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EDITORIAL.

Tradition, consciously or subconsciously, is to an Englishman the essence of life.

For better or for worse we have taken this thought and have left the name—and the standard—of your Magazine unchanged. You too, we note, have adhered to the old order of things with your customary reticence to bring forward material; albeit the contributions from both men and women students have been most encouraging in their quality, so that we regret the limitations of space forced upon us by war time conditions.

We look forward to the days of peace when we may once again publish the team photographs for which you clamour; and if some of our more serious articles are tempered with a martial feeling we can only plead topicality and their expression of the spirit—that spirit abroad in England to-day such as the world has seldom known.

We trust, therefore, that you will find both pleasant and inspiring moments in the succeeding pages.

THE PRINCIPAL'S REVIEW.

The out-standing event of the present academic year has been the formation of a Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture in association with University College, Nottingham, a development that has been warmly supported by local educational interests. In so far as the Midland Agricultural College is concerned, this step represents the first move to carve out our future entirely in the sphere of agricultural education at the University level. The constitution of the Faculty Board comprises eleven representatives of the staff of University College, Nottingham, and seventeen representatives of the staff of the Midland Agricultural College.

The functions of the Faculty concern the control of all post-graduate, degree and diploma courses and the conditions of entry; the determination of instruction suitable for the various courses; the making of recommendations concerning the awards of scholarships; the consideration of the progress of students and the approval of Diploma awards. The result of this development is that University College, Nottingham, has again a direct interest in agricultural education and so far as agricultural interests are concerned, students in the College province are provided with adequate facilities for education at the University level. This is only a beginning and it is probable that before another session ends Nottingham's interest in agricultural education will have developed an Agricultural Department.

It is perhaps a singular fact that throughout the long history of the Midland Agricultural College no funds have been available for the award of independent scholarships. This position has been changed by the foundation of a "Belper" scholarship, made possible by the gift of securities by the Chairman of the Governing Body to bring in a sum of £90 a year. The Governing Body has also taken steps to create a fund to meet the needs of necessitous students and ultimately it is hoped that other financial resources will be made available to enable the Governors to offer further scholarships for open competition.

A gift of £100 has also been received during the year from the trustees of the late Mr. Harold Gore Brown, who was a breeder of Lincoln Red Shorthorns in Leicestershire and who took a great interest in the work of the College. The interest from this sum of money is to provide an annual prize for the most meritorious student of the year, who may not necessarily be the most brilliant student in the academic sense.

Attempts have been made despite the difficulties imposed by war-time conditions to continue to develop the College in worth-while directions. It is regretted that the demand for residential accommodation is greater than can be met at present and it is inevitable that a large number of students will have to reside in lodgings until a building programme can be started. The solution of a long felt need for a joint common room was provided by the conversion of the former engineering shop and ultimately I should like to see attached to the joint common room a students' refectory.

In so far as departmental activities are concerned the horticultural department has acquired still more land, and work is being developed on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture for the training of inspectors in connection with the certification controlling black currants, raspberries and strawberries. The outstanding event on the farm has been the issue of an Attested licence for the Dairy Shorthorn herd, and this herd continues to demonstrate that the dual-purpose ideal is not a myth.

The present session has been a very satisfactory one in an academic sense. The opportunity to study agriculture is a privilege in these days. Students have not been unmindful of their responsibilities to those less fortunate than themselves, and the organisation of special efforts for augmenting the Agricultural Red Cross and other Funds has been very successful.

H. G. ROBINSON.

THE SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF CHAFFING.

PREFACE :—Originally this dissertation was written as a thesis for C.D.A., but was considered by the examiners to be above the required standard, and was then kept as an example for prospective Ph.D.s.—*Author*.

It seems to me that the practise of chaffing is a dying art and a few words upon this pleasant rural activity may have the desired effect of drawing some keen and enthusiastic apprentices into the trade.

The first record of any chaffing comes to us from the days of Boadicea when the sheaves were spread out on rocks and flint shod Brontosauri were driven round and round in a systematic way, indeed, to thresh out the grain, while domesticated Fantailed Bushmechuckler Geese would be placed on one side and being trained to flap their wings continuously would thus winnow off the chaff.

No recognised association of chaffers was formed until 1364, when the Guild of Merry Chaff Huggers was founded, in spite of the fact, and approved by His Majesty, Edward the Confessor. To qualify for membership each villein (for further data see Dr. Making's work—"Economics in the Dark ages"), each villein must hug a chaff sheet for a distance of 5 furlongs 3 roods during the time taken for a standard tallow candle to burn, 1 digit length; the sheet to be made of the hide of a full grown Bos. Longifrons.

Since the inauguration of this Guild, chaffing has thrived and developed immensely. With the introduction of the thrashing machine, however, it has taken on a new aspect and it became necessary for each chaff lugger to possess a licence obtained from the nearest appointed duck farrier, at a cost of one load of inert matter, alas.

An official uniform can be obtained, coupon free, from the local Knacker Yard, what-ho, and it consists essentially of a zoot suit made of awn resisting material, not 'arf, supplied by the British Sugar Corporation. A mangold coloured ratting cap is traditionally worn back to front, although N.F.S. caps have been in evidence in recent years.

Since the outbreak of hostilities many of our distinguished and proven huggers have chosen fighting with Monty rather than chipping for Bevin, and are now replacing pack mules in the hinterlands of Cassino. Their post on the Home Front has been temporarily filled by members of the W.L. Army or by the more efficient blower, gee-whiz.

Prospects for future apprentices seem good, since many of our personnel will never again return to experience the joy of shouldering a well filled sheet, or smack their lips over in an anaemic looking 7 lb. sweet bread pasty, no doubt, however.

Although no medals or ribbons are awarded to us, long service is recognised by the hue of the teeth, if any be present, and the deeper the shade of khaki the greater the number of years served in the trade. The oldest veterans dentures usually shine a brilliant rust red brown, by Battleaxe.

I hope from what has been read that the imagination and interest of ambitions and proud Anglo-Saxons may have been aroused, and encourage them to set out to distinguish themselves in this wit-requiring and soul satisfying pursuit. I wish every one of them the best of luck, notwithstanding.

CORNISH CUSTOMS.

(Based on a true incident.)

Saint Mary's bell was tolling loud, but could not drown the waves
That beat against the jagged rocks and seeped into the caves,
The parson heard the cruel West wind, and piously said he,
"Oh Brethren, let us pray for all in peril on the sea,"
The good folk knelt, the organ hushed, but the breakers thundered free.

"Oh Lord, we pray Thee to uphold and strengthen our good men,
And keep them safe where'er they be on seas beyond our ken—
But Lord, if it be Thy gracious Will—as well indeed it might—
That a ship be wrecked upon this coast—may she drive on the
Armed Knight,
And may she be a rich un', Lord and taken without a fight."

The door swung back; the wind screamed shrill like a wailing
wraith of grief,
A voice rang out "An Indiamen driven a'top the reef,"
Haul Ho! "Praise God," the parson said, seizing his lamp from
a nail,
And, with cassock tucked up, knife in belt, unheeding the blinding
hail,
He marched at the head of his little flock into the teeth of the gale.

The East had paled, the dew had fall'n, and the stars began to fade,
When once again in the little church the congregation prayed.
Soaked to the skin, haggard, wild, and rubbing tired eyes,
The parson praises God on high for hearing his folks cries,
Gives thanks for "no survivors" and such a noble prize.

MRS. MALAPROP IN THE BLACKOUT.

BATH, February 25th.

My dearest Miranda,

You remember my writing the other week and deforming you of the soldier whom the filleting officer obliged me to give recommendation to? Well, only the other night, he had the imprudence to say that my cake was illegible for human assumption, and that anything cooked in a camisole irritably effects his infernal organs!

To add insult to injury, a warder knocked on the door to tell me that I had a chink of light showing and when I intercepted with him, as it was my first defence, he became most intricate. He then put forth the preposition that I should view Mrs. Good-year's blackout— (a most superfluous woman, dear). He offered to exhort me across the road, but I reclined with thanks and set out alone.

To be quite candied, I think the cake disagreed with me, too, for I simply lost all sense of direction, blackness developing me, and found myself conversing voluptuously with lamp-posts.

Then I heard a loud warbling noise, and found that it heralded an air raid. I was shepherded into a shelter where I found myself in darkness until someone switched on the lights and elucidated the place. I sat down on a bench, and all had just arrived safely when there was an earsplitting exposition! What an antistrophe! We were completely analysed, and one woman had an attack of hydro-phobia. Suddenly we heard water gurgitating, and discovered that a bomb had descended with tremendous felicity and burst the main.

Eventually all was over, and I was exulted home by a very deficient warder—such a defined man! Imagine my horror, when, on arriving, I discovered that the soldier had vanished with all my silver! I have since felt rather ill-disposed.

Yours affectedly,

Maria Malaprop.

".....BECAUSE THOU HADST WHAT WE, ALAS, HAVE NOT."

"Can't take the girl to the flicks on Wednesday afternoons now, got to do Home Guard or A.T.C.; always adding ridiculous rules at this place. Now they're taking Wednesday afternoons" Wednesday afternoons—Wednesday afternoons—the wind sighed through the elms and tossed the branches of the old yew which brushed my field-service cap. "Why do they always have yews in churchyards? — they are a dark green though—

almost black—suitable I suppose. Why didn't they throw the earth on the other side instead of among the lower branches?—would have got in the way perhaps. Those geese in the acre paddock over the hedge will be fat for Christmas—shouldn't have thought the churchwarden could have got the flag in such a small packet."

I was jerked out of my reverie by a dull thud and the quiet "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust," of the Vicar.

Somebody sobbed.

Firing Party three volleys""—the subdued Scottish tones of the R.A.F. Flight Sergeant "Load, present—fire," three times, followed each time by a series of staccato reports from the raised Lee-Enfields.

"Order Arms—right turn—quick march."

The mourners filed past taking a farewell glance into the yawning earth where lay the remains of a son of Britain. A gardener's boy, who, in the prime of his youth left his native village to fight unselfishly for right and freedom. He chose the Air, only to be cruelly dashed onto the earth he tried to defend. Now to rest in peace, the cool verdant peace of a country church yard, beneath the sombre yews—for endless Wednesday afternoons long after the geese have gone from the acre paddock over the hedge, and you in your self-centred world have got another girl.

M.H.G.

THE SAGA OF THE LOOSE BOX.

'Twas last year, that I left College;
Then an O.K.A. they termed me,
Bid me come and see them sometime,
And I took them at their word;
For I came up in October—
When the Autumn leaves were falling—
And the president then sought me,
Saying, "Here, Len, have you heard"?

"Hark ye, have you seen this palace?
(Once before a lowly hovel),
Have you marvelled at its splendour?
(If you have not, then you should);
Stately building—though one-storied—
With the most amazing outlook
On Professor Hudson's greenhouse;
(Oh, to live there, if you could)."

"When the night draws on in Winter,
And the wailing winds bring snowflakes,
Then one can retire in comfort
To the "loose box"—Cupid's haven.
If the frost has frayed your tonsils,
Cure them with tobacco fragrance;
Breathe the scent of nicotine in—
Player's, Kensitas, or Craven."

"If the full moon spreads its witchcraft,
(Love's young dream has cast its magic),
And the longing for the maidens
Has one in its noxious grip,
Then be guided to this mansion,
(Hurry, hurry, time is wasting!);
I will show you winsome virgins:
What? afraid to make the trip?

"Here's no common necking centre,
But a meeting of the sexes,
For the mutual benefaction;
Let all dubious thoughts be checked.
Though this hall was but a hovel,
Filled with dirt, and grime, and greaseguns,
As a common room for students
It has gained a new respect."

Six long verses of this doggerel
Must have sadly tried your patience,
And I sympathise with readers
Now perusing rotten verse.
But our leader 'ere he left me
Promised by his gods and idols,
If this ballad was not written
I should land up in a hearse!

G. L. Whitehorn.

THE HEDGE CUTTER.

The frost had been very hard and the trees stood out in sharp relief, their bare branches tracing intricate lattice patterns against the leaden sky, heavy with the promise of snow.

From somewhere above came the weird cry of a curlew as it winged its way inland in search of unfrozen marshes.

The hedge cutter clapped his arms round his body to restart the circulation in his hands which had gone dead with gripping his axe.

"Soon be lunch time," he thought gazing meditatively for a moment at the sky, his breath curling away from his nostrils in clouds of grey-white vapour. "If it gets a bit warmer there will be a heavy snow" he said to himself and, picking up his billhook, he started to cut out the dead wood in preparation for laying the next part of the hedge.

His hands were warmer now and through the thick leather gloves he held the handle of the hook in a firm grip.

He cut on, lopping out the dead layers with an ease born of long practice. He loved hedge cutting, it was a job at which he excelled and, like his father before him, he was the local champion at the art.

The hedge cutter smiled when he thought of his father—he'd been a tyrant when his children were young but a great help when they were grown up—and it pleased him to think that he was the champion in the same district as the old man.

He paused and took the whetstone from its leather pouch at his belt and began to sharpen his axe, he had cut out enough dead wood to keep him going for the time being. Suddenly he stiffened, listening intently—"Could it be the Hounds?" the thought came and went immediately—the ground was as hard as a brick so it couldn't be that.

But again he heard it, the sound of hounds giving tongue, stronger this time but somehow different and seeming to come from the grey expanse above.

He looked up, and there flying towards him from the North East were skein upon skein of wild geese, three long lines of them flying in V formations, reminding him of the edges of three gigantic saws.

High up in the bleak sky they flew on, their music floating down to him strong and clear, until they passed out of sight and their clamour became too faint for the ear to catch.

A queer sensation of longing stole over him—"Would I were as free as they are," he thought, "Oh well, it will be a hard winter," and with the fatality of a true countryman he turned back to his hedge, and clearly across the still fields could be heard the steady ring of the axe.

D.R.M.



ODE TO THE GALLANTS WHO DARE TO GROW A MOUSTACHE.

Now fancy ties and collars you can often see about,
And fancy coloured trousers quite enough to make you shout,
But most of us male students appear a little loath
To use to full advantage Mother nature's undergrowth.

There are one or two exceptions and amongst them Mr. Neil,
Who with a pin-stripe fungus tends to make us somehow feel
He gets up late at nine o'clock, and just has time to fiddle
With bristling beard and sideboards—so he has to leave the middle.

And then there's Mr. Sidery, the leather jacket man,
Who has to wipe his fingers underneath the frying pan,
And wipes the smutty product where e'en damsels fear to tread,
Which kill's invading insects however well they're bred.

For Silkiness and texture Mr. Uren stands the top,
We think he's cut out for that noble film star Mrs. Mop,
Past 3 weeks solid labour, it is an humble bet
He's got it so well camaflaged we cannot see it yet.

Now Mr. Fox keeps his moustache—straggly, strong and tough,
He combs it out and waters it, but will not cut it off,
And only on the q.t. will he tell the reason why,
He keeps the masham lambs on it when all the ewes are dry.

Moustaches come, moustaches go, we view them with displeasure
But after all it is a way of filling in a leisure,
They may not be appreciated all your healthy life
But do you really care as long as they amuse the wife?

THE BRIDGE.

'Tis day.
Morning, cold and drear, arrives,
The first feeble rays leap in play,
Striving to pierce the grimy dockyard's gloom.
The sun rises with golden glory.
Suddenly the dark waters are fringed with light,
And steel girders glisten.
The lofty bridge stands forth in all its might,
And the plaintive hoot of steamers heralds the dawn.
Immovable majesty.
Slowly the dingy barges steer their way,
Creeping beneath the shiny mass of steel.
A proud steamer breasts the current,
High-funnelled, deep of keel.
A long, protesting whine she utters,
Men spring to obey!
Bells' clang!

The mighty bridge begins to sway,
Slowly, as sorrow rends the heart,
It parts, each half swing away,
To nestle close to the slimy walls.
The steamer passes,
Her siren's cruel wail mocks at broken majesty.

A STUDENTS 23rd QUALM.

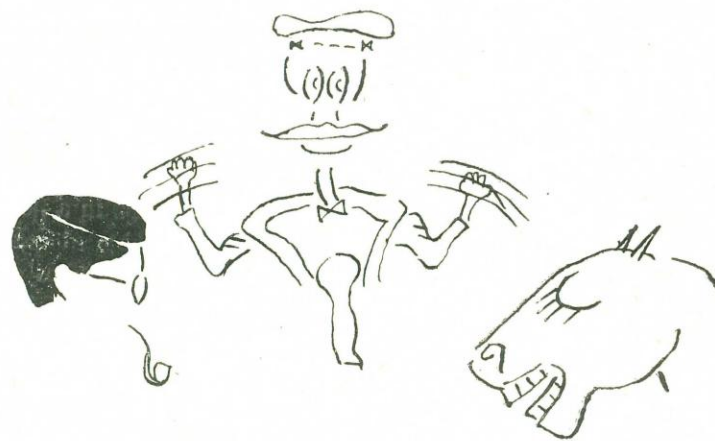
The Fordson is my tractor; I shall not want another.
It maketh me to fly down green pastures: it leadeth me into
deep waters.

It soileth my clothes: it leadeth me in the paths of
crookedness for its frame shakes.

Yea, though I walk for miles in search of Mr. Calder, I fear
much evil: for he is not with me; its rods and its pistons
they confound me.

It preparast a breakdown for me in the presence of other
students: it anointest my face with oil; the water boileth
over.

Surely to goodness if this thing follow me all the days of
my life, I will dwell in the M.A.C. Engi. Shop for ever.



WE THREE.

— — — THIS SEAT OF MARS."

Oh! Greensleeves. Oh! England. Oh! Peace and loveliness; still blue rivers under a rain washed April sky flecked with flowing white clouds. Fields green with fresh grass and new wheat. Hills which sweep away in smoothened rolls beyond the horizon, broken by hedges and woodland—themselves scarred and full of the sweet scent of rain after felling; and fertile valleys curling down to the river as the coombs of Devon sweep down to the sea, where lie the compact farmsteads and barns, the homely essence of this island scenery.

Standing on the rising ground to the west of the valley you can command a long view of the twisting river from where it joins the great Trent under the hill, up beyond the steeple church village. Silently save for the sound of the slow thump of a diesel engine a pair of barges passes along the cut towards the lock where they slow and come abreast. The lock gate closes; a man lifts the paddles and the barges sink into the cool moss-grown depths, out of sight. Foam pours across the weirs.

In the distant woods a crawler tractor is at work hauling heavy logs down the slope to the jib which loads them on to the waiting timber-drug. It is a little difficult to discern accurately but you would agree there is a girl driving the tractor—a slim, fragile looking girl probably; more suited to working in the private office of some business man than to be in control of such a powerful monster.

Above the goods yard on the railway you can see the puff-balls of steam and smoke from a shunting engine; and watch a line of pure whiteness streaming behind a fast moving train. Accustomed as we have become to railways this seems not to disturb quietness but to accentuate it, for the scream of a whistle and the clatter of pounding wheels over the points in the station are deadened by the distance.

The road is only just below the high ground and along it comes a convoy of lorries—American and driving fast. You can hear them whine and sweep up the slight hill into the village, and beyond in a stream of khaki trucks going forward in a flood spate.

Behind you a Wimpey roars up the runway and takes off, seeming only to be a few feet from your head, whistling above you and passing behind the rolling hills. As you look up to watch it you notice other planes circling around endlessly, black, half-beautiful, half obscure shapes, their gun turrets glistening in the sun; turning, wheeling, climbing and diving.

Now another train is moving up the line, this time carrying goods; loaded with an unknown miscellany of arms. There are two or three tanks towards the rear of it, and down in the Park men are testing a tank engine, for you can hear it rev. and sink again into the quietness.

And now a lighter but dominant roar is heard in the sky as a lovely silver Mosquito hustles into view, scarcely clearing hedges and telegraph wires—and is lost from sight before you can exclaim at its beauty; and another convoy comes up the road—Ducks: Invasion craft.

The rivers, fields, railways, the roads and even the air are pulsing with vibrant life. Rich red blood is coursing through the veins.

Yet this is only one small part of our island. County by county, shire by shire, men are moving: men are armed, travelling to the sea; men are returning to Europe to fight.

Over all England stretches the blue sky flecked with April cloud. Over all England men are flying. All the land over are green and grassy fields, all the land over are men ready to battle. The throbbing, pulsing flow is spreading, speeding to a climax.

England is alive, yet prepared for death. England is steady, waiting, expectant.

England is lovely.

C.R.M

DEATH.

The man turned towards them, yes, there they sat in line, their eyes fixed on him—baleful staring eyes. A wave of disgust revolted him for a moment, had anyone ever seen such ugly women? Ye Gods how he loathed them. Yet they were his, and his alone, for better or for worse—definitely for the worse he thought.

Masking his feelings he turned from them and began to speak. The women behind him continued to stare blankly at him and beyond him to the mob. They said nothing. What could they say? Everything was being said for them. As they sat there the thin scraggy feathers in their hats nodded faintly in the soft breeze.

Did they care what was happening? Did they know that soon they would be lying lifeless behind where they now sat? If they did no glimmer of it showed through their expressions.

Suddenly the blows came, swiftly, and one by one they fell. The unthinking crowd cheered lustily as in the way of all crowds, but the women, all six of them lay prostrate, pitiful yet revolting with their sordid gay colours and the broken bedraggled feathers still in their hats.

The crowd looked at them, "A good day for me," he thought then, righting them he turned again to the crowd and shouted "Come on folks, only three shies a penny."

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ON TWO YEARS AT THE M.A.C.

It was during the early summer of 1942 when all responsible eyes were focussed on our precipitately strategic withdrawal in the direction of Cairo that I was prevailed upon by a member of my benevolent uncle fraternity to pursue a Horticultural course at this worthy college which was enthusiastically described to me as the epitome of efficiency.

I determined to present myself to the powers that be as an innocent, guileless, and law-abiding student, particularly as my most recent experience at school was an untimely nocturnal encounter with an aquiline headmaster, resulting in my relegation from the prefectorial ranks.

In the beginning, I was relieved to find that it was no longer necessary to conceal myself in stoke-holds, bushes, or the friendly darkness whenever I wished to have a smoke.

As time went on, I began to be unfavourably impressed with the inelasticity and impregnability of the meat; the sight of "creepy-crawlies" in the lettuce was not exactly conducive to my obedience of the governments "eat more vegetables" slogan: nor was I any more endeared to the cook by the extraction of a large drawing pin from a so-called pudding.

Soon my time became even more intolerably occupied with unnerving self-examinations to discover whether or not I was infringing some pettifogging rule which would lead to my premature removal from this haven of peace and goodwill.

By the middle of my first session, I concluded that the lack of an impenetrable barbed wire entanglement around the perimeter of the buildings was the only factor distinguishing it from a concentration camp; this omission will doubtless be rectified in the extension and development schemes of the post-war era when the necessary raw materials will be available.

At the beginning of my second session, I had become completely inured to all manner of weird eccentricities and had learnt to accept as a fait accompli that, in practice, one performs operations in such a way as to constitute a precise contradiction of that which one has learnt in the lecture room. Neither was I unduly surprised at the embarrassment of a certain ruminant lecture, discoursing on the merits of a certain soil fumigant, which he alleged he made regular use of on his now famous allotment, and who, when questioned on its cost and rate of application, was completely at a loss to enlighten the inquisitive questioner.

The chief art which I have acquired here is that of always being about to manipulate an implement—invariably a hoe!—whenever circumstance and discretion dictate the necessity, and not before. Until such time as the necessity is dictated, a discussion group functions, which has already explored every problem pertaining to life and death.

The author has also been a conscientious member of the Home Guard during his residence, and has found (and continues to do so) it extremely exhilarating to be taught how to slope arms by numbers every Wednesday afternoon—an operation which he performed satisfactorily in the days before Mr. Chamberlain's umbrella had become an object of unrestrained and decisive amusement.

However these two years at the M.A.C. have been very enjoyable even to a luxury-loving young man, a recessive individualist for whom the low, menacing murmur of some swollen stream, the hue of a sunset pink with its promise of frost, or the muffled roar of vicious waves hurling themselves on some rocky desolate shore have an attraction far surpassing any emotional drama in a movie. Those who are never bewildered and overwhelmed by the picturesque splendour of nature's pageantry and who have never experienced the sensation of barbaric wildness are depraving themselves of something for which this material world will never find an artificial substitute.

These reflections are those of a youth who has never sought the gale of popular favour, who is temporarily embittered and frozen in the firewatching hut at four hours past midnight, and who should therefore not be taken too seriously by friend or foe.

"Amato."



Do wonderful well on it, too!

THAT WEEK END FEELING.

Scene—A Lecture Room in an Agricultural College somewhere in England.

Time—Second Lecture, Saturday morning.

Enter Lecturer—opens window.

Lect.—Last time we were talking about the———

1st Student—Great Scott there must be someone who can play for the team!

2nd Student—"What about R—? he reckons he can play pretty well."

Lect.—"Now this pest is picked up by birds———"

3rd Student—"Good, sausages for lunch, I can smell 'em."

Lect.—"They usually attain the size of 1 inch in length."

4th Student—"I say, Joe just had a letter from Jean."

1st Student—(with mistrust) "Which one's that?"

Lect.—"I've actually seen thousands of them—!"

2nd Student—"Surely he's not going to tell us the one about—"

3rd Student—"What do we get next?"

Voice—"Book-keeping."

3rd Student—"Oh Crikey!"

Lect.—"and they are nearly always found in pairs."

4th Student (loudly) That's funny so is B—— (laughter).

Lect. "It's rude for two people to talk at the same time and if you—"

1st Student—"Look, about this tennis who's going to play?"

5th Student—(suddenly) "I say, I can't play, I've got to go to a Whist Drive."

Lect. "This can be a serious nuisance to sheep."

2nd Student "Well in that case I vote we all go to the Victory."

4th Student "It's no good I shall have to go out with W—— to-night."

Lect.—"This type gets unto the blood stream and causes—"

3rd Student—It's the trial balance that unsticks me"

1st Student—"Well I must find someone to play."

2nd Student—(irrelevantly) "Gosh I could do with a drink."

Lect.—For a time this action stimulates the liver but after a while.

4th Student—"There were some grand land girls in Warwickshire"

Lect.—"When this happens rot sets in and the beast soon loses condition and may even die."

5th Student—"I'm getting frightfully worried about the exams. how many pages of notes have you taken."

6th Student—"Oh, about four."

5th Student—"Ye Gods!"

Lect.—"All right, pack up."

EXEUNT.

(Author's Note—All resemblances between speech of characters and people in "real life" is purely coincidental).

D.R.M.

PIPES.

I realise this title is very vague. It may include anything from anatomy to plumbing or bubbles to music; but I use the word as an alternative to a 'tube with a bowl for smoking tobacco'. The words in inverted commas are quoted from a dictionary, and either this definition is incorrect or my nose deceives me for at times I am firmly convinced that anything but tobacco is being smoked.

Pipes are usually connected with man and they fascinate the male species at all stages from, mere youth to the stage where no teeth are present to grip this unwieldy apparatus. A youth's ambition on leaving school is to earn money, and what does he do with it? A few years ago he would buy cigarettes but as this is now so popular with the women, and his income is usually less than his outgo, he buys a pipe. This immediately converts him from a youth to a man. The next stage is to borrow some baccy from a regular smoker, often with the excuse he's not quite sure which brand will suit him, but he thinks it is yours.

The next half hour of this youths life is then spent in striking matches or rubbing out his thumb on a lighter wheel. This stage has been simplified in the joint common room by the application of a red hot poker to the tobacco. When smoke eventually belches from his mouth, a smile of satisfaction ensues, but this is quickly followed by spasmodic coughing and later a green tinge. The green tinge is then rapidly followed by a hurried exit which signifies transformation from manhood to boyhood.

Some people do, however, survive this initial setback and carry on to bigger things while the failures clamour for an auction sale. This amateur pipe smoker soon learns from his mistakes and after being caught three or four times decides to obtain a pipe with an outsize bowl which he produces when borrowing baccy. Another lesson quickly learnt is that one must blow as well as suck. This borrowers pipe being an ugly contrivance either levers out his front teeth or leaves a perpetual droop at the corner of his mouth. The scientific smoker has overcome this, by having a mathematically curved tube which obligingly rests the bowl on his chest, thus easing the pressure on teeth and mouth, The next obstacle to be cleared when the smoker is so young, is the teething habit, in which operation he champs the mouthpiece and perforates the stem thus reducing the value of the article at the next auction. As the month's end approaches the smokers fuel supply becomes rather cramped and in one case I can quote hops were tried, but without much success. I have also heard of experiments with tea leaves, but then, tannic acid is no substitute for nicotine. I believe also from sundry odours that socks have received due attention, but I imagine difficulty would be experienced in shredding these.

Thus to summarize this technical article, the apparatus required by the beginner is:

- (a) One pipe (obtainable from Auctions).
- (b) Supply of baccy (obtainable from smoker with sense of humour).
- (c) Six boxes of matches or
Reinforced thumb (obtainable from Engi. Shop) or
Blow Lamp (obtainable from Joiners shop) or
Red hot poker (obtainable from J.C.R.)
- (d) A thorough knowledge of position of doors.

To conclude I would like to quote a slogan well known to Horticulturalists, "Smoking chimneys equal a waste of money" Should these few lines, or a previous experience cure anyone of their desire to sample the soothing effects of Lady Nicotine, I may be found in the Joint Common Room most evenings and shall be pleased to exchange a months' sweet coupons for a good pipe.

A. R. CARTER.

THE ORCHID.

The glaring sun withdraws his parching hand,
Yet the oppressive heat strikes like noon,
The velvet night has swallowed up the land,
And overhead the cold, leering moon
Swings, half hidden by the tangled leaves,
A thick, repulsive mass, limp and furled.
All around the damp gloom cleaves
Closer still in this oozing, nightmare world.
Unearthly quiet reigns. No sign of life
Breaks this strange, haunting, evil dream.
Dispute does not rule, yet hidden strife
Is sensed in trees, in swamp, in strangled stream.
See ahead! a faint, glimmering light,
Half suffocated by the heavy air
Gleams fitfully, a wavering patch of white,
A perfect flower, She opens slow, with care.
Her red tongue emerges. For one brief hour
She queen's o'er the fetid growth of this dim
Underworld. With fast declining power
Her sickening scent makes the senses swim.
Then, one by one, her lingering petals fade,
Once more darkness presses like a pall.

THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN.

(From an article by Janet Adam Smith.)

Women gained the right to vote six months before the end of the last war. Since then the cause has never looked back. Mr. Churchill declared recently that there is no sphere where women are not capable of taking the places besides their masculine contemporaries; but he rather contradicts himself, even more recently in his almost laughable insistence on a vote of confidence from the house, when he was defeated over the question of equal pay for equal work in the teaching profession. Now we must await the post war period for progress in this direction.

In the early days of the movement the pendulum swung right over, and thinking women tried to escape from the home, which, by convention and necessity had assumed the character of a prison. Today there is some reaction, and more women feel that marriage and a career outside the home are capable of realisation. In some quarters however, the opposite opinion will still be held, and for the busy married woman who wishes to continue her career, day nurseries and services of domestic help may be the way of overcoming the obstacle.

There is no reason why the home should be a blind alley where domestic routine is a negation of intelligence. The home may be the centre of life for the average woman but it should not be her frontier. To make marriage worthwhile the woman of today must be given the advantage of modern amenities and domestic help, that she may be enabled to play an intelligent part in public affairs.

Several years ago the girl who went to a University was expected to devote herself almost exclusively to her career. To get married was regarded as the waste of a good education, and regret was expressed that the opportunities had been thus denied to some more deserving person. The only fallible argument in the favour of this opinion is that there is a statute limiting the number of Womens' Colleges at Oxford and Cambridge.

If a man who is brilliant in Classics takes a post such as a Minister of Finance it is not generally considered that his education has been wasted. Must it be condemned to make a wife and mother of a woman who possesses a degree in History? Surely the value of such an education can be put to few better uses than in developing the faculties of the children and helping to make them useful citizens. Apart from this, the study undertaken at College, combined with the development of a critical faculty, will obviate all necessity to fritter away the hours at bridge parties, and successions of tea-drinking in quest of the latest scandal.

Besides, is it necessary to declare, that the fundamental experiences of motherhood have their applications far beyond the four walls of the home, and that such women are greatly needed in our municipal organisations? In the reorganisation of our towns and villages and our educational system, there is a wide scope for the thinking woman. Citizenship implies a duty, for which no training is too good. Intelligence insists that all questions which interest the public are of vital interest to every woman.

THE LOOSE BOX.

Oh it snowed last night
And it snowed all day,
So the ground's all white
And the sky's still grey.

And the lights have gone
And the wireless, too,
So the log fires burn
With a flickering glow.

And people sing
And the piano play,
And the old lamps swing
In the blue smoke haze.

Oh everyone's bright
And everyone's gay
For it snowed last night
And it snowed all day.

C.R.M.



BOOK-KEEPING.

"Give ear O my people to my Law, incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old"

Extract from my notes.

"If you replace a weighing machine costing £9 with a new one at £15 it is valued at £9. But incidentally if the quality of the new one is better than that of the old one value at the original cost of the old one plus the difference between what the new one cost and what a new one of the old type would have cost at the time of replacement."

"Therefore speak I to them in parables because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

And their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed."

THE KILL.

The tigress onward creeps with unsheathed claws
Towards her fleet, elusive, cunning prey.
With cruel, snarling whine and slavering jaws
She cowers: her rippling muscles tense: away
Thou noble beast! Heed not the cooling stream;
Impulse to kill, thought to realise
Is born in amber eyes with murderous gleam,
Sensing a hard earned meal, already half-won prize.

Too late! a supple, tawny streak upsprings!
No more the fickle herd will know his reign,
A short, fierce struggle, the whole glade rings
To the wild screams of terror and blind pain,
Upon the blood-soaked earth the emperor lies,
With last panting sob; already glazing eyes.

QUOTATIONS AND COMMENTS.

- i "Legs such as Diana shews
When tucked up she a-hunting goes." (Herrick).
For botany specimens perchance.
- ii. "When I, sitting, heard—where he lectured in the lecture
room,
How soon unaccountably I became sick and tired. (Whitman.)
Book-keeping, no doubt.
- iii. "Regions of sorrow, doleful shades where peace
And rest can never dwell, hope never comes." (Milton.)
The Creek?
- iv. "Oh the wild joy of living.....
the plunge into a pool's living water." (Browning.)
But alas! no more. The river is polluted.
- v. "Come live with me and be my love
So let us to the Loose-Box rove." (Variations on Marlowe.)
- vi. "Torches shine in the dark on the Chatterhooke or Altamaw." (Whitman.)
Or perhaps the women's cycle shed.
- vii. Over hill, over dale,
Through brush, through briar." (Shakespeare.)
A certain L/Cpl. on a Home Guard scheme.
- viii. "This winter's weather it waxeth cold." (Early Ballad.)
Particularly in Room 2.
- ix. "I wear my hat as I please." (Whitman.)
Probably a la carte(r).
- x. "Bulluc sterteth, bucke verbth." (cc 1250).
And maeizy doats (cc. 1944).
- xi. "This is the fruit of rashness." (Shakespeare.)
10/- fine.

SPRING SONNET

White-breasted plovers wheel across the field,
The warmer ground is newly striped with green,
Dancing catkins dusts of pollen yield
To the free winds, still with winter's keen.
The towering elms with fanning branches spread
Sprays of pink buds across the fresh blue sky.
Excited skylarks soon are winging high,
Then drop to the ground, as though their joy were dead.
Daffodils in the orchard beckon and nod
Up to the sleepy buds who rub their eyes
And open them a little, but are wise
To frosts that still may come to freeze their blood.
Nearby a farmer tills the open field,
And winter's gaping wound is nearly healed.

AUSSIE JOCKER.

He was a farmer,
A down-under farmer,
Burly, upstanding, and tanned.
A son of the soil
Who was hardened to toil
For his living he got from the land.
He kept his Merinos,
Those woolly Merinos,
On a ranch in the W.A.
A few thousand head
Of the best stock, 'twas said,
To be found in the whole of the bay.
Close to Fitzgerald,
Snow-covered Fitzgerald,
He laboured in perfect content;
Come rain, sun, or wind,
Jocker ne'er seemed to mind
For on ranching his whole mind was bent.
They called him ol' Jocker,
Yes, they called him ol' Jocker,
Though his years were but thirty and one;
They ne'er thought he'd slope
From his saddle, and rope,
To skedaddle around with the Hun.
But thanks to the Fuhrer,
The glorious Fuhrer,
The war drums beat loud o'er the earth,
The echo came down
To ol' Jock's local town,
Having clamoured from Sydney to Perth
Jocker was shaken,
Quite visibiy shaken,
For he packed up next day, and he went;

And he left Dad, and Marm,
 Looking after his farm
 As he headed for Hunland, hell-bent.
 He went for a pilot,
 A plain sergeant-piolt,
 (For an officer Jock was not meant);
 Was shifted and drafted
 To England was wafted
 Till he landed up stationed in Kent.
 'Twas there he first saw it,
 Yes, actually saw it,
 His own fighter —shiny and new,
 A sleek green and tan 'un,
 Just bristling with cannon—
 Of its type there were only a few.
 So finally Jocker,
 Ol' peaceable Jocker,
 Went tearing round shooting them up;
 He had bagged a score,
 And quite probably more,
 When he made his one slip-up.
 A Focker-Wulf Squadron,
 A crack German Squadron,
 Were just going home from a do',
 When they saw with a shock
 A spot that was Jock,,
 Coming screaming down out of the blue.
 His cannons were blazing,
 Yes, lethally blazing,
 And two Focke-Wulf's were afire,
 When bullets came sinashing,
 To send Jocker crashing
 With his plane, as his funeral pyre.
 I miss Aussie Jocker,
 The pilots miss Jocker,
 And the mess was quite quiet that night,
 But there's hundred's more
 Who will even the score
 And carry on ol' Jocker's fight.
 And they know that in Brisbane,
 Even down there in Brisbane,
 Where a girl sits with tears in her eyes;
 And those two in the West,
 Perhaps *they* know it best,
 And pride won't let sorrow arise.
 For without men like Jocker,
 Ol' peaceable Jocker,
 We'd be in a rum mess today;
 While *his* sort's behind us,
 Our foes have to mind us,
 And we'll *always* keep Jerry at bay.

"WITHOUT THE PRINCE."

The play chosen this year was particularly suitable for a College cast and a College audience as it took for its scene a farmhouse and told of the difficulties which arose when the village dramatic society determined to put on "Hamlet," with the Vicar as producer. Unfortunately plans went awry the night before the dress rehearsal of Hamlet when the Squire's son, who was to take the part of "Hamlet, Prince of Denmark," celebrated a twenty-first birthday well but not too wisely, and the village was left without "the Prince." The plot is complicated by the arrival of a mysterious stranger in the middle of a terrific storm. Emma, the farmer's wife takes pity on him and allows him to stay the night. She regrets this next day however when she discovers strong evidence that he was concerned in a robbery which had occurred in the village, and finds that he cannot give an account of his movements during the previous day. All turns out well however, as the stranger proves to be a famous west end actor, who has lost his memory but remembers perfectly the part of Hamlet, and consents to play in the village production, in spite of the efforts of his manager and leading lady, who arrive on the scene in the last act, and attempt to drag him back to London for his own opening night of Hamlet.

A. C. Mievile in the part of the mysterious stranger was sufficiently vague when he was supposed to have lost his memory and spoke the long passages from Hamlet with beautiful diction and in true Shakespearian style. Perhaps there was not quite sufficient change in his manner after he had regained his memory and took command of the situation.

Miss Lamb as the farmer's wife was sufficiently bustling and bossy and each time she appeared she brightened up the proceedings. As the farmer C. R. Middleton gave a good portrayal of the henpecked husband who disapproved of the highbrow efforts of the village dramatic society and particularly of his daughter who was to take the part of Ophelia. Miss Belfield as the daughter, although occasionally uncertain of her lines, gave a pleasing performance. As her lover, and the village policeman, who was to take the part of Polonius, E. J. Plumb was rather uneasy when wearing the policeman's uniform but became good when he appeared in the Shakespearian costume. An excellent picture of the fussy, nervous Vicar was given by A. W. Wathes who always looked at home in this part. Miss Salsbury as the vicar's wife stepped into her part after only one rehearsal and although she had very little to say she looked the part and is to be congratulated on her performance. The villain of the piece is the farmer's son, a cheeky boy who discovers the stranger's identity and wires for his manager. In this part J. B. Wilkinson spoke well and was sufficiently boyish. Perhaps he was a little late on one of his entrances, but maybe the audience did not notice this. J. Lumby had a difficult part as

the manager, which he played vigorously but unfortunately he did not look the part so that his task was not easy. As the charming London actress Miss Wright was sufficiently alluring and showed real concern at the tactlessness of her manager and mental suffering of her leading man.

The whole cast are to be congratulated on exploiting the humour of the play to the full and giving one of the most satisfactory performances of recent years. N.T.G.

HOME GUARD.

The people of Sutton Bonington may well wonder how rapidly the small College section of Home Guards, that made its way to the local armoury on the first parade, has grown into the now formidable platoon seen marching through the village on Wednesday afternoons. To attempt any detailed account of Home Guard progress is impossible in this limited report, it will suffice to mention briefly some of the various factors that have helped to bring about this change.

During the first term about twenty recruits passed through the stages of elementary training and much can be said for the enthusiasm they showed. Within the first week of the Easter term enrolment forms were again in demand. It was also at the beginning of this term that students at Kegworth applied for transfer into the 2nd Notts. Bn. and were welcomed to strengthen the College platoon which was then being formed.

Members were formed into a separate Battle platoon responsible to No. 10 platoon commander. The Platoon, over fifty strong with its own officer and N.C.O's. was subdivided into right and left half-sections, each of three squads, fully equipped with rifles, stens, machine guns and a spigot mortar. Students, under the able instruction of P.S.I's. and platoon instructors soon became proficient on their use and handling as has been proved since by range firing and weapon trials where a creditable standard of accuracy has been maintained.

The advantages of Wednesday afternoon parades have been fully realised, and an outstanding feature during the past months has been the large proportion of outdoor practical training. Sunday mornings have been devoted largely to exercises with the neighbouring platoons, the speed and offensive spirit of youth coupled with the cunning and experience of older men has resulted in many interesting and determined battles and gained No. 10 Platoon a high reputation both in attack and defence.

Battalion muster, visits to a tank park and training films have provided enjoyable breaks in the ordinary routine of training.

No Home Guard report would be complete without some reference to its social side, ranking high among happy memories is the good fellowship that has existed between students and local members of No. 10 Platoon. The Sunday morning parade in the snow is one occasion that might be recalled.

More recently, after driving the tenacious platoon of Gotham from their once considered impregnable positions, well oiled bicycles were not the only feature of No. 10's rapid return to Base.

PLATOON N.C.O's.

Sgts.: F. M. Darby, M. E. Cox, R. S. Smith.

Cpls.: Sampson, Birtwistle, Buckley and Warner.

L/Cpls.: Prest, Greensmith, Carpenter, Coleshaw, Briggs and Back.

In conclusion I would take this opportunity of expressing on behalf of students our gratitude to C. Coy. Officers and other personnel for their valued support. The work of Capt. Hill to ensure smooth running of the platoon and the well-being of students, his example, and the sacrifice of his spare time has gained him the respect of all ranks.

Finally students themselves are to be complimented on their enthusiasm and sense of duty. The teamwork of all the members, from the senior sergeant to the latest recruit, more than any other factor has made possible this favourable report.

A. MORGAN, 2nd Lieut.,
O.C. College Platoon.

AIR TRAINING CORPS.

The College flights of the A.T.C. embarked upon the Second Year of life with a high reputation to uphold.

In the early part of the session there was an acute shortage of N.C.O's to undertake the training of new recruits; thanks however, to a great amount of hard work by the senior N.C.O's. the appearance of the unit improved with great rapidity.

It was with regret that during the Xmas Vacation, we lost the services of No. 4 Flight Commander, Mr. Johnson, whose new appointment unfortunately severed his direct connections with us. We do however wish him the best of luck in his valuable work with the Royal Observer Corps and it is hoped that he will not plot too many "Links at 5,000."

On the instructional side of our programme we have concentrated more on the engine aspect and out thanks are due to Mr. Calder for giving up his spare time to organise a fine course of lectures on Aircraft Engines and Workshop Practice.

Proficiency results have not been so encouraging as was the case last session, but we have high hopes of success during May and early June. As far as Advanced Training is concerned, several of the second-year men have passed a major portion of these tests.

On the lighter side of our work we have had regular visits throughout the winter to the baths and gymnasium at Loughborough College and once again Sgt. Jackson, P.T.I., has proved his worth as senior instructor for these parades.

Space forbids detailed elaboration but the following chronological table will record the more important events:—

1943.

Oct. 3rd—Demonstration of Foot Drill and P.T. by the senior Cadets.

Oct. 14th—Visit of R.A.F. Brains Trust—a very enjoyable evening with the Home Guard as our guests.

Oct. 26, 27, 28th—Advanced Training Examinations.

Oct. 28th—A very fine talk on Coastal Command by F/O. Stewart followed by a thrilling display with lariats & stockwhips.

Oct. 31st—Social Evening—Visit by Concert Party of the R.A.F. Station, Wymeswold.

Nov. 7th—Remembrance Day Parade at Kegworth. Cpl. Mollart of the College unit acted as Parade Bugler. Wing Parade at Loughborough, also preview of the film "Forever and a Day."

Nov. 14th—The R.A.F. Armaments course was completed with a firing exercise at the local R.A.F. Station.

Nov. 18th—Return visit of F/Lt. Murphy, Fighter Command, who gave the second of his talks on "The Duties and Tactics of a Spitfire Pilot."

Nov. 28th—A. C. H. Cooke, R.A.F. thrilled the A.T.C. and the College in general with one of his Sunday evening pianoforte concerts. These concerts proved to be the greatest attraction of the session for Sunday evenings and it was with great regret that we heard of Mr. Cooke's serious illness, we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Dec. 12th—Visit to local Aircraft Factory.

1944.

Jan. 12th—This day saw the innovation of the compulsory afternoon National Service parade at the College for all students.

Feb. 16th—Unarmed combat became the main topic of conversation thanks to an R.A.F. course on this subject.

Feb. 17th—Talk on "The American Volunteer Group and the Air War in the Far East," by Sgt. Webb, R.A.F. A terrible story told in brilliant style.

Feb. 19th—Cpl. Mollart and Cpl. Jagger represented us in the area boxing championships at Leicester.

Mar. 9th—After much hard labour by Cadets, permission was granted by the Military authorities for us to use the .22 range constructed in the "Brickfield."

Apr. 19th—Summer term parades commenced with all Cadets using the rifle range, to the delight of everyone.

May 1st—Shooting Match A.T.C. v. Staff—a very enjoyable evening which resulted in a win for the cadets by 90 points in 800.

In closing these notes I should like to express my gratitude to all Cadets and N.C.O's. who during the first two years of our existence have worked so hard against heavy odds in order to make our unit the most efficient in the area.

To those of our original complement already in the Services and to those expecting early call-up, we wish God Speed and a safe return.
S. F. MARTIN, F/O.

THOUGHTS OF A VARIETY.

Imagine a crowded stage, blazing lights and masses of colour, glamorous ladies and the sweaty odour of grease paint. Our Variety was nothing like that; we only had the sweaty odour of grease paint, Nevertheless "It was a great success," exclaimed the artists who took part, in a tone of wishful thinking rather than one of social security.

By means of a biscuit tin, a flute, a roll of paper designed for other purposes and a great amount of concentration, the wonders of the Indian Rope Trick were presented for the first time on a stage. Actually, at one time, the success of the act was "hanging by a thread," but we fear most people "cottoned" on. A "reel" of patter by a quack medicine man was recorded and repeated for our benefit by the Roving Mike. It was rumoured he was the only one left; there were no more; the Japs had got the remainder.

A little trouble was experienced in finding a suitable compere, but eventually a talented lady put a "rosy" hue on some items, whilst a good imitation of an Irish labourer "sid" a few words between some of the acts. Lindy Lou and Miss Tarver became famous during the evening due to serenades by mighty baritone voices. Other voices were heard when a party was returning from the Camptown Races and the strains of Polly Wolly Doodle filled the hall. This party was composed of a bunch of nigger minstrels, a couple of ukeles and some topping hats. It was afterwards said that these dark horses should "swing" for their unique version of Old Kentucky Home or be harnessed to a chariot and be swung so low as to endanger their lives, and the whole outfit finally scuttled in a Deep River. Other singing was provided by a young woman who said she felt nervous and "sheepish" before the act and by a fellow who was so afraid his voice would "Peter" out that he spent the previous week sucking throat tablets.

All tastes were catered for from high class piano music by a student who has since been endowed with the affectionate name of Fluffy Teddy Bear, to a drama of Backwoods and Gold Rushes portrayed by Eskimo Pete who came up to expectorations.

The customary dig at the Staff was obtained by a Waxwork Display for which purpose the birth certificates, criminal records and the peculiarities of the models were memorised. One of these models was so lifelike that as soon as "beholden" by the audience the specimen was quickly identified, fortunately for us there are not literally thousands of 'em.

There are however thousands of Britons who comprise the Secret People and of these we learned a great deal from a red faced artist, who, suitably dressed could have been mistaken for John Bull himself. A "smashing" success was an apt description of a radio sketch which allowed crockery to be poured from one bucket to another and also provided the College with a new "well made" female impersonator.

The Mac Brothers, who had a genuine Western Brother at the piano, carefully compiled a script on the Staff and submitted it to Mrs. Mac and others, but due to strict censorship were not allowed to present the original Pukha Gen. The greatest censorship was required at the completion of the show when the dance was cancelled; for due to a Home Guard muster the air was so colourful that a blue pencil would make no impression.

Finally I am "Shaw" that no one would have "Revilled" so much in the show, had not the "make-up" been so well done by three members of the Staff. To these we say "Tarver" everything.
A.R.C.

DICSUSSION SOCIETY, 1943-44.

A varied and successful season was enjoyed despite war-time difficulties.

The first Meeting of-the session was opened by the Principal with a very interesting talk on "The Farmer in Finland."

October 13th—Dr. Wilson of the Research Staff gave a gripping account of his experiences in America 10 years ago.

October 20th—Dr. John Hammond of Cambridge provided an interesting evening with a talk on "Breeding in Relation to Milk Production and Beef Production."

October 26th—Mr. Davies, the co-partner of Sir George Stapleton, at Dodwell, drew a large number of students to a very profitable discussion on the subject "Grassland."

November 3rd—This evening Mr. S. J. Wright, of the National Institute of Agricultural Engineering showed the members present the Work of the Institute at Askham Bryan.

November 9th—As a break in the routine time table of speakers from outside on various subjects, to night was a "General Knowledge Bee". There were two teams, and Mr. Calder was a most excellent Question Master. After an intense struggle, the evening's brain test closed by the men's team winning by one point.

November 16th—To night "War time Cropping" was the title of the talk given by Dr. Moore, of Leeds University. The talk was an outline of war time cropping policy, and in the question time at the end, many interesting points were brought up.

November 23rd—This evening Dairy Farmers and those interested in the Dairying Industry welcomed Mr. Davies, of the Milk Marketing Board in his talk on "The Prospects of Dairy Farming."

Spring Term, 1944.

January 18th—To night the first Meeting of the Term opened with the first Debate of the session. The motion was "That in the opinion of this house debates serve no useful purpose."

To begin with there was not much interest in the subject, but as the evening went on things began to look more lively and ended up by the motion being defeated, only three out of sixty people voting for it.

January 26th—For our last talk of term, Sir John Russell gave a very enlightening and interesting picture on "Collective Farming in Russia," From this evening's speaker not only was something learnt about the Soviet ways of farming but also of the general community life of the Russian peasant.

A very enjoyable and enlightening evening brought the varied activities of the Discussion Society to a close with the prospect of summer heat and longer days out of doors. May next year bring us an equally interesting and excellent number of speakers and audiences.
A. C. Mievile, Chairman.

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

Report on Season 1943-44.

This being the second season for the Rugger Club since the start of the war, the outlook was very promising as we still had the services of some of the players from last year.

Enthusiasm was shown by some of the new comers who were interested, also one or two who wished to take up the game for the first time.

However our first three matches were not too successful as we lost all three. Then came one of the hardest games of the season when we beat R.A.F. Castle Donington 9-3.

This year we were captained by T. L. A. Morgan, who played in the scrum and set us a good example at all times by his aggressive spirit throughout the games.

Due to the fact that the number of players was in the region of twenty-five and also to injuries our team was never the same. This fact makes it difficult to study the players in any one position. However there are certain points who should be mentioned.

Westoby a newcomer to the game played through the season as hooker and with more experience should develop into a fine rugger player.

Mollart played many admirable games at scrum half and should be a great help to the team next season.

Sampson and Briggs were our two second row forwards and did well in holding the scrum together.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Johnson who once again took a keen interest in the game for the first half of the season when he was called away from the College to do work in Nottinghamshire.

However, Barton one of last years three-quarters took over the position of fly-half and did some very good work.

Lastly, I think mention should be made of Uren and Galloway. Uren a fine kicker started the season as full-back but it was soon found that some use could be made of him as a centre three-quarter. Galloway was the other centre being very fast and once on the run was very difficult to stop.

The second half of the season was very short indeed due to the fact that National Service was the occupation for Wednesday afternoons and some of our Saturday matches had to be cancelled. However our first match in the new term was well worth recording as it was quite an event. The Faculty of Agric. and the rest of Notts. University. We drew 6-6, a good show!

On behalf of all the players I should like to thank both Mr. Martin for arranging our fixtures and Mr. Broadbent for refereeing our home matches.

With that I wish the next years team all the very best of luck, also my successor Mr. Sampson as Hon. Sec.

N. J. LYONS, Hon. Sec.

RESULTS—Played 18. Won 3. Lost 14 Draw 1.
Points, Against 153. Points for 71.

FOOTBALL CLUB.

Results : Played 17, Won 3, Lost 13, Drawn 1.
Goals for 37, Goals against 80.

With a record of only three victories gained from seventeen matches, it would be erroneous to describe the past season as successful; this is not a reflection on the lack of enthusiasm amongst the players but on their comparative inexperience.

The Club encountered great difficulty at the beginning of the season in finding suitable players to replace last year's very outstanding defence which had left the College en bloc at the end of the Summer Term.

The defence has always given of its best but we had to contend with some far cleverer and more experienced opposition. The forward line has been erratic but Birtwistle and Chaffey have been responsible for initiating many clever moves in the centre, decimated only too frequently by failure in front of the goal—they were the leading goal scorers each scoring eleven.

Davenport, a very inspiring captain, kept goal throughout the season and the number of goals registered against him was an unfortunate negation of his skill.

Stevenson and Mills have occupied the full-back positions and fully made up in energy and enthusiasm that which they lacked in technique.

The half-back line seldom failed to do itself credit. Lumby played some sound forceful games on the left, and Randall, the pivot, improved with every match he played. Prest, in his capacity of a roving wing-half was indispensable and indefatigable on the right.

The forwards alternated from spells of brilliant approach work to occasions when there was an utter lack of cohesion in the line. The majority of the goal-scoring movements emanated from the left wing composed of Strickland and Birtwistle, who was the most consistent player in the team. Chaffey, at centre forward, although conspicuous with his clever scheming and dribbling combined with a powerful and accurate shot, has tended to individualism and a reluctance to swing the ball about. Coxon operated on the right wing and did much hard work, most of which availed little, as Neil, his partner, invariably confined himself to the middle of the field.

A few other players deputised on numerous occasions but to pass judgment on them would be immaterial.

On behalf of the Committee, I should like to record sincere appreciation to Mr. R. J. Fox, both in his capacity as a very helpful chairman and also for services rendered in the field: thanks also to Dr. Gill and Mr. S. F. Martin, for their services as referees.

At the end of the season, colours were awarded to I. F. Davenport, G. Birtwistle, J. Prest, S. R. Chaffey and J. F. Randall.

G. M. HEATHCOTE, Hon. Sec.

CRICKET CLUB, 1943.

At the beginning of this season, there were a sufficient number of enthusiasts to form two teams, and a very promising 1st XI was obtained.

In the first match of the season against Loughborough College, the team was victorious, putting up a very creditable display. Since then however, we have been unlucky in not winning a single match, but there are several more to play in which we hope to make amends.

We are very grateful for the help which Mr. Martin has given us, and he has set up a high standard in both bowling and batting.

The opening bats, Martin and Birtwistle have shown great ability to obtain runs quickly, but through sheer bad luck, the latter has never had the opportunity to show his talents to the field.

The bowling has been of a high standard, the honours being shared by Uren, Martin and Davenport.

The fielding has not been very satisfactory, but is steadily improving, showing a higher percentage of catches.

The 2nd XI has proved to be very keen in spite of a small fixture list, and in the two matches played, have won one and lost one.

On May 23rd, a fine display of cricket was seen in a match between S. F. Martin's XI and the Royal Army Pay Corps in aid of Sutton Bonington's Salute the Soldier Week.

C. A. KELL, Hon. Sec

April 29th—v. Loughborough College. (Away).

M.A.C.	121
Loughborough College	42
Martin, 8 for 15, Martin 45, Uren 27.	

May 3rd—v. R.A.F. Castle Donington. (Home).

R.A.F.	113
M.A.C.	16
(Palmer 4 for 36.)	

May 6th—v. O.K.A. (Home).

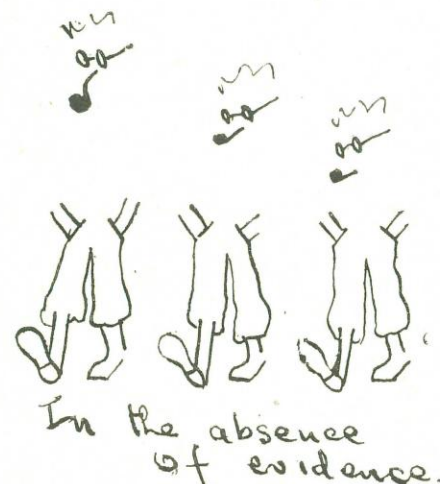
M.A.C.	106
O.K.A.	128
(Uren 3 for 14,) Calthorpe 31, Birtwistle 24.	

May 10th—v. R.A.F. Medical Unit (Away).

M.A.C.	35
R.A.F. Medical Unit	112 for 7
(Martin, 2 for 18).	

May 20th—v. Nottingham High School (Home).

Nottingham High School	144
M.A.C.	56
(Davenport 7 for 31), Martin 27.	



MEN'S TENNIS CLUB.

This term tennis has proved a very popular game and considerable enthusiasm has been shown by the majority of students. The hard courts have been used all the term but the grass courts were only available during the latter half.

The standard of tennis was about the same as last year, and no difficulty was experienced in raising a Men's Team.

The team decided upon was :

1st pair— T. H. Barton & S. E. S. Robinson.

2nd pair—P. F. Buck & R. W. Thompson.

3rd pair—D. Ashwell & R. S. Briggs.

Gibbon, Sampson and Strutt also played in practice games.

A tennis tournament in aid of the Red Cross was held during the term. Owing to the limited time available mixed-doubles only were played. However, great keenness was shown by all taking part, and the tournament proved a success.

On the evening of Wednesday, May 24th, Sqn. Ldr. Dan Maskel (British Prof. Champion and Davis Cup Coach) together with several other notable players gave a tennis exhibition on the College courts. Some fine tennis was enjoyed by a large number of spectators. The proceeds of the event were given to Sutton Bonington "Salute the Soldier" Fund.

So far this term, owing to the ban on Wednesday afternoon Sport and other interferences, only two matches have been played to date, but we have several more fixtures this term in which we hope to be the victors.

May 6th—Loughborough College, Away. Lost 8—1.

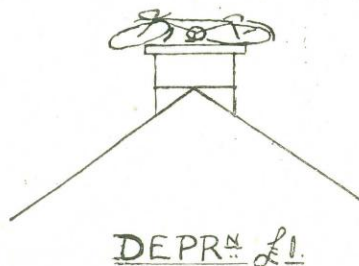
May 13th—Royal Naval Air Service, Home. Won 8—1.

June 3rd—Erricsons, Beeston, Away.

June 10th— Notts. University College. Home.

June 17th—Royal Naval Air Service. Away.

R. W. THOMPSON,
Hon. Sec.



HOCKEY CLUB, 1943-44.

This year we were able to raise two Ladies and a Men's XI.

As there was such a plentiful supply of good hockey players amongst the ladies it was decided to form two teams and on several occasions double fixtures were played.

The men however were not so fortunate and it was only with some little difficulty that a team was raised. Mr. Dominy was very helpful especially early in the season as some of the team had never played hockey before.

It was not until near the end of the Xmas Term that the Men's XI began to show signs of co-ordinated playing.

In the Easter Term however everybody "had found their legs," and the forward line made some very spirited attacks. Darby on the L.W. played skilfully in his attacks, whilst Plumb as his inner occasionally missed some good opportunities. Robinson and Coleshaw as L.H. and R.H. respectively did well in supporting attacks and feeding the wings, whilst Taylor with his smart stick work often cleared the ball out of many tight spots. Gibbon as C.F. played very well but lacked sufficient effort at times, to score when in the circle. R. S. Smith played as I.R. and proved to be a veritable mountain of strength, his spirited playing inspired the rest of the team to even greater efforts. Chapman as R.W. managed to make occasional break throughs. Thompson and Williams as R.B. and L. B. respectively cleared the ball many times with their powerful drives and could always be relied upon to give the other team a good tussle when their attacks seemed dangerous. Weston as Goalkeeper made very remarkable saves, often gaining the admiration of the opposing team.

Easter Term games were reduced to Saturdays only, due to a new arrangement of College activities, so they were played with all the more vigour.

The Club offers its sincere thanks to Mr. Martin, who arranged the majority of the matches and to Mr. Roebuck who refereed nearly all the home games.

Results : Games played, 14, Drew 1, Won 3, Lost 10.

Points for 21. Points against 45.

R. A. CHAPMAN, Hon. Sec. Men's XI.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB REPORT.

This season the Women decided to stand on their own feet in having a separate Committee from the men. It proved to be very successful and we feel we owe a great deal to Miss Sykes who consented to be our president.

The persevering keenness of our teams was partly due to the good leadership of our captain, Miss D. W. Hedley.

The play of both the women's teams remained at an exceptionally high standard throughout, and on more than one occasion we managed to play two matches on one afternoon. We had an unbroken record until we lost the two games against Loughborough Brush Factory during the last half of the season.

Our friendly matches with the Staff were thoroughly enjoyed by all players, and after hard fights we managed to defeat them.

It was unanimously agreed that our last game, which was played against the men's team was the most exciting and certainly the most energetic game of the season, although we were disappointed with the score which was 4—nil to the men.

On behalf of the Committee we would like to thank Mr. Roberts and Mr. Roebuck for refereeing.

Colours were awarded this year to the following:

D. W. Hedley.	P. Marsh.	J. Peacock.
M. Gollidge.	J. Doherty.	B. Davis.
B. Green.		

Results of Matches: Played 15, Won 11, Lost 4.

B. GREEN, B. DAVIS.

DANCE AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee are pleased to be able to report a most successful session of Dances. Socials and Variety Shows.

During the first term of the session, a Whist Drive got things away with a flying start.

Dances were restricted to three a term, as was the case the session before. We should have liked a band for each dance, but we managed quite well with the radiogram for two of them. Numerous new records were bought and the committee have now got a good selection, as I think most people will agree.

The end of term Dances have been a great success, due I think to "The Silver Wings" Dance Band and also to the valuable help given by Mr. Martin.

We have been most fortunate in having two or three variety shows, all of which were a great success, especially "Billy Benett."

In conclusion, many thanks to every one who has helped things to go, whether moving chairs or scraping candles and a thousand other jobs.

I. F. DAVENPORT, Hon. Sec.

BILLIARDS, SNOOKER AND TABLE TENNIS.

This session has been quite successful a one especially as regards to Table Tennis.

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER.

A great deal of interest has been shown by the students this year, mostly from the first-years, who have had more opportunity to play than the 2nd years.. Unfortunately we have been unable to meet the Staff in our annual match this year, but hope that such will not be the case next year.

The Committee organised a Knock-out Competition in both Billiards and Snooker which has been a great success, over forty students entering for each.

Wittering won 1st Prize at Billiards with Thompson a close runner-up.

As yet the Snooker Competition is not completed, but is well under way and should be finished soon.

TABLE TENNIS (Pronounced Ping-Pong).

Once again the Ping-Pong Table has been erected and students have flocked into the Common Room for a quick game between lectures.

Last term a team was chosen to play the women in the Men's Hostel. This, naturally, attracted a large number of spectators. The result was a win for the men.

The Women's team consisted of: Misses P. Marsh, R. Berridge, H. Russell, J. Peacock, A. Hinchcliffe, M. Hudson.

The Men's team was: Williams, Taylor, Robinson, Dunnett, Uren, Thompson.



ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1944.

Sports Day this year was held on May 27th, and we were fortunate in having excellent weather and a good number of spectators. It was a fitting termination to the "Salute the Soldier" Week. The afternoon was made still more enjoyable by a very efficient display by the Royal Army Physical Training Corps. A few events had to be completed previous to Sports Day but the majority were held on that day.

Seven records were broken this year.

880 yds. Men—N. F. Sampson.
100 yds. Ladies—Miss P. Marsh.
220 yds. Men—J. V. Galloway.
220 yds. Ladies—Miss P. Marsh.
120 yds. Hurdles—N. F. Sampson.
80 yds. Hurdles—Miss R. Berridge.
The Inter County Relay—East.

This reflects remarkable credit on the Competitors who must have put a great deal of their precious spare time, into training, and it is a pity that, at present, prizes cannot be awarded. N. F. Sampson was the Victor Ludorum, gaining forty-six points and Miss P. Marsh was the Victrix Ludorum gaining forty points.

These two being many points ahead of their runners up.

The Robinson Trophy was awarded to South whose average was 3.4, followed by East with 2.02, North with 1.76 and West with 1.5.

Mrs. H. G. Robinson kindly presented the Cups, and we would like to offer our sincere thanks to Professor Robinson, the Judges, Timekeepers, and all those who helped to make the day so successful.

Details of the Events are as follows :

- 1 **The Cross Country Race—Men** (The Staff Cup)—
1, Sampson. 2, Birtwistle. 3, Cox.
Time : 39 minutes 23 seconds.
- 2 **The 2½ Mile Road Race—Men**— (The Milburn Cup)—
1, Stickland. 2, Carpenter. 3, Sampson.
Time : 16 minutes 5 seconds.
- 3 **The Ladies' Mile** (The Hunter Cup).
1, Marsh. 2, Dumelow. 3, Belfield.
- 4 **The Place Kick—Men.**
1, Black. 2, Morgan. 3, Dunnett.
Distance : 59 yards.

- 5 **880 Yards—Men.**
1, Sampson. 2, Stickland. 3, Cox.
Time : 2 minutes 13 seconds (New College record.)
- 6 **100 Yards—Men.** (The Sumner Cup.)
1, Galloway. 2, Stickland. 3, Sampson.
Time, 10 4/5ths seconds.
- 7 **100 Yards—Ladies.** (The Turner Cup).
1, Marsh. 2, Berridge. 3, Tyson.
Time, 12 2/5ths seconds. (New College record).
- 8 **High Jump—Men.**
1, Sampson. 2, Morgan. 3, Lyons.
Height, 4ft. 10ins.
- 9 **High Jump—Ladies.**
1, Marsh. 2, Berridge. 3, Hinchcliffe.
Height, 4ft. 7ins.
- 10 **220 Yards—Men.** (The Brewill Cup).
1, Galloway. 2, Cowlshaw. 3, Buckley.
Time, 24 4/5ths seconds (New College record).
- 11 **220 Yards—Ladies.**
1, Marsh. 2, Berridge. 3, Tyson.
Time, 29 1/5th seconds (New College record).
- 12 **Putting the Shot—Men.**
1, Galloway. 2, Lambert. 3, Palmer.
Distance, 31 ft. 3½ ins.
- 13 **440 Yards—Men.** (The Goodwin Cup).
1, Sampson. 2, Stickland. 3, Buckley.
Time, 56 3/5ths seconds.
- 14 **Sack Race—Ladies.**
1, Belfield. 2, Berridge.
- 15 **Sack Race—Men.**
1, Prest. 2, Kell.
- 16 **120 Yards Hurdles** (The Shaw Cup).
1, Sampson. 2, Coleshaw. 3, Barton.
Time, 17 3/5ths seconds. (New College record).
- 17 **80 Yards Hurdles.**
1, Berridge. 2, Marsh. 3, Tyson.
Time, 13 1/5th seconds. (New College record).
- 18 **Cricket Ball—Men.**
1, Taylor. 2, Morgan. 3, Lambert.
Distance, 91 yds. 5ins.
- 19 **Cricket Ball—Ladies.**
1, Marsh. 2, Berridge. 3, Doherty.
Distance 50yds.

- 20 **One Mile** —Men. (The Potter Cup).
1, Sampson. 2, Cox. 3, Tasker.
- 21 **The Staff Race**—100yds. Handicap.
1, Mr. Roberts. 2, Miss Roper. 3, Mr. Calder.
- 22 **Long Jump**—Men.
1, Uren. 2, Galloway. 3, Sampson.
Distance, 16ft. 11ins.
- 23 **Long Jump**—Ladies.
1, Marsh. 2, Berridge. 3, Tyson.
Distance, 15ft. 3½ins.
- 24 **Wheelbarrow Race**—Men.
1, Taylor and Galloway.
- 25 **Wheelbarrow Race**—Ladies.
1, Miss Taylor and Miss Tyson.
- 26 **Inter County Relay Race.** (The Marshal Cup).
1, East. Time, 2 mins. 34/5ths seconds. (New College record.)
- 27 **The Three-legged Race**—Men.
1, Gibbon and Clegg.
- 28 **The Three-legged Race**—Ladies.
1, Belfield and Stewart.
- 29 **The Tug-of-War.**
1, South.
- 30 **The Greasy Pole.**
1, Uren.

G. BIRTWISTLE, Hon. Sec.



IS SHE IN CALF ?

COLLEGE DIARY.

- Sept. 27th—College reassembled. Many new faces were to be seen about the grounds.
- „ 28th—Tailspin did not know where to go to eat his supper—one gentleman asked him “what he was on with” and made a bright suggestion.
- „ 29—The Principal discussed Finland.
- „ 30—General Meeting. The “Ball” was started rolling. First A.T.C. Parade. Mr. Johnson introduced himself—the raw recruits were visibly impressed.
- Oct. 2nd—Whist Drive and Social. Houdini’s first appearance was a great success—also the Western Brothers—Semper in Ex—a !
- „ 10th—Bad manners at a good show resulted in two cold baths—No. 5” limit.
- „ 11th—Percy lost half of his moustache, and nearly lost his nose trying to get rid of the other half with a match.
- „ 13th—The New Hostel got acquainted with the “pukka gen” man from Mr. M. S. H. Also Dr. Hammond spoke on “Science in relation to Animal Breeding.”
- „ 14th—The J.R.B. let us stay. Why?
- „ 16th—1st Hop of the Season. Great success.
- „ 17th—“It is better to have had a morning after than never to have had a night before.”
(G. K. Chesterton in Famous Last Words).
- „ 19th—Mr. Rolfe-Rogers swore, greatly to the discomfort of one of the dairymaids.
- „ 20th—Mr. L. J. Davies talked on “Grassland.”
- „ 25th—The Loose Box was officially opened—never had the Dining room emptied so fast before.
- „ 29th—Musical Bee. On this Day Mr. Burns introduced the 2nd years to sewage sludge in the form of an appetising cake for livestock—they were not amused.
- „ 30th—The 1st Yrs. tried Canteen Bruno with disastrous results all over the backyard.
- „ 31st—Concert by the R.A.F. Wymeswold. “In the Street” of a Thousand Lanterns.”
- „ 6th—2nd Dance of Term. “A change is as good as a rest.”

- Nov. 7th—Stickybeak was not amused to find pilchards in place of his cake.
- „ 8th—The Bugler's rendering of reveille changed to "A life on the Ocean Wave." on someone pouring a glass of water down his bugle—from a great height.
- „ 13th—Mr. Greensmith was roused from his swot by Mr. Fox serenading his photo.
- „ 14th—The A.T.C. spent a windy day at Castle Donington—baked apples for lunch.
Mr. Bentley demonstrated his walking powers by walking from Nottingham to the M.A.C. in 3 hours, arriving at 2.0 a.m.—He's thinking of going in for the London to Brighton after the war.
- „ 15th—The President attended Sunday School followed by Tea and Tiddlewinks with the Rev. Soames.
- „ 19th—Dec. 17th—Not recorded owing to the writer's birthday occurring on the 19th November, and being celebrated till December 16th.
- Dec. 17th—Last Night of Term. Chester and Coleshaw sat up all night to wake early train catchers in the morning—but Coleshaw missed his breakfast.

1944.

- Jan. 10th—College returned to abnormal.
- „ 11th—Students were hosepipied leaving the Loose Box.
- „ 13th—Pepys moved in. Happy welcome to you??
- „ 14th—The New Hostel went Carol Singing. Belated Xmas spirit.
General Meeting.
- „ 15th—Robinson Crusoe at the Theatre Royal seemed to be the main attraction.
The President was flooded out.
- „ 19th—Ping Pong Tournament. The women were "among us."
- „ 22nd—1st Dance of Term.
- „ 25th—Films on Ploughing by the N.I.A.E.
- „ 26th—Sir John Russell spoke on "Collective Farming in Soviet Russia."
- „ 27th—Fluffy & Co. :—Electricians.
- „ 28th—Staff Play, "When we are Married."

- Feb. 9th—Bowday brought many original ideas ranging from Mendel to the Circus.
- „ 12th—Student Variety. Very good show.
Home Guard were called out. The 2nd Lieut. took some finding.
- „ 13th—Cubby sowed a modern seed's mixture including herbs.
- „ 21st—Mixed P.T. in the Hall brought many spectators.
- „ 22nd—Prof. Robinson departed (censored) for his Wedding
- „ 25th—Students were lucky to be able to watch one artificial insemination at Kingston.
- Feb. 26th—Half Term Dance. The snow started falling on this day. Mr. Fox's bike was to be seen on top of the Jam Factory: Prof. Robinson enquired how he managed to ride it up to the roof.
- „ 27th—The Women sided with the New Hostel and a free-for-all ensued—Congratulations to the gentle sex. The lights then failed so with the aid of hurricane lamps a pleasant evening was spent in the joint""
Mollart demonstrated the Jitterbug.
The Students, headed by Davenport helped the cooks to wash up.
- „ 28th—Andre had it. "I can stand a joke."
- Mar. 1st—Andre had it again from a great height. "Who are those big brave boys who would throw snow at a little man like me."
- „ 2nd—Dr. Gill's car performed some weird antics.
Where's George? Mr. Bentley was told that he was a humorist no longer.
- „ 3rd—Squire created havoc with a fire shovel. "Now laddie"
- „ 4th—Staff Variety. "Oh! no, no, no, no!"
- „ 8th—Inter-Men's Hostel Hockey. This time a win for the Large Hostel.
Also Derby Shire Horse Sale.
- „ 9th—Panic reigns—Exams in a week.
- „ 12th—Rajah Khan; Taylor and Cowlshaw stooges.
- „ 13th—2 $\frac{3}{4}$ Mile Road Race. Stickland came first with Carpenter a close second.
- „ 16, 17 & 18th—More Exams. Optimistic remarks overheard in the Common Room. "Well, it all depends on what questions he asks."

April 20th—The 2nd Yr. went out, but the 1st Yrs. stayed in to swot Horti.

„ 21st—Last Day. End of Term Dance and Supper. Prof. and Mrs. Robinson were presented with a silver Coffee Pot. Prof. Robinson showed his appreciation by standing up.

„ 22nd—Isn't it lovely to wake up with a clear conscience? I don't know I never can.

„ 23rd—Some of the Students stayed on till the Students Conference at Warwick.

„ 25, 26 & 27th—The 3rd Students Conference at Warwick received a large deputation from the M.A.C. Rev. Brewin appreciated our team spirit but not the jokes.

„ 17th—Students returned for the last term of the session.

„ 18th—Reunion of "We Three."
Cricket commenced under the able guidance of Mr. Davenport.

„ 20th—The 2nd Yr. N.D.A.'s played with fire on Farm Work Mr. Fox played at Air Raid Warden.

„ 22nd—The President honoured the Students by coming in to Dinner in his shorts.

„ 23rd—Dr. Gill was disturbed by an unknown person kicking the bucket. The usual two received the blame.

„ 24th—Tennis began in earnest.

„ 26th—Mr. Kemp went bathing in the Soar. Little Audrey laughed and laughed, Trim the boat Chester. Mr. Fox was disturbed by the unknown rolling another bucket downstairs.
Quote—"You get more insanely childish every day!"

„ 27th—A strong smell of burning was found to be a cigarette end reposing on Mr. Pollard's shirt tails.
Curly, by the way, was taking a bath.

„ 28th—Squire and Horsey enjoyed Dinner on the Women's Table. "Off to Bow Street!"

April 29 College Dance, 1st of Session.

May 1 A.T.C. v. Staff Shooting Competition. Win for A.T.C.

„ 2 Cross Country. Winner, Sampson.

„ 5 General Meeting.

May 6 Concert by the R.A.F., Wymeswold.

„ 8 It was announced that Supper would be served at half-past six.

„ 11 Squire put on a collar and tie to serve in the kitchen.

13 & 14 Weirs and rapids of the Trent, were successfully navigated by the intrepid six.

„ 15 Mr. Smith woke up with tummy-ache.

„ 16 Compulsory Pig Sale at Sutton-in-Ashfield. The College paid half our fare.

„ 19 The Second Year's enjoyed a little recreation in the fields—"not Tallyho! but—"

„ 20 Salute the Soldier Week commenced. The Home Guard paraded in Sutton Bonington in the afternoon.

„ 21 The A.T.C. and the H.G. had a Church Parade followed by a March Past.

„ 22nd—Cricket Match at the College included several 1st class players. Mr. Martin's XI won.

„ 23—Another Beagle Drive. One Kill. The lads did some hare raising feats.

„ 24—Students watched Squadron Leader Dan Maskell and several other 1st Class Tennis Players on the College Courts.

„ 25—Play by the R.A.P.C., "Springtide"—"Barker!"—

„ 26—Boxing and Wrestling in the Sports Field provided excellent entertainment.

„ 27—Sports Day—finished up with a Dance.

„ 28—Hottest day yet.

„ 29—A close second on yesterday.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

This year the membership of the Association has decreased slightly ; this is no doubt due to the curtailment of activities. It had been hoped that this year we would be able to hold a re-union early in July. Arrangements for this event were well in progress, but owing to the present military situation and the great strain on transport, we decided reluctantly that it would have to be postponed until a more suitable time.

Sports fixtures against the Students are still enjoyed by the few members who find it possible to get to College : Soccer matches were played in the winter and the Cricket team managed to show the Students how the game should be played.

I should like to express our thanks for your co-operation in returning Magazines last year ; this enabled us to send a copy to all old Students known to be serving in H.M. Forces. We only regret that we are unable to print the many letters which we had from all parts of the world, expressing appreciation for the Magazines which revived memories of happier times. This year we have managed to have enough copies printed, to send a new copy to everyone.

At Christmas, greetings air-graphs were sent to all Old Students serving abroad ; and in January parcels were again sent to Prisoners of War.

We find it difficult to keep up to date with the movements of serving members, and would welcome any information regarding changes in ranks and addresses.

I would again like to remind members that subscriptions become due in January each year ; early payment ensures receipt of a Magazine and any circular which is sent out.

T. JONES (*Acting Secretary*),
May, 1944.

TWO YEARS IN MALTA.

(Extracts from a letter written to O.K.A. by an old student C. D. L. Morant, who farmed until 1940 in Central Africa, relating his experiences whilst serving with the R.A.F. in Malta.)

I left England in 1932 and have been farming in Central Africa ever since. My main products are tobacco, whole milk and sheep. Up to 1937 there wasn't much profit in farming out here, but since then most of us have been making small fortunes in spite of super taxes. Tobacco now sells for an average price of 1/9d. per lb. compared with 5d. in 1934, and milk 1/7d. a gallon instead of 1/- in 1936.

I am rather proud of my Ayrshire herd, which is the best in Central Africa. The average herd yield for 98 cows is 8,880lbs. milk and 425lbs. butterfat in 300 days, which compares favourably with British herds, although we only have green grass here from October to March, and cows have to be fed on hay and silage, in addition to 5lb. concentrates p. gallon for 7 months. My best cow gave 19,500lbs. milk (4.2% butterfat) in 375 days. The record for the colony is held by a Friesian who gave 22,000 lbs.

In 1940 by considerable string pulling, I was able to join the R.A.F.

I did two years in Malta from November, 1940, one year on Fighters (Hurricanes and Spits.) and one year on Bombers. We were only supposed to do six months at a stretch on the Island, but I had relatives living there from the time I was two months old on and off until 1932, so I had good reasons for doing four stretches on end.

Strangely enough my best day was when I only had "ammo" in two of my 8mm. guns, but by flukes managed to get two Ju's destroyed and three Macchis "probables." My totals for the year were 10 Certs, 21 Probables, and 47 Damaged. Like all fighter pilots the high percentage of probables and damaged annoyed me, but we were so short of "kites" ammo. and petrol that we couldn't chase the swines back to Sicily.

The casualties were amazingly low, as the island is composed of soft stone and shelters were easy to dig. 70% of the total were sustained by the dock labourers, loading and unloading ships, A.R.P. Officials and R.A.F. ground staff. Most of the bombers did try and go for the harbour and airfields, but when we got on their tails they turned like cornered rats and dropped their "eggs" anywhere.

The thing that shook me most was not the bombing or constant patrols, but having only 5 "fags" a day when my usual consumption out here is 50 or 60 a daily. I used to think of Corker, the College pig-man, who kept a selection of "butts" in his waistcoat pocket and selected one for a 2, 3, 4 or 5 minutes smoke.

My time on the bombers was not so exciting and I rather regretted having changed over, but after I'd baled out 3 times from fighters I was beginning to think I was too old at 28 for that game.

I had to ram a Me110 fighter bomber once as I was out of ammo and my engine was overheating after the M.E. had hit it with cannon shells. The Jerry pilot also baled out and when we were both in the drink "" a fighter came over and shot us up, missing me by miles but hitting the Jerry in the neck. I swam over to

help him but he tried to push me under, so I caught hold of his ankles until he was drowned.

My bomber crew hit 40 or more Axis Ships, but we never knew how many were actually sunk. A week before I was due to leave for England a bit of flak exploded in my cockpit and I got a packet in my right leg just above my knee. Actually it wasn't much, but after a few weeks in an Alexandria Hospital, strings were pulled in the reverse direction and "hey presto" I was a farmer in civvy street once again, just plain Mister instead of S/Ldr. D.S.O., D.F.C. (2 Bars). I can assure you that the latter were not earned as I was no ace, and were probably simply the result of agreeing to spend 2 years in a hot spot which most chaps were eager to leave after a few weeks. The ribbons were an embarrassment in the streets as one was followed by kids wanting autographs, men wanting to shake hands and women wanting to make better acquaintance—garlic was usually the barrier to romance!

We are only rationed here in petrol, oil, new cars and butter, although most imported goods are in short supply.

KILLED IN ACTION.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of the following old students while serving with H.M. Forces.

Sgt. Pilot R. S. Brothwell was killed in action on August 20th, 1943.

Sgt. Air Gunner Roy Smith (1938-39) who failed to return from a raid over Lubeck has since been reported killed.

L. Wright (1938-39) lost his life on October 24th, 1942, whilst serving in the Middle East.

P/O H. E. Wood was missing last June and has since been reported killed.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Gnr. James D. Burton, 943497, Concentramento, P.G. 53, Section 3, P.M. 3300, Italy.

L/Bdr. A. G. Chambers, 896294, Camp P.G.N. 53, Settore No. 1, P.M. 3300, Italia.

L/Bdr. F. L. Cosham, 943498, Prisoner of War Post Service des prisonniers de guerre, 135 Field Regt, R.A., A.P.O. 1635 British Prisoner of War, c/o Japanese Red Cross, Tokyo.

Cpl. John Denton, P.O.W. No. 22530, Stalag VIIIB, Germany

L/Cpl. E. G. Jones, 7925028, British Prisoner of War Camp No. 54, P.M. 3300, Italy.

Tpr. F. W. Porter, Camp No. 22555, Stalag VIIIB (KD OE 231) Germany.

REPORTED MISSING.

Pte. R. B. A. Jeffery, 5827719, after fall of Singapore.

P/O Greenfield, has been missing since 1941 from a raid over Rostock.

Sgt. Observer Jack Newton, has been reported missing from a raid over Germany.

OLD STUDENTS KNOWN TO BE SERVING IN H.M. FORCES.

ARMY AND W.A.T.S.

Agate, B. S. Lieutenant—4/7th Royal Dragoon Guards. Middle East Forces (awarded M.C. in November, 1942).

Baker, J. C. H., Cpl., 6th Bn. R.T.R., Middle East Forces.

Benson, Miss N.—on radio location.

Bethell, R. A., Lieutenant., 2nd Household Cavalry, Home Forces.

Blackburn, J. H., Gnr.,—74th Field Regt., R.A., Home Forces.

Booth, J. C., Signaller.,—79th Scottish Horse, R.A., Home Forces.

Brailsford, W.—R.A.P.C., Home Forces.

Broadberry, H., Driver—R.A.S.C., Home Forces.

Buckle, W. W., L/Cpl.—South Lancs. Regt., Home Forces.

Burt, D., Sergeant—M.P.S.C., Home Forces.

Childs, T. H., Pte.—Detachment No. 5 Convalescent Dept., Middle East Forces.

Clark, J. W., Driver—R.A.S.C., Home Forces.

Collier, R. A., Sergeant—R.E.M.E., N. African Force.

Collier, P. H. F., Private—R.A.S.C., Home Forces.

Creasey, C. E., L/Bdr.—Leicestershire Yeomanry R.A., Home Forces.

Dilworth, R. E., Private—R.A.M.C., Central Med. Forces.

Doughty, K. P., Signaller—Royal Signals, Home Forces.

Doyle, J., Driver—R.A.S.C., Middle East Forces.

Egerton, A., Lieutenant—Kings Royal Rifle Corps., Middle East Forces.

Elkington, A. G., L/Cpl.—Royal Marines, 10D, Middle East Forces.

Ellwood, A. A., Colonel—O.C. Troops on H.M. Transports.

Eminson, R. K., Trooper—5th Cavalry Brigade, Middle East Forces.

Fotheringham, H., Driver—R.A.S.C., N. African Forces.

Gayton, Captain—409 S/L. Battery R.A., Home Forces.

Grayston, J.—R.E.M.E., Home Forces.

Gent, D. A., Signaller—R.C. Of Signals, Home Forces.

Grindey, W. S/L. Bdr.—Signal Training Regt., R.A., Home Forces.

Green, S. G., Signaller—R.C. of Signals, Home Forces.

Hall, B., Bdr.—102 L.A.A. Regt., R.A., Home Forces.

Hall, J. J., Private—Lt. Field Ambulance, Home Forces.

Haines, R. J., Captain—Officer in charge of Salvage, N.C.

Hames, R. A., Trooper—R.A.C., Middle East Forces.

Hartley, T. L., Gunner—53 S/L. Regt., R.A., Home Forces.

Hassall, D. H., Sergeant—I.A.C.C., Persia Iraq Forces.

Harrison, S., 2nd Lieutenant—Army Field Regt. R.A., Persia Iraq Forces.

Hewitt, J. I., Private—2nd Duke of Wellington's, India.

Humberstone, J., Cadet—R.A.O.C., Home Forces.

Ironman, C. H., Private—6th K.O.Y.L.I., Home Forces.

Isaacs, P. G., Gunner—R.A., India.

Jones, D. L., Gunner—530th Coast Regt. R.A., Home Forces.

Jones, T., Sapper—R.E., Home Forces.

Lickfold, C. I., Private—P.Corps, N. African Forces.

Lowe, T. A.—R.A., Home Forces.

Matthews, J. C., Trooper—49th Bn. R.T.R., Home Forces.

Mee, R., Guardsman—Grenadier Guards, Home Forces.

Moor, A. D., Private—R.A.O.C., Home Forces.

Osbourne, F., Private—2nd Somerset L.I., Gibraltar.

Oswald, G. A., Lieutenant—R.A., Home Forces.

Owen, H. O. V., Craftsman—R.E.M.E., Home Forces.

Parkin, B., L/Bdr.—R.A., Home Forces.

Peacock, G. T., Lieutenant—R.A.O.C., India.

Penford, R., Private—2/15th Coy. A.M.P.C., Home Forces.

Poyser, R. C., Lieutenant—Indian Army.

Proffit, G. H., L/Cpl.—Warwickshire Yeomanry, M.E.F.

Randle, L. J., Private—6th Seaforths, Persia Iraq Army.

Rush, W. R., Marine—Home Forces.

Scott, R. N., Major—Indian Army.

Simpson, M. M.—R.E.M.E., Home Forces.

Smith, B., L/Cpl.—260 Coy. P.C., Home Forces.

Spitzer, P., Private—P.C., Home Forces.

Stafford, J. D. M., Marine—Home Forces.

Thickett, J. M., Gunner—88th A.T.R.R.A., Home Forces.

Thomson, H. P., Driver—R.A.S.C., (Animal Transport).

Thompson, C. B., 2nd Lieut.—10th Bn. R.T.R., Home Forces.

Tollington, A. R., Lieutenant—2nd Bn. R.T.R., Persia Iraq Force.
 Topham, J. B., Sergeant—R.A.S.C., Middle East Forces.
 Tunnard, R., Captain—R.A.O.C., India.
 Vernon, R. R., L/Cpl.—R.A.S.C., Middle East Forces.
 Wade, Miss F. E.,—Transport Section of A.T.S.
 Wheldon, E., Lieutenant—R.A.S.C., Middle East Forces.
 Wilson, A. E., Signaller—Field Regt. R.A., India.
 Wilkinson, G. W., Lt.-Col.—Command Land Agent, W. Command.
 Winterton, C., Gunner—153rd Field Regt. R.A., Home Forces.
 Wyeld, H. R., Sergeant—R.E.M.E., Home Forces.

ROYAL AIR FORCE AND W.A.A.F.

Allen, K. W. B., L/Ac.—Middle East Forces.
 Alston, J. D., P/O.—completed training, Home Forces.
 Bates, J. W. B., A/C.1—Middle East Forces.
 Boddy, W., Sergeant—Bomb Aimer, Home Forces.
 Borrowes, R. H., L/Ac.—R.A.T.G., S. Africa.
 Bowley, W., L/Ac.—British West Indies.
 Briers, C., Ac./1—Home Forces.
 Brunskill, E., Sgt./Pilot—A.T.A., Home Forces.
 Burgin, Miss J.—Home Forces.
 Chatterton, J., Sgt./Pilot—on fighter bombers, Home Forces.
 Constable, F., Cpl.—Home Forces.
 Crisp, A. F., Sergeant—Navigator, Home Forces.
 Fry, Miss P. A.—Home Forces.
 Gaskill, H. M., Ac.1—Middle East Forces.
 Gee, M. W., Sergeant—Home Forces.
 Ginns, J. L., F/O—S. Rhodesia.
 Gozney, R.—
 Hazel, W. G., Cpl.—N. Africa.
 Heler, Miss U. M., Section Officer—Home Forces.
 Hicken, P., Sergeant—Home Forces Bomber Crew.
 Hill, R. W., L/Ac.—S. Africa.
 Lawtey, W., A/C.1—N. Africa.
 Love, Miss M. E., Section Officer—Home Forces.
 Larder, H., AC/2—R.A.F., Home Forces.
 Mason, R. R., AC/2—
 Milburn, R. B., P/O—Middle East Forces.
 Moorhouse, D. W., Cpl.—Home Forces.

Neil, C. Y., LAC—Home Forces.
 Pearson, H. A., P/O.—Home Forces.
 Pickerill, N. L., Sgt. Pilot—Home Forces.
 Pope, J., Ac/2—Home Forces.
 Poulson, S. J. U., Sergeant—Air Gunner Home Forces.
 Rash, C. D., F/Lt., D.F.C.—Home Forces.
 Reynard, E. J., P/O.—Home Forces.
 Rollett, J. H. B., F/Lt.—Coastal Command, Home Forces.
 Sawtell, C. K., L/Ac.—Wireless Mechanic, India.
 Searby, W. S., L/Ac.
 Sidall, F., L/Ac.—Home Forces.
 Simpson, Mrs. T. B., L/Ac. W.—Joined up in S. Rhodesia.
 Smith, E. H., F/Sergeant—Home Forces.
 Stubbs, J. W., Cpl.—S. Africa.
 White, A., P/O.—S.T.F.S., Canada.
 Woodcock, A. J., Cpl.—Home Forces.

ROYAL NAVY.

Davis, J. A., Sub-Lt.—Fleet Air Arm.
 Hartley, W. P., Signalman—R.N.
 Hartley, R., A/Seamen—R.N.
 Hoyle, E. W., A/Seaman—H.M.S. Sunflower (Corvette) at sea.
 Mawby, A. A., Gunner—S.S. Empire Lounyo, at sea.
 Slater, R. J., Lieutenant—H.M.S. Quorn.
 Smith, E. J. A., O/Seaman—Naval Training in England.

NOTE—The ranks and whereabouts in the above lists may not be up to date, owing to the difficulty in keeping contact with members of the Forces. We would be grateful to any reader who could let us have more recent information.

O.K.A. PERSONAL NOTES.

The dates in brackets indicate the years of residence at College as Students.

R. H. Andrews (1940-43) has written to say that he is now settled in his job at Kew Gardens.

J. D. Alston (1930-31) has returned from training in Canada and is now a P/O. He was married whilst in Canada. His brother **D. I. Alston** (1935-36) also married. Congratulations to them both.

Miss M. Armitage (1941-43) is working at College on the National Milk Scheme, with **Miss G. Owen** (1941-42) and **Miss E. B. Shaw** (1939-42).

Congratulations to **Miss M. R. Ashton** (1931-33) who was married last autumn and is now Mrs. Thower.

T. C. D. Atkinson continues to invent and develop equipment to aid the production and distribution of clean milk, and has lately been busily engaged with the Ministry of Food, in relation to the heat treatment of milk.

P. Baddiley (1938-41) is District Officer in the Nottingham Area of the Notts. W.A.E.C.

Miss M. Baddiley (1938-39) and **Mrs. T. Jones** (nee T. Bennison 1937-39) are still at College working hard in the Advisory Chemistry Dept. analysing soils and are active members of the local Home Guard.

Miss M. Bacon (1940-42) has left Leicester and is now at the Institute of Animal Pathology at Cambridge.

G. R. Baines (1940-42) is a Technical Officer on the Notts. W.A.E.C.. **Miss M. Brindley** (1838-40) is now the bacteriology lecturer at College.

G. H. Beard (1936-38) has been seconded from the West Sussex C.C. for employment with the W.A.E.C., for that County and is doing valuable work there.

J. C. M. Bearder (1935-37) and his wife (nee Joan Sharman 1935-38) are now living at West Meon, Hants. Mr. Bearder is Assistant Executive Officer to H.W.A.E.C.

H. H. Brownlow (1936-38) is still at home farming with his father, he is leader of the Grantham Y. F. C.

W. E. Battersby is still farming at Somerton Castle, near Lincoln, and finds time to be a member of the Milk Production and Livestock Committee of the K.W.A.E.C. He sees **N. Taylor** (1941-43) occasionally, who is with the Lindsey W.A.E.C.

Congratulations to **Miss M. E. Blore** (1939-41) and **Mr. F. Constable** (1938-40) who is serving in the R.A.F., on their marriage early this year. We also congratulate **Mrs. H. Brown** (nee **Miss R. Hamilton** (1939-41) on the birth of a daughter.

We are very sorry to record the dearth of **Mr. J. F. Blackshaw** who was the second Principal of the College. **Miss O. B. D. Chapman** (1941-43) was working in the Milk Testing Dept. at College and has now taken the post as an assistant in the dairy.

T. H. Childs (1935-36). We hear from his wife that he is in charge of the Dept. of Occupational Therapy and is finding it very pleasant to help the other men to get it again.

Miss G. O. Clarke (1939-40) writes to say she has a job with the East Sussex W.A.E.C., as an Advisory Dairy Officer. **Miss N. N. Creasey** (1937-39) has left Grange-over-Sands and taken up a post as assistant Dairy Instructress in Somerset.

Miss A. E. Cunningham (1937-39) is still working in the Labs. at Kraft Dairies, Middlewich.

Congratulations to **C. R. Deacon** (1941-43) and **Miss M. Levy** (1941-43) who were married in December, and living in W. Leake.

Mrs. K. S. Day (nee **J. Milford** 1930-31) writes to say that she hopes to visit the College soon as she has now come to live in Nottingham.

L. R. Doughty (1919-23) wrote in December, 1943, He was then engaged as Superintendent at the East African School of Agri., and is doing extensive quinine planting. He also tells us that **George Lock** (1922-24) has temporarily left Research work for the push on the production of Sisal. These two crops and food are taking priority in production in this part of the world.

We had an interesting letter from **Dick Dilworth** (1936-38) who is now serving with the R.A.M.C. He has been in Egypt, Palestine and N. Africa, and has now taken up the search for *Streptococcus Haemolyticus* and *B. Typhosus* in Italy. He says he finds it a very difficult job with all the varied and often beautiful distractions that Italy provides.

J. V. Dring (1924-26) is still farming near Market Rasen where he is producing excellent fat bullocks of super grade.

A. V. B. Foster (1921-23) is now partner in a veterinary practice near Birmingham.

R. Fenton (1939-41) left Perkins Clean Milk Equipment to join the R.A.F. and after a brief visit to Canada, has now come home, and taken a job with the Notts. W.A.E.C., where he is smelling out bad drains.

Miss G. Green (1941-43) is a dairy instructress working under the Northants. W.A.E.C. **Miss S. Bloxham** (1941-43) and **Miss B. Horton** (1941-43) are doing the same work in Derbyshire and **Miss C. Maynard** (1941-43) in Norfolk. **Miss W. Greenwood** (1942-43) also has a bacty. job, at the area lab. in Derby. **Mrs. Gibson** (nee **D. V. S. Lamb** 1924-26) is living at Belper and has a small son.

W. E. Heath (1924-29) was over at College for a few days last winter and found the weather much fiercer than he normally enjoys in Edinburgh.

Mrs. J. L. Herring (nee **M. Pickwell** 1930-31) still takes a keen interest in the College and suggests coming back as a student when her boys are big enough to look after themselves. **Peter Isaacs** (1939-41) who is serving in India wrote to say he is trying to keep up the dramatic traditions of the College by producing one-act plays in his spare time.

Miss A. Irvine (1928) continues to engage herself actively on many things and when last heard of was enjoying very good health. **Miss R. Jackson** (1923-26) is still Poultry and Dairy Instructress at Kesteven, but is seconded half the time to W.A.E.C. and is kept busy paying advisory visits to milk producers. She paid two visits to the College last autumn on special courses, and enjoyed them very much. She still manages to find time for an odd game of tennis and golf!

F. Jenkinson (1936-38) is at home farming with his father at Old Somerby. **R. A. Jeffery** (1936-37) finds plenty to engage him with the organisation and operation on the M.M.B. cum M. of F. activities at Stoke-on-Trent. **I. E. Ketteringham** (1934-37) is a Technical Officer for the K.W.A.E.C. working in the Grantham district. He managed to have one or two games of football with Home Guard teams last season and he and **F. Jenkinson** (1936-38) came over to College to play for O.K.A. **Miss F. Kelsey** (1936-38) is working on the Milk Advisory Scheme and has a lab. in Chesterfield.

R. H. Knight -) continues his endeavours to help the farmers in Leics., Derbys., and Staffordshire to improve the quantity and quality of the milk they produce.

Congratulations to **J. K. Knowles** (1922-24) on his appointment as President of the N.F.U. His work at the Union combined with his farming activities at home and his retail dairy business in Nottingham keeps him more than fully engaged.

J. D. Laurance (1937-39) has been seconded from the C.C. to be the animal husbandry officer under the Beds. W.A.E.C.

Miss Margaret Leach has taken up duties as rural domestic instructress for Leics. after similar work in Bucks.

Miss J. Lettall (1935-38) is still working very hard on the College farm with **Miss Z. Blagg** (1939-40). **S. F. Martin** (1933-35) has given up milk testing and has taken **P. Walker's** (1935-37) job in the dairy. Mr. Walker is now livestock officer in Leics.

Miss G. Martin (1941-43) has taken up a dairy instructress's position in S. Africa, and when last seen was anxiously waiting to sail.

J. M. Metham (1839-39) writes to say that he is still kept busy producing fruit trees and bushes of all kinds! **Artie Moore** (1940-42) is working with the W.A.E.C. in Leics.

A. V. Moore (1926-28) is farming with **C. A. Haspel** (1937-29) at Manor Farm, Ab Kettleby, where there is a herd of attested pedigree jerseys as well as over 100 acres of arable, so they find plenty too keep them busy.

Mick Murdock (1941-43) and **Jim Quick** (1941-43) are working together on a W.A.E.C. farm in Leics.

Congratulations to **C. D. L. Morant** (1930-31) on winning the D.S.O. and D.F.C. (2 bars). We were very sorry to hear that he could not carry on his magnificent work in the R.A.F. owing to an injury in his leg. He would like news from or of the following old students: **H. R. Orill**, **I. and D. Alston**, **J. C. Saville**, **A. A. Stanton**, **Simpson**, **Baker** and **Misses Froggatt**, **Warrener**, **Sansom**, **Drummond**, who were presumably students in 1930, when he was at College. His address is, **C. D. L. Morant**, P.O. Box 741, Salisbury, S. Rhodesia.

J. M. Marsden (1935-38) is now married and is District Officer to Hants. W.A.E.C. in the Andover area. **Miss A. C. Nowill** (1938-40) is still working in the Economics Dept. along with **A. Gabor** (1940-41) and **J. L. Shucksmith** (1940-42). **Miss S. C. A. Sturgess** (1941-43) is in the same department doing vegetable costings. **Miss O. Newton** (1940-42) resigned her post in Notts. and is now at home in charge of the dairy on her father's farm. **R. H. Orill** (1929-30) who is farming at Long Whatton was married last May to **Miss Joan Bradbury** who was a former popular member of the College Staff.

F. Osbourne (1937-38) was married in May, 1942, to **Miss L. Frausptan** of London, and is now at Gibraltar. **G. T. Peacock** writes from a N.W.F.P. in India. The post is at the junction of India, Afghanistan, Russia and China, and he likens the life there to life on the Scottish borders in the early days; once off the main road its every man for himself as the men are very tough and the blood feud seems to be the chief thing in life. He gets *The Farmer and Stockbreeder* regularly and passes many pleasant hours reading Mr. Robinson's remarks on what is wrong with Shorthorn, or Mr. Dominy's description of how to build a pig-sty or looking at pictures of Dr. Gill in new and better pastures.

Miss S. Quin (1934-36) is in charge of a lab. at Lincoln in connection with the National Milk Testing and Advisory Scheme.

Congratulations to **F/Lt. J. H. B. Rollett** (1933-34) who has been mentioned in dispatches.

W. D. Riley (1941-43) is an assistant district officer on the D.W.A.E.C. **J. W. Rowlands** (1933-37) has left his post as Machinery Officer in Beds. and taken up new work in Derbys. **Wilfred and Chris Riggall** are farming together at Croxton, and are no doubt producing large crops of barley as a contribution to the war effort. **Miss E. Russell** (1940-42) is working in the Vet. Dept. at College.

Congratulations to **R. J. Slater** (1936-38) on the birth of a son in February last year. **F. Stretton** and **D. Carpenter** are assistant Machinery and Cultivations officers for Beds. W.A.E.C. **H. K. Stroude** (1927-28) of Home Farm, Longstanton, is extending his farming activities in an endeavour to link up his Cambridge shire and Leicestershire farms, but so far is only farming a little over 1,200 acres! **Miss P. Severn** (1930-32) has a very considerable volume of work to keep all the many activities with which she is associated at Rankborough Farms, Langham.

Miss M. E. Speed is in charge of a dairy at Felixtowe, where she was making large quantities of cheese until all milk was directed on to the liquid market. She has an occasional visit from **Miss K. M. Sharpe** (1928) who is with Alfa Laval Milking Machine Company.

Miss J. Sykes (1938-40) has left College and has taken up a post in Wiltshire.

R. N. Scott (1937-39) is now a Major, and has just completed 3 years service in India. He asked us to give his best wishes to all his old friends and he is anxiously awaiting the day when he will meet them all again. **Miss J. Todd** (1940-43) has joined the W.L.A. and is working in Lincs.

We have received a letter from **J. B. Topham** (1938-39) who is with the R.A.S.C. in the Middle East. He follows College activities and was especially pleased to learn that rugby football had been revived.

J. G. Willows is farming at Billingshay and looks forward to coming to a reunion after the war. **Mrs. A. H. Wale** (nee **Miss M. Osbourne**, 1929-30) was married in December 1940, and is now the proud possessor of a son. **G. W. Webster** (1927-28) is a working foreman on a 137 acre farm, which he is trying to turn into a really useful self-supporting and up to date dairy farm. His wife helps in the dairy and is in charge of a small flock of poultry. He informs us that she hasn't forgotten how to make butter even though it is 15 years since she made it at College.

OLD KINGSTONIAN ASSOCIATION.

List of Members at May, 1944.

Abott, Miss J. C.	2 Loscoe Mount Road, Sherwood, Nottingham.
Adlem, Mrs. M. B.	Connaught House, Steeple Ashton, Trowbridge
Allison, W.	West Leake, Loughborough.
Alvey, Miss B. M.	c/o The New Lodge, Sutton Scarsdale, Chesterfield.
Andrews, R. H.	Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey.
Alston, J. D.	Uphall, East Harling, Norwich.
Archer, R. E.	Royal Oak Garage, Barlborough, Chesterfield.
Armitage, Miss M.	Midland Agricultural College.
Baddiley, Miss M.	Midland Agricultural College.
Baddiley, P.	Pasture Farm, Willoughby.
Bailey, C. D.	Shrangri-La, Nanpanton Road, Loughborough.
Baines, G. R.	Home Farm, Alexton, Uppingham, Rutland.
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Hinchliffe, Audrey Marian	Strathdene, Derby Dale, near Huddersfield, Yorks.	N.D.A.2.
Hirst, Charles Victor	Newstead House, Bond Street, Wakefield, Yorks.	Cert. Agric.
Hobson, Peter Yeomans	((Taking one-term dairy course in the summer.) "The Limes," 663 Newark Road, Swallowbeck, Lincoln.	N.D.A.2.
Hodson, Angela Marion	Te Hira, Moultrie Road, Rugby.	Farm Pupil.
Hole, Walter	Amber Hill Farm, Ashover, near Chesterfield, Derbys.	Cert. Agric.
Hourihane, Patrick Brendan	Sallins, Co. Kildare, Eire.	N.D.A.1.
Hoyes, George Carter	"The Poplars," Saltfleetby, Louth, Lincs.	Cert. Agric.
Hudson, Margaret	585 Scott Hall Road, Leeds, 7.	N.D.D.2.
Hutchinson, Noel Staughton	"Shalloes," Station Road, Cropston, Leicester.	Cert. Agric.
Ibbotson, Margaret Jean	Norwood Farm, Langwith, near Mansfield, Notts.	N.D.D.2.

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Jackson, Nannette	Manor Farm, Cherry Burton, near Beverley, Yorks.	N.D.D.1.
Jackson, William Charles	"Wallfields," Castle Street, Hertford	N.D.A.2.
Jagger, Brian Austin	7 Conyers Avenue, Grimsby, Lincs.	N.D.A.1.
Jewson, David Frank	The Close, Douglas Road, Long Eaton, Nottingham.	Farm Pupil.
Johnson, Rosemary	198 Unthank Road, Norwich.	N.D.D.1.
Jones, Peter Ramsey	Doncaster Road, Langold, Worksop Notts.	Cert. Agri.
Jones, Valerie Mary Lloyd	Highlea, Tansley Hill Road, Dudley, Worcs.	N.D.P.1.
Kell, Colin Alexander	29 Welhome Road, Grimsby, Lincs.	N.D.A.1.
Kemp, Peter Davey	29 Milner Street, Newark, Notts.	N.D.A.2.
Kennedy, Frank	12 The Larches, Teesville, So. Bank, Middleborough, Yorks.	Cert. Agri.
Kirby, Betty Eileen	(Taking one-term dairying course in the summer.) 41 St. John's Road, Sidcup, Kent	N.D.D.1.
Knight, Peter	The Green, Husbands Bosworth, Rugby, Leics.	N.D.A.1.
Knightbridge, David Edmund	"Perry-mead," Perry Street, Billericay, Essex.	Cert. Agric.
Knowles, Margaret Gwendoline	(Taking the one-term dairying course in the summer.) 124 North Parade, Sleaford, Lincs.	N.D.A.1.
Lamb, Irene	46 St. George's Square, Chadderton, Lancs.	N.D.D.1.
Lambert, Jean	Wallthwaite, Troutbeck, Penrith, Cumberland.	N.D.D.2.
Lambert, Norman	39 Queback Road, Dereham, N/k.	Cert. Hort.
Le Feuvre, Wilton Fredk.	Caryl House, 10 Caryl Road, St. Annes.	Cert. Hort.
Lescher, Patricia Mary A.	307 Burton Road, Derby.	Farm Pupil.
Levesley, Michael Parkin	The Grey Cottage, Turkdean, Northleach, Glos.	N.D.A.1.
Lievesley, Tom Alison	Bleak House, Ringer Lane, Clowne, Near Chesterfield.	N.D.A.2.
Lumby, John	Town Farm, Church Street, Donington, nr. Spalding, Lincs.	N.D.A.2.
Lyons, Norman John	Ashmount, Lovibonds Avenue, Orpington, Kent.	N.D.A.2.
Machin, Rosalind	Lumllo, Leek Road, Congleton, Cheshire.	N.D.D.1.
Marsh, Patricia Althea	4 West Park Place, Leeds, 8.	N.D.A.2.
Marston, Margaret Elizabeth	c/o Mrs. Naish, Brook Lodge, 24 Reading Road, Wallingford, Berks.	N.D.H.2.
McByrde, Emily Jean	99 Tavistock Drive, Mapperley, Park, Nottingham.	N.D.D.1.
Meyrick Jones, Daphne	Willow Farm, Stratton Audley, Bicester, Oxon.	Cert. Agri.
Middleton, Crampton Roger	42 Park Street, Worksop, Notts.	N.D.H.2.
Middleton, Owen	"Oak Lodge," Keyham Lane, Scraptoft, Leics.	N.D.A.2.
Mieville, Anthony Christian	30 Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, Kent.	N.D.H.1.
Mills, John Arthur	66 Monks Road, Lincoln.	N.D.A.1.
Mollart, Geoffrey Thomas	School House, Beauvale, Newthorpe, Notts.	N.D.A.1.
Moore, Michael Eric	128 Spencefield Lane, Leicester.	N.D.A.2.
Moore, Milton James	"Miltonlea," Moorfield Road, Peterborough, Northants.	Pract. Hort.

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Morgan, Thomas A. Lewis	Penrice Home Farm, Reynoldston, Swansea, Glam.	N.D.A.2.
Morris, Norman	"The Elms," Scaford, Melton Mowbray, Leics.	Cert. Agri.
Mumford, David Richard	35 Holmfield Road, Leicester.	N.D.A.1.
Neale, Ann Elizabeth Story,	Kneeton, Notts.	N.D.H.2.
Neil, Stuart	39 Third Row, Ashington, Northumberland.	Cert. Agri.
Neville, Eric Millman	Westfield House, Arnesby, near Leicester.	Degree Hort.
Painter, Nancy Campbell	44 Rowsley Avenue, Leicester.	N.D.P.1.
Palmer, Gordon Frank	Trentino, Wilford Lane, West Bridgeford, Notts.	Cert. Agri.
Parry, Catherine Mabel	1 Walton Drive, Boythorpe, Chesterfield.	N.D.H.1.
Peacock, Joan Elizabeth	South Parade, Bawtry, near Doncaster, Yorks.	N.D.D.2.
Plumb, Edward John	40 Elveden Road, Thetford, Norfolk	N.D.A.2.
Pollard, Ivor James	32 Mansfield Street, Quorn.	N.D.H.2.
Prest, Jeffrey	"Woodhenge," Billinge End Road, Blackburn, Lancs.	N.D.A.2.
Randall, Frank Haywood	"Haywood," Longdale, Linby, Notts.	Cert. Agri.
Ray, Jean Elizabeth	71 Muskoka Drive, Sheffield, 11.	N.D.P.2.
Read, June H.	Pinfold, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs.	N.D.P.1.
Richardson, Peter	"Sterndale," 156 Warwick Avenue, Old Normanton, Derby.	Farm Pupil.
Robinson, Simon Edward Stuart,	The Red House, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Lincs.	N.D.A.2.
Russell, Helen Estelle	14 Ernla Road, West Wimbledon, London, S.W. 20.	N.D.D.2.
Russell, Sylvia Mary	683 Loughborough Road, Birstall, Leeds.	Farm Pupil.
Ramsbottom, Arnold T. S.	442 Milton Road, Cambridge.	N.D.A.1.
Salsbury, Elizabeth Frances	Green Gables, Milton Road, Repton, Derbys.	N.D.H.2.
Sampson, Nigel Francis	East Melbery Farm, Shaftesbury, Dorset.	N.D.A.1.
Sampson, Ralph	"Fairview," Kings Road, Barnetby, Lincs.	N.D.A.2.
Self, Gerald James	Swan Street, Boxford, Suffolk.	Cert. Agric.
Sharpe, Kathleen Erica	"Spa House," 145 Monks Road, Lincoln.	N.D.H.2.
Sidery, Peter Frederic	121 Grove Road, Millhouses, Sheffield, 7.	Cert. Agric.
Silcock, Edward Ernest	245 Bramhall Lane, Stockport, Cheshire.	N.D.H.2.
Sinmpson, Thomas Edmund A.,	Collow Abbey Farm, nr. Wragby	N.D.A.1.
Smedley, George Michael	Netheredge, Belvue Road, Ashbourne, Derbys.	N.D.H.1.
Smith, Hilda Valentine	Clifton Cottage, 108 Paget Street, Loughborough, Leics.	N.D.A.1.
Smith, James Dennis	"Jalna," Beverley Road, Anlaby, E. Yorks.	N.D.A.1.

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Smith, Richard Sydenham	145 Walmersley Road, Bury, Lancs.	N.D.A.2.
Stafford, Jack	"The Harbour," Gunthorpe, Owston Ferry, nr. Doncaster.	N.D.A.1.
Staniland, Ernest Anthony	Mill Farm, Ordsall, Retford, Notts.	Cert. Agric.
Stanley, Robert Douglas	4 High View Avenue, Keyworth.	Cert. Agric.
Stephenson, Winifred	Barrowby Hall, Garforth, near Leeds, Yorks.	N.D.D.1.
Stevenson, Clifford	"Brooklyn House," Carrington, Street, Loughborough, Leics.	N.D.A.1.
Stewart, Ena Margaret	532 Loughborough Road, Birstall, Leicester.	Farm Pupil.
Stickland, Edgar	64 Wanstead Park Road, Ilford, Essex.	Degree Agric.
Strutt, Desmond Rupert	Kingston-Hall, Kingston, Derbys.	N.D.A.1.
Styan, Mary	Bank Top Farm, Grindleford,	Cert. Dairying.
Sams, Ivan Leonard	Red House, Fulstow, Louth, Lincs.	Cert. Agric.
Tasker, Norman	28 Augusta Street, Grimsby, Lincs.	N.D.D.2.
Taylor, Harry Purseglove	"West Holme," Subley Lane, Dronfield, near Sheffield.	N.D.H.1.
Taylor, Josephine	Park Farm, Grundisburgh, near Woodbridge, Suffolk.	N.D.A.1.
Taylor, Philip Salize	The Naze House, Chinley, Derbys., via Stockport.	N.D.A.2.
Thompson, Keith James	133 Newark Avenue, Peterborough, Northants.	Farm Pupil.
Thompson, Ralph William	Water Farm, Ruskington, near Sleaford, Lincs.	N.D.A.1.
Tilmouth, John	41 Abbey Park Road, Grimsby, Lincs.	Cert. Poultry.
Tuffrey, Hilda	31 Main Street, Shirebrook, near Mansfield, Notts.	N.D.D.1.
Turner, Philip John	59 Newcastle Street, Burslem, Staffs.	N.D.A.1.
Tyson, Dorothy Rose	Castle Head Farm, Grange-over-Sands, Lancs.	N.D.A.1.
Underwood, Annie Elizabeth	14 The Parkway, Humberstone, Leicester.	Cert. Hort.
Uren, Richard	Sea Crest, South Parade, West Kirby, Cheshire.	Cert. Agric.
Vennard, Anthony Michael	Hornsby Farm, Hornsby, Cumberland.	Cert. Agric.
Wakeley, Robt. William	Twycross, Nuneaton, Warwicks.	N.D.A.1.
Walmsley, Noelle Enid	Bella Vista, Lucknow Drive, Nottingham.	Cert. Hort.
Wathes, Albert William	Main Street, Snarestone, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.	Cert. Agric.
Warner, Michael R.	Thorpe-le-Fallows, Lincoln.	N.D.A.1.
Watkins, Gerald Ronald	26 Rushley Road, Dore, near Sheffield, Derbys.	N.D.A.1.
Watson, Gordon Dudley	28 Schofield Avenue, Witney, Oxon.	Cert. Hort.
Webster, Dorothy	112 Wrottesley Road, Tettershall, Staffs.	N.D.A.1.
Wells, Robert Alan	Avoca, High Lane West, West Hallam, Derby.	Cert. Agri.
Werner, Hans John	Corner Close, Knighton Rise, Oadby, Leics.	Cert. Dairying.
Wilkinson, John Richard	264 Walton Breck Road,	Farm Pupil.

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Willey, Barbara	Liverpool, 4. 252 Frodingham Road, Crosby, Scunthorpe, Lincs.	N.D.D.2.
Williams, Gerald Ernest	Acrefield Nurseries, Gateacre, Liverpool.	N.D.H.1.
Williamson, Kenneth Frederick	Leen Valley Poultry Farm, Linby, Notts.	N.D.D.2.
Wilson, Margaret	315 Greenacres Road, Oldham, Lancs.	N.D.D.1.
Wingrove, John Kerry	22 Leicester Lane, Leamington Spa, Warwicks.	Pract. Hort.
Wittering, Sydney Charles	22 Douglas Road, Long Eaton, Notts.	N.D.A.1.
Woof, William Wearing	Beckside, Cautley, Sedburgh, Yorks.	Cert. Agric.
Wray, Lavender Mary	Ling Moor, Swinderby, Lincoln.	Farm Pupil.
Wright, Margaret Ann	8 West Road, Bourne, Lincs.	N.D.H.2.
Wernham, Margaret	King William IV, Thurcaston, Leics.	N.D.D.2.
Westoby, David	16 Leicester Road, Shepshed, near Loughborough.	N.D.A.2.
Yeardley, Jean	Hodsock Cottage Farm, Langold, Worksop, Notts.	N.D.D.1.
Young, Charles Stuart	South Owersby House, South Owersby, Lincoln.	N.D.A.1.
Weston, Philip Charles	Newton, Sleaford, Lincs.	N.D.A.1.
Weston, Robert Alan	9 Oakmere Close, Potters Bar, Middlesex.	N.D.A.2.
Wetton, David Henry Towerson	215 Leamington Road, Coventry, Warwicks.	Pract. Hort.
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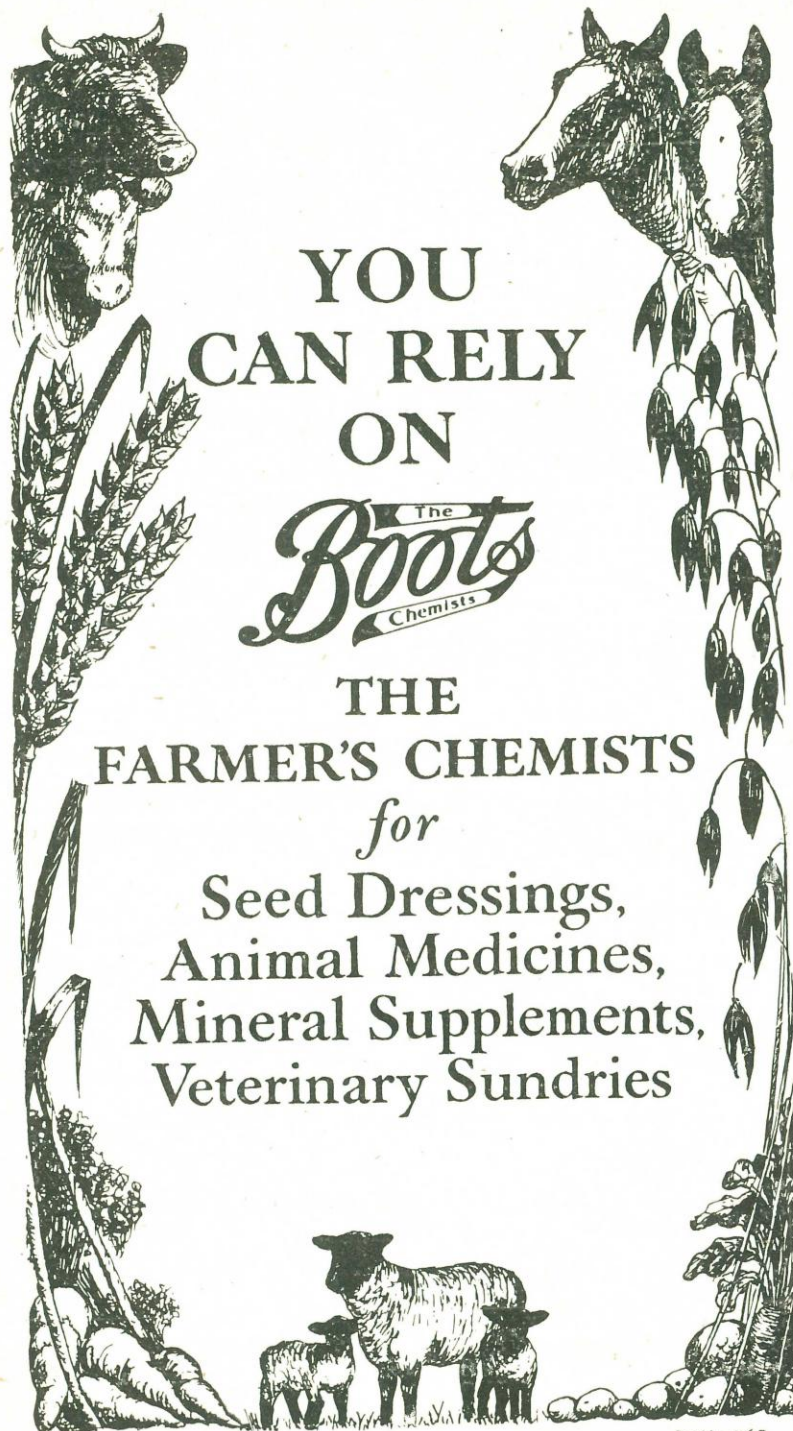
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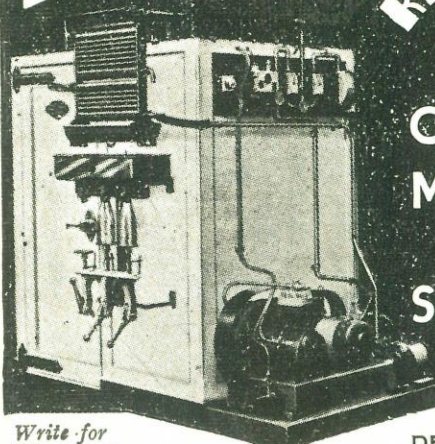
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