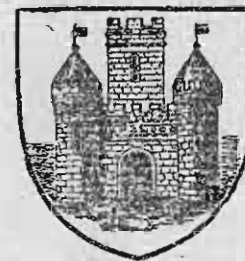


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### EDITORIAL.

Next month marks the fiftieth anniversary of the School, which was opened, in Victoria Road, early in January, 1895. The event will be celebrated next term and we plan to issue a special number of the magazine devoted to the history of the School. Old pupils who would like to contribute any of their reminiscences to this number are invited to send them to the Headmaster or to the Editor.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Robinson back to the staff in September. Miss Davies left in July on receiving an appointment nearer her own home, and we were very fortunate to be able to call on Mrs. Robinson to fill the gap.

Mrs. Griffith was appointed in the summer as organiser of needlework for the schools of Pembrokeshire. Fortunately for us, she is carrying on with her work here pending the appointment of a new Domestic Science mistress.

It is a pleasure to congratulate Mr. Haines on his marriage, on September 2nd, to Miss Marjorie Nesta Bloodworth, of Pontypridd. We look forward to having them with us after the war.

The number of contributions sent in for the magazine is still rather disappointing, especially in the Vth and VIth forms. It is to be hoped that the July number will contain more items from the upper school.

We appeal once more for more news items for the magazine, particularly for news of old pupils. Information may be given to any of the members of the committee:—Mr. Dowling, Miss Hinchliffe, Mr. Davies, Sylvia Canton, Mary Lewis, D. F. A. Cowdry, B. Sherlock.

the arts for which Italy is famed. One of the particular sights we saw was the house in which Columbus had lived.

The ship then sailed on through the Gulf of Lyons to Marseilles. At Marseilles we saw the last of the ship, for the rest of our journey was completed by going overland through France. Travelling by night we journeyed to Paris. From the hotel window I saw the Eiffel Tower in the distance. Another train journey to Le Havre brought us to the coast of France whence we shipped by cross-Channel steamer for Southampton.

JILL FIELD (IV.A).

## A DAY IN WHIPSNADE ZOO.

A day in my life that I shall always remember was when I went with my mother and father, brother and sister, to Whipsnade Zoo. On the way we had to pass Dunstable and Emsay Wood where some famous actresses live in the summer in their caravans. When we arrived at Dunstable, we were just in time to see the gliders taking off. After watching these we returned to the car to continue our journey to Whipsnade.

When we arrived at the gates we saw a number of folding push chairs which you could hire for sixpence. There was a keeper selling nuts and raisins.

Unlike London Zoo all the animals at Whipsnade were in fields with high fences all round. We were just in time to see two big apes having tea. They finished their tea of grapes, oranges and bananas and the keeper made them collect the peel. The apes had a pond of water to play in, and when one of them knocked a little girl's hat off into the water, the keeper made him go in and fetch it and give it back.

There was an elephant playing a mouth-organ and another that gave rides to the children. Besides having a ride on the elephant, I had a ride on a camel and on a little pony. There were five little bears who played games on a see-saw and a kangaroo with a baby in its pouch. The panda seemed very shy and would not come out of its den, but a few days afterwards we read in the paper that it had died.

There were silver foxes in a little wood and they could be seen running about among the trees. The squirrels, like the wolves, were in a wood, but a much smaller one. Some were so tame that they let people feed them. The Polar Bears lived in caves cut in blocks of ice and the seals dived into the water for fish which the keeper threw in. There were some brown bears which stood on their hind legs to catch the chocolate which we threw to them.

There were parrots and different kinds of birds on their perches. The birds came from many foreign lands and had very beautiful plumage.

After seeing all we could we went to the tea-rooms and then we started in the car for home.

VALERIE PHILLIPS (IV.a).

## CHRISTMAS.

Christmas is a merry time,  
Full of joy and cheer,  
Snowballing and pantomimes  
To welcome the New Year.

Stockings hung by girls and boys  
For Santa Claus to pack,  
Presents, oranges and nuts  
Taken from his sack.

Then for skating on the ice,  
Happy faces glowing,  
Cosy mittens, scarf and hood,  
For a wind is blowing.

After tea the Christmas tree  
Stands in all its glory,  
Pretty presents, candles bright  
Like a fairy story.

Tired children go to bed  
Full of Christmas cheer,  
Dreaming of the happy times  
In the glad New Year.

ZINA JUDD (III.a).

## JET PROPULSION IN AIRCRAFT.

An aircraft does not fly simply because it has a propeller. The propeller is there to make the aeroplane move forward at such a speed that the huge volume of air displaced by the wings will generate enough lift to keep the aeroplane in the sky. If the aeroplane's engine fails then the pilot has to put the aeroplane into a dive to displace enough air to give sufficient lift to right his craft.

Therefore the only alternatives to propellers are the rocket principle and jet propulsion. The rocket principle is very costly and dangerous, involving many kinds of liquid gases, so the third alternative is now beginning to come into more general use.

The growing size of aeroplanes means bigger propellers which compel the big aircraft to use huge undercarriages to enable the blades to clear the ground. This, however, involves complicated and vulnerable hydraulic gear to retract and stow the landing gear inside the fuselage. Added to this, propellers are noisy and cannot exceed a certain speed. This is because when an aeroplane reaches the speed of 770 miles per hour "shock waves" are set up, causing great loss of power and increased drag. The speed then decreases, so that the modern fighter has nearly reached the peak of propeller performance.

The jet propulsion method is therefore the only practical alternative and has been known and studied since 1908. Since it, like the rocket, only becomes efficient at high speeds it naturally has had to wait till aeroplane design has reached its present standard. The details of different inventors differ slightly but the main details are the same. Air is sucked in at the nose, where it is compressed and cooled. It is then allowed to expand in a system of tubes and, as it expands, a certain amount of petrol or oil is added and burnt. This increases the volume of the gases, and the thrust with which it rushes out of a jet at the rear provides the motive power of the aeroplane.

So far the only difficulty that has been encountered is the enormous amount of fuel which is needed, but experiments are now being carried out to try and decrease this amount.

D. VAUGHAN (IV.a).

## "NIGHT PATROL."

On silver tipped wings in the moonlight,  
We slip the bonds of Earth,  
To soar into the starlight  
With laughter, songs and mirth.

Higher than ever eagle whirled  
Into the clearcut, frosty night  
With silent, spreading wings unfurled,  
We touch the home of light.

"Earth below seems like a pearl  
Set in a jewelled sea,"  
As ever higher still we whirl,  
Boundless and swift and free.

Far down below, like children's toys  
Cities and fields and homesteads lie,  
While life still holds these hopes and joys,  
Alas! why must men die?

MARIAN DAVIES (IV.a.)

## SPORTS DAY.

Bad weather caused the Sports to be postponed from Wednesday, July 26th, to Friday, July 28th. This had no effect on the standard of performance or on the enthusiasm of both competitors and spectators. This year Tudor won by a comfortable margin, which was a real consolation for their humble position at the previous year's sports. The final scores, including standard points, were Tudor 162, Picton 148, Glyndwr 143.

Results:—

100 yards, Boys 14-16.—1, G. Brown (G.); 2, P. Rogers (P.); 3, L. John (P.) Time 10 $\frac{3}{4}$  sec.

80 yards, Junior Girls.—1, Marion John (P.); 2, Marjorie Hicks (T.); 3, Marion Davies (G.). Time 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.

Throwing Cricket Ball, Junior Boys.—1, W. Adams (T.); 2, A. Waterman (G.); 3, R. James (P.). Distance 73 yards 1 foot.

100 yards, Senior Girls.—1, Joan Rees (T.); 2, Margaret Cunningham (T.); 3, Iris Thomas (P.). Time 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.

Sack Race, Junior Boys.—1, D. Bailey (P.); 2, C. Palmer (P.); 3, A. Richards (G.).

Throwing Rounders Ball, Junior Girls.—1, Ivy Scourfield (G.); 2, Margaret Elliott (G.); 3, Antonia Sabido (T.). Distance 52 yards.

100 yards, Senior Boys.—1, E. Williams (G.); 2, E. Jenkins (P.); 3, P. Mockler (T.). Time 12 sec.

High Jump, Senior Girls.—1, Sylvia Canton (G.); 2, Joan Rees (T.) and Mary John (T.). Height 4ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.

80 yards, Junior Boys.—1, R. James (P.); 2, D. Williams (T.); 3, J. Evans (G.). Time 10 sec.

Egg and Spoon Race, Junior Girls.—1, Antonia Sabido (T.); 2, Marion Davies (G.); 3, Pamela Crook (P.).

High Jump, Senior Boys.—1, D. Cowdry (G.); 2, E. Jenkins (P.); 3, P. Mockler (T.). Height 4ft. 7in.

Throwing Cricket Ball, Senior Girls.—1, Sylvia Canton (G.); 2, Ruth Wickland (T.), and Joyce Child (P.). Distance 50 yards 10 inches.

Hop, Skip and Jump, Junior Boys.—1, W. Smith (T.); 2, R. James (P.); 3, P. Maynard (T.).

High Jump, Junior Girls.—1, Maud Howells (T.); 2, Margaret Elliott (G.) and Marion Davies (G.). Height 3ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

440 yards, Senior Boys.—1, E. Williams (G.); 2, L. Morgan (T.); 3, H. Thomas (G.). Time 67 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.

Team Game, Junior Girls.—1, Tudor; 2, Picton; 3, Glyndwr. Sack Race, Senior Girls.—1, Margaret Cunningham (T.); 2, Dorothy Williams (T.); 3, Iris Thomas (P.).

Long Jump, Junior Boys.—1, W. Smith (T.); 2, P. Maynard (T.); 3, L. John (P.). Distance 14 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.

Slow Bicycle Race, Boys.—1, C. Jelley (G.); 2, D. Bailey (P.); 3, R. Perkins (G.).

150 yards, Senior Girls.—1, Mary John (T.); 2, Joyce Child (P.); 3, Sylvia Canton (G.). Time 21 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.

Long Jump, Senior Boys.—1, G. Brown (G.); 2, P. Mockler (T.); 3, A. Moffat (P.). Distance 16ft. 3in.

Potato Race, Senior Girls.—1, Margaret Cunningham (T.); 2, Dorothy Williams (T.); 3, Jean Colley (P.).

Relay Race, Junior.—1, Picton; 2, Tudor; 3, Glyndwr. Time 61 sec.

Hop, Skip and Jump, Senior Boys.—1, E. Jenkins (P.); 2, G. Brown (G.); 3, A. Phillips (P.). Distance 35 ft. 11in.

Sack Race, Junior Girls.—1, Margaret Elliott (G.); 2, Mildred Norman (P.); 3, Norma Shears (P.).

Relay Race, Senior.—1, Tudor; 2, Picton; 3, Glyndwr. Time 59 sec.

High Jump, Junior Boys.—1, W. Smith (T.); 2, D. Vaughan (G.); 3, D. Rees (G.). Height 4ft. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  in.

Throwing Cricket Ball, Senior Boys.—1, E. Jenkins (P.); 2, W. Mathias (G.); 3, J. Brock (G.).

Team Game, Senior Girls.—1, Tudor and Picton; 3, Glyndwr. Three-legged Race, Junior Girls.—1, Mildred Norman and Marion John (P.), and Norma Shears and Karen Davies (P.); 3, Maud Howells and Margaret Evans (T.).

## SCHOOL NOTES.

At the beginning of this term there were 342 pupils in school, 186 girls and 156 boys. In addition there are two student teachers, Marion Jefferies and F. A. Hughes.

The prefects are:—

Tudor.—Leslie Davies, Margaret Sudbury, Mary John, A. J. Owen, W. Mathias.

Picton.—Peggy Athoe, Audrey English, K. A. Davies, E. J. Pope.

Glyndwr.—Sylvia Canton (senior), Phyllis Morgan, Jean Paterson, D. F. A. Cowdry (senior), C. A. Roberts.

The three Sixth formers who passed the Higher Certificate examination in July did very well. Sylvia Canton was awarded the school's first State Scholarship, in addition to a County Exhibition, and Phyllis Morgan, who must have missed getting a State Scholarship by a narrow margin, was also awarded a County Exhibition. Sylvia was third and Phyllis fifth in the county. Ralph Castle was awarded a scholarship of £60 a year by the County Agricultural Committee. Sylvia and Phyllis have both returned to school and are busy working for further scholarships. Castle has gone to Reading University, where he is doing a degree course in Horticulture. He has taken up rowing there, and was recently selected as stroke for the Freshers Four.

Four others have gone to training colleges, Dorothy Williams to Furzedown, John Powell and Elmer Jenkins to Cheltenham, and Eric Williams to Carmarthen. Betty Bowling and Margaret John

are at the National Training College of Domestic Science, now at Torquay.

Congratulations to Hugh Thomas on passing the Aircraft Apprentices examination in June. He was 213th in the list.

Several have found posts since last July. Pat Morris has been appointed headmaster's secretary, Kathleen Prout has begun her nursing career at Swansea Hospital, E. J. Nicholls is apprenticed to the Borough Surveyor, P. J. Mockler is an apprentice in electrical engineering with the B.T.H., at Rugby, A Carpenter is working at the Mines Depot, Milford Haven, and Audrey English has found a post as book-keeper with Mr. Huxtable.

We congratulate Kathleen on passing the Preliminary examination of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales in September.

L. B. Morgan joined the Army on November 1st, and F. A. Hughes expects to go early in December. Both boys had been accepted and attested for air-crew training in the R.A.F., but, like many others, have been transferred to the Army.

The School was deeply shocked to hear of the sudden death, on July 20th, of Elizabeth (Bunty) Young. She was knocked down and fatally injured by a car at Sadgeston, near her home.

The Charity Fund is still operating, and the sum of £5 was handed over to the Meyrick Hospital early in the term.

We should like to welcome the new caretaker, Mr. Stabb, who took up his duties here in October. We hope that he and Mrs. Stabb will be happy in their work here.

There was a very successful leaving party at school on July 27th, for the Vth and Vith Forms and Old Pupils. It was a very enjoyable evening.

The Dorian Trio paid us another of their periodic visits on October 19th.

## OLD PUPILS' NOTES.

We have recently learned with regret of the death on active service of two old boys. Roy Darlington, who was serving with the Army in France, was killed in action on August 11th. He left school at the end of the spring term in 1937, on obtaining a clerical post in London, and had been in the Army since the outbreak of war. W. G. Evans died of cerebral malaria on August 15th while serving with the army in Burma. He went from school to Borough Road Training College in 1930, and had taught for a number of years.

Trevor Hordley, who had only recently been commissioned pilot in the R.A.F., was reported missing after a bombing raid in the summer.

It is a pleasure to record yet another decoration won by an old boy, Pilot Officer Charles F. Jelley, was awarded the D.F.C. a few months ago.

We also congratulate Deryck Morgan, who is serving with the R.A.F., on being Mentioned in Despatches this summer.

Further news has now come to hand about W. A. Rickard's D.F.C. We learn that he was actually the first pilot to arrive over France in the early hours of D-Day, and although his aircraft was badly shot up he completed his task, that of dropping paratroops, and brought all his crew back safely to base. The citation for his award reads:—"Flying-Officer W. A. Rickard has completed much operational flying and has displayed exceptional ability, commendable courage, and devotion to duty. On the night of the 5th June, 1944, he piloted an aircraft detailed to drop paratroops in Northern France. So skilfully did he accomplish his task that the paratroops

were dropped in the precise area within seconds of the allotted time. His fine work contributed materially to the success of the airborne operation as a whole." He has been flying with the Tactical Air Force for nearly two years and on December 20th completes his second successive tour of operational flying. One of his duties recently was the carrying of paratroops to Arnheim.

His brother L. C. Rickard is a Staff-Sergeant in the Survey Department of the Royal Engineers in Burma, attached to the 14th Army. This will be his fourth Christmas on the Burma Front. He has had a long period in hospital and is now recuperating at Dehra Dun in the United Provinces.

We received an airgraph in September from Jimmy Owen, who is now a captain in the Indian Army. He gave some interesting news of other old boys who are out there. He has met Kenneth Bacon, of the R.E.M.E., and George Round, of the R.A.C. He also informed us that Grahame Davies is a lieutenant in the Hyderabad Regiment, and that Squadron Leader W. A. Thomas is at Secunderabad.

Three old boys have recently been commissioned, two (Douglas Thomas and Geoffrey Denner) in the Army and one (Wilfrid Smith) in the R.A.F. Thomas has been four years in India. He joined the R.A.M.C. to begin with, and after reaching the rank of Regimental-Sergeant-Major he transferred to the Royal Artillery. He will probably be returning to this country shortly. Denner is in the Army Pay Corps, and has done several years' service. In our last issue we had pleasure in congratulating Smith on winning the D.F.M.

Congratulations to R. H. Hamerton on being promoted captain in the Royal Corps of Signals.

Peter Gray returned to this country in September. He had just returned from Rhodesia where he was training as a navigator, and is now a sergeant. He hopes to go to an O.T.U. His brother John, who has been on the East Coast for some months serving in the Air-Sea Rescue Service of the R.A.F., was recently home on embarkation leave.

Mervyn Howells, after only twelve weeks in the army, was selected for an O.C.T.U., where he is now in training. He hopes eventually to get into an Airborne unit.

A number of old boys have gone across to North-West Europe since the summer. Mervyn Taylor is with the R.A.F. and W. Fletcher Morris, Randall Huzzey, Teddy Dew, Roy Hordley and A. A. A. Ricketts with the Army. Huzzey was wounded and was sent to a hospital in this country, where he has made a good recovery. Teddy Dew had not long returned from the Middle East, where he served with the Royal Tank Corps, going with them across North Africa and into Sicily and Italy.

D. F. Hordley returned to this country at the end of October after four years in the Middle East with the Royal Corps of Signals. He had been with the Army right up through Italy, coming home from somewhere north of Ancona. He has served in Egypt and Palestine, and took part in the campaigns in Greece and Crete in 1941.

J. A. G. Thomas was here on holiday in the summer. He served for some time in the Pioneer Corps, but volunteered for the mines in the early summer, and is now working in a colliery at Stoke-on-Trent.

Roy Cox is completing his R.A.F. training in Canada. He has met two other old boys out there, both in the Services, Tommy Rees and Arnold Rouse, the latter having recently arrived to complete his air-crew training.

Eric Aldridge and Granville Kaye, who were both accepted for training as air-crew in the R.A.F., have now been transferred

to the Army and reported for duty at the beginning of December.

We congratulate J. W. Blencowe on obtaining his B.Sc. London last June, with second class honours in Botany. He was later awarded a Research Studentship of £250 a year at Exeter University, where he is doing research in the diseases of plants.

Eric Howells, who went to Caerphilly County School when his parents left the district, passed his Higher Certificate last July with distinction in Mathematics and credit in Physics and Chemistry. He was awarded a County Major Scholarship of £60 a year and fees, and is now at Cardiff University College studying for his B.Sc. degree.

David Hughes Lewis was ordained into the Presbyterian ministry this summer, and was inducted as pastor in charge of two churches in Carmarthenshire on October 12th.

Dorothy Brookfield finished her course at Furzedown last July and was appointed to a school in Liverpool.

Mrs. Evelyn Zasio (nee Thomas) was on holiday in the district in the summer. She is now a sub-editor in the Polish section of the European Service of the B.B.C. She prepares news bulletins for translation into Polish, and was selected for this department because she had spent two winters in Poland before the war as a correspondent for Reuters. Before this she had lived in Italy for a number of years, going out originally to Venice as a teacher of English at the Berlitz School. She became later a correspondent with Reuters out there.

We congratulate three old pupils on their engagements, recently announced: Nancy Castle to Basil Underwood, R.A.F., Diana Marendaz to William Allan Gray, and Doris Dudman to Henry Bradfield Folland.

We have pleasure in recording the following marriages:—

April 3rd.—Joan Greenbow to I./Cpl. Denys Attwood, Royal Corps of Signals.

June 21st.—Gwenda Locke (nee Edwards) to Wing-Commander Henry Daniel Newman, R.A.A.F.

July 6th.—Molly Thomas to Eric A. Searle.

August 12th.—Joan Davies to Glyn Adams.

August 15th.—Cpl. Dennis Nigel Williams, R.A.F., to Edith Davies.

August 17th.—Joan Flutter to Sergt. Jack Sudbury, R.A.F.

September 11th.—Llewellyn Griffiths to Eveleen Davies.

September 23rd.—Kathleen Sherlock to Sergt. Leslie Morgan, R.A.F.

Sergt. George Barnes was married in September to Doris Warren of Chapel Allerton, Leeds.

We record the following acquisitions to our Roll of Honour:—

Royal Navy.—Lionel Fielder.

Army.—W. G. Evans, George Round, L. B. Morgan, E. Aldridge, G. Kaye, F. A. Hughes, S. Pickard.

R.A.F.—Leslie Culley, Hugh Thomas.

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

### DEBATING SOCIETY.

Only one meeting of the Debating Society has been held this term. This one took place on October 19th. It took the form of a "Brains Trust" and questions such as "Why does a bicycle not topple over when being ridden, while it does when stationary," provoked a fair amount of discussion. The speakers were:—Miss Jones, Miss Thomas, Mr. Williams, Mr. Simmons, C. Jelley, Glenys Preece. Miss Ballaster was the question-master.

## PLAY READINGS.

Two Play Readings have been held this term. Both plays were thrillers, and judging by the size and enthusiasm of their audiences both were thoroughly enjoyed.

The first of the Play Readings was held on Thursday, October 26th, when excerpts from "The Thirteenth Chair" were read. The play, which was set in the mysterious atmosphere of a seance, dealt with the murder of two men and how mysticism succeeded where the police had failed to find the murderer.

On Thursday, 16th November, a reading of "The Speckled Band" was given to a large and appreciative audience. The play is based on one of the Sherlock Holmes stories and the great detective was convincingly portrayed by D. Roch. D. Williams as the worthy Dr. Watson and A. Powell as the page Billy, making a realistic little girl when his master visited Stoke Moran in disguise, were the other members of the detective team. Peggy Athoe took the part of Enid Stoner, whose sinister uncle (a part taken with gusto by A. Owen) is trying to murder her. He is aided and abetted by old Rogers the butler (C. Davies), Ali, his Indian servant (D. Clarke), and his housekeeper (Joyce Child). The high spot of the performance was the entry of the mysterious "Speckled Band," cunningly manipulated by C. Davies.

Miss Hinchliffe and all those who took part in both plays are to be applauded for the time and energy expended on this agreeable form of entertainment.

## SCIENCE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, October 12th, the first meeting of the Science Society was held in the Hall where a large attentive audience witnessed a series of Meteorological films. The films dealt with the various types of Fog and how they are formed. The projector was ably operated by Mr. Simmons, who also explained one or two of the technical terms used during the show.

The other meeting of the Society was held on November 9th in the Chemistry Laboratory. Mr. Simmons gave an extremely interesting talk on "Co-our and its formation," with some fascinating illustrations, to a small but interested audience. C. Jelley was in the chair and expressed his thanks on behalf of those present to Mr. Simmons for his delightful talk.

## A.T.C.

Twenty-five cadets went to the A.T.C. Camp this year, which was held at Talbenny for the week ending Saturday, 5th August. We were given very satisfactory billets with only one disadvantage. They were situated rather far from the centre of the aerodrome where we had to have our meals and most of our lectures. This meant an early morning march before breakfast.

Reveille was at 6.30 a.m. and breakfast at 7.15, followed by half an hour's physical training in the gym., with an R.A.F. instructor. There was flying every day including Sunday, and cadets flew in Wellingtons, Warwicks and Liberators. The average flying time for each cadet was three hours. During the morning and afternoon all cadets, including six from Ebbw Vale, were divided into sections, each with an N.C.O. in charge. Each section in turn visited the dinghy section, where several types of dinghies were shown and explained. Several cadets were lucky enough to have these dinghies out on the water at Little Haven one afternoon.

Another interesting part visited was the control tower, where charts and meteorological instruments were explained. The bombing room was, I think, the most interesting place of all. Here the

cadets were each given a turn at an instrument used for training bomb aimers in accuracy. In the navigation section we were shown and had explained the various instruments used in navigation, such as the Astro-Compass and Astro-Graph. During the visits to the gas section each cadet went through the gas chamber. On the Wednesday morning all cadets and airmen paraded for an inspection by the station commander.

A Swimming Gala was held at Little Haven on the Monday and included in the items was a special race for cadets. This was won by Cadet Alec Elsdon, with Cadet John Ross as runner-up. The first prize was a nicely finished silver medal and the second prize a fine penknife.

We had each evening off and every cadet was free to go anywhere or do as he pleased. It was possible to get transport to Haverfordwest on the Tuesday and Thursday evenings. On the other evenings there was the Camp Cinema and a dance.

Our N.C.O.'s left the Flight in September to go to college and Leading Cadets Morgan and Hughes were promoted to sergeant and corporal respectively.

On "Battle of Britain" Sunday the Flight paraded at the church in the Dockyard and on Sunday, November 19th, the corps was invited to take part in the visit of the newly-elected Mayor to Wesley Chapel.

Sergt. Morgan was called up to the army at the beginning of November and we now hear that four members of the Town Flight are to report in December. We give them our very best wishes. Sergt. Hughes is going to Cornwall, Sergt. Kaye and Cadet Aldridge to Snaith near Whitby, and Cadet Dade to Perth.

As a result of these resignations Leading Cadet Jelley has been promoted sergeant.

Some of us have recently had most interesting flights from Carew Cheriton aerodrome and are eagerly awaiting active operations on the gliders which have just arrived there.

## RANGERS.

Training has proceeded steadily during the term, although bad weather has restricted the activities of the Company, which has an unusually large proportion of long distance members. We hope the weather will be kinder in future, and allow us to continue with our outdoor training.

A few of the Rangers were able to go to the camp at Hean Castle, and they had a thoroughly enjoyable time with magnificent weather all the week.

The Rangers were invited to take part in the procession on Mayor's Sunday—November 19th, and it was arranged that a number should go, but owing to unfavourable weather conditions few appeared.

We shall be pleased to welcome recruits at the beginning of next term.

## SCHOOL SPORTS.

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

### TENNIS.

Since the last issue of the School Magazine only one match was played. This one was between the staff and a "mixed" School team. After a very exciting and strenuous game the match ended in a victory for the Staff, the score being: Staff, 5 events; School, 4 events.

The School team was represented by the following:—1st couple, Sylvia Canton, Elmer Jenkins; 2nd couple, Ruth Wickland, L. Morgan; 3rd couple, Mary John, P. Mockler; 4th couple, Doreen Williams, J. Powell.

Tournaments were played at the end of the season with the usual enthusiasm displayed by all concerned. The finalists in the singles tournament were Sylvia Canton and Ruth Wickland. After a very hard contested match Sylvia proved victorious over Ruth, the score being: 6-2, 6-1. In the doubles tournament Sylvia Canton and Ivy Garlick proved successful over Margaret Cunningham and Zoe Jermin, the score being: 6-2, 6-2.

## HOCKEY.

Owing to the very bad weather conditions only one match has been played this season. This, however, had to be abandoned at half-time after Pembroke Dock had scored one goal while the opposition, which was Milford, had scored nil. We hope to play more matches before the end of term.

The team was selected from the following:—M. John\* (captain), S. Canton\* (vice-captain), P. Morgan\*, A. James\*, T. Sabido, C. Day, J. Child, M. Cunningham, M. Lewis, M. English, O. Kenniford, J. Carr, B. South. (\*Old Colours).

## CRICKET.

The School XI, played three successful matches after the last issue of the "Penvro." The team had a fairly successful season, winning seven out of nine matches.

The Old Boys' match was a very exciting game, the School XI winning by only one run. In the previous season, the Old Boys lost by only one run. The Old Boys' team consisted of:—K. G. Carr, Eric Thomas, Elwyn Thomas, J. Williams, G. Davies, C. O. Preece, R. Davies, P. Davies, H. Macken, W. Griffiths and J. Blencowe.

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

C. Roberts, D. F. A. Cowdry, G. Brown and J. Brock were awarded colours at the end of the season.

Results:—

JULY 15th.—Pembroke Dock Wanderers (home). Won 55—51. (G. Brown 23, J. Brock 11; C. Roberts 7 for 13, E. Jenkins 3 for 13).

JULY 22nd.—Tenby (away). Won 53—29. (E. Jenkins 12, J. Brock 11; C. Roberts 7 for 6, E. Jenkins 2 for 7).

JULY 24th.—Old Boys. Won 41—10. (E. Jenkins 6 for 11).

## AVERAGES.

### BATTING.

	No. of Innings.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Times Not Out.	Averages.
E. Jenkins	10	123	40	0	12.3
R. Morgan	10	67	16	2	8.3
G. Brown	9	61	23	0	6.9
J. Brock	10	50	11	1	5

### BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Averages.
E. Jenkins	89.5	26	123	36	3.41
C. Roberts	85	27	159	46	3.45
G. Brown	7	4	12	4	3.

## FOOTBALL.

This term the School XI. has played seven games, and we hope to play two or three more before the end of the term.

Of the seven matches played three have been won, three lost, and one drawn. The results were as follows:—

October 14th.—Milford (away). Lost, 8—0.  
 October 21st.—Narberth (home). Won, 7—2.  
 October 28th.—Tenby (home). Won, 3—2.  
 November 4th.—Tenby (away). Draw, 3—3.  
 November 11th.—Narberth (away). Lost, 4—1.  
 November 18th.—Milford (home). Lost, 4—1.  
 November 25th.—A.T.C. (home). Won, 2—0.

This year's committee consists of:—C. Roberts (captain), A. Davies (vice-captain), D. Cowdry (secretary), and G. Brown. C. Roberts has proved a popular captain who does not spare himself in training, or on the field.

The team has been selected from the following:—C. Roberts\*, A. Davies\*, G. Brown\*, J. Brock, A. Phillips, R. Sabido, D. Williams, A. Waterman, J. Ross, D. Lloyd, D. Vaughan, D. Hayward, A. Moffat (\*Old Colours).

A word of thanks must be accorded to those masters who have refereed or supervised the school games during the term, and also to the young ladies who have prepared tea after our home matches.

## RABBIT CATCHING

A fair amount of pocket money can be made by a boy in Pembrokeshire who will take the trouble to catch rabbits and take them to the dealers. In my last Christmas holidays I made three pounds in this way.

There are several ways and means of catching rabbits. One of these ways is by trapping them. This is a very cruel way and really ought to be abolished. The traps are made of steel and have a very strong spring which makes two claws to open and shut. There is a thin steel plate called the pan at one end, and, when the rabbit just steps on this pan, it releases a clip and automatically joins the two claws together. A trap is not an easy thing to set, because, when the hole is dug in which to place the trap, there should be no stones present which cause the trap to jam. The trap should be set a little below the ground level, because a rabbit will always jump into a low place. When the trap has finally been set, it should be invisible.

Another way to catch rabbits is by means of a snare. This causes a much quicker death to the rabbit. The snare is made of two pieces of wood and a piece of wire with a slip knot in it. One piece of wood holds the wire in the ground and the other piece of wood, called the tiller, supports the wire about the height of four fingers from the level of the ground. These have to be set chiefly in the rabbit's runs and then the rabbit hangs itself.

When setting either traps or snares scented soap should never be used, because the rabbit has a good sense of smell and will not be caught. Neither should oil be used to make the trap work more easily.

WILLIAM ADAMS (Vb).

## A TYPICAL CANADIAN WINTER.

In my opinion a Canadian winter is most exhilarating owing to the soft snow which often reaches the height of three feet or more, also to the temperature which is often ten degrees below zero. Winter is the most popular season of the year and it is then that sports such as tobogganing and skating are enjoyed. Skates are oiled, strapped on the owner's back and then he (or she) makes for the rink, with a picture in his (or her) mind of a few hours of pleasure. The rink, in the country, is usually a large natural pond with fir trees or other trees surrounding it. These are often lit with multi-coloured lights and this adds a feeling of unreality to the scene, such as a fairyland in miniature. Skating very often lasts until the early hours of the morning and people may be seen skimming around the rink, with scarves flying and with faces flushed and happy.

Near the rink there is always a small hut or other form of shelter, and here there is a roaring fire, also hot drinks and refreshments for the cold, hungry skaters provided by the owner of the rink. This hut also contains warm blankets, rope and ladders for anyone who has the misfortune to fall through the ice.

As everyone knows, Christmas comes in this season and it is awaited with expectancy and excitement by both young and old. In most houses there are gaily decorated rooms with huge Christmas trees loaded with exciting parcels but they usually have the notices on them, "Not to be opened till Christmas Day."

In the town the shops are very beautifully decorated and show many different Christmas presents at very cheap prices.

A day or two before Christmas, a strong smell of cooking issues from every house. Almost every child believes in "Santa Claus" until he or she is at least ten years of age. This is the reason why, on one day near Christmas, a "Santa Claus" visits a nearby town and rides through the streets on a sledge, decorated with holly and drawn by reindeer. When he arrives at the town, he is met by mounted police and other officials and then he is taken to the nearest large store where he distributes presents to every child. This shows the Christmas spirit and about Christmas time the door of any house is left open to welcome anyone in to stay until festivities are over.

Sometimes there are slight accidents caused on the roads by snowdrifts, when a vehicle falls into the powdery snow, and has to be pulled out by teams of horses. This, however, only happens on country roads for "snow shunters" are used in the towns. These are heavy steam rollers with huge shovel-like objects in front to scoop up the snow.

Such are the events that make Canadians think that winter is their most popular season.

JOSIE YATES (IV.a).



## FRUIT PICKING IN KENT.

Fruit picking begins about mid-July and continues until early October. This season is eagerly anticipated by both young and old alike. For the children it means a chance to earn extra pocket money and for the older people a holiday and work combined.

The main band of pickers is formed of those who come from towns, but the villagers also lend a hand. The people who come up from the towns live in huts provided each year by the owners of the orchards. A lorry conveys the full-time pickers to the orchards every morning at 9 o'clock. The villagers, however, have to get there in their own way. The season begins with strawberry and cherry picking which continues until mid-August. Then come the hops, damsons, plums and pears. The season finishes with apple picking.

When the pickers arrive at the orchards, they are told whether they are picking from the ground or from ladders; they are given baskets and then they start work. When they fill one basket they take it to the dump, have their number recorded and take an empty basket from a pile nearby.

The pickers are paid by the weight of fruit they pick. Any fruit which cannot be packed they are allowed to take away or eat. This suits admirably the smaller children of the family, who come to the orchards with their parents.

At 11 o'clock there is a break during which tea is drunk and sandwiches eaten. This break lasts for fifteen minutes. At 1.0 p.m. the lorry comes and takes the pickers back for dinner. They resume work at 2.30 and continue until 8 p.m.

The most important job is grading the fruit and this needs much experience. Graders are paid at a higher rate than are pickers. Then comes the packing of the fruit which needs again much experience, for the fruit must not be bruised or it loses its market value. At 8 p.m. the pickers are paid and then they return to their huts. At the end of the season they return to their towns, brown and happy, with pleasurable anticipation of the following season.

AUDRIE HAY (IV.a).

## MY PET RABBIT.

My pet rabbit is an Angora, so he has a white coat and pink eyes. I had him as a present about two years ago. He was then just like a small ball of white fluff with two pink eyes peering out of it, so I named him "Snowie." His coat is long and fluffy and it needs to be combed at least twice a week. I leave him on the lawn all day, where he jumps about and enjoys himself nibbling the grass.

"Snowie" is very friendly with my cat "Blackie," and it is very comical to see them both sleeping side by side. He knows his name and runs to me when I call. He enjoys a biscuit and will sit up on his hind legs to beg for it.

During the summer I feed him on milk, thistles and dandelions, and in winter I feed him on bran and hay which I have collected for him during the summer.

He has a large roomy hutch with two apartments, one in which he sleeps, and the other which he might occupy during the day-time, but "Snowie" prefers the freedom of the open-air.

DOREEN JONES (IVb).

## WINTER.

Snow upon the ground is falling,  
Summer birds no longer calling,  
But faithful robin still remains  
To brighten all our wintry lanes.

Sleigh-bells o'er the snow are ringing,  
Sound of happy children singing,  
The sweet peal of a church bell,  
Helps the happy sounds to swell.

Frost has fallen o'er the trees,  
Aided by a chilling breeze,  
In the country all around  
Holly berries can be found.

Longer nights and shorter days,  
Grey clouds hiding sun's warm rays,  
Hedges stripped of all their flowers  
Make no longer shady bowers.

MINNIE DAVIES (IVa).

## THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Here I stand in the forest  
Lonely and forlorn,  
But wait, who is this coming?  
I need no longer mourn.  
A party of merry children  
Are coming to dig me up;  
All will soon dance around me  
Even to Peter the pup.  
Now I'm glad and merry  
Happy as can be,  
See, the party's starting  
And all are watching me.  
The candles are so pretty  
Burning free and bright,  
Now they switch the lights off  
But I am full of light.  
Christmas-time is over,  
And I am all alone,  
Standing in the attic  
Trying not to moan.  
Now I'm in the garden,  
Waiting for the end,  
And now my joy is over  
I haven't got one friend.  
The bonfire's nearly ready,  
And everyone is near,  
Now I'm on the bonfire  
Alas! the end is here.

JOSEPHINE SWIFT (II8).