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## EDITOR'S NOTES

The Annual General Meeting, held at School early in October, proved to be something of an innovation, the business being partly transacted by candle-light because of a power failure. Business was much as usual, the officers being re-elected *en bloc* in the absence of any nominations, and Mr Kemp's name was added to the list of vice-presidents at the suggestion of the Committee. It was made known at the meeting that work had been started that very week on the War Memorial which is to take the form of a tennis court, to be laid at the far side of Garner's Nursery by the En Tout Cas company. A proposal was carried at the meeting that the names of former pupils of the School who lost their lives in both wars should be commemorated by a memorial tablet erected on or near the tennis court. The treasurer pointed out that this would involve an additional unforeseen expense, and added that the War Memorial Fund was still open for further contributions.

The Association's banner continues to be carried into the heart of Lancashire each week by the football section, which continues to partake in the only flourishing activity of the

\* These two offices were temporarily vacant at the time of going to press owing to the unfortunate timing of committee meetings.

Association. Did you hear of the two brothers who went to Blackpool to represent the L.A.L. and ended up with an Old Glossopian at 2 o'clock in the morning in Wigan? The dramatic section is on the verge of succeeding, but lacks someone with some spare time who can produce a play; we have several experienced producers, from whom advice would be forthcoming, but none of them have the time to put in to organise a production. The position with regard to dances is that we haven't the money to lose on another one, and only if it is certain to pay can one be put on.

At the request of members who attend universities, the date of the next annual meeting is to be put forward into September, before the beginning of term. The date of the Annual Reunion Dinner is to remain as near as possible to Founder's Day, and this year will be held at the Stamford Hall on February 14th, 1953.

There is some news about blazer badges, which are available in wire form at 35/-, and it is quite probable that silk ones will be available soon. Scarves are 22/6 and ties 13/- each.

Camp this year was again a great success, in spite of yours truly's incapacity, and was marked by a surfeit of bacon, a marked lack of those long willowy sausages which we all love, and the emergence of a new Wallis in long trousers and a cloth cap for use with his Duggie—but more of this later from the Ancient Camper himself.

Talking of Duggie reminds me that Doug Pennington is now settled in Northern Rhodesia with his wife and family. He had a Government job with a large furnished house thrown in, but after a while turned it in to work for a transport agency where he immediately discovered some cooking in the books, and landed two clerks with four years each in a "Government rest home"—with hard labour! He is very happy in Rhodesia, and has been in touch with Jimmy Ainsworth and Stan Howarth. Stan is still anxious to know of anyone wanting to go out to British East Africa, where there appear to be plenty of good jobs waiting.

With deep regret, we have to record that Victor M. Johnson, of Sale, was involved in a tragic motor accident on June 2nd, and was killed instantly.

## SCHOOL CAMP

### EVIL INTENTS

This was the libellous sign that this year's Camp Signwriter, in his ignorance, caused to be erected by the O.A.s' lines. Nothing could be further from the truth, although whenever the rowdy behaviour of any campers was reported to the local constabulary, P.C. Lemon invariably started his enquiries at Sea View Farm.

