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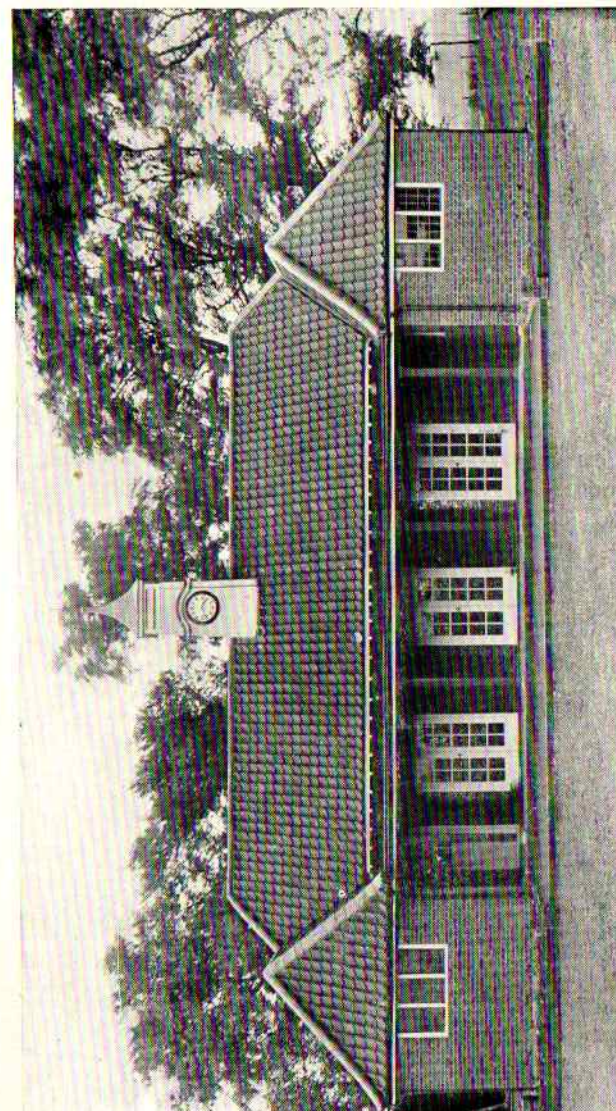
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### CALENDAR.

December	5th	School Examinations begin.
	6th	O.R.A. Dinner.
	12th	Prize Distribution.
	19th	Carol Concert.
	20th	Autumn Term ends.
January	8th	Spring Term begins.
February	14th	Junior and Intermediate Cross-Country.
	17th	Senior Cross-Country.
	21st—24th	Half-term Holiday.
April	2nd	Spring Term ends.
	23rd	Summer Term begins.
May	21st—30th	Half-term and Camping Holiday.
July	25th	Summer Term ends.
September	10th	Autumn Term begins.

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### ROAN WAR MEMORIAL (1939-45).

#### An appeal by the Headmaster.

It will be known to most Old Roans, as well as to boys now in the School and their parents, that the War Memorial is to take the form of an extension to the existing pavilion accommodation so as to provide additional amenities for past, present and future boys of the School. In addition a tablet will be erected to perpetuate the memory of Old Roans who lost their lives in the War, and also trees are to be



planted in front of and round the School, each tree to be associated by name with one of the Old Boys who have fallen in the War.

These proposals have been well received and a good response has already been made to the appeal for funds which has been launched. It is clear that we shall need a considerable sum of money in order to carry out the proposals outlined above, especially as the cost of all types of building and engraving work is now so high. If funds permit we should like to make a start next year by erecting the tablet and planting the trees, the extension of the pavilion accommodation being left until we are allowed to rebuild the damaged building. The accompanying photograph of the pavilion, taken when it was first built, emphasizes the appeal.

May we appeal to all who have not already done so to send in their subscriptions as soon as possible to the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. H. H. Pye, at the School? A form for this purpose is to be found at the end of the magazine. It would be greatly appreciated if readers of this magazine would do all in their power to see that this appeal is known to all Old Roans and to all who may be interested. Many Old Roans hold important positions in the professions, in business, and in industry and we feel that they would willingly contribute to the Fund if they knew of it.

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### OCCASIONAL NOTES.

The opening of the new school year was remarkable in that it introduced us to no fewer than six new masters. Five of these gentlemen, Messrs. Beale, Brabyn, Checkley, Hazell and Lerpiniere, were mentioned in our last issue. The sixth is Mr. W. H. Trotman, who succeeds Mr. W. W. Johnson as Music Master.

Mr. Johnson has obtained a post at Leavesden Training College.

Mr. Trotman holds the diploma of Associate of the Royal College of Music and was for nine years on the staff of Gunnersbury Grammar School, teaching Music and French, before joining the R.N.V.R. in 1944. He was commissioned as Sub-Lieutenant and undertook flying control duties with the F.A.A. at home and overseas until July, 1946. Mr. Trotman is keenly interested in orchestral and choral work, and we are glad to have the benefit of his training and experience which will prove valuable in connection with the musical activities of the School.

The appointment of these masters marks the return to something like pre-war numbers and staffing. Miss Morton is now our only mistress, Mrs. Croucher having left us in July. We also said farewell in the summer to Messrs. Johnson, Quincey, Harris and Kirby. The two gentlemen last named have a very long record of service. Mr. Kirby retired in 1942, but returned two years later to fill the gap caused by Mr. Barratt's retirement. Mr. Harris left us in 1939 to rejoin the Army; he is now taking up an important appointment, with the Allied Control Commission, after being with us again for one term only. A note of appreciation of his work for the School appears on a later page.

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A new French assistant also joins us this term—M. M. Leroy, L.-ès-L., who, like M. Dubus, comes from Lille.

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Sir George Hume, who died on September 13th, 1946, had a unique record of public service. As M.P. for Greenwich, 1922-29 and 31-45, he took a live interest in every local activity. He it was who laid the foundation stone of our School building, on December 4th, 1926.

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At the Prize-Giving this year, on Thursday, December 12th, the principal speaker will be Dr. J. S. Whale, Head Master of Mill Hill School.

Among the prizes to be distributed will be two new awards: The Humphreys Prize in memory of Mr. John H. Humphreys, J.P., an Old Roan and expert on electoral reform, whose death was recorded in our last issue, and Captain Stallard's Prize, given to commemorate our Worcestershire Harvest Camp. Both prizes are for essays, and we hope the art of essay-writing will be worthily stimulated.

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The Captain of the School for this year is A. J. Knott (Blake House). There are two Vice-captains, D. A. Jones (Rodney) and J. G. Taylor (Nelson). The other prefects are as follows:—

J. W. Basing, R. J. Cody, N. D. Coe, P. H. Cook, K. M. Horn, S. Jones, J. D. Laing, P. F. Lane, G. A. Lodge, F. Marhoff, D. P. Merrett, J. R. Rawston, A. P. Tatt, D. R. Terrey, N. J. Thompson, P. J. Warren, R. H. Williamson and D. Willshire.

The prefects' caps are once again adorned with silver braid, which has been unobtainable during the war years.



Another sign of the return to pre-war conditions is the "rehabilitation" of our lawns and gardens. Mr. Hammond is to be congratulated on the work he has done on them, and on renovating the quadrangles, which had suffered sadly from damage by the military and bombing.

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The preacher at the Founder's Day service on July 19th was the Right Rev. The Bishop of Woolwich, who painted a vivid verbal picture of John Roan contemplating the foundation of our School over three hundred years ago, and enlarged on the ideals he must have had in mind. It was a very helpful address—and a memorable occasion, the service being once again held in the Royal Naval College Chapel, by kind permission of Commodore A. W. S. Agar, V.C., D.S.O., R.N. We have received several descriptions of the scene by boys, which show what an impression it made.

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A most interesting and instructive talk was given by Mr. Hugh Walker, Assistant Secretary of the United Nations Association, to the V and VI forms, on October 30th. Comparing the Covenant of the League of Nations and the Charter of the United Nations, he said that whereas the Covenant contained no provision for enforcing its decision, relying on the honour of its members, the Charter pledges its members to support the U.N. in all its activities, with force if necessary. He emphasized the duty of every citizen to take a real interest in international affairs, and said that in the future it would be our responsibility to carry on the work begun by U.N.A. and to dispel the present widespread apathy in these matters.

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We take pride in having been able during 1946 to organize no fewer than four camps—two harvesting camps and two on our own site at Braithwaite. The resumption of our visits to the Lake District is symbolized by the photographs of Braithwaite reproduced in this issue.

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In the July examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, the following four members of the School orchestra passed in the preliminary grade with high marks:—

A. Cook, Rem. A (90%); P. Lawrence, Rem. A (86%);  
F. Bowles, Rem. A (84%); P. Walker, 4A (88%).

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The War Savings Group continues to do very well. Contributions during the six-month period ending Septem-

ber 30th totalled £125. The best effort is by Rb, who are well seconded by Ra. Many new members are needed, and will be welcomed.

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Interest in School chess has been revived by Mr. Beale, the new Senior Classics master, who regularly presides over contests between members of the Sixth Forms in the library. Mr. Beale, himself a devotee of the game, encourages a serious application to it among seniors, intending eventually to institute a formal Chess Club, which will take its place alongside the other School Societies.

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School football jerseys are still unobtainable. Several Old Roans have given their jerseys back to the School, and we thank them. At the same time we would appeal to any other friends of the School who can help the teams to appear correctly attired.

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At the end of the summer term a basket-ball match was played between teams representing the Staff and the Sixth Forms. It is hoped that this match will become an annual event.

A fast and exciting game was witnessed by the audience—the largest possible in the gymnasium, balanced round the wall bars and on other apparatus. The Staff team is to be commended on quickly picking up the idea of a game with which few were previously acquainted, and, after a very evenly-matched game, they were declared the winners, with a score of 6—4.

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### LONDON UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS, 1946.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE:—R. Abbott (English, History and Geography); J. D. Angell (Latin, English, French and History); A. J. G. Knott (Latin, English, French and History); R. G. Gent (Chemistry, Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics); C. Hardingham (Physics, Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics); B. F. Harris (Physics, Chemistry, Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics with Inter B.Sc. exemption); D. A. Holland (Physics, Chemistry, Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics).

GENERAL SCHOOL CERTIFICATE WITH MATRICULATION EXEMPTION:—A. K. Brookman, H. A. Clark, P. H. Cook, D. P. Dodge, E. E. Evans, A. F. Johnson, K. B.



Jones, J. D. Laing, B. H. Livett, J. H. Marshall, J. R. Rawstron, J. A. Rogers, J. B. Russell, I. N. Saunders, M. R. Searjeant, D. C. Sullivan, R. R. Watson, D. W. Willshire, P. A. Drury, H. Holloway, J. R. Symonds.

GENERAL SCHOOL CERTIFICATE:—R. H. Burt, A. Green, K. C. Hole, B. C. Hounsell, P. F. Lane, J. N. Leng, J. P. Sullivan, F. Wymer, S. C. Bates, W. L. Berry, J. H. Collins, W. G. Elliott, D. A. Gay, E. W. Grimley, K. C. Harding, P. A. Molyneux, J. D. Pickrell, A. L. Reading, R. K. Syndercombe.

The Roan Exhibition of £50 per annum for three years has been awarded to A. J. Knott, the Captain of the School.

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### MR. J. W. ALTON BATCHELOR.

The resignation of Mr. J. W. Alton Batchelor ends an association with the Roan Schools Foundation which may be said to have begun in 1829 and may even date from the establishment of the School in 1677.

Mr. Batchelor succeeded to the office of Clerk to the Roan Schools Foundation (Clerk to the Feoffment it was formerly called) in 1917, on the death of his cousin, Mr. A. W. G. Batchelor, who had taken the place of Mr. Batchelor's father, Mr. John Batchelor, in the year 1896.

Mr. John Batchelor had been the Clerk for some years when the Roan Boys' Secondary School was opened in East Street in 1877, and the School, or rather Schools (the Girls' School was opened in Devonshire Road the next year) have thus been served by the same family for 77 years. One of Mr. John Batchelor's first acts was to devote his salary of £20 per annum to founding an annual scholarship to be competed for by Greenwich boys. That act is typical of the unselfish interest which his family has shown in the Schools and indeed of the Clerks to the Foundation in general. Mr. Charles Augustin Smith, the previous Clerk and Mr. John Batchelor's senior partner, appointed Clerk in 1839, gave a prize "because of his long association with the School." The present Mr. Batchelor has marked his retirement by making a generous donation to the War Memorial Fund. "During my tenure of office," he says, "the Schools have been of very great interest to me, and the objects of your fund are excellent."

The last thirty years, which almost cover Mr. J. W. A. Batchelor's tenure of the office of Clerk, have been years of immense state activity in education and many changes in the administration of Secondary Schools have taken place. These have demanded constant attention and study from the Clerk, but Mr. Batchelor has met the increasing labour with unflagging zeal and understanding in spite of many great set-backs. The tragic death of his almost indispensable assistant, Mr. Percy Marrant, in 1941, was a severe loss and the destruction of his offices in 1944 by an enemy bomb was another crushing blow, though curiously enough it brought his offices back eventually to Crooms Hill, the place in which his father started as partner to C. A. Smith.

Mr. Batchelor has certainly sustained the high reputation for devoted service to the Foundation which his father and cousin had established before him and he has done it so capably, so quietly and with such rare modesty that few apart from his intimate friends know of his other activities, though it would not surprise them to learn that he is a classical scholar, that he still finds recreation in reading Greek and that he is a member, in fact the oldest member, of the Blackheath Golf Club.

His great kindness and his courteous approach to all have made him a memorable holder of an ancient office and there will be much regret that the name of Batchelor no longer implies Clerk to the Roan Schools Foundation.

J.W.K.

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### MR. F. W. HARRIS.

The departure of Mr. F. W. Harris further reduces the band of members of the staff whose appointments date from the reign of the "Antient" Mr. Hope.

Mr. Harris came to the Roan School in October, 1920, from Cambridge via the Flanders trenches, where his career was distinguished and included a mention in despatches. His military bearing and sprightly stride led Mr. Hope to dub him "Major Golightly," by which name earlier generations will remember him; more recent alumni know him more intimately as "Frank."

As a teacher Mr. Harris has a name for thoroughness coupled with a light-hearted manner; his lessons were not the less profitable because they were enjoyed. As Form Master of the Modern VIth he guided the destinies of the rising historian and linguist with sympathy, tact, and that personal touch which means so much.



Outside the class-room, Mr. Harris was interested in many activities. For some years he was in charge of the sports ground, and acted as clerk of the course at our Sports, when he also showed himself to be an excellent starter. He was a stalwart in the staff tennis team in its annual matches against the O.R. Tennis Club, and was adept at most games—from cricket downwards!

The staff bridge four will never be the same without his skilful, or—as the unbelievers would have it—slightly lucky play. In truth, his successors have not yet mastered that art of retaining the one essential card “up their sleeves” and producing it at the right moment with all the suavity and polish in the world. Without him, too, the cross-word in the common-room “Times” will not be so easily, or so often, completed.

Most of all, his really exceptional talent as an actor will always be remembered. Frank was in the O.R.D.S. practically from its inception. He made his first appearance in 1929 in “Nothing but the Truth,” and was in most of the subsequent productions. His versatility, stage presence, and delightful voice, led to his being cast for many types of part. He was equally successful in serious or humorous rôles. Perhaps his outstanding performances were as Ambrose in “Ambrose Applejohn’s Adventure,” as Lord Nithsdale in “The Immortal Lady,” and as the Pimpernel hero of “The Purple Mask”—where his “Thunder and Blazes!” is remembered with admiration. This last production was in 1939. He will be greatly missed by all who saw him “on the boards.”

Lt.-Colonel Harris’s career in the late war was noted in our recent Service List. He now takes up an important appointment in which his experience in peace and war will be of the greatest value. But we of the Roan shall miss him. His good spirits and camaraderie were such as to endear him to all, and he leaves a gap in the staff which it will be very difficult to fill.

L.J.B., S.J.M.

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### THE BRAITHWAITE CAMPS.

The first post-war camp on our permanent site at Braithwaite was held at Whitsuntide, 1946. Three masters were in charge, and there were forty boys, taken mainly from the Thirds and Shells—younger boys, who would not be able to attend the harvest camps in the summer. The report which follows was compiled by six members of IIIa, now Shell A:

After a tiring train journey, lasting ten hours, we reached camp in the evening of Saturday, June 1st. Our luggage was transported from the station by lorry.

We were at once struck by the beauty of Braithwaite—a maze of twisting lanes and quaint houses. The camp itself lies in a narrow valley just beyond the village. The mountain behind the camp is called Kinn, and on the other side is the Howe, which forms a part of our own estate of forty acres. From the Howe you can see Helvellyn, the second highest, and Skiddaw, the third highest, of the mountain peaks; there is a grand prospect, too, of Bassenthwaite and of Derwentwater, the beautiful lake studded with islands surrounded by mountain ranges. Sheep roam the “fell” sides. Near the camp runs a “beck” which flows past Grisedale Pike from Force Crag, and is at times discoloured by clay discharged from a mine. Some of the boys went swimming in this beck.

The camp buildings consist of four huts. The biggest, which can be seen on the photograph printed in this magazine, is used for sleeping, dining and recreation. Joined to it by a short passage, to the right of the picture, is the kitchen. The third hut is a wash-house, and nearby is a tiny hut where the masters sleep.

All the cooking was done by the boys, taking it in turn, six at a time, and using a range and Primus stoves. We enjoyed this very much.

During our stay we were taken for many walks and climbs; the other photograph shows a party starting off. Unfortunately we had a good deal of rain, which stopped us going out as much as we should have liked. On wet days we played games in the hut.

The first place we went to was Friar’s Crag, a peninsula jutting into Derwentwater. From the brow of the Crag one has a most wonderful view. On Friar’s Crag there is a monument to John Ruskin, on which the following words of Ruskin’s are engraved: “The first thing which I remember as an event in life was being taken by my nurse to the brow of Friar’s Crag on Derwentwater.” For us, too, the visit was an event.

Another place we visited was the Druids’ Circle, Keswick. This is a circle made up of fifty stones supposed to have been placed there by the Druids. The tallest stone is about ten feet high. There is a belief that, having once counted the stones, if a person counts them again after a year or more he will get a different answer.



On June 9th, we went to the Bowder Stone in Borrowdale. This is a huge stone of basaltic rock. It is sixty-two feet long and thirty-six feet high. Looking at it from a certain angle one can see a face. This face is said to be that of Balder, an ancient Norse god. We all signed our names in the visitors' book.

On June 13th we crossed Derwentwater on a motor launch and visited the beautiful Lodore Falls. This cascade of water is ninety feet high and winds its way through many rocks and crevices. The water is very clear.

One day we followed the road which passes the camp to climb over the Whinlatter Pass. The summit is 1,043 feet up; from here, one party came back the same way, while the other went through a fir plantation to Lake Bassenthwaite, and so by the main road, a thousand feet lower than on the outward journey.

On certain days we were allowed to go wherever we pleased, in parties of not fewer than three. Castle Head—a good look-out post—Catbells, Causey Pike, Scafell Pike, Grange, and, of course, Keswick town were visited. The possibilities seemed inexhaustible.

At camp, we played many games—cards and table-tennis in the hut, football, cricket and rounders outside.

On June 8th, we made a bonfire on the Howe, and thought of the Armada beacon on Skiddaw, of which we have read in Macaulay's poem. We spent a pleasant evening singing songs round the fire. We returned to London on Saturday, June 15th.

Altogether, it was a very happy camp, and most of the boys who went would love to go to Braithwaite again. We are all very grateful for the opportunity of going to this magnificent camp site.

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#### SUMMER CAMP AT BRAITHWAITE.

It was a smaller and an older party that went to the Hope Memorial Camp for a fortnight in August, but there was as much enthusiasm for the Lake District as there was at Whitsun. Jacky Davis instructed in the art of fishing, but most of the fish were too clever for him. Brookman discussed much of the theory of electricity and disclosed some of its practical application. Harris was excellent at cooking breakfast. But it was Holland who led the walks and took nearly everyone to Buttermere and to the top of Scafell Pike—no mean achievement when you know who was in the party!

We had a really happy time and were very glad to have taken the opportunity of seeing Cumberland's mountains which had been denied us because of the war. As Old Roans we feel we can advise our younger brothers—"Go to camp at Braithwaite if you get the chance."

K.S.B.

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#### ROAN HARVEST CAMPS: 1946.

It says much for the public spirit of the Roan boy, and for the worthy way in which our traditions are honoured, that we were able again this year to run two harvest camps. Even then, there were some whose services had to be refused, or who could be accommodated for a fortnight only, when they were willing to do a full month's work on the land.

If, however, we interpret correctly current man-power statistics, and when we remember the increased corn acreage demanded by the Ministry of Agriculture and appreciate that by next summer many thousands of P.O.W.'s will have been repatriated, we cannot but be convinced that further camps will need to be held next year. By the summer of 1947 there will be no considerable reservoir of seasonal labour save that provided by the older boys of our country's schools.

That boys may realize how much their efforts are appreciated, we give below part of a letter recently received from Mr. Fred Scott, Chairman of the Kent Agricultural Labour Sub-Committee. Letters in similar terms, stressing the need for camps next year, have also been received from Worcestershire.

Mr. Scott says:

"I am writing to express my sincere personal thanks to you and all the members of your staff who assisted you in running your School Harvest Camp this year. The boys who attend these camps do a very fine job of work, and during the past few years I really do not know what we should have done without their valuable assistance. I can assure you that the farmers in Kent are full of admiration for the service they render. I realize only too well that without the splendid spirit of co-operation shown by you and your helpers, and your untiring efforts, these camps could not be run.

"There is no doubt that these camps will be required again next year, and I am looking forward to meeting you again."



## ICKHAM CAMP.

For the third year in succession, a party of boys, with two masters, helped to gather the harvest in an area of East Kent centred on Ickham, about five miles east of Canterbury.

Much to the disappointment of many boys who would have liked to share our labours, numbers had to be restricted to thirty.

It was a happy camp. We had warm, comfortable beds and could choose whether we would sleep in tents or in the village school. The village hall provided facilities for off-duty activities and gave us adequate dining accommodation. Food was supplied in quantities which made our ordinary civilian rations look meagre in the extreme. Cooking arrangements were once again in the very capable hands of Mrs. Spreadbury, who never failed to provide us with a good meal, well prepared, excellently cooked, sufficient in quantity, and always served dead on time. In her department she reigned supreme and issued her commands to boys and masters alike with complete impartiality. Her extraordinary cheerfulness permeated the camp at all times and it was only when we were leaving that her buoyancy deserted her and she blew her nose with what seemed to us unnecessary vigour.

The boys worked well, enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and by their conduct maintained the Roan tradition. Since returning we have had letters from the Rector as Chairman of Managers of the village school and from Mr. Friend as Secretary of the village hall. Both expressed their appreciation of the very great care taken by the boys in their use of the accommodation which had been provided for camp purposes.

We had with us a French school-boy, Philippe Cahen, who was on a visit to England. We all grew very fond of him and boys will be interested to know that since his return he has written to the school to say how much he enjoyed working with us. He goes on to say that what impressed him most of all was the extreme friendliness of the Roan boys towards himself and towards one another.

Camp this year was particularly free from troubles. Though Kenward contrived to get his chin mixed up with the front wheel of his cycle, a delicate bit of needlework performed by the local doctor left his patient as handsome as ever, and although poorer, richer in wisdom. As usual a few boys overestimated both the degree of ripeness of the local fruit and the capacity of their stomachs and found it

expedient to remain for a while voluntary prisoners within the immediate vicinity of the camp.

Apart from these we had a clean bill of health and returned to London feeling that our few weeks in the country had served us well.

L.C.H.

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## THE WORCESTERSHIRE CAMP.

Between the Avon and the Severn in Worcestershire lies Throckmorton, all that remains of a village, now that the aerodrome of Pershore has been extended to meet the exigency of the wars. A few cottages along the roadside, the old church across the meadow and the farm house of Throckmorton Court—little more comprises the village to which came the School Farming Camp this August. Across the field from the farm stand the deserted huts of a long-departed searchlight battery, now the property of Capt. R. H. Stallard, M.C., our host. These huts, by the road and facing across to the church, formed the nucleus of the camp; thence came the advance party in the early, sunny days of August.

They found the huts sadly neglected, but two days' work removed the dust and cobwebs, cleared the jungle of weed and creeper from the paths and doors, and restored some semblance of order. When the main party arrived, the chimneys of the huts were smoking, there were paved ways between the huts and round the strips of grass and rockery, and, in the field beside, the ten or so bell and ridge tents awaited their new occupants.

Capt. Stallard, whose property formed the site, employed the whole fifty and more boys in his plum plantation. This covered the summit of a rise a mile from the village. Rank upon rank of laden trees stretched infinitely away. Within the orchard all was silent and awesome; a loneliness and agelessness was created by the immensity of area, tightly planted with smallish trees, bearing countless clusters of fruit. The advent of some half-hundred vociferous enthusiasts, however, did much to disturb the primæval silence.

The continuous labour of the boys made inroads upon the crop; yet after a month tons of plum remained, unpicked, to be the harvest of the local workers.

From the slope mounting to the plantation, there was a commanding view of much of Worcestershire. To the south stretched a huge swathe of lovely countryside—grassy levels, brown earth, clouds of green foliage, the towers and steeples of abbeys and churches and the hills which rose on the horizon, Bredon, the Malverns, and the Lickeys. The



colours of the landscape varied in the green of sun-lit foliage and the purple mistiness of Malvern. The view which faced the boys when they rose in the crispness of morning, and when they straggled home at evening, was characteristic of the orchard country.

Not quite all our work was on plums; a few also worked on corn and ensilage, and one of us acted as a relief dairyman. We were all interested in our host's prize herd, whose "points" he delighted to expound.

Worcestershire offered the most attractive invitations to those wishing to spend their free week-ends in sight-seeing. Within a reasonable distance of Throckmorton were Evesham, Worcester, the Malverns, and, outside the county, yet no less accessible, Stratford, Tewkesbury and Birmingham. Nearby was Pershore town, quiet and old-fashioned. The abbey is its major feature, yet several of the School campers, attracted rather by its solitary cinema, drew from bitter experience the conclusion that the existence of this was more of a testimony to the superb optimism of its proprietor than to the popularity of filmic entertainment. Those who saw "Love's Labour's Lost" at the Memorial Theatre, Stratford, enjoyed a rather more elevated excursion into the realms of æstheticism.

Despite the rather unfortunate weather, which throughout the month steadily deteriorated, a very considerable amount of work was done. On fine days a surprisingly satisfactory tonnage of fruit was gathered. The capable organization of the camp overcame the difficulties of rainy, idle days.

In accordance with the best Roan tradition, all the cooking was done by the boys themselves—and very good food we had, too.

We were glad to welcome to our party a French boy, Jean Rossano, who quickly made himself "at home" with us.

When the tents were packed and the huts evacuated, when the enthusiasm of the boys had been assuaged by the trivial discomforts and the hard work of a farming camp, a month of achievement lay behind, and the success was due in no small measure to the hospitality of Capt. Stallard, who had been a generous and understanding host.

R.J.C.

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#### A FURTHER EXTRACT FROM THE RECENTLY- DISCOVERED CHAUCERIAN MS.

In a recent edition of the Roan Magazine was published a fragment believed to have been included in the original

MS. of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales." It will be remembered that this antiquity was salvaged from the ruins of a bombed tavern in Southwark, and prepared for publication by an eminent literary authority.

Devotees of the Mediæval Chronicler, and all antiquarian enthusiasts, will, no doubt, be interested and gratified to learn that a further cache of MSS. has been discovered, and is in process of collation by a staff of experts under the auspices of the Roan Magazine, in which it is intended to print short excerpts from time to time.

Herewith, a second fragmentary parchment:

#### A FRENSSHE ASSISTANTE.

A Frenssheman hadde they y-cleped Leroy  
That of his smyling was ful simple and coy  
Since he was late y-come from his viage  
From France, a countrey ful of high corage.  
His here was blonde and thereto long, I guesse,  
With lokkes crulle as they were layd in presse.  
Of studying English tooke he most hede  
And bookes by Sinclair Lewis wolde he rede  
For, soothly for to sayn, hem liked he beste,  
And in his cote-lapele he wore a creste  
That signifyde a boye-scoote he hadde beene.  
Upon his shoon ther was alwey a sheen,  
The fineste clothes he hadde of all the lond,  
He bore a chaine of silver ronde his hond.  
He was of France a mighty clever homme  
That hadde through studie gat him his diplôme.  
His heed bret-ful of knoledge was withal,  
And thogh he was nat short he was nat tall.  
He teched all the Frenssh to him y-knone  
To all the highere formes atte Roane.  
He was a bold compeer of one Debus  
Who, sevene monthes agone, was eek with us.

(Collated by A.J.K.)

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#### GUY FAWKES NIGHT.

Now that the war is over, with what pleasure does the younger generation prepare to celebrate the rites proper to Guy Fawkes Night!

Guy himself is the centre of all interest. With his slouch hat, his poke face, his bright red cheeks, and his long nose, he lurks, a sinister, cloaked figure, in every garden. As the



children feverishly apply the finishing touch, a long villainous moustache, we look round anxiously to see that he has not brought his barrels of gunpowder with him.

In the streets all is bustle. Parents are hurrying home carrying gaily-coloured boxes with the magic names of "Brock" or "Pain" written clearly across them. Now and again, we see a small boy with a coin clutched grimly in his hand, racing to buy some treasured firework, before the shop closes.

As darkness falls the great spectacle is ready to begin. With a "Sh-sh-sh!" rockets speed up into the sky, exploding at a great height and showering green and red stars in great umbrellas across the sky. Roman Candles and Harlequins spurt forth their fountains of silver and gold. Catherine Wheels hiss and twist, and jumping crackers cause great consternation. There are brilliant white flashes followed by the dull boom of Cannons. The air is full of the pungent smell of sulphurous smoke. The red glow in the sky, rising and falling, shows that once again Guy Fawkes has been burned before he could accomplish his treasonable purpose.

Slowly, the lights in the sky die down, the explosions become less frequent, and . . . the House of Parliament has been saved.

D.I.

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### THE SHIP OF NIGHT.

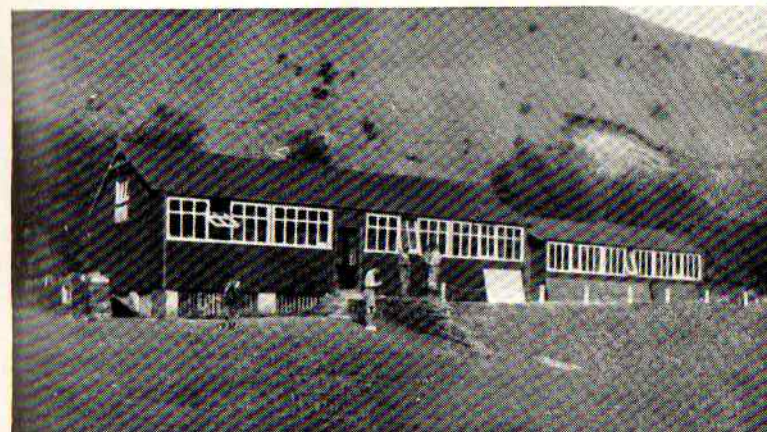
The sunset is a beautiful thing;  
The birds, day weary, homeward wing,  
The cloudy mountains, fiery red,  
Conceal the sun's declining head.

The sky then seems an ocean deep,  
From which bright studded islands peep;  
The Silver Ship, with sails unfurled,  
Sets its course above the world.

And through the perilous hours of night,  
It steers through constellations bright,  
Near jagged reef, past curving bay,  
Towards its haven, far away.

And when it nears its harbour bright,  
Its shape is lost in greater light,  
For eastern breakers, flecked with grey,  
Swell the rising tide of day.

P.K.



L. E. Trafford



HOPE MEMORIAL CAMP, BRAITHWAITE

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### THE ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1946.

The School's 35th Annual Sports were held on our ground on Saturday, July 6th. It can be said that the meeting, both as a social gathering and in the athletic performances, approached very near to pre-war standards.

There was a very good attendance of parents, Old Boys and friends. We were particularly glad to meet again several retired members of the staff, with their wives; among these were Mr. G. R. Parker, Mr. H. D. Titley, Mr. T. H. Barratt (indefatigable scribe of many a Sports meeting), and Mr. W. E. Ashworth—who characteristically spent the afternoon working hard as a judge.

It was apparent that the training facilities available had been made fuller use of than has been the case in some recent years. The "standard points" system was made to serve, more than before, to encourage all-round performances, and for the first time these points were used in determining the Victor Ludorum awards.

There were some changes in the events. The age-groups of the races in the 100 yds. and 220 yds. were varied, and the 440yds. Under 16 was reintroduced. Competitors were limited to three track events and four field events; during the war this restriction was suspended.

The outstanding performances of the day were among the junior and intermediate competitors—which augurs well for the future.

For the junior section of Wolfe House, G. Breach cleared 16ft. 4ins. in the Long Jump. This is a new record which will not be broken easily. Breach also broke the record in the 100 yds. Under 13. In the Intermediate class A. Trew, of Blake House, broke the 220 yds. and Long Jump records. His brother, C. Trew, broke the 220 yds. Under 13. This would appear to be a family record, too.

The other School record of the day was made by D. R. Cutting (Wolfe) in the 880 yds. Under 16. A record was also set up by Selhurst Grammar School in the Invitation Relay.

The Old Boys' race was a memorable event, as it was last year on its reintroduction. Our scribe of last year apologizes for having failed to record the popular victory in this race of Mr. K. S. Binnie, the eminent historian. This year Mr. Binnie was beaten into 4th place; the first two were father and son (in that order), while the third was a returned prisoner-of-war.



The Senior Victor Ludorum was D. A. Holland, of Nelson House, the School captain; his success was especially well-deserved as he has a fine all-round record of achievement and sportsmanship.

The full results appear below. It will be seen that the challenge shields were well distributed, Nelson, Rodney, Wolfe and Blake each winning one. The achievement of Blake was, however, outstanding; this was the only house to be in the first three in all contests, and it was the fourth consecutive year in which Blake has won the "Combined" Championship.

The awards were graciously presented by Mrs. G. R. Parker.

A.J.K., P.M.D.

#### **Long Jump (Open):**

1st. Holland (N), 2nd. Knott (B), 3rd. Evans, P. (Ra),  
4th. Jones, K. (W). 18ft. 7ins.

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

1st. Towells (D), 2nd. Copus (N), 3rd. Trew, A. (B),  
4th. Laing (N). 37ft. 6ins.

#### **100 Yards (Under 11):**

1st. Gladden (Ra), 2nd. Franks (C), 3rd. A'Court (G),  
4th. Smithers (D). 14.0 secs

#### **100 Yards (Under 12):**

1st. Davis (W), 2nd. Belben (G), 3rd. Jordan (B),  
4th. Matthews, G. (D). 14.0 secs.

#### **100 Yards (Under 13):**

1st. Breach (W), 2nd. Trew, C. (B), 3rd. Andrews, C. (B),  
4th. Smith, I. F. (D). 12.5 secs., **Record.**

#### **100 Yards (Under 14):**

1st. Butcher (W), 2nd. Yeulett (D), 3rd. Hooper, C. (Ra),  
4th. Baskett (N). 13.2 secs.

#### **100 Yards (Under 15):**

1st. Copus (N), 2nd. Searjeant (Ro), 3rd. Cramp (Ro),  
4th. Ellis (G). 12.4 secs.

#### **100 Yards (Under 16):**

1st. Trew, A. (B), 2nd. Monahan (D), 3rd. Red (Ro),  
4th. Laing (N). 11.3 secs.

#### **100 Yards (Open):**

1st. Horn (N), 2nd. Lane (Ro), 3rd. Bates (W),  
4th. Jones, K. (W). 11.5 secs.

#### **High Jump (Under 14):**

1st. Breach (W), 2nd. Butcher (W), 3rd. Yeulett (D),  
4th. Smith, D. P. (C). 4ft. 1in.

#### **Hurdles (Under 16):**

1st. Trew, A. (B), 2nd. Red (Ro), 3rd. Cutting (W),  
4th. Law (Ro). 15.2 secs.

#### **Hurdles (Open):**

1st. Jones, K. (W), 2nd. Holland (N), 3rd. Lane (Ro),  
4th. Horn (N). 18.2 secs.

#### **880 Yards (Under 16):**

1st. Cutting (W), 2nd. Dawtry (D), 3rd. Hole (N),  
4th. Towells (D). 2 mins. 22.6 secs., **Record.**

#### **880 Yards (Open):**

1st. Basing (D), 2nd. Lane (Ro), 3rd. Holland (N),  
4th. Angell (Ra). 2 mins. 12.6 secs.

#### **Hurdles (Under 14):**

1st. Trew, C. (B), 2nd. Jacobs (W), 3rd. Smith, D. P. (C),  
4th. Butcher (W). 13.6 secs.

#### **Long Jump (Under 16):**

1st. Trew, A. (B), 2nd. Red (Ro), 3rd. Loveday (C),  
4th. Roe (G). 18ft. 4½in., **Record.**

#### **Invitation Relay:**

1st. Selhurst G.S., 2nd. Erith C.G.S., 3rd. Bec School.  
3 mins. 53 secs., **Record.**

#### **High Jump (Open):**

1st. Knott (B), 2nd. Jones, K. (W), 3rd. Willshire (Ra),  
4th. Holland (N). 5ft. 1in.

#### **220 Yards (Under 13):**

1st. Trew, C. (B), 2nd. Breach (W), 3rd. Andrews, C. (B),  
4th. Shoubridge (Ro). 29.1 secs., **Record.**

#### **220 Yards (Under 14):**

1st. Smith, D. P. (C), 2nd. Butcher (W), 3rd. Hooper, C.  
(Ra), 4th. Yeulett (D). 30.2 secs.

#### **220 Yards (Under 15):**

1st. Copus (N), 2nd. Parsons (B), 3rd. Denham (G),  
4th. Cook, C. (G). 27.7 secs.

#### **220 Yards (Under 16):**

1st. Trew, A. (B), 2nd. Monahan (D), 3rd. Red (Ro),  
4th. Loveday (C). 25.4 secs., **Record.**

#### **220 Yards (Open):**

1st. Horn (N), 2nd. Knott (B), 3rd. Jones, K. (W),  
4th. Thorne (Ra). 25.1 secs.



**High Jump (Under 16):**

1st. Law (Ro), 2nd. Red (Ro), 3rd. Laing (N),  
4th. Monahan (D). 4ft. 10ins.

**Discus (Open):**

1st. Thorne (Ra), 2nd. Dodge (N), 3rd. Knott (B),  
4th. Bates (W). 97ft. 10ins.

**One Mile (Open):**

1st. Basing (D), 2nd. Holland (N), 3rd. Hardingham (B),  
4th. Dolder (C). 5 mins. 9.8 secs.

**440 Yards (Under 16):**

1st. Loveday (C), 2nd. Jessop (B), 3rd. Burton (D),  
4th. Frankel (G). 60.5 secs.

**440 Yards (Open):**

1st. equal, Grimley (N) and Evans, P. (Ra), 3rd. Knott  
(B), 4th. Thorne (Ra). 56.2 secs.

**Long Jump (Under 14):**

1st. Breach (W), 2nd. Trew, C. (B), 3rd. Pizzey (W),  
4th. Jacobs (W). 16ft. 4ins., **Record.**

**Discus (Under 16):**

1st. Towells (D), 2nd. Copus (N), 3rd. Wymer (Ro),  
4th. Budd (C). 101ft. 4½ins.

**Old Boys' Race:**

1st. Lee, G., 2nd. Lee, L., 3rd. Hulford, 4th. Binnie.

**Putting the Shot (Open):**

1st. Evans, P. (Ra), 2nd. Bates (W), 3rd. Knott (B).  
33ft. 0ins.

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

1st. Wolfe, 2nd. Blake, 3rd. Drake, 4th. Rodney.

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

1st. Rodney, 2nd. Blake, 3rd. Collingwood.

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

1st. Nelson, 2nd. Raleigh, 3rd. Rodney.

**CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

**Senior:** 1st. Nelson (149 points), 2nd. Raleigh (103),  
3rd. Blake (80).

**Intermediate:** 1st. Rodney (117), 2nd. Blake (91),  
3rd. Nelson (77).

**Junior:** 1st. Wolfe (139), 2nd. Blake (96), 3rd. Drake (51).

**Combined:** 1st. Blake (267), 2nd. Nelson (242),  
3rd. Wolfe (208).

**Victores Ludorum: Senior:** D. A. Holland (N).

Proxime accessit: A. J. Knott (B).

**Intermediate:** A. J. Trew (B).

**Junior:** A. C. Butcher (W).

**The Ashworth Cup**, for all-round proficiency in gymnastics, athletics and games, has this year been awarded to A. J. Knott (B). It will be presented at the Prize-Giving.

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As we go to press, we learn that the Inter-Schools Athletic meeting at Herne Hill is to be revived this season. We hope to enter a team which will not disgrace our past record.

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Training in Cross-country running recommenced at half-term, and a number of fixtures, as well as the Inter-House races, are planned for the Spring Term.

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**CRICKET.**

**Captain:** K. J. THORNE. **Hon. Secretary:** D. A. JONES.

The three School cricket XI's of last term had, on the whole, a better season than those of previous years, although there is still much room for improvement. This will be achieved only by constant practice. It was noticeable, especially in the School 1st XI, that the batting strength was rather weak, and, on many occasions when our bowlers had dismissed the opposition for an extremely modest total, we ourselves could not reach their score.

The members of the teams were named in the June issue.

Some fine individual performances were recorded during the season:

In the 1st XI there was good batting by Wheeler, Dawtry and Taylor, and the bowling honours go also to Wheeler and Taylor. Dawtry, our wicket-keeper, must be congratulated for his excellent work "behind the sticks."

In the 2nd XI, the batting of Baxter, Trew, Towells, Dodge, and Evenden showed to the greatest advantage, while there was extremely good bowling by Towells, Parker and Evenden.

In the u/14 XI, batting honours go to McSoley, Barrett, Claridge and Brown, and there was some good bowling by Barrett and Pizzey.



The results of the 1st and 2nd XI's were:

1st played 12 won 4 lost 6 drawn 2.  
2nd played 11 won 3 lost 3 drawn 0.

There is much talent in these XI's, and, if the skill which comes of practice is combined with enthusiasm, we should do well next season.

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### FOOTBALL, 1946-47.

*Captain:* A. J. KNOTT.

*Secretary:* K. M. HORN.

Up to the present the School Football elevens have done very well indeed, as the results show. We have been fortunate in having as a coach Mr. Webster, formerly a professional League footballer, who came and coached us for three afternoons this term. Unfortunately he cannot give us any further coaching, as his services are needed by other schools, but we would like to take this opportunity of thanking him very much for all he has done to qualify us for the success our teams are enjoying.

At the time of going to press neither the 1st nor 2nd XI's has lost a game, and we hope that this excellent record can be maintained. However, success is generally accompanied by some misfortune, and we were very unfortunate to lose Cook—the 1st XI centre-forward, whose leg was broken in the game against King's College. We all hope that he will recover successfully, and soon be back again with us.

Pizzey, captain of the Under 14½ XI, had the distinction of being chosen to play for Greenwich Schools in the English Shield competition, and we would like to wish the team success in their difficult task.

We would like to thank all those who have acted as referees or linesmen, and those supporters—school-boys and others—who have encouraged us.

Mr. Milne has helped us a great deal, especially on the field itself, and we thank him for his refereeing. Thanks must also go to Mr. Bradley and Mr. Carter for all the work they have done on the pitches with so little aid, and for Mrs. Bradley's Saturday afternoon teas—always enjoyed.

1st XI results are:—

			F	A
Sept. 28th	v. Old Addeyan's 1st XI	H	Won	4—2
Oct. 5th	v. Sidcup County 1st XI	H	Won	9—5
Oct. 9th	v. Clark's College 1st XI	A	Won	5—2
Oct. 12th	v. Archbishop Tenison's 1st XI	A	Won	5—0
Oct. 19th	v. King's College 2nd XI	H	Won	3—0
Oct. 26th	v. Old Roans' 2nd XI	H	Won	6—1
Nov. 2nd	v. Brownhill F.C. 1st XI	H	Won	2—1

Nov. 9th v. S.E. London Tech. Col. 1st XI A Won 4—0  
Nov. 16th v. Woolwich Polytechnic 1st XI H Won 12—0

The 1st XI team is, in playing order:—Basing; Borrett, Taylor; Evenden, Knott (Capt.), Horn; Merrett, Billings, Cutting, Dawtry, Dobson.

When Cook was injured, Cutting moved to centre-forward, and Billings and Trew filled in turn the vacant position.

Goal scorers are:—Cutting 16, Dawtry 10, Cook 7, Dobson 7, Merrett 8, Trew 1, and Evenden 1.

Willshire, Red and Hutchinson played for the 1st XI against Brownhill F.C.

2nd XI results are:—

			F	A
Sept. 28th	v. Alleyn's School 2nd XI	A	Won	5—4
Oct. 5th	v. Sidcup County 2nd XI	H	Won	4—2
Oct. 9th	v. Clark's College 2nd XI	A	Won	15—0
Oct. 12th	v. Archbishop Tenison's 2nd XI	A	Won	4—3
Oct. 19th	v. George Green's 1st XI	H	Won	8—0
Oct. 26th	v. Old Roan's "A"	H	Drew	3—3
Nov. 2nd	v. King's College 3rd XI	H	Won	8—1
Nov. 6th	v. Christ's College 1st XI	A	Won	9—1
Nov. 9th	v. S.E. London Tech. Col. 2nd XI	A	Won	1—0
Nov. 16th	v. Woolwich Polytechnic 2nd XI	H	Won	10—2

The 2nd XI team is, in playing order:—Roe; Coe, Laing; Copus, Lane (Capt.), Dolder; Carr, Trew, Wheeler, Franks, Baxter.

Towells has also played in several games.

The Under 15 XI has played two games to date, the results being as follows:

			F	A
Sept. 28th	v. Alleyn's School	H	Lost	1—4
Nov. 9th	v. S.E. London Tech. Col. "A"	A	Won	6—2

Team:—Britton, Barrett; Hutchinson; Hudson, Wheeler (Capt.), Pizzey; Claridge, Copus, Cook, Dawson, McInnes. Williams and Dawes played in the last game.

The Under 14½ XI has played only one game:

			F	A
Oct. 5th	v. Sidcup County	H	Lost	1—6
Team:—Trew; Barratt, Norton; Marsh, Pizzey (Capt.), Butcher; Brown, Turley, Williams, Huntley, Cavey.				

The Under 13 XI has also played only one game:

			F	A
Nov. 13th	v. Christ's College	A	Won	3—0
Team:—Bryant; Hampton, Chamberlain; Green, Breach, Maynard; Gurr, Carr, Hider, Spence (Capt.), Wright.				

Junior house football teams have played five games each to date. Three houses have won every match, and so compe-



tition for the shield among these teams will be very exciting. Here are the leading positions:—

	Played	Won	For	Against	Points
Grenville	5	5	52	1	10
Wolfe	5	5	36	2	10
Blake	5	5	37	6	10

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### THE SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP.

Friday is still our night for meeting on the field and we manage to crowd into our weekly ninety minutes a good deal of fun and Scouting. We built a small bridge to discover whether our lashings were good enough. We certainly made the hoped-for discovery—most of us got across, painfully and precariously, but the treatment it received was too much for the bridge! Our camp fires were even more successful, though the “dampers” and “twists” were not greatly enjoyed by the Scouters who were expected to sample them.

We have four patrols and a few Second Class Scouts, and by Christmas it is hoped that nearly everyone will have passed his Second Class. The winter will confine us to huts; when we emerge again next spring we hope to be better-qualified Scouts that we are now, but winter or summer, indoors or out, we shall try to carry out the Scout Law and to live up to the three-fold promise.

K.S.B.

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### THE ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY.

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

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

OFFICERS: *President*: Mr. D. A. JONES.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mr. P. J. WARREN.

*Hon. Secretary*: Mr. W. J. MALYON.

*Committee*: Messrs. J. BASING AND N. G. THOMPSON.

In the latter half of the Summer Term the activities of the Society were restricted owing to the approach of the Higher Schools examination.

However, we were able to hear some interesting debates, among them being one whose subject was “That most people waste their lives in the pursuit of trifles,” proposed by Mr. Witten and opposed by Mr. Milne.

This term, the Society's programme was opened by two interesting papers given by members: “Films” by Mr. R. J. Cody, and “Radio Programmes” by Mr. N. G. J. Thompson. Following this, the Society heard an excellent paper on the “Beginnings of our Music” given by Mr. Trotman, who illustrated it with several gramophone records.

The rest of this term's programme will include two papers given by members of the staff, “Place-names” by Mr. Mitchell, and “Hamlet, Prince of Denmark” by Mr. Witten, a film on Social Science followed by a debate, and a social at the end of the term to which all members look forward.

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### SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

*Chairman*: Mr. L. J. BERRY.

*Hon. General Secretary*: Mr. P. J. WARREN.

*Hon. Minutes Secretary*: Mr. D. R. TERREY.

The Society's second session commenced with the half-yearly general business meeting, the main business being the election of new members.

During the Summer Term, several visits were paid to local factories. At the Grenfell Street works of the South Metropolitan Gas Company, we visited the retort house, the scrubbers and the drying sheds, and were afterwards entertained to tea in the canteen. Two visits were paid to the Fuel Research Station. At the Air Pollution Station, Dr. Meetham gave us an interesting talk on the apparatus used in finding the extent to which the air is polluted. Visiting the whole station, we saw a large boiler-house containing almost every type of boiler, a water-gas plant, research being carried out on domestic heating, and Fischer-Tropsch synthesis of oils from hydrogen and carbon-monoxide. Tea was also kindly provided here. Another visit was to the works of Telcon, Limited, where the departments dealing with underground, high-tension, and submarine cables were viewed. Again, tea was kindly provided.

All papers delivered so far this term have been of a high standard. Mr. D. A. Jones gave an illuminating paper



on "Air Pollution," which showed how serious a matter this is. He has set up an apparatus in the School laboratory to measure the pollution of the air, but, unfortunately, this was damaged during the holidays. Mr. J. G. Taylor gave an exceedingly good paper on "The Science of the Weather," dealing chiefly with the making of the weather map, and with forms of weather. His paper was accompanied by two films, "The Story of Depressions" and "Weather Forecast." Mr. D. R. Terrey presented a paper on "Micro-organisms and their functions in the soil," dealing with the microbes present in the soil, and what they do there. He showed the Society an excellent collection of fungoid and bacterial growths which he had produced from the soil in his spare time.

The Society has been honoured by visits paid by two Old Roans; we sincerely hope that these are only the first of many such visits. Mr. A. F. Mortimer, Mid. (Elec.), of H.M.S. "Nelson," gave a very instructive talk on the construction and electrical equipment of a warship. He explained in detail all the safety-devices employed to ensure that a complete break-down in the electric system shall be almost impossible. Mr. D. J. B. White, B.Sc., who is Assistant Lecturer in Botany at University College, London, gave a paper entitled "The Structure of Timber in Relation to its Uses." He made the structures of the various types of timber very clear, and explained how they are accordingly suitable for different purposes. He had a fine collection of timber specimens on view, and his talk was illustrated by most interesting lantern slides.

The future programme of the Society includes a film-show at the end of term, and two papers, "Flame and Explosion" by Mr. R. H. Williamson, and "Scientific Facts on Transport" by Mr. A. P. Tatt.

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### HOUSE NOTES.

BLAKE.

*Captain:* A. J. KNOTT.

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

The house welcomes this term a third House-master, Mr. Brabyn. We are sure he will take an interest in all our house activities and hope he will enjoy his stay with us.

We have a number of successes to our credit this year. The junior house cricket team won the shield under the able captaincy of C. Trew. We also won the combined sports

shield for the fourth successive year, mainly through the sterling efforts of A. Trew, who was the intermediate Victor Ludorum and who broke the hundred yards and long jump records. However, the combined efforts of all the boys who entered for events and who won "standards" are responsible for our success.

The junior football team has done very well so far having won every game. Every effort will be necessary, however, to beat Wolfe and Grenville. A. Trew, C. Trew, Baxter and Knott have played regularly for the Under 14, second and first elevens of the School.

The house is rehearsing for the Dramatics Competition and we hope to win this time.

### COLLINGWOOD.

*Captain:* A. P. TATT.

*Vice-Captains:* K. LOVEDAY,

A. G. DOLDER.

Since the publication of the last notes, our greatest achievement has been the winning of the Senior House Cricket Shield. The team is to be congratulated as a whole, but special praise must go to Wheeler, who played an outstanding part.

In School games the house was represented in the 2nd XI football team by Wheeler, Dolder and Franks, and in the 1st XI cricket team by Wheeler. The latter is worthy of note since it is the first time that a boy in the Fourth Form has gained his Colours.

The football season has now arrived and although the team has had no outstanding successes, this is due to the fact that, owing to lack of boys of suitable age, many of our team are under age, and suffer consequently from lack of weight. However, they are to be commended for enthusiasm and we should have a better team next year, when this disadvantage will be less.

It is to be hoped that members will soon commence their entries for the Hobbies' Exhibition. True, this is next term, but the completion of worth-while exhibits takes time. Also, this is an activity in which members without athletic ability may participate.

These are the last notes before the cross-country, and members are recommended to commence training in good time. If you can run at all, enter for the race, because, although you may think you stand no chance of winning, the possibility of getting a good position exists if you enter.



Therefore, in all activities, make the best contribution that you can, and do not leave it to the other fellow. After all, the house will only become what you make it.

### DRAKE.

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

The Summer Term brought few successes to the house, our best performance being in the senior cricket tournament. In this our team reached the final; though seeming at one time to have the game well in hand, they were finally defeated by a narrow margin. Cody (who bowled very well in the house games), Dawtry and Towells played for the first XI, and Dawes for the junior team.

In the athletic sports the results were poor, an inevitable consequence of the small numbers of entries recorded. Only two boys gained individual victories—Towells in the Under 16 Discus and Basing in the Mile and Half-mile.

The efforts of our junior football team have so far met with little success, only three points having been secured from five games. The house is represented in the School XI's by Basing and Dawtry (1st), Towells (2nd), and Dawes (junior).

The cross-country races occur next term. It is the natural talent of the boys in the house that goes to produce good results in these events. Nevertheless, the value of training is not to be underestimated, and it will be of great value if as large a number of boys as possible regularly attend practices.

### GRENVILLE.

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

This year, thanks to the increase in the number of senior boys in the house, we hope to improve on our last year's achievements.

In Junior House football we have won all the five games played so far, and have excellent prospects of remaining unbeaten in this competition.

Last summer, the junior team was the runner-up in the cricket championship, while the seniors also did well in the knock-out competition, losing to Collingwood in the semi-final.

Grenville was well represented in the School cricket teams last summer, in the 2nd XI by Roe and Lodge, and in the u/14 XI by T. Cook and Andrews. This year, in the School football teams we were represented by P. Cook, up to

the time of his unfortunate injury, when he broke his leg while playing for the School 1st XI. Billings has since played in his stead. Roe is a member of the 2nd XI and T. Cook plays for the u/15 XI.

Last year, Grenville won the junior cross-country and now that training has started for the various cross-country events, we hope that all concerned will try to repeat Grenville's success.

### NELSON.

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

It is with the greatest of pleasure that we extend a most hearty welcome to Mr. Beale and Mr. Lerpiniere, who became masters of Nelson House at the beginning of this term, and we all hope that their association with us will be a memorable one.

The School Athletic Sports, held last July, showed our senior members at their best. They finished easy winners of the Senior Championship, and it was mainly through their efforts that we were placed second in the Combined Championship. Congratulations must be bestowed upon our relay team—Horn, Holland, Grimley and Copus—especially to our house captain of last year, Holland, who was the School Victor Ludorum (Senior).

The cricket teams of the house did not distinguish themselves, however, for the juniors won only three out of seven games, and the seniors were beaten in the first round of their competition.

The junior football team has started very badly this term, having gained only one point from a possible ten. This is not due to lack of enthusiasm, we are sure, and the house wishes them better luck in future matches.

The house is well represented in the two School football XI's this year, having our Captain and Vice-Captain in the 1st XI and Laing, Carr and Copus in the 2nd XI.

One final word: if we all take an active share in the activities of the house Nelson will do even better than it did last year.

### RALEIGH.

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

It is indeed a very pleasant duty to welcome Mr. Hazell back to our house. This is by no means his first association with Raleigh, as he was a Roan boy himself—proud to wear the green button. We all hope that his stay with us will be long and happy.



This is the first publication of house notes since the Annual Athletic Sports, which were held last term. The seniors were placed second, due mainly to fine individual efforts by P. J. Evans and K. Thorne, both of whom we were unlucky to lose at the end of last term. We thank them for the good services they rendered the house, and promise to try to maintain the high standards they set for our senior sport.

At the time of writing, the junior soccer team has won only one game. This record might well be improved by a more determined effort on the part of the younger members of the house, and an attempt to equal the enthusiasm and performance of the seniors, for Raleigh provides both the 1st XI "wingers"—Dobson and Merrett—together with the 1st XI right-half back—Evenden. Willshire, moreover, has played for the 2nd XI. Senior House football has not yet started, but Raleigh ought to field a strong team for the "five-a-side" competition next term. We won it last year, and we have our hearts set on retaining the trophy.

The cross-country races will also be held next term. Those of you who ran last year, whether as seniors, intermediates or juniors, will have realized that in order to obtain a good place as many practices as possible must be attended. Last year's results were rather revealing; this year we must all pull our weight, in every sphere, and particularly in running.

#### RODNEY.

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

Firstly, a welcome to all new members of the house, and an expression of the hope that they will not only maintain the old traditions of Rodney, but raise them where possible. The boys who joined the house last year did not respond to repeated requests to train before taking part in house activities, with the result that they provided bad support for the good work done by the seniors and intermediates. This must not happen again!

On the whole Rodney did well in the Athletic Sports; we won the Intermediate Championship (congratulations to all those who took part), came fourth in the Senior, but were seventh in the Junior. In the Combined Championship Rodney was placed fourth. Lane, Law and Red represented the School in Athletics matches.

The cricket season passed by without Rodney either distinguishing or disgracing itself. Jones and Parker (1st

XI), Wymer and Lane (2nd XI) and Claridge (Junior XI) represented the School regularly throughout the season.

We have not been doing very well in the junior football competition up to date, but we hear from the junior football captain that this is not due to lack of enthusiasm. Now that most of the members of last year's junior football team are seniors, we anticipate a performance in this year's senior competition which will equal their successful effort of a twelvemonth back. The house is represented in the School XI's by Barrett (1st XI), Lane, who is the School's 2nd XI captain, and Williams (Junior XI).

As usual Rodney is exhibiting talent and enthusiasm in an entry for the Dramatic Competition, taking place at Christmas.

The Cross-Country will be run next term, and practices have begun. Once again juniors, intermediates and seniors are urged to train, for, as results always show, regular training is the only path to success.

Last year was notably one of achievement for Rodney. Provided every Rodneyian pulls his weight, and since only a few members were lost at the end of last term, the house can approach the coming year with confidence.

#### WOLFE.

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

Cricket: The house has been unfortunate with cricket, in so far as the senior team failed to advance beyond the first stage of the knock-out competition, while the junior team was little more successful during the season, losing more matches than it won.

Sports: The juniors achieved by far the most encouraging result in the Sports when they won the Junior shield with Butcher as Junior Victor Ludorum. His results were—1st in the 100 yds; 2nd in the 220 yds.; 2nd in the High Jump; 4th in the Hurdles. Breach, also, put up a fine performance, but he was unfortunate in being unable to qualify for the Junior Victor Ludorum—despite his three firsts and one second, and breaking the records for the u/14 Long Jump and the u/13 100 yds—as he entered for u/13 events. Another record was broken by Cutting in winning the u/16 880 yds., and Jones ran first in the Open Hurdles and was placed second in the High Jump. It is evident the fine juniors in Wolfe House will become a strong Athletics Team among the seniors within two or three years.



Football: House football has so far this term been confined to junior games, in which Wolfe team has not lost a match, and has an excellent chance of winning the Shield. Pizzey, the junior captain, has been chosen to play with the Greenwich Schools' team. He also represents the house in the School Elevens, together with Cutting and Coe.

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### Old Roan Association Notes.

(A list of Officers appears on the attached leaflet.)

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT.

The Reunion on the 11th October must surely have created a record for attendance.

I could not help feeling what a wonderful spirit pervaded the whole meeting. Where else is it possible for 18-year olds and 80-year olds to mix so freely and with so little embarrassment?

Truly all Old Roans are just Old Roans. Age does not count.

Our hard-worked Secretary, who by the way is beginning to wonder just how Mr. Bullers managed to carry the job for so many years, informs me that arrangements for the Dinner and Dance are going well.

Membership is on the up grade but we still want you to enrol your old pal who isn't yet with us.

Don't forget your contribution to the Memorial Fund and please send to the Editors of the Magazine, at any time, any item of interest to the School or the Old Boys.

### THE SERVICE LIST.

We print below the first supplements to the Service List published in our last issue. We hope that a complete and entirely accurate list will be available before long, and appeal to all who can help to fill the gaps that remain in our records.

An analysis of the List as it now stands may be of interest:

**Killed, died or missing:** 65.

**Prisoners-of-war:** 27, of whom 5 died.

**Distinctions:** D.F.C. and bar: 2; D.F.C.: 9; A.F.C.: 3; D.S.C.: 6; M.M.: 2; C.B.E.: 2; B.E.M.: 3; M.B.E.: 2; D.F.M.: 1;

M.C.: 1; G.M.: 1; O.B.E.: 2. One each of the following foreign awards: Greek gold cross, Chevalier of Order of Leopold II, Croix de Guerre (Belgium), U.S.A.A.F. Commendation.

Mentioned in Dispatches 3 times: 1; "Mentioned" twice: 2; "Mentioned": 11.

### I: Corrections to Published List.

(The complete amended entry is given in each case.)

✠Andrews, P. E. (28-40), Sgt.-Pilot, R.A.F.V.R. Killed in flying accident, Middle East, 4/44.

Blacketer, E. R. (29-34), Cpl., R.A.S.C. Gibraltar, France, Belgium, Germany.

Blackhall, R. C. J. (37-40), Sgt.-Obs., R.A.F. Coastal Command. Capetown and Middle East.

✠Caton, E. B. (22-33), Flight Sgt.-Pilot, R.A.F. Killed over Sicily, 12/43.

Collins, J. B. (35-40), A.B., R.N. Invalided out.

✠Coveney, W. R. (31-37), Sgt.-Obs., R.A.F. Killed in action, 4/40, after 27 operational flights.

✠Emerton, P. J. (28-35), S./Ldr., R.A.F. Served in India and Malaya. Killed, 11/43.

Harmer, C. L. (36-39), Sapper-Draughtsman, R.E. Survey. Far East.

O'Donovan, P. R. (38-43), Lt., R.I.A.S.C.

✠Ramsay, K. A. W. (27-31) F/O., R.A.F. Took part in many of the early bombing raids. Played Rugby football for the R.A.F., 1939-40. Killed in action, 5/40.

✠Wright, C. G. (09-11), Cpl., R.A.F. Died on active service, 7/43.

### II: Additions to Service List.

Brown, G. (29-37), F/Lt., R.A.F.

Brown, P. R. (29-35), F/Sgt., R.A.F.

Clowser, C. E. (14-20), R.A.O.C.

Eden, L. (31-36), R.A.F.

Escott, G. C. (16-22), Australian Army.

✠Field, P. (34-38), Flight-Sgt., R.A.F. Wireless Operator of a Bomber; he and his crew led a charmed life, until, after their 32nd raid on Germany, they were shot down by "intruders" in March, 1945. Had served as Instructor.

Fowles, T. N. (28-33), Major, R.T.R. N. Africa, Sicily, Italy.



- Golbourn, E. S. ( - ), F.A.A.  
 Hansen, L. T. W. (21-28), Cpl., R.A.F.  
 Harris, "Tubby" ( - ), Sgt., R.A.O.C.  
 Hewson, C. J. (24-30), Major, R.E. India and Burma.  
 Hitchman, F. J. (30-36), Sgt., R.A.F.  
 Kearn, G. (28-37), Major, R.E.M.E. Volunteered while studying engineering at Manchester University. As Captain went to France soon after D-Day, in command of Mobile Workshop. After capitulation stationed in Netherlands. Now serving in India. Mentioned in Dispatches, during operations in Germany.  
 Kenyon, E. C. (28-36), Rifle Brigade.  
 Lewis, R. H. (33-38), L/Cpl., C.R.A.S.C., B.A.O.R.  
 Marsh, F. W. (21-26), Captain, Royal Marines.  
 McMurray, F. C. ( - ), Major, T.D., R.C.S.  
 Mathieson, R. (32-38), R.A.F.  
 Mellish, L. W. ( - ) Sgt., R.A.O.C.  
 Owen, E. (17-19), R.A.F.  
 Seymour, J. (35-40), W.O., Navigator, R.A.F.  
 †Storey, P. R. (28-35), Commandr. Killed in Italy.  
 Stow, A. F. (31-39), Sgt./A.G., R.A.F. Invalided out.  
 Stow, F. G. (19-24), Cpl., Balloon Barrage. L.A.C., Air-Sea Rescue Service, Ceylon.  
 †Stow, G. W. (22-29), Lt., Cyprus Regt. P.O.W., Germany, 41-45. Reported safe.  
 Wiltshire, S. C. (12-16), Lt. (E), D.S.C., R.N.

We are collecting material for a list of coincidental meetings of Old Roans on active service during the war. We already know of a number. Will those who have an interesting encounter to report please let us know?

One remarkable meeting already reported was when one whose name appears on the Roll of Honour was helped by the "underground" movement in France, and found that his hosts were members of the family of Jean Hartweg, our last pre-war *assistant*, whose name is also on the Roll of Honour. A note on this family's tragic story appeared in our issue of December, 1944. We are proud to report that Jean's aunt, who, after befriending many Englishmen, was caught by the Gestapo and sent to a concentration camp, was recently decorated at the British Embassy in Paris.

## OLD ROAN PERSONALITIES.

(The first of a series for which we invite contributions.)

### W. J. Bullers and G. H. Chamberlain.

For a period of fifteen years—1931-46—W. J. Bullers was Secretary of our Association. From 1938 to 1946 he was assisted by G. H. Chamberlain. Bullers succeeded W. J. Potter as Secretary, and he made it his business to further the interests of the Association in all its branches.

When they took over, membership was mounting, and the work entailed increased enormously. O.R. activities—the various Sports Clubs, Dances, correspondence and the issuing of the magazines—all made inroads into the leisure time of two already busy men. In addition there was the sale of ties and blazers, and much work in putting correspondents in touch with other O.R.'s.

Between them these two must have sent out over 30,000 magazines. We may hope they didn't lick all the stamps; otherwise they must have used up pints of saliva! Perhaps this explains Buller's "lean and hungry" look, but it doesn't explain "Joey's" rubicund countenance. How these two stalwarts worked and how we took it all for granted! During the war years their task was made extremely difficult. It was impossible to hold regular Committee meetings, as members were scattered. During this period Bullers wrote to hundreds of O.R.'s in the Services and between them they kept the Association alive. The result is that now the O.R.A. is a real live body and one of which we are all proud. With the war ended and their private affairs demanding more of their time, both our stalwarts felt that the time had come to hand over to others. It was with regret that we accepted their resignations, but it was with pride that we testified to their heroic work on behalf of us all. The Association remembers their efforts, wishes them well and honours them—and the Association as well—by inviting them as Guests of Honour at the forthcoming Annual Dinner. Never has that distinction been more worthily earned. Meanwhile we offer to H. Baker, our new Secretary, congratulations and thanks on taking over a very difficult job so notably discharged in the past.

### Mr. J. W. Berry (1879-84).

First Old Boy President of the O.R.A. (1921-22).  
 Treasurer of John Roan Lodge since its inception.

When I happened to open Mr. Kirby's "History of the Roan School" the other night, I could not but reflect how



soon the great ones of this world become mere names. There is the opening of the Eastney Street School, and the appointment of that giant of the past, Mr. Michael Ridger, B.A., of Balliol College, Oxford, to be its new Headmaster. There is a Mr. James Fewings, B.A., who is mentioned as an efficient Second Master. There are Messrs. Hinchie and Gutteridge who received their travelling expenses, but with what fortune, we do not know. There is a Mr. Fielder and a Mr. Chippendale who retired on the grounds of illness—memories of the past.

But when we look below, there is a name which leaps out of cold print into a very human figure, known and respected by all, a person we expect to see and are rarely disappointed at every occasion when Old Roans are gathered together for the purpose that Mr. Ridger dedicated the School: "To the advancement of education in Greenwich." I refer to Mr. J. W. Berry. I speak for everyone when I say that no Old Roan function is complete without him.

### NEWS OF OLD ROANS.

We have heard from the following. Anyone wishing to communicate with those named, should write c/o the School. (Those "called up" since the war are named here rather than in the Service List, and there is some necessary duplication.)

**W. E. Moss**, Ex-Editor, now stationed in Austria; **A. M. McGregor**, at Manchester University taking English, recommends his friends to take up Anglo-Saxon as an agreeable hobby; **K. H. Wheeler**, taking German at London University; Captain **D. Goddard**; S/Sgt. **R. W. Seal**; Captain **S. J. Wright**; **E. W. Dibblin**—still in the Navy and apparently taking up music—speaks of "fiddling a week-end"; Sgt. **A. Lyne**; **R. M. Mitchell**—now a civilian; Lt. **P. O'Donovan**; **G. W. Broome** and brother; Captain **D. C. McIntosh**—still in India; hopes to be demobbed about Christmas; P.O. **D. E. Homewood**; **A. Burns**—saw a stately figure approaching him and recognized it as **Mr. Amesbury**; Lt. **Dibben**; **E. L. Drakley**; Sub/Lieut. **R. L. Cammell**; F/L. **H. S. Cousins**; **H. V. Wells**—in R.A.F. India; **D. J. Moyes**—in Colombo; **A. F. Stow**; **L. J. Trott**—in R.A.F.; **G. C. Escott**—in Western Australia, has spent several years in the Army—sends his kindest regards to all his old friends; Major **F. C. McMurray**—was at Eastney Street, until 1913, in the time of **Mr. Croft**—wishes to be remembered to all old friends; **E. S. Golbourn**—Fleet Air Arm; Lt. (E) **S. Willshire**, R. N.; L/Cpl. **R. H. Lewis**; **A. B. Chapman**—employed in the Admiralty, and

at present in Malta; **H. J. Cowie**—appointed to the staff of Tollington School, Middlesex; **B. Green**, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Middleton-in-Wharfdale Sanatorium, Ilkley, had an article on a rare case in the "British Medical Journal" of 1st June, 1946; **A. Hyde**—after serving during the war years as a temporary assistant in the University Library, is now doing tutorial supervision work at Cambridge; **T. W. Hime**—a student at Leavesden Emergency Teachers' Training College, where **Mr. Johnson** (Staff, 45-46) is a tutor; **H. J. Jenne**, in training with the R.E.'s; the Rev. **R. J. Kaye**—now Vicar of Apsley, near Hemel Hempstead, Herts., writes an interesting letter in which he recalls the old Eastney Street school; **W. B. Kemp** has taken the degree of B.Sc. (Econ.); **D. H. Peckham**—appointed to the staff of Manor County School, Wembley Park, Middlesex; **H. C. Prince**—Corporal, R.A.O.C.; Canon **R. H. W. Roberts** (06-11), Chancellor of Truro Cathedral, Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Truro and Diocesan Director of Religious Education, has been elected Proctor in Convocation, to represent the clergy of the Truro Diocese, and a member of the Church Assembly. He has recently published a book, "The Hungry Sheep" (Messrs. James Clarke & Co. Ltd., 7/6), dealing with the drift from institutional religion, which has been widely reviewed. He has also been appointed as a member of the Cornwall County Education Committee and the County Reconstruction Committee.

### OLD ROAN REUNION, FRIDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

Over one hundred and fifty members of the Old Roan Society attended a Reunion, held in the School Hall.

The President, Mr. George Tomkins, spoke of the opportunities offered by the Society for preserving the friendships of school days, and he cordially welcomed into the Society the boys who had recently left school. At this record meeting, he spoke of the pleasure of resuming old acquaintances which was shown by the animated conversation and stated that there was no need for school life to end on leaving school. There was the Cricket Club, the Football Club, the Dramatic Section, and endless possibilities were open if members were prepared to make suggestions and support the organizations. He recalled that at School he had sung, "Forty Years On" without understanding what it meant; but now he did, and one of the useful functions of the Society was that the new members could mix with the old stalwarts of the School on equal terms. He welcomed the new members of the staff with great cordiality.



The Headmaster gave an amusing account of the procedure necessary to obtain anything in these form-ridden days, but said that he thought that the tennis courts would be ready for play in the summer. Tennis Section, note! Tighten up the strings in your rackets!

We had a very amusing account of the "good old days" from Mr. H. Stone (89-92). Those were the days of Mr. Ridger and Mr. Baron. He recalled "Bunny" Martin, and the "White" and "Black" Messrs. Wignleys, so called from the colour of their moustaches. He recalled his fellow members in the Sixth Form, Messrs. Bell, J. G. Atkins, J. Usherwood, Harvey and Brodie.

The Football Secretary stressed the need for more members if the two teams, which were so promising at the moment, were to be maintained. The Press Secretary said that he would be pleased to hear from Old Roans anywhere in the world and that he would welcome articles or other contributions to the Magazine.

After a period of conversation, the Reunion ended with an informal concert.

Among those present were Mr. A. Robinson, who would like to have news of Mr. Harry Harper of his year.

An Old Roan blazer, sent by E. H. Oakley, an Old Roan in South Africa, was raffled and brought £6 18s. 6d. for the Roan War Memorial.

#### BIRTHS.

Durban, J. D. (33-37): On 23rd October, 1946, at Bromley, to Sheila, wife of Jack D. Durban (formerly Lieutenant (A) R.N.V.R.), a daughter (Carolyn Shelagh).

Mills, S. R. (16-22, Staff, 26-44): On 13th October, 1946, at Exeter—to Elizabeth, wife of S. R. Mills, a son (Robert).

#### MARRIAGES.

Bradgate, F/O. N. C. B., D.F.C., R.A.F. (34-39), to Elsie A. Kent, at St. Augustine's Church, Grove Park, July, 1946.

Moore, M. D. (34-41), to Megan Rainford, on June 1st, 1946, at All Saint's Church, Ammanford, by the Rev. T. C. Phillips.

Wedge, J. F. N. (32-38), to Jacqueline Roberts, at Chislehurst Methodist Church, on 10th October, 1946.

#### DEATHS.

Murrell, R. B. (07-19). Returned from New Zealand, where he had been working, in 1939 and was killed in a

black-out accident shortly afterwards, while working for the Wilts. War Agricultural Committee. He was about to join the N.Z. Forces at the time of his death.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

##### TRANSFERRED LIFE.

Twitchett, F. J. (32-37); Daish, A. W. (24-30); Fillmore, A. J. (37-41); Collings, A. E. (87-94); Townsend, E. G. (26-34); Ellinor, T. W. (28-34); Stitson, G. H. P. (20-26); Cammell, R. L. (33-38); Wright, R. H. (22-27); Hewlett, F. (16-21); Ford, F. A. (29-34); Clifton, L. A. (29-33); Benwell, A. J. (04-09); O'Donovan, P. (38-43); Hazlewood, K. S. (32-38); Hancock, W. K. (06-08); Thorp, J. (Staff); Mitchell, S. J. D. (Staff).

##### LIFE.

Cousins, H. G. (35-40); Wiltshire, S. C. (12-16); Bell, T. F. C. (14-18); Davies, D. A. (11-15); Davies, W. C. (14-20); Davies, P. H. (15-20); Goodwin, P. L. ( - ); Seymour, J. H. (35-40); O'Flynn, D. H. (36-39); Lewis, R. H. (34-40); Humphreys, D. A. (25-33); Hopwood, A. H. (23-29); Whittle, F. E. E. (33-39); Green, R. A. (30-35); Butler, F. S. (24-28); Fowles, T. N. (28-33); Richards, J. D. (36-42); Jones, G. F. (37-41); O'Donovan, J. F. (38-39); Beale, S. (Staff); Hazell, J. F. (28-35, Staff).

##### ORDINARY.

Chapman, G. R. (31-39); Harris, B. F. (39-46); Hogan, E. J. (38-46); Evans, E. E. (41-46); Hardingham, C. (39-46); Johnson, A. F. (41-46); Jones, K. B. (41-46); Russell-Jones, B. (43-46); Tucker, E. W. H. (16-18); Evans, P. J. (39-46); Fry, S. H. (30-35); Pemberton, A. C. W. (33-46); Kempton, R. J. (34-40); Hooke, E. J. (34-41); Bates, S. C. (42-46); Holland, D. A. (38-46); Molyneux, P. (43-46); Sullivan, D. C. (44-46); Owen, E. (17-19); Dyckhoff, D. D. (43-46); Elliott, W. G. J. (45-46); Grimley, E. W. (44-46); Stone, H. (89-92); Pickrell, J. (41-46); Childs, C. (43-46); Bamber, M. K. (42-46); Groundsell, P. F. (42-46); Arundell, S. W. (42-45); Davies, J. (39-46); Gent, R. G. (39-46); Bettles, S. C. ( - ).

#### FOOTBALL SECTION.

In its first post-war season the Section has a stiff task in front of it to get back to the position it had in **Old Boys'** soccer before the war. The intention to enter two teams in the Old Boys' League has been fully justified and it has now been found possible to field an "A" XI.

To be certain of fielding three teams each week the Section must have a membership of at least forty keen members. Unfortunately a few of our members are lacking in "Club Spirit" and we are also liable to lose some of the younger ones to the Forces soon. This means **we must have more new members**. Old members need not be afraid that they are too old—the average age of the 1st XI is 27 and such members as A. Cutts, E. J. Townsend, J. V. Webb, J.



Ellingham, L. Groves, K. Bartlett, N. Page, R. Pearman, S. Palmer, J. Meggs, and L. Davey are still "doing their bit."

Among new members we are glad to welcome—J. Collins, H. Potter, P. Evans, H. Seymour, C. Checkley, V. J. Brewer, R. Emler and F. Barnes. The leading light among these is Brewer, who in six games has scored 28 goals.

New members are asked to contact the Hon. Secretary.

The rates of Subscriptions are: Over 25 years of age 35/-; 21-25, 10/- initial payment and 1/- per game until 30/- total paid; Under 21, 10/- initial payment and 6d. per game until 20/- total paid. (These rates can be adjusted in certain cases and O.R.'s are asked not to refrain from joining because of difficulty in paying the above.)

This season, starting from scratch again, the Section is not too well placed financially, and the Hon. Treasurer is very grateful to those old members who have helped by donations to the Club, and showing that the "Club Spirit" still exists.

The teams are also hard pressed for Club shirts and any old members who are not playing now are asked to let the Hon. Secretary have their old shirts—they can be assured the Section will be very grateful.

On behalf of the Section I would like to thank the Headmaster for the facilities so kindly placed at our disposal, and Mr. Bradley for preparing teas for the teams under difficult conditions.

So come along, you Old Roan soccer stars, and help us reach the top of the O.B.L. Those of you who do not play are cordially invited to the field on Saturday afternoons to help with your cheers.

The results appear below:—

#### Results:

##### 1st XI.

Sept. 28th	v. Old Tenisonians	(L)	H	Won	4—1
Oct. 5th	v. Old Suttonians	(C)	A	Won	11—1
" 12th	v. Old Osthians	(F)	H	Drew	2—2
" 19th	v. Old Suttonians	(L)	H	Won	10—0
" 26th	v. Borough Polytechnic	(C)	A	Lost	2—10
Nov. 9th	v. Epsom O.B.	(L)	A	Lost	3—4
(L)—O.B.L. South A. (C)—A.F.A. Senior Cup. (F) Friendly.					

##### Reserve XI.

Oct. 5th	v. Old Bromleians Res.	(L)	H	Lost	1—3
" 12th	v. O.Streatham Modernians	(L)	H	Won	16—0
" 19th	v. Old Latymerians III	(F)	A	Drew	2—2
" 26th	v. School 1st XI	(F)	H	Lost	1—6

Nov. 2nd	v. Old Salesians Res.	(L)	A	Won	11—2
" 9th	v. Inland Revenue	(F)	A	Lost	2—6
(L)—O.B.L. South B. (F) Friendly.					

#### "A" XI.

Oct. 26th	v. School 2nd XI	(F)	H	Drew	3—3
Nov. 9th	v. Crouch End Vampires V	(F)	H	Lost	0—5
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Nov. 2nd	O.R. XI v. Air Ministry	(F)	H	Lost	0—2

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Remember the Old Roan Dance, Saturday, 18th January, 1947, at the Town Hall, Greenwich, Tickets 6/-. Proceeds for Roan Memorial Fund (1939-1945).

The Secretary regrets to announce that he is out of touch with a considerable number of Members; he hopes that any Member who can aid in tracing any name in the following list will forward information to him. He also wishes to remind those Members who pay their subscriptions by Bankers Order that they should amend the amount paid by their bankers from 3/6d. to 5/- with effect from 1st January, 1947:—

Allison, T. L. (08-12); Andrews, F. C. (03-07); Banks, W. H. (03-08); Beesley, H. J. (15-18); Bint, G. H. (24-27); Bishop, N. S. (19-27); Boyd, J. O. (19-28); Boyten, H. J. (08-12); Brading, L. H. (85-90); Bryan, F. C. (08-11); Burbridge, N. A. G. (18-28); Caddy, W. E. H. (11-13); Candlin, A. G. ( - ); Carlton, S. E. (12-20); Clare, F. (08-12); Cole, G. B. (16-20); Conolly, F. G. (13-16); Cutbush, R. F. (17-22); Dalton, F. ( - ); Dartnall, G. W. (21-24); Davies, S. C. (20-26); Denny, B. (14-17); Eldridge, R. T. (28-33); Elliott, E. G. (07-13); Ellison, T. G. (78-82); Fairbairns, A. W. (78-79); Forgan, C. B. (16-26); Galliford, C. H. (17-23); Gardner, K. A. (19-23); Gibson, A. G. F. ( - ); Gibson, E. S. (30-38); Gillam, G. W. (12-16); Harman, D. V. (29-33); Harris, R. A. (18-23); Hawes, S. J. (92-95); Hemsley, A. V. (14-19); Herrington, S. R. (18-24); Hewson, C. ( - ); Hill, L. K. (25-33); Hills, H. E. (07-09); Jacobs, E. W. (23-25); Jones, R. P. (83-87); Kilby, W. E. P. (17-22); Lloyd, H. C. (08-09); Lyon, L. H. (10-17); Mahony, C. (16-23); Mann, R. D. (12-14); Metz, G. L. E. (13-16); Pearson, E. O. (07-10); Pearson, J. (25-30); Perks, L. (31-38); Percy, L. R. N. (09-18); Perron, S. H. (89-95); Perrey, F. O. (19-23); Pickering, A. H. (12-26); Potts, W. (08-10); Ray, F. M. (06-09); Roberts, A. C. (12-17); Robinson, E. A. ( - ); Sayer, W. W. (06-09); Scott, B. L. A. (25-30); Shearman, H. C. (13-17); Skinner, H. (84-90); Smart, V. A. (01-06); Smith, C. A. (20-25); Smith, L. W. (22-24); Smith, N. L. (10-16); Snape, K. P. (39-45); Stewart, G. S. (17-22); Thomas, R. H. (21-24); Taylor, E. D. (16-19); Taylor, G. B. (93-99); Thurgood, D. C. (32-38); Tilley, H. (12-15); Todd, C. E. (17-22); Tynbee, R. S. M. ( - ); Truphet,



S. (90-94); Wadman, A. J. R. (01-03); Waldon, F. H. (25-30); Walden, H. (98-03); Wallis, W. H. ( - ); Ward, L. P. (14-17); Waterfield, E. W. (03-08); Watkins, L. J. (13-18); Webster, J. P. B. ( - ); Wiggzell, P. M. (15-22); Windsor, A. T. (22-24); Woollard, R. J. B. (23-31); Wright, A. J. (98-06).

The O.R.A. Secretary would appreciate the offer of a copy of Mr. Kirby's "History of Roan School," to be either loaned to or bought by four Old Roans who now reside in New Zealand.

### SPORTS CLUB.

At a meeting of the above at the School on Friday, 8th November, the following officers were elected: President, Mr. H. W. Gilbert; Secretary, Mr. S. H. Hammond, 69 The Highway, Orpington, Kent; Treasurer, Mr. N. W. Page.

If it is proposed to restart any of the other Sports Sections, please notify the Secretary.

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

The Sixteenth Installation Meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on 22nd October, 1946. A large number of members and visitors were present to witness Bro. Leonard Robert Clowser's installation as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

Our new Master, who was initiated in 1932, attended the Roan School from 1919 to 1926, and then embarked on a commercial career. During the war he served in the Metropolitan War Reserve Police, which he joined in 1938.

The Lodge was formed for the convenience of ex-pupils of the Roan School and to such who are Masons and not members of the Lodge, W. Bro. Clowser offers a cordial invitation (especially to those who were at School between 1919 and 1926) to visit him at Freemasons' Hall.

Dates of future meetings can always be obtained from the Secretary.

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, 49 Crown Lane, Bromley, Kent.

### SUBSCRIPTION FORM

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

Life Membership ... £2 10

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

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

### BANKERS' ORDER

Name of Society: OLD ROAN ASSOCIATION.

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

To ..... (Name of Bankers)

..... Branch ..... Address

Please pay to the Bankers of the above Society—

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

Signature .....

Address .....

Date .....

Please  
affix  
Twopenny  
Stamp



### ROAN MEMORIAL (1939—1945) FUND

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

Signature..... Address.....

Date.....

### POTTER MEMORIAL FUND

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

Signature..... Address.....

Date.....

### O.R.A. BENEVOLENT FUND

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

Signature..... Address.....

Date.....

### DO NOT FORGET :—

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held  
at the School on 28th February, 6.30 for 7 p.m. No  
separate notice will be sent.

OLD ROAN DANCE, Greenwich Town Hall,  
Saturday, 18th January, 1947

### OLD ROAN BLAZERS.

Light and Dark Blue and Green. (In the new Blazer  
Cloth, which is much superior to flannel, the colours  
being woven throughout).

Price and Self-Measurement Form on Application to the  
Secretary, O.R.A. COUPONS REQUIRED.

### OLD ROAN TIES.

Association Ties may be ordered for approximately ten  
months delivery at 6/9 each including postage. The  
money and one coupon per tie required should be  
deposited with the Hon. Secretary.

(Note, the Secretary does not propose to acknowledge receipt  
of monies and coupons unless specially requested).

Hon. Secretary, O.R.A.,

49 Crown Lane, Bromley, Kent.

Please order on my behalf.....Ties at 6/9 each for which  
I enclose remittance value £.....s.....d. and.....coupons.

Name.....

Address.....