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EDITORIAL.

The School has given the right hand of welcome to many new members of staff this term; by this time they already seem to be familiar friends with us. We hope that Miss B. Thomas will be very happy in the Classics department as the successor of Miss O. Rich. Of the latter we hear pleasant accounts in her new school at Tunbridge Wells; a little bird tells us that her memories of her last year's Pembroke Dock IVA Form are still fragrant and that she wishes she could have taken this Form with her to her new school! [These pupils, now inhabiting Room 3, are the proud possessors of the picture which Miss Rich so kindly sent as her parting gift to the school].

We still sometimes see Mrs. Robinson, who is now in charge of the American Services Canteen working in our town. Her successor is Miss N. Davies, who, we hope, is now comfortably settled amongst the "frogs and snails" of her department.

We were sorry to hear recently that our old friend Miss Eirlys Thomas has been suffering from an attack of chicken-pox, from which she is now, however, quite recovered. Her successor, Miss B. Phillips, is now happily installed in the French and English departments.

Miss Beard, we hope, will be equally happy as the successor as Games Mistress to Miss Mathias who, we hear, is making new friends in her post at Leamington.

Our old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Garnett, are now enjoying a well-earned rest by wintering at Southport, where they were visited during a recent week-end by Miss Hemmings. We are quite sure that much P.D.C.S. news would be exchanged on such an auspicious occasion. Mr. Garnett's post has been filled by Mr. Simmons, who, we hope, together with his wife and two little sons, will be very happy during their stay amongst us.

It was with extreme regret that we heard of the sad accident which befell our French Master, Mr. Davies, when the car in which he was being driven to carry out some war-lecturing duties was struck in collision with a motor lorry at a cross-roads. We are sincerely relieved to know that he is now well on the highway to complete recovery and we are looking forward to the time when we shall have him with us once more in school. In the meantime, we are very grateful to Mrs. Norah Davies, of Neyland, for helping us on the staff in our time of need. This is not the first time that

Mrs. Davies has given us help of this kind. It is good to know that we have such helpful and reliable folks in our neighbourhood.

We were pleased to hear that Miss Hinchliffe, who takes a keen interest in First-Aid, was recently successful in passing the examination of the Royal Life Saving Society's Respiration Service.

We hope soon to welcome to the school Mr. Williams, our new Commercial Subjects Master. Miss Barbara George has continued to give us very good help until such time as he is able to join us.

Though peace-time picnics and parties have long since had to be temporarily shelved, our school continues to be a hive of activities pressed upon us by the circumstances of war. Both staff and pupils are shouldering their burdens in the traditional British spirit of good comradeship, keeping ever a weather eye open to the horizon for signs of that Peace to which we are ever drawing nearer; and so now, at the time of this season of Peace and Goodwill, may we take the opportunity to wish all our readers, everywhere, a Happy Christmas and the dawn of a brighter era in the New Year of 1944.

C.W.B. RESULTS.

HIGHER CERTIFICATE.

K. G. Carr—Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
G. R. Davies—Physics, Chemistry, Pure and Applied Mathematics (Subsidiary). R. Wainwright—English, French, History.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

V.G.—Very Good; C—Credit; P—Pass; L.M.—London Matriculation equivalent; W.M.—Welsh Matriculation equivalent.

D. M. Athoe (2 V.G., 5 C., 1 P., L. and W.M.); E. L. Bowling (1 V.G., 7 C., 1 P.); D. F. A. Cowdry (1 V.G., 1 C., 1 P., L. and W.M.); C. T. Davies (4 C., 3 P.); Kathleen A. Davies (6 C., 2 P., L. and W.M.); K. A. Davies (8 C., L. and W.M.); A. I. English (6 C., 2 P.); F. A. Hughes (5 C., 2 P.); D. M. James (7 C., L. and W.M.); M. M. Jefferies (1 V.G., 3 C., 1 P.); C. R. Jelley (3 C., 4 P.); M. A. John (1 V.G., 7 C., 1 P.); M. L. John (1 V.G., 3 C., 2 P.); G. Kaye (4 C., 5 P.); R. M. King (1 V.G., 3 C., 3 P.); M. N. Lewis (3 C., 4 P.); J. F. J. Mason (1 V.G., 6 C., 1 P., L. and W.M.); W. Mathias (5 C., 4 P.); P. J. Mockler (1 V.G., 5 C., 2 P.); L. B. Morgan (2 V.G., 4 C., 1 P.); P. E. Morris (2 C., 5 P.); E. J. Nicholls (2 C., 6 P.); A. J. Owen (1 V.G., 6 C., 1 P.); J. E. Paterson (3 V.G., 2 C., 3 P.); S. M. Pickard (5 C., 1 P.); E. J. Pope (2 V.G., 5 C., 1 P.); K. M. Prout (2 V.G., 4 C., 2 P.); L. E. C. Price (1 V.G., 4 C., 2 P.); G. G. Richards (2 C., 4 P.); D. G. Roch (1 C., 5 P.); M. A. Sudbury (1 V.G., 4 C., 3 P.); G. F. Ward-Davies (3 V.G., 3 C., 4 P.); V. G. Wilkinson (2 V.G., 6 C., L. and W.M.); E. E. Williams (4 C., 1 P.); M. Young (1 V.G., 2 C., 4 P.).

SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATE.

S. D. G. Parry—Woodwork (C.); P. R. Thomas—Cookery (C.).

THE AEROPLANE.

Refulgent, iridescent,
With rainbow light impearled,
Against great clouds quiescent,
You rove the wondering world.

Untrammelled, all unfettered,
You steer a purposed way
By paths not signed, not lettered,
Through deserts of the day.

No swift in swooping twilight
E'er spanned with greater grace
The boundless lake of sky light,
The heavens' vasty space.

No knight in ancient story,
Silver and gold in mail,
Gave back with greater glory
The glitter of the Grail.

You cleave the rose-red vastness,
The amethystine space,
Seeking your ghostly fastness
Above the clouds' blank face.

You leave me with the sadness
Of beauty given and gone,
With thoughts of Man's great madness,
And greater benison.

H.M.D.

THE SPLENDOUR OF NIGHT.

Blue-black night, a canopy
Of richest velvet sheen,
An endless panorama
With nothing poor or mean.

Far beyond all distance—
Immeasurable space,
Hang stars like glistening raindrops
On cobwebs of fine lace.

In solitude exulting
One proud planet gleams:
Its loneliness makes brighter
Its timid, searching beams.

Stretched far across the heavens
Lies a securing band,
Like a girdle round a maiden
Tied by no mortal hand.

Sequins set on blackest blue,
Foam on silvery wave;
Gold dust scattered on black earth,
But stars no king can save.

These are the poor man's also
Who cares to gaze o'erhead,
'Tis just as though all glory
Were in the heavens freed.

NANCY WILLCOCKS, IVA.

SPORTS DAY.

The second war-time sports were held on Wednesday, July 21st. There was keen competition again, but it was evident quite early in the afternoon that Tudor House was going to be an "also ran." Picton and Glyndwr kept very close until nearly the end, Picton winning by five points. The final scores were:—Picton, 153½; Glyndwr, 148½; Tudor, 105.

Results (figures in brackets representing standard points):—
100 yards, Boys 14 to 16.—1, G. Brown (G.); 2, Roy Jones (G.); 3, W. James (P.). (T. 2; P. 4; G. 3). Time 11½ seconds.

80 yards, Girls under 15.—1, Marion John (P.); 2, Ivy Garlick (P.); 3, Margaret Cunningham (T.). (T., 4; P., 11; G., 4). Time, 10½ seconds.

Throwing Cricket Ball, Boys under 15.—1, J. D. Ross (P.); 2, R. James (P.); 3, G. Brown (G.).

100 yards, Girls over 15.—1, Roma Davies (P.); 2, Mary John (T.); 3, Sylvia Canton (G.). Time, 13½ seconds. (T., 2; P., 5; G., 2).

Sack Race, Boys under 15.—1, D. Bailey (P.); 2, R. Morgan (G.); 3, A. Barnikel (T.).

Throwing Rounders Ball, Girls under 15.—1, Audrey James (G.); 2, Vera Williams (G.); 3, Elizabeth Young (T.). Distance 52 yards.

100 yards, Boys over 16.—1, E. Williams (G.); 2, K. G. Carr (T.); 3, E. A. Orsman (P.). (T., 1; P., 2; G., 2). Time, 11½ seconds.

High Jump, Girls over 15.—1, Sylvia Canton (G.); 2, Mary John (T.); 3, Audrey English (P.). Height, 4 ft. 2 in. (T., 1; P., 5; G., 2).

80 yards, Boys under 14.—1, L. John (P.); 2, R. James (P.); 3, R. Morgan (G.). (T., 5; P., 2; G., 5). Time 10½ seconds.

Egg and Spoon Race, Girls under 15.—1, Iris Thomas (P.); 2, Edith Griffiths (G.); 3, Marjorie Hicks (T.).

High Jump, Boys over 15.—1, R. Gough (G.); 2, W. James (P.); and K. G. Carr (T.). Height, 4 ft. 8 in. (T., 4; P., 5; G., 2).

Throwing Cricket Ball, Girls over 15.—1, Sylvia Canton (G.); 2, Ruth Wickland (T.); 3, Billie Evans (G.). Distance, 59 yards.

Hop, Step and Jump, Boys under 15.—1, G. Brown (G.) and Roy Jones (G.); 3, B. Sherlock (T.). Distance, 32 ft.

High Jump, Girls under 15.—1, Joan Rees (T.); 2, Vera Williams (G.); Iris Thomas (P.); and Margaret Cunningham (T.). (T., 3; P., 4; G., 4).

440 yards, Boys over 15.—1, E. A. Orsman (P.); 2, L. Morgan (T.); 3, K. G. Carr (T.). (T., 2; P., 2; G., 2). Time, 61½ seconds.

Sack Race, Girls over 15.—1, Dorothy Williams (T.); 2, Glenys Davies (P.); 3, Sylvia Canton (G.).

Long Jump, Boys under 15.—1, G. Brown (G.); 2, R. Jones (G.); 3, B. Sherlock (T.) and R. James (P.). Distance, 15 ft. 10 in.

Obstacle Race, Girls.—1, Audrey James (G.); 2, Margaret Evans (T.); 3, Dorothy Prout (P.).

Long Jump, Boys over 15.—1, G. R. Davies (P.); 2, W. James (P.); 3, L. Morgan (T.). Distance 15 ft. 11 in.

Relay Race, Junior.—1, Glyndwr; 2, Picton; 3, Tudor.

Potato Race, Girls over 15.—1, Roma Davies (P.); 2, Sylvia Canton (G.); 3, Dorothy Williams (T.).

Sack Race, Girls under 15.—1, Mildred Norman (P.); 2, Maureen Watson (G.); 3, Margaret Elliott (G.).

Hop, Step and Jump, Boys over 15.—1, E. A. Orsman (P.);

- 2, G. R. Davies (P.); 3, L. Morgan (T.). Distance, 33 ft. 11 in.
 Relay Race, Senior.—1, Tudor; 2, Picton and Glyndwr.
 High Jump, Boys under 15.—1, G. Brown (G.); 2, Roy Jones (G.), and B. Sherlock (T.). Height, 4 ft. 5 in. (T., 2; P., 0; G., 3).
 Throwing Cricket Ball, Boys over 15.—1, E. A. Orsman (P.); 2, K. G. Carr (T.); 3, W. James (P.). Distance, 76 yards 6 inches.
 Hockey Dribbling, Girls over 15.—1, Sylvia Canton (G.); 2, Ruth Wickland (T.); 3, Billie Evans (G.).
 Three-legged Race, Girls under 15.—1, Marion John and Mildred Norman (P.); 2, Maud Howells and Marjorie Hicks (T.); 3, Joan Rees and Margaret Cunningham (T.).

SCHOOL NOTES.

At the beginning of this term there were 312 pupils in school, 139 boys and 173 girls. In addition there is one student teacher, Kathleen Davies.

The Prefects are :—

- Tudor:—Dorothy Williams, Phyllis Morgan, Leslie Davies, 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:—Billie Evans (senior), Sylvia Canton, Kathleen Prout, J. R. Powell (senior), D. F. A. Cowdry, C. Roberts.

Congratulations to the three boys who passed the Dockyard Apprentices Examination last April: G. J. Richards was 90th, J. H. Poulsen 243rd, and J. Furlong 338th.

We were all very sorry to hear, during July, that Victor Wilkinson had been taken seriously ill, and we hope that the treatment he is now undergoing will be successful. He is to be highly congratulated on gaining, in spite of his illness, one of the best results at the School Certificate examination.

Graham Johnson, too, has been unlucky again, having broken his leg early in the term. We hope he will soon be well again.

Of the boys who left in July, two are now in the Forces and one is expecting to go any day. John Gray left for the R.A.F. immediately after the end of the Summer term. He has completed one part of his training, and has qualified as a Medical Orderly. He is now taking a course of training for Nursing Orderly, and hopes also to qualify for air ambulance work. The other boy is Mervyn Rogers, who joined the Navy at the end of September. Richard Wainwright was accepted for training as Flight Engineer some months ago, but at the moment of writing he is still waiting to be called up.

We congratulate Pauline Thomas on getting a First Class at the Needlework examination of the City and Guilds in June. She is now at the Domestic Science College at Cardiff.

Our old friends the Dorian Trio paid us another of their regular visits on Thursday, November 18th, when they gave their usual polished performance.

As usual, a large number of last year's VIIth Form left last July. Kenneth Carr is to be congratulated on being awarded a State Bursary as the result of the Higher Certificate examination. He and George Davies have both gone to Swansea University College to take a B.Sc. degree. Others who went to college are: Roma Davies (Edgehill), Rita O'Callaghan (Homerton), and E. Orsman, Cecil Parry and Gordon Parry (Carmarthen). This term D. J. A. Rogers was fortunate in being granted an engineering cadetship, and he has gone to Birmingham for training. Elma Shears left the Com-

mercial VI. in July and has found a post as shorthand typist in Pembroke.

Of those who left the Vth, Roma King is taking a course in Domestic Science at the Plymouth Technical College, and Dilys James was transferred to the Grove Park Secondary School at Wrexham, as her parents had moved there. She hopes to go to Bangor Normal College next September. S. Pickard has gone to Borough Road Training College and two other boys are continuing their training elsewhere, J. F. Mason being on the "Conway" learning to be an officer in the Merchant Service, and L. Price at the Austin Works, where he will be trained in engineering. Megan Lewis has obtained a post in the local Food Office.

Among those who have left this term, Anne Phillpot has gone to a Commercial College in London, and G. Kaye is a clerk in the Rates Office.

OLD PUPILS' NOTES.

We make yet another appeal to all readers, more especially to pupils, to hand in information for publication in this section of the magazine, which could be much fuller than it is.

A number of old pupils have joined the Services in the last few months. B. Brickle and Ronald Campbell have joined the Navy, Fred Pierce and Derek John the Army, Kenneth Manning, Edward Nevin, Kenneth Williams, and Roy Cox the R.A.F., and Diana Marendaz and Audrey Hill, the W.R.N.S. Manning passed the Aircraft Apprentices examination in June, coming 136th. He left to begin his training in August. Cox was accepted for training for air-crew duties in November of last year, but was not called up until September. Diana joined in the early summer, and after a course of about six weeks she completed an accountancy course, obtaining high marks in the examination.

Ronald Lawrence, who was accepted for air-crew duties in the R.A.F. early in the year, is joining the Service early in December.

We were sorry to hear, in July, that Patrick McGrath, who held a commission as observer in the Fleet Air Arm, had recently been reported missing.

Heartiest congratulations to Edward Canton, who is a Pilot-Officer in the R.A.F., on being awarded the D.F.C. a few months ago. He was commissioned in June and pilots a Halifax bomber. He has been on a large number of operational flights over Germany. He and his navigator were both awarded the D.F.C. for consistently accurate bombing of enemy targets.

Gwyn Nicholls, who has a commission in the R.A.F., returned from Russia this summer.

Francis A. Denzey is another old boy who has seen much service over enemy territory. He was a sergeant air-gunner in the R.A.F. He came off operations in July and has recently been made Pilot-Officer. He is now acting as a Gunnery Instructor.

T. W. Belt has been serving with the R.A.F. in Ceylon for nearly two years. Previous to that he was in Java for a short while. He is now a wireless operator on a vessel of an Air Sea Rescue Squadron.

A letter was received from Wilfrid Smith in November. He has been on operations since early in July and is attached to a Lancaster squadron. He took part in all the Hamburg raids and has been three times over Berlin.

Peter Gray has re-mustered in the R.A.F. and is now in Rhodesia training to be a navigator.

Two other old boys who are serving abroad are Grahame Davies, who is with the Indian Army, and R. P. Morgan, who is with the Eighth Army in Italy.

D. F. Hordley is still serving in the Middle East, having been out there for over three years. He is in the Royal Corps of Signals and is attached to the 9th Armoured Division. His brother, Roy, is a sergeant in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and Trevor, having got his wings in Canada, is now a Sergeant-Pilot.

Lieut. J. O. Thomas was in the news at the end of September. His M.L. took part in an action in the North Sea in which some enemy ships were sunk. His ship rammed and sank an enemy boat. On Tuesday, September 25th, there was a recording of his description of the action during the 9.0 p.m. news.

A. H. Bull, who is a captain in the Royal Engineers, has entered the Staff College of the Middle East Forces, having headed the list of candidates at the entrance examination. During his stay in the Middle East he was for some time attached to the Polish Army and was presented with the Polish Silver Eagle by General Sikorski. He had previously served with the B.E.F. in France. His sister Marie (now Mrs. Brown) is still doing very well at tennis, as last year she won many trophies in Egypt.

Brian Foss has completed his B.A. degree at Cambridge University. He left Emmanuel College last year to take up scientific research for the Army.

Congratulations to Paul Thomas and W. G. C. Price on passing their London University examinations at Swansea in the summer. Thomas completed his Diploma in Engineering. He has since obtained a post as lecturer at Camborne, where he is instructing holders of Engineering Cadetships. Price has passed Part I. of his B.Sc., degree, getting First-Class Honours in three out of the five subjects.

We congratulate Doreen Silcox on passing the Cambridge School Certificate with London Matriculation equivalent at her school in Badminton.

It was pleasing to hear that another old pupil, Mr. Ernest Finch, was appointed a Justice of the Peace last June.

Gwynneth James, who was teaching at Southall, near London, has now found a post at her new home—Rossett, Wrexham.

Dennis Radcliffe was home on a short holiday in the summer. He was rejected for the Army at the beginning of the war, and is working in a London factory which makes instruments for aircraft.

Dennis Farmer, when he registered this summer, elected to serve in the mines. He passed his medical examination in October. Since leaving school he had been working in a bank in London.

T. D. Thorne passed the School Certificate examination in Cardiff last July, and is now working at a branch of the N.P. Bank in Cardiff.

Bernard Garnett has had another change of scene. He has been in Corsica engaged on consular duties. While there he came across a Mr. Barnikel from Pembroke Dock.

We congratulate Mrs. Dudley Cameron-Waller (nee Margot Gray), on the birth of a son on August 17th.

We also congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Morgan (nee Louisa Evans) on the birth of a son early in October, and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Nelson on the birth of a son on November 20th.

Congratulations and good wishes to the following old pupils on their marriage:—July 7th, Bessie Gibby to Flt.Sergt. (Obs.) Ronald Prescott. July 10th, Sadie Page to William I. Morgan. August 10th, Derek John to Dorothy A. Bynorth. August 14th, John

Colwyn Henton to Phyllis G. Dewey. September 11th, Flt.-Lieut. Idwal Nicholls to Dorothy Burgess. September 25th, Joyce Snow, to R. F. J. Lloyd. September 28th, Rosemary Claypoole to Kenneth B. James. November 20th, Audrey Hill to Walter John Harrowing.

Here are the latest additions to our Roll of Honour:—

R.N.—Patrick McGrath (F.A.A.), Mervyn Rogers, B. Brickle, Ronald Campbell.

Army.—Fred Pierce, Derek John.

R.A.F.—John Gray, Kenneth Manning, Edward Nevin, Roy Cox, Ronald Lawrence, Kenneth Williams.

W.R.N.S.—Diana Marendaz, Audrey Hill.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

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

TENNIS.

Unfortunately the tennis team were unable to arrange any matches last season. However, the tournaments were carried on with the usual enthusiasm. In the Singies Tournament Sylvia Canton beat Megan Lewis in a very close and exciting match, the score being 6—3, 1—6, 7—5. The winners of the Doubles Tournament were Ruth Wickland and Audrey James, who beat Margaret Cunningham and Glenys James 6—3, 6—4.

HOCKEY.

So far this term the Hockey Team has played four matches and not lost one, the results being:—October 2nd, Carmarthen (away), won 2—1; October 9th, Tenby (home), won 2—1; November 13th, Whitland (away), drawn 1—1; November 20th, Milford (away), won 6—0.

The team would like to take this opportunity of welcoming Miss Beard, our games mistress, who has already devoted so much of her time to coaching us.

The secretary this term is Margaret Knight. Members of the team were selected from the following:—*Sylvia Canton (capt.), *Billie Evans (vice-capt.), *Phyllis Morgan, *Mary John, *Ruth Wickland, Dorothy Williams, Audrey English, Joyce Child, Peggy Athoe, Audrey James, Margaret Cunningham, Margaret Sudbury, Moreen English, Catherine Day, Dilys Picton.

*Old Colours.

CRICKET.

After the last issue of the “Penfro” the School team played four matches, three of which ended in wins for the School. The results were:—

July 3rd, Milford (home), won 87—53. K. G. Carr 43, E. A. Orsman 23; K. G. Carr 6 for 16; E. E. Jenkins 3 for 10.

July 17th, Carmarthen (home), lost 25—61. K. G. Carr 5 for 15.

July 22nd, Old Boys, won 52—51. K. G. Carr 27; C. Roberts 2 for 2.

July 24th, Milford (away), won 101—68. K. G. Carr 23; E. E. Jenkins 36; Orsman 10; H. Thomas 4 for 6.

As will be seen from the score the Old Boys' match was an excellent game.

The season proved a very successful one for the school, for out of eight matches played only one was lost. During the season one of our most promising all-rounders, Victor Wilkinson, was taken severely ill, and is now in hospital where he is progressing favourably. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

The team was chosen from the following :—

K. G. Carr* (captain), E. A. Orsman* (vice-captain), E. E. Jenkins* (secretary), C. Parry (committee), G. R. Davies (committee), V. G. Wilkinson, C. Roberts, J. R. Powell, G. Brown, D. J. A. Rogers, D. F. A. Cowdry, J. Brock, H. Thomas.

(*Old Colours).

No one was awarded colours at the end of the season.

AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	No. of Inn's.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Times Not Out.	Average.
K. G. Carr	... 8 ...	209	... 79*	... 2 ...	34.8
E. E. Jenkins	... 8 ...	108	... 46	... 0 ...	13.5
E. A. Orsman	... 8 ...	95	... 38	... 0 ...	11.8
C. Parry	... 8 ...	39	... 17*	... 1 ...	5.5
V. Wilkinson	... 4 ...	20	... 17	... 0 ...	5.0
G. Brown	... 8 ...	29	... 14	... 1 ...	4.1

* Not Out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
K. G. Carr	... 79.3 ...	31	... 98	... 34 ...	2.88
C. Roberts	... 27.0 ...	11	... 35	... 9 ...	4.00
E. E. Jenkins	... 67.0 ...	21	... 82	... 20 ...	4.10
V. Wilkinson	... 15.0 ...	4	... 20	... 4 ...	5.00
H. Thomas	... 10.0 ...	7	... 11	... 5 ...	2.2

FOOTBALL.

This term the School XI. have played six games, five at home and one away (Tenby). We hope to be able to play two or three more before the term ends. Of the six matches played three have been won, two lost and one drawn.

We should like to thank the young ladies who have given 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 :—October 2nd, Tenby C.S. (home), won 1—0; October 16th, Narberth C.S. (home), lost 3—0; October 26th, 1574 Flight A.T.C., won 4—1; November 6th, Milford C.S. (home), drew 0—0; November 13th, 1574 Flight A.T.C. (home), won 2—0; November 20th, Tenby C.S. (away), lost 2—0.

This year's committee consists of :—L. Morgan (captain), E. Jenkins (vice-captain), J. Powell (secretary), G. Brown.

The team was chosen from :—*L. Morgan, *E. Jenkins, *G. Brown, *P. Mockler, G. Lewis, A. Davies, H. Thomas, A. Morgans, C. Roberts, O. White, A. Phillips, J. Ross, E. Williams, D. Williams.

* Old Colours.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

On September 30th, the Society opened the session with a Brains Trust. The questions which were asked ranged from that of whether a tunnel should be built under the English Channel after the war, to whether there was life on Mars. The answers were interesting and also amusing. Members of the audience contributed largely to the answers. The Brains Trust consisted of:—Miss Ballaster (Question Master), Mr. Downing, Mr. Rees, Mr. Simmons, D. Cowdry, Margaret Knight and R. Castlé.

Then on October 21st there was a very lively meeting at which questions on various topics were asked. These questions ranged from "The Opposite Sex" to "The American Forces," the answers taking the form of two-minute speeches.

On November 11th, the first debate was held, with Miss Ballaster in the chair. The motion was "That the British Empire and the United States of America should merge into one united Commonwealth after the war." A. Carpenter opened and offered some good reasons why the union should be brought about. He was seconded by Leslie Davies, who also gave an interesting speech. J. Powell opposed the motion, his idea being that the British Isles, and not the British Empire, should merge with the United States of America into one United Commonwealth. He was seconded by Peggy Athoe. Various points such as speech and Parliament were raised. The motion was lost by ten votes to six.

THE PLAY READING SOCIETY.

This term the first Play Reading, consisting of extracts from Clemence Dane's "Wild Decembers," was held on October 7th. This was of particular interest to the senior school, as Emily Bronte's "Wuthering Heights" was at that time being studied by the VIth Arts Forms. It was very pleasing to notice the number of senior pupils who afterwards took the opportunity of borrowing copies of the play to read at home.

On October 28th there followed extracts from Sir John Martin Harvey's play "The Only Way," of interest to Form VI. C., now engaged in the study of Charles Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities."

The most popular reading was the third one on November 18th of extracts from the comedy of "The Ghost Train," which gave huge entertainment to a large and appreciative audience. We think that the caste of this Play Reading was exceedingly intelligent to produce such a convincing and enjoyable effect after only one practice reading, but, after all, six of them WERE members of the staff! So now it only remains to say, "à la prochaine fois."

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, October 14th, the first meeting of the Science Society was held in Room I. Miss Davies, assisted by Mr. Simmons with the epidiascope, gave an extremely interesting and entertaining illustrated talk on "Camouflage in Nature." Three weeks later, on November 4th, a large number witnessed a film show in the hall. The films dealt with petrol and its use in the petrol engine, but owing to a technical hitch, the programme could not be completed. On Thursday, November 25th, we hope to hear a lecture by A. Carpenter on "The Solar System." The next on the programme after this, is to be a talk on "Gannets," given by Margaret Knight, which will be followed by a film on that subject.

FILMS.

The educational films which have been shown this term have been on varied subjects.

The newly-formed Nursing VIth have seen three short films on nursing. The first showed the work which a nurse has to do during her training and also the various types of specialised work which she may take up after doing her general training. The second showed the work and the conditions in sanatoria, and the third was a very short one on hygiene in hospitals.

The Commercial VIth have seen two geographical films. The first, called "Industrial Requirements," dealt with the manufacture of cement. The quarrying of the chalk by the huge mechanical jaws and its removal by railway truck to the factory was shown, as well as the whole process of manufacture and distribution. The second was a very short one called "Passports and Customs" showing the checking of passports and luggage by Customs officials after the docking of a liner.

A short but interesting film, shown to the IVth Form, dealt with carrier, fantail and racing pigeons. The carrier pigeons were seen having their message placed in the holder attached to their legs, and being released. The fantails were very amusing with their ungainly walk, puffed chest and fan-shaped tails. The racing pigeons were slimmer and more graceful. They were seen being taken to an appointed place and released.

MUSIC SOCIETY.

Early this term a Music Society was formed, with a committee consisting of representatives from the staff and the Sixth Form. It was decided that the society should function in two parts, one for making music in the form of choral singing and one for listening to various kinds of music.

The choral section, with Mr. Evans as conductor, and Margaret Sudbury and Aubrey Phillips as accompanists, is preparing several carols for a concert at the end of term, and a smaller choir is practising four-part songs for the same event.

In connection with the listening group, a series of Wednesday lunch-hour concerts has been organised by Miss Thomas. The first four of the series were programmes of gramophone records:-- "One Man's Meat," a medley to suit most tastes, English music, Tchaikovsky's Nut-Cracker Suite, presented by A. J. Owen, and a jazz selection given by R. Castle and E. Jenkins. During a temporary breakdown of the radiogram, there were two concerts, both compered by J. Powell, of vocal and instrumental items, drawing upon local talent. In the first, piano solos were played by Mary Lewis and Margaret Sudbury, Billie Evans sang "Smilin' Through," and the "high spot" of the programme was provided by Miss Beard and Mr. Simmons, playing the Second Movement of Beethoven's Second Symphony as a piano duet. The large audience showed unmistakeably its appreciation of this item. The second of these concerts, arranged at very short notice consisted of two groups of songs by "The Five Aces" (P. Athoe, J. Powell, F. Hughes, L. Morgan and J. Nicholls), and a piano selection "Rose Marie," played by Catherine Day. It is hoped that these concerts will be continued throughout the year.

A.T.C.

An important event in the life of the Flight in the last six months was the week in camp in August. Nineteen cadets attended and spent a most enjoyable and instructive week. Naturally the most attractive item to most was the flying, of which all had a good share, some of the trips being of considerable length. It was very pleasant afterwards to receive a letter from the Camp Commandant in which he spoke very highly of the excellent behaviour, discipline and general demeanour of the cadets, mentioning in particular the Senior N.C.O., Sergt. G. R. Davies. It was a great loss to the Flight when Sergt. Davies left for Swansea University College at the end of September. The cadets gave partial expression of their thanks to him by the gift of a book-token. Owing to the number who left at the end of the summer, certain promotions were made in September. Cpl. J. R. Powell was promoted Flight-Sergt. and is now the Senior N.C.O. Cpl. D. Lewis has been promoted sergeant and cadets First-Class S. Röch and R. Castle corporals.

The Flight would like to give a hearty welcome to F/O H. W. Simmons, their new C.O. Under his guidance a number of cadets are preparing for their First Proficiency examination. In the meanwhile eight more cadets have passed Phase A of this examination and have been graded Cadets First Class. They are: Ashley Davies, P. J. Mockler, C. Jelley, Emrys Thomas, L. Morgan, W. Mathias, D. White and A. Carpenter.

Mr. Courtenay Price has now become an Instructor in Morse. Mr. Price, who is an old boy of the school, has for many years been an expert in wireless.

Six Cadets have joined the Services since the summer: John Gray, Roy Cox, L. E. J. Richards and Kenneth Manning have entered the R.A.F., Gray as a medical orderly, Cox and Richards as air-crew, and Manning as aircraft apprentice. B. Brickle and M. Rogers have joined the Navy. Richard Wainwright has been accepted for training as a flight-engineer.

RANGERS.

Since our last report our ranks have been swelled by even more recruits, although we have lost two patrol leaders, a second and a few others; but our numbers are rather more than last time. Also, since our last report, nine of our number have taken the Tenderfoot examination, and the majority of them have probably passed. We now intend training for our H.E.S. (Home Emergency Service) armlets, which require a very high standard. We are also going to take part in the forthcoming school concerts, in which we shall sing several songs. The company was invited to the Mayor Sunday procession, but, owing to bad weather, we were unable to attend. We have had one A.T.C. and Rangers social, which was very successful, and we hope to have another later on in the term. The deficiency in uniforms has now been made good and the whole company now turns up complete with grey pullovers, scarves, woggles and belts.

BEES AND BEE-KEEPING.

There are several different species of bees, of which the most important is the honey bee. There are many different kinds of honey bees such as the Italian which is rather light in colour and of which many British bee-keepers buy the queen bees from Italy.

The honey bees used to be kept in straw skips, but as the bees had to be killed when the bee-keeper took the honey out of the skip, these skips are now no longer in use. The bees are now kept in hives, as they do not have to be killed when it is time to get the honey. There are about twenty-five thousand bees in a hive and one queen.

In Spring the queen bee lays a large number of eggs and then later on, when these eggs hatch, there are too many bees in the hive. The queen bee then lays about seven or eight queen bee cells. Later on, the old queen bee, with about twenty thousand bees, forms a swarm, which is usually seen hanging from an old apple tree or it may be found on the ground. If the bee-keeper does not see the swarm, the bees will fly away and probably settle in a hollow tree where they will make the honey and store it in the tree.

All through summer the worker bees are busy storing in honey for the winter months.

In Autumn the worker bees will kill the drones or male bees, and throw them out of the hive, as they are no longer any use. At this time the bee-keeper will be taking the honey from the hives. If it has been a good season and the hive has been managed well, there may be about twenty-eight pounds of honey, but if it has been a bad season he may not get any honey at all. This is the busiest part of the year for the bee-keeper, as the honey has to be extracted from the wax, then it has to be put through a strainer and lastly it has to be put in the pots ready for sale. The wax is then melted down and the remaining honey taken from it. It has then to be melted down again, when it can be sold as bee's wax.

At the beginning of the winter the bee-keeper has to make candy for the bees. This he does by melting down sugar and water together. This is then stirred until it becomes thick, when he pours it into prepared boxes ready to be put on the top of the hives. This candy is the food for the bees in winter. In early Spring the bee-keeper makes a syrup with sugar and water; this is then poured into the top of the hive.

Bees are important not only for their honey but also for the fertilising of the flowers. Another species of bees is the bumble-bee, but this is not important as it only stores enough honey to feed the young bees.

Many people are afraid of bees, but there is no need to fear them, as they only sting you when you try to kill them or strike them. The bee-keeper is well protected though, for he wears a hat with a veil coming over his eyes and face and covering the back of his neck. It is tied on at the waist. Some bee-keepers wear rubber gloves to protect their hands but others do not, as it does not matter whether you get stung on the hands and arms as long as the bees do not sting your eyes.

IVY GARLICK, IVA.

STAMP COLLECTING.

Collecting stamps may not appear to some people to be a very interesting pastime but really it is most fascinating and often very profitable. Sometimes a stamp is discovered which turns out to be very valuable. These "finds" are not always old or very rare

stamps but perhaps a common stamp which has an error in the printing of it, or shows a slight variation in colour. Not many of these are passed out for sale before being detected; this makes them all the more rare.

There have been thousands of kinds of stamps issued and there are many differences in the perforations. As there are stamps of new patterns continually being issued, it is realised that stamp collecting is a hobby which lasts a lifetime. No collector would ever hope to obtain a complete collection of every stamp issued.

There are a few things which beginners should have. They should obtain a stamp album, a magnifying glass, a pair of tweezers for picking up the stamps when mounting them, and some stamp hinges.

The stamps should be mounted carefully, as their value decreases if they are torn or damaged in any way. If any paper is on the back of the stamp it should be removed by laying the stamp face upwards on a piece of moist blotting paper and the paper will soon come away. If the face of the stamp becomes wet, it will damage the stamp.

The stamps should be affixed in the album in a recognised order and usually the stamp albums have each page headed with the name of a country. On foreign stamps there is usually writing in the language of the country to which it belongs, and some of these names are hard to understand. For instance, "Helvetia" is written on a Swiss stamp, "Sverige" on a Swedish stamp, and "Poczta Polska" on the Polish ones.

After the country to which a stamp belongs has been found, the next thing to do is to classify it according to the watermark and the perforation. The watermark cannot usually be seen. The way to find out what it is, is to use a small black tray made of lacquered tin, hard rubber or glass, or any flat black surface. The stamp should be put face downwards on the surface and the back then moistened with a little benzine. The watermark will be clearly shown. Of course, some stamps have no watermark, but this is not usual. Sometimes two stamps appear exactly identical, but their watermarks may be different, showing that they are different issues.

Another way of identifying stamps is by means of the perforations. The number of perforations punched in stamps varies. Thus they are sometimes the only means of telling in what year a stamp was issued. In stamp catalogues, the stamps are described "Perf. 12" or "Perf. 7" or "Imperf." These numbers do not refer to the number of perforations there are between the stamps but to the number of them found in a space of twenty millimetres. To find the perforation, you can use a perforation gauge. To use this properly, the edge of the stamp should be tried against the different scales until the one which matches the stamp is found. Then the perforation number can be read.

The hobby of stamp collecting is known as philately. The Royal Family are, and always have been, keenly interested in it. In fact, the late King George V.'s collection is said to be worth about £100,000 and it is still being added to by members of the Royal Family. It is believed that in Great Britain, there are about four million stamp collectors. Their choice of a hobby is very sensible and they have an interesting way of learning Geography.

MARY LEWIS, V.A.

THE LAND OF KING ARTHUR.

Situated in a remote part of South-West England lies that realm of romance, the land of King Arthur. On a high headland facing the wide Atlantic that dashes unceasingly and unrelentingly on the rocks at its base, stands the ruins of the famous Tintagel castle, the abode of King Arthur, cutting the sky with its remarkable silhouette. Comparatively little is left of the castle, but we can climb the countless steps, go through the high gateway, and imagine King Arthur gazing out over the heaving billows, along the wide stretch of coastline, consisting of heather-covered slopes and bare rocky cliffs, which leads round to the tiny fishing village, Port Isaac. Or perhaps that famous legendary King might be glancing down into the little cove beneath him, and seeing the dark mysterious depths of Merlin's cave, where he was brought up. Tennyson gives a beautiful description of how Arthur was miraculously flung at Merlin's feet.

"And then the two

Dropt to the cove, and watched the great sea fall,
Wave after wave, each mightier than the last,
Till last, a ninth one gathering half the deep,
And full of voices, slowly rose and plunged
Roaring, and all the wave was in a flame,
And down the wave, and in the wave was borne
A naked babe, who rode to Merlin's feet
He stooped and caught the babe, and cried 'The King,
Here is an heir to Uther.'"

Down the steps again, across what used to be Arthur's draw-bridge, and up a stony lane bounded by hedges full of many coloured wild flowers in spring, we can find the little town of Tintagel. It is a typically Cornish town, with cottages closely packed together, and it is very pretty, but not very romantic, and so we decide to take a journey to Slaughter's Bridge, where the fateful battle is supposed to have been fought, and where King Arthur was mortally wounded. The bridge lies on fairly low ground, and is a quaint structure of granite. After King Arthur was wounded, he toiled with Sir Bedivere on through Camelot, or Camelford as it is now called, over the silent moors to the shore of Dozmary pool, where a barge came and carried him away forever. We decide to follow in his footsteps, and after walking a few miles, strike the open moor, "where comes a wind, that shrills all night in a waste land, where no one comes, or hath come since the making of the world." The barren and peat covered slopes of the great moor, with the hills Roughtor and Brown Willy rising from it, make us feel as though we are the only people in that world of piping curlews, shaggy ponies, and shy blackfaced moorland sheep. About one and a quarter miles away from Dozmary pool, we come to the village of Bolventor, and a little further on, the famous Jamaica Inn of Daphne Du Maurier's exciting novel. When we first reach Dozmary Pool we are disappointed in it, for it looks like an ordinary lake, but we sit down by the lake-side, and imagine Arthur toiling down to the edge of the water, where an arm rose, "clothed in white samite, mystic, wonderful," to grasp his sword Excalibur, where the barge containing the three queens came drifting slowly in, to carry Arthur away "to the island valley of Avilion." Here we stand with Sir Bedivere "revolving many memories, till the hull

Looks one black dot against the verge of dawn,
And on the mere the wailing dies away."

BETTY SOUTH, IVA.

A TRIP DOWN A COAL MINE.

Before we make our journey down the pit shaft we are given overalls so that we do not soil our clothes. Having reached the bottom of the shaft, we now start on our journey to the coal face.

The landing at the bottom of the shaft opens out into a large strongly built stone archway well lighted by dozens of electric lamps having their power from the pit head. We quickly leave this behind and enter a series of roads or main headings as they are called, where the roof is supported by steel arches and wooden props. These roads carry all the coal from the coal face to the bottom of the shaft, and we have to be very careful that we do not get run over by the trams. "We are now in complete darkness except for a small "Davy" lamp giving about as much light as a candle. When we leave these main headings we find the stable for the pit ponies well equipped with food and running water, but again without light, so that the ponies grow accustomed to the darkness. They are looked after by ostlers who clean and feed them. From here we come to the actual working of the coal, with its dozens of smaller headings, where we find men and boys working at many different kinds of work. Boys drive small stationary engines, men with their ponies pull along trams of coal. Repair men are very important to a colliery because they are responsible for the life of the miner.

After travelling along these headings, where we find a number of doors, we come to the coal face, where we see a man and his boy working stripped to the waist, under a roof two feet nine inches high, bent double at their work for the whole of their shift with a break for food. Their bodies and faces are covered with dust and the perspiration is streaming from them.

Sometimes after a long day's work the miner has to walk about a mile or more before he reaches the shaft. The country owes a lot to the miner, for without him war production would be slowed considerably.

GILLIAN DAVIES, II.8.

A VISIT TO SHAKESPEARE LAND.

There can be no more enjoyable holiday than a visit to Shakespeare's country, in the heart of the leafy, Warwick lanes.

Before the war, I spent a most enjoyable holiday visiting the places associated with our greatest playwright. I first visited the Old Mill at Guy's Cliffe, Warwick, where Sir Guy of Warwick became a hermit and died in a cave near here.

Warwick Castle was a place we'll worth visiting. To-day it is still one of our most picturesque castles, fit to rank beside the splendid castles of our own county of Pembrokeshire.

From Warwick I went on to Shakespeare's own town, Stratford-on-Avon, with its many beautiful, timbered houses, dating from Tudor times. Here there was much to see—Shakespeare's birth-place, the room in which he was born, the desk at which he sat at school, and on which many other famous men have carved their names. Then there was his tomb and monument in Holy Trinity Church.

The next attraction was the Memorial Theatre rebuilt in the modern style, where we saw a performance of "As you like it." The theatre stands proud and dignified on the banks of the lovely river Avon, with beautiful meadows on either side.

Near Stratford-on-Avon are the two old villages of Wilmeote and Snottery, at the former of which Mary Arden, Shakespeare's mother was born, and at the latter of which is to be found Anne Hathaway's old-world cottage, its garden ablaze in Spring and Summer with old-fashioned flowers.

To such a beautiful countryside teeming as it is with memories of our own Merry England I hope to be able to return at more frequent intervals when the days of peace have returned.

MARION DAVIES, IVA.

RABBITS.

Beyond the green and brambly woods,
The rabbits frisk and play.
In fields so green and rich and fair,
They play around all day.

When night time falls, they quickly run
To burrows dark and long,
And go to slumber with the sun
While crickets sing a song.

At last the early dawn breaks through,
They rise to greet the day,
And nibble at the sweet, sweet grass
Before they start to play.

GRACE WAINWRIGHT, IV.A.