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### CALENDAR

1949—50.

December 3rd	O.R.A. Dinner.
December 12th—14th	School Examinations.
December 21st	Carol Concert.
December 22nd	Autumn Term ends.
January 11th	Spring Term begins.
February 10th & 11th	O.R.D.S. Play.
February 18th	Old Roan Dance.
February 24th—27th	Half-Term Holiday.
March 30th, 31st	
and April 1st	School Play.
April 5th	Spring Term ends.
April 26th	Summer Term begins.
May 5th	Higher School Examination begins.
May 26th—June 2nd	Half-Term and Camping Holiday.
June 20th	General School Examination begins.
July 8th	Athletic Sports.
July 22nd	Old Boys' and Parents' Day.
July 27th	Summer Term ends.

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### OCCASIONAL NOTES.

The most notable achievements we have the pleasure of reporting are those gained by Roan boys in the London University examinations this summer. A high proportion of "General School" candidates gained Matriculation exemption, and an even higher proportion of "Higher School" candidates gained Distinctions and Inter B.Sc. or B.A. exemption.



We especially congratulate the seven boys who gained further awards on their "Higher" results: A. K. Brookman and D. T. Cogger won State Scholarships. Brookman won the Roan Exhibition for the third year in succession—a remarkable record in itself—and since it can be held once only it was awarded to Cogger as "proxime accessit." M. C. Franks, E. W. Parnell, P. V. Donnison, B. J. Feasey and J. E. Read won L.C.C. Major University Scholarships. In the "General" Certificate J. R. Masson achieved the rare distinction of attaining "very good" standard in all his seven papers.

The full examination results will be found under the Prize Distribution report.

It is a particular pleasure to record that Mr. W. J. R. Bullers has become a Governor of the Foundation. He is an Old Roan, father of three Old Roans, a prominent Freemason and one of the pillars of the O.R.A., whose Hon. Secretary he was for many years.

The School extends a warm welcome this term to the new French Assistant, M. Paul Maréchal. The rather interesting past which forms the background to his achievements deserves to be briefly outlined. A soldier in the French Army since 1942, he was removed, during the German occupation, from France to the Sudetenland, where he did two years' forced labour as a metal-worker. He was liberated by the Russian troops in 1945, and, returning with some difficulty to France, resumed his interrupted studies. He shortly obtained a post at a school in Mainz, teaching French to German children until 1946, when he entered the University at Poitiers, his home town. In 1948 he obtained his L.-ès-L. and, as the holder of a bursary scholarship, was able in the same year to visit Stockholm, where he studied Swedish. M. Maréchal will return to France in July with the intention of teaching English. We hope that his stay at the Roan School, together with that of Mme. Maréchal, who holds the post of French Assistant at the Girls' School, will be very pleasant, and we wish them both every future success.

All friends of the School will rejoice at the news that dramatic performances almost on a pre-war scale are being arranged this year. The O.R.D.S. are putting on their first production since 1939, and hope next year to revert to their old practice of producing two plays in the year. The School

plays are now presented in alternate years, when there is no Hobbies' Exhibition. Details of the two plays, in February and March, will be found at the end of this magazine.

The increase in numbers in the School has realised the hope of many School Prefects in the past for a Prefects' Room. One of the smaller classrooms on the first floor, which last year housed Mr. Milne's Five Alpha and was originally the Modern Sixth room, but which now cannot accommodate any form, has, at the Head Master's suggestion, been taken over by the School Prefects. It is to be hoped that this concession, which has the sympathy and support of the Masters, will be treated with proper appreciation and respect.

The appearance of the new blue and gold curtains on the stage, which, timely as it was, lent additional dignity to the proceedings on Prize Day, complete the redecoration of the hall. Their impressiveness will no doubt be an attractive feature in the production of the School Play next term.

With this issue, we commence a new sequence of page-numbers. The intention is that each set of ten issues shall be considered as one volume with its own page numbering. At the same time, we recall that under Mr. Poyser's editorship no fewer than 2,439 pages, continuously numbered, were published, and we are anxious to leave the achievement unchallenged.

A new edition of the Roan Hymn-book is now in the press. When this is in use the School will again possess another of the distinctive features it had before the war.

The Games Committee decided last term to award "half-colours" as well as full colours for prowess in sports. The badge worn by recipients, which is now available, is a yellow stag's head on a green field, the silver stag's head remaining the mark of the full colours.

W. E. Phipps-Jones ("Jonah," 24-31) has sent the School Library a number of copies of pre-war Prize Day programmes.

Among visitors to the school this term we may mention Mr. Lee and Mr. Dyke, former members of the staff, and Mr. U Ba Lwin, Head Master of a large School in Rangoon and Burmese delegate to U.N.E.S.C.O., who spoke to several forms on the work of the organization.



We acknowledge, with thanks and apologies for inadvertent omissions, the receipt of our contemporaries, as follows: The Askean, The Azurian, The Beccehamian, Colfensia, The Elysian, The Olavian, The Pavior, The Pelican, The Raven, The Roan Gazette, The Ship, The Magazine of the Kingston High School, Hull.

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Peter Williams (37-44), who was Captain of the School in his last year, has returned to the School as a student teaching in the Mathematics department. He will be with us again in the Summer Term. A graduate of King's College, London, he has already held a temporary post teaching Mathematics at the City of London School.

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In the area competition for a "National Savings" poster, Roan Boys gained three of the eight prizes offered to local school-children in the age-group 11-16. The winner of the first prize was J. P. Smith, of the Fifth Form, and we take pleasure in reproducing his design.

Our School Savings branch has contributed a total of £31 8s. 6d. during the three months ending in November.

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### OBITUARY.

We report with regret the deaths of four personalities who have meant much to our School. Mr. T. R. N. Crofts, as Head Master, did a great deal for us in a short time; a tribute was paid to him in our last issue, in which his photograph appeared. Mr. C. E. Binns and Mr. W. E. Llewellyn were two masters who are remembered with special affection. Canon Phillips of Ammanford was the outstanding personality we met during our evacuation.

#### Mr. T. R. N. Crofts, Head Master, 1911-15.

From Mr. G. R. Parker.

Although Mr. Crofts was Head Master for only four and a half years he left a permanent impression on the School. All his experience had been in public schools, where he had been both pupil and master. He found himself in charge of a day school in which anything in the nature of a corporate spirit was almost entirely absent. He set himself to remedy this and by the time he left the house system had been established, a School magazine had been started, an Old Boys' Association founded, a playing-field obtained,

annual athletic sports instituted and a Cadet Corps formed. All these features, except the last one, still remain. In addition he started cross-country running and himself took part in the runs. A beginning was made with School Dramatics and he wrote a Latin School Song.

In some respects he remained very boyish and the enjoyment he found in these activities was obvious, as, for example, the way he revelled in the part of Mr. Bultitude in Anstey's "Vice Versa." His enthusiasm was infectious and he obtained the willing co-operation of the staff, with whom his relations were always very friendly. A keen and capable cricketer, he managed to raise a Masters' XI to play occasional matches. His influence on the social side was such that before his departure both pupils and masters had begun to feel that they were members of a community and from that point of view Mr. Crofts' short term of office marked an important stage in the development of the School.

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From Canon W. T. Money.

As one who was a Governor of the School during Mr. T. R. N. Crofts' Headmastership I should like to bear my tribute to his memory. The short time that he was Head the Governors all realized we had in him one who in every way brought the School up to the standard and spirit of our great Public Schools. He had a quiet, charming personality, but he knew what he wanted done to make the School, in its work and play, thoroughly efficient and his quiet enthusiasm always carried the day.

When he left to become Head Master of the Royal Masonic School for Boys we felt we were losing one it would be difficult to replace or equal, but as a Freemason myself and Vice-Patron of our Masonic School I knew that what the John Roan had lost Masonry had gained. I saw much of his work at Bushey, where I was a frequent visitor, and at the Prize-givings I saw that Mr. Crofts was doing a work equally valuable and progressive for both the staff and the boys. When the John Roan School Lodge was founded he joined it as a keen Mason of already eminent rank, and though in recent years we did not often see him at the Lodge, his presence at its inception helped to lay a foundation sure and steadfast, for what has proved an Old Boys' Lodge of which the School to-day may well be proud. I do not think one could better describe Mr. Crofts' character and achievements than by the School Motto, "Honore et Labore."



**Mr. C. E. Binns.**

An Old Boy, H. A. Dade (07-14) writes:

After forty years, C. E. Binns lives in my mind as vividly as ever.

Can I say more of him, that is of any real consequence, that that he was good, and kind, and brave, and did his job well, and that his memory will always touch my heart?

I can see him now. He was a small, brisk man, with quick and energetic gait and movements, walking with one hand in a trousers pocket, the other arm swinging widely. He had fair hair, blue eyes, and an exceptionally clear skin, and seemed to move in an aura of health and cleanness. At one time he and Kirby and Llewellyn used to walk home together, Binns's dapper figure contrasting queerly with the willowy Kirby and the round-shouldered and untidy Froggy.

It was Binns who came to my aid when I elected to offer Biology as a subject for the Exhibition. Biology was not then a school subject, and Binns volunteered to guide my work. His first contribution was a jar of pickled flowers, which I was to dissect, and I remember perfectly their appearance and odour. It was Binns, too, who started the Field Club, an active institution with a small but enthusiastic membership. He took us on long walks in Kent and Surrey, and must have laid in many minds the foundation of a love for the country and wild life. We kept our collections in tanks and vivaria on a shelf in Ducker's room in the old building. Among the assortment was a three-foot grass snake, which worried Ducker—he said he was uncomfortably aware of it gazing at him behind his back!

Binns was an able teacher and ruled his form with ease and humour. He lived strenuously and reached fulfilment. We are saddened by losing him, but with men like Binns we do not feel that death is very important. It was his life that was important, his generous contributions to so many young minds, the relationships which he created, the effects of which not only persist in us, but are in turn passed on to the next generation.

I cannot feel that Binns is dead; to me he will always seem intensely alive.

**Mr. W. E. Llewellyn.**

In our first form (then the Remove, between III and IV) I fear that we grubby brats of eleven or twelve felt nothing but terror of "Froggy." We were introduced to the French language via the unfamiliar hieroglyphics of phonetics and had to speak "toujours en Français" from the outset. We

were completely floored. Detentions and appalling impositions were freely awarded, occasionally reduced by a lucky shot later in the lesson, but more often generously increased. "Froggy" kept a record of the scapegraces by marking our noses with coloured chalks, and rewarded persistent denseness by diving into his bag (always stuffed with wads of homework and "impots") and producing small woolly bears and fluffy chicks, which he presented to the culprits as suitable to his assessment of their mental age. We strove and sweated in anguish, and I fear that some occasionally wept, but the tyrant never relaxed.

The result was, of course, that we learned quite a lot of French and acquired the art of its pronunciation. Even then I think we were proud of owning "Froggy." He was a character, the subject of awful tales to be told out of school. Later we lost our early fears, and beginning German was not a severe ordeal; but he was never easily satisfied and we could never scrape through with an unprepared task. And then, at the end of our schooldays, we suddenly discovered that we were fond of him, and we looked forward to seeing him when we visited the School or attended O.R. meetings.

"Froggy" was an eccentric, but his eccentricity was of the Einsteinian kind: like the slovenliness of his attire, which was a part of it, it indicated only his impatience of trifles and superficialities. His mind was too busily occupied with matters which seemed to him to be fundamentally important. What sort of things were these?

Those who remember him only as the taskmaster may be surprised to know that, obscured by his eccentricities and his intellectuality and, paradoxically in such a man, by an innate shyness, "Froggy" had a great and tender heart. He was a champion of the helpless and a great hater of bullies and smugness. Cruelty and unfairness, especially to children, infuriated him beyond everything, and he spent great stores of energy tilting against the windmills of inefficiency of the authorities concerned with education and the care of children, with hospitals, with the welfare and handling of troops, with old people.

After retirement he wrote a couple of novels, which were far too good ever to become best-sellers.

The ogre of the classroom, his chief joy was found in music, or in feeding birds in the Park.

H.A.D.



### Canon T. C. Phillips.

All who were evacuated to Ammanford will have heard with regret of the death of the Vicar, Canon T. C. Phillips, M.C., which occurred on 18th February last, at the age of 75. From the night we arrived he took the greatest interest in our doings and did all he could to help us. His cheery smile and friendly word did much to lighten the somewhat drab streets of Ammanford and he was never happier than when talking to young people. He took the Roan boys and girls to his heart and he prepared many of them for confirmation. He conducted four Founder's Day Services while we were in Ammanford and he was very proud to become Chaplain to the School A.T.C. It gave the greatest pleasure, both to him and to us, that he was able to preach the first Founder's Day Sermon after our return to Greenwich. He had a special gift for addressing youth; his sermons were simple, pointed and sensible, and models of brevity. He was a modest and gentle spirit, an influence for good in many lives, and no one could fail to be better for knowing him.

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As we go to press, we hear of the sudden death of another friend of the School, of more recent acquaintance. For the last two years, **Mr. I. Haden** has done the cooking at the Braithwaite camps, and endeared himself to everybody by his skill and, still more, by his cheerful personality. The Cumberland campers of yesterday and tomorrow have lost a personal friend.

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### SCHOOL OFFICIALS, AUTUMN, 1949.

**CAPTAIN OF THE SCHOOL:** T. V. Moss.

**VICE-CAPTAINS:** D. F. Brookland; R. H. Mercer.

**SCHOOL PREFECTS:** G. F. Budd, J. W. Cody, D. Inman, K. S. Pound, R. E. Rice, T. A. Russell, J. A. Wheeler, G. E. Breach, A. L. Brown, D. R. Daves, K. J. Fincham, D. E. Fry, R. P. Jeffkins, N. F. Kelly, G. D. Lawrence, R. V. Major, F. W. Mussett, B. M. Phillips, R. C. Pound, B. Russell-Jones, J. G. Smart, B. G. Stocking, T. J. M. Westlake.

**CAPTAIN OF FOOTBALL:** J. A. Wheeler. **Vice-Captain:** T. V. Moss.

**CAPTAIN OF ATHLETICS:** G. F. Budd. **Secretary:** I. F. Smith.

**CAPTAIN OF CROSS-COUNTRY:** T. A. Russell. **Sec'y.:** R. H. Mercer

**HOUSE CAPTAINS:**

**Rodney:** T. A. Russell. **Nelson:** B. M. Phillips.

**Wolfe:** J. A. Wheeler. **Drake:** J. W. Cody.

**ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY:**

**President:** R. H. Mercer.

**Hon. Treasurer:** B. Russell-Jones.

**Hon. Secretary:** K. S. Pound.

### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY:

**Chairman:** Mr. Hall. **Hon. Secretary:** G. F. Budd.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY:

**Chairman:** Mr. Hamstead. **Hon. Secretary:** D. Inman.

### CHESS CLUB:

**Chairman:** Mr. Beale.

### SCOUT TROOP:

**Leader:** B. Perry.

### MODEL PARLIAMENT:

**Speaker:** Mr. Binnie.

### URBAN TRANSPORT CLUB:

**President:** Mr. Lerpiniere. **Hon. Secretary:** J. B. Buck.

### LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

**President:** Mr. Peddie. **Hon. Secretary:** J. W. Cody.

### ROAN MAGAZINE:

**Editor:** J. W. Cody. **Assistant Editor:** B. Russell-Jones.

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### VALETE, 1949.

The following is a list of boys who left during 1949. It is of interest to note that it marks the departure of the last three boys, A. K. Brookman, P. V. Donnison and J. E. Read, to have been with the School during the period of evacuation.

### SCIENCE VI:—

A. K. Brookman, 1941; Prefect, Editor of the Roan Magazine, Secretary, the Scientific Society, Roan Exhibitioner and State Scholar.

D. T. Cogger, 1941; Prefect, Roan Exhibitioner and State Scholar.

P. V. Donnison, 1940; Captain of the School, Captain of Nelson House, Captain of 2nd XI Cricket, Cricket Half-Colours, Secretary, Scientific Society, Secretary, Chess Club.

R. T. Ettling, 1944; Prefect.

B. T. Feasey, 1942; Prefect.

M. C. Franks, 1942; Vice-Captain of the School, Vice-Captain of 1st XI Football, Cricket Colours, Vice-Captain of Wolfe House.

A. J. Humphrey, 1945; Prefect, Football Colours.

C. Imber, 1945, Prefect.

E. W. Parnell, 1941; Prefect, Vice-Captain of Drake House.

J. E. Read, 1942; Prefect.

K. A. Reggler, 1942, Prefect.

A. J. Showler, 1942; Prefect, Vice-Captain of Nelson House, Athletics Colours, Secretary, Scientific Society.



A. J. Trew, 1944; Vice-Captain of the School, Captain of Rodney House, Captain of 1st XI Football, Captain of Athletics, Athletics Colours.

I. J. Corderey, 1947; Prefect.

B. J. Endersby, 1944.

P. G. Lawrence, 1943; Prefect, Troop Leader, School Scouts.

J. L. Lovelock, 1943; Prefect.

#### MODERN VI:—

K. Loveday, 1945; Prefect, Captain of Cross-Country, Vice-Captain of Athletics, Captain of Wolfe House, Athletics Colours.

R. E. Pischinger, 1945; Prefect.

A. R. Towells, 1942; Prefect, Vice-Captain of 1st XI Cricket.

J. F. Bruce, 1943; Prefect.

J. Denham, 1943.

S. E. Emery, 1943; Prefect.

D. L. Bartholomew, 1943; Athletics Colours.

VA:—J. W. Adams; C. E. Bush; T. D. Cavey; M. E. Crane, Football Colours; P. Curnick; E. H. Danes; S. A. Johnson; H. L. McSoley, Football Colours; J. E. Owen, Athletics Colours; T. J. Pizzey, Football and Cricket Colours; G. A. Pullon; T. T. Tobin; B. D. Whitefield; J. E. Wood; R. J. Mitchell; L. Shilling; C. E. Trew, Football, Cricket and Athletics Colours.

V:—P. J. Bailey; P. J. Baskett; D. E. Beadle; G. A. Beagley; J. E. Bonney; A. C. Codgell; A. C. Copson; A. D. Crawford; W. Daniel; M. H. Ellis, Football and Athletics Half-Colours; C. J. Holmes, Athletics Half-Colours; J. C. Hooper; P. Jones; A. J. Mott; J. W. Mustin; L. E. Perry; B. C. Pullen; A. J. Restarick; E. A. Sawyer; D. P. Smith, Athletics Half-Colours.

V ALPHA:—R. C. Asquith; M. P. Castell; K. A. Crayk; W. Dress; J. Duncan; S. Frankel; R. G. Harris; J. O. Hewitt; K. H. Hyatt; M. Menzies; B. Philpott; P. F. Robson; B. E. Standen; P. T. Swain; J. E. Terry; B. Walker; V. W. Walker; P. R. Yeulett.

REMOVE:—G. Castle; S. W. Gainey; D. V. Thorpe; P. F. Townsend.

REMOVE A:—C. T. Carr; M. T. Goss; J. W. Midson; R. H. Smith; T. Cresswell.

IV A:—A. M. Prins; P. E. Keys.

IV:—D. V. Woodley.

SHELL A:—C. Day.

SHELL:—G. J. Davies.

### THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION, 1949.

This year's Prize Distribution, the seventy-second in our history, was held on Friday, October 21st. The principal guest and speaker was Instr. Rear-Admiral Sir Arthur E. Hall, K.B.E., C.B., and others present on the platform included the Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor G. Bruce), who is also a Governor, Miss M. E. Barnsdale, M.A., Mr. J. F. White, B.A., B.Sc., Dr. E. A. Clegg and Mr. Thompson (Rotary Club of Greenwich), and the following Governors: Councillor Mrs. J. Gollogly, Alderman Miss M. Gollogly, Councillor Mrs. Hilldrith, Mrs. C. F. Greenwood, Mrs. A. M. Godfree, Mrs. L. M. Jones, Mr. F. Kidd, Mr. W. J. R. Bullers, Mr. P. B. Dannatt and Mr. M. M. Jennings. The Chairman was Councillor H. W. H. Icough, who, we were reminded during the evening, has been a Governor since 1922 and Chairman of the Governors since 1935, and during this whole period has never missed a Prize Day, even while the School was evacuated.

As it was Trafalgar Day and a distinguished Naval Officer was present, the proceedings were opened by the singing of "Rule Britannia" by the choir, the whole meeting joining lustily in the choruses. The choir and orchestra afterwards contributed several notable items to the programme; it can be claimed that never in the long history of Roan music has a more delightful performance been heard at a School function, and we make no apology for writing of this part of the evening's pleasure even before reporting the speeches. The full choir, including tenors and basses whose rehearsals had all been conducted out of school hours, tackled an ambitious programme, singing the Canzonet by Vaughan Williams, "Fain would I change that note," the Madrigal by Richard Edwards, "In going to my naked bed," and George Dyson's setting of Herrick's "A Poet's Hymn." Finally, with the Orchestra, they gave us Handel's "Let the Bright Seraphim." The orchestra's contribution consisted of Jonathan Battishill's "Air" and Vaughan Williams' March, "Folk Songs from Somerset." In the latter piece, Mr. Witten's clarinet playing was especially enjoyed. We would record our appreciation of the skill and work of Mr. Trotman, Mr. Beale, Mr. Winter and the members of the choir and orchestra which provided such a faultless performance.

The speeches of the evening were also of a high level. The Chairman's Address and the Head Master's Report reminded us of the achievements of the School in a notable year—achievements academic, sporting, and in hobbies and other activities, including the winning of two State Scholarships, the holding of a most successful Hobbies'



Exhibition, the recovery of the Gibson Shield, and the organisation of six camps. The Head Master made an interesting comparison with the late Mr. Hope's Report for 1928, and entertained us by reading the report of one of the seven camps organized then by that Master Camper; held at Braithwaite at the New Year, it included a grand dinner, the gift of "the Antient," of goose adorned with sausages, which was shortly followed by a lecture entitled "Why I am a vegetarian."

The Head Master's speech made reference to the new examination scheme, with its attendant age limit, and promised further comment and advice on this problem at next term's Parents' Evening. He specially commended the joint efforts of the O.R.A. and the School in the organization of a very successful and enjoyable Old Boys' and Parents' Day last July. As a result a sum of £150 was given to the Roan Memorial Fund.

Admiral Hall gave us a delightful and witty speech; we are the more grateful to him since he rose from a sick-bed to deliver it. After congratulating the School on its long history and recent achievements, the Admiral counselled the boys, with appropriate naval metaphor, not to rest on their oars. He refused to utter the "stock" commendation of those who had not won prizes, and said that in life, as in the Navy, there are, in the main, prizes for those who will work, while there is infinite scope for adventure and initiative, and for the display of British grit and toughness. The qualities that won Trafalgar still win to-day. Life in the Navy, a career which seemed to him "the finest way of combining business with pleasure," he illustrated by reading part of a letter written by his own son when serving in Indonesia. The Admiral concluded by giving reasons why Britain needs a strong Navy to-day. It is the duty of each of us, whether famous or clever or undistinguished, to do our best to cherish our heritage and to bring honour to ourselves, our school and our country.

In proposing and seconding votes of thanks we heard speeches from the Mayor, Mrs. Gollogly, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Bullers, Mrs. Jones, and the Captain and a Vice-Captain of the School. The two School speakers earned the special commendation of the Head Master.

The list of Prize and Certificate winners follows:

- THIRD ALPHA—Prizes: Winter, D. H., Starkings, D.  
Certificates: Veasey, D. J., Williams, J. J., Angel, A.  
THIRD—Prizes: Chambers, J. A., Gasson, A. G.  
Certificates: Murdoch, F., Marshall, B. E., Nichol, J. R.  
THIRD A—Prizes: Bull, C. R., Brown, C. M.  
Certificates: Cramp, J. A., Watson, C. A., Ewin, K. G.

- SHELL ALPHA—Prizes: Baker, J. B., Sullivan, E.  
Certificates: Miller, E. L., Roberts, L. R., Clark, B.  
SHELL—Prizes: Mackay, B. C., Fryers, A. J.  
Certificates: Hales, B. V., Francis, D. E., Rivers, D. G.  
SHELL A—Prizes: Knight, F. W., Hunter, J. A.  
Certificates: Aldrich, R. E., Wallis, J. A., White, P. J.  
FOURTH ALPHA—Prizes: Buck, J. A., Webb, M. H.  
Certificates: Pinkstone, B., Dress, R., Champion, D. Y.  
FOURTH—Prizes: Wybourne, L. J., Brading, E.  
Certificates: Stockwell, B., Noakes, R. A., Snell, G. C.  
FOURTH A—Prizes: Meekums, G. G., Denyer, R. G.  
Certificates: Baker, M. B., Boon, P. C., Jacobsen, J. E.  
REMOVE ALPHA—Prizes: Flynn, V. F., Channon, M. P.  
Certificates: Storey, V., Pretty, K. E., Williams, R. S.  
REMOVE—Prizes: Hyndman, M. H., Hamblen, D. L.  
Certificates: Edwards, L. E., Kelly, D., Chamberlain, K. T.  
REMOVE A—Prizes: Pead, P. J., Bowden, C. J.  
Certificates: Lodge, R. A., Breach, G. A., Bowkett, J. A.  
FIFTH FORMS—Walker, P. (Baron Memorial Prize and Mathematics Prize); Dubbey, J. M. (Baron Memorial Prize and Hope Memorial Prize for Latin); Masson, J. R. (Durling Memorial Prize for English); Bingham, W. A.; Priest, D.; Perry, B. E. (Tony Tugwell Memorial Prize); George, M. W. (Mathematics); Hooper, J. C. (Geography).  
SIXTH FORMS—Brookman, A. K. (Jennings Memorial Prize); Cogger, D. T. (Andrews Memorial Prize for Biology); Cody, J. W. (Ridger Memorial Prize for French and Dr. Rossano's Prize for French); Franks, M. C. (Potter Memorial Prize for Chemistry); Brown, A. L. (Rowcliffe Prize for Mathematics); Donnison, P. V.; Parnell, E. W.  
THOMPSON MEMORIAL PRIZES—Barrett, J. A. (for Cricket); Trew, A. J. (for Football).  
SPOKEN ENGLISH PRIZES—  
Senior: Donnison, P. V. Junior: Hunter, J. A.  
HUMPHREY MEMORIAL PRIZES—  
Senior: Pound, K. S.; Mercer, R. H. Junior: Priest, D.  
GREENWICH ROTARY CLUB INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE PRIZE—1. Pound, K. S.; 2. Priest, D.  
PARK MEMORIAL PRIZE—Hunter, J. A.  
AUSTIN MEMORIAL PRIZE—Carter, M. T.  
THE ASHWORTH CUP—  
Russell, T. A. (Rodney); Trew, A. J. (Rodney).  
THE W. F. MILLS CUP—Rodney and Wolfe Houses.

#### EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, 1949.

- LONDON UNIVERSITY: HIGHER SCHOOL EXAMINATION—  
Brockman, A. K. (Distinctions in Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics and Physics); Brown, A. L. (Distinction in Physics and Inter B.Sc., exemption); Cogger, D. T. (Distinction in Chemistry, 1st M.B. exemption); Donnison, P. V.; Ettling, R. J.; Feasey, B. J. (with Inter B.Sc. exemption); Franks, M. C. (Distinction in Chemistry and Inter B.Sc. exemption); Parnell, E. W. (Distinction in Chemistry and Inter B.Sc. exemption); Read, J. E. (with Inter B.Sc. exemption); Showler, A. J. (with Inter B.Sc. exemption); Trew, A. J. (with Inter B.Sc. exemption); Cody, J. W. (Distinction in French and Inter B.A. exemption); Pischinger, R. E.  
GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION WITH MATRICULATION EXEMPTION—Bingham, W. A.; Brown, P. L.; Crane, M. E.; Dowd, M.; Dubbey, J. M.; George, M. W.; Huntley, A. E.;



Johnson, S. A.; Logan, J. C.; Mitchell, R. J.; Owen, J. E.; Pizze, T. J.; Priest, D.; Pullon, G. A.; Shilling, L.; Smith, I. F.; Thompson, L. F.; Trew, C. E.; Turner, P.; Walker, P.; Wallis, B.; Whitefield, B. D.; Bailes, J. F.; Bailey, P. J.; Brady, D. L.; Courtney, R. J.; Hooper, J. C.; Jacobs, R. V.; Knight, P. A.; Masson, J. R.; McKenzie, I. D.; Sawyer, E. A.; Smith, D. P.; Dress, W.

GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION—Ayers, J. R.; Bartholomew, D. L.; Bush, C. E.; Cavey, T. D.; Danes, E. H.; McSoley, H. L.; Orr, T. I.; Baskett, P. J.; Beadle, D. E.; Beagley, G. A.; Belben, K. C.; Cogdell, A. C.; Copson, A. C.; Holmes, G. J.; Perry, L. E.; Hyatt, K. H.; Mackay, A.

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### THE ATHLETIC SPORTS, July 9th, 1949.

At our 38th Annual Athletic Sports, held on Saturday, July 9th, nine records were broken and another equalled. Conditions were perfect and a large gathering enjoyed a keen contest.

Among those present were the Mayor, Councillor G. Bruce, who is a Governor of the School, the Mayoress, Mr. H. W. H. Icoug, Chairman of the Governors, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Jaques, Mr. G. N. Greenwood, Mr. P. B. Dannatt, and many Old Roan boys, among them some who could claim to have attended all the sports held in London. The oldest Old Roan present was Mr. John Berry, who was at the School from 1877 to 1881.

In the Mile Medley Invitation Relay the old record, set up by Beckenham last year, was lowered to 3 mins. 49.2 secs. by Erith County School. In the Shot (senior) G. Budd raised the record he set up last year by 3ft. 6in. to 40ft. 11ins. In the Intermediate section C. Andrews equalled the Hurdles record and broke the 220 yards (U/16) by 0.2 secs., with a time of 25.2 secs. B. Davis broke the 220 yards (U/15) record by 0.9 secs., his time being 25.4 secs. C. Trew broke the 100 yards (U/16) record by 0.1 secs., his time being 11.0 secs. The other two individual records to be broken were both by I. Smith who, by winning the 440 yards (U/16) in 58.5 secs., broke the previous record by 2 secs., and by winning the 880 yards (U/16) in 2 mins. 16.5 secs., broke the old record by 4.1 secs. Both the Junior and the Senior Inter-House Relays produced new records: Nelson Juniors won the 220, 110, 110, 220 yards Relay in 1 min. 25.4 secs. and Rodney Seniors won the 4 x 220 yards Relay in 1 min. 41.5 secs.

Fine performances were given by K. Loveday, who won three open events, G. Budd, who also won three open events, C. Andrews, who won four Intermediate events, B. Davis,

who won three Intermediate events, and E. Sampson, who won three Junior events. For the fifth consecutive time A. Trew was a Victor Ludorum, which, apparently, is another record.

The Old Boys' race, which is always strongly contested, was won by Mr. P. A. White, while Mr. Hopwood came a good second, much to the enjoyment of all the boys.

At the end of the Sports Mrs. Gilbert kindly presented the medals, certificates, cups and shields, and was presented with a bouquet by the School Captain

### RESULTS.

#### Long Jump (Open):

1st. Loveday (W); 2nd. Trew, A. (R); 3rd. Ellis (N). 19ft. 10ins

#### Putting the Shot (Under 16):

1st. Davis (W); 2nd. Trew, C. (R); 3rd. Andrews (R). 37ft.

#### 100 Yards (Under 12):

1st. West (W); 2nd. Dawe (D); 3rd. Brown (W). 14.5 secs.

#### 100 Yards (Under 13):

1st. Reeves (R); 2nd. Upton (N); 3rd. Clark (R). 13.5 secs.

#### 100 Yards (Under 14):

1st. Sampson (R); 2nd. Nisbett (N); 3rd. Searles (N). 12.5 secs.

#### 100 Yards (Under 15):

1st. Davis (W); 2nd. Matthews (D); 3rd. Coker (R). 11.9 secs.

#### 100 Yards (Under 16):

1st. Trew, C. (R); 2nd. Andrews (R); 3rd. Smith, I. (D). 11 secs.  
**Record.**

#### 100 Yards (Open):

1st. Loveday (W); 2nd. Trew, A. (R); 3rd. Donnison (N). 10.6 sec.

#### High Jump (Under 14):

1st. Woods (R); 2nd. Watson (D); 3rd. Carman (D). 4ft. 4½ins.

#### Hurdles (Under 16):

1st. Andrews (R); 2nd. Trew, C. (R); 3rd. Berry (D). 17.4 secs.

#### **Record equalled.**

#### Hurdles (Open):

1st. Trew, A. (R); 2nd. Budd (W); 3rd. Owen (N). 17.4 secs.

#### 880 Yards (Under 16):

1st. Smith, I. (D); 2nd. Lee (W); 3rd. Platten (D). 2 m. 16 secs.

#### **Record.**

#### 880 Yards (Open):

1st. Loveday (W); 2nd. Russell (R); 3rd. Smith, D. (W). 2 m. 11.2s.

#### Hurdles (Under 14):

1st. Sampson (R) and Searles (N); 3rd. Rickaby (N). 12.6 secs.

#### Long Jump (Under 16):

1st. Andrews (R); 2nd. Trew, C. (R); 3rd. Austin (W). 16ft. 6½in.

#### Invitation Relay:

1st. Erith; 2nd. Beckenham; 3rd. Selhurst. 3 m. 49.2 secs. **Record.**

#### High Jump (Open):

1st. Budd (W); 2nd. Trew, A. (R); 3rd. Fincham (R). 5ft. 0½in.

#### 220 Yards (Under 13):

1st. Reeves (R); 2nd. Hines (D); 3rd. Upton (N). 31.8 secs.

#### 220 Yards (Under 14):

1st. Searles (N); 2nd. Sampson (R); 3rd. Nisbett (N). 28.1 secs



**220 Yards (Under 15):**

1st. Davis (W); 2nd. Matthews (D); 3rd. Coker (R). 25.4 secs.  
**Record.**

**220 Yards (Under 16):**

1st. Andrews (R); 2nd. Trew, C. (R); 3rd. Newman (W). 25.2 secs.  
**Record.**

**220 Yards (Open):**

1st. Trew, A. (R); 2nd. Donnison (N); 3rd. Ellis (N). 25.5 secs.

**High Jump (Under 16):**

1st. Andrews (R); 2nd. Trew, C. (R); 3rd. Miller (W). 4ft. 9in.

**Discus (Open):**

1st. Budd (W); 2nd. Trew, A. (R); 3rd. Wheeler. 120ft. 10½in.

**One Mile (Open):**

1st. Owen (N); 2nd. Russell (R); 3rd. Stocking (R). 4 m. 56.2 sec.

**440 Yards (Under 16):**

1st. Smith, I. (D); 2nd. Lee (W); 3rd. Miller (W). 58.5 secs. **Record**

**440 Yards (Open):**

1st. Loveday (W); 2nd. Brady (D); 3rd. Owen (N). 54 secs.

**Long Jump (Under 14):**

1st. Sampson (R); 2nd. Rickaby (N); 3rd. Watson (D). 15ft. 6½in.

**Discus (Under 16):**

1st. Smith, J. (R); 2nd. Andrews (R); 3rd. Coker (R). 105ft. 3in.

**Old Boys' Race:**

1st. White; 2nd. Hopwood; 3rd. Lee. 10.4 secs.

**Putting the Shot (Open):**

1st. Budd (W); 2nd. Trew, A. (R); 3rd. Wheeler (W). 40ft. 11in.  
**Record.**

**Inter-House Relay (Under 14):**

1st. Nelson; 2nd. Drake; 3rd. Rodney. 1 min. 25.3 secs. **Record.**

**Inter-House Relay (Under 16):**

1st. Rodney; 2nd. Wolfe; 3rd. Drake. 1 min. 47.9 secs.

**Inter-House Relay (Open):**

1st. Rodney; 2nd. Wolfe; 3rd. Drake. 1min. 41.5 secs. **Record.**

**Inter-House Championship:**

Junior: Rodney, 177½; Nelson, 170½; Drake, 114; Wolfe, 39½.

Intermediate: Rodney, 200½; Wolfe, 143; Drake, 100; Nelson, 82½.

Senior: Wolfe, 154½; Rodney, 145; Nelson, 90; Drake, 37.

**Combined:** 1. Rodney 523; 2. Nelson 343; 3. Wolfe 336; 4. Drake 251.

**Victores Ludorum:**

Senior: Trew, A. (Rodney).

Intermediate: Andrews, C. (Rodney).

Junior: Sampson, E. (Rodney).

**Cup Winners:**

Phillips Cup: Budd, G. (Wolfe). Best performance in field events.

Parker Cup: Loveday, K. (Wolfe). 100 Yards (Open).

Crofts Cup: Owen, J. (Nelson). 1 Mile (Open).

Ronald Cup: Loveday, K. (Wolfe). 440 Yards (Open).

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In addition to the meetings reported in the last issue of the Magazine, the School Athletic Team took part in two further contests. The first was with Colfe's School, on their field; after a very hard match Roan won, scoring 55 points to Colfe's 49 points. The second meeting was a triangular match with St. Olave's and Hackney Downs School, the latter being the champions of North London. After a most keenly-fought contest Hackney Downs won,

scoring 155 points; we were second with 141 points, and St. Olave's were third with 124 points. This was our first defeat of the season and our last match.

During the season D. Bartholomew and B. Davis gained their Athletic Colours, the other outstanding members of the team having previously been awarded theirs. Half-Colours were awarded to M. Ellis, T. Platten and D. P. Smith. In order to ensure a good standard in next year's team, training has already begun.

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**CRICKET NOTES.**

*Captain:* J. A. WHEELER.

With nine members of last year's XI, the 1st XI were able to finish the season in grand style, winning three matches outright and drawing the annual game with Mr. Holt's very strong XI.

While there were no outstanding performances with the bat this year, Wheeler, Barrett, Huntley and Brown, P., all played consistently, and they were well backed up by the other members of the team. Wheeler, Scott, Pizzey and Trew, C., were the principal bowlers, Wheeler taking exactly fifty wickets. A strong feature of the play has been that keen fielding has kept down the opponents' score to a moderate total.

**Results:**

**v. Bromley (H).** In a low-scoring game the School won by 23 runs.

Roan 83 (Wheeler 26), Bromley 50 (Wheeler 5 for 15).

**v. Shooter's Hill (H).** After a methodical opening by Huntley, Wheeler was able to thrash the bowling. The School declared at 169 for 8 (Huntley 40, Wheeler 61). With Scott bowling extremely fast Shooter's Hill were all out for 78 (Scott 5 for 26).

**v. Erith (H).** Roan won by 62 runs.

Huntley again excelled as an opening bat, and batted throughout the innings, enabling Wheeler to declare at 108 for 8 (Huntley 56 not out). Erith, given plenty of time, were able to score only 46 (Wheeler 6 for 14).

**v. Mr. Holt's XI.** This annual event produced plenty of thrills. The School batted first and amassed a total of 150 for 8 declared (Dawes 32, Smith 26, Scott 31 not out; Mr. Holt 6 for 48 in 27 overs, with 6 maidens). Mr. Holt's XI, after a rather poor start, went into their "shells" and scored 105 for 5 (Townsend 35 not out, Davies 37).



The team was chosen from: Wheeler, Towells, Barrett, Huntley, Brown, P., Wright, Trew, C., Scott, Pizzey, Franks, Smith, Stringer, Brown, A. L., Fincham, and Endersbee.

The final results were: Won 7, Drew 2, Lost 2. It is notable that we were beaten by only one other school.

### Second XI.

The team captained again by P. V. Donnison had a reasonably successful year, winning seven games, drawing one and losing four. The usual team was:—Donnison (capt.), Moss (vice-capt.), Budd, Dawes, Humphrey, Cramp, McSoley, Endersbee, Trew, A., and Phillips. Others who played were:—Collins, Ettling, Inman, Hodges and Russell.

#### Results:—

- v. Selhurst: Selhurst 107 for 8; Roan 57.
- v. St. Olave's: St. Olave's 49; Roan 89.
- v. Strand: Strand 25; Roan 88.
- v. Old Roan 2nd XI: O.R. 128 for 6; Roan 91.
- v. Sloane: Sloane 63; Roan 70.
- v. Old Roan 2nd XI: O.R. 102; Roan 46.
- v. S.E.L.T.I.: S.E.L.T.I. 85; Roan 86 for 7.
- v. Bromley: Bromley 97; Roan 99 for 7.
- v. Shooter's Hill: Shooter's Hill 143 for 9; Roan 98.
- v. Addey & Stanhope 1st XI: Addey & Stanhope 75; Roan 83 for 4.
- v. Sidcup: Sidcup 51; Roan 47.
- v. Erith: Erith 57; Roan 58 for 8.

Seven-a-Side Tournament: Old Roan 1st XI v. School 2nd X.. School 48; O.R. 49 runs with one over to spare.

Full Colours were awarded to:—Franks, M. C., Towells, A. R., Pizzey, T. J., Trew, A. C., Scott, R. H., Fincham, K. J.; and Half-Colours to Donnison, P. V., Moss, T. V., Dawes, D. R., and Stringer, J. M.



### INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING GALA.

The Inter-House Swimming Gala was held on the afternoon of Tuesday, 19th July. As the senior boys were not at a harvest camp on that date the gala was more representative than it was last year. There were many entries in the senior events, especially from Nelson House, who are to be congratulated on winning the competition. The swimming strength of the School still lies in the intermediate and junior sections and it is to be hoped that boys will maintain

their promise when they become seniors. Although the result was not as close as last year, competition was keen and a full programme was carried through successfully.

The house positions were:—

1. Nelson, 280 pts.—Winners of the Carpenter Cup.
2. Rodney, 243 pts.
3. Drake, 179 pts.
4. Wolfe, 167½ pts.

The individual results were:—

- U/13 Br. Str.:** 1. McKay (R); 2. Sivyer (D); 3. Cramp (W). 31.1 secs.
- U/14 Bk. Str.:** 1. A'Court (N); 2. Whittaker (R); 3. Carter (D). 30.4 s.
- U/15 Free St.:** 1. Arthur (R); 2. Christer (W); 3. Manners (R). 22.8 s.
- U/16 Bk. Str.:** 1. Wright (N); 2. Hemmings (R); 3. Brown (D). 30.0 s.
- Open Free St. (2):** 1. Hamblen (D); 2. Russell (R); 3. Ayers (W). 52 s.
- U/13 Free St.:** 1. Beby (N); 2. Phillips (R); 3. Ham (N). 23.7 secs.
- U/14 Br. Str.:** 1. Kinner (N); 2. A'Court (N); 3. McKay (R). 29.0 s.
- U/15 Bk. Str.:** 1. Hamblen (D); 2. Carter (W); 3. Swainston (D). 27 s.
- U/16 Free St. (2):** 1. Wright (N); 2. Carter (W); 3. Knight (D). 57.5 s.
- Open Bk. Str.:** 1. Hamblen (D); 2. Donnison (N); 3. Phillips (N). 26.4 s.
- U/14 Free St.:** 1. Hilton (R); 2. Davidson (N); 3. A'Court (N). 22.6 s.
- U/15 Br. Str.:** 1. Carter (W); 2. Swainston (D); 3. Ashley (R). 29.0 s.
- U/16 Free St.:** 1. Arthur (R); 2. Hamblen (D); 3. Wright (N). 20.8 s.
- Novices' Width:** 1. Waller (N); 2. Cadman (R); 3. Mason (R). 10.2 s.
- U/15 Diving:** 1. Davidson (N); 2. Carter (W); 3. Hamblen (D). 50.4 s.
- U/15 Free St. (2):** 1. Arthur (R); 2. Hamblen (D); 3. Williams (W). 50.4 s.
- Open 100 yds.:** 1. Parker (N); 2. Phillips (N); 3. Pound (N). 94.4 s.
- Open Diving:** 1. Carter (W); 2. McSoley (N); 3. Phillips (N).
- U/14 Relay:** 1. Rodney; 2. Nelson; 3. Drake. 1 m. 50.8 secs.
- U/16 Relay:** 1. Rodney; 2. Nelson; 3. Wolfe. 1 m. 42 secs.
- Open Relay:** 1. Nelson; 2. Rodney; 3. Wolfe. 1 m. 41.6 secs.
- Winner of Parker Cup:** D. H. Carter.



### FOOTBALL NOTES.

The first eleven is showing fine promise this season. Under good captaincy the team is settling down well and is really playing as a team and not as a set of individuals. Ball control is good and positional play has greatly improved since last season. Furthermore, the forwards are not so goal-shy and good movements are being rounded off with a shot. This has not only led to more goals being scored but has pre-



vented our opponents from scoring from breakaways. In addition more spirit is being shown and the team is putting out its full effort throughout the entire length of the game.

Results:—

Sept. 24th	v. Old Addeyans	(H)	D	3—3
Oct 1st	v. Bromley	(H)	L	4—7
8th	v. Sidecup	(H)	W	4—2
15th	v. Dulwich Hamlet	(H)	L	0—4
22nd	v. Braby's	(A)	W	13—0
Nov. 5th	v. Woolwich Poly.	(A)	W	6—0
12th	v. Strand	(A)	W	5—3

The following boys were awarded colours at the end of last term, Football Season 1948-49.

Full Colours:—Crane, M. E., Fincham, K. J., Humphrey, A. J., McSoley, H. L., Moss, T. V., Red, R. A., Trew, C.E.

Half-Colours:—Dawes, D.R., Ellis, M., Gurr, J., Russell, T. A.

Full Colours were awarded to:—Franks, M. C., Towells, A. R., Pizzey, T. J., Trew, A. C.; and Half-Colours to Donnison, P. V.

Notes on individual players will appear in the next issue.

B.T.W.

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### THE SWISS TOUR.

The second of the School's Continental tours this summer, fast becoming a tradition, began when a party of twenty-three boys set off on July 20th for an extensive tour of Switzerland.

The first of the Youth Hostels at which we decided to stay was in a fine position on the shore of Lake Lucerne. From here it was possible for us to make an excursion up the nearby Mount Rigi. Six-thousand feet high, the mountain top commands a most impressive view of the surrounding lake-riddled country. After a few days we moved on to Hospenthal, a small village in the area of the St. Gotthard mountain group, and it was during our stay here that one of the most interesting visits of the tour was made, to the Rhone Glacier. The magnificent scenery of this area of the Furka Pass was surely among the best which we saw.

The last long stay was at a particularly attractive and well-equipped hostel in Lugano, the luxurious southern lake with its Italian-type scenery and climate. We were, in fact, able to make a day trip over the border into Italy to Lake Como, an interesting town with a particularly fine cathedral.

It was with great regret that we left Lugano and its picturesque surroundings and quaint old shopping area on the first steps of the journey home.

This step took us as far as Basle, where we spent our last night on the Continent. The busy frontier town, in which Switzerland, France and Germany meet, was in festive spirit, for the day was August 1st, Swiss Independence Day, and we found the celebrations in full swing: there were costumed processions, firework displays, bands, and the crowds milling around the Rhine bridges, where illuminated boats passed up and down the river. On this note of animation our Swiss holiday drew to a close.

Whatever remains most vividly in one's memory on looking back on this tour, whether it be the delightfully picturesque nature of the Swiss towns and countryside, the impression of mile upon mile of glittering, awe-inspiring glacier, the mountain views, the magnificence of some of the cathedrals, or merely the mouth-watering recollection of limitless chocolate, I am sure that all who took part look back upon it as an entirely successful venture; a holiday whose interest and pleasure are due in no small measure to the ability and care of its organizer.

K.S.P.

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### LE CAMP FRANCAIS.

Après avoir traversé la Manche presque sans incidents—seulement deux garçons ont eu le mal de mer—nous avons débarqué à Dieppe le 29 juillet. Un camion a transporté nos bagages au terrain de campment qui était situé sur les falaises qui dominent la ville et le port de Dieppe. Malgré la pluie, nos tentes ont été bientôt dressées et le déjeuner a été vite préparé.

Chaque jour cinq garçons malheureux ont dû faire la cuisine et aller acheter les provisions. Les autres pouvaient faire ce qu'ils voulaient—se baigner, pêcher, faire des excursions, explorer des passages souterrains et bien entendu jouer au cricket, et au football, sans parler de fraterniser avec les Français. Le sixième jour une tempête s'est élevée et nos tentes ont été complètement détruites. Grâce à la bonté de Mme. Biblle, propriétaire d'un petit hôtel, nous étions bientôt installés sous un hangar où nous avons pu demeurer jusqu'à notre départ.

Les deux grands événements de notre séjour à Dieppe ont été le match de football contre les jeunes gens des environs, que nous avons gagné par cinq buts à quatre et le



défilé des habitants de Dieppe qui ont chanté à haute voix. Ainsi nous avons passé dix jours à Dieppe parmi les personnes les plus amicales du monde.

A trois heures le huit août nous avons pris le train pour Paris. A la gare un bel autocar attendait pour nous conduire à la Maison des Elèves de l'Ecole Centrale où nous étions logés dans les chambres les plus modernes pendant notre séjour à Paris.

Là nous avons vécu et nous avons mangé comme les Français; les petits déjeuners de France sont vraiment légers et nous avions toujours faim dans la matinée.

Pendant notre séjour à Paris nous avons visité la basilique célèbre du Sacré-Coeur, la Sainte-Chapelle, la Conciergerie, le Musée de l'Homme, Notre-Dame, l'Arc de Triomphe, le Tombeau de Napoléon, le Louvre et Versailles. Nous avons fait l'ascension de l'Arc de Triomphe, et, ce qui était encore plus agréable, de la Tour Eiffel, du haut de laquelle nous avons aperçu tout Paris à nos pieds.

Nous présentons une vue de la Tour Eiffel que R. Dunbar a prise du sommet de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Parmi les incidents du voyage nous nous bornerons à en citer seulement deux: d'abord M. Peddie, après avoir acheté une magnifique glace de trente francs, la laissa tomber. Naturellement il était désolé, mais la brave fille qui vendait les glaces lui en donna une autre et encore une fois il était plein de joie. Ensuite nous avons remarqué que notre effectif s'était réduit de quelques unités. C'était tout simplement parce que trois ou quatre élèves s'étaient perdus dans le métro. Cependant ils sont arrivés avec une demi-heure de retard pour le dîner.

Nous sommes revenus à Londres la nuit du treize août, très contents de retrouver l'Angleterre et assez tristes d'avoir quitté la belle France où nous avons passé des vacances si agréables, espérant bien toutefois que nous aurons l'occasion d'y faire plus tard de plus longs séjours..

D.L.B., J.E.B.

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### THE ICKHAM CAMP, 1949.

A party of boys from the Fifts and Sixths, together with two members of the Staff, spent an extremely enjoyable month of the summer holiday at Ickham, near Canterbury. It was the sixth successive year in which a School harvest camp has been held in this pleasant Kentish village, and we were beginning to regard the camp, instituted as a war measure, as a permanent feature of the School's peacetime programme.

Ickham campers will remember years when rain kept the boys in camp, dragged on the harvest till late autumn and left the corn black and rotting in the fields. This year the weather was perfect, and there was no delay; on some farms work was completed even before our four weeks came to an end. There was joy of achievement in the sight of stack-flanked stubble fields where growing corn had stood before we came.

For the first time in many years the stream at Littlebourne was dry, the mill-wheel still and the "No bathing here" order observed by all. But we swam in the sea. Indeed, one of the great attractions of Ickham is its nearness to the coasts of both the Thames Estuary and the Channel, and the boys would often cycle down to the sea, to bathe in the cool of the evening.

Once again catering arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. Spreadbury, to whom we are indebted for her reliable and excellent service; we regard her, not merely as the camp cook, but as a true friend of the School.

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### CAMPING: 1950.

We may well be proud, as the Head Master reminded us at Prize Day, of the long Roan tradition of camping, which is being faithfully maintained.

Plans for camps in 1950 are already being made, and we are glad to give details—necessarily provisional—of what is proposed.

There will be a camp at Braithwaite during the Easter Holiday. This is intended primarily for the Sixth Forms and others who have had no opportunity in the past of visiting Braithwaite, and for members of the Athletic Teams, to whom preference will be given. It will be staffed by Sixth Form masters, so that examination candidates can regard it as a "reading party" if they wish.

There will be the usual camp at Braithwaite at Whitsuntide—a fortnight for the Shells and Fourths.

Presumably a Scout Camp will be held for a week in the Summer Holidays.

There will be Continental tours again next summer on the lines of this year's tours in Austria and Switzerland. It is hoped that these tours will again be Alpine and will include the French Alps and Italy. A tour on the Dutch coast with Amsterdam included is also being considered. Definite plans must wait until Continental countries have made their adjustments to meet the devaluation of sterling.



There will be a further harvest camp at Ickham during the summer—the seventh year that a party of our boys will have been employed in this district of Kent.

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### THE SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP.

As a finale to our work during the Spring Term, we staged on July 16th a display of Scouting for parents and friends. Its success was due largely to the good management of the Seal's Patrol Leader, Perry, who was responsible for the greater part of the Instructions and arrangements. Several distinguished visitors, including the Head Master and the District Commissioner, were present. Later, after the Dramatic entertainments, Mr. Binnie was presented with the Medal of Merit on the recommendation of the Chief Scout. We all extend our heartiest congratulations to him. We were sorry to hear, at the close of the proceedings, that our Troop Leader, "Nobby" Lawrence, was leaving us. We were pleased, however, when Perry was duly promoted his successor. We wish him success in his new and responsible position.

A successful Summer Term was completed with our annual camp, again held at Sandhurst Farm. Our location this year, however, proved to be of much greater convenience than the previous one. The Troop was divided into two camps, one under the supervision of Mr. Binnie, and the other ably led by our Troop Leader. This experiment was a great success and many enjoyable inter-camp games were held. We were pleased to welcome Mr. Morey, our new S.M., on the second day of camp, and also to receive a visit from two old members of the Troop.

With regard to this term, our football team is doing well under the management of Perry, and hopes to beat a corresponding school team at a later date.

We entered the District Scout Swimming Gala with high hopes, but dogged with bad luck, we were not successful. Our district evidently has some outstanding swimmers. P. L. Williams, however, should be congratulated on his effort in the "Championship." We did better in the Association Athletic Sports, being placed second.

The same evening, at a meeting of some past members of the Troop, it was decided to form a branch of the B-P Guild of Old Scouts.

In place of the usual Christmas celebrations, it has been decided to have an ordinary party at Christmas, but a Gang

Show and Parents' Day combined will be staged early next year.

We now have several 1st Class members and a general effort to gain more badges is evident.

We express our congratulations to P.L. Watson, who passed his Journey with distinction.

The Court of Honour has met frequently, and, on its decisions are based our programmes and all our activities. The Friday meeting have usually been planned by P.L.s in rotation. This summer's wonderful weather enabled us to be out of doors all the time, but with the coming of winter we shall have to return to the hut, which has been re-decorated by our working party.

The Editors of the "Pioneer" and "The Stag" are to be congratulated on the quality of their publications.

TALL PINE.

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### SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

#### THE ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, September 20th, with the new President, Mr. Mercer, in the chair.

The first main meeting of the term was on October 5th, when Mr. Berry gave a very lucid and comprehensive talk on "The Technique of Dramatic Production." He described his own approach to the production of a play, and the talk was happily timed in that references to the new School production, then in the early stages of planning, were particularly topical and appropriate.

At the next meeting we heard a number of short impromptu debates of a light nature, followed by a more formal debate on the subject "That Gallup Polls cannot be taken as really representative of public opinion." On another occasion four short papers were presented on the topics, "Peasant Life in France," "Military Characteristics of the Ghurkas," "Swiss Government," and "Dinosaurs," by Messrs. Mercer, Thompson, Dubbey and Pocock respectively. Both these meetings provided a good, varied programme and were popularly enjoyed.

We take this opportunity of welcoming the new members of the society and of expressing the hope that in plucking of its fruits they will themselves also be able to make some contribution to its well-being, and so play their part in the long tradition of the Roan School Aristotelian Society.



### THE MODEL PARLIAMENT.

It was decided at the beginning of this term to attempt to broaden the activities of the society by including a number of informative talks in the form of "statements" by Ministers, and other similar activities, in addition to our usual parliamentary debates.

The first meeting of the half-term was an interesting one. Three members, Messrs. Pocock, Beland and K. S. Pound, introduced short Private Members' Bills, and some enthusiasm was aroused in discussing topics ranging from proposed new taxes to help meet the national emergency to Hydro-Electric schemes in N. Wales. Transport and education are other subjects soon to be brought before a House which is in the delightful position of being able to pass legislation on its apparent merits rather than on any more practical requirements or particular restrictions of the moment.

We welcome this year's new members, who come from all parts of the School, and hope that their example will attract others, as there is still room for more support.

Mr. Pocock has undertaken the position of Clerk to the House this year, and any enquiries should be made to him.

K.S.P.

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### THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The meetings started this season with a membership of well over seventy, the attendance being regular and encouraging.

Our first speaker, Mr. C. H. Lock, gave an interesting and factual paper on "Oceans and Continents," dealing mainly with the movements of continents.

In the following meeting, which proved to be the highlight for many sessions, Dr. Donald Towle described some new work on Atomic Physics, leading up to Atomic Power and finally the Atomic Bomb. In a lucid description of the bomb and its effects, in which he stressed the ineffectiveness of normal methods of civil defence against an atomic explosion, he gave us a true outlook on its future.

Following this, A. L. Brown gave a paper on "Astro-Physics," including a survey of the possibilities of its future application. This rather abstruse subject was treated in a clear, easy and not highly technical way, and introduced a field of science new to our meetings.



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[J. P. Smith



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BATHING IN LAKE LUGANO (SWISS TOUR)

[H.N.W.]



THE O.R.A. DINNER, 3RD DECEMBER, 1949



## Old Roan Portrait Gallery No. 4



SIR JOHN ATKINS, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., M.B., F.R.C.S.

At our last meeting Mr. R. H. Williamson, an Old Roan and one of the founder-members of the Society, gave a most interesting paper on Bio-chemistry.

In the following meetings we look forward to hearing other guest speakers, among whom will be Mr. D. T. Cogger, a former member of the Society, to whom we look for a valuable and interesting paper. Also we are fortunate to have a paper promised by Dr. J. Foot, which will follow Dr. Towle's paper and will deal in a more extensive way with the use of radio-active chemicals in medicine.

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### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

The society held its annual business meeting on Tuesday, 11th October. Mr. Hamstead was approached regarding the Presidency, and kindly agreed to succeed Mr. Hawkins. The officers of the society were then elected.

It has been arranged that members shall now purchase their own photographic materials; this is necessary because of the rapid decrease in the society funds when they were used for this purpose.

The first of the three Lantern Lectures arranged last term was presented by Messrs. Ilford, Ltd., on 9th October. The slides were of outstanding quality and the lecture met with a good reception.

A Ciné film is under production by the 16 mm. Ciné Section and the society has been approached regarding the photography of local buildings of architectural interest.

P.K., B.H.

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### CHESS CLUB.

Last season our team was so strong that several very good players could not win a regular place in it. With the loss of half-a-dozen of the "old guard" in July, however, we are faced this season with a different problem: we have to build a sound team from players who, with the exception of Match-Captain A. L. Brown and Secretary J. M. Dubbey, are short of good match-practice. Fortunately there is plenty of keenness. P. J. Franks is already shaping like a champion, and there is strong competition for the last three boards. Our fixture list is a formidable one, and, as we have



not yet been at full strength, we are reasonably satisfied with our results to date. These include a 2-4 defeat by Strand, and draws with Colfe's, Alleyn's, and Wilson's G.S. The second team is also doing well.

For our internal battles we have abandoned leagues, ladders and knock-out competitions in favour of a Swiss Tournament. This has a number of advantages: it maintains everybody's interest throughout, it helps to choose the School teams, it will enable us to name the Senior and Junior Champions, and, as it can be closed down at any stage, it is in no danger of being left unfinished.

After half-term there was the usual big influx of beginners from the Third Forms. We have a theory that if a large number of juniors learn chess we can be certain of producing a competent senior team, and the theory seems to be working in practice.

Six players from our first two teams played on the Greenwich side in the mammoth match against Woolwich, and four of them won. This is a good showing against adult opponents.

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### THE CHRISTIAN UNION.

Attendance at the meetings of the Christian Union this term has shown a considerable increase. At the weekly meetings held on Thursday afternoons in the Lecture Room, we have enjoyed visits from Rev. F. Kerr-Dineen, Rev. D. Pearce, Rev. G. Lawrence, Rev. M. Parsons and Rev. L. Hallworth. The visiting speakers are taking for their subjects various aspects of Christianity as applied to school life, and in alternate weeks we divide into senior and junior groups for discussion.

P.T.

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### THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

Owing to the preparation of the musical programme for the Prize Distribution, only one meeting of the Music Society was held in the first half of this term. On this occasion, Messrs. Beale, Trotman and Winter gave a recital of eighteenth-century music. Mr. Trotman, accompanied by Mr. Beale, played a sonata for flute and piano, Mr. Winter played two movements of a violin sonata by Joseph Gibbs, and then all three combined to play a Bach Trio.

In the second half-term fortnightly meetings were held, and this arrangement will continue next term. All members of the School are invited to our meetings.

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### URBAN TRANSPORT CLUB.

The club started with the customary election of officials, which involved many startling changes.

Membership rose sharply at the first two meetings, but has recently declined by about twenty-five per cent. We have representatives from nearly all the forms except the new Third forms, from whom we have had no response; most of the regular members are in the Fourths and Removes.

The Library has reopened with two assistants instead of the customary one. Although not large, it is adequate for the club and includes a good selection of magazines, timetables and books.

During the term a good programme of meetings has been organized with some very interesting talks by the members of the committee. We have, in addition, introduced a new kind of meeting at the beginning of each month, called the monthly newsreel.

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### OLD BOYS' AND PARENTS' DAY.

This was the third of the gala days organized and run, with the aid of the School and Staff, by the Old Roan Cricket Club. In many ways it was the most successful of them all. One of its aims was to raise money for the War Memorial Fund, and in these days of austerity the sum of over £150 which was finally handed over to the Treasurer was a magnificent one.

The School was responsible for the organization of side-shows and those of last year had been added to and improved upon; in addition a number of exhibitions, including one by the School Scouts and a model railway exhibition by A. Collins and I. Corderey, proved extremely popular. The annual Treasure Hunt organized by two gentlemen, one of scientific, the other of poetic bent, was as amusing as ever. During the afternoon a capable P.T. display was given by the advanced Gymnastic Squad.

The Organizing Committee, having decided that something different in the way of cricket was needed, had arranged a Seven-a-Side Knock-out Tournament for six



teams. The rules, in brief, were that each side should bat for eight 8-ball overs, or until six wickets had fallen, the winner of each round being the side which scored the most runs. Limitation of space necessitates brief reporting of the games, but all of them provided fun for players and spectators alike.

The two matches in the first round were the School "B" VII versus O.R. "A" VII, and Parents' VII versus O.R. "B" VII. In the first game B. Phillips distinguished himself by scoring 23 capable runs out of 48 for the School, but his effort was unavailing, for the O.R. made 49 for three wickets, of which H. Townsend made 30 not out. The Parents' team made a gallant 58 but were unable to prevent O.R. "B" from scoring 59 for one wicket. Mr. Wheeler, for the Parents, taking courage in both hands, made an adventurous 30, and Tony Kinsey a more academic 37 not out for the Old Boys.

In the first of the semi-final rounds, the School "A" having bowled out the Old Roan "A" team for a very moderate 50—which might have been much less but for a courageous last-wicket stand—lost their heads and the game by getting themselves out with a series of scythe-like sweeps of the bat, for the even more moderate total of 40. At this stage of the afternoon, a moustache, well known to all but Mr. Holt, was seen to droop mournfully, and another flannelled member of the Maths. Staff was heard to murmur "Why **will** they try to play cricket using logs?"

The Staff entered the final by beating the Old Roan "B" by 64 to 54. Messrs. Davies and Hopwood made most of the runs for the Staff, scoring at the rate of 12 an over at the start of the innings; good, steady bowling by Messrs. Holt and Westmarland prevented the Old Boys from getting the runs.

These matches had taken rather longer than expected and the final tie between the Staff and the O.R. "A" started very late. The Staff side lost the toss, and in addition to having to field again immediately after the previous game, had to bat second in fading light. The Old Boys scored 70 in their eight overs, thanks to a hard hit and rapid 22 by Sid Dalton, and a more sedate 22 by Keith Ratcliffe. Messrs. Westmarland and Holt again bowled steadily and well, without much luck. When the Staff batted a calamity occurred almost at once; a misunderstanding between Mr. Hopwood and Mr. Davies resulted in the running out of the latter; perhaps in the fading light they lost sight of the ball or misjudged the running speed of Sid Dalton in the slips. They were soon a long way behind the clock, and in endeavouring to make up the leeway Mr. Hopwood was run out for 29. Wickets continued to fall and in the end the Staff could manage but 47

runs. It was gratifying to the organizers to see that in spite of the lateness of the hour such a very large number of spectators had been interested enough to stay to see the finish of the final game.

Our thanks are due to many people: to the wives and friends of C.C. members, who worked so hard for so long serving teas and refreshments; to the boys and to the Staff of the School, many of whom put in a tremendous amount of time both before and on the day; and to the parents and boys for the support they gave on the day.

In the evening at the School an informal dance was held, and this proved to be a popular innovation. Organized by the Sixth Formers, with the Captain of the School as M.C., it provided a most enjoyable climax to a really grand day.

A.H.H.

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### THE FORBIDDEN TREASURE OF COCOS.

We saw treasure—strange and rare;  
Yet we dared not linger there;  
Corsairs' treasure—golden bars,  
Jewels like a million stars,  
With rubies piled in silver jars.

We saw treasure—eerie, dread,  
Hoard of pirates, long since dead;  
Opals, sapphires—there they lay,  
Glittering in the light of day,  
Like the eyes of birds of prey.

We saw treasure—we turned away,  
Dead men's spirits barred the way;  
We rigged the ship with every sail,  
And shuddered as the moon rose pale—  
The curse of ghosts shall still prevail.

R.N.

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### THOUGHTS ON BORROWDALE.

On Friar's Crag, which overlooks the whole of Derwent-water, is a monument to John Ruskin; on it we may read the words: "The first thing which I remember as an event in my life was being taken by my nurse to the brow of Friar's Crag." Ruskin lies at Coniston, but to every one who stands in that place and follows the long line of the lake from its northern edge to the grim jaws of Borrowdale, and back by the delicate shapes of Catbells and Causey Pike,



must come a similar feeling of awe. In its very name there is a message from the far past: Friar's Crag may well be Frigga's Crag, named after Frigga, the wife of Odin, and further down the valley the great rock, miraculously poised, called the Bowder Stone, may have been first named after the Norse god, Balder.

It is in such surroundings that one becomes aware of the impressions that Wordsworth described in his poetry. He speaks of:

"A presence that disturbs me with the joy  
Of elevated thoughts; a sense sublime  
Of something far more deeply interfused,  
Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns,  
And the round ocean and the living air,  
And the blue sky, and in the mind of man;  
A motion and a spirit that impels  
All thinking things, all objects of all thoughts,  
And rolls through all things."

The mountains vary in height from below one thousand feet to over three thousand, but when they rise from the edge of the lake, as do the mountains that ring Derwentwater, they appear higher than they really are. There are some faces which can be overcome only by skilled climbers, but the summits of these mountains—even the highest—can be reached by ordinary walking. It is a hard task, but the walker is rewarded by moments of sheer beauty and surprise, and by a wonderful exhilaration. I have learned to respect the hills, and never to underestimate the difficulties or to overrate my own strength. I have come to admire the mountain sheep with their sure-footed ways and their wonderful gift of living in the hills and finding their way in the stormiest weather.

I also appreciate the tarns—angels' tear-drops, the name means—in their high mountain homes, the many beautiful waterfalls, the narrow rushing ghylls tumbling down the steep water courses, and the winding becks that make their constant journey from the lakes through the valleys to the sea.

Borrowdale contains the thundering gorge of Lodore and, further up the stream, at Watendlath, the "Churn," a kind of punchbowl with a hole in the bottom, worn by the waters; here one has the shuddering sensation that any one falling through would disappear for ever.

Towns spring up and change, but this country has changed little; the Druids' Circle of some forty-eight stones was probably a meeting place in the Bronze Age, some three-thousand years ago, while Castle Crag at the other end of

the lake still bears the marks of the early British encampment. The Sty Head and Honister passes at the head of the valley are reputed to have been used by smugglers for centuries. How many people must have surveyed this valley as I have, watching until it was lost in the cloud, and felt the grandeur of the mountain country!

Probably many of the famous men who came here had just this experience. Coleridge and Southey lived at Greta Hall; Shelley, Keats and Tennyson stayed in the valley. Not many miles away at Grasmere is Dove Cottage, where Wordsworth and his sister Dorothy lived. I well remember the small, low rooms and the old stone floors, the pictures and books, and the pieces of needlework. The very atmosphere seemed to indicate the personalities of the Wordsworths. They must have walked in Borrowdale and added to its rich memories.

I have given some of my impressions of this beautiful district; my deepest memory will always be of a presence in Nature, the feeling which Wordsworth tried to convey, and which, I hope, will enter the lives of many people.

B.J.F.

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### DUNSKEY CASTLE.

Gaunt, grey and hollow-eyed,  
It stands, grim sentinel, on the rocky shore;  
The massive stronghold and the pride  
Of Scottish warriors, now no more.  
Battered by a thousand gales,  
Assailed by foe and tide,  
Its empty halls and towers  
To the Western sky gape wide.  
The Watchman's challenge long has ceased  
From those lofty walls;  
No chief or clansmen feast  
In the grass-grown, empty halls.

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### THE MILLS CUP, 1948-49.

This year's competition for the Mills Cup, presented by Mr. W. F. Mills, J.P., an Old Roan and a Governor of the School, proved a very close contest, the result, in doubt to the last, being a tie between Rodney and Wolfe. The points awarded were as follows:

1. Rodney and Wolfe (77½); 3. Nelson (71); 4. Drake (64).



**HOUSE NOTES.****RODNEY.**

Once again the House has done extremely well in the Mills Cup competition; last year we were the winners, and this year we share it with Wolfe. We hope to retain this position of eminence in all School activities. Our main weaknesses in the past have been in Spoken English, Debating and Chess—though in the last activity we did rather better last year—and here is a chance for those who cannot help the House in other ways to do something to gain a few points.

In the Athletic Sports, our boys did magnificently to win the Combined Championship, coming first in the Junior and Intermediate sections and second in the Senior. Rodney provided all three Victories Ludorum—E. Sampson (Junior), C. Andrews (Intermediate) and A. Trew (Senior). We have lost two of our outstanding athletes, but the successes of those who remain, particularly the juniors and intermediates, give us reason to hope that we may still maintain our lead in Athletics.

We did reasonably well in the Swimming Gala, our most notable swimmer being Arthur.

Special mention must be made of the efforts of last year's captain, A. Trew, and our present captain, T. A. Russell, who will each hold the Ashworth Cup for six months for their all-round proficiency in athletics and sport.

In House Football Rodney should do well, being represented in all the School teams.

**WOLFE.**

It was with regret that we said good-bye to Mr. Hawkins last term, but we are glad to welcome in his place Mr. Brooks, himself an Old Boy of the School.

At the commencement of term Wheeler was elected as House Captain in place of Loveday, who led the House so successfully last year. Brookland, a School Vice-Captain, and Budd were chosen as House Vice-Captains.

Our greatest achievement was the winning, jointly with Rodney, of the Mills Cup. This was due to a concerted effort by all members, and we shall do our utmost to retain the coveted trophy.

Last term we were well represented in the 1st XI cricket team, which was captained by Wheeler, while Davis captained the Junior XI. This season there appears to be considerable football talent in the House: Wheeler is the School football captain, and we have several boys in both teams. A high standard of performance in Athletics was displayed

by our Seniors last term; under the inspiring captaincy of Loveday, and with Budd again distinguishing himself in the Discus and Shot, we won this section of the contest. Among the Intermediates, Davis established a new 220 yards record; our Juniors were below standard, and were placed third.

The Swimming Gala was, from our point of view, disappointing, but, although we were placed fourth, D. Carter earned special praise by his magnificent style and enthusiasm.

We hope to do well in Chess and Cross-Country, having several prominent members in both pursuits.

**NELSON.**

Nelson put up a very creditable performance to come third in the Mills Cup competition. This was largely due to our success in the Swimming Gala—attained only by the excellent team-work of both Juniors and Seniors.

Our creditable performance in the Athletic Sports was the result not merely of any outstanding individual success, but of a combined effort on the part of all members of the House.

We should be able to maintain the same standard in the House football matches to be played this term, since we are well represented in the First and Second teams.

**DRAKE.**

In place of Mr. Sefton, who left us last term, we welcome, as a new Housemaster, Mr. Morey. There have been no changes this term in the offices of Captain and Vice-Captains of the House, but T. V. Moss and R. H. Mercer are now respectively Captain and a Vice-Captain of the School.

Our fall to fourth place in the competition for the Mills Cup followed the results of the Swimming Gala and the Sports, contests in which we were placed third and fourth respectively. Our prominence in cultural activities such as the Dramatic and Spoken English Competitions had until then placed us higher.

Our lack of success in the Swimming Gala was not, however, due to lack of enthusiasm, for we were quite well represented. The number of entries from Drake in the Athletic Sports, however, was disappointing, and there should be more enthusiasm and effort on the part of the House in this activity.

In the Inter-House Cricket Competition we were placed fourth, but we were well represented in School teams.

The middle and lower sections of the House should aim at achieving a better result in the football competition this season.



Last year we were well represented in both the School Athletic and Cross-Country teams; this term R. H. Mercer is Secretary of Cross-Country and I. Smith Secretary of Athletics.

We expect to do well in Chess, and are also contributing to the School play the considerable dramatic ability Drake has to offer.

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### Old Roan Association Notes

- President:* H. W. GILBERT, Headmaster, Roan School, S.E.3.  
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*Hon. Treasurer:* W. A. ALLEN, Hillside, Coltishall, Norfolk.  
*Hon. Asst. Treasurer:* T. HOLT, Roan School, S.E.3.  
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*Hon. Secretary, Dramatic Society:* J. N. SPENCE, 99 Guibal Road, S.E.12.

Members are reminded that publicity, or Press notices of any activity, can be obtained by sending the material to the Press Secretary at the School.

### THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

We regret to report a further addition to the Old Roan War Memorial:

**Congdon, Noel Charles Edward** (16-17).

Lost in H.M.S. "Dasher," 3/43.

(Another O.R., L. H. Cockerell, was also lost in this ship.)

### THE SERVICE LIST.

**P. Harding** (33-38). Wing-Commander, R.A.F., making his career in the service. He did a war-time "tour" of operations on Wellingtons.

**Albert Walter** (84-86). Group-Captain, R.A.F. After service at Greenwich Observatory, 1892-97, went to Mauritius, becoming the Mauritian equivalent of Astronomer Royal in 1911 and retaining that appointment until 1926, also doing much statistical and

editorial work. Then became Government Statistician and Director of Meteorological Services in Kenya, where he served in the recent war. Appointed O.B.E. in 1935.

### OBITUARY.

#### L. W. Richards.

It is with deepest regret that we have to record the sudden death of Leonard W. Richards on August 5th of this year, at the age of 38. He was at School from 1922-29, and will always be remembered by his many friends for his splendid work for the Old Roan Dramatic Society. He was a member from its earliest days, and gave many fine performances. It is not possible here to mention all his successes, but probably his delightful study of Ben in "No. 17" most endeared him to Old Roan audiences. He married Dorothy Blackwell, also one of the earliest members of the O.R.D.S., and leaves two young children. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his widow in her grief.

Old Roans may be glad to help Mrs. Richards, who has started a typewriting agency. Should any one be able to place suitable work in her hands, we are sure she will be grateful for such a practical expression of our sympathy.

#### Mr. A. A. Robinson.

Mr. Alfred Arthur Robinson (89-92) died on 14th December, 1948, in his 71st year. He was a partner in the well-known firm of C. A. Robinson & Co., metal merchants, of East Greenwich; his elder brother, Mr. C. J. Robinson ( - ) is still a partner at the age of 84. The founder, Mr. C. A. Robinson, was one of the original Roan boys who attended the Old Woolwich Road (branch) School.

Mr. Robinson was always very interested in the affairs of the School, and was especially prominent in Freemasonry, having been one of the founders of the John Roan Lodge and John Roan Chapter. Several contributions from his pen have appeared in this Magazine; we recall, for example, "A Perilous Climb" in No. 52, of March, 1929.

### NEWS OF OLD ROANS.

(See also Service List and Reports of Meetings.)

**P. J. Barnwell** (23-31), after teaching service in Mauritius since 1938, has had a lengthy furlough in this country, during which he has several times visited school and O.R. functions, and has acted as Escorting Officer to a group of Colonial



journalists touring England. He left the country again in November, this time bound for Tanganyika. Reviews of two books on Mauritius Mr. Barnwell has published—one of which was mentioned in our last issue—are unavoidably held over.

**C. Oppen** (19-26) has returned to Mauritius for a second "tour" of duty as Director of Education. While in England he visited the school several times, and witnessed our athletic victory at the White City in May.

A letter from Lieut. **N. W. Henley**, D.S.C., R.N. (31-39) tells us that he has been granted a permanent commission, which pleases him no end. Bill will be home from Australia about next February. Another homecomer is **L. A. W. Prior** (24-29), back from Canada and now a director of a seed-growing firm in Kelvedon.

There is news, too, of two of our most conscientious committee-men: **Gordon C. Smith** (26-31), is now Assistant to Finance Officer at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond St., and **K. A. Wheeler** (32-40) is teaching German at St. Albans School. A meeting with **Ken. Fortune** (22-27) brought **D. R. Beck** (09-11) into touch with the School after twenty years. The latter is now living in Herne Bay.

**R. J. Kempton** (34-40) and **E. J. Hooke** (34-41), after taking their B.Sc. degrees in London University, are now working in Africa—the former as an Assistant Chemist in Kenya, the latter as a Geologist.

**M. C. Borne** (40-45), after completing his Law course, is now serving as a F./Lt. in the R.A.F.

**W. J. Bullers** tells us that Commander **R. E. D. Tonbridge**, D.S.O., R.D., R.N.R., has been appointed to the new mail-boat P. & O. S.S. "Chusan." **S. H. Fry** (31-35) is leading an active life in Bristol, where he is assistant to the Foundry Manager of a factory. He gained the distinction of first place in Great Britain in the Graduating Examination of the Institution of Production Engineers, is an A.M.I.Es.E., and for two years running has reached the semi-finals of the Bristol "Evening Post" West of England Tennis Championships men's singles—a pretty fine all-round effort.

**H. A. Dade** (07-14), A.R.C.S., is Assistant Director of the Commonwealth Mycological Institute at Kew.

**Rev. D. L. Crane** (35-42) proceeded B.D. last June, and is now Pastor of South Lee Baptist Church.

**D. W. Peddie** (29-39) took his B.Sc. (General) degree last term, having studied Geography, Botany and Zoology; he is now reading for the B.Sc. (Special) in Zoology.

**C. H. Lyon** (97-02) has been appointed Clerk to the London Executive Council, National Health Service, with offices at Insurance House, W.C.1.

### OLD ROAN PERSONALITIES.

We are proud to print short articles in this series in honour of two Old Roans who have achieved the distinction of Knighthood. Those who were at the O.R. Dinner were very pleased that both gentlemen were able to attend as guests of the Association

#### X.—Sir John Atkins.

We are glad to publish a photograph of Sir John in our series "Old Roan Portrait Gallery."

Colonel Sir John Atkins, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., M.B., F.R.C.S., was at the Roan School from 1886 to 1892, being captain of the School cricket in the latter year. After leaving Roan, Sir John went to Guy's Hospital, where he took 1st Class Honours in Materia Medica and Pharmaceutical Chemistry in the 1st M.B., and later held the posts of House Physician, Assistant House Surgeon, and Clinical Assistant. While still working at Guy's he volunteered for the South African War, serving on the staff of the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital—an experience which was to stand him in good stead in the greater war which was to come.

In the First World War he was appointed on the Personal Staff of the Commander-in-Chief in France (Sir John French) and while there was a member of the Experiments Committee (British Army in the Field), being largely instrumental in the institution of this committee. He was made a Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1916.

He was subsequently appointed Assistant Director General of the Army Medical Service and Deputy Director of Medical Services, Great Britain, being a member of the Anti-Gas Committee and a Military Representative on the Central Medical War Committee. In 1916 he published, for use in the Army, "Defence Against Gas Attacks" and "Gas proof Dug-outs," having been, in collaboration with the late Professor Ernest Starling, responsible for the planning and construction of the first gas-proof dug-out in this country. During the war he was Mentioned in Despatches four times, and in 1919 created a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.



When in civilian medical practice he published, in 1905 and 1906, "Value of Examination of Blood During Typhoid Fever," "Paracentesis in Pleural and Pericardial Effusions," and "Angio-Neurotic Oedema." In 1911 he conceived, as a result of his experience in both hospital and private practice, the idea of founding a College where Home and Social Science should be taught up to a University standard. During the next two years he outlined the scheme, raised the money from friends and patients, and built King's College of Household and Social Science, which is now a School of the University of London, where students train for a specialized science degree, and where Sir John has been Chairman of the Governing Body for several years past. Meanwhile he became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, Vice-President of the West London Medico-Chirurgical Society, and Physician in Ordinary to H.R.H. the late Duke of Connaught, in recognition of which latter services he was appointed Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order in the 1937 Coronation Honours List.

His chief recreation is fly-fishing and in his home is the model of a 52½-pound salmon, which he caught in the Sundal River, Norway.

As an Old Roan Sir John has always followed the fortunes of the School with great interest, and the earlier editions of the Magazine show that he was present at several of the annual dinners of the Association. The School and Association have the greatest reason for gratitude to him, for when the Committee was desperate to find the last £1,000 needed to complete payment for the Memorial Sports Pavilion after the First World War, Sir John presented a cheque for the required amount.

It was a great pleasure to see Sir John Atkins at the 1949 Old Boys' Cricket Match and at the Dinner, and we most sincerely hope that we shall see him at many more matches and other Roan occasions.

#### XI—Sir Ernest C. Adams.

Sir Ernest C. Adams, who was at the School from 1897 to 1901, has had a distinguished career in the Civil Service.

He entered the Inland Revenue Department in 1901, and later had experience in Customs and Excise and in the Ministry of Pensions. In 1928 he joined the Export Credits Guarantee Department of the Board of Trade, of which he rose to be Comptroller-General in 1943. It will be appreciated that this Department has been most important in recent years, since it guarantees British exporters against loss arising in the conduct of export business, upon which

our whole national life now depends. The office has been self-supporting throughout its existence.

Sir Ernest retired in June, 1949, at the age of 63. He is married and has one daughter, who recently presented her parents with their first grandson.

He has received notable public honours: created M.B.E. in 1932 and C.B.E. in 1945, he was appointed a Knight Bachelor in the New Year's Honours List of 1949.

Sir Ernest remembers his school-days with great pleasure. He has observed: "I often think of Mr. Ridger, by most-loved Head Master, and also of Mr. Potter, who was my master in, I think, the Fifth Form."

Sir Ernest had two brothers who were at the School with him—B. W. and H. J. Adams; the former is a rubber planter in Malaya, and reference was made to him in our July issue, while the latter has also been a planter in India, Malaya and Java, becoming a Director of a large Plantation Company.

As we go to press, we learn with regret of H.J.'s death, on 12th November.

A keen gardener and fisherman, a keen motorist when circumstances allowed, Sir Ernest observes that he is now becoming a keen "shopper" in these days when "retirement has come at a time when the house-wife welcomes assistance in the procurement of the rations!"

We intend to publish a portrait of Sir Ernest in our next issue.

#### OLD ROANS AT THE UNIVERSITIES.

##### FIRST YEAR:

- A. J. Knott, King's College, London; English.
- R. J. Cody, University College, Southampton; English.
- N. D. Coe, London School of Economics.
- K. M. Horn, King's College, London; Law.
- D. P. Merrett, Queen Mary College, London; Geology.
- A. K. Brookman, Imperial College, London; Physics.
- D. T. Cogger, Royal Dental School, London.
- J. R. Rawstron, King's College Medical School.
- P. V. Donnison, King's College, London; Engineering.
- R. E. Pischinger, Polish University College, London; Economics.
- B. J. Feasey, Borough Polytechnic; Chemistry, Physics,
- M. C. Franks, Woolwich Polytechnic; Chemistry. [Maths.
- E. W. Parnell, Woolwich Polytechnic; Chemistry.
- J. E. Read, Woolwich Polytechnic; Mathematics.
- A. J. Showler, Borough Polytechnic; Chemistry.
- P. J. Warren, Bristol University; Chemistry.



## SECOND YEAR:

- J. D. Hales, St. Catharine's College, Cambridge; Economics.  
 D. A. Holland, University College, Exeter; Chemistry.  
 R. H. Williamson, Queen Mary College, London;  
 S. Jones, Charing Cross Hospital. [Chemistry].  
 R. G. Hoare, King's College, London; French.  
 W. E. Moss, King's College, London; German.  
 J. G. Moore, Chelsea Polytechnic; Mathematics.  
 A. P. Tatt, Woolwich Polytechnic; Physics.

## THIRD YEAR:

- J. M. Hewitt, St. Andrew's University; Economics.  
 A. C. W. Pemberton, University College, London; Chemical Engineering.  
 D. A. Jones, University College, London; Mathematics and Physics.  
 D. R. Terrey, Woolwich Polytechnic; Chemistry.

## FOURTH YEAR:

- P. Williams, King's College Dept. of Education.  
 A. M. McGregor, Manchester University Education Dept.  
 J. Reading, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

## BIRTHS.

- Allen.**—On June 19th, 1949, at Coltishall Nursing Home, to Dorothy (née Buck), wife of B. L. Allen (24-30), a daughter, Dawn—a granddaughter for Mr. W. A. Allen.  
**Bradgate.**—On 13th June, 1949, to Elsie, wife of N. C. Bradgate (34-39), a son, Roger Neville.  
**Cutts.**—To Doris (née Allwood), wife of A. T. Cutts (26-31), on 28th August, 1949, a son, Alan Sidney.  
**Dyke.**—To Sybil, wife of P. M. Dyke (Staff, 39-47), on 1st August, 1949, a daughter, Rosemary.  
**Fry.**—On 10th August, 1949, at Bristol, to Joan, wife of Stanley H. Fry (31-35), a son, Colin Richard.  
**Hewson.**—On 14th March, 1949, at Gravesend, to Phyllis, wife of C. L. Hewson (24-30), a daughter, Jillian Lesley.  
**Lewis.**—On 5th November, 1949, at Russell Stoneham Hospital, to Jessie, wife of C. Lewis (27-34), a son, David Andrew.  
**Wilkins.**—On 21st July, 1948, to the wife of O. J. L. Wilkins (18-21), a son, Clive Frederick.

## MARRIAGES.

- Aggett.**—On 22nd October, 1949, at Westminster Cathedral, W. J. P. Aggett (30-40), Captain, The Devonshire Regiment, to J./Cdr. Hilary Macpherson, W.R.A.C.  
 Present address: "Q" Branch, Southern Command, H.Q., Salisbury.  
**Bullers—Rigg.**—On November 23rd, 1949, at Sydney, N.S.W., John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. R. Bullers of Coleraine Road, Blackheath, to Dorothy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rigg, of Sydney, N.S.W.  
**Champion.**—On 2nd August, 1949, at the Church of the Holy Rosary, Blackfen, R. F. Champion (37-42) to Margaret Ellen Brooks.  
**Collins.**—On 24th September, 1949, at St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, Instructor-Lieut. John Howard Collins, R.N. (38-45) to Doreen Turrell.  
**Gibson.**—On 31st March, 1949, at St. Margaret's Church, Lee, E. S. Gibson (31-38) to Audrey Clifton (O.R.G.A. 34-39).  
**Hime.**—On 15th May, 1948, at Willoughby Road Methodist Church, Wood Green, T. W. Hime (32-38) to Patricia Evans.  
**Lyon.**—On 27th August, 1949, at Saffron Walden, Eric R. H. Lyon (29-35), son of C. H. Lyon (97-02) to Joan, youngest daughter of S. J. Haylock, of Hempstead, Essex.  
**Pankhurst.**—On 15th March, 1949, at All Saints' Church, Belvedere, Frederick R. Pankhurst (16-18) to Rhoda Asplen, of Catford.  
**Pearce.**—On 24th September, 1949, at St. Swithun's Church, Lewisham, Sidney Pearce (36-43) to Barbara Wyatt.

## OLD ROAN CRICKET.

The remarkable summer of 1949 will be long remembered by many to whom "cuts" and "drives" have nothing but an economical significance; but it will also be remembered by Old Roan cricketers as the season when each week-end's games were almost as certain to take place as the week-ends themselves were to fall.

Looking back, it now seems difficult to realize that two First XI matches actually were abandoned because of rain, but when this is considered in conjunction with the fact that forty-six were completed, the resulting percentage must constitute an all-time record. Similar figures could be quoted for the other Club XI's, and a further scrutiny of results would merely serve to illustrate that the law of averages was not unduly violated. To fall back upon a well-worn saying: "We gave as good as we got."



To isolate and comment briefly upon just a few of the highlights of a memorable summer, one of the most encouraging pointers for the future was the form shown by several of the youngest players—in particular Keith Fincham and Roy Scott, both of whom played with obvious enthusiasm and no mean skill during the school holidays. Fincham held everything that came his way with such unerring judgment that bowlers could sleep untroubled on Friday night, confident in the knowledge that his hands would be there at deep square-leg the following afternoon. At the crease he showed unlimited patience, whilst Scott bowled well enough to indicate that he will be amongst the wickets in the years to come.

Against Bromley Town, Peter Williams with an undefeated 109 recorded the first post-war century, whilst Gus Webber, a few weeks later, focussed attention upon the 3rd XI with a similar score. But for a declaration in the interests of the side, with his score at 90, Ernie Townsend would undoubtedly have claimed the same honour for the 2nd XI.

The outstanding all-round performance must be credited to John Williams who, at Gravesend on Whit-Monday, by dint of a glorious 92, helped to carry a lunch-time score of 77 for 7 to 202 by mid-afternoon. He then followed up with six wickets for thirty-four in Gravesend's total of 155 for 9.

Both Len Groves and Sid Dalton bowled as well as ever, and if we were to follow the fashions of Hollywood and pick our "most valuable player," Len and Sid would be out in front. . . . Each was rewarded by well over a hundred wickets.

To these performances must be linked the names of Harry Townsend, Keith Ratcliffe, Arthur Hopwood and Dave Dawtrey, who all made several scores over fifty. In the 2nd XI Les. Downs averaged forty-eight with the bat, and Jim Barry wrought havoc on numerous occasions with his slows.

In conclusion—the highly successful "operations" of 23rd July having been mentioned elsewhere—the Club takes this opportunity of thanking all who contributed to the enjoyment of so much cricket, by no means least of all the ladies who so cheerfully accepted the task of preparing the teas without which cricket would not be cricket. P.W.

**An appeal** is made to all Old Roans who have spiked running shoes which they are prepared to lend or give to the School for use by the White City teams. Those able to help, as well as those prepared to take part in a School v. O.R. Athletics match, should communicate with the School Captain of Athletics.

## OLD ROAN SCOUTS.

A number of past members of the School Scout Troop met at the Scout huts on September 30th and decided to form a Branch of the B.-P. Guild of Old Scouts. The Inaugural Meeting will be held on the School Field on Friday, March 3rd, at 7.30 for 8 o'clock. It is hoped that to be able to provide (at cost price) a cup of tea and a bun for those who let me know in advance of their intention to be present.

The Guild has very simple objects, namely, to keep alive in its members the spirit and ideals of Scouting. It is not intended to be a body from which active Scouters are to be drawn, though members might recapture the old thrill and be pleased to take part in the life of a Troop near their homes.

All past members (over 18) of the School Troop and all O.R.'s who were Scouts when at school are eligible for membership and are invited to come to the Scout hut on March 3rd. Those who would like to be enrolled but who cannot be at the meeting should write to me at the School. Until the first meeting I am acting as Secretary and I should like to be able to start off this excellent organization with at least a hundred members.

Do you remember that narrow picture frame that used to hang over the door: "Once a Scout, always a Scout"? Now you have the opportunity to prove it.

Join the Roan School Branch of the B.-P. Guild of Old Scouts.

K. S. BINNIE.

## ROAN WAR MEMORIAL FUND

<b>Not previously acknowledged.</b>				Mr. P. J. Barnwell	2	0	0
Sir Ernest Adams ...	1	1	0	Mr. W. J. R. Bullers	2	0	0c.s.
<b>Received between 31st May and 3rd November, 1949:</b>				Mr. H. Collins (per Capt. G. A. Slimming)	2	2	0
Mr. C. J. Sweeney ...	2	0	0c.s.	Mr. D. Hollier	1	0	0
Mr. T. Holt (2nd sub.)	5	0	0	Mr. F. Morfett	2	10	0
Repayment of Income Tax on Covenanted Subscriptions ...	9	10	10	Mr. G. Moore	1	1	0
Mr. E. H. Hounsell	1	0	0c.s.	Mr. G. Williams	1	0	0
Mr. N. J. Henry ...	3	0	0	Mr. W. Morley	1	1	0
Form Shell A ...	1	0	0	Mr. F. Wheaton	2	0	0
Sir Ernest Adams (2nd sub.) ...	1	1	0	Mrs. Gibson	5	0	0
Mr. D. T. Cogger ...	1	1	0	Mrs. Finding	10	0	0
O.R. Cricket Club: Proceeds of Annual Match & Old Boys' Day ...	150	14	5	Mrs. Williamson	10	0	0
O.R. Football Club...	25	0	0	Mrs. Norman	15	0	0
				Mr. Souther	1	0	0
				Anon. ....	1	6	0
				Sundry Subscriptions	3	5	3

H. H. PYE,  
(Hon. Treasurer).



### OLD BOYS' & PARENTS' DAY.

At "Reunion Corner" we were again fortunate in meeting a large number of O.R.s. It was far too hot to scour the ground in search of personalities!—but thanks to the eloquent exhortations of George Witten in the broad-casting van alongside us we did a very satisfactory trade. A delightful surprise was the presence of **Sir John Atkins**—portrayed by pen and camera in these pages.

Another older Roan was paying his first visit since leaving school—**J. R. Henderson** (02-08), who is now Head Master of St. Mary Cray Secondary School, after a career which included Cheltenham College, the Merchant Service, L.C.C. and Kent Education services and the Headmastership of the first secondary school in the Kent Colliery area. Rugger fans will be interested to know that Mr. Henderson's son is A. P. Henderson, the England hooker. We were happy to welcome **L. J. Roberts** (99-02), who has not been able to get to any functions for some years (although he is a founder-member of the Association) as his profession of dancing teacher has occupied his evenings.

**C. J. Saunders** (18-23) repeated his year's visit, bringing with him **C. Stoker Sheriff** (20-23) who, in the twenty-five years since he last visited an O.R. gathering, has become a director of a large number of companies, besides reaching the rank of Colonel in the Royal Engineers during the war.

Among others from the Eastney Street days were **G. F. Frankling** (08-11), **H. H. Allen** (08-11), **F. P. Walton** (12-15), **Charles J. Sweeny** (15-17), **E. C., R. A., and G. C. Jones** (15-20), **O. J. L. Wilkins** (18-21), **T. F. Bunce** (17-23), **L. T. W. Hansen** (21-28), **S. H. Hammond** (23-26), **Ronald W. Fraser** (21-25), **J. F. Bishop** (22-27), **F. W. Baker** (22-27), **J. N. Spence** (19-26), **C. J. ("Skitch") Hewson**, **A. F. Barnes** (24-30), the brothers **Gordon** and **Geoffrey Smith**, **H. J. Cowie** (26-35) and **Peter Trafford** (28-38).

It was some years since we had seen Doctor **E. B. Dawe** (27-35), who went on to Guy's Hospital after leaving school, and is now in general practice in Bromley—Catford area. **D. A. Holland** (38-46) told us that he has been upholding the Roan athletic tradition by gaining his half-colours at University College, Exeter, for Cross-country and Athletics.

An encouraging omen for the proposed Old Scouts section of G.21 was the appearance, among others, of **Guy Tugwell** (34-41), **A. S. Peacock** (33-39), **C. A. Walter** (33-38) and **G. F. Walter** (34-39). The latter had just passed the final of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, and is also Hon. Secretary of the U.N. Association, Lewisham branch, which incidentally will welcome new members!

### ANNUAL REUNION.

On October 14th, 1949, in the School Hall some hundred Old Roans welcomed to the Association a very gratifying number of boys who had just left the School. The evening took the form of an informal reunion, with a short address by the President, Mr. H. W. Gilbert, who greeted the new members and gave an outline of forthcoming events.

The President reported that membership was now 850, and appealed for an effort to increase it during the year to a thousand. He spoke also of the War Memorial scheme for the rebuilding and enlarging of the Pavilion, on which a start would be made as soon as the necessary licences came through. A further £1,000 was still required.

Other speakers reported that social and sports activities were flourishing. The Football Club, already fielding three teams, was hoping to add a fourth. It was hoped that an athletic match, School v. Old Boys, could be arranged, and all who would be prepared to take part were asked to write to the School Captain of Athletics.

Mr. Berry spoke on the plans of the O.R. Dramatic Society; this is separately reported in these pages.

By breaking in on a number of conversations we were able to glean a little news, or at any rate the names, of some of those of whom mention will be welcome to a number of their contemporaries.

**W. D. Davies** (37-42), who is engaged on Petroleum Technology, had just returned from Belgium, while **R. C. Jan Singh** (29-35) had come down from the Ordnance Factory at Leeds especially for the occasion. **C. H. L. Galliford** (17-23) (whose youthful appearance is a good advertisement for his profession) is teaching at East Ham Technical College. His contemporary, **R. L. Smith** (17-23) was also with us, as was **Mr. J. W. Kirby**, who rarely misses an O.R. function. **J. Hill** (35-40), another regular, had just been made an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Auctioneers. And, talking of Regulars, **D. R. Harris** (37-42) is now Lieutenant R.A.S.C. and has made the Army his career. **P. J. Barnwell** (23-31), is referred to elsewhere in this issue. With him was **H. A. Bulpitt** (25-37), who until September was Assistant and Labour Attaché at the Embassy in Paris and reported that **W. R. L. Turp** (30-37) was then Assistant Military Attaché there and had been present at Mr. Bulpitt's farewell lunch. **P. B. Wilcox** (23-33) gave a guarantee that should be popular in some quarters—given due notice he will supply Virginia cigarettes to any O.R. at any of his five shops in Eltham and district—at the usual price, of course. He also mentioned that "**Bill**" **Bridle** (25-32) is still living in Eltham, though



getting about the country on telephone business. Some of the G.21 old Scouts and Rovers had been wondering where he is.

"**Nick**" **Bradgate** (34-39) had a double success to report—the birth of his son, and the passing of the Intermediate examination of the Institute of Hospital Administrators. **A. G. Weir** (36-42) is at present teaching "everything" at a Sidcup primary school, while **E. A. Whitaker** (33-40) had achieved his ambition in securing a position at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, where he is working on Astrophysics. Discovering new stars seems to be part of the job—perhaps we may hope for a Stella Roana one day! **H. J. D. Bishop** (38-45), ex-R.M. and M.N. and now with Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. (Chartered Fleet a/c dept.) informed us that brother **R. E. D. Bishop** (36-43) had reached America; we hope to have news from him soon. **P. J. Bishop** (36-44) gave news of his brother, **R. F. Bishop** (28-37), still running with distinction. Another examination success has been gained by **A. Hazlewood** (37-44), who now holds the Ordinary National Diploma of Mechanical Engineering. **A. H. Baker** (24-30) now has the degree of M.S.M.A., the professional degree of Sales Management. He is Sales Manager to a prominent firm of manufacturers with international sales coverage, and has met Old Roans in the most unlikely places in his journeys overseas. All these professional qualifications are making some of us feel positively ignorant! **H. R. Daniel** (11-17), who has a son at the School, brought along **C. F. G. Richardson** (11-15) for the latter's first visit to the "new" building. **L. Walpole** (34-38) provided a racy description of his varied career, which included six months in Australia after demob., and gave news of **J. Raine** (34-38), who is now a professional cyclist and won the six-day Brighton—Glasgow road race.

**H. Phillips** (28-32), married, with a three-year-old son, travels about the Continent in the timber business. **H. M. Ross** (30-35), **L. J. Bruce** (20-25) and **M. M. Mackenzie** (27-34) were also with us, as were, of course, a large number of others. Time did not allow us to "buttonhole" any one else, but we hope to present to you news of them next time.

### DANCE.

A very successful dance was held in the School hall on the evening of Friday, November 11th. This was the first of a set of dances held to raise funds for the War Memorial Fund. The raffle of a large basket of fruit raised over £3, and the winning tickets were kindly drawn by Mrs. Gilbert.

The next dance of the series will be held on Friday, January 20th, 1950.

### THE O.R.A. DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the Association was held on Saturday, December 3rd, at the Victoria Hotel, Buckingham Palace Road. The President was in the Chair. The guests of honour were Sir John Atkins, Sir Ernest Adams, and Councillor H. W. Icough, Chairman of the Governors. Mr. Icough proposed the toast of "The Association," Sir Ernest that of "The School," replies being by the President and Vice-Master. A full report will appear in our next issue.

During the evening a group photograph was taken, and we are glad to reproduce this. Readers will recognize that the company present was both distinguished and representative.

### JOHN ROAN SCHOOL CHAPTER, No. 5085.

The first year has seen four Past-Masters of the Lodge join us, but death has taken two of our Founders—Messrs. A. A. Robinson and F. W. Holleyman.

We invite enquiries from Old Roan Masons in other Lodges. We meet at Freemasons' Hall on the fourth Tuesday in May and June and the fourth Monday in September.

Particulars from W. W. Latter, 11 Sydenham Park Mansions, S.E.26. (FOREst Hill 5620).

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

On the 25th October the Lodge held its nineteenth Installation meeting, when a goodly number of members and visitors assembled to witness Bro. Clifton James Hunt installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Bro. Hunt, who was at School from 1922 to 1925, was initiated in the John Roan School Lodge in 1931. After leaving school he entered the accountancy profession, with a very prominent firm connected with the film industry, being appointed to the Board of Directors in 1941.

We all wish Bro. Hunt a very happy year of office and hope that many of his old school friends, who are Freemasons, will pay him a visit at Great Queen Street.

W.J.R.B.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Members are reminded that the subscription to the Association is now 5/-, the period covered being the full year, from January 1st to December 31st.

If your subscription is overdue, please remedy the situation without delay!



A form of application for membership is appended; please use it to help our effort to increase our membership.

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The number of members out of touch is steadily increasing. **Please** notify the Secretary when you move. Information is sought about the following, who are

### SOME OF THE MEMBERS OUT OF TOUCH

Pearson, E. O. (07-10)	Smith, N. L. (10-16)
Pearson, J. (25-30)	Stewart-Browning, P. (07-09)
Penon, T.C. (06-11)	Stockwell, W. E. (11-16)
Percey, L. R. N. (09-18)	Taylor, E. D. (16-19)
Perks, L. (37-38)	Taylor, E. W. C. (96-01)
Perren, S. H. (89-95)	Taylor, G. B. (93-99)
Perry, F. O. (19-23)	Tebbutt, A. T. (10-16)
Pickering, A. H. (12-16)	Thurgood, D. C. (32-38)
Piper, E. J. (98-03)	Tilley, H. (12-15)
Playford, C. E. ( - )	Todd, C. E. (17-22)
Potts, W. (09-10)	Turner, S. G. (15-17)
Pugh, E. G. ( - )	Upton-Hunn, K. W. V. (21-28)
Pullinger, B. W. ( - )	Wadman, A. J. R. (01-03)
Purton, L. H. (12-19)	Walden, E. H. (25-30)
Ramsey, A. F. (90-92)	Walden, E. J. (94-97)
Ray, E. A. (1900- )	Wall, H. C. (08-14)
Ray, F. M. (06-09)	Wall, E. G. ( - )
Ridley, A. F. (05-09)	Walling, G. A. E. (13-19)
Ringer, A. E. (19-24)	Wallis, W. H. (06-09)
Roberts, A. C. (12-17)	Warmington, L. C. ( - )
Robinson, E. A. ( - )	Warner, J. W. (21-29)
Ronald, A. J. D. (12-17)	Warr, S. F. (85-90)
Roughton, A. D. (06-11)	Waterfield, E. W. (03-08)
Russell, F. C. (03-05)	Watkins, F. J. (13-18)
Sayer, W. W. (06-09)	Webb, W. L. T. (12-15)
Scott, B. L. A. (25-30)	Webster, J. P. B. ( - )
Shearman, J. W. (14-19)	Willis, A. F. ( - )
Skinner, H. (84-90)	Willis, F. R. (21-25)
Skinner, R. W. (04-09)	Willis, W. F. (03-05)
Smith, C. A. (20-25)	Windsor, A. T. (22-24)
Smith, F. R. G. ( - )	Yeomans, E. E. (14-16)
Smith, L. H. G. (09-11)	

### DRAMATICS.

**Your Diary for 1950—Two Dates You Must Keep!**

**Don't fail to note the dates!**

**February 10th and 11th.**

Here is the news you have been waiting for!

The Old Roan Dramatic Society has been re-formed. and will be presenting its first post-war production on the above dates.

Many of you were undoubtedly regular supporters of the O.R.D.S. before the war, and will need no urging to book this date. To the others we would say—this is an event! O.R.D.S. plays were always keenly anticipated as highlights in the social life of the Association and the School. Once you have been, **you** will become a "regular," too!

The play? "I Killed the Count," by Alec Coppel—a clever and unusual "who-done-it," full of humour and thrills. You will have the opportunity of solving the riddle before the detectives, but, even if you fail, you are sure of a lively and jolly evening.

Tickets will be available shortly at 3/6 and 2/6 (reserved) and 1/6 unreserved, and may be obtained from Mr. J. N. Spence, 99 Guibal Road, S.E.12, or Mr. J. F. N. Wedge, 6 Stonecot Hill, Sutton, Surrey, or from Mr. L. J. Berry at the School.

Any offers of help with the O.R.D.S. should be sent to Mr. Berry.

**March 30th, 31st and April 1st.**

If you start saying up after the Old Roan play you will just be ready to come along to the School Play on one of these dates!

The success of "Captain Flint's Treasure" encourages us to promise you another thoroughly enjoyable evening. This time we have chosen "Toad of Toad Hall," the very popular adaptation by A. A. Milne of "The Wind in the Willows." Many of you will not have seen this most delightful and amusing play, which we shall present in its entirety. Here is your chance to remedy this. Some of you may have seen it before, and will undoubtedly wish to enjoy it again, for it is a play which "grows on you," and will appeal equally to boys, parents, and Old Boys.

Tickets will be available early next term, price 2/6 (reserved) and 1/6 (unreserved), and may be obtained from Mr. A. H. Hopwood at the School, or any pupil.

Two plays to suit all tastes—and both on your own stage.

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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

## ASSOCIATION TIES

These are now available in the new stripe design, in the Association colours, dark and light blue and green. Price nine shillings, available only from the Secretary, or from Mr. Holt.

Blazers and scarves are not available, but blazer badges can be obtained for sewing on to plain blazers, at a cost of 28/-.

### AN URGENT MESSAGE.

#### From the President.

Enclosed with this magazine you will find a Deed of Covenant form. The Roan War Memorial Fund has been recognized as a charity, so that if a subscriber agrees to give a sum of £1 1s. each year for seven years the Fund actually receives £1 18s. 2d. owing to rebate in income tax, provided the donor pays income tax at the standard rate on any part of his income. Other subscriptions are increased in proportion and no troublesome enquiries are made.

Old Roans will be glad to hear that the plans for the new Pavilion, including the provision of the War Memorial Room, have been sent to the Minister of Education for the granting of a licence. We are still £1,000 short of the required amount, but the Governors of the School have kindly consented to lend this sum to the Association, charging only 2½ per cent. per annum, repayment to be within seven years.

It is vitally important that the Fund should have an assured income which will enable it not only to pay the interest but also to redeem the loan by instalments. The Deed of Covenant provides a simple means by which this income can be guaranteed, but at the same time the individual donations are within the capacity of nearly every Old Roan. Any sum, large or small, can be stated on the form and all sums will be increased in the ratio given above.

May I appeal to you to give this matter your earnest attention and if you can manage it please send the form soon as possible to Mr. Loryman with your first donation?