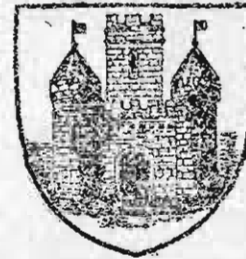


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Form VB.—Form Prize, E. E. Williams, School Certificates.—E. J. Nicholls, D. G. Roch.

Form VA2.—1, J. E. Paterson; 2, D. F. A. Cowdry. School Certificates.—E. L. Bowling, A. I. English, F. A. Hughes, M. A. John, M. L. John, G. Kaye, M. N. Lewis, W. Mathias, L. B. Morgan (and Woodwork Prize, given by Mrs. David), S. M. Pickard, E. J. Pope, K. M. Prout (and Needlework Prize, given by Mrs. Norah Davies), L. E. C. Price, M. A. Sudbury, G. F. Ward-Davies (and Cookery Prize, given by Miss B. Williams).

Form VA1.—1, D. M. James; 2, D. M. Athoe and V. G. Wilkinson (and Science Prize, given by Mr. J. H. Garnett). School Certificates.—C. T. Davies, Kathleen A. Davies, K. A. Davies, M. M. Jefferies, C. R. Jelley, R. M. King, J. F. J. Mason, J. P. Mockler, P. E. Morris, A. J. Owen, G. G. Richards, M. Young.

Lower VI. Arts.—Form Prizes, S. G. Canton and P. I. Morgan. Supplementary Certificate.—S. D. G. Parry (woodwork).

Lower VI. Science.—Form Prizes, R. B. Castle and B. J. T. Gray. VI. Commercial.—Form Prize, E. W. Shears, Royal Society of Arts Certificate in Shorthand.

UrVI.—Form Prizes (given by Mr. William Roblin) and Higher Certificates, R. Wainwright, K. G. Carr, G. R. Davies. Supplementary Certificate.—P. R. Thomas (Cookery), and First Class Certificate in Needlework of the City and Guilds of London Institute.

A.T.C. Proficiency Certificates.—J. R. Powell, D. Lewis, S. J. H. Roch, R. B. Castle, F. A. Hughes, C. R. Jelley, G. Kaye, W. Mathias, L. B. Morgan, E. Thomas.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

DEBATES.

The first meeting of the Spring Term was held on January 15th, and took the form of a Brains Trust. Various questions were asked ranging from "Should cosmetics be highly taxed?" and "Does science make men happier?" to questions on astrology and post-war international understanding. Five minutes was the time allotted to each question, and when the members of the Brains Trust had answered, the audience was invited to give opinions. There was a large attendance of both Senior and Junior Pupils. The Question Master was Mr. Rees and the members of the Brains Trust were: Miss Ballaster, Miss Davies, Mr. Nagle, Leslie Davies, Peggy Athoe, John Powell.

Owing to the pressure of work entailed by preparation for the School Concert, no further meetings were held.

PLAY READINGS.

As we were working very hard at the beginning of the Spring Term for the School Concert, our usual Play Readings were not then held; but, in place of one, on February 10th, Miss Hinchliffe gave a talk which was illustrated by photographs shown under the epidiascope. The photographs were of interesting places on the Continent, of some first-class cricketers and of various school scenes and activities. These pictures, particularly the last mentioned group, were surveyed by present pupils with considerable interest.

On June 20th Miss Hinchliffe gave another talk on Normandy, showing newspaper maps of invasion movements and also photographs taken on a holiday tour in happier days through that delightful land.

On each occasion the epidiascope was ably worked by W. Mathias.

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

On January 30th A. Carpenter entertained a small but very interested audience with a fascinating illustrated lecture on celestial bodies. His accounts of the probable formation of our earth and his pictures of other planets gripped our imagination. We all enjoyed his racy style.

Three weeks later Margaret Knight told us, again with illustrations, of the lives and habits of some of our coastal birds. We heard most interesting stories of gannets, kittiwakes and cormorants, and of how nature has provided these birds with the means whereby they can best carry on their way of life.

On March 9th films which were to have been used on Prize Day were shown to the society. A large, very enthusiastic audience saw shots of the bird and animal life of the Farne Islands. This was followed by "Roger the Raven," a film taken in our own Pembrokeshire, and finally a film on Coal, showing its probable formation and present method of working.

CAROL CONCERT.

On the last afternoon of the Christmas term, a carol concert was held in the hall. Two choirs took part, one unison choir which sang several traditional carols including "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen," "I Saw Three Ships," "Unto Us a Boy is Born" and the Wassail Song, and a smaller four-part choir, made up of senior pupils and members of the staff, who sang "Sleep, Holy Babe" and "What Child is This?"

Forms IIIa and IIIb provided some variety by singing two French carols, "Douce Nuit" and "Mon beau saïin," V: an' IVa sang "Les anges dans nos campagnes" and IVa and IIIa the old Latin carol Adeste Fideles.

There were recitations by Glenys Preece, Pat English and Ashley Davies, and some carols sung by the whole school with the two choirs. Perhaps the most interesting feature of the afternoon was the song "My Youngest Son," given by Mr. Simmons and the small choir, as the words of this were written by Miss Hinchliffe and set to music by Mr. Evans.

The singers spent a considerable amount of time learning the music and words, and are to be thanked for providing a very suitable end to the Christmas term.

A.T.C.

Parades have been held regularly this year and steady progress has been made. In February ten cadets passed the Proficiency examination and thus rank as Leading Cadets. They were Ft/Sgt. J. R. Powell, Sgt. D. Lewis, Cpls. S. J. H. Roch and R. B. Castle, and Cadets W. Mathias, C. R. Jelley, E. Thomas, G. Kaye, F. A. Hughes and L. B. Morgan. Cdt. P. J. Mockler passed well in Calculations, but failed the Navigation paper by a narrow margin.

The following cadets have now been accepted and attested for training as members of air-crew—E. T. R. Aldridge, L. B. Morgan, F. A. Hughes, D. C. Pendleton and V. Williams. Four cadets have left for the services since December. R. Wainwright began his training for air-crew in January, but after a spell of illness was discharged from the service in May. We understand that his disability is unlikely to debar him from carrying out his original intention of going to the University. J. T. Delahunty came 5th in the Aircraft Apprentices' examination last November and joined the service in February. In June Cpl. S. Roch left for air-crew

training, and about the same time A. Purser joined the Navy.

In May Cpl. R. B. Castle was promoted sergeant, and Ldg/Cdt. G. Kaye, corporal.

Three Church Parades have been held this year, on February 6th, at Trinity, when the service was taken by Sq/Ldr. F. Hobbs, an old boy of the school, and on May 21st (Empire Youth Sunday) and June 11th, both at St. John's. The Flight also took part in the Salute the Soldier parade on May 15th, when nearly forty cadets turned out. Two enjoyable social functions have been held this year, a dance on February 12th and a social in June.

On Wednesday, May 24th the Flight was inspected by Group-Capt. Bailey, Commandant for Wales, Ft/Lt. Kibler, and Sq/Ldr. Edwards. A letter was received some days later expressing high praise of the general smartness and efficiency of the unit.

On May 17th, F/O Edward Canton, D.F.C., an old boy, gave a most interesting talk on his experiences as a bomber-pilot.

RANGERS.

Since the last report of our activities we have been engaged in a number of varied and interesting projects. Last February a number of our newer members were enrolled by Miss Page, and now we are busy once more training our latest recruits. On May 13th we gave a social to which we invited the Sixth Form and the A.T.C., while Empire Youth Sunday saw us at church again in company with the A.T.C. During the Salute the Soldier Campaign we assisted the Red Cross and St. John workers with their miles of pennies. Our total was £22 18s. 11½d., of which £12 17s. 0½d., was collected between four and six o'clock on the 12th May, and the remainder during the same hours one week later. Those who were able to take part were P. Athoe, P. Clarke, J. Colley, S. Croft, L. Davies, C. Day, A. Finch, M. Harkett, M. Jefferies, T. John, Mary John, M. Martin, P. Morris and M. Norman. Many of us hope to crown our activities of this year by spending a week at the County Ranger Training Camp to be held in August.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT.

On Wednesday and Thursday, March 1st and 2nd, large audiences enjoyed our two performances of a concert consisting of singing, dancing and plays.

The Junior Choir, under Mr. Simmons, started the evening with two songs and a round, pleasing everyone by their clear voices and confident bearing. Audrey English followed with a recitation, "The Sad Story of a Motor Fan."

Then came the first dramatic item of the evening, the courtship scenes from "Henry V.," produced by Miss Hinchliffe, with Denzil Cowdry as Henry, Sylvia Canton as the French princess Catherine, Margaret Knight as her maid and interpreter, and David Williams as the prologue. The byplay in these scenes, caused by Henry's French and Catherine's English, was much appreciated.

The II. Form girls provided the most original feature of the programme by their Grasshopper Dance; their energetic actions and effective make-up and costumes assured the success of this item.

The Senior Choir, with Mr. Evans as accompanist and conductor, sang two groups of songs, ending with the stirring "Men of Harlech." The only weakness in this group lay in the small number of bass voices; it is to be hoped that more senior boys will join the choir next winter, and thus ensure an even balance of sound.

A selection of prose and verse pieces "A Tribute to Our

Seamen," arranged by Miss Hinchliffe, was most effective. The selected passages were read and spoken by two Rangers, a Home Guard and two members of the A.T.C. standing in "vic" formation.

After the interval came a colourful pageant of dancing produced by Miss Beard and accompanied by Margaret Sudbury. The first four dances followed each other without a break—the English dance "If all the world were paper," an Irish jig with attractive emerald green costumes, a Scottish dance "Triumph" by eight kilted girls, and a Welsh dance by four girls in the traditional tall black hats, shawls and dark skirts. An unseen choir singing the Welsh words to the tune "Cadair Idris" provided an effective background to this dance. After a short curtain eight brilliantly dressed Russians with high boots swept into a swirling, boisterous peasant dance. Lastly came American square dancing, performed by couples from each of the preceding dances, ending on a casual, carefree note.

As the climax of the evening we presented a play "The Formula" written by Mr. Dowling and produced by Mr. Davies. It deals with an attempt on the part of a smooth-faced villain (C. R. Jelley) to steal from an honest and hard-working scientist (J. R. Powell) his new and valuable anti-influenza formula. His plot is foiled by an apparently idiotic and helpless old man, brilliantly portrayed by Mr. George, who turns out to be a Scotland Yard detective. He is aided and abetted by the scientist's schoolboy son (D. Roch) and quick-witted niece (Peggy Athoe); the lively dialogue between these two contributed largely to the success of the play.

All the producers, actors, singers and dancers are to be congratulated on the hard work which resulted in such a noteworthy performance. As a result of the concert, the sum of £46 14s. 11d. was handed over to the Red Cross and St. John Fund.

MY DOG.

A stumpy tail, two pointed ears,
Alert at all imagined fears,
A stalwart pal throughout the years,
That's Nan.

A short brown coat just tinged with black,
A sharp wet nose to scent a track,
Strong white teeth her bones to crack,
That's Nan.

A friend that's always close to me,
And from my side she'll never flee,
A faithful heart that true will be,
My Nan.

BETTY SOUTH, IVa.

THE LIFE OF THE ROBIN.

The robin is the most popular British bird, and perhaps the most popular European bird; yet few people realise the complexity of its life story.

Adult robins moult in July and August, during which period they are retiring in their habits; the moult, which occurs annually in the case of the robin, is generally taken as the beginning of the

bird's yearly cycle. Towards the end of July some of the young birds hatched in the previous season begin to sing and to fight with the other robins; the adults start to do the same about a fortnight later. After a few weeks each cock robin will be found to hold an exclusive patch of ground, the territory, in which it sings and from which it drives out all other robins. Some of the hen robins, like cocks, also hold individual territories in autumn, while the rest migrate. Among the residents of both sexes, song and fighting continue throughout the autumn, gradually getting rather weaker. In late December and early January there is a marked revival of male song. Resident hens now have their individual territories and there is an influx of other hens from outside. The pairs are formed between late December and early March, after which time cock and hen share a territory. About the middle of March the hen builds a nest, egg-laying follows, then incubation and the feeding of the young. The pair rear a succession of broods until June, and after this they retire in preparation for the moult.

Among song-birds classical tradition assigns first place to the nightingale; although, through its homely associations, and its habit of singing almost throughout the year, the robin might well come first in popular opinion to-day. The Spring song of the robin starts near the end of December and continues until about the middle of June. The Autumn song, which is thinner and less rich, is first heard in late July from some of the young birds, the adult robins starting about a fortnight later. It is continued throughout the Autumn, but is rather feeble in the early winter, until the Spring song suddenly starts again in late December. Thus robins sing throughout the year, except for a gap between mid-June and mid-July.

The song of the robin is one of the most characteristic sounds of the English countryside in Autumn, and the robin is the only British bird to sing persistently.

At this season not only the cocks but also about half of the hen robins sing; incidentally, female song is uncommon in birds, and among European species has only been recorded in the starling, dipper, skylark and chaffinch.

The most important use of song to the robin in its territory is to advertise possession to rivals, and to warn them off. When an intruding robin comes close to the boundary or actually trespasses, the owner's song becomes specially loud, the intruder often retreats at once, and in this way song saves many fights. In the early Spring song also serves to advertise the unmated cock in possession of a territory to hens in search of mates.

The food of the robin consists mainly of insects and their larvae, spiders, small worms, soft fruits, berries and seeds; in winter the bird will feed on almost any household scraps.

Thus we have considered a few of the aspects of the life of a Redbreast, familiarly known as the Robin; it is probably the most characteristic of our British species; for, in addition to the early and legendary associations which combine to render it a favourite, it is a resident species, conspicuous because of its bright plumage.

D. F. A. COWDRY (Lower VI.).

SCHOOL NOTES.

At the beginning of this term there were 297 pupils in school, 163 girls and 134 boys. In addition there is one student teacher, Kathleen Davies.

The Prefects are:—

Tudor.—Dorothy Williams, Leslie Davies, Margaret Sudbury.

R. B. Castle, L. B. Morgan, A. J. Owen.
Picton.—Margaret Knight, Peggy Athoe, Audrey English, E. E. Jenkins, F. A. Hughes, K. A. Davies.
Glyndwr.—Sylvia Canton (senior), Phyllis Morgan, Kathleen Prout, J. R. Powell (senior), D. F. A. Cowdry, C. Roberts.
Congratulations to Douglas Hodges on passing the Aircraft Apprentices Examination last November.

Several pupils entered for the Poster Competition organised in connection with Salute the Soldier Week in May. Clifford Roberts did very well, winning First Prize in the county for those over fifteen, while Karen Davies gained Second Prize in the Junior Competition.

Billie Evans left at Whitsun as she is going to St. Bartholomew's Hospital at the end of the summer as a Probationer Nurse. Kathleen Prout will be going to Swansea Hospital about the same time to begin her training. Margaret John, who is going to a Domestic Science College next term, has left to help on her parents' farm.

Two Fifth Form boys left in June. Owen White is taking a course in Radio at an Admiralty establishment, and John Poulsen has gone to a Government training centre at Bristol, where he is learning mechanical engineering.

Glenys Ward-Davies started work in June as a clerk at the local branch of Toc H.

Three very successful parties were held at the end of the Winter Term. Forms II. & III. held theirs, consisting largely of games, with a sprinkling of dancing, on Monday, December 13th. On the following night the Fourths and Fifths held their party, the programme naturally containing more dances. A special feature of the evening was a performance by members of the staff of the short farce "The Bathroom Door." The cast consisted of Miss Ballaster, Miss Beard, Miss Phillips, Miss Thomas, Mr. George, and Mr. Simmons, and they are to be congratulated on providing a very amusing half-hour. There were also two quartets sung by Miss Thomas, Miss Williams, Mr. Simmons, and John Powell, with Miss Beard at the piano. On Thursday, December 16th the VIth form had their party, to which Old Pupils had been invited. This took the form of a dance which, in spite of the rather short notice, was attended by a large number of Old Pupils. The R.A.F. band had been obtained for the evening, and everyone obviously enjoyed the party immensely, and hoped that this would pave the way for a resumption of the Old Christmas reunions.

The School has again been visited by a number of representatives of the C.W.B. Miss Evans, one of the inspectors, made a Subsidiary Inspection of the School on Tuesday, May 23rd, and we have also had the usual visiting examiners. The first of the series of practical examinations was the Cookery examination, conducted by Mrs. Lloyd on March 17th. Since then there have been Woodwork (June 2nd, Mr. Harby), Needlework (June 5th, Mrs. Lloyd), French Oral (June 9th, Dr. Morgan Watkin), and Geography (June 20th, Mr. E. G. Bowen). R. B. Castle had to go to Carmarthen for his Botany examination on June 2nd, and Margaret Knight to Milford on June 16th.

The Dorian Trio paid us another of their periodic visits on May 8th.

The Charity Fund is still operating, and gifts have been made to various organisations. £3 each has been sent to Dr. Barnardo's Homes, St. Dunstan's, the Hospital for Sick Children, and the Pembroke Cottage Hospital, and £5 to the local Mayor's Comforts Fund.

The School broke its own record for Savings in Salute the

Soldier Week by raising over £3,000. The exact figure was £3,009 17s. 6d., divided between the three houses as follows:— Tudor, £679 19s.; Picton, £341; Glyndwr, £1,988 18s. 6d. As a result of raffles organised by Sylvia Pain, Jean Evans, Doreen Jones and Mary Phillips £1 9s. 6d. was handed over as a free gift to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

OLD PUPILS' NOTES.

We record with regret the death on active service of Lieut. W. J. Cephas Rouse, R.N.V.R., who was killed in a road accident in West Africa early in February. He was head prefect and football captain at school, and after taking his degree at King's College, London, taught for some years at Hereford High School for Boys, from where he joined the Navy in January, 1941.

Three old boys have been reported missing since December, all members of the R.A.F. Victor Clayson was lost in operations over Norway in February. In May Sergt. (Flt.-Eng.) Grenville Jones, of Neyland, was reported missing after operations over enemy territory, while Ernest Lewis was reported missing in the middle of June after a Lancaster raid over France. We sincerely hope that all three of them are safe.

It is our pleasant duty to congratulate some more old boys on awards for meritorious service. Lieut. J. O. Thomas, R.N.V.R., was awarded the D.S.C. at the end of last year "for gallantry and enterprise in spirited encounters with superior enemy forces while serving in light coastal craft." Flt/Sergt. Wilfrid Smith, who, after completing a number of bombing flights over Germany is now an instructor, was recently awarded the D.F.M. W. A. Rickard, who has now received his commission in the R.A.F., and has been flying with Coastal Command, was recently awarded the D.F.C. We also congratulate two old boys on being mentioned in despatches. Pilot/Officer Arthur Campodonic, who received his commission last June, joined the R.A.F. from school, and has spent some years in the Middle East. He was "mentioned" towards the end of last year. Capt. G. B. May, who has been serving in British East Africa for over three years was "honourably mentioned" in despatches "for distinguished service in the present campaign."

A number of Old Boys have received promotion in the services in the last few months. W. Skyrme Rees was promoted Major in the R.A.M.C. in April. He has been in Egypt for some time and is now Senior Surgeon at a hospital there. Two Old Boys, Bert Burgess and Trevor Hordley, have been commissioned in the R.A.F. Burgess, who joined the service before the war, is a Pilot-Officer in the Technical Branch. Hordley was trained in Canada and became Sergt/Pilot; he has recently received his commission. Gwynne Lloyd joined the Navy last September and was very soon selected to go to a Naval O.C.T.U. He passed out as Midshipman in May. Another Old Boy who has been commissioned in the Navy is Jack McCarthy. He joined in July, 1942, and in June, 1943 he passed through the Naval O.C.T.U. and became a Midshipman, being promoted Sub-Lieutenant in the following November. He has seen much of the world, having been to Russia, Iceland, the U.S.A., Newfoundland and Bermuda. Philip Beesley, after serving in the Merchant Navy, is now a Sub-Lieutenant in the Navy. He was for some time in the Metropolitan Police. R. Hamerton, who joined the regular army some years before the war, has received a commission in the Royal Corps of Signals. He is serving in India.

Three more Old Boys, P. V. Huyshe, Ensor Morgan and Bert Morgan, are now being trained for commissions in the army.

Arnold Rouse and Leo Thomas joined the R.A.F. about six months ago, both as members of air-crew.

In May Mervyn Howells, after finishing his course at Loughborough College, joined the Paratroops.

A fair amount of news filters in about Old Boys in the Service, and it is very pleasing when they can call themselves and tell us about their experiences. Reuben White, who is now a Petty Officer in the Navy, returned from the Mediterranean about six months ago. He had been in the Middle East for three years. A week or so later another Old Boy, W. Stephens, called to see us on returning from abroad. He passed into the R.A.F. as an apprentice before the war, and is now a corporal (fitter). He left for India a few months after the outbreak of war and returned here at the beginning of this year.

Two other Old Boys have come home from abroad in the last few months. They are Sergt. E. G. Dew of the Royal Tank Corps, who had been overseas for about three years, and Ivor Scone of the R.A.F.

No doubt many Old Boys are now serving in France, but the only one of whom we have had news is Dennis Carr.

Another Old Boy now serving abroad is Tom Warlow, who is a captain in the army, serving in Africa.

Other news that has reached us is that Lawtas Jenkins is a lieutenant in the army, W. Cox of Stackpole is now a Flight/Sergt. in the R.A.F., instructing in radio, Trevor Kelly is a corporal in the R.A.F., Freda Manning has been promoted corporal in the A.T.S., and Harold Mathias is a sergeant in the Army Educational Corps.

W. A. P. Francis, whose marriage is reported later in these notes, is a chaplain in the R.A.F.

It is pleasing to record the successes of several Old Boys at the Universities. W. G. C. Price and Leonard Silcox have completed their B.Sc. (Eng.) of London University, Price with a Second Class Honours in Electrical Engineering and Silcox with a Pass in Mechanical Engineering. Silcox got a First Class in all subjects except mathematics, weakness in which subject pulled him down. Price has obtained an appointment as assistant engineer in the Design and Production Department of the Admiralty, and Silcox is going to the Austin Works to do post-graduate work. Edwin Lewis obtained a Second Class in his second year examinations in engineering at Birmingham University, and is returning next year to take an honours degree. At Swansea George Davies and Kenneth Carr have successfully completed their first year by passing all their examinations.

Ray Thomas, M.Sc. (Wales) was Chief Examiner in Geography for the C.W.B. at the School Certificate stage last July. He is teaching at the Audenshaw Grammar School, Manchester.

Bernard Garnett, after serving for a while on the Consular staff at Algiers, was transferred to Naples in February.

Eric Manning has received a laboratory appointment under the Ministry of Supply at Swansea, starting work there at the end of April.

Sidney Snow is now managing an outfitting business in Northampton.

Mrs. Strange (nee Nancy Richards) is teaching at Rickmansworth, Herts.

Olwyn Hood has been appointed short-hand typist at a Government Office in Worcestershire.

Mrs. Huxtable (nee Doris Johnson) is teaching at Leek, near Stoke.

Olive May, who had been for some years on the teaching staff of an Army School in Egypt, arrived back in this country in April.

Beryl Johns, who has been at St. Bartholemew's Hospital for the past four years, has passed her S.R.N. examination.

We have pleasure in congratulating the following Old Pupils on their marriage:—

- Dec. 18th, F/O W. A. Sutton to Laura Lancaster.
 Jan. 1st, Sadie Lawrence to Gwynne Jackson.
 Jan. 1st, F/O Alan May to Miss M. E. Jory.
 Jan. 24th, Emily Gibby to Sergt. (A.G.) James Hattersley, R.A.F.
 Jan. 27th, Flt/Sergt. Mervyn M. Williams to Bronwen M. Lewis.
 Jan. 29th, Sylvia Bevan to Leon E. Langer.
 Feb. 2nd, Dorothy Dyke to Flt/Lt. John S. Davies.
 Feb. 5th, Roy Darlington to Miss A. S. Palmer.
 Mar. 4th, P.O. W. H. Mills, R.N., to Ena Turner.
 Mar. 28th, Doris Johnson to Sergt. (A.G.) Tony Huxtable, R.A.F.
 April 19th, Rev. W. A. P. Francis to Mary Hall.
 April 29th, Sgt/Pl of Trevor J. Hordley to Muriel M. Hillyard.
 April 29th, Barbara Shoosmith to Staff/Sergt. A. Parisi (U.S.A. Army).
 May 6th, Cpl. David C. Lewis to Nurse Pearl Buchan.
 June 17th, W. G. Sargent to Mar. Louise Joseph.
 June 19th, Phyllis M. Kelly to Sergt. Leslie L. Nicholas, R.A.F.
 June 28th, Brenda Marendaz to James Noonan.
 D. C. Davies was married recently at Scarborough to Miss Blanche (Bunty) Hebborn.

We record the following additions to our Roll of Honour:—
 R.N.—Philip Beesley, Gwynne Lloyd, Jack McCarthy, Alan Purser.
 Army.—H. G. L. Cardew, Mervyn Howells, Lewtas Jenkins, Gerald May, Harold Mathias, T. Warlow.
 R.A.F.—David Brand, Victor Clayson, W. A. P. Francis, Stanley Roch, Arnold Rouse, Leo. Thomas, Richard Wainwright.
 W.R.N.S.—Phyllis Rea.
 W.A.A.F.—Mary Cook, Margaret Rouse.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

"Every man shift for all the rest, and let no man take care for himself."—The Tempest.

HOCKEY.

Although the weather has not always been ideal, this last season has proved a fairly full one. As well as the matches of the Spring Term, there are some to be reported from the previous one, which we were unable to include in the last number.

- Results:—
 November 27th.—Tenby C.S. (away)—Won 3—1.
 December 11th.—Tasker's H.S. (home)—Won 4—0.
 January 29th.—Whitland C.S. (home)—Won 2—1.
 February 5th.—Milford C.S. (away)—Drew 1—1.
 February 12th.—Tenby C.S. (home)—Lost 3—1.

February 26th.—Pembroke Dock mixed team (home)—Lost 4—0.

March 11th.—Pembroke Dock mixed team (home)—Drew 1—1.

March 18th.—Whitland C.S. (away)—Lost 3—1.

March 25th.—Milford C.S. (home)—Won 2—1.

March 29th.—School Staff—Lost 2—0.

The team was chosen from the following:—*Sylvia Canton (captain), *Billie Evans (vice-captain), *Phyllis Morgan, *Mary John, Ruth Wickland, Dorothy Williams, Joyce Child, Audrey James, Margaret Cunningham, Dilys Picton, Dorothy Prout, Audrey English, Moreen English, Catherine Day.

* Old Colours.

At the end of the season, colours were awarded to Dorothy Williams and Audrey James.

House matches were keenly contested this season and the final results were as follows:—Tudor, 6 goals; Glyndwr, 1; Picton, 0.

The Cup given to the school by Miss Mathias, was presented to the captain of the Tudor team.

TENNIS.

So far this term only one tennis match has been played, against the A.T.C. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all despite the fact that the A.T.C. beat the School! The girls hope to avenge their defeat before the end of term. First couple: Miss Beard and B. Canton; 2nd couple: A. English and M. John; 3rd couple, R. Wickland and Doreen Williams.

ROUNDERS.

Several enjoyable rounders matches have been played this term, with the following results.

May 13th.—Whitland C.S. (home)—Won 13½—2.

May 20th.—Milford C.S. (away)—1st team. Lost 3—1½; 2nd team. Lost 3—0.

June 10th.—Tenby C.S. (home)—Won 6—4½.

The team was chosen from the following:—Sylvia Canton, Phyllis Morgan, Ruth Wickland, Joyce Child, Audrey James, Dorothy Williams, Mary John, Moreen English, Dilys John, Doreen Williams.

FOOTBALL.

During the Easter term the School Football XI. played seven games, four on the home ground and three away. Of these two were won, four lost and one drawn.

We should like to thank those of the staff who refereed the home games and the young ladies who gave up their Saturday afternoons to prepare tea for the two teams after our home matches, and congratulate them on the able manner in which they performed this task, under the present difficult conditions. The results were as follows:—January 29th.—Tenby C.S. (home)—Lost 3—1; February 5th.—1574 Flight A.T.C. (home)—Won 4—1; February 12th.—Milford C.S. (away)—Lost 5—1; February 26th.—Narberth C.S. (home)—Won 2—1; March 11th, Milford C.S. (home)—Lost 5—1; March 18th.—Narberth C.S. (away)—Drew 2—2; April 1st.—Tenby C.S. (away)—Lost 5—1. The team was chosen from:—*L. Morgan (captain), *E. Jenkins (vice-captain), *G. Brown (committee member), *P. Mockler, A. Davies, C. Roberts, G. Lewis, O. White, A. Phillips, J. Brock, E. Williams, H. Thomas.
 *Old Colours.

At the end of the Easter term colours were awarded to C. Roberts, A. Davies, G. Lewis.

CRICKET.

The School XI. has had a moderately successful season, having won four out of the six games played. The team has been somewhat hampered by the lack of cricket equipment, but owing to the efforts of Mr. Rees, whose keen interest in the team has been greatly appreciated by the committee, several bats and pads have been obtained.

We were exceptionally pleased to be able to revenge our defeat at Milford by winning on our own ground. This victory was largely due to the excellent bowling of C. Roberts, who took seven wickets.

The highest batting score was made by E. E. Jenkins, who scored forty runs against Tenby. He also took five runs for eight wickets in the same match. Results:—

May 6th.—R.A.S.C. Won, 76—25 (Jenkins 18, Roberts 16, Morgan 11; Jenkins 4 for 7, Roberts 5 for 13).

May 20th.—Milford C.S. (away). Lost, 48—152 for 9 (Jenkins 11, Brock 11).

June 3rd.—Narberth C.S. (away). Lost 18—37 (Jenkins 12; Roberts 3 for 12, Jenkins 3 for 12, Kane 3 for 5).

June 10th.—Milford C.S. (Home), Won 55—45 (Jenkins 14, Morgan 14; Roberts 7 for 19).

June 17th.—Tenby C.S. (home). Won 72 for 6—13 (Jenkins 40, Morgan 16; Jenkins 5 for 6, Roberts 4 for 3).

June 24th.—Narberth C.S. (home). Won 33—21 (Jenkins 5 for 8, Roberts 4 for 6).

The team was selected from the following:—*E. Jenkins (capt.), C. Roberts (vice-captain), J. Powell (sec.); D. F. A. Cowdry (comm.), G. Brown, J. Brock, R. Morgan, J. Kane, A. Phillips, L. John, F. Hughes, A. Moffat. *Old Colours.

WAR IN THE AIR.

The day is fine, the sky is clear,
The sound of distant 'planes I hear.
In proud formation here they come,
Flying onwards to smash the Hun!

Over the downs the bombers wind,
Leaving the cities far behind.
Over the chalky cliffs of Dover,
Wave after wave is passing over.

Onward to the coast of France
While sparkling waves below them dance;
Forward in proud formation fly
The gallant conquerors of the sky.

VILMA PHILLIPS IVA.

A SCHOOLGIRL IN JAMAICA.

Jamaica is one of the largest islands in the British West Indies, in the Carriibbean Sea. It is situated ninety miles South of Cuba.

It contains many mountains with peaks rising to more than

seven thousand feet. Its present capital is Kingston, the old one being Spanish Town.

If her parents are in the Army a schoolgirl usually goes to the garrison school, which starts at eight o'clock in the morning and finishes at half-past twelve. This is the school which I attended during my stay in the island. The lessons are the same as those taught in Britain.

There are two swimming pools, one for the soldiers and the other for married families. Everyone rests in the afternoon because of the heat, but in the evening one can go to the cinema.

There are three kinds of Jamaicans, the dark brown, the lighter brown and the white, and there are also many Chinese and Indians living there. The darker natives usually work on plantations, or as servants in the barracks for the more wealthy Jamaicans.

One can have plenty of bananas, oranges and strawberries in Jamaica; the favourite fruit is the mango.

There are many sea resorts where one can spend the day. Montego Bay is the best known.

On Sunday one can visit Hope Gardens, where there are many flowers and an aquarium, also a band which plays regularly.

The two other barracks are called Newcastle and Port Royal and there are three hundred and sixty-five turnings to reach the top of Newcastle.

Kingston is a very busy town, because, as it is a port, there are many shops for tourists. The clothes and shoes are mostly American in style. It is rather amusing to see black people wearing powder and lipstick.

The countryside is very beautiful and some parts remind one of Britain. There are many houses along the roadside where the poor people live. It is not at all unusual to see an old woman smoking a clay pipe.

Jamaica is a place everyone should visit if possible as it is a most interesting and colourful island.

PAULINE PERRY IVB.

ONE MOONLIGHT NIGHT.

It happened one moonlight night about the middle of September. I was spending a holiday with my mother at a seaside village in the north of this county. It had been a lovely day and the evening was still and peaceful. About nine o'clock the moon was shining beautifully and it was as light as day. My aunt, with whom we were staying, suggested a walk, with which idea my mother agreed, and they decided to take me with them. I was delighted. It was a glorious walk through the country lanes which led to the seashore. At last we arrived at the sands. The reflection of the moon on the water was something I do not think I shall ever forget.

We appeared to have the place to ourselves, there being no sign of life anywhere. We walked to the far end of the sands and then, as we stood watching the ripples of the water, we were startled by a cry for help. We scanned the rocks and were horrified to see on a rock some distance away the forms of several children. The rock was surrounded by water. Realising the position by aunt cried, "They are trapped and we must get a boat, you stay here and I will run across to Jim Davies' house, he has a boat."

My mother and I stayed where we were and tried to make the children understand that help was on the way. Presently we heard the splashing of oars and then a boat appeared on the scene. It

was Jim Davies's boat and my aunt was with them. The children were then rescued. I was so sorry to see them. They were three little evacuees from London. They told us they had gone on the rock when the tide was well out. They did not notice it coming in until it had surrounded the rock. We took them back to the village and by this time there was quite a hue and cry, and search parties were being arranged. However, all was well and the children were no worse for their experience.

BARBARA OWEN IIB.

STARS.

The stars they twinkle in the sky,
Looking down from up on high,
They seem to fix a heavenly beam
On every lake, river and stream.

The stars lend light to many a scene,
To flowers nodding in a scented dream,
To cows that wander by the mill,
And to the cove beside the rill.

They filter through the curtains yellow,
Making walls and pictures mellow,
They shine on many a toused head,
And on little children in their beds.

They shine on many fairies small,
And on the roses on the wall
On many a window shining bright,
On a beautiful starry moonlight night.

MAY DAVIES, IIIB.

LIGHTHOUSES.

Lighthouses have played a very important part in the history of the world, and one of the earliest, that built by the Greeks at Alexandria in 330 B.C., is now taken as one of the seven wonders of the Old World. In Britain, the first lighthouses were beacons, built on hills to guide ships into port, but smugglers and wreckers put up false beacons, on dangerous parts of the coasts, so that when the ships went on the rocks they could plunder the cargo. To deal with this menace primitive lighthouses were built in special places and each had a special flash so that ships would ignore false beacons.

In 1836 Trinity House was formed for the purpose of installing lightships and lighthouses wherever they were needed. They also installed fog signals of the siren and explosive type to replace the bell buoy, which was worked by the movement of the sea.

The lighthouse of to-day works on the same principle as the ordinary kitchen Primus stove. That is, the oil is vapourised by being passed under pressure through a hot jet, and then burnt. The incandescent mantle is made of the finest silk, which glows white hot, giving a light of a few hundred candle power. This is then magnified to thousands of candlepower by powerful glass lenses. There are two beams shown, a red and a white; the red beam marks the position of dangers like rocks and shoals, while from the white light, a sailor can easily find his position by the nature of the flash of the beam. The fog signal of the explosive type is just a blank charge of powder fired every so often. An example of this is to be seen at the Smalls about eighteen miles from the

mouth of Milford Haven. The noise of the siren type is made by compressed air being blown through a disk with a number of holes in it which at the same time revolves on a pivot. The Board of Trade issues books of the lighthouses codes to every ship in the country and so similarly do other countries.

Not all lighthouses are built in the sea, as some people think, but many are built on land. An example of one such exists within eighteen miles of Pembroke Dock. This is St. Ann's Head where I lived for four years. At St. Ann's the keepers live in cottages with their wives and families. St. Ann's consists of two lighthouses, one of which is no longer used, a fog-signal and an engine room. The light is of the oscillating type and the fog-signal is a siren.

The number of men on duty in a lighthouse, especially on a rock, is never less than three. This is because at the Smalls, where there used to be two, one man died and the other went mad at being left alone with a corpse. This, however, is less likely to happen now because all rocks are kept in touch with land by means of wireless communication.

During the war the enemy has made many vicious and cruel attacks on undefended lightships and lighthouses but, fortunately, they are small targets and only a few lives have been lost.

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R. KELLY IVA.

DUCK SHOOTING.

Wild duck are driven south by the hard winters from the North of Scotland, many of them visiting parts of Pembrokeshire. Many breeds visit Pembrokeshire in the winter including birds from India. The best duck for eating is the Mallard which breeds and stays with us all the year round.

The time to go shooting is at night with a good moon but with light clouds covering it. Most people use a twelve bore gun, the best shot for them being the number four. A good idea is to go to a place where there is plenty of mud and slime and where ducks abound. If there is a wide stream running through the mud all the better. One should then stand out on the mud about ten yards from the stream and wait. The Mallard usually lands straight into the stream, but other ducks very often circle before landing. As soon as they land, their position can easily be seen by the ripples on the water, and then is the time to fire. If they are allowed to swim away, they are difficult to pick out against the water. But if they alight on the mud they are easily distinguished against it because it shines in the moon light.

Ducks can be shot flying because they usually fly in flocks, but the shooter has to be very quick at firing because ducks are very swift on the wing. If there is a full tide, ducks can easily be seen against the water which shines in the moonlight. They usually keep close inshore and are easily frightened away, but they will soon return. Some people come down with the tide in flat-bottomed boats, with special duck guns.

When people are duck-shooting in the day, they have to be very careful because they can easily be sighted by the duck. A good plan is for one to go further up stream and frighten the ducks down to another person who is waiting to shoot them.

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