a month's drought, during the day; and trees, whose branches were heavy with bunches of various kinds of plums, were one by one stripped until little remained to be picked.

When, towards the end of our stay, the demand for labour in the plantation decreased, a few boys worked on corn, and others were able to avail themselves of the pleasures offered by Worcestershire's several places of beauty, some of which lay within easy reach of the camp. Evesham, quaint and pleasant upon the Avon, some eight miles away, saw many of our boys in its two cinemas or boating on the river between the green slopes of its park; as, by dint either of its milk bars or of its historical associations, did Worcester. Pershore, although nearer, for it lay only four miles from Throckmorton, offered poor competition with its single cinema, but a popular objective was picturesque Stratford-on-Avon, paramount among whose many attractions stands the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, which welcomed two parties from the camp for the showing of "Twelfth Night" and "Romeo and Juliet." On each occasion we hired a private coach, and found the journey very agreeable.

An organized excursion to the Malvern Hills, whose blue, misty shape away in the west could be seen each day from the slope leading up to the plantation, afforded considerable pleasure to almost the entire camp. Accompanied by our host and his family, we spent an enjoyable day near the highest peaks, from which is visible the wide sweep of flat country, which envelopes several counties, and whose smoothness, as far as the Shropshire and Cotswold Hills in the distance, is broken by city spires and rural houses and

grooved by long, straight white roads. Some of us enjoyed a walk of superlative beauty along the greater part of the ridge of the Hills.

We found a different pleasure in the company of the tall, dark, quiet French boy, whose pleasant nature overcame his linguistic difficulties, and attracted many to him; Claude Bruneau's stay was regrettably rather short.

Little more than a half-an-hour's rain throughout the whole of the camp's duration, although meaning generally a welcome heat, began to prove insufficient for the water supply towards the end, but the situation did not grow too acute, and, with nothing to mar the memory, we recall our month in Worcestershire with satisfaction and pleasure, in the knowledge that, helped by the good reception and kindly co-operation of Captain Stallard, the camp contributed a creditable amount to the country's fruit harvest this year.

J.W.C.

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HARVEST CAMP AT ICKHAM, 1947.

As if to make amends for the unruly weather experienced in the summer of 1946, the weather during the fourth consecutive harvest camp run by the School at Ickham was ideal.

Indeed, so much was it so that the market gardeners in the vicinity grew such bumper crops that the markets were glutted, and the excellent produce had to be ploughed in for manure. Consequently some of the boys found themselves without work. This mishap did nothing to lower the good spirits of the camp, and the general morale of the boys was kept high until the arrival of the corn harvest which quickly relieved the situation.

During the period of the camp, on the second Sunday, a match was played between the boys of Wickhambreux and the camp on the Wickhambreux Village ground. The Wickhambreux team batted first and were soon dismissed for some twenty-six runs, mainly due to good bowling by Barrett and Andrews, D. The camp team, captained by Evenden, eventually won by ten wickets, in spite of a local enthusiast in the shape of a young bullock, who made repeated attempts to crop the grass around the wicket, and an excellent time was had by all.

Many of the boys went to the nearby coast resorts over the week-ends and there contrived to buy as much ice-cream, and get us brown a back, as possible. A few energetic anglers, led by Kenward, proceeded to Grove Ferry, where

they sat on the river bank, rod in hand, silently cursing every boat that passed, waiting for that outsize fish that never seemed to bite.

Upon returning to camp after a hard day's toil the boys were always greeted by a merry smile by our famed cook, Mrs. Spreadbury, and were soon enjoying one of her excellently-cooked meals, the memory of which time and our present austerities have enhanced.

On the whole the camp was a first-class success. The Chief Labour Officer for the Ministry of Agriculture paid the camp a visit and expressed his satisfaction.

Much of the credit belongs to the Masters who again used their holidays to further the national effort.

The Ministry has called for an additional 25,000 boys to work on the land in 1948, and, as in the past, the Roan will, no doubt, make a useful contribution.

D.T.C., T.H., L.C.H.

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WAR AND "PEACE": A PERSONAL RECORD.

In our last issue we promised an article from the pen of Mr. F. W. Harris (Staff, 1920-46) who, it will be remembered, left us to join the Control Commission for Germany. We feel sure all our readers will appreciate the most interesting contribution that Mr. Harris has sent us:

These impressions are contributed in the hope that they may be of some interest to Roans past and present, and in particular to those stalwarts of the Modern Sixth who shared with me the vicissitudes of life in Eastney Street before 1928 and the comparative luxury of Maze Hill thereafter.

It was in 1936, during a visit to Germany, that I came to the conclusion that war was practically inevitable, and that it was my duty to prepare myself for such service as I could offer. Shortly afterwards, the Officers' Emergency Reserve was formed, and I was accepted for Intelligence duties in the event of mobilization. During the Munich crisis of 1938 I was under warning orders; and on September 1st, 1939, while on a short holiday with my family in Devon, the signal came. The next day I reported for duty in Edinburgh, and spent ten months on intelligence work in and around the Scottish capital.

In July, 1940, the remnants of two Polish divisions made their devious way from France to England via Normandy, Brittany, the Biscay ports, Gibraltar, and even North Africa.

Some 28,000 officers and men were eventually concentrated in Scotland, and I was one of those detailed by the War Office to take up liaison and administrative duties with them. My area contained 6,700—"all sorts and conditions of men," lacking equipment, uniforms and morale. The first weeks of reorganization were a nightmare; improvisations were decided upon and discarded daily; the Polish Army organization, based partly on French, partly on German models, had to be studied, and adapted to our own: units had to be disentangled, security measures introduced and enforced; everything from bootlaces to tanks gradually—very gradually, in view of our own desperate shortages—obtained and issued. For the next three years, the Poles were organized, trained and equipped: most of them were at least good fighting material. They eventually became the Polish Armoured Division, and fought with distinction from Normandy to Germany in 1944—1945.

Before this time, however, in 1943, I had been transferred to London, to become an instructor in the German Wing of the Civil Affairs Staff Centre. The planning for the occupation of Germany was beginning in Washington and London, and for the next two years we were immersed in this work. Every available piece of information on the German administration, gathered from many sources, was checked, collated and woven into the material for instructing the officers who were earmarked for duty in Germany. In 1943 this seemed indeed an act of faith. These were strenuous days. For three weeks I never went outside my London headquarters, and it was as many months before I had a free Sunday. But the work was urgent and intensely absorbing: we were projecting ourselves mentally into Germany, thinking Germany, talking Germany and, I believe, even dreaming Germany. I have seen the Hitler handbooks and guides for the occupation of Britain: good as they were, our information on German affairs was better. The fruit of this planning was seen in the first weeks of occupation in 1945, when Military Government officers went straight to their allotted areas, knowing just what they would find there.

I made several official visits of inspection to Germany in 1945. On the first occasion, in March-April, I had the satisfaction of walking into a Command headquarters at Münster on the day after its capture: this Command was one on which I had prepared a study in January, 1944. As I walked through the gutted offices, knee-deep in smashed furniture, debris and papers, I thought of the dark days of 1940, when victory could hardly be visualized. Now, as I

looked out at the burning city, the smoke clouds swirling about the jagged ruins, the furtive movements of refugees or looters, I could imagine the even worse fate which would have befallen Britain if the German war plans had succeeded.

And now, more than two years later, we are still fighting: not against flesh and blood, but against warped minds, ignorance and hatred. Our success in this struggle is as much in doubt as was our fate in 1940; to undo the work of a generation of fanatics is a slow and difficult task.

My own work is the supervision of education in an area about the size of Greater London. Most of the district is rural and much of it is beautiful: bounded on the east by the Rhine, it extends from just south of Cologne to the boundary of the French Zone at Rolandseck, and stretches inland for about twenty miles. It includes Godesberg, where Chamberlain met Hitler in 1938. The hotel where they met is now a hostel for refugees. The towns in the area are badly damaged, as the American advance to the Rhine in 1945 swept across the area.

I have 16 secondary, 180 primary and 30 technical schools, a teachers' training college, adult education centres, youth clubs, etc. It is obviously impossible to be in constant touch with all these activities, so one must work mainly through German officials and representatives. Much of my time is spent in inspections, and this means a considerable amount of planning and travelling. Last winter, when I was in Minden, travelling was no joke, with the thermometer registering a steady zero, or below.

It is always pleasant to visit a school: boys and girls are very much the same wherever one goes. True, the German child is very docile and easily taught: this, combined with the lack of books, throws a great responsibility on the teacher, who is often too old to learn new ideas easily, or so young that he is himself a product of the Hitler period. And so it is the teacher, rather than the pupils, who comes in for most scrutiny.

School buildings, especially in the towns, are a special problem: in Bonn the secondary schools work in shifts, boys in the morning, girls in the afternoon. One school has 1,400 children using it. Twice a day the school meal is served: it consists of soup, and each child comes to school with a mug or basin and a spoon. Some of the big primary schools work in three shifts, and the unfortunate headmaster is on duty from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Perhaps the most difficult problem is that presented by the top forms. These boys and girls of 18-19 have grown

up in the Hitler Youth, have been dosed for years with propaganda, have no idea of the outside world, and cannot think for themselves. They are naturally suspicious of new ideas; above all, they connect their present hardships with foreign interference rather than with the madness of their old leaders.

These are the future leaders of Germany; our duty, as far as conditions allow, is to reform their outlook as citizens, which can be done only by a steady constant emphasis on freedom with responsibility. One of our main objects is to encourage initiative, and it is always a pleasure to see signs of this, whether it be the formation of a school society, a magazine, a club, or even a readiness to argue with the master, which in Germany needs very great courage. It is sometimes difficult to repress a desire to applaud the intrepid youngsters, but, of course, "this would never do."

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CLOTHING FOR GERMAN CHILDREN.

Since the first appeal was made by the Headmaster for cast-off clothing to send to German children in need, more than 1 cwt. of boots, shoes and garments of every description, in six parcels weighing 22 lbs. each, have been despatched to Mr. Harris for distribution. Mr. Harris writes: "Such practical help is of the greatest value at the present time, and is a real object-lesson in democracy."

The scheme is still in operation and contributions will be welcomed at any time by Mr. Winter, at the School.

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A LETTER FROM FRANCE.

We have pleasure in publishing a letter from Jean Rossano, who, after spending several months in England, has now returned to France. During his stay here he attended the School Camp in Worcestershire in August, 1946, and, visiting us at the beginning of the school year soon afterwards, became a member of Remove A. Welcomed by both the boys and masters, he made many friends, who will appreciate his letter.

"You might have thought sometimes that I had forgotten all about you, now that I am home again, but on the contrary, I will always remember that I belong to the Roan

School, whose Headmaster so kindly accepted me and whose masters and boys welcomed me as one of them.

"I want to tell you my impressions about my stay in England, and in particular those of school. First of all I must say how much I liked many of your traditions, because they are so representative of English life. I had several times the occasion of seeing some examples of these traditions which seemed to me very interesting and moving.

"Of course you all feel very proud to belong to the Roan School, and so you will, during all your lifetime. I suppose you would be greatly surprised if I told you that there is nothing like that here. We do not particularly care for the 'lycée' we go to, and as soon as we have left it we are no longer bound to it, and we do not care, either, whether our sons will go to the same as ours or another. There is a great difference and it is because English school-spirit is very high, and you really feel that you represent your own school, in a sports-match, as well as your family.

"It might be a good thing if we in France remained in touch with one another after we left school and if we had real 'Old Boys' Associations' and a magazine of our own.

"I find it very good, too, to divide the school into houses to develop the boys' team-spirit, but what is possible in a rather small school like Roan would not be practicable in my over-crowded lycée where there are about 3,000 pupils...

"Our periods last one hour, instead of forty minutes, which I think allows more time for efficient work. I was impressed with the self-discipline shown in your school—which, I am afraid, is not so developed here. Our masters are very different from yours; if there is, at the Roan School, a certain intimacy and friendship between masters and boys, here we consider masters not as men, but too often as mere teachers, as they do not share our meals, games, or camps, and just come at certain hours for a lesson and then disappear again. I was rather surprised to notice that altogether the sports training at the Roan School was about the same as ours, as I had been told that, of all nations, Britain was the one whose physical training was the most important.

"I talk to friends about the happy weeks I spent at school and in camp with all of you, and I want to thank the masters for all they did for me. To finish, I will confess that in the morning, when eleven o'clock comes, I miss terribly the milk you have, as I haven't had any since I came back to France. . . ."

CRICKET NOTES.

The improvements which were in evidence at the beginning of the season—as reported in the last Magazine—continued throughout the remaining matches and, on the whole, the School cricket teams did very well. Enthusiasm was shown by all members of the School elevens, and although many of the School cricketers left us last July, we still have many "up and coming" youngsters.

The School is very pleased to record the individual successes of two of its cricketers. J. Wheeler played in four games for London Schools' u/16 XI and distinguished himself by scoring 100 runs, 51 of them against Eton. C. Trew played for Kent Juniors and did some very good bowling.

It will be remembered that the School ran four teams last season. Here is a summary of the performances of each team:—

FIRST XI.

The team suffered only one defeat at the hands of another school, which is a creditable record. Although we were not playing as eleven individuals, the work of our wicket-keeper, Dawtry, deserves special mention. He "bagged" 19 victims during the season, and maintained consistently good form "behind the sticks."

Here are the team's results in detail:—

May 3rd	v.	SELHURST.	Won by 6 runs.
		Roan—34.	
		Selhurst—28.	Knott 4 for 2; Taylor 4 for 6.
May 10th	v.	SIDCUP.	Lost by 13 runs.
		Sidcup—56.	Wheeler 5 for 19.
		Roan—43.	
May 17th	v.	ERITH.	Won by 86 runs.
		Roan—97.	Dawtry 30; Wheeler 29.
		Erith—11.	Wheeler 4 for 3; Taylor 5 for 6.
May 24th	v.	KING'S COLLEGE 2nd XI.	Lost by 44 runs.
		King's—72.	
		Roan—28.	
May 31st	v.	COLFE'S.	Drawn.
		Roan—101.	Wheeler 38; Evenden 22 n.o.
		Colfe's—74 for 9.	Towells 5 for 9.
June 7th	v.	BECKENHAM.	Won by 18 runs.
		Roan—87.	Dawtry 23; Dobson 24 n.o.
		Beckenham—69.	Taylor 6 for 17.
June 21st	v.	OLD ROANS.	Lost by 48 runs.
		Old Roans—120 for 7 dec.	
		School—72.	Cutting 26.
July 10th	v.	ADDEY & STANHOPE.	Won by 10 wkts.
		Addey's—23.	Wheeler 5 for 9; Towells 4 for 12.
		Roan—49 for 1.	Dawtry 20.

July 12th	v.	COLFE'S.	Won by 5 wks.
		Colfe's—87.	
		Roan—126 for 8. Taylor 48.	
July 16th	v.	CENTRAL FOUNDATION.	Won by 7 wks.
		Central Foundation—38. Knott 4 for 1.	
		Roan—131 for 5. Roe 39 n.o.; Taylor 33 n.o.; Wheeler 24.	
July 18th	v.	MR. HOLT'S XI.	Drawn.
		Roan—126. Towells 26.	
		Mr. Holt's XI—42 for 2.	
July 19th	v.	SLOANE.	Drawn.
		Roan—95. Dawtry 37.	
		Sloane—67 for 8. Towells 5 for 17.	
July 23rd	v.	SHOOTERS HILL.	Won by 39 runs.
		Roan—134. Towells 26 n.o.; Taylor 25.	
		Shooters Hill—95.	

Analysis: Played 13; Won 7; Lost 3; Drawn 3.

SECOND XI.

As the composition of the 2nd team underwent so many necessary alterations during the season—only four people played in both first and last games—it was inevitable that this inconsistency should be reflected in the rather disappointing results. Most of the defeats may be attributed to the lack of a really dangerous bowler. Saunders and Barrett both bowled accurately without being devastating, and Trew could not always strike the form which earned him nine wickets in the match against Central Foundation. The batting, notable on the whole for timidity, was enlivened by some aggressive knocks by Andrews, Trew and Scott.

Analysis: Played 11; Won 4; Lost 7.

THIRD XI.

Congratulations must be given to Donnison, the captain, for handling his team very well, despite many difficulties. There were hardly two successive occasions upon which he had the same eleven players in his side. The team did very well, however, as the results show.

The best individual performances were put up by Dawes, 7 for 14, and Bowles, 29 n.o., against Selhurst; Phillips, 4 for 8, against Beckenham; Turley 20, Bowles 22 and Loder 5 for 6 against Colfe's; Phillips, 6 for 5 against Shooters Hill.

Analysis: Played 8; Won 5; Lost 3.

JUNIOR XI.

The XI had a good season, some of its members showing great promise, especially Mathews, the wicket-keeper,

Pizzey, who took 52 wks. for 119 runs, and Trew, who took 35 wks. for 88 runs. It is noticeable that the heaviest defeat that this team suffered was by only 7 runs.

Analysis: Played 10; Won 7; Lost 3.

The winners of the Senior House knock-out Competition were Collingwood; the runners-up were Wolfe, who also won the Junior Competition.

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OLD BOYS' DAY.

On Saturday, 26th July, there took place on the School Field a most colourful and interesting social event. The field looked at its best in the brilliant sunshine, when, before a gathering of over a thousand visitors, Old Boys, parents and boys, the cricket match, which was the main event of the day, was played. The arrangements were in the hands of members of the Old Roan Cricket Club, assisted by their wives, and by the Staff and boys. Mr. H. J. Townsend and Mr. J. Thorp must receive special mention for their outstanding work in organizing the programme.

Among the many guests were the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. Jaques), the Chairman of the Governors (Mr. Icough), Mrs. Gilbert, and such old friends of the School as Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby, and Mrs. Croucher.

The match was very exciting indeed; there is always keen competition in these games. The School batted first, and hopes were high that the cricket team would repeat the victory of the football team. However, the School had a number of early shocks; against the fast bowling of J. Shrive, a visiting player from Charlton Athletic, and against the extremely aggressive bowling of B. Potter, 4 School wickets were lost for only 9 runs. J. G. Taylor, however, made 12 useful runs and there followed a very fine stand by Mr. J. Thorp and Mr. T. Holt. Mr. Thorp played brilliant and forceful cricket and made several of the biggest hits that have been seen on the field. Mr. Holt's innings was a delight to see; he played strokes all round the wicket and although, owing to the hot weather, lemonade was necessary to prevent his becoming—as Leigh Hunt would have it—"supercarbonated," it was an exhibition innings. The School declared at 128 for 7 wickets. The School hopes were high when three Old Boys' wickets fell quickly, but

K. Ratcliffe and H. Townsend settled down to sound and steady cricket and the School total was passed with five wickets in hand. Altogether, it was a very exciting game.

The score sheet stood as follows:

SCHOOL XI:

Wheeler, J.,	ct. Shrive, b. Potter	4
Dawtry, D. A.,	b. Potter	1
Cutting, D. R.,	l.b.w. Potter	2
Mr. Hazell,	b. Potter	2
Taylor, J. G.,	ct. Croker, b. Gosling	12
Mr. Thorp,	b. Potter	62
Mr. Holt,	not out	23
Evenden, R.,	ct. Shrive, b. Ratcliffe	1
Roe, T.,	not out	5
Extras		16
For 7 wickets declared		128

Mr. Westmarland & Towells, A. R., did not bat.

OLD ROAN XI:

Shrive, J.,	l.b.w. Mr. Westmarland	19
Hopwood, A.,	run out	16
Croker, P.,	b. Wheeler	8
Ratcliffe, K.,	b. Wheeler	37
Townsend, H.,	b. Mr. Westmarland	34
Gosling, W.,	not out	6
Whittle, F.,	not out	7
Extras		4
For 5 wickets		131

Carter, G., Lovell, V., Potter, M., & Lusted, E., did not bat.

This occasion was probably one of the greatest of Old Boys' Reunions, and there were many animated groups discussing the "good old days." It was a great pleasure to see Mr. Hugh Main, who attended the School from 1879 to 83. It has been suggested by the O.R.'s that, on another occasion, a special marquee should be set aside for such meetings.

The teas were arranged and served by the wives of the Old Boys; the enclosure in front of the pavilion was set out with tables, and not only was it an attractive scene to look at, but the teas were very enjoyable. Mr. Binnie arranged the teas for the teams and the visitors.

During the tea interval there was a P.T. Display under the able direction of Mr. Westmarland. The boys were very smart and maintained the high reputation that they have won for Physical Training. There was also an auction, in which many valuable items, donated by members of the O.R.A., were auctioned by Mr. W. Harper, an Old Roan. At

the first stroke, the handle of the auctioneer's hammer broke, but this proved to be a happy omen, for the sale realized over £26.

The side-shows, provided by the Scouts, were a great success, and the "Sink the Battleship," and other similar competitions raised over £6 for the fund. This is a remarkable achievement when it is remembered that nothing was over a penny.

We must thank Mr. G. C. Parker for his invaluable assistance in transporting equipment to the field, and also Mr. Bell, of Messrs. Siemens, for the loan of the public speaking apparatus and the technical experts to operate it. The fine work of Mr. Bradley and Mr. Carter must also be mentioned. Peter Croker and Jack Shrive gave us some good cricket and Don Welsh and Jimmie Trotter delighted many of their admirers with their autographs. Two Cup Final programmes, autographed by the whole of the cup-winning Charlton side, raised a good sum. We must also remember here the donors of the various items which made such interesting raffles.

In every respect it was a very fine day, and the field has never looked better—except for the bomb-damaged pavilion, which must have been a reminder to the many present that the object of the day was to raise money for the War Memorial, and that part of that memorial is to take the form of an Old Boys' Room in the Pavilion. It is pleasant to record that over £183 was placed to the credit of the Fund through this very successful day.

G.C.W.

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ATHLETICS, 1947.

The 36th Annual Athletic Sports were held on Saturday, July 5th, on the School ground at Kidbrooke. It was easily the best post-war meeting, and was well attended by parents, friends, and members of the Staff, both past and present. We were pleased to see Mr. W. E. Ashworth and Mr. P. M. Dyke, who as former P.T. Masters were in no small measure responsible for the fitness of the boys.

Since our victory at Herne Hill interest and enthusiasm in athletics has soared. The School Field has been the scene of preparation probably more this year than ever before. Actual performances at the meeting were very good, and seven new records were set up. In the senior section K. Horn set up the new 100 yards record of 10.5 seconds, to win

the Phillips Cup, and A. Trew, with a jump of 20ft. 2½ins., set up a new long-jump record to win the Parker Memorial Cup, given for the best performance in an open field event. G. Budd set up records for the shot and discus, and T. Russell for the 880 yards in the intermediate section. Among the juniors, C. Trew set up a new 100 yards record, and G. Breach leapt 17ft. 5½ins., to beat the long-jump record. This last record should be difficult to beat.

Above all else was the astonishing performances of Blake in winning three out of the four challenge shields, all three relay cups, the senior and junior Victores Ludorum in a Trew family combination, and the "Combined" Championship for the fifth year in succession.

The Invitation Relay and the Old Boys' Race were both won by the 1946 winners.

The awards were kindly presented by Mrs. H. W. Gilbert at the end of the afternoon.

Long Jump (Open):

1st. Trew, A. (B), 2nd. Loveday (C), 3rd. Knott (B), 4th. Horn (N). 20ft. 2½ins., **Record.**

Putting the Shot (Under 16):

1st. Budd (C), 2nd. Copus (N), 3rd. Wheeler (C), 4th. Newman (C) **Record.**

100 Yards (Under 12):

1st. Tomley (Ro), 2nd. Searles (G), 3rd. Gladden (Ra). 13.4 secs.

100 Yards (Under 13):

1st. Davis (W), 2nd. Burgess (C), Hyndman (N). 12.5 secs., **equals record.**

100 Yards (Under 14):

1st. Trew, C. (B), 2nd. Andrews (B), 3rd. Breach (W), 4th. Smith, I. (D). 11.5 secs, **Record.**

100 Yards (Under 15):

1st. Butcher (W), 2nd. Yeulett (D), 3rd. Smith, B. (C), 4th. Holmes (Ro). 11.3 secs, **equals record.**

100 Yards (Under 16):

1st. Newman (C), 2nd. Bruce (B), 3rd. Baker (B), 4th. Denham (C). 11.3 secs.

100 Yards (Open):

1st. Horn (N), 2nd. Trew, A. (B), 3rd. Lane (Ro), 4th. Knott (B). 10.5 secs., **Record.**

High Jump (Under 14):

1st. Breach (W), 2nd. Trew, C. (B), 3rd. Andrews (B), 4th. Maynard (G). 4ft. 6½ins.

Hurdles (Under 16):

1st. Law (Ro), 2nd. Newman (C), 3rd. Moss (Ra), 4th. Budd (C). 17.4 secs.

Hurdles (Open):

1st. Trew, A. (B), 2nd. Red (Ro), 3rd. Lowen (G), 4th. Cooper (W). 16.4 secs.

880 Yards (Under 16):

1st. Russell (Ro), 2nd. Britton (B), 3rd. Wheeler (C), 4th. Jacobs (W). 2 mins. 20.6 secs., **Record.**

880 Yards (Open):

1st. Loveday (C), 2nd. Basing (D), 3rd. Hounsell (Ro). 2 mins. 16.4 secs.

Hurdles (Under 14):

1st. Trew, C. (B), 2nd. Andrews (B), 3rd. Maynard (G), 4th. Lee (C). 11.9 secs.

Long Jump (Under 16):

1st. Law (Ro), 2nd. Newman (C), 3rd. Ellis (G), 4th. Vivian (D). 17ft. 7½ins.

Invitation Relay:

1st. Selhurst, 2nd. Erith, 3rd. Wandsworth, 4th. Beckenham.

High Jump (Open):

1st. Knott (B), 2nd. Red (Ro), 3rd. Trew, A. (B), 4th. Willshire (Ra). 4ft. 11½ins.

220 Yards (Under 13):

1st. Davis (W), 2nd. Gainey (W), 3rd. Gladden (Ra), 4th. Garland (D). 29.3 secs.

220 Yards (Under 14):

1st. Trew, C. (B), 2nd. Andrews (B), 3rd. Smith, I. (D), 4th. Breach (W). 27.1 secs.

220 Yards (Under 15):

1st. Butcher (W), 2nd. Smith, D. (C), 3rd. Holmes (Ro), 4th. Yeulett (D). 28.3 secs.

220 Yards (Under 16):

1st. Newman (C), 2nd. Law (Ro), 3rd. Bruce (B), 4th. Harber (D). 25.4 secs., **equals record.**

220 Yards (Open):

1st. Trew, A. (B), 2nd. Hern (N), 3rd. Knott (B). 23.7 secs.

High Jump (Under 16):

1st. Law (Ro), 2nd. Bruce (B), 3rd. Vivian (D), 4th. Baker (B). 4ft. 11½ins.

Discus (Open):

1st. Towells (D), 2nd. Knott (B), 3rd. Lane (Ro), 4th. Willshire (Ra). 101ft.

One Mile (Open):

1st. Dawtry (D), 2nd. Basing (D), 3rd. Red (Ro), 4th. Godfrey (W). 5 mins. 14 secs.

440 Yards (Under 16):

1st. Smith, D. (C), 2nd. Ellis (G), 3rd. Budd (C), 4th. Holmes (Ro). 67.2 secs.

440 Yards (Open):

1st. Loveday (C), 2nd. Lane (Ro), 3rd. Knott (B). 56.5 secs.

Long Jump (Under 14):

1st. Breach (W), 2nd. Trew, C. (B), 3rd. Andrews (B), 4th. Davis (W). 17ft. 5½in. **Record.**

Discus (Under 16):

1st. Budd (C), 2nd. Copus (N), 3rd. Wheeler (C), 4th. Bruce (B). 121ft. 7½ins. **Record.**

Old Boys' Race.

1st. Lee.

Putting the Shot (Open):

1st. Knott (B), 2nd. Saunders (Ra), 3rd. Towells (D), 4th. Lane (Ro). 31ft. 5½ins.

Inter-House Relay (Junior):

1st. Blake, 2nd. Wolfe, 3rd. Raleigh, 4th. Grenville. 1m. 57.5 secs.

Inter-House Relay (Intermediate):

1st. Blake, 2nd. Collingwood, 3rd. Drake, 4th. Wolfe. 1 m. 51.7 sec.

Inter-House Relay (Senior):

1st. Blake, 2nd. Collingwood. 1min. 50.1 secs.

House Championship:

Junior: Blake.
 Intermediate: Collingwood.
 Senior: Blake.
 Combined: Blake.

Victores Ludorum:

Senior: Trew, A.
 Intermediate: Law, A., and Newman, P.
 Junior, Trew, C.

Phillips Cup: Horn, K.

Parker Memorial Cup: Trew, A.

The Ashworth Cup (to be presented on Prize Day):
 A. J. Knott (holder).

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The School athletic teams had several more impressive victories before the end of the season. Senior and junior teams competed against Beckenham C.G.S. at Penge, and in spite of bad weather had an enjoyable meeting, terminating in an excellent tea, and a victory by 63 points to 33 points. A similar match, in which we were hosts, was held against Shooters Hill G.S.; we emerged the victors this time by 34 points to 18 points. The junior relay team ran quite well at sports meetings organized by Cambridge Harriers and U.G.B., coming second on each occasion. The senior relay team (Horn, Trew, A., Loveday, Red, Knott) ended the season unbeaten, winning against a large number of grammar schools in schools invitation relays at Highgate Harriers' and Cambridge Harriers' meetings.

Five of our senior team (Horn, Knott, Loveday, Trew, A., and Law) are junior members of Blackheath Harriers and have figured prominently in representative matches for them. K. Horn and A. Trew ran first and last respectively for the Blackheath junior relay team which came third in the A.A.A. Championship this year at Manchester. In a recent edition of "The Blackheath Harriers' Gazette" a mention of our Sports observes: "The general standard was remarkably high, and we congratulate our juniors on their many successes."

Preparations are being made for the forthcoming cross-country season, and trial runs are being held each week, on alternate Wednesdays and Thursdays. A number of fixtures have been obtained and we hope to atone for our rather disappointing season last year.

Performances throughout the year have been extremely high, and we hope to be able to continue our successes next year.

K.L.

FOOTBALL, 1947-48.

The School football elevens have so far not done quite so well as those of last year, which were exceptionally good. There is, however, no lack of talent, especially in the 1st and u/14 XI's. Partly on account of our successes last season, we have been able to obtain stronger opposition, including two matches with Dulwich Hamlet Colts.

Following the welcome visits of Mr. E. A. Webster, an F.A. coach, a marked improvement in play has been noticeable. We extend our thanks to him for his excellent coaching and advice. An enlightening talk on the vital theoretical side of football was given at the School by Mr. Bert Johnson, the international half-back of Charlton Athletic, and to him also we express our gratitude.

Mr. Milne, although still refereeing for us, has, after many years of untiring service as our Football Master, handed over his responsibilities to Mr. Westmarland. We should like to place on record, on behalf of all teams and boys, past and present, our grateful appreciation of all that Mr. Milne has done for our games. Mention must also be made of Mr. Bradley and Mr. Carter who, besides their good work in preparing the pitches, enthusiastically support us.

FIRST XI.

The 1st XI team, in playing order, is:—Basing (Capt.); Copus, Laing; Red, Wheeler, Denham; Trew, C., Trew, A., Cutting, Franks, and Baxter.

The 1st XI, although not so good as last year's unbeaten team, deserves credit for its performance against rather stronger opposition. Of special note are Basing, in goal, with Cutting and Trew, A., in the forward line—the three remaining members of last year's team. Among the newcomers, Franks and Denham are the most prominent. Red, at right-half, has been unable to play in recent games owing to an attack of pleurisy. His place has been very ably filled by McInnes.

1st XI results are:—

			F	A
Sept. 20th	v. Sidcup County 1st XI	A	Won	7—2
Sept. 27th	v. Old Colfeians 1st XI	H	Drew	2—2
Oct. 4th	v. Bromley County 1st XI	A	Won	3—2
Oct. 11th	v. Dulwich Hamlet Colts	H	Lost	0—5
Nov. 8th	v. Sloane School 1st XI	A	Lost	1—8
Nov. 15th	v. S.E.L.T.I. 1st XI	H	Won	8—1

SECOND XI.

The 2nd XI team, in playing order is:—Britton; Willshire (Capt.), Moss; Pizzey, Hutchinson, Cook, A.; Turley, Dawes, Cook, P., and Bowles; whilst Ettling, Newman and Towells have also played.

The 2nd XI has not done very well so far, having won only two games out of six. This is partly because of unavoidable changes in the team. When the necessary "finish" has been acquired, the team should do well. The outstanding players have been Willshire, Hutchinson and Cook, A.

2nd XI results are:—		F	A
Sept. 13th	v. Addey & Stanhope 2nd XI	H	Drew 3—3
Sept. 20th	v. Sidcup County 2nd XI	H	Lost 2—5
Sept. 27th	v. Alleyn's School 2nd XI	A	Lost 0—5
Oct. 4th	v. Bromley County 2nd XI	H	Won 2—0
Oct. 11th	v. George Green's 1st XI	H	Won 1—0
Oct. 18th	v. Salesian College 2nd XI	H	Lost 1—3
Nov. 8th	v. Sloane School	H	Drew 2—2
Nov. 15th	v. King's College 3rd XI	H	Lost 1—5

JUNIOR XI's.

The Under 15 XI team is:—Trew, C.; Yeulett, Norton; Breach, Butcher, Smith; Beadle, Tobin, Williams, Huntley, Wright.

The Under 15 XI has played only one game to date, but has several more fixtures later this season.

Under 15 XI result is:—		F	A
Sept. 27th	v. Alleyn's School u/15 XI	H	Won 2—1

The Under 14 XI team is:—Bryant, Chamberlain, Davis, Smith, R., Breach (Capt.), Gainey, Mathews, Carr, Gurr, Cornish and Wright. Platten, Hemmings, Hampton and Green have also played.

The Under 14 XI started the season very badly, but under the guidance of Mr. Checkley it has greatly improved.

Under 14 XI results are:—		F	A
Sept. 13th	v. Addey & Stanhope	A	Lost 1—10
Sept. 20th	v. Sidcup County	A	Lost 0—6
Oct. 4th	v. Bromley County	H	Won 2—1
Oct. 11th	v. George Green's	A	Drew 0—0
Oct. 18th	v. Salesian College	H	Lost 1—4
Nov. 8th	v. Sloane School	A	Won 4—3

Only two matches have been played by each house in the junior inter-house championship, which promises to be quite exciting. The three leading teams at present are Grenville, Blake and Raleigh.

THE SCOUT TROOP.

Friday evenings seem to pass very quickly and the Troop meeting is a time of busy activity. We had some fire-lighting practice in the summer, but a recent patrol competition showed that more than fifteen minutes was taken before a fire was alight—"Slow and sure" may be a good motto, but it won't win a race. Another competition in lashing showed accuracy, usually on the part of P.L. and Second, but little speed or strength.

Kim's Game is a favourite and is always very well done. Our opening ceremony is now very creditable, and, with more Scouts in uniform, is beginning to look quite smart.

Mr. Beecher's departure was a sad blow to us, for his resourcefulness had provided us with much instructive amusement and his cheery presence was a constant reminder of the Eighth Scout Law.

This term has been varied by a visit from the Commissioner (and Cutting) to tell us about the Jamboree at Moisson, and by the help of Mr. Carpenter one evening.

The present Troop of twenty-four, of whom about a half are recruits, are worthily maintaining the thirty years' tradition of the 21st Greenwich Group.

Old Scouts are reminded of the proposal made by one of their number and published in the last Magazine relating to a special War Memorial for Scouts. Mr. Binnie would be very pleased to receive donations and to consult donors as to the use of the Fund.

K.S.B.

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ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY.

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

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

The opening meeting took the form of a Round-Table Conference, when arrangements for the term were discussed.

This was followed by a joint Play-reading with the Dramatic Society of the Roan Girls' School. This was a very enjoyable function, and a further reading, at the Girls' School, is to take place later in the term.

A Society Debate was held on November 6th, in which the motion was "That this House supports Lord Wavell's statement that professional sport is a waste of man-power in the country's present position." The motion, proposed by Mr. H. Holloway and Mr. J. W. Cody, and opposed by Mr. A. K. Brookman and Mr. D. W. Willshire, was defeated by a narrow margin.

On Tuesday, November 18th, an Inter-School Debate took place with Brockley County School, the motion being "That this House believes that the present 'strength through scarcity' campaign will not promote National Recovery." This debate is always a very enjoyable one and has always been one of our most pleasant meetings. The motion was defeated by 18 votes to 19.

The final meeting is being held on December 18th, when the Society will hear a paper on "An aspect of Modern Literature" by Mr. A. Towells, and a recital of verse by Mr. G. C. Witten.

We are very glad to welcome Mr. S. Beale and Mr. F. White to the Society.

It is hoped that members will suggest to the committee activities for future meetings in which they would be interested, and that they will themselves prepare short talks on subjects of interest to present to the Society.

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THE SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

During the Summer Term, at a General Business Meeting, the officers for the ensuing season were elected. Unfortunately, Mr. Beecher, who was elected as Chairman, has left the School. This was a considerable loss to the Society, which owes him a deep debt of gratitude for his unfailing help and interest in all its activities. It was necessary to elect a new Chairman, and our thanks are due to Mr. Hazell for stepping into the breach. We welcome two other new members of the Staff, Mr. Hall and Mr. Hamstead, both of whom have expressed their willingness to help the Society in any way they can. We are also glad to report that several former members have made interested enquiries about our activities.

At the end of the Summer Term, a number of visits were made to factories in the district. These included a trip to the chemical works at Blackwall Lane, where members spent an interesting afternoon touring the Chamber Process plant for the manufacture of sulphuric acid, and also the plant for the manufacture of ammonium sulphate. Another pleasant afternoon was spent at the Matchless Works, where we saw the construction of motor-cycles from metal stock to finished article. Perhaps the most interesting visit was to Kolster Brandes' Works, where we were fortunate in being shown round by an Old Roan, and were able to see every process in the building up of radio valves and television receivers.

This term opened with a business meeting at which seventeen new members from the VI and V forms were elected. This was followed by an extremely well-illustrated paper on "Rayon" by Mr. Donnison, showing all stages in the production of this commodity from timber to finished material. He showed some interesting samples of the processes, obtained from Messrs. Courtaulds. The second paper this term, on "Earthworms," was read by Mr. Rawstron. This was illustrated by a film strip, and he gave us much useful and unusual information on the life and habits of these creatures, emphasizing their importance in natural processes and food supply. Mr. Cook followed with a comprehensive paper on "Petrol Engines," showing their mode of operation, timing and oiling systems. He was very certain of the subject, and was able to tell us many facts about the four-stroke engine which were new to most of us.

Mr. Cogger then gave an amusing and instructive lecture on "The Petroleum Industry," explaining the processes used in extracting the many and varied products from crude oil. He also gave an account of the Scottish shale oil industry.

We regret that a visit by an Old Roan, Dr. Phillips, F.R.I.C., who, it will be remembered, was co-discoverer with Dr. Ewins, of "M and B693," and who intended to give us a paper on this subject, was cancelled owing to pressure of work. We hope he will be able to spare us a little of his valuable time next year.

The Society's programme for the term will end with a selection of new scientific films by Mr. Berry.

A.K.B.

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THE CHESS CLUB.

The Roan School Chess Club, which was revived in a tentative fashion last year, is now flourishing. It has an attractive committee, and over fifty members, ranging in skill from the experts in the team, who only lose because their opponents are so good, to the learners in the Shells, who only win because their opponents are so bad. We have joined the London Secondary Schools' Chess League, and although we cherish no hope of winning the trophy this year, our individual players have all had their good moments.

At the Club meetings on Fridays chief interest centres in the "Ladder" and in the knock-out competition. The help and advice of Mr. Beale and Mr. Sefton are much

appreciated, and the better players among the boys are always very willing to suggest preferable moves to anybody who is prepared to listen to them.

There are also unofficial centres of chess interest, such as that of the Science Sixth, where speed is more in evidence than accuracy, and that of Remove A, where the religious hush usually associated with chess is replaced by loud argument and a smash-and-grab technique.

The Club needs more chess sets than it can afford to buy, and more time than its members can afford to devote to it, but the interest and enthusiasm are undoubtedly present, and increased skill is bound to follow.

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CLERK TO THE ROAN SCHOOL TRUST.

In the account of the retirement of Mr. Batchelor, given in a recent number of the School Magazine, it was stated that Mr. Batchelor's firm had been associated with the office of Clerk to the Roan Trust from 1829 if not earlier. It is now possible to date this association back definitely to 1749, when a Mr. John Everest was appointed in the room of Mr. Radley, lately deceased. If John Everest was Mr. Radley's partner, which seems likely, the date would be 1713, when Radley became Clerk upon the resignation of Robert Watson.

In any case the long, unbroken continuity of the office is remarkable.

Everest and Bicknell are mentioned as partners in the Roan Minutes in 1799 and again in 1817 when Messrs. Everest and Bicknell are asked to prepare a draft notice of Dr. Bell's system of education for circulation among the Governors. The difficulty, however, was to establish the connection of Bicknell with C. A. Smith, Clerk in 1829, who was later Mr. John Batchelor senior's partner. This difficulty was removed by the finding of an old handbill of the Association for the prosecution of offenders in the district of Blackheath, dated 1822. C. A. Smith signed this notice as Secretary and gave his address as the office of Messrs. Bicknell and Smith, Crooms Hill, Greenwich.

John Everest, who had such a long association with the Roan Foundation, was probably educated at the Greycoat School. If so, he is the first pupil of the School whose after-career has been traced. The only information recorded about his school-days is not very encouraging. "That John Everest be suspended from the school upon account of his playing truant and his mother abusing his master for

moderately correcting him for the fault; till he be restored by the churchwardens." This was in 1725 and soon after we learn that he has left the school.

His father was probably the Tristram Everest who acted as churchwarden and therefore governor of the School in 1714-15 and afterwards an overseer of the poor. He was a butcher by trade and rented a four-acre field in Greenwich marshes, on the west side of Blackwall Lane.

We next hear of John Everest in 1749 when in the Roan minutes we find that "Mr. Radley, late Clerk being dead, it was ordered that John Everest be Clerk in his stead." In 1783 he is complaining that his salary had been 30/- per annum for thirty years past though rental had trebled (Mr. Radley was paid £1 per annum!). In 1753 he contributed £1 to a fund raised for suppressing the lawlessness for which Blackheath was notorious. Lord Chesterfield contributed £10 and General Wolfe, father of James Wolfe, £5, at the same time. During these years the firm of Everest and Bicknell seem to be concerned in almost every parish or district undertaking: Vestry clerks, Clerks to the Turnpike Trustees, to the Commissioners of Taxes and so on. John Everest combined with all these duties the office of Bailiff of the Manor Royal of East Greenwich, for Greenwich, though it is not now a royal borough, was until recent times a royal manor. There is a letter extant written by John in his capacity of Bailiff warning some offender that the consequences of his disobedience may be more disagreeable to him than he may at present imagine. This letter is dated May 12th, 1766, just over 40 years after he left the Roan School; John Everest, like many another Old Roan, has improved on his School report.

J.W.K.

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HOUSE NOTES.

BLAKE.

We are sorry to lose the help of Mr. Brabyn, after his rather short stay, and we welcome Mr. Geddes to replace him as our third house master. A. J. Knott, who, as our captain, led us to the fore in every School activity, has left, and we wish him the very best of luck. We feel, with our present officers, that the future of the house remains in capable hands.

Our biggest success since the last publication of the Magazine was in winning the Combined Sports Championship for the fifth consecutive year. In the course of events

we gained six cups, three shields and two records for the house. After winning the intermediate Victor Ludorum for two successive years, A. Trew gained the senior Victor Ludorum, very closely challenged by Knott. Together they won the senior championship and A. Trew was awarded the Phillips Cup, for the outstanding field performance of the day. Andrews was a close runner-up to C. Trew, the winner of the junior Victor Ludorum. Our juniors also won their championship. All three relays were won by our teams, and is was a grand and commendable effort.

Knott and A. Trew were members of the unbeaten School senior relay team. Baxter, Knott, A. Trew, and C. Trew represented the School at cricket, and the latter three in the athletics. C. Trew had also the distinction of playing twice for Kent Colts.

Our junior cricket team did well to come second in the championship this summer. The junior football team, last season's champions, under the captaincy of C. Trew, have won both of their matches up to the present, and we look forward to a repeat of last season's success.

It has been apparent that during recent years our successes have been due to a few outstanding individuals. Our unspoken motto has been "Quality overcomes quantity," and we would like to see it changed to "Quality with quantity overcomes All." So it is the duty of each member to find something of interest to himself in our varied activities, and to take an active part in that sphere.

It is hoped that boys will take advantage of the cross-country practice runs held each week, with a view to representing the School, and to improving our only present weakness in School activities.

COLLINGWOOD.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Hamstead, who succeeds Mr. Dalzell as a House Master. We also welcome all our new recruits.

Last season's senior cricket team is to be congratulated on winning the Cricket Shield. We are proud, too, of our achievements in the School Sports. Although we did not win, our fight with Blake was very closely contested, both houses having a long lead over the others. Eventually, we were placed second, with 207 points, the house in third place scoring 148. The intermediates did particularly well and we won the Intermediate Championship. Budd deserves special mention, since he broke two School records, while Newman was one of the two joint Victores Ludorum. Loveday also did very well.

Last year we did extremely well in the cross-country races, and it is to be hoped that we shall maintain our record in this sport. Other future events for which we should begin to prepare are the Dramatic and Hobbies' Competitions. There should be no member of the house who cannot take part in at least one activity.

DRAKE.

The Summer Term did not bring its usual glories to the house, and a general level of mediocrity was to be observed in most of our performances on the playing-fields.

Though only securing 5th place in their competition, the junior cricket XI was distinguished by the brilliant century scored by Yeulett in the match against Nelson, but it was a pity that this same score had to be recorded against us when we were overwhelmingly defeated in the first round of the senior competition. Yeulett (junior XI), Basing and Dawes (2nd) and Dawtry and Towells (1st) represented us in the School cricket teams, the last two playing a prominent part in their team's success. It was unfortunate that we had not the benefit of their services in the disastrous house game. Mention must be made of Mr. Holt whose 23 (not out) for the School XI against the Old Boys was instrumental in preventing an ignominious collapse.

Our results in the Athletic Sports (we were placed 5th) may be attributed to the small number of entries received. We had only two individual winners in Dawtry (Mile) and Towells (Senior Discus).

Of the School football teams this term, Basing (captain) plays for the first, Dawes and Towells for the second, while Yeulett has played for the u/15 XI. The juniors have made no very auspicious start to the season in their competition.

The Spring Term, with its profusion of indoor events—debates, spoken English, hobbies and dramatics—is approaching. It is desirable that as many boys as possible shall partake in some, if not all, of these activities in which we performed commendably the last time they were held. Members are also reminded of the training cross-country runs held every week.

GRENVILLE.

In the senior house cricket competition we reached the semi-finals by beating Raleigh in the first round, but we were narrowly beaten in the semi-final by Collingwood, who went on to win the competition. The junior team had a successful season in their competition. The house was represented in the School elevens by the following:—Roe (1st XI); Lodge,

G. A., Andrews, D. (2nd XI); Donnison (capt.), Turley, Lowen, Cook, T., Denham (3rd XI); Wright, Beadle (u/14 XI).

So far the junior football team has won all its four matches and has every chance of carrying off the shield. In this year's School football elevens we are represented by Denham (1st XI); Cook, P., Cook, T., Hutchinson, Turley (2nd XI); Donnison (capt.), Ellis (3rd XI); Beadle, Wright (u/14 XI).

This year, Grenville has again provided three members of the School chess team—Cook, P., Lodge, G. A. and Donnison. We also have many promising junior players, and, should an inter-house chess competition be arranged, would be able to provide a very strong team.

With more senior members available this year than for many years, we hope to produce a play in the house dramatics competition.

NELSON.

Since the last issue of the Magazine, Nelson has had very few successes to report. This is mainly due to the fact that so many of the activities were supported only by a few enthusiastic members. If we are to maintain the high standard that has always been associated with our house, a more concerted effort must be made by the members.

We were knocked out in the first round of the senior house cricket competition, but despite the result the XI must be congratulated on the effort they made.

The juniors managed to win only two cricket matches, but have made a much better start in the football season.

We have several members playing for School football elevens. Copus and Laing represent the house in the 1st XI, while Carr, V., is in the u/14 XI.

It is hoped that all members will support the cross-country race next term, and will take the opportunity to train.

Although Nelson has not been to the fore in the past year, it will return to its old position, provided a conscientious effort is made by its members.

RALEIGH.

The Summer Term was a very disappointing one for Raleigh, despite all our efforts. In the junior cricket our eleven managed to win only one match; this reflected a lack of team spirit among the younger boys. The senior house team contained several members of School elevens, but it

was defeated by Grenville. Our very poor place (seventh) in the Athletic Sports was an even greater disappointment, for Raleigh has easily the best record of athletic victories; this year we lacked representation in all but a few events.

We offer our congratulations to R. H. Mercer and K. S. Pound, who have obtained certificates of merit from the Poetry Lovers' Fellowship: this is a promising hope for Raleigh in future Spoken English and Debate contests.

This year the house has a very large proportion of juniors, and it is to them that we look with confidence for new laurels to add to Raleigh's fine tradition. Our junior football team has begun well by winning its first two matches, against Rodney and Nelson. Representing us in School elevens are D. Willshire, Bowles and Moss (2nd XI) and Platten (u/14 XI).

We urge all our members to train for the cross-country the main athletic event of the winter.

RODNEY.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mr. White, who takes the place of Dr. Allen as our new House Master. We are sure all those who knew Dr. Allen deeply regret his leaving us, and will wish him every success in his new post.

We regret that our captain, R. Red, has suffered from pleurisy for some time. The whole house hopes that he will soon be back with us.

Rodney did very well in the Athletic Sports last term, coming second in both the senior and the intermediate championships; and in the Combined Championship we were placed 3rd. Our outstanding athletes were Red and Lane (seniors) and Law (intermediate). Law was joint Intermediate Victor Ludorum, and he put up a very fine performance.

Our junior cricket XI neither disgraced nor distinguished itself last year; it ended about half-way up the table. Our senior XI was defeated in the first round of the knock-out competition.

The junior football team has not yet won a match; this is partly due to a lack of enthusiasm. We are represented in the School teams by Red in the First XI, Williams and Russell in the Third XI, and Williams and Tobin in the Under 15 XI.

The cross-country races will take place next term and practice runs have now begun. If everyone pulls his weight we may repeat last year's successes.

WOLFE.

Since the last House Notes there have been few activities in which the house has not distinguished itself.

In the cricket season, Wolfe were runners-up in the senior house competition, under the captaincy of Cutting. The junior XI, with Pizzey as captain, won the Junior House Shield. These results were achieved mainly by splendid team-work and enthusiasm.

It seems that we shall have a very good senior cricket team in the near future. As proof of this, in the School u/14 XI the house was represented by Pizzey, Butcher and Mathews. Cutting was in the 1st XI, with Rawstron in the 3rd XI.

In the Athletics field, we were placed 4th in the Combined Championships, mainly through the good results of our juniors, who achieved second place in their section. Although the senior entry was weak, some remarkable successes were scored by the younger members: Breach set up a new long-jump record, while Butcher equalled the u/15 100 yards record.

The house is represented in the 1st XI by Cutting—School vice-captain of football—who, once again, is the leading goal-scorer, and by McInnes; in the 2nd XI we have Pizzey, and the u/15 XI, Butcher and Breach. In the u/14 XI we have five members, including their captain, Breach.

Cutting is to be congratulated on receiving a trial for Chelsea Colts' XI, and we hope he will succeed in his quest. Pischinger has captained the School tennis team.

We must appeal for more enthusiasm, in the Junior XI—where it is now lacking—and in the Cross-country and Dramatics Competitions. In these activities we hope to maintain our high position next term.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT.

A "Reunion" was held in the School on 3rd October and 135 Old Boys were present. It proved, as such gatherings usually do, a welcome opportunity for chatting with old friends. The only other entertainment was provided by our old friend Clowser. His singing was much enjoyed. During the evening an appeal was made for more members for the Sports Clubs. We are glad of this opportunity to bring again before members' notice the need for more players.

Another meeting of the same kind was arranged by your committee to take the place—as far as that is possible—of the Annual Dinner, when this was cancelled.

The difficulties arising from the lack of a secretary during a few weeks in the summer, are, by the enterprise and energy of Mr. Seal, being overcome. But many old members are still out of touch and magazines wrongly addressed have recently been returned to us by the Post Office. If any member can help with information about changes of address we shall be grateful. The task of getting our addressing machine up to date is quite a big one: but we hope with your help to complete it before long.

Arrangements are being made with Messrs. Chiesmans, Lewisham, for the supply of ties. Coupons are not wanted until a purchase is made, but at least six months' delay will occur before delivery. The price will be about six shillings. Further information will be published as soon as we have it. In the meantime please do not send me any money—except, of course, as contributions to the War Memorial Fund.

The President would like information about the following old members, now out of touch:

J. R. Allison, G. F. Andrews, T. R. N. Crofts, W. J. P. Aggett, J. S. Bowles, J. F. Bishop, R. T. Bird, J. R. Bartlett, R. J. Pitt, J. Kane, D. Jeans, W. E. Stockwell, K. L. Cooke, T. H. J. Field.

THE SERVICE LIST.

The Service List is now being finally revised, the Roll of Honour being checked by the Service Departments. In this melancholy task valuable help is being given by Captain Slimming, of Vanbrugh Castle.

An addition to the Roll of Honour which we record with regret is:

Jennings, H. R. (30-36). Sgt./W.A.G., R.A.F.V.R. Killed on Active Service, 11/42.

Other additions and corrections to the published list will appear in our next issue, when the revision referred to should be complete.

We appeal for any information that our readers can give that may be of assistance in this work.

NEWS OF OLD ROANS.

Brown, A. H. T. (31-36), after training at Coventry Training College, is now teaching at a Modern Boys' School in Coventry.

Coe, N. D. (40-47), at the Intelligence Corps Depot, Aldershot, writes a vivid letter describing the life of the recruit.

Dabbs, P. R. (32-39), writes from Assam to say that he contemplates migration to Australia, where he would resume the teaching career he began in 1939 by training at Saltley College, Birmingham.

Doidge, R. (34-37), was reported in the "Kentish Mercury" of 12th September, to have settled in Terrell, Texas, where he was trained and won his "wings" in the R.A.F. After war service, he returned to his post in Lloyds Bank, but, as his father put it, "he had the spirit of adventure in him, and enjoyed it so much in the States that he felt he would like to go out there again."

Drakley, D. H. (35-39), has passed the First Mate's Certificate and is at present serving in M/V "Akri Hill."

Farrell, R. W. (81-84), is now an Alderman of Worthing Town Council. He has long been prominent on the local Education Committee, and sends us a spirited letter on the future of education which he contributed to the "Worthing Herald."

Francis, Rev. D. L. (14-17), paid two visits to the School in the Summer Term and told us about missionary work among the Melanesians, in which he participated for a number of years. He brought with him more than a hundred exhibits—throwing spears, ear-rings, charms, cloth, idols—which made his interesting talk very vivid. The number of questions with which he was bombarded showed how stimulating he had been.

Gardner, Dr. E. R. (26-34), B.Sc., F.R.I.C., A.R.C.S., D.I.C., is Chief Chemist to the Avon India Rubber Co., Melksham, Wilts.

Gent, R. G. (40-46), is an A.C.2 in the R.A.F.

Henley, M. W. (31-39), Lieut. (A), R.N., visited the School recently on leave after a spell in Australian waters. He returns to Melbourne early next year for two years' instructional duty.

Holland, D. A. (38-46), is a sergeant in the R.E.A.C.

Jones, G. F. (37-41), has taken the degree of B.Sc. (Lond.) in Geography, having been placed in the First Class in the Final Honours List. He has been doing Teaching Practice at the School this term.

Jones, D. A. (40-47), is at University College, London.

Loveman, C. F. (20-27), writes from Blackpool, where he is teaching at the Grammar School. He has recently met T. H. J. Field, and says that L. T. Hoare (10-15) has just joined the Staff there.

Phillips, Dr. M. A. (14-21), co-discoverer of the world-famous drug, "M and B, 693," is to give a talk to the Scientific Society. He is at present on a visit to the U.S.A., to co-ordinate with American scientists work on sulphonamide drugs which, it is hoped, will produce a weapon to combat tuberculosis.

Preston, A. (38-45), now a lieutenant in the Royal Sussex Regiment, is at present serving in Italy.

Roberts, J. S. (35-42), is a P/O in the R.A.F.

Strutt, H. A. (15-21), C.V.O., came to the School on 11th July and talked brilliantly to some of the Fiftths and Sixths upon the Civil Service and some of his own work in the Home Office. He showed us some original memoranda of Lord Palmerston and some documents signed by the King, others with the Royal Seal attached, and a Royal Marriage licence with both signatures and seal. We were not only pleased, but flattered, that an Old Roan with such a distinguished and promising career should honour us with a visit and such interesting and exclusive information.

(Footnote—Mr. Strutt and his contemporaries in the Modern Sixth recently had a reunion lunch—their first meeting since leaving School. They recommend the idea to other years.)

Trafford, P. A. (28-38), M.B., B.S., is now a Major, R.A.M.C., D.A.D.M.S. H.Q., 2nd Infantry Division, B.A.O.R. 4.

Trew, E. A. (38-45), now a Sub-Lieut. R.N.V.R., is serving in H.M.S. "Howe."

Wedge, P. L. (38-44), serving in H.M.S. "Battleaxe" as a telegraphist.

Wright, D. W. (38-45), and **Collins, J.** (38-45), have both obtained the B.Sc. degree with Second Class honours.

The Headmaster of Hele's School, Exeter—where **S. R. Mills** (16-22; Staff, 26-44) is a master—has just returned from inspecting the Secondary schools of Mauritius on behalf of the Colonial Office. He stayed most of the time with the Director of Education, **C. Oppen** (19-26). Also he was shown the places of historical and antiquarian interest by **P. Barnwell** (23-31), who is quite an authority on that subject and is soon having a book on the history of the island published by Longmans.

HOCKEY.

If sufficient support is forthcoming, an Old Roan hockey team will be formed. Those interested are asked to communicate with:—**J. C. S. M. McMenamin**.

28 Malton Street, Plumstead, S.E.18.

O.R. CRICKET CLUB.

The past season will undoubtedly be regarded as one of the most notable in the history of the Club, not because of the match results, but on account of its being the first full season after the war.

Irrespective of the results, most matches have been very even, and all members have had some excellent games. Although we have had to rely mainly on our older members, the Club has welcomed several newcomers from the School, and their ability and enthusiasm prove that we need have no fear concerning the future of the Club.

At the Annual General Meeting **F. Barnes** was elected General Secretary; sub-committees are being formed to deal with Catering, Team Notification, etc. As the Gala Match has been dealt with elsewhere in this issue, it will not be reported in these notes, but we would thank all the Club and School members who did such valuable work.

Arrangements are in hand for a Social Evening and for the Annual Cricket Supper, and notification of these events will be made in the near future.

Regarding the 1948 season, space will not permit us to print the fixture card, but a good number of games have already been arranged for three Saturday XI's and two Sunday XI's. Such an ambitious programme will require all the support that can be given, both on and off the field, and any Old Roan will be welcomed if he wishes to join the Club. This invitation applies particularly to those who will be leaving School before the next season, for the future of the Club depends upon their support. Names may be given to **Mr. Holt**, at the School, or to the Hon. Secretary, Old Roan C.C., 224 Broad Walk, S.E.3.

CHAUCER ON MAZE HILL: No. IV.

Last in this compaignye, wel skilled to rule,
A northern carl was ther, of Hart le Poole.
His speech was gentil, never harsh ne sour,
Worthy of Englissh to been professour.
Ful stout he was, and in good point, y-wis,
A bettre-covered wight ther nowher is.
His eyen twinkled in his heed aright;
And oft, between his lippes, both day and night,
A brenning weed he held for al to see.
He was al mirth and gamesome jolitee,
Yit tragyk actor was he of grete note.
Wel coude he singe and pleyen on a rote.
Ful big he was of brawne and eek of bone;
To climb on Skye and Skiddaw was his wone.
A moustache on the upper lippe he hadde.
His greatest oath was but "by Crikey, ladde."
He was ful fond of cricket on the green,
And whan he pleyed, of calf was much y-seen,

For shortes hadde he, since he liked hem best.
 Tranquil him never liste been ne reste.
 To liven in delyt, whan that he coude,
 Was al his lust. Tea lovde he and "good food."
 But chiefly lovde he hye philosophie,
 Music and drama, song and poesie.

K.M.B.

OLD ROAN PERSONALITIES, III.

Clifford A. Russell (31-36).

When at School "Cliff," as he was to everybody, took a full share in every one of the School games. Although at cricket he sometimes scored a "nifty duck" his keenness and agility in the field compensated for these lapses. On the football field he was pre-eminent and at the swimming baths he was in his element. He and brother Bill almost carried Drake House to victory on several occasions at the Annual Gala. Then came a period before the war in which he figured happily in Old Boy soccer. He joined up, and at the time of the attacks on Walcheren Island he was a Lieutenant in the East Lothians. His swimming prowess came in useful here, for the landing barge capsized. He is modest in his account of this, but I rather surmise that he was responsible for the survival of some of his men who could not swim too well. Then came the blow—he was wounded with the result that he has now lost the use of his lower limbs. This misfortune, however, has not daunted him. Forced to use a chair, he is not adopting the role of a martyr. He was always an excellent artist and he is developing his talents in this respect now. Living at Southwold, Suffolk, he is fortunate in having the friendship of Seymour Lucas, and under his guidance he is now taking up portrait painting. "Cliff" has refused to become despondent. He is sticking out his chin and making the best of things. All Old Roans will wish him well and admire his cheerfulness in face of difficulties.

T.H.

BIRTHS.

Jones, G. F. (37-41), at Bridgwater, Som., on 22nd August, 1947, to Elizabeth and Gerald Jones, a daughter—Anne Christine.

Wilcox, R. (32-39), on 20th September, 1947, at the Whincroft Nursing Home, Horrabridge, Devon, to June (née Randell), wife of Reginald Wilcox, B.S.M., A.R.S.M., a daughter—Jonquil Michele.

MARRIAGES.

Peirce, S. L. (32-39), on 4th October, 1947, at St. Mary's Addington, Surrey, to Molly Chamen, of Shirley, Surrey. (Before proceeding on overseas service with the R.A.F. as a Radar Fitter.)

Drakley, D. H. (35-39), on 12th April, 1947, at St. Alfege's Church, Greenwich, to Patricia Wilson, of Greenwich.

DEATH.

Glazebrook, Dr. H. H. (27-33), was killed while mountaineering in the Alps last summer.

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Old Roans will hear with regret of the recent deaths of two ladies whose husbands have had close ties with the School:

Mrs. **Amesbury**, wife of Mr. J. Amesbury (Staff, 03-40), died early this year.

Mrs. **Slimming**, of Vanbrugh Castle, died, after a brief, painful illness on 17th November, 1947.

• OLD ROAN NATURAL HISTORY.

A curious organism has been under observation for the last twenty years. It has an undulatory motion and on occasions has been known to emit strange noises, somewhat musical and reminiscent of the instrument associated with dusky maidens on some tropical atoll. It appears regularly at intervals of seven days during the summer months and frequents the greensward in front of the School pavilion. It is prone to somnolent intervals with spasms of intense activity when attacked by careless individuals in possession of a spherical lump of leather. It has a marked addiction to buns, sometimes consuming large quantities if not disturbed. It appears to hibernate during the winter months, but has been seen occasionally around the wilds of Highbury. Its feeding habits during this season are not known. So far, no mate has been observed and, alack-a-day! the species may therefore become extinct. It is believed that it answers to the name immortalized in the first line of that charming ditty, "C . . . , c . . . , c . . . , etc. . . ."

O.R.'s who can identify same and who enclose with their letter to the Editors a P.O. payable to the Roan War Memorial may receive a prize. The writer of the first letter containing the correct diagnosis to be opened on 1st April, 1948, will be the lucky winner.

T.H.

Further "Biological Biographies" will be welcomed by the Editors.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The date of the Annual General Meeting, which will be held early in the New Year, will be notified to members.

ANNUAL DANCE.

The Association's Annual Dance is to be held in the Greenwich Town Hall on Saturday, 17th January, 1948, at 7.30 p.m. Full particulars and tickets (6/- each) can be obtained on application to the Entertainment Secretary, Mr. G. H. Lee, 5 Dallinger Road, Lee, S.E.12.

BANKER'S ORDERS.

Some members who pay their subscriptions by Banker's Order have not yet amended the amount paid by their bankers. This should be **five shillings**, with effect from 1st January, 1947.

BLAZERS.

It is regretted that no further blazers are available, or likely to be available for some considerable time.

JOHN ROAN SCHOOL LODGE, No. 5085.

The Seventeenth Installation Meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall on 28th October, 1947, when a large number of members and guests were present to witness Bro. Charles Joseph Sweeney installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

Our new Master, who was initiated in 1937, attended the Roan School from 1915 to 1917 and, commencing his career as a Draughtsman, is now a member of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution.

The Lodge was formed for the convenience of ex-pupils of the Roan School and to such who are Masons and not members of the Lodge, W. Bro. Sweeney offers a cordial invitation (especially to those who were at the School from 1915 to 1917) to visit him at the Freemasons' Hall.

Dates of future meetings can always be obtained from the Secretary, W. Bro. W. J. R. Bullers, 77 Coleraine Road, Blackheath, S.E.3.

IF YOU KNOW AN OLD BOY WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF OUR ASSOCIATION PLEASE ASK HIM TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING—

Old Roan Association

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT OR
RE-ENROLMENT

Name

Address

Years at School from to

Remarks (State whether keen on joining Sports Clubs, assisting in Social Events, etc.).

Date

N.B.—The attached Subscription Form or Bankers' Order should be enclosed with this Form and sent to the Secretary, 21 Donnington Road, Worcester Park, Surrey.

SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Enclosed is for as Subscription to
the O.R.A. for—

Life Membership ... £2 10

Ordinary Membership 5 0 per annum } for the year ending
31st Dec., 19

Boy leaving School after } for the year ending
1st July, for the current year 2 6 ,, } 31st Dec., 19

BANKERS' ORDER

Name of Society: OLD ROAN ASSOCIATION.

Name of Bankers: MESSRS. BARCLAYS BANK LTD., Westcombe
Park, S.E.3

To (Name of Bankers)

Branch Address

Please pay to the Bankers of the above Society—

The sum of Five Shillings on receipt of this order, and a further sum of five shillings on the First day of January in each year, and debit the same to my Account.

Signature

Address

Date

Please
affix
Twopenny
Stamp

ROAN MEMORIAL (1939—1945) FUND

Enclosed is for £ as a $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{First} \\ \text{further} \end{array} \right\}$
donation to the above fund.

Signature Address

Date

POTTER MEMORIAL FUND

Enclosed is for £ as a donation to
the above fund.

Signature Address

Date

O.R.A. BENEVOLENT FUND

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Signature Address

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