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*School Secretary* : **Mrs. D. M. Brown**

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<b>Sylvia Hockey</b>	<b>D. Bran</b>
<b>Joyce Andrews</b>	<b>G. Clapp</b>
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<b>Marcon Sword</b>	<b>E. Smith A.</b>
<b>Mary Veck</b>	<b>Stephenson</b>

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**HOUSE OFFICIALS.**

<b>BARTON</b> — <i>Staff</i> :	<b>Mrs. Holt, Mr. Lebern</b>
	<i>Captains</i> : <b>Sylvia Hockey, J. Bennett</b>
<b>PEAK</b> — <i>Staff</i> :	<b>Miss Smith, Mr. Sansbury</b>
	<i>Captains</i> : <b>Kathleen Clarke, P. Phillips</b>
<b>PEEL</b> — <i>Staff</i> :	<b>Miss Vinnicombe, Mr. Habbitts</b>
	<i>Captains</i> : <b>Ruby Philp, D. Gibbons</b>

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## EDITORIAL.

This has been an eventful term, not only in our own little affairs, but in the life of the nation and the world. At school, two days' extra holiday and a sudden profusion of red, white and blue ribbon were about all the outward manifestation of the change. For us life is going on much as usual. Children who have never before known peace are the same children in June as they were in April. Our Forces are still fighting in Asia and working in Europe with the thought of one triumph gained to speed them in their task. The Home Front is not supplied with more food or fewer grumbles, and this copy of *The Peveril* will, unless celebrations have softened the stern hearts of the Ministry of Supply, be as thin as the last.

Nevertheless, momentous powers are at work. The world is beginning to regain its freedom. As J. B. Priestley put it, we are coming out of the tunnel. There is still a long way to go, but we can see daylight ahead and a widening horizon. We ourselves are waking up with surprise to our release from the shackles of a five-year-old black-out and a ten-year-old Parliament.

For one thing, we are all thinking about the election, and that, apparently, with considerable vehemence. In some parts of the school a blue favour is *de rigueur*, whereas there are other august assemblies which it is positively unsafe to enter without a red tie. Here is one sign that the nation is resuming its peacetime functions, which must affect each member of our generation more deeply than we yet know.

Gradually we are getting nearer to the sunshine and the broadening of the road. The way of peace and liberty will be uphill, the going will be hard, but we cannot afford another tunnel.

M. P. K.

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## THE LATE MISS A. SMITH, L.L.A.

The news of the death of Miss A. Smith, L.L.A., at her home in Winchester on May 10th, after an illness of several months, will be received with great regret by the hundreds of her former pupils.

Though seventy years of age, she retained, until the last few months of her life, that keen and enthusiastic interest in the various activities with which she was connected, that was so outstanding during the thirty-two years of her career at Eastleigh.

It was due to her untiring efforts as Principal, that the Eastleigh Pupil Teachers' Centre, which began life in the Institute in 1904, with about thirty pupils, rapidly increased its numbers, necessitating its removal to the Wesley Hall, and then to Barton Peveril, where it was recognised by the Board of Education as a Secondary School in 1920, and finally moved to Desborough Road, where it became the Eastleigh County High School, from which she retired in 1936. Since then Miss Smith had remained closely associated with the school.

As a token of our esteem she was elected Senior Vice-President for life of the Old Bartonians' Association, and many older members were greatly disappointed that she was prevented by her illness from joining us on the last Old Students' Day.

Her vivacious personality and ready wit, her understanding and sympathy, will live long in the hearts and memories of each of us.

E. M. NEALE.

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#### SCHOOL NOTES.

The whole School deeply regretted the news of the recent death of Miss A. Smith, J.P., former headmistress of the School and aunt of our own Miss Smith, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy in her loss.

We record, with regret, the departure of Miss Hayward at the end of the Spring Term and of Mr. Judson at the end of the Summer Term. They have returned to Itchen Secondary School, from which they have been " on loan " to us for the past five years. We shall not forget the services which they have rendered to the School during that time.

We have also lost the services of Miss Woollard, who came to us to take needlework while Gosport County High School were in Eastleigh.

We welcome Miss Dearlove, who has taken the place of Miss Woollard, and Miss Churchill, who came to us from a school in Poona to take the place of Miss Hayward. We are sorry that they came to us only for the Summer Term. We hope that they will have pleasant memories of their stay with us.

Congratulations to three Old Bartonians on gaining military distinctions. They are F. /0. Harry George Currell, R.A.F.V.R., whom several senior pupils will remember as an active member of the School at the beginning of the war, and who has been awarded the D.F.C. ; Capt. F. H. Whitehead, who belonged to the School in Barton Peveril days and who has been mentioned in despatches for gallantry and distinguished service in Italy ; and F. /Lt. E. A. Stone, R.A.F.V.R., who has been awarded the D.F.C.

M. K.

## SCHOOL SPORTS.

### HOCKEY.

*Captain* : K. Clarke.      *Secretary* : K. Clarke.

During the Spring Term the team consisted of K. Clarke, P. Fowler, E. Knott, P. Hill, E. Jones, R. Philp, G. Reynolds A. Shipp, G. Shepherd, J. Williams and U. Balch. Colours were awarded to E. Jones, R. Philp, P. Hill and U. Balch.

Unfortunately several matches were scratched. Of the four played by the First XI two were won and two lost, and we enjoyed the fast and exciting games. We were very pleased to have defeated the Old Bartonians, but can hardly consider it a fair victory since they played with only ten girls, three of whom were lent by the School.

The Second XI played two matches, winning one and losing the other.

#### RESULTS OF MATCHES.

<b>First XI.</b>	<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
	Jan. 20—Brockenhurst County School	Won 3-2
	Feb. 17—Wykeham House School ....	Lost 1-3
	Mar. 17—Winchester County School ....	Lost 0-3
	24—Old Bartonians                    ....	Won 3-2
<b>Second XI.</b>		
	Jan. 20—Brockenhurst County School	Won 5-2
	Mar. 17--Winchester County School ....	Lost 1-3
		K. C.

### NETBALL.

*Captain* : M. Veck.      *Vice-Captain* : E. Hockey.

The First Team was unchanged during the Spring Term and continued to have a very successful season, winning five out of the six matches played. The Second VII played three matches during the term, but were less successful, drawing two and losing one.

#### RESULTS OF MATCHES.

<b>First VII.</b>	<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
	Portsmouth Northern Secondary School	.... Won 6— 5
	Brockenhurst County School ....	.... Won 16— 9
	Gosport County School            ....	.... Won 21-17
	Gregg School                        ....	.... Won 32-10
	Gosport County School            ....	•••• Lost 10-14
	Brockenhurst County School ....	.... Won 9— 7
<b>Second VII.</b>		
	Portsmouth Northern Secondary School	Drawn 6— 6
	Brockenhurst County School ....	Lost    2-16
	Gosport County School            ....	Drawn 11-11
		E. H.

### FOOTBALL.

*Captain* : R. Hendley.      *Vice-Captain* : E. Smith.

During the second half of the football season, the First XI was handicapped by the loss of several prominent players, who

left School at Christmas. Illness, too, played a big part, especially in the earlier part of the term, in determining the results. Nevertheless, the First XI enjoyed a fairly successful season, although its unbeaten record was upset by Brockenhurst. Some of the defeats were due to bad luck ; erratic play, both in defence and attack, contributed to others.

In a limited term's football, the Colts won one match, lost two and drew one.

#### RESULTS OF MATCHES.

	<i>Opponents.</i>		<i>Results.</i>
<b>First XI.</b>			
Feb.	3—St. Mary's College ....	(Home) (	Won 8—4
„	10—University College 2nd XI ....	Away) (	Won 3—2
„	24—Brockenhurst County School	(Home) (	Lost 3—8
Mar.	3—Price's School, Fareham	Away) (	Lost 3 <sup>3</sup> —4
"	10—St. Mary's College ....	(Home) (	Won 9—1
"	17—Brockenhurst County School	Away) (	Lost 0—3
"	24—Old Bartonians ....	(Home)	Won 7—4
<b>Colts XI.</b>			
Feb.	24—Brockenhurst County School	(Home) (	Won 8—0
Mar.	3—Prices' School, Fareham ....	Away) (	Drawn 4—4
"	17—Brockenhurst County School	Away)	Lost 3—5
"	24—Portsmouth Northern Secondary	(Away)	Lost 2—7
	<b>Stud</b>		J. B.

#### ROUNDERS.

*Captain* : D. Lovick.

*Vice-Captain* : J. Williams.

Although one senior and three junior matches were scratched, three matches were played by each team. Both teams had an enjoyable season, although the Juniors had the greater success.

#### RESULTS OF MATCHES.

	<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Results.</i>
<b>Seniors.</b>		
	Gosport County School ....	Drawn 1—1
	Winchester County School	Lost 2-10
	St. Anne's School	Lost 71/2—9
<b>Juniors.</b>		
	Gosport County School ....	Drawn 1—1
	Winchester County School	Won 61/2—
	St. Anne's School	1/2 1 Won
		10-31/2

#### TENNIS.

*Captain* : K. Clarke.

*Vice-Captain* : M. Veck.

*Secretary* : M. Veck.

The Tennis Team this season consisted of K. Clarke, M. Veck, M. Sword, M. Bodey, D. Lovick and M. Moody.

Two matches were cancelled on account of bad weather, but the team has been very successful in the four matches played, having won all except that against the Staff. We regret to report, however, that an unofficial match against the boys was lost by a very narrow margin, 40-41.

The Tennis Bowl was won this year by K. Clarke, after a very even and exciting match in the final against M. Veck, the score being 5-6, 6-1, 5-2.



## RESULTS OF MATCHES.

<i>Opponents.</i>		<i>Results.</i>
June	16—Winchester County School ....	Won 49-32
.	23—Gosport County School	Won 66-15
July	14—St. Anne's School . . .	Won 23-13
.	19—Staff .... ....	Lost 32-49
		K. C.

## CRICKET.

*Captain* : D. Gibbons.

*Vice-Captain* : E. Smith.

The First XI has had a most enjoyable season's cricket. Under Mr. Spicer's expert tuition and with much practice at the nets, it has become a strong side. The batting has improved to a remarkable extent, whilst the bowling has been generally of a high standard. The team, despite setbacks, has shown the greatest keenness in fielding, and some spectacular catches were made. The match with the Staff and Parents culminated in a draw, rain and bad light putting an end to play, but we had high hopes of winning before the game was abandoned.

The Colts have generally failed to come up to expectations, and their record is not very good.

The following regularly represented the School : D. Gibbons, E. Smith, A. Baker, J. Bennett, G. Cox, P. Graham, R. Hendley, K. Marriner, P. Phillips, P. Rogers, D. Russell and G. Springett.

Colours were awarded to A. Baker, K. Marriner and G. Springett.

## RESULTS OF MATCHES.

School v. Price's School, Fareham.

Played on May 12th at Fleming Park. Won by 47 runs.

School : 96 (Bennett, 16).

Price's School : 49 (Springett, 4 for 26).

School v. Brockenhurst County High School. Played

on May 26th at Brockenhurst. Lost by 23 runs.

Brockenhurst : 67 (Springett, 5 for 24).

School : 44.

School v. St. Mary's College.

Played on June 2nd at Fleming Park. Won by

76 runs. School : 146 (Baker, 51 ; Smith, 38). St.

Mary's : 70 (Gibbons, 7 for 33).

School v. Eastleigh Boys' Club. Played

on June 9th at Fleming Park. Drawn. School : 71

(Springett, 22 ; Gibbons, 16).

Boys' Club : 0 for 1 wkt. (Rain stopped play).

School v. Portsmouth Northern Secondary School.

Played on June 16th at Fleming Park. Lost by 7 wickets.

School : 69 (Smith, 21).

Portsmouth : 72 for 3 wickets.

School v. Portsmouth Northern Secondary School.

Played on June 23rd at Fleming Park. Lost by 7 wickets.

School : 23.

Portsmouth : 24 for 3 wickets.

School v. Gosport County High School.

Played on June 30th at Fleming Park. Won by 133 runs.

School : 153 for 8 wickets (dec.). (Gibbons, 45 not out ; Baker, 30 ;  
Springett, 22 ; Bennett, 19).

Gosport : 20 (Marriner, 7 for 3).

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School v. Price's School (Fareham).

Played on July 7th at Fareham. Lost by 6 wickets.

School : 58 (Smith, 20 ; Baker, 16).

Price's School : 59 for 4 wickets (Marriner, 3 for 21).

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School v. St. Mary's College.

Played on July 14th at Weston Park. Won by 48 runs.

School : 93 (Gibbons, 26 ; Marriner, 22).

St. Mary's : 45 (Springett, 4 for 10 ; Gibbons, 5 for 31).

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School v. Hearts C.C., Southampton.

Played on July 18th at Fleming Park. Drawn.

School : 76 for 6 dec. (Gibbons, 22 ; Bennett, 19).

Hearts : 44 for 6 wickets.

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School v. A Staff and Parents' XI.

Played on July 19th at Fleming Park. Drawn.

Staff and Parents : 88 for 6 dec. (Mr. Baker, 24 not out ; Mr. Spicer, 23).

School : 47 for 4 wickets (Bennett, 25).

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School v. Brockenhurst County High School. Played

on July 21st at Fleming Park. Lost by 22 runs.

Brockenhurst : 111 (Marriner, 4 for 21).

School : 89 (Graham, 19 not out).

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#### AVERAGES.

*Batting.*—Gibbons, 14.5 ; Baker, 13.9 ; Smith, 11.3 ; Bennett, 9.5 ;  
Springett, 8.6.

*Bowling.*—Marriner, 5.1 ; Springett, 7.8 ; Gibbons, 9.4.

*Catches.*—Baker, Bennett, Springett, 7 ; Smith, 5.  
Smith also stumped 3.

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### ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Eastleigh County High School Sports Day was held on Friday, July 13th, on the School Field. The weather was, fortunately, very suitable—hot and sunny but with a refreshing breeze. In spite of long delay, owing to rain on the date previously chosen, enthusiastic teams were reassembled.

The standard of jumping was high, and both competitors and spectators enjoyed the afternoon. House rivalry was keen, and an astonishing variety of red, blue and yellow emblems was displayed. A large number of visitors attended, as well as the pupils who, though not competing, gave vociferous support to their athletic comrades. The proportion of entries was very high, and heats had been held in advance to select the finalists.

## RESULTS OF EVENTS.

### Senior Girls.

100 Yards ....	220 • D. Lovick (B)	.... 14-secs.
Yards ....	Hockey • D. Lovick (B)	.... 37-secs. 48
Ball ....	Hurdles ( • P. Fowler (B)	.... yards 21 3
120 Yards) Long	.... C. Templeton (B)	.... /5-secs.
Jump ....	.... C. Templeton (B)	....
Ball Race ....	.... C. Templeton (B)	.... 14 3 /5-secs.
High Jump ....	.... C. Templeton (B)	.... 4-ft.
House Relay	.... Barton ••	.... 66-secs.

### Senior Boys.

100 Yards ....	... f P. Phillips (Pk.)	.12-secs. .
	1E. Smith (B)....	f 12-secs.
220 Yards ....	... P. Phillips (Pk.)	. 28 4 /5-secs.
Hurdles (120	.... J. Bennett (B)	.... 18-secs.
Yards) High Jump	.... D. Gibbons (P1.)	... • 4-ft. 10-ins.
.... Long Jump ....	.... D. Bixley (P1.)	... • 16-ft. 6-ins.
Cricket Ball ....	.... G. Cox (P1.) ....	... • 79 yards
Relay	.... Barton	... • 1-min. 23 2 /5-secs.
Mile	.... R. Houghton (P1.)	... • 5-mins. 12-secs.
Cross Country	.... J. Bennett (B)	... •• 16-mins. 32-secs.

### Junior Girls.

100 Yards ....	J. Creed (Pk.)	.... 14 2 /5-secs.
Skipping (100 Yards) ....	E. Leigh (P1.)	.... 15 1 /5-secs.
Hurdles (75 Yards) ....	E. Leigh (P1.)	.... 16-secs. 14-
Ball Race ....	B. Berry (Pk.)	.... secs. 4-ft. 2-
High Jump ....	A. Harris (Pk.)	.... ins. 1-min.
House Relay	Peel	.... 5-secs.

### Junior Boys.

100 Yards ....	G. Cox (P1.) ....	... 12 3 /5-secs.
220 Yards ....	G. Cox (P1.) .	... 30-secs.
Hurdles (120 Yards) ....	F. Newton (B)	... 14 /9 5-secs.
High Jump ....	D. Humby (B)	... 4-ft. 6-ins.
Long Jump ....	A. House (Pk.)	...
House Relay	Peak	...
880 Yards ....	K. Astbury (P1.)	... 2-mins. 37-secs.
Cross Country	K. Astbury (P1.)	... 17-mins. 44-secs.

### Portal Girls.

80 Yards ....	D. Bixley (P1.) .	... 11 1 /5-secs.
Skipping (80 Yards) ...	D. Bixley (P1.)	... 14 1 /5-secs.
Hoop Race (80 Yards)	J. Antell (B)	... 21 2 /5-secs.
High Jump ....	D. Bixley (P1.) .	... 3-ft. 9-ins.
House Relay	Peel	... 1-min. 9 3 /5-secs.

### Portal Boys.

80 Yards ....	.... H. Phillips (Pk.)	.... 13-secs.
Hurdles (75	.... D. Collins (Pk.)	.... 18 3 /5-secs.
Yards) High Jump	.... D. Collins (Pk.)	.... 3-ft. 9-ins.
.... Long Jump ....	.... L. Purchase (B)	....
House Relay 240	.... Peak	.... 1-min. 7 2 /5-secs.
Yards ....	.... H. Phillips (Pk.)	.... 34 2 /5-secs.

### House Points.

	Ability Tests.	Sports Day.	Total.
<i>Seniors :-</i>			
Barton	55	.... 98	153
Peak	33	16	49
Peel	52	60	112
<i>Juniors :-</i>			
Barton	45	19	64
Peak	42	59	101
Peel	44	63	107
<i>Portal :-</i>			
Barton	35	20	55
Peak	39	57	96
Peel	....	35	74

### Trophies.

Cross Country Cup	....	Peel House
Senior House Cup		Barton House
Junior House Cup		Peel House
Portal House Cup		Peak House
Mile Cup	....	.... R. Houghton.
Victor Ludorum ).	Joint Shield	J. Bennett
Victrix Ludorum		Carol Templeton
Junior Boy Champion		G. Cox
Junior Girl Champion		Edna Leigh
Portal Boy Champion		D. Collins
Portal Girl Champion		Dorothy Bixley

## ARMY CADET FORCE.

Although at present the School Platoon is small in numbers it has continued to maintain its high standard of efficiency throughout the year.

During the year it has held several Field Days, including one at Meon and another at Botley. All were enjoyed by the Platoon and were very instructive.

During the Easter holidays several Cadets attended courses and all obtained satisfactory results. Vehicle Maintenance Courses were attended by Cpl. Pidgeon at Amesbury and Cadet Pearce at Sandbanks. Cadets Astbury, Bennett, Hastings, Hemington and Wise attended a P.T. Course in the I.O.W.

In June a War Certificate " A " Examination was held for the Battalion. In it L. /Cpl. Goldby obtained high honours and was congratulated on his performance by the Commanding Officer of the Examination. L. /Cpl. Goldby obtained the full certificate. Cadets Astbury, Arney, Bennett, Rose and Wise obtained the first part of the Certificate. We congratulate them on their achievement.

We have news of two old Cadets who are now serving with His Majesty's Armed Forces, and news of any other Cadets who are also serving will be gratefully received by Lt. A. H. Habbitts, the Platoon Commander. 2nd-Lieut. B. L. Cavill is now serving with the R.E.M.E. in the Far East and Sergt. R. E. Walters is serving in the Grenadier Guards. Our best wishes go with them.

At the end of the Summer Term Sergt. Bennett is leaving and expects to be called up soon after. Cpl. Pidgeon is also leaving School. In their places L. /Cpl. Goldby has been promoted to Cpl. and Cadets Harris and Rose to L. /Cpls.

On Sunday, June 3rd the Platoon entered a section, under Cpl. Pidgeon, to represent the Battalion in the London Cup Competition at Winchester. In the final result the section was 6th out of 14 entries, which was a satisfactory result.

On Tuesday, July 24th, the School had its Annual Speech Day. The Cadets were on parade and were inspected by the visiting speaker, Commander C. B. Fry, who afterwards congratulated them on their performance. They also held an exhibition which was of great interest to the male visitors. We thank Mr. Cox who kindly lent us some exhibits from his shop in Southampton.

D. P.

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### YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB.

*Chairman* : J. Bennett.

*Secretary and Treasurer* : R. Simmonds.

Since the last issue of *The Peveril* the Club has continued to progress favourably. Outdoor meetings, until now impossible owing to bad weather, have added to the scope of the Club's activities. Indoor meetings, however, have not been abandoned in their favour, and the Club's programme has included meetings of both kinds.

Early in the year Bennett and Mr. Sansbury attended a general meeting of Hampshire Young Farmers' Clubs, and Mr. Sansbury was elected to the County Executive Committee.

The first meeting of the Spring Term, on February 14th, was addressed by Mr. Masson, the Milk Recording Officer, who explained the aim—to increase the quantity and improve the quality of the milk supply—and the methods of the Milk Recording Scheme.

On March 23rd we were pleased to welcome Mr. C. Matthews who showed a series of Ministry of Information films in a show to which Twyford Young Farmers' Club and All Saints' Youth Fellowship were invited.

On May 17th Mr. Durbin, accompanied by Commander Horn, explained the construction of a farm tractor, and the various devices made necessary by the conditions under which it is used. He illustrated his talk by an electric demonstration model which had all unnecessary casings removed.

Of the outdoor meetings, the first was a visit on April 23rd to a poultry farm at Totton. Here, the various stages and the difficulties involved in rearing poultry were explained.

Later, on June 2nd, the Club visited the Sparsholt Farm Institute, where the various aspects of mixed farming—wheat, cattle, poultry, etc.—were seen and described.

On June 9th Sylvia Hockey attended a general meeting in Winchester, where future policies were discussed.

On June 16th a party, having travelled by train to Winchester, returned on foot to Eastleigh by way of the Twyford Downs and the Itchen Valley.

On June 19th a meeting was held at School to discuss the Rally at Arundel and, as a result, a number of members went to Arundel on June 30th. The Young Farmers' Club Rally was held in the grounds of Arundel Castle, home of the Duke of Norfolk, founder of the Young Farmers' Clubs. There were a cattle show, competitions of various kinds, stalls, and many of the usual features of an agricultural meeting.

R. S.

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### **THE DISCUSSION GROUP.**

*President* : K. Clarke.

*Secretary* : R. Simmonds.

*Treasurer* : M. Newington.

The Group's activities during the last two terms have been varied and numerous, and, thanks to the many visitors who kindly gave up their valuable time, the members have greatly increased.

We gratefully thank Mr. Cousins, the Borough Treasurer, for his most enlightening talk on " Borough Finance," and we were also very pleased to welcome Mr. Quaky on this occasion. Our thanks are due also to Mr. Applewhaite for an interesting talk on " County Councils."

In addition to these outside visitors we were pleased to welcome Miss Churchill, who gave two talks, one dealing with poetry and music, illustrated by records of famous actors and actresses speaking extracts from " Hamlet " and " Macbeth," and the other on the school of which she was headmistress in Poona. On this latter occasion she illustrated her talk by passing round photographs and displaying souvenirs of her stay in India. Mrs. Brown also came to officiate at a meeting devoted to reading Wilde's " Importance of Being Earnest."

Apart from these visitors the Group has held the usual discussions and play-readings, and the experiment of a poetry-reading, mentioned in the last issue, was successfully repeated.

**R. S.**

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### **THE SPOTTERS' CLUB.**

*Secretary* : W. A. Steam.

*Treasurer* : J. G. Tapley.

This Club was founded at the beginning of the Midsummer Term and has proved very popular among the railway enthusiasts of the School. Despite the short time it has been functioning, it has already over twenty members.

Several enjoyable outings have been arranged, including visits to Eastleigh Locomotive Works, the Isle of Wight, South-

ampton and District and Didcot and Wantage. In connection with these visits we should like to thank officials of the S.R. (at Eastleigh and Newport), the Chapel Tramway Co., Ltd., and the Wantage Tramway Co. for facilities placed at our disposal.

Meetings are held every Friday at 3.50 p.m. in 11c Form Room, and new members will be welcomed at any of these meetings.

W. A. S.

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### **THE LIBRARY.**

*Librarian* : J. Bennett.

*Assistant Librarians* : Margaret Bodey, R. Simmonds.

Despite the difficulty of obtaining books, the Library continues to grow and now contains over 3,350 volumes. Recent additions include some rare reference works of which we have been seeking copies for a considerable time, and a number of new books for the recently re-organised Junior Section. Most of the books in the Library which are suitable for the use of juniors have now been transferred to that section and it is hoped that juniors will make full use of it.

M. B.

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### **SPEECH DAY.**

Speech Day was held on Tuesday, July 24th. The first formal ceremony was held at noon in All Saints' Church, Desborough Road, where the Rev. R. S. Parkes conducted a beautiful and moving service for the end of Term.

The proceedings at the Town Hall opened at 2.30 with a Latin speech of welcome to the chief guest and speaker, Commander C. B. Fry, composed and delivered by J. B. Jones. This was followed by the school choir singing " Jubal's Lyre " and " The New Commonwealth," and after this Betty Haskett spoke Alfred Noyes' " Song of England " with great feeling and vigour. Next on the programme was a scene from " A Midsummer Night's Dream " given by the Second Form, who had been coached by Miss Meakins and Mrs. Dyson to a high standard of excellence. Sylvia Clarke's admirable performance as Titania was rewarded by a special prize for dramatics, donated by Commander Fry. Other important members of the capable caste included J. Smith ( Bottom the Weaver) and L. Gready (Puck). The whole performance was very entertaining.

As soon as the stage was cleared the Governors and Staff proceeded to the platform, where Councillor A. H. Quilley, J.P., C. C., Chairman of the Board of Governors, took the chair. The first item on the more serious part of the agenda was the Headmaster's Report. Mr. Moore spoke of the position of Eastleigh County High School (now a Grammar School) under the new Education Act, and its pretensions to develop as a bilateral school, where handicrafts flourish beside human studies. He also men-

tioned the importance of art, music and physical training in the curriculum, and gave a hearty and irrefutable defence of the co-educational system. The Headmaster also reported academic successes, and progress in sport and in the activities of school societies, the Cadet Corps, Young Farmers' Club and Discussion Group. He thanked the Staff for their hard work and loyal co-operation, and welcomed the speakers and Governors to the meeting.

In presenting the prizes Commander C. B. Fry exchanged a few, kindly, personal words with each recipient. After this came Commander Fry's address. The Commander began by complimenting Mr. Moore on the matter and manner of his report. He spoke of the importance of mothers in influencing young people, and of the organisation of his pre-service training ship, the *Mercury*. The importance of music, military drill and athletics in any curriculum was stressed, and the superiority of naval methods strongly affirmed.

A vote of thanks to Commander Fry was proposed by the Mayor of Eastleigh (Alderman G. W. A. Wright, J.P.) and seconded by Mr. C. Applewhaite, C.C., and a vote of thanks to Mr. Quilley for taking the chair, and to the donors of prizes was proposed by Margaret A. Bodey (Head Girl) and seconded by J. Bennett (Head Boy). After the National Anthem the assembly dispersed.

Most people proceeded to the School, where exhibitions were opened at 5.30 in the Art Room, Geography Room and Woodwork Room and the Physics and Biology Laboratories. In addition there was a very effective Second Form Geography and History Exhibition, and a display of Military Equipment by the Cadet Corps, which also gave a display of camouflage and small arms drill. All these concrete manifestations of the work of the School were examined with interest by both visitors and pupils.

M. K.

#### PRIZE LIST.

##### FORM PRIZES.

*Form II* :

*Form III* :

*Form IV* :

*Form L.V.* :

*Form U.V.* :

Jean Matthews, T. Fowler, J. Moody.

D. Kerridge, Pamela Waterer, Janet Pook, H. Potter.

J. Stubbs, Doris Broadfield, P. Gibbs, Ruth Kemp.

Doreen Lovick, Barbara Sawkins, F. Patchin. Mary

Veck, W. Steam, K. Marriner, Elizabeth Bendall,

Christine Redwood.

##### SPECIAL PRIZES.

*English* :

*English Literature* (presented by Mrs. Wise) : Marjorie King.

*Latin* :

Marjorie King, D. Kerridge.

*History* :

J. Jones, J. Bennett, J. Stubbs.

*Scripture* (presented by the Rev. and Mrs. Vyse) :

Kathleen Clarke.

*Geography* :

J. Bennett, A. Cundick, Afra Scott.

*French* :

R. Simmonds, Edna Leigh, Jacqueline Carter.

*Mathematics* :

E. Smith, H. Potter, Vera Geddis.

*Mechanics* :

J. Tapley.

*Physics* :

E. Smith, J. White.



<i>Zoology</i> :	Sylvia Hockey.
<i>Botany</i> :	M. Newington.
<i>Biology</i> :	L. Stimson.
<i>Economics</i> :	R. Simmonds, W. Steam.
<i>Economic History</i> :	Margaret Bodey.
<i>Art</i> :	A. Whale, G. Bowling, Jill Smith.
<i>Cookery</i> :	Audrey Shipp.
<i>Needlework</i> :	Winifred Nicholson, June Brockwell.
<i>Technical Drawing</i>	K. Marriner.
<i>Woodwork</i> :	G. Springett, P. Graham, D. Hawkes.
<i>Music</i> :	Margaret Williams, Jill Smith, Margaret Wagstaff, Grace Nancarrow.
<i>Portal Prizes for Empire Studies</i> : Olive Snook, Marjorie King,	
R. Lee. <i>Quilley Prize for Civics</i> : R. Simmonds. <i>For</i>	
<i>Distinguished Service to the School</i> :	
Mrs. Murray's Prizes—Margaret Bodey, Sylvia Hockey.	
Headmaster's Prizes—J. Bennett, Kathleen Clarke, D. Bran.	

### EXAMINATION RESULTS.

#### EXHIBITIONS.

- Marjorie King, Open Exhibition in English to Royal Holloway College, London.
- Margaret Bodey, County Senior Exhibition in Economics to London School of Economics.
- E. Smith, County Senior Exhibition in Mathematics and Physics to University College, Southampton.

#### GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—June, 1944.

In our last issue the name of Beryl Banks was omitted from the list of those who were successful in gaining School Certificates.

#### GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—December, 1944.

##### *School Certificates :-*

Norman Lynn (Distinction in Geography).  
Roderick Robbie (Distinction in Geography, Art, Geometrical Drawing, Woodwork).

##### *Additional Subjects :-*

Gordon Hewlett (French).  
John Young (French).

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### THE OLD BARTONIANS' ASSOCIATION.

11, Chestnut Avenue,  
Eastleigh.

July, 1945.

Dear Old Bartonians,

Since the last issue of *The Peveril* another year in the life of the Association has begun.

The Annual Re-Union Day was held on Saturday, March 24th, and subscriptions for 1945 became due on that date. A greater number than usual have already been paid, but Miss Talbot will be pleased to receive any others.

The usual matches were played, resulting in victories for the school teams\_\_\_\_\_ Hockey, 3-2 ; Netball, 19-6 ; and Football, 6-3. Tea in the school followed, at which there was a good gathering of Old Students and members of the Staff. We were pleased that the Headmaster and Mrs. Moore were able to join us.

The Annual General Meeting was held after tea, and Mr. Moore took the chair. The following officers were elected :- President—Mr. R. Cannon ; Secretary—Mrs. E. M. Neale ; Treasurer—Miss I. H. Talbot ; General Committee—Misses Hedge, Maton, Long, Cheater, Currie and Collings, Mrs. Fish, Messrs. W. J. Smith, Taylor, Wall, Flower, Pepper and Codgebrook.

In addition, the meeting passed a proposal that an Entertainment Committee consisting of five members be formed, and for this Committee Misses Long and Cheater, R. K. Davis, Johnstone and Mr. Sansbury were elected.

In the evening a greater number than usual, of Old Students and friends, attended the enjoyable dance held at the School, and Miss Talbot presented the prizes for novelty dances to Mr. B. Flower and Miss Cheater, Miss Veck and Mr. R. Phillips, and Miss Meakins and Mr. Newton. Mr. Almond was M.C., and music was supplied by Mr. Munro's Trio.

When the news of Miss Smith's death reached us, many contributions were sent for a floral tribute. The funeral service at St. Thomas Church, Winchester, was attended by the President, Secretary, and several other members of the Association.

We hope to hold more social functions during the coming months than we have been able to do for some time, and we are looking forward to welcoming back many old friends and listening to the accounts of their experiences during the past six years. Any suggestions for these Re-Union Meetings will be welcomed by the Committee.

Yours sincerely,  
MAY NEALE.

### ROLL OF HONOUR.

P. /0. P. Shelley, R.A.F.	Sgt. M. J. Kynaston, R.A.F.
Sgt. G. R. Croasdell, R.A.F.	Sgt. B. Symes, R.A.F.
Sgt. C. Q. F. Hartley, R.A.F.	L. /Cpl. P. Connor.
Flight-Sgt. S. W. Pook, R.A.F.	Q.M.S. S. Taylor.
Flight-Sgt. A. N. Charlton, R.A.F.	P. /0. R. C. Sawyer, R.A.F.
L. /Cpl. S. W. Smith.	P. /0. D. Coates, R.A.F.
Flight-Sgt. D. A. Dear, A.T.C.	W. Darter.
F. /0. L. Light, R.A.F.	F. /0. A. Hibberd, R.A.F.
F. /0. L. Stannard, R.A.F.	Sub-Lieut. J. Hares, R.N.

### OLD BARTONIANS IN THE FORCES.

Congratulations to F. /0. H. G. Currell and F. /Lt. E. A. Stone on being awarded the D.F.C., and to Capt F. H. Whitehead on being mentioned in despatches for gallantry.

We regret that we have heard nothing of Hann, who was a prisoner of war in Italy, since the liberation of that country.

L.S.A. P. R. Martin has written from aboard H.M.S. *Arbiter* in the Indian Ocean, expressing his appreciation of the receipt of

a copy of *The Peveril*, and wishing it the best of luck. He hopes to tell a few of his experiences and exhibit his collection of photographs when he next attends a Re-union.

Spr. N. L. Foot, of the Royal Engineers, wrote in February from Italy. The receipt of the previous June issue of *The Peveril* had given him great pleasure, and he, like Martin, is also looking forward to his next Re-union.

E. Britten is on the *Indefatigable* in the Far East, and E. Newton, now Lieut. (S.P.), R.N.V.R., is awaiting a passage to Sydney.

W. Stubbington, W. Dance, " Dutchy " Miller and D. R. Beale (Leading Motor Mechanic) are now in the Royal Navy.

Radio Officer G. J. Campbell is hoping to be home in the spring or early summer.

Sgt. H. S. Noble, R.E.M.E., is home from Burma, and with his wife attendea the Old Students' Day dance.

Cpl. A. Weeks has been home on leave from Germany.

Spr. I. W. Godley is, or was, in France. D. S. Davis (Signals) is now in Burma, B. Davis and Humphries are also in the Signal Corps, and J. Wallace and E. Coleman have recently joined the Army.

Fred Allen is a Captain in Amgot, somewhere in Europe. G. Bennett, and C. Edridge, who visited the School in June, are in the R.A.F.

Len Redford (R.A.F.), whose wife will be remembered as Molly Gardner, is home from N. Africa, and Cpl. J. Hubbard (R. A.F.) is home from S. Africa. We congratulate him on his recent marriage to Gladys Marriott.

Congratulations to Frank Brown on his recent marriage and on being commissioned as a Captain in the Indian Army to become chief sub-editor of its newspaper.

### **OLD STUDENTS IN " CIVVY STREET."**

Sidney Batson, who has been teaching in Manchester for several years, was home at Easter with his wife and two sons.

H. Trigg has been achieving fame in the agricultural world with his efforts at Roughay Farm, Upham, while his brother, R. Trigg, has been following suit at Pondside Farm, Bishop's Waltham.

Mrs. Bondsfield (*net* Phyllis Knowles), and Joyce Heath, are on the staff of Lloyds Bank, Eastleigh, where they have recently been joined by A. Wain.

Congratulations on their recent marriages to Joyce Newton (Mrs. Coffey), and Evelyn Mist (Mrs. Phillimore).

Congratulations also to R. Cannon on the birth of a son ; J. Bolt, a daughter ; H. Sprague and his wife (*nee* Ena Hilary), a daughter ; Mrs. Morrell (*nee* Phyllis Mann), a son ; Mrs. Yeoman (*nee* Jessie Coward), a son ; F. /Lt. and Mrs. E. Stone (*nee* Gladys Smith), a daughter ; E. Trent and his wife (*nee* Lucy Lee), a son ; and Mrs. Leonard (*nee* Eileen Fellows), a son.

## TO MAKE A SPEECH

(This poem was written in a moment of jealousy when members of the Sixth Form, who were leaving, began a series of farewell speeches in Assembly.)

To make a speech before a crowd  
And by their looks to be uncowed,  
To speak in good, unhalting prose  
While all the time one's anguish grows,  
Of this one may be justly proud.

To rise above the murmers loud  
And to the end remain unbowed,  
This is the way—the expert knows—  
To make a speech.

But oh, alas, all heavy-browed,  
By fear with falt'ring tongue endowed,  
The child upon the platform rose,  
Adopted a self-conscious pose  
And wished she'd never been " allowed "  
To make a speech.

R. SIMMONDS (VI).

## THE ADVENTURES OF A REFUGEE.

The other day I was a rather unusual sort of refugee : a refugee from boredom. It is surprisingly horrible to be with absolutely nothing to do, and " the other day " I took active measures to be free from it.

I set off early in the morning, with the one idea of finding something to do. I walked to the woods, a place usually full of interests. But this day no interest presented itself. The stream, always crystal and sparkling, was dull and lifeless. The very birds had desisted from their singing. The sky was leaden and without motion ; not a gleam of sunshine showed through the grey blanket of cloud.

I rambled farther, on to the lonely stretch of sandy heath, the wild beauty of which had never yet failed to hold me fascinated. I have never seen a living creature stir on this bare land, yet it had never before seemed lifeless. The distant green trees had ever been enchanting and mysterious, and now they seemed plain and ordinary.

I wandered aimlessly on, into the copse on the verge of the low-lying meadow, where there were mossy banks and wild flowers, where the birds nest in spring, and the air is daily filled with the joyous song of the birds. Now, a mosquito would have relieved the monotony.

Then I found something to do, something which could not be put off or delayed. I had trodden on a wasps' nest.

A. KERR IDGE (*111a*).

## SUMMER.

To be able to like the present season better than any other is a fortunate gift, and one to which I think I may lay claim, since I change my opinion on the subject at least four times a year, and that not always in revulsion from the English climate. At the moment (one dare scarcely speak for longer—even the professional met-man will only guarantee a 24-hour forecast) it is summer, and summer I am content it should remain at least for a month or two, until I begin to pine once more for blustering winds and falling leaves. For though I know there are strong winds in plenty during the summer, they are not the bracing gusts of Autumn that whirl you along, carrying all before them, and force you, with their boisterous, hail-fellow-well-met pat on the back, to break into a few involuntary running steps. Catching you unawares, shaking the fruit from the tree, and roughly pillaging the petals of the full-blown rose, instead of spreading them as a fading carpet at her feet, summer gales lack the timely vigour of a more mature season, just as summer rain fails to repeat the gentle promise, the soothing quality of a spring shower—at least, of a spring shower remembered in July.

Perhaps the chief thing that is different about summer is its fragrance, which seems to have no parallel in the rest of the year. There is, to be sure, a scent in the air the first day you notice it is spring—a faint, indefinable perfume which suddenly awakes your consciousness, and which seems to bring, every year, a more joyous surprise, and to add a greater buoyancy to the atmosphere. Winter has the good smell of blazing pine-logs to compensate for the stabbing keenness of each breath of out-door air, and autumn the healthy perfume of moist black earth and sodden, drifted leaves.

This, however, is far removed from the variety of summer, when the sweetness of the rose and the pungency of the daisy, the honeyed breath of clover, and the all-pervading scent of mown grass, gratefully rendering up its essence to the warmth of the sun as the shorn blades wither and grow pale, the aromatic foreignness of fir or cypress, all mingle in the languid weight of a warm atmosphere.

It is impossible to distinguish the components of such abundance, which seems to emanate from the sun himself—now unapproachable where he is enthroned above—as a palpable distillation of the heat, working on plant and soil and mossy wall, and building up a private world of vegetable rejoicing in which man and beast are intruders, tolerated but not invited.

Nature seems in summer to achieve a greater intensity of fragrance, colour and texture. The velvet of a pansy, the damask of a butterfly's wing, are unparalleled for the rest of the year. And then there is the sky.

" Than these November skies  
Is no sky lovelier,"

wrote John Freeman, and in November I almost agree with him. But in November a sky like to-day's is incredible. If I saw it in a picture I should refuse to believe it ever existed here at home, and relegate it, perhaps, to the Mediterranean. The blue is strong, positive, unspotted save by a frail, fading wisp of cirrus here and there, which looks almost as if it is fighting a losing battle with that deep-rooted, unassailable blueness. The flowers have an unaccustomed brilliance, and the temporary dryness of leaf and grey, crumbly soil, help to flatter the illusion. Just now a grasshopper was sounding and I could easily have imagined it was a cicada—adding the enchantment of remoteness to the charm of a rare English summer's day.

Even in the Mediterranean winter will come, and even in England it has its advantages. Then larger forces come into play, distance, form and perspective. We shall change the full-blossomed riot of the rose for the perfect symmetry of the snowflake, the self-obscuring extravagance of green leaves for the tinted glory of Autumn and, later, for the naked grace of the branching trunk silhouetted against a winter sky. Clouds and mist will be almost a relief after that startling glare of colour. Yet when summer comes again it will be as welcome as ever.

MARJORIE KING ( *V1* ).

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