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SCHOOL NOTES.

Lent Term, 1946.

Term began on Wednesday, January 16th.

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We were very glad to welcome back Mr. J. B. Fell after his distinguished service in the R. A. F.

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We had a cold spell in the first week and many people enjoyed skating and sliding on a flooded field at North Cerney.

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On Friday, February 1st, a Ministry of Information Film Show was given in Big School at 5. 45 p. m.

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On Saturday, February 2nd, there was to have been a hockey match with Cirencester Grammar School girls. Unfortunately it had to be cancelled owing to the weather, but instead a dance was held in College.

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On Thursday evening, February 21st, Captain Lawson Smith gave a lecture in Big School on "Deep Sea Diving."

We were glad to welcome once again Mr. H. W. Sumsion on Thursday, February 26th. He played to the boys before supper and later to the Staff Discussion Group.

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On Sunday, March 3rd, Forms I, II, III and IV gave an exhibitions of their own work in Big School.

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A School Music Making was held on Sunday, March 24th.

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The Lodges Races were run on Monday, March 25th.

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Term ended on Wednesday, March 27th.

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It is a great pleasure to record that Mr. H. D. H. Wills has been appointed to the Governing Body.

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We extend our sympathy to the Rector on his serious illness, which lasted throughout the term, and we are very glad to be able to say that he has now recovered.

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We are grateful for a gift of music for the use of the choir from the Reverend A. C. Buss, who conducted the services in the Parish Church during the Rector's absence.

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We welcome T. P. Denehy and S. P. Steed who entered College at the beginning of Term.

THE GENERAL MEETING.

Summer Term, 1946.

Chairman—S. H. Groves.

Council—R. T. Wood, J. M. Faulks, S. H. Groves, M. C. Harries, D. G. Knight, J. W. Sumsion, J. M. Henshaw.

Meeting Selection Committee—R. T. Wood, S. H. Groves, J. W. Sumsion, G. S. Davis, J. M. Henshaw.

House Committee—D. Henshaw, J. M. Henshaw, I. S. Menzies, C. B. Lane, E. Davis, J. A. Johnson.

Games Committee—R. I. G. Hale, J. W. Sumsion, G. S. Davis, E. A. Jones.

Senior Shopman—J. C. Waterton.

Shopmen—J. D. M. Smith, G. J. Chagrin.

Banker—M. J. Morgan.

Apprentice Banker—C. J. Brisley.

Breakages Man—M. D. Robinson.

Secretary—P. S. W. Beck.

Auditors—M. R. F. Butlin, C. J. Brisley.

Apprentice Auditors—D. G. Milligan, P. D. Quick.

Finance Committee—D. J. Harris, M. J. Miles, K. A. Statham.

Entertainments Committee—T. P. Denehy, P. W. Sumsion, J. D. Draper, K. M. Shepheard, M. J. Miles.

Cycle Men—T. R. Morris, M. Butler, I. S. Menzies.

Meeting Almoner—C. M. Carus-Wilson.

Paperman—J. A. Barclay.

Amplifier Technicians—G. H. Bye, T. T. Walters.

Assistant Amplifier Technician—J. C. Waterton.

Magazine Committee—H. A. G. Hartley, M. J. Morgan, M. C. Harries.

Record Committee—G. H. Bye, M. R. F. Butlin, C. M. Carus-Wilson, J. D. Draper, R. M. Lewis.

Drying Room Committee—J. D. M. Smith, P. S. W. Beck, M. E. Knight.
Salvage Committee—D. R. Page, P. H. S. Harris.
Salvage Organiser—T. P. Denehy.
Public Work Man—J. M. Faulks.
Meeting Trappers—D. J. Payne, F. D. Humphris.
Games Secretaries—Hockey, J. A. Barclay; Cricket, I. S. Menzies; Football, E. A. Jones.
Games Wardens—Tennis, M. B. Shepheard, C. B. Lane; Cricket, R. W. T. Buckingham, P. W. Sumsion; Hockey, L. V. Crawford; Football, P. H. S. Harris; Indoor, M. G. Petter.
Groundsmen—Cricket, W. S. Monroe; Tennis, D. J. Payne; Golf, R. Gready.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

W. S. Boardman has accepted a Colonial Appointment and is now Area Mechanical Engineer with H. Q. at Kaduna, Nigeria.

A. R. Margetts has received an official appointment under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, as naturalist on the staff of the Fisheries Research Laboratory, Lowestoft.

It was a great pleasure to see R. A. Hussell (address: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Uplands, Swansea). He is married and has two daughters aged 5½ and 1½ years, and is now in business on his own as a pianoforte tuner and repairer.

Old Rendcombians who visited College during the Lent Term include: J. Sinclair, M. A. C. Levett, J. E. Eyles, K. E. Banks, S. J. Curry, M. H. Fisher, R. H. Newport, J. R. Wheeler, J. H. Roper, J. H. R. Thornhill, C. D. Barnett, N. McGregor Wood, R. H. Bettison, C. C. Richardson, D. M. Grant, B. W. Plenderleith, J. F. Alder, D. H. Hill and E. R. Morris.

It is with pleasure that we record a visit to the College from Norman Slade on May 28th, and we congratulate him on his marriage, which took place on June nth. He sails on June 27th, returning to the Sudan, after spending the early summer on leave in England.

F. J. Sime has written to us from South Burma, where he is now a 2nd Lieut., attached to the 1/7th Gurkha Rifles as Education Officer. During his time in the army he has frequently met Denis Montgomery. They embarked for the East on the same ship, when through the Indian O. T. S. together and were commissioned at the same time.

LECTURE.

On Thursday, February 21st, Captain Lawson Smith gave a lecture in Big School on "Deep Sea Diving." The lecture was given in a vigorous and lively manner and he held our attention very well. He also succeeded in creating atmosphere by giving his lecture in his diving suit, which must have been extremely hot work! Captain Lawson Smith informed us of the various duties of the diver; removing sunken wreckage, salvage work, blasting harmful rocks and rescuing treasure. He had with him some of the apparatus used to assist the diver at his work. One of the pieces of apparatus was an oxy-acetylene cutter which can burn through metal under water. He concluded his lecture with an account of his experiences in connection with the "Thetis" disaster and also his adventure with a mermaid at the bottom of Scapa Flow!

After the lecture was over, we were able to inspect his diving helmet and deep sea apparatus.

EXHIBITION.

The junior forms again held an exhibition in Big School on Sunday, March 3rd. Although it was quite good it rather lacked the keenness and finish that was shown in the last exhibition. There were numerous exhibits and most of the activities were well represented.

The art section showed interest and the better drawings were mostly of the original kind. The biological section included a set of microscope slides and a collection of animal bones. The woodwork was of a good standard and our young aero-modellers were again in evidence with some very fine "planes."

This sort of exhibition is interesting and we hope to see more in the future.

SCHOOL MUSIC MAKING.

Sunday, March 24th, 1946.

PROGRAMME.

- Orchestra: (a) Three Songs by Schubert Arranged
(b) Bourree from Suite in D Major, Bach
Arranged by J. W. Sumsion
(c) Tambourin en Rondeau, Rameau
Arranged by R. Hunt
- 1st Violin—R. T. Wood, J. D. Draper; 2nd Violin—Miss Young; Viola—
Mr. Thackeray; Violoncello—J. Kitto; Flute—J. W. Sumsion; Piano—Miss
Carnell.
- Piano: Four short pieces Peter Broom
Lullaby; Marionettes; What the sea said;
Pierrot and Pierrette. E. Davis.
- Piano: Song without Words Harold Darke
Miniature Sketch Frank Bridge
P. W. Sumsion.
- Choir: "Come Sleep, " 4-part song Charles Wood
- Piano: Slow Movement from Sonato in E minor, op. 7 Grieg
Two Preludes (own composition). D. G. Knight.
- Choir with Orchestra: "Brother James' Air"
Descant and accomp. by Gordon Jacob

HOCKEY. EASTER, 1946.

The first two matches of term had to be cancelled owing to the weather, and again, later in the term, Hockey activities were suspended for a fortnight, with pitches weather-bound. This was unfortunate as it allowed only four 1st XI matches and one Av. 15 XI to be played.

The 1st XI found it difficult to settle down and this unsettled feeling was increased as we had only two members from last year's team. We never arrived at the most satisfactory arrangement of the side, changes still being made at the latter end of the season.

H. A. G. Hartley in goal, saved many a tight corner with a powerful kick and a good eye, and is settling down to be a good goalkeeper. R. I. G. Hale at right back possesses a good eye, but his ability to hit hard in most positions proved dangerous and he was often unreliable. G. S. Davis, playing left back, started by being somewhat erratic, but pulled in to being a steady back capable of a powerful hit, with ability to pick up the ball on the run very neatly. He should later become a fine player.

S. H. Groves as centre half was a clever player but inclined to hold the ball too long and to play too far back. Nevertheless his dribbling is good and he passes cleanly. J. W. Sumsion playing left half, gave of his best, being a reliable performer under most conditions.

G. H. Bye on the right wing or inside right showed ability to dribble but on the wing had difficulty in centering, and as inside his shooting was unreliable owing to a habit of over-running the ball. With experience and steadier play he should be a player of some worth. J. D. Menzies, playing inside right, showed great promise in practice games, possessing neatness and a powerful shot, but did not reach the same standard in matches. C. B. Lane at first was unsettled in the position of centre-forward, but in his last two matches he showed the play we had been looking for and is undoubtedly a hockey player of present and future ability. J. D. M. Smith played with skill and great determination, being a reliable performer throughout the term, and thoroughly deserving his place. T. P. Denehy provided the XI with a left wing of energy and skill, and, with Smith, made the left wing strong and fast, though this wing like the other, would have been of more use with better shooting. E. A. Jones though turning out only once for the team is a right half of great promise, and has pugnacity and speed. R. M. Lewis on one occasion played right wing for the XI and later showed himself as a half of ability.

In the lower school, individuals show promise and considerable keenness is apparent.

In being elected captain, J. M. Henshaw found himself in the difficult position of having "greatness thrust upon him." Not a 'natural' hockey player, he had the added misfortune of not really finding his form, due in part to a faulty grip of his stick—a trouble that was common to a number of people in the 1st game. On the administrative side he did a good job of work with keenness and considerable tact and is warmly to be congratulated on the way he organised the games throughout the school during a period when so little coaching was available and the weather was so poor.

On the whole, considering the short playing season and the relative lack of talent, there was a remarkable amount of very sound hockey. It was a pity that so many members of the 1st game

(as was also the case during the football season) allowed themselves to over-indulge in comparisons, to their own detriment, between the skill of players this season and in former years. Such comparisons are perhaps understandable, but that does not prevent them from being fruitless, if not actually damping to the spirit of the games in hand.

RESULTS.

Rendcomb v. Cheltenham College. Lost 9-4.
Rendcomb v. Dean Close. Lost 2-0. Rendcomb v.
Gloucester City. Lost 8-1. Rendcomb v. South
Cerney R. A. F. Drew 2-2. Av. 15 XI v. Dean Close.
Drew 4-4.

RUNNING.

The Lodges races were run on March 25th.

Senior Lodges—J. W. Sumsion, 14-22. F. D. Humphris, 16-27. G. J. Chagrin, 17-28.

Junior Lodges—J. W. J. Reed, 16-44. N. H. Walter, 17-43. P. W. Dutton, 18-20.

NOTE.

Reports and critiques of Concerts, Lectures, Acting, Games, and the like are normally written by a member of the school or staff. When written by anyone else they carry the author's initials. Reports are written by invitation and do not necessarily represent the view of the majority of the audience present—nor is it intended that they should. On occasion, the judgments of experts, of persons in “*statu pupilaris*,” of adults or of enthusiasts, differ widely from each other.