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## *Editorial*

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Yet another school year has come to a close, and the sustained enthusiasm of the boys, both in the classrooms and on the playing-fields, continues to give much satisfaction to all those concerned with their welfare.

The usual camping holidays and picnics have taken place, and have been enjoyed by both boys and staff.

During the year, through the kindness of C. R. Ranganathan, Esq., President, Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, we have received gifts of trees. These have been planted round the large playing-field, and are already presenting a pleasing appearance.

In Long Term a new sound projector came into use; this has proved a great success, both educationally, and as a source of amusement.

The usual number of boys have left for their public schools, carrying with them our good wishes for their future success. We are constantly in touch with them, for they still enjoy a visit to their old school, and we notice, with much pleasure, that they continue to uphold the Welham tradition.

## **Founder's Day, 1st December, 1949.**

### **REPORT & ADDRESS. '**



Mr. Lal, Ladies, Gentlemen and Old Boys,

To-day is the 13th Anniversary of Welham Preparatory School Founder's Day. I am very glad that Mr. Lal, Superintendent of the Doon consented to preside and I thank him very much for sparing the time to do so. I may say that I look to all the Officials of Dehra Dun to give a helping hand in various ways for the benefit of this national work. We are educating boys whose destiny should be the future leadership of their country. This is to be expected because the chief function of Welham Preparatory School is to prepare boys for the Doon School. I feel sure it will interest you to know that up to June this year, we have passed on 170 boys to the Doon School. I think that our Old Boys are proud of being "Welhamites" a name they themselves have coined. This year we have admitted 40 boys, an equal number both terms. Our roll is the same as a year ago—133, this number being the limit of our accommodation. Our Waiting List is a very long one. In the selection for the limited number of places, preference is given to our boys' brothers and to boys assured of entrance to the Doon School at the proper joining age of eleven years.

The constitution of our classes remains the same; 3 in Upper, 2 in Middle and 5 in Lower School.

Before proceeding further in this Report, I have much pleasure in acknowledging the excellent team-work there has been amongst all Members of the Staff and I offer my grateful thanks for their devoted and unsparing service to Welham Preparatory School. A large share of this goes to Sister whose work in the School Hospital is continuous and exacting. Dr. Hoon's responsibility in the School's welfare is appreciated by the boys and their parents as well as by myself.

Nowadays, the housing problem is a common complaint and in this School it is no less acute. For over a year, our Teaching Staff have unselfishly endured the discomfort of make-shift accommodation. In August, 1948, the Staff Bungalow was lent to our chief landlord and I am still hopefully awaiting possession of the substitute house requisitioned by the D.M. in September, 1948.

For a school of this kind, it is a great benefit not to have changes in the Staff, and in this way we have been most fortunate. Recently, we welcomed Miss Madhavi, who joined from South India replacing Mrs. Perkins who has left to rejoin her family in England.

The School's various activities—cricket, football, hockey, athletics—continue with great zest and recently our Olympic Team, after trying six years in succession, succeeded in bringing back the Trophy for the under 11-years. The two School Companies—Ganges and Jumna—vie with each other in friendly rivalry for the various events. Jumna still manages to keep a good deal ahead. A Swimming Inter-Company Trophy has been presented by Mr. Mack Chaytor but so far has not been competed for. The reason for this was quarantine both terms preventing our boys using the Doon School Swimming Bath which during the season the Headmaster always places at our disposal.

On last year's Founder's Day, I made an appeal for the School Endowment and Building Funds. In response to this, I received only one donation—a sum of Rs. 500/- generously given by Rani Madhavi Devi of Jasdan. This brings the Savings Bank Building Fund up to over Rs. 5,500/-. At that time, the Rani Sahiba's son joined the Doon School from Welham. A year ago, I also made reference to my request for a grant of land from Government. In this connection, last January I paid a visit to the late Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, at that time Governor of the United Provinces and she sent me on with her personal letter to Dr. Tara Chand, Secretary Educa-

tion, Central Government. Dr. Tara Chand gave me encouragement in my petition. However, because of the conditions laid down, I decided that the time had not yet come for doing this transfer and resolved that as long as I am at the helm it is better for me to continue the administration with a free hand.

Quite recently, the present Governor of the U. P., H. E. Sir Homi Modi, honoured me with a talk showing his interest in Welham Preparatory School and the problems engaging my attention. The problems of the moment are not new. They are the same that have faced me throughout the life of the School. And when the solution comes, it will be the settlement of the whole institution entirely on its own premises and estate. This is my ardent desire.

Towards the goal just mentioned, I have a good announcement to make and this is the purchase of the School Games-field. This is an important acquisition and was made possible through the help of friends and the payment arranged by means of temporary loans.

During the year, thanks to Mr. Martyn, Headmaster of the Doon School, we have had some important visitors. In April, 13 members of the Indian Public Schools Conference came; they represented the Scindia School, Gwalior; Daly College, Indore; Rajkumar College, Raipur; Sardul Public School, Bikaner; Shri Shivaji School, Poona; Mayo College, Ajmer; Yadavindra Public School, Patiala; Modern School, Delhi; Aitchison College, Lahore; Birla Vidya Mandir, Naini Tal; Delhi Public School and the Doon School. In May, Mr. Martyn brought the following members of the Doon School Board of Governors:—Sir John Matthai, Mr. D. R. Das, Mr. K. P. S. Menon and Mr. S. A. Lal.

In conclusion, I refer with pleasure to the guests assembled here this afternoon, many parents and friends and a good many Old Boys who have taken the trouble to come to share in our



celebrations. We thank you all for coming and hope you may derive amusement and interest in our entertainment, imperfect though it probably will be. Our thanks also go to those friends unable to be with us but who have written their felicitations.

I now ask Mr. Lal to give the Founder's Day Address.

**Founder's Day, 1949, Address given by Mr. B. B. Lal, I.C.S.,  
Superintendent of the Doon.**

Miss Oliphant, Ladies and Gentlemen, and my young friends,

It would have been a pleasure for me today to have participated in this happy anniversary of the Founder's Day if I had not been asked to make a speech and if this had not been the 13th anniversary. As if to add to my discomfiture the report mentioned that the School has been visited by 13 important persons during the year. I hope, therefore, to be excused if I appear to be ill at ease and if what I am going to say turns out to be a confused mass of ideas. I am, however, conscious even in my present disturbed state of mind of the honour which Miss Oliphant had done me in asking me to preside at today's function and to deliver the address and I am extremely grateful to her for her kindness.

Some words of advice to the boys are customary at such occasions. I have only two points to make: firstly, I would like to say to my young friends that they should always keep smiling. Whatever happens, let not any event depress you. All things in the world have two sides to them—a darker side and a brighter side. As the old saying goes, every cloud has a silver lining. Look always to the brighter side of things—to the silver lining of each cloud—and, keep smiling. It is a great thing to go through life without ever allowing anything to weigh on your mind and taking things easy as they come. If you adopt such a mental attitude to things and events right from this age, it will stand you in good stead later on when you leave your Schools and Colleges and embark on a career in life. By that

time it will become a habit with you to keep smiling and you will find that you will get great fun out of life that way.

My second point is that you should spend as much of your time out of doors as possible. I do not say that you should not go to your class rooms or that you should not study when it is time to study, but apart from that the more you stay out of doors the better it will be for you. It does not matter so much what you do out of doors—you may be playing games, or swimming in the Doon School Swimming Pool, or merely strolling about in the school compound, but the more you remain out of doors the healthier and sturdier you will grow and you will always be fresh for any task. In particular you will perhaps find a study of nature of engrossing interest—watch the various types of insects and plants and everything about them and when you go home see if you find similar things in that vicinity. See how in the cold season and in the colder climates the dew is frozen into a thousand beautiful needles as it drips from the leaves. See all the various phenomena of nature at her best and learn to appreciate nature that way. To repeat, you may do what you like but spend as much of your time as possible out of doors and always keep smiling.

I now revert to some points mentioned by Miss Oliphant in her report. The Welham Preparatory School is fulfilling a real demand in the educational field and this is reflected by the long waiting list to which Miss Oliphant has made a reference in her report. Such schools we need in greater number and I am sure all local officers will always be happy to lend a helping hand, as far as their powers go, to institutions like this. However, times are difficult and we have all to leave a number of our wants and desires unfulfilled. When Miss Oliphant was referring to the common complaint of the time, I thought she was going to say something about the sugar shortage from which we are suffering at the moment. The reference, however, was to the shortage of accommodation for the School Staff. I fully appreciate the difficulties which members of the staff would be

experiencing on that account but our task in allotting accommodation has been made difficult by the rapid increase in the population of the town during the last four or five years with which new constructions have not kept pace. Nor do house owners and tenants vacating accommodation occupied by them, help in the task. Also allotment and requisition proceedings are sometimes likely to take particularly long when these are hotly contested. In case of the requisition proceedings for the School to which Miss Oliphant has referred it has already taken over a year for the proceedings to be completed, but I would like to say that my own responsibility in the matter is confined to the last three months only. And, if it gives any consolation to members of the School Staff who are hard pressed for accommodation, I would like to tell them that I have been looking for a house for myself ever since I came here and have found none so far. If any of them can tell me of a decent house in a respectable locality, carrying a moderate rent, which may be vacant, I would feel deeply grateful. However, as I said, whatever difficulties come our way, let us always keep smiling.

## *School Diary*

### Short Term—1949

- Aug.* 23rd School re-opened.
- .. 24th New boys were tested.
- .. 25th Joint Company meeting. Miss Oliphant announced the promotions; classes began.
- .. 28th Boys visited brothers at the Doon School.
- Sep.* 3rd School cinema.
- .. 11th School cinema.
- .. 17th School cinema.
- .. 18th Picnic to Jumnipur.
- .. 20th School cinema; film was kindly lent by Burma Shell, Ltd.
- .. 25th School cinema.
- .. 28th School cinema.
- Oct.* 1st Dassehra holiday; senior boys' 3-days camp at Jumaipur.
- .. 3rd Id holiday; picnic to Jumnipur and Ahsan river.
- .. 10th Mrs. Perkins left the school, en route for England.
- .. 16th School cinema.
- .. 21st School cinema.
- .. 22nd Boys went to a special performance of the Doon School Founder's Day "Deepawali Masque."
- .. 23rd School cinema.
- .. 26th Boys from the Upper and Middle School visited Dakpathar Dam, to see work under construction.
- .. 31st Mid-Term holiday; picnic to Jumnipur.
- Nov.* 7th School cinema.
- .. 12th { Dehra Dun Olympics; 103. Rabindar won the  
broad jump, 20 metres and 100 metres, and was  
.. 13th { successful in winning for Welham a long-coveted  
Cup.
- .. 14th Holiday in honour of having won the Cup; cricket match; picnic tea; school cinema.
- .. 27th School cinema.
- Dec.* 1st Founder's Day.
- .. 2nd Founder's Day holiday. Inter-Company cricket

match, won by Ganges; performance of Founder's Day play, "Robin Hood"; picnic tea.

- Dec.* 4th School cinema.  
 .. 5th Inter-Company football match; abandoned on account of burst ball.  
 .. 6th Re-play of football match; Ganges won.  
 .. 7th Inter-Company hockey match; Ganges won.  
 .. 8th Inter-Company Junior hockey match; result—a draw.  
 .. 9th Re-play of hockey match; Ganges won.  
 .. 13th Athletics; won by Ganges.  
 .. 14th P. T. competition; won by Jumna; chucking and fielding won by Brijendra and Rabindar.  
 .. 15th Miss Oliphant entertained the Leaving Boys to tea.  
 .. 16th Joint Company meeting; Miss Oliphant announced the names of the prizewinners, presented the Shield, and declared the school closed for the vacations. Good Night Party.  
 .. 17th Some boys left for their homes.  
 .. 18th Boys travelling with the Doon School party left for their homes.

#### Long Term—1950

- Feb.* 1st School re-opened.  
 .. 2nd New boys were tested; classes began.  
 .. 3rd Joint Company meeting; new boys were introduced to their Companies; names of the Company captains were announced.  
 .. 5th Boys visited brothers at the Doon School; school cinema.  
 .. 7th School cinema; a new 16 m.m sound projector was demonstrated.  
 .. 10th School cinema.  
 .. 13th School cinema  
 .. 24th Conjuror's entertainment.  
 .. 25th Senior boys visited the Forest Research Institute and were much interested in all that they saw.  
*Mar.* 3rd School cinema.  
 .. 4th Holi holiday; picnic to Rishikesh and Lachiwala.

- Mar.* 5th School cinema; the new sound projector is now in use.
- " 12th Flower Show; elephant rides at school; school cinema in the evening.
- " 14th Flower Show competition; won by Pronobendra.
- " 18th School cinema.
- " 19th Upper II and III picnic to Rajpur; school cinema in the evening.
- " 20th School cinema.
- " 25th Mid-term; senior boys' visit to the Forest Research Institute; school cinema in the evening.
- " 26th Picnic to Ahsan river.
- April.* 1st School cinema.
- " 2nd School cinema.
- " 9th School cinema.
- " 10th School cinema.
- " 12th A journalist and press cameraman visited the school and took photographs of the boys at games time.
- " 16th School cinema.
- " 17th School cinema.
- " 21st Boys saw a performance of dancing, by the Balakrishna Menon dancers.
- " 23rd Mrs. Indira Gandhi visited the school.
- " 24th Mrs. Indira Gandhi again visited the school, and saw the boys at work.
- " 29th The school Medical Officer Dr. Hoon, passed away.
- May* 10th Inter Company football match; Score 1—1.
- " 11th Inter Company football match re-play: Ganges won, Score 1—0.
- " 13th Inter-Company athletics; Ganges won; Score 107—52.
- " 15th Inter-Company hockey match: Jumna won; Score 2—1.
- " 16th Mr. R. S. Srivastava, Deputy Commissioner for Income Tax, visited the school, and saw the boys at work.
- " 17th Mr. R. K. Bountra, District Inspector of Schools visited the school and saw the boys at work: as a result of his inspection the school has been granted permanent recognition by the Government of U.P.

- Inter-Company Junior hockey match in the evening; Ganges won; Score 2—1.
- May 19th } Inter-Company cricket match was postponed, on  
 ,, 20th } account of heavy rain.
- ,, 22nd Mr. R.K. Bountra, District Inspector of Schools came to see the boys' P.T.
- ,, 23rd } Inter-Company cricket match;  
 ,, 24th } Ganges won; Score 40—26.
- ,, 29th P.T. competition: won by Ganges; Score 282—265. Chucking and fielding competition; won by Randhir and Devenderjit.
- June 1st Miss Oliphant entertained the Leaving Boys to tea.
- June 2nd Joint Company meeting; Miss Oliphant announced the names of the prize winners, presented the Shield, and declared the school closed for the vacations. Good Night party.
- ,, 3rd Some boys left for their homes.
- ,, 4th Boys travelling with the Doon School party left for their homes.

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## AWARDS OF MERIT

Short Term, 1949.

<i>Progress.</i>	<i>Achievement.</i>
UPPER I.	
35. Anil	103 Rabindar
UPPER II.	
98. Satyajit	44 Mickey
UPPER III.	
62. Jagatjit	130 Pronobendra
UPPER REMOVE.	
7. Nater	19. Sheel Raj
LOWER REMOVE.	
74. Satbir	125. Narinder Lal
TRANSITION.	
5. Balbir	51. Sudhir
TRANSITION (B).	
64. Jaydeep	6. Gopal

**LOWER TRANSITION.**

3. Swaminathan

81. Preet Indar

**UPPER K.G.**

86. Hardipindar

77. Ramesh

**K.G.**

37. "Sat"

47. Arun

**SPECIAL PRIZE FOR HANDWRITING.**

34. Ravi Inder

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**Hindi**
**ADVANCED.**

102. Krishna Pal

35. Anil

**UPPER TRANSITION.**

111. Gurvinder

100. Virendra

**LOWER TRANSITION.**

69. Pradeep

117. "John"

**ELEMENTARY A.**

30. Gurdip

39. Satyendra

**ELEMENTARY B.**

81. Preet Indar

133. Ranjan

**ELEMENTARY C.**

53. Udaya

99. Umesh

**ELEMENTARY D.**

77. Ramesh

94. Narendar

**ELEMENTARY E.**

119. Vijay

25. Inderjit

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**Urdu**

74. Satbir

118. Qasim Mehd

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**Long Term, 1950.**
**UPPER II.**

72. Arun

61. Ranji

**UPPER III.**

118. Qasim Mehdi

19. Sheel Raj



## UPPER REMOVE.

16. Ranjit

102. Krishna Pal

## LOWER REMOVE.

112. Devinderjit

129. Prabhakar

## TRANSITION.

3. Swaminathan

81. Preet Indar

## TRANSITION (B).

122. Ram Prasad

21. Vinod

## LOWER TRANSITION.

77. Ramesh

9. Veer Amol

## UPPER K.G.

82. Anand

60. Surinder

## K. G.

12. Sukhdev

25. Inderjit



## Hindi

## ADVANCED.

40. Premendranath

100. Virendra

## UPPER TRANSITION.

75. Rajiv

61. Ranji

## LOWER TRANSITION.

130. Pronobendra

117. "John"

## ELEMENTARY A.

136. Anoop

7. Nater

## ELEMENTARY B.

70. Sunil

50. Gurdip

## ELEMENTARY C.

15. Shailendra

94. Narendar

## ELEMENTARY D.

119. Vijay

25. Inderjit

## ELEMENTARY E.

127. Ramcsh

116. Jagvinder



## Urdu

74. Satbir

68. "Tiger"

### Football and Hockey

The standard of the above games was not up to the mark in the latter half of the year as many of our outstanding players passed out to join their public school, but the zeal and enthusiasm with which practise and Inter-Company-Matches were played prove that football and hockey have not in the least lost their popularity.

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#### Football

Ganges Company won the Inter-Company match in Short Term, '49, after a very keenly contested drawn game which success they repeated in Long Term '50.

Football colours were awarded to Jagatjit (S.T. '49).

#### Football XI

##### S.T. 1949

Jagatjit  
 Satyajit  
 Ashok Atal  
 Pritam  
 Brijendra  
 Krishna Pal  
 Anil Chaturvedi  
 Randhir  
 Rabindar (Captain)  
 Pushpendra  
 Devinderjit

##### L.T. 1950

G. Tej Partap  
*L.B.* Anil Malhotra  
*R.B.* Ranjit Sethi (Captain)  
*L.H.* Krishna Pal  
*C.H.* Gurdip  
*R.H.* Tiger  
*L.E.* Vijay Shanker  
*L.I.* Premendra  
*C.F.* Randhir  
*R.I.* Pushpendra  
*RE.* Devinderjit

**Tej Partap:**—Is a very promising goalie.

**Anil Malhotra:**—Is a steady full-back, needs to improve kicking.

**Ranjit Sethi:**—Is a good full-back with powerful kicking and has proved a helpful captain.

**Krishna Pal:**—A dependable half-back.

**Gurdip:**—A very good centre-half.

**Tiger:**—Is a good and reliable half-back.

Vijay Shanker:—A good left extreme. Should be more swift.

Premendra:—A dashing left inner.

Randhir:—A good and fast centre-forward, but has poor finish.

Pushpendra:—A very good and fast scorer.

Devinderjit:—Is a dashing right extreme.

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### Hockey

The Inter-Company matches were very keenly contested. Ganges Company annexed the senior's trophy as well as the junior's, after a drawn game, in Short Term '49, while Jumna Company won the senior's and Ganges won the junior's match, in Long Term '50.

The following boys were awarded hockey colours:—

Pritam	} S.T. '49
Satyajit	

### Hockey XI

S.T. '49		L.T. '50
Pritam	G.	Ranjit Sethi
Ashok	L.B.	Premendra
Brijendra	R.B.	Brij Raj
Krishna Pal	L.H.	Krishna Pal
Satyajit	C.H.	Gurdip
Gurdip	R.H.	Tiger
Devinderjit	L.E.	Vijay Shanker
Jagatjit	L.I.	Randhir
Rabindar (Captain)	C.F.	Tej Pratap (Captain)
Gurvinder	R.I.	Gurvinder
Anil Chaturvedi	R.E.	Devinderjit

Ranjit Sethi:—A reliable goal-keeper.

Premendra:—A good full-back. Should improve checking and stick work.

Brij Raj:—A dependable left-back.

Krishna Pal:—A good defence.

Gurdip:—A very good centre-half.

Tiger:—A promising half with excellent stick work and fine hitting.

Vijay Shanker:—A fast and steady left extreme.

Randhir:—Now has gained confidence. Is a good forward.

Tej Partap:—A dashing centre-forward and a good scorer.

N. K. G.

### Cricket

Enthusiasm for cricket is obviously on the increase and the number of young aspirants has increased. There was vigorous and sustained practise throughout the year and many of the beginners show great promise. Mr. Zuberi has discovered and trained two or three good cricketers from among the beginners.

The end-of-term matches were played as usual, Ganges winning comfortably in Short Term '49 and Jumna in Long Term '50. The high light of the latter match being Narinder Lal's taking 8 wickets for 23 runs.

T. J. K.

### Athletics

Training was greatly helped by the many films on athletics shown during the year. The boys were very clever about copying the various styles demonstrated and derived great benefit from the films.

We sent in a very good team for the Dehra Dun Olympics in '49, consisting of Rabindar, Jagatjit, Satyajit and Randhir. Rabindar, an outstanding athlete, came first in all the individual events he entered in viz., 50 metres dash, 100 metres run, and broad jump. Our team came third in the relay, and the points thus accumulated enabled them to win the Lala Ganapat Parshad cup (sub-junior section) for the School.

INTER-COMPANY ATHLETICS



Ganges won the Inter-Company matches in both the terms.

T.J.K.

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### Audio-Visual Education

Until 1946 we were using an 8 mm. silent projector and later a 16 mm. one. We were getting both educational and entertainment films from Messrs. Kodak Ltd., who supplied them weekly, during term time.

Now a 'Gebescope' 16 mm. talkie has been bought for the school, and we are now able to exhibit many more films as the number of 16 mm. sound films available is very large, indeed, far more than that of the silent one.

We are very grateful to the United States Information Service for supplying us regularly with very interesting and beautiful films from their large library.

The Central Film Library of the Ministry of Education, Government of India also has very kindly supplied us with many educational films.

The entertainment films which the boys love, we get from the various commercial film libraries.

The "talkie" has enlarged the field very much and its beneficent effects are seen both in school and outside.

T.J.K.

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### My Little House

I have a house, a little house,  
 I like to live in it,  
 And everyone would like it all,  
 For really 'tis a fit.  
 I have a tree, a green, green tree,  
 To shade me from the sun,

And under it I often sit  
 When all my work is done.  
 One day a woman came along,  
 And asked me for some bread,  
 I knew she was a robber,  
 And so I banged her head.  
 After that long adventure,  
 I hardly ever fight,  
 But if I sometimes do,  
 I fight with all my might.

35. Anil,  
Upper I.

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### I Remember

I remember, I remember  
 The year I came to school  
 I did not know anything  
 So the boys thought me a fool.  
 I remember, I remember  
 The place where I used to play  
 I used to play with the boys  
 And make things out of clay.  
 I remember, I remember,  
 Sometimes I used to play with big boys  
 And when they got angry  
 They snatched away my toys.

103. Rabindar,  
Upper II.

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### Camping for Dassehra

Before Dassehra we were thinking about the holidays. I thought we would go for a picnic on Dassehra. On 31st Sept. while I was having my breakfast, Mr. Kuriyan told me, "There is a new notice hung on the board." I quickly had my break-

fast, and went out and read on the notice board, "Seven Seas boys are going for a three-day camp." I started to laugh and jump with joy.

On Saturday I got up very early and talked about the camp. After some time we got our luggage ready. We, after a quick breakfast, got into the bus. When the bus started the school resounded with the noise of laughter and cheers.

We first went to Jumnipore, put our luggage in the barracks and then went to Kalsi. We got out there. We saw "Ashoka's Pillar" and the river Jumna. It was very swift. We had a swim, and our lunch there. We had also a swim in the Ahsan river. We saw a diving suit.

We returned to our camp in the evening. We changed into our night-suits. Some boys collected sticks and Mr. Kuriyan lit a fire. It was our camp fire. We had our supper round it. After supper the boys sang songs, then we went to bed. After a good sleep we rose late in the morning. We cleaned our teeth and had our breakfast.

When it was quite late, I asked Mr. Vyas, "Oh Sir, when are we going hiking?" He then got everybody ready. We all set off with sticks and our haversacks.

We climbed quite high. Mr. Kuriyan took us to a place where wild beasts' dens were. We all shouted, but nothing appeared. We came back and had lots of fun that day.

The next day we joined the other boys. We returned to school happy but tired.

103. Rabindar,  
Upper I.

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### **An Evening By The Riverside**

On Monday Miss Lane said, "We are going for a walk and to have our tea by the riverside."



After the cricket match we lined up by houses. Then we started. On the way the boys began to run, but Mr. Kuriyan said, "Do not run or you will have to walk in line."

At last we reached a good spot. There we took off our jerseys and stockings. Then we played, and climbed trees and gathered guavas. Some boys went to pluck berries. I was one of them, and I plucked lots of berries. When we were getting more berries Miss Lane said, "Now we must go and have our tea." For tea we had pakoras, bread and butter and tea. We all enjoyed it very much.

After that we went to an old house nearby. We played there till it was time for us to return.

We went back to school very happily.

135. Narrindar,  
Upper III.

### A Picnic To Jumnipur

We heard that we were going for a picnic the next day. Everyone was playing games, but I was restricted, so I went to the notice board.

"Picnic to Jumnipur" caught my eye. I was so excited and happy that I jumped and clapped my hands.

When we started from here our bus was third, but it beat the second bus and came second.

When I was swimming, I tried to go to the other side but the current was so fast that I couldn't even move.

I asked Miss Lane, who was also swimming, to catch my shoe, and I let it float but it sank down and I came back to school with one shoe on.

I was trying to throw the bottle into the river but it slipped out of my hand. I swam and caught it but I had to go right to the end of the river to catch it.

But now was the time to come back! The current was so fast that I took fully fifteen minutes to swim back.

68. Mansur Ali Khan,  
Upper Remove.

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### Football

On 5th December, 1949 we were going to play a match, Ganges vs. Jumna. In the evening at games time, all the boys who were not playing were sitting out. Jumna boys were sitting on the left and Ganges on the right. The Captains were Satyajit and Brijendra. They went to Miss Oliphant and invited her to see the match.

When everybody was ready, the whistle blew and there came a great cheer from the Jumna and Ganges boys.

Rabindar played very well, and Satyajit's and Brijendra's kicks were very powerful. Jagatjit saved many goals. The match ended in a draw.

Next day the match was re-played and Ganges won the cup by one goal.

75. Rajiv,  
Upper III.

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### A Sudden Discovery

Once I was sitting under a tree, feeling very sad. Suddenly I heard a bird singing on the top of the tree. As I was very sad, I said to myself, "If I could only fly I should be the happiest boy in the world." No sooner had I said these words than I put up my hands to scratch my head. As I was bringing my hands down I felt myself rising in the air. How happy I was to know that I could fly!

For two days I was very happy. I was a small bird.

But one morning as I was going to get my food an eagle dived at me. Alas! what was I to do now! I struggled and struggled but it still held me tightly in its claws. Fortunately the eagle had a wound on its breast. So I pecked and pecked at it. To my great joy the eagle fell dead on the ground.

124. Uday Singh,  
Upper Remove.

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### **The Inter-Company Junior Hockey Match**

On Thursday, 8th December 1949 we played the Inter-Company Junior hockey match.

I played as right-half for Ganges.

In the evening the match began.

At first it went on very well, but after about twenty minutes Jumna scored a goal. I saw the Jumna boys all jumping and shouting with joy.

The game began again, and after about ten minutes Ganges scored a goal. Then, suddenly, all the Ganges boys jumped and started shouting.

At half-time we had pieces of lemon.

After half-time the game began again, but neither side could score a goal, and the game ended in a draw.

The following day we played again. I am glad to say that Ganges won the cup.

130, Pronobendra,  
Upper III.

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### **Only Ten Rupees**

When I saw that I had only ten rupees in my account, I tried to earn some money for my living. I was nine years old,

and my mother and father had left me. I did not know what to do. I thought and thought for a long time, and at last I made up my mind to buy some things and sell them to other people.

I bought some sweets for Rs. 3 and sold them for Rs. 6. When my sweets were sold for Rs. 6 I was very glad to have that money. I went on doing this for one or two months until I had enough money to buy a big shop. When I had made up my mind to do this, I built my own shop.

In that shop I started to earn much more money than before. I started to sell my things in other countries. My work was very successful.

The conclusion of my story is a happy one. When I had earned much money I was happy and lived very happily for the rest of my life.

40. Premendra,  
Upper II.

### **End-of-Term Parade at the Joint-Services Wing**

On Friday 9th December, 1949 we went to the Joint-Services Wing parade. We had our breakfast early at 7-15 a.m. After breakfast it started drizzling. We went to our houses to get our raincoats. Only ten boys were going, three members of the staff, and one servant. It was a very cold day.

The salute was taken by Major General Mahadeo Singh. Many people came but nearly all were military school students. R.I.M.C. boys were making fun of us. There was one R.I.M.C. boy whose legs could hardly reach the ground. Ashok looked back at him. He said, "Look at this kiddy staring at me?"

The boys wore blue uniforms, blue hats with white tops, and black shoes, and they looked very smart in them.

Their marching was very good, and they did it to time. The field was round and I think two rounds would make a full mile. They passed twice near us. The first time they did slow

marching. The second time they did ordinary marching.

I enjoyed it very much. I enjoyed the rain, but was feeling quite cold.

When we were coming back it started raining harder. We got into our bus and had a slab of chocolate each. We had a fine outing and we enjoyed it very much.

121. Hardial,  
Upper III.

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### A Train Journey

I was very eager to go to see my grandmother and grandfather. I said to my mother, "I want to see my grandfather." She said, "Very well. First you should ask Papaji." We asked him and he said, "Tomorrow morning we will start."

In the morning we put the luggage in the car and set off for the station. It was nearly time for the train, so my father drove very fast. We reached the station when the train had just come in. We put our luggage in the train, and after five or more minutes the train started. I felt very happy.

In the train, when I popped my head out of the window, I felt the wind blow towards me.

I felt hungry, so we began to eat, and I ate so much that I could hardly move.

At night I changed into my sleeping suit, opened my bedding and went to sleep. As I was sleeping I felt the train rocking me. At one of the stations the guard with his whistle whistled, and I was awakened by the noise.

In the morning I brushed my teeth, and washed my face. After a while we reached grandfather's home.

100. Visendra,  
Upper III.

### **A Picnic to Jumnipur**

On Monday, 31st October, 1949 we were very much excited because we were going for a picnic to Jumnipur. We dressed, took our haversacks and went for breakfast. After breakfast we got in the bus and started for Jumnipur. After a long time we arrived there.

We got out of the bus and sat under the trees. We asked Miss Lane if we could swim but she said, "After fruit you will swim." So first we had chewing gum, and after a while our fruit.

We were eagerly looking at the water, when our house mistress said, "You may swim." We caught fish and had a good time. Miss Meisenheimer then called out, "Get out of the water, boys." So we got out, changed our clothes and had lunch.

For lunch we had rice, potatoes, meat and jam tart. When we had finished our lunch we rested for a while. Our house mistress then said that we might swim, but some boys did not swim. After swimming for a very long time we came out and had tea and buns. Mr. Kuriyan had caught a crab and showed it to us. Then we got into the bus and returned for school.

When we reached school we were tired but happy. I had enjoyed that day very much.

7. Nater,  
Upper Remove.

### **A Picnic to Ahsan River**

On Sunday we went for a picnic to Ahsan river. When we reached the place all the boys sat down and made houses of clay and mud.

After fruit we changed into our swimming suits and went

to the river to catch some fish. I only caught five or six.

In the evening when we went again to catch fish Hassan helped me. He and I caught about thirty or forty fish. While we were doing this a crab came from under one of the big stones. Mr. Kuriyan caught it and threw it right in the middle of the river.

After tea we came back to school.

118. Qasim Mehdi,  
Upper III

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### A Visit To Dak Pathar Dam

We had an exciting day when we knew that we were going to see the Dak Pathar Dam.

The day seemed like ages to us and then at length night fell. We went to bed excitedly and lay underneath our blankets.

I was not awake for long, though all the time I was awake, I was building castles in the air about the Dam.

Morning came at last. We changed our clothes and went to breakfast hurriedly.

After an early breakfast on a clear cold morning, we got into the buses and set out for Dak Pathar Dam.

Soon we reached a place where a jeep was waiting for us. From there, the dam was very near. The jeep went first and we followed.

There were clouds of dust on the roads. At last we reached the Dam.

There were four cranes. Three of them were working. They picked up earth and put it in the truck. Then the truck dropped the earth in a certain place and the bulldozer made it level. The bulldozer had one hundred and eighty horse-

power. One crane was not working but engineers who were there specially to give information to us, showed us how it worked.

Some engineers called Upper II and Upper III boys and told us all about the machines and how they worked. We were very interested in them.

After we had learned everything we could, we went to a nearby canal. It was calm and peaceful and the water was not very deep. We sat in two rows and had an apple and four pieces of bread and butter each. After enjoying ourselves by the canal, and having seen the Dak Pathar Dam, we got into the buses and came back to school.

35. Anil,  
Upper I.

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### Fireworks

On Thursday, Miss Oliphant told us we could let off our fireworks after supper.

When we came out of the dining-hall, Miss Lane let us go two by two to take out fireworks from Mr. Kuriyan. She made us go two by two to Mr. Kuriyan because there would be a great rush, otherwise.

As we got our packets of fireworks, we opened them on the verandah, and made it look like a great firework shop.

When we went out in the field we all hoped the bearers had candles and everything needed for the fireworks. Luckily, they had, and oh! the boys ran shrieking and making funny noises, with their fireworks in their hands.

Finally, the bell rang and we all, very unwillingly, went to our hostels where we talked for a while and then went to sleep.

61. Ranji Sethi,  
Upper II.



### A Picnic to Jumnipur

On Saturday Mr. Kuriyan said that we were going for a picnic to Jumnipur. We were very excited about it.

In the morning we got up very excited and were talking about it. Suddenly the rain came down and we felt very disappointed and thought that we were not going. Then the sun came and we were very happy again. We quickly changed and got our haversacks.

After a while we had our breakfast and while we were eating it three buses came. After breakfast we waited for the fourth bus to come. We got in and started. Our bus had not much petrol so we had to get some in town.

When we reached Jumnipur we changed into our trunks and caught fishes. I collected fishes with Jagatjit. Then we had fruit, and changed the water of our fishes.

After a while we ate our lunch, and after waiting for about fifteen minutes, we asked Miss Lane if we could change into our trunks. She said "Yes". We changed and swam. There was shallow water where small boys swam and deep water for bigger boys. We played in the water, then changed and had tea. I took some photographs with my camera.

Then we got into the bus and came to school after a long and happy day.

72. Arun Som-Dutt,  
Upper III.

### The Best Day I Remember

One day my father told me, "We shall go for a picnic." When I heard this I was very happy. I told my mother about it.

The next day we drove in a motor till we reached the water. My father put the car in the Naval quarters. Then he took a motor boat and we sailed off in it.

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It was a Naval boat, and I sat near the skipper and I liked it very much.

He put me on top and I was afraid. I told him to take me down but he did not. My father laughed. At last he caught me and put me on the seat and I began to turn the steering wheel from left to right.

We reached a big steam-ship and climbed the ladder and went on deck. The cabins were very tidy. After seeing them, my father showed me the engines. I noticed a horn and I pressed it, and it made such a terrible noise that I was afraid and went out of the engine room.

After looking at the ship we had tea. When we had finished tea we got into a sea-plane and reached home very happy. I wish I could have another holiday like that one.

7. Nater,  
Upper III.

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### A Picnic to Rishikesh

At Holi we went for a picnic to Rishikesh.

We went near Lachiwala. There people were playing Holi.

While we were going from Lachiwala to Rishikesh, a boy threw coloured water on us. We saw a bridge that I had never before seen in my whole life.

When we were coming back from Rishikesh the people threw more coloured water on us and my clothes were covered with red colour.

We saw many monkeys on the way. One monkey got on our bus. When our bus started the monkey jumped off.

We had our lunch near Lachiwala. I liked my lunch very much. Then we played hide and seek. Some boys ran on the road but I did not go because I thought my teacher would be angry.

' We saw two elephants and they were carrying loads. They tied the elephant and the boys stood beside it.

We had our tea there, biscuits, pakoras and buns.

111. Gurvinder,  
Upper III.

### **The Inter-Company Football Match**

On May 5th 1950, we had our Inter-Company Football match. At 5-15 p.m. the captains called Miss Oliphant to watch the match.

Ganges kicked first. All the Jumna and Ganges players strove with all their might to score goals, but neither team succeeded until half-time. At half-time we were given lemons to refresh ourselves.

After half-time Pushpendra Nath scored a goal against Jumna.

During the remaining half-hour Jumna was given some time to equal Ganges, and did so.

The match ended in a draw. Miss Oliphant decided that it should be re-played on the following day.

The next day the match was played again. Until half-time neither team could score a goal, but just after half-time Ganges scored, and the match ended with Ganges as the winner. The captains gave three cheers for their opponents, then went and shook hands with Miss Oliphant.

We had lemonade after the game, then went to our respective hostels.

61. Ranji,  
Upper II.

### **My First Journey By Air**

' When my holidays ended, my mother said, "This time go back to school by air". I was very excited.

The time came for me to start. I woke up very early. I brushed my teeth and washed my face.

When I was ready the car from the aerodrome came, I got in and we started. Soon we came to the aerodrome, and saw an aeroplane landing. My heart beat fast and I was eagerly waiting.

The aeroplane landed and the passengers got out and we got in. At first I felt very stuffy and hot inside, but I soon got used to it.

On the way there was a storm. Our aeroplane fought through the wind and rain.

Soon we reached school and went happily to our hostels.

130 Pronobendra,  
Upper II.

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### The Inter-Company Football Match.

The Inter-Company Football Match was played on 10th May. It was played on A Section Football field. Most of the Staff were present, and even the hospital boys were allowed to come. The match began at 5.15 p.m. At half time, no goals had been scored on either side. When it was time to cease play, Mr Karan Singh gave some extra time. Then Pushpendra Nath scored a goal. The Ganges boys who were watching the game shouted, and threw up their hats for joy. Randhir passed the ball to Gurvinder, he passed it to the wing, and Mohan Lal scored a goal, and the match ended in a draw. The Captains went to Miss Oliphant who congratulated them.

The match was re-played the next day. The boys played very well, rather better than they had done on 10th May. After half-time Pushpendra Nath scored a goal. Jumna tried hard to score, but our goal-keeper saved them.

So at the end Ganges had won.

19. Sheel Raj,  
Upper III.

**The Inter-Company Hockey Match**

On May 17th there was an Inter-Company Junior hockey match. All the staff were present and even the hospital boys.

The game started and it was very interesting. Prabhaker, the Ganges left-inner, scored a goal very quickly. Every Ganges boy began to throw his hat in the air and was happy. Ganges centre-forward, Khem, scored a goal and the Jumna boys became discouraged.

After half-time, Mohan Lal, Jumna's centre-forward scored a goal. After a little bit longer Mohan Lal would have scored but our goalie, Ranjit, saved it. We clapped our hands for the save. The game ended and the two captains went to Miss Oliphant who congratulated them. Then the players had a drink of water. Ganges won the match.

7. Nater,  
Upper III.

**NEW ARRIVALS**

<b>Short Term 1949</b>	<b>Long Term 1950</b>
UPPER ONE	UPPER ONE
...	...
UPPER TWO	UPPER TWO
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UPPER THREE	UPPER THREE
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UPPER REMOVE	UPPER REMOVE
55 Anand	...
118 Quasim Mehdi	LOWER REMOVE
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TRANSITION	...
8 Nikhil	TRANSITION (B)
	8 Gopal
	98 Prit Inder

32 Hassan  
LOWER TRANSITION

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UPPER K.G.

99 Shiv Raj

119 Vijay

UPPER K.G. (B)

54 Madhvendra

60 Surinder

70 Sunil

86 Hardipindar

K.G.

14 Gurbharatjit

23 Arvind

25 Inderjit

28 Prakash

37 "Sat"

58 Ashok

90 Gurlabh

92 Yogeshwar

109 Ravi Kumar  
LOWER TRANSITION

33 Ali

78 Arvind Bery

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UPPER K.G.

29 Ajit

35 Behram

85 Harish

115 Raj Krishan

137 Dharendra

138 Rameshchand

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### GOODBYES

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STAFF

BOYS

Siri Krishan

Ashok Atal

Nakul

Pritam Singh

Mickey

Bijay

Jagatjit

Jatendra

Narendra

Surendra

Rabindar

#### Long Term 1950

Miss Lane

Vijay

Jogendra

Arun Som-Dutt

Hardial Singh

Virendra

Pronobendra

Nagaraj