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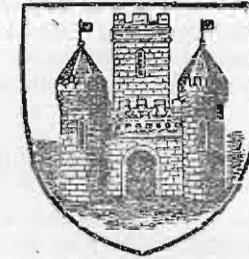
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Editorial.

The period since Christmas has been a very difficult one in many ways. We have been without our Headmaster since the end of February, and it was with very sincere regret that we learnt that his health would not allow him to continue until the end of the summer term, and that he was retiring at the end of May. It is very difficult to realise that his official connection with his School has ceased. One of our greatest regrets is that he has not been able to retire in happier circumstances, and in the robust health that, until recent years, he always enjoyed.

We were all exceedingly sorry to hear that Miss Hemmings is leaving this term. She is going to the Lady Manners School at Bakewell, in Derbyshire, to be Senior Mistress and to take charge of the English teaching there. She knows that our very best wishes go with her to her new appointment.

Mr. Spencer Davies, who came in January to take Mr. King's place, was here only until Easter, when he too left for a wartime appointment under the R.A.F. For the whole of the spring term we were without anyone to take Miss Pickford's place, but Miss Morwyth Rees came in a few times a week to do Biology with the

Vith. Mr. Cleaver's place was taken in January by Mr. Harries, who has now quite settled down among us. This Term two new mistresses, Mrs. Robinson and Miss Llewellyn, have joined the Staff. They have come at a very difficult period in the School's history, but we hope that, like the rest of us, they have got used to wartime difficulties now.

The School looks forward to meeting our new Headmaster, Mr. Dowling, and we all hope that we shall get on well together next term. Possibly he will have been able to pay the School a visit before the magazine is published.

T. H. Jones, 1906-1941.

At the end of May we were called upon to perform what must surely be the most painful duty in the whole course of the School's history—we had to say "Good-bye" to our Headmaster. When his farewell letter was read to the school we all felt we were losing the services of the best friend that the School has ever had. Mr. Jones has often expressed the hope that he would be with us for the duration of the war, but this was not to be, for ill-health forced him to retire.

In September 1906, when Mr. Jones was appointed Headmaster of the School, it consisted of some 122 pupils with fifty part-time pupil teachers. Thirty-five years later he left it a flourishing school of well over three hundred pupils. In those thirty-five years he has rendered the school innumerable services of all kinds. He has been untiring in his efforts to secure for us new buildings, more equipment, better conditions for work and more facilities for play. He has always been willing to introduce into the curriculum changes which would meet the needs of the times, and has taken special interest in all the School games.

But while we appreciate all the splendid results he has achieved in these directions, the most important aspect of his work lies in the ideals of conduct which he has continually kept before the minds of his pupils. All through his career as a Head Master his endeavour has been to help boys and girls to be honest, reliable and truthful. His insistence on development of character rather than on intellectual brilliance has impressed all who have come into contact with him, and in years to come I am sure that both past and present pupils will be guided by the standards he set them when they were in School. It would be difficult to imagine a Head Master who could have had the welfare of the School more deeply at heart than Mr. Jones. It would be true to say that the school was his life, and he has looked forward with dread to the day when he would have to leave it.

We have been most fortunate in having a Head Master with

a sense of humour. He was always a friend in the real sense of the word to every child under his care, and his keen sense of humour has helped him considerably in his understanding of the children. He could appreciate, too, a joke against himself. I remember how heartily he laughed over an essay in which a child writing about her street said "Some very good people live in Bush Street. Our Head Master also lives there."

No one will have more cause to regret Mr. Jones' departure than the Old Students. Although he has been Head Master for such a long period and must have come into contact with thousands of pupils, he was keenly interested in the careers of all Old Students and lost no opportunity of meeting them again. Many of them have written letters expressing their regret on hearing of Mr. Jones' ill-health.

At this time of farewell one looks back on Mr. Jones' work and recalls some lines of Wordsworth which would very well describe him:—

The Happy Warrior—'tis he
Who comprehends his trust and to the same
Keeps faithful with a singleness of aim
And therefore does not stoop, nor lie in wait
For wealth or honours, or for worldly state.

We all sincerely hope that Mr. Jones' health will improve now that he has the opportunity to rest. May he have a happy retirement and come to see us as often as he can.

L. HEMMINGS.

The Table And The Chair.

Said the Table to the Chair,
"You can hardly be aware
How I suffer from the heat
And from chilblains on my feet.
If we took a little walk,
We might have a little talk.
Pray let us take the air,"
Said the Table to the Chair.

Said the Chair unto the Table,
"Now, you know we are not able,
How foolishly you talk,
When you know we cannot walk."
Said the Table with a sigh,
"It can do no harm to try,
I've as many legs as you,
Why can't we walk on two?"

So they both went slowly down,
 And they walked about the town
 With a cheerful bumpy sound,
 As they toddled round and round,
 And everybody cried,
 As they hastened to their side,
 "See! the Table and the Chair,
 Have come out to take the air!"

DOROTHY JAMES, IVB.

A Rabbit.

I saw a little rabbit
 In a field the other day,
 I stood so still and watched him
 And I hoped that he would stay.

He sat quite still and looked at me
 Just moving his small nose,
 And I was very excited
 From my head unto my toes.

He did not seem afraid of me
 Nor did he seem to fear,
 And yet he was so very small
 And I so very near.

And when at last I went away
 I took just one last look;
 I saw that he had vanished
 Back to his cosy nook.

DILYS JOHNS, IIA.

School Notes.

The number of pupils in school at the beginning of this term was 302—168 girls and 134 boys.

The Prefects are:—

Tudor:—Valerie Thomas (senior), Dorothy Brookfield, C. J. Walters, K. Carr.

Picton:—Lillian Dyke, Sheila Jones, June Parcell, W. E. Lewis, G. Lloyd.

Clyndwr:—Maisie George, May Scale, Barbara George, P. R. Thomas (senior), J. W. Blencowe, M. Howells.

The results of the Naval Artificers' examination last November were very satisfactory, three boys being successful. H. A.

Bennett was 57th, W. E. L. Johnson 66th, and W. J. James 74th. All have now entered the Navy as Engine-Room Artificers.

The Upper VI will probably have only one member, J. W. Blencowe, left next term. Valerie Thomas and Maisie George are both going to Homerton Training College, Cambridge; May Scale to Cardiff University College, Lillian Dyke to Avery Hill, and Sheila Jones to Stockwell. Edwin Lewis is going to Birmingham University to take a B.Sc. degree in Engineering, and Paul Thomas is going to become an apprentice to a firm of engineers. C. J. Walters of the Lower VI is going to Carmarthen Training College next term.

W. G. C. Price is most probably leaving this term to go to London University (at present at Swansea), where he intends to take a B.Sc. degree.

The Commercial VI has got gradually smaller since Christmas. Nancy Brown is assistant to Mr. Mendus, the chemist, in Pembroke; Phyllis Greenslade is working as shorthand-typist with Messrs. T. P. Hughes of Tenby, and Marjorie Richards has a similar post with a firm of contractors at Angle. Eric Carr is a clerk at Barclays Bank in Milford Haven, and Walford Davies is at the Gas Company's offices. Joan Davies and Marjorie Griffiths have clerkships in Haverfordwest and May Roberts is an assistant to Mr. Mark Evans, the chemist, in Pembroke.

Others who have left the VIth to take up situations are Peter John, who is working as Meteorological Assistant under the Air Ministry, E. T. Nevin, who has a Civil Service clerical post at Harrogate, and Joyce Bowen, who is working as a clerk at the Pembroke Dock railway station.

Those who have gone to other schools are Jo Morris (Whitland), Eric Thomas and his brother Elwyn (Narberth), Ruth Wickland (Narberth), Clifford Roberts (Narberth), John Williams (Christ's College, Brecon), I. Llewellyn (Bridgend), T. Parcell (Bridgend), M. Averill (Milford Haven), F. Griffiths (Milford Haven), Glenys A. Davies (Taskers), Mary Mends (Taskers), Gwen Sutton (Taskers), Betty Thomas (Llandyssul).

W. B. James, of the IVths, did not stay long with us, as he has found a post as clerk in Barclays Bank, Carmarthen.

Monday and Tuesday, May 26 and 27, were largely "off" days for school work. On Monday the Osiris Repertory Company came to school and performed three plays, which were all much enjoyed. They did "Twelfth Night," "The Merchant of Venice" and "St Joan." Considering that the players were all ladies, the excellence of the performance is all the more remarkable.

The following day we were visited by our old friends the Dorian Trio, who gave their usual polished performance, clearly explained by Miss Pauline Taylor, the cellist and lecturer. Miss Eluned Lewis played the piano and Miss Percival the violin.

The usual practical examinations have been held this term:—
Cookery on March 13, by Mrs. Snowden; Needlework on May 16,
by Mrs. Lloyd; Geography on June 5, by Mr. D. L. Williams;
French Oral on June 12, by Dr. E. M. Phillips; Woodwork on June
19, by Mr. Harby, and Physics on June 27, by Mr. C. M. Young.
Maisie George and J. W. Blencowe had to go to Haverfordwest for
their Biology Practical on Friday, June 20.

On June 24 the School was visited by Miss Evans, an
inspector of the C.W.B. Miss Evans took the place of Miss Sadie
Price, who retired a few years ago.

We wish success to the following pupils who have also
left:—

- VI—Beryl Owen, G. E. Gill.
- V—Joyce Clapton, Mary Cooke, Olive Flavell, Sylvia Noakes.
- IV—Joan Llewellyn, Irene Roblin, Mona Thomas, C. Evans, T. Hood,
G. Mullins, R. Scamp, G. Williams.
- III—Sylvia Allison, Madeleine Head, Mary K. Jones, Myra Morris,
Dorothy Parkes, Daphne Stephenson
- II—Noeline Deveson, Eluned Evans, Meriel Mortimer, Ruth Morse,
T. G. Machin, G. D. Tucher.

We welcome the following new pupils:—

- IV—C. Parry.
- II—Norma Brimacombe, Erica Grieve, Irene Hay, P. Burchall, M.
Huddleston, A. Morgan.

Old Pupils' Notes.

The bulk of the news of old pupils deals with those in the
Services. We very much regret to have to record the death of
two old boys, both in the R.A.F. Norman Owen had just com-
pleted his training as a pilot when he was killed in a flying acci-
dent last December. Sergeant-Observer Arthur Prickett, who
entered the R.A.F. as an apprentice from school some 15 or 16
years ago, was reported killed in action during May. He had
been serving in the Middle East.

We congratulate four old boys on their promotion. V. S.
(Tony) Bowling, was recently promoted Wing-Commander,
R.A.F. He has been serving in the Middle East. Skyrme Rees
was promoted Captain in the R.A.M.C. last December, and Neville
Phelps received his second "pip" about the same time. Congrat-
ulations also to Idwal Nicholls on receiving his commission as
Pilot-Officer, R.A.F. Skyrme's brother Rowland has had various
adventures during his service with the R.A.S.C. and he is now
serving somewhere abroad.

The School receives many visits from old boys on leave, but
we were surprised last December to receive a visit from a young
private in the New Zealand forces. This was O. J. Locke, whose

parents moved out there shortly before the war.

Many more have entered the forces since our last issue, and
we have entered all those of whom we have heard at the end of
these notes. We should be grateful for information to enable us
to make this list as complete as possible.

Grahame Davies is in the R.A., and is serving with a light
A.A. battery in the Midlands. When we heard last from him a
few months ago he told us that he hoped soon to go into training
in an Officers' Cadet Training Unit. His brother Colin has been
accepted for training as a pilot. Four other old boys are also
learning to be pilots in the R.A.F. They are L. C. Rickard of
Angle, Glyn Evans of Bosherton, Ronald Rees and Edward
Canton. W. E. Adams has been accepted for training as a pilot or
observer in the Fleet Air Arm, but has not yet been called up.

Mona Winter gave us some news of herself and her brothers
in a letter written at the end of March. She tells us that she has
taken up recorder-playing and continued to go to orchestra prac-
tices right through the London "blitz." Her brother Douglas is in
the Royal Artillery, Philip has passed the medical exam for the
R.A.F., so is probably now serving, and Reggie is at Aberystwyth
University College, and in the O.T.C.

B. Rabbetts, formerly of Neyland, has had a varied career since
leaving school. He was with a firm of electrical engineers, and
had joined the Territorials four years before war broke out. He
went to France with his unit, and came away with the B.E.F.
from Dunkirk. On returning to this country he was sent back to
his civilian job with Messrs. Glovers and had a very busy time all
through the heavy raids in London last summer and autumn
repairing electric cables.

We were sorry to hear recently that two old boys have been
reported missing. Ted Rogers was reported missing in the Middle
East towards the end of May. He was with a survey unit of the
R.E.s and it is very likely that he has been taken prisoner.
Jack Bevans is a Sergeant Pilot in the R.A.F. and has been in
many operational flights over enemy territory, piloting bombers.
It was after one such flight that he was reported missing recently.

Bernard Rouse called in school in March at the end of three
weeks leave. He is serving on a cruiser and has seen much action
since war began, including the operations at Dakar.

W. Mills has done very well since entering the Navy as
Naval Artificer. He has passed all his examinations and been
promoted Petty Officer apprentice, a very rare achievement. He
has also distinguished himself in sport, having won a cup for a
record long jump of 21 ft. 9 ins.

W. J. Evans has had an exciting time during his service with
the Royal Marines, which he joined some years ago. After the
entry of Italy into the war he served aboard the famous monitor

"Terror," and had his fill of warfare, being still on his ship when she was sunk recently. Fortunately he came off safely and has recently been home on leave.

Norman Nash, after entering the R.A.F. as a flight-mechanic, has now re-mustered, and is a Physical Training Instructor.

We congratulate the following Old Pupils on their marriage :—

Sept. 14—Barbara Jones to Roy Edwards.

Jan. 15—Gertie Hodges to Alec S. Davies.

Feb. 8—Ada Collins to Vivian T. Hay.

Feb. 20—Nigel Maire to Janet Hitchcock.

April 12—Norah Powell to Flt.-Sgt. Edward Pugh Jones.

June 4—Vera Kenniford to Flt.-Sgt. Stanley Mansell.

June 11—Lena Hubbard to Sgt. Edward George Perrott.

June 16—Dorothy Robinson to Verdi Harverston.

July 7—Norman Nash to Gwynneth Evans (both old pupils).

July 7—Eva Catherall to Frederick Stuart Griffiths.

July 12—Marion McGregor to Corporal Philip Limbrick, R.A.O.C.

Among the many old boys who have served abroad is D. F. Hordley, who went to Greece with his unit. We are glad to say that he was among those who came away safely.

A number of old pupils have done good work in the various A.R.P. services. It is a difficult task to single out any one for special mention, but there seems no doubt that Betty Davies has given splendid service as an ambulance driver, and has driven through one very heavy raid.

We recently received some news of the Hiatt family, who left the town a few years ago. Eric is a gunner in the Royal Artillery, Albert is a clerk in Lloyd's Bank, and Kathleen is in the VIth Form at a secondary school in Sudbury, Suffolk.

Clifford Moses, having been discharged from the Army on medical grounds, has gone back to what was always his favourite occupation, and is now working with E.N.S.A., helping to entertain the troops.

Brian Foss went up to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, last October with an exhibition, a State Scholarship, and a County Major Scholarship. He is doing Mathematics and has taken up rowing. His brother Eric has a post on the resident staff of Shebbear College, Beaworthy, Devon.

W. H. Stephens, who left school in 1926, has done very well in the Civil Service, being now a Higher Executive Officer in the Ministry of Home Security, having been transferred to this department from the Admiralty.

Another old pupil who has got on in the Civil Service is Olga Woodward, who is now a Supervisor in a section of typists and shorthand typists under the Admiralty.

Enid Simpson gave up her post as Headmaster's secretary last December to take a clerkship in Tenby.

Peggy March started two years ago as nurse at the Southampton Children's Hospital.

Jean Hubbard and Thelma Warlow have both found posts as clerks with the G.W.R., Thelma at Manorbier and Jean at Pembroke.

Mrs. Dorothy Keddie, of Flin Flon, Manitoba, tells us that she has made arrangements privately with the General Manager of the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co. to accommodate any number of children who care to evacuate to Flin Flon.

Katie Martin has been appointed telephonist at the Pembroke Dock Post Office.

W. J. Lewis, who has been in the Metropolitan Police for the past sixteen years, was recently promoted inspector.

George Hooper left school some years ago when his parents moved to Bermuda. He has recently been appointed as priest at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He received his training at St. Mary's College, Kentucky, U.S.A., and Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax, Nova Scotia, from where he was ordained by Archbishop McNally in May, 1939, and appointed to Woodside, in the diocese of Nova Scotia.

We congratulate Leslie Williams, who is scoutmaster of the Pembroke Dock troop, on being awarded the Medal of Merit by the Chief Scout. This is a rare award, and is given for outstanding service.

C. W. Parry, after two years teaching at Ilfracombe, and two and a half at Swindon, obtained a post at the Luton Modern School last January.

We print below an additional list of old pupils serving in H.M. Forces.

Royal Navy—H. A. Bennett, W. J. Evans, W. J. James, W. E. L. Johnson, Winston Thomas.

Army—Grabame Davies, Eric Hiatt, Donald Hitchings, Charles Jones, O. J. Locke, Oriel Llewellyn, B. Rabbetts, L. C. Rickard, Douglas Winter.

Royal Air Force—Eric Beer, Jack Bevans, Bertie Burgess, Allan Davies, Colin Davies, Glyn Evans, Owen Evans, W. G. Evans, Eric Manning, Idwal Nicholls, Jack Powis, Mervyn Williams, Philip Winter.

A Day's Outing.

While my mother, my sister, and I were spending our summer holidays at St Anne's Head, we found that we could make a trip to Skokholm Island, which is about four miles from St Anne's

Head. We were told by the owners of the fishing boat, which had once been a ship's lifeboat, that we were to be on the beach at Dale at seven o'clock. We arrived at Dale after a three mile walk, in time to catch the boat. We soon reached Skokholm. This lighthouse is where my father is stationed. The landing was easily accomplished as there was no rough weather and there is a landing stage which belongs to the lighthouse. The island is about a mile long and half-a-mile wide. It consists mostly of moor and rocks. We went to the lighthouse and had a second breakfast, which we enjoyed after our sea trip.

There are many sea birds on the island, the most common of which are the seagull and the shearwater, one of which my father dug out of a rabbit's hole. There they stay all day or else fly out to sea and stay there all day. He also found a young stormy petrel which was a smoky grey in colour. This young bird is left all day by its mother.

The rest of the day we spent rambling round the island. We were told that the boat would be ready to take us home at four o'clock. When we got in the boat we found it was full of crabs, lobsters and crayfish, a few of which we bought. When we had disembarked we walked home quite ready for a big tea and an early bed.

R. E. KELLY, IIB.

School Sports.

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

HOCKEY.

Since the last issue of THE PENVRO, we have played six more matches and continued our run of successes for the second year. We are very grateful to Miss Mathias for the help and encouragement she has given us, and to all the girls who have helped with the teas.

Team—*Barbara George (capt.), *Dorothy Brookfield, *Marian Howard, *Phyllis Greenslade, *Gwyneth Thomas, Peggy Gibby, Marjorie Richards, Maisie George, Alicia Sabido, Sylvia Canton, Pauline Thomas, Catherine Mutter, Marjorie Hughes, Lilian Evans.

*Old Colours.

Colours were awarded to Peggy Gibby at the end of the season.

RESULTS.

Feb. 8—Tenby (away). Won 8—1.
Feb. 15—W.A.A.F. (home). Won 10—2
Mar. 15—Milford (home). Won 6—1.

FOOTBALL.

The bad luck of the School team continued during the Spring term, all the matches being lost, as the full team seldom represented the School.

We want to thank the Staff for refereeing the home games and the girls for providing the teas.

The team was represented by *E. P. Carr (capt.), *M. G. Howells (vice-capt.), *P. R. Thomas (sec.), *K. G. Carr, *E. Orsman, *C. J. Walters, P. Huyshe, S. Roch, J. Williams, G. Davies, R. Lawrence, G. Lloyd, T. Howells, V. Williams, A. A. A. Ricketts.

*Old Colours.

RESULTS.

Dec 18—Old Boys (H). Won 5—3.
Feb. 8—R.A.O.C. (A). Lost 0—5.
Feb 15—Milford (H). Lost 0—1.
Mar. 8—Narberth (H). Lost 0—3,
Mar. 15—Milford (A). Lost 0—6,
Mar. 29—West Kents (H). Lost 0—10.

TENNIS.

Owing to war conditions it has been very difficult for us to obtain fixtures this year, and up to the time of going to press only one match has been played. The tournaments are now being played off, but we will not be able to include the results in this issue

The School was represented by the following :—

*Barbara George, (capt.), *Dorothy Brookfield, *Marion Howard, Peggy Gibby, Pauline Thomas, Marjorie Hughes.

RESULT.

W.A.A.F. (home). Lost 38—43.

ROUNDERS.

Milford has been the only school which accepted our challenge. The team consisted of Marian Howard, May Bearne, Sylvia Canton, Dorothy Brookfield, Barbara George, Peggy Gibby, Rita O'Callaghan, Alicia Sabido, Marian Preece.

RESULT.

Milford (away). Won 8—6.

CRICKET.

So far this term the school team has been very successful, winning four matches out of a possible five. We have laboured under many disadvantages and have had to play our matches away. There has been some very consistent bowling by K. G. Carr and G. Lloyd. The former has so far taken 15 wickets for 50 runs and the latter 14 for 55 runs. P. R. Thomas, E. Orsman, S. Roch, K. G. Carr and E. Jenkins have all batted well, P.

Thomas heading the batting averages at present. The following have represented the team :—*P. R. Thomas (capt.), M. G. Howells (vice-capt.), G. Lloyd (com.), *K. G. Carr, E. Orsman, J. Williams, E. Thomas, S. Roch, C. J. Walters, E. Jenkins, R. Lawrence, A. Rubython. Mr. Devereux has played one game. *Colours.

Results :—

May 10th.—V. Fishguard County School (Away), Won 114-41. K. G. Carr 24, E. Orsman 26, E. Thomas 16, S. Roch 15, M. Howells 15; M. Howells 4 for 15, R. Lawrence 5 for 11.

May 17th.—V. Carmarthen Grammar School (Away). Lost 27-48. M. Howells 3 for 14.

May 31st.—V. Carmarthen G. S. (Away). Won 88-70. P. Thomas 41 n.o.

June 7th.—V. R.A.F. XI at Bush Camp. Won 90-37. E. Orsman 38, K. Carr 25 n.o.; K. Carr 5 for 10 G. Lloyd 3 for 9.

June 21st.—V. R.A.F. (Orierton). Won 51-48. K. Carr 5 for 14, G. Lloyd 4 for 16.

Keeping Pet Mice.

I once kept pet mice, which I kept in small boxes or cages. These my father made for me out of small wooden boxes which he covered with wire mesh. They were about one foot six inches in length and eight inches in width, and were divided into two compartments, one being larger than the other. The smaller one was for sleeping and the larger for the day quarters. It was most important that the inside of both should be painted with white paint. The floor of the larger one was covered with sawdust and the smaller one was filled with hay in which the mouse made its bed. I used to feed them on bread and milk in the morning, and bran and linseed at night.

I had several different coloured mice. There were a few special ones which I put in a show. They were chocolate, red, and blue in colour. Although they did not gain any prizes, they were very highly commended. I was very pleased because it was my first attempt on the show bench. I used to spend a long time in brushing their coats with a silk handkerchief to keep them in good condition.

I found that after a good deal of handling they grew so tame that I could safely allow them to wander on my arm. Sometimes they would disappear and I would find them inside my coat sleeve.

BERNARD TWISSELL, IIA

