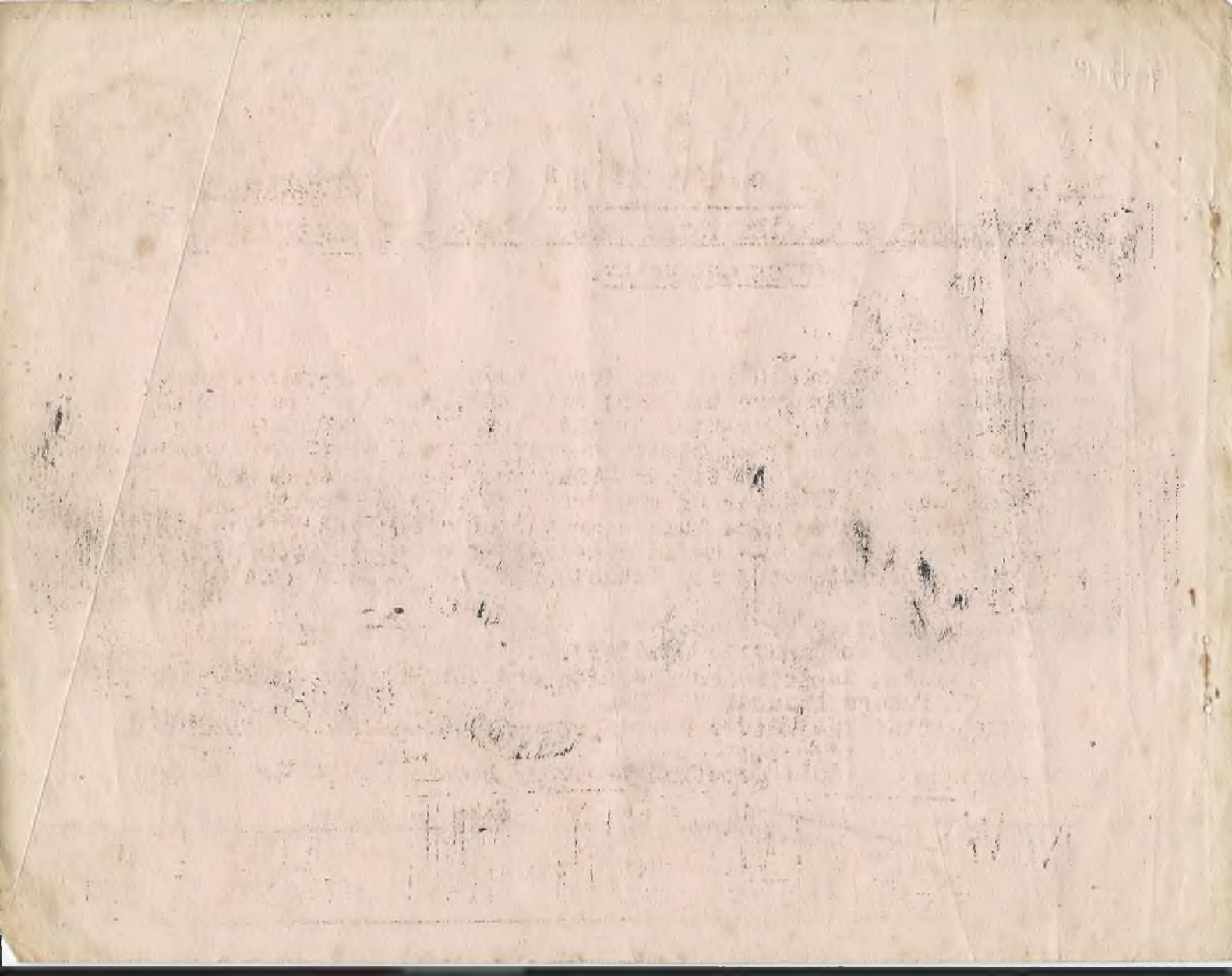


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# Totler



NEWS & VIEWS <sup>of</sup> THE 1<sup>st</sup> TOTLEY GROUP DERBYSHIRE BOY SCOUTS



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" T O T L E R "

JANUARY 1946

THE NEWS SHEET OF THE 1ST TOTLEY SCOUT GROUP - DERBYSHIRE.

PRICE ONE PENNY.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

We send out "Totler" in its new form (some of you remember the previous editions before the war) with the hope that it will be of interest to all members of the Group - not least those who are still away in the remote corners of the earth serving with H.M. Forces. It is our wish, too, that it will help each Cub, Scout and Rover of the Group to realise more fully that he is something more than a member of 'The Pack', 'The Troop' or 'The Crew' --- he is a member of a Great World Wide Brotherhood of which the 1st Totley Scout Group is a unit in this place.

We shall value your help by:-

- (a) Buying and reading "Totler".
- (b) Sending in articles, reports and letters for publication in future issues.
- (c) Letting the Editor have your suggestions and criticisms of this effort.

Good Hunting and Good Scouting to every Member of the 1st Totley.

"THE EDITOR".

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

CUB CHRISTMASS PARTY - FRIDAY 11th JANUARY.

SCOUT CHRISTMASS PARTY- FRIDAY 18th JANUARY.

GROUP VISIT TO THE PANTOMIME - TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY.

REVIVAL OF THE KING'S SCOUT SERVICE AT WINDSOR CHAPEL  
ROYAL OF SAINT GEORGE - SUNDAY 28th APRIL.

CHIEF SCOUT TO VISIT DERBYSHIRE (BUXTON) -  
WHISUNTIDE - MONDAY 9th JUNE.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.

"The modern generation wants to ring God up on the telephone;  
but it doesn't know the number"

- H.F.B. MACKAY  
(Sometime Vicar of All Saints',  
Margaret Street, W.C.1.)

THE CUB WELCOME CORNER.

We welcome these new Tenderpads who have been invested as Cubs:-  
Kenneth Roebuck : David Maries : Neil Billing.

THE CUB BADGE CORNER.

ARTIST :- Barry Heat : David Holding : Graham Wilks.  
GUIDE:- : Irvin Gill.  
TEAM PLAYER:-Eric Pearson.  
2nd STAR:- Eric Pearson.

RESULT OF DECEMBER CUB INTER-SIX COMPETITION.

GREY SIX.....	141.	RED SIX.....	80.
GREEN SIX.....	50.	BROWN SIX.....	38.
	WHITE SIX.....		30.

Congratulations to the GREY SIX. This is the first time they have won since they were formed last June.

"DO YOUR BEST".

## PACK NOTES.

Looking back on 1945, I think the Pack has had a very successful year. We were unfortunate in losing Edmund Short in January. He had run the Pack for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years. The strength of the Pack was reduced to 21 by two Sixers and two Seconds 'going up' into the Scouts. Our numbers have now increased to 37, and our three sixes were increased to four in April and to five in June. We have welcomed 20 new Cubs and one transferred from S. John's Pack. John James and Keith Chappell have both gone up to the Scouts during the year and we wish them every success in Scouting.

We have had two very enjoyable games of football with the 3rd Killamarsh Pack. The first at Killamarsh we lost 4 - 2, the second at Totley we won 4 - 0. There have been several enjoyable hikes, of which the best was in July when the A.D.C. for Cubs - Miss Reynolds - brought her Pack (2nd Chesterfield - Parish Church) over to Totley.

In 1945 the Pack gained a total of 50 badges, 18 First Stars and 5 Second Stars. Can we have 10 Second Star Cubs by Whitsuntide when we meet the Chief at Buxton ?

If you know any boys over 8 years old and under 11 -- bring them along to a Pack Meeting.

A Happy New Year to all Cubs and best wishes for carrying out your Cub Promise in 1946.

"PIP"

GROUP GOSSIP.

We are told that the famous "Atomic Turton" has been completely eclipsed by the new wonder "Atomic Percy".

We commend the Scout who had the misfortune to have Totley Hall key "cum unstuck in mi 'and Mother" on his prompt action which saved us all from being locked out of the Den for the busiest week we have had for a long time.

Web - Killamarsh :: Fly - A Totley A.C.M. : Spider - ???

It is suggested that the "Totler" Editorial Staff should assume the following names:-

Haydn Aubrey :: Woddy Blunt :: Fieldmouse Birley!!!

Certain older members of the Troop are very anxious to know ~~now~~ who holds the theatre ticket next to theirs for February 12th.

Three Scouts were all in a bad way immediately following the Christnass orgy - one stayed at home, another went home and a third was prepared to depart from Troop Meeting at very short notice.

We welcome three of our members now demobbed }- R.S.L. Birley, Rover Rawson and Rover Hartley.

## SCOUT TROOP NOTES.

The result of the December inter-patrol competition was:-

1st BULLDOGS. 2nd SQUIRRELS. 3rd FOXES. 4th WOLVES.

A further effort has been made to start Senior Scouts -- this time not as a separate Section but within the Troop and with extra meetings for advanced activities - amongst which is to be a course of instruction on the Air Navigator Badge by F/Lt Birley.

We recently had a very enjoyable hike over the moors on a bitterly cold day. We do wish more of our Scouts would cease to be "Cissie" and put more 'OUT' into Scouting. If you're covered with badges and don't Camp and hike --- you're only kidding yourself that you're a Scout; 'cos you're only an imitation! So there!!

The Squirrel patrol had a most excellent Christmass Party to which all the Scouters and other P.Ls were invited. The P.Ls Mother provided a festive and groaning table which was dealt with in true Scout fashion -- Many thanks, Mrs. Maltby and Squirrels

As a small mark of appreciation, the Troop saved up and bought Mrs. Tozer of Toley Hall a book token for Christmass. Mrs. Tozer is more than kind and tolerant to us all and we do value her help in allowing us the use of a den at Toley Hall. Mrs. Tozer has written to the G.S.M. saying how she enjoys having us and thanking the Scouts for their Christmass Present.

WANTED -- some more First Class Scouts - which simply means, not some strange super-man, but a keen determined Scout who knows his stuff. The First Class Badge is within reach of any Scout who possesses determination and grit. What about YOU?

Best wishes to all for 1946.

"SKIP"



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Editor - "TOTLER".

Sir,

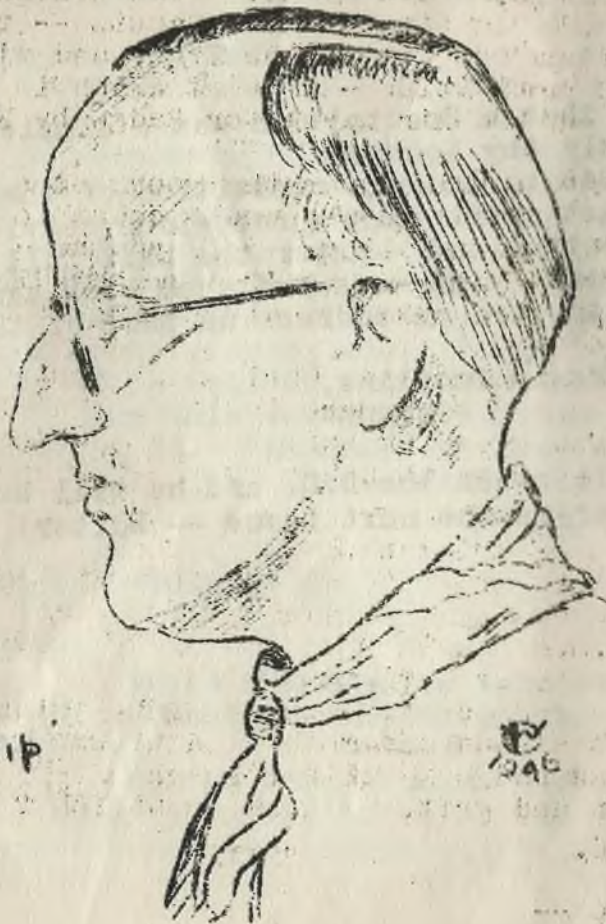
I always understood that a Scouts' Own was a simple service "for Scouts", taken largely "by Scouts".

Is it possible in 1946 to avoid a repetition of that dreadful affair at Chesterfield last April when a religious service was switched to a business meeting and - after the hall full of boys had become bored beyond words - we were switched back again and a poor man was called upon to give an address as part of the Scouts' Own ?

Yours in Scouting,  
"TAURUS"

(A copy of this mag., will reach the D.C. and he will be asked to comment on this letter in the next issue -- Editor)

GROUP PERSONALITIES - NUMBER ONE.



GROUP SCOUTMASTER  
LESLIE AUBREY.

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Group in March 1934.

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and Books.

SERVED with the Royal Air  
Force from 1940 to 1944  
as a Wireless Operator.

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SKIP

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (continued)

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The Editor - "TOTLER".

Sir,

I have been re-reading B-P's "Scouting for Boys" in which he says that Scouts wear Shorts:-

- (i) So that the bottoms of the trouser legs don't get damp in wet weather.
- (ii) Because of the better ventilation.

I quite agree with this for Summer, but don't you think that in Winter Knee Breeches would serve equally well and also give greater warmth to those fellows who wear long trousers during the week.

I know this would all want money but I think something might be done about it. Remember our American Brothers manage it.

Yours faithfully,  
"CURLY"

The Editor - "TOTLER".

Dear Editor,

While I intend to support to the full the visit of our Chief Scout to Buxton next Whitsuntide, I feel that the place is not very suitable.

Buxton, the highest market town in England, is situated in ideal country in the heart of the Peak, but it is not geographically central and its communications are not good. Matlock is more geographically central but, like Buxton, it is on the branch railway

line from Ambergate to Chinley.

Despite the disadvantages of Drum Hill as regards wood and water, I feel that its easy accessibility from Derby makes it an ideal centre. Just as in the old Roman Empire it was said that "All roads lead to Rome" so now it might be said in Derbyshire "All rails lead to Derby".

The main railway running south from Sheffield to Derby would admirably serve the Chesterfield and Clay Cross Districts. The branch line from Chinley to Ambergate would serve the Hope Valley, High Peak, Glossop, Buxton, Bakewell and Matlock Districts. Ashbourne, Ilkeston, Long Eaton and Swadlincote are all in direct rail communication with Derby and Duffield, Ripley and Derby districts are all on the doorstep of Drum Hill.

Yours faithfully,

P.D. TURTON.

A.C.M.

The Editor - "TOTLER".

Sir,

I have been somewhat disturbed at the suggestion that, for Rovers at any rate, a beret should take the place of the Scout Hat. May I submit, Sir, that a beret is not a suitable headgear for an Englishman? The Scout Hat is good for ceremonial occasions but is quite unsuitable for regular wear.

My suggestion is a peaked ~~xxx~~ cap; resembling an Army or Air Force Officer's peaked cap but softer, and lighter. Something in the nature of a cross between an officer's cap and the beloved cloth cap so suitable for the average Britisher. Polish Rover Scouts before the war had a sensible looking cap on these lines.

Yours - "DARBIS"

ROVER CREW NOTES.

VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL !

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The Forces Bulletin now grows into something bigger and grander, but I hope it will continue to serve its purpose and be appreciated as much as was the Bulletin.

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"Totler" will, we hope, have a wide circulation, and as it will be read by many more than the Bulletin, I am sure that brief accounts of interesting things which you fellows overseas (and in Britain) are doing would be much appreciated. Little things which have often become quite commonplace to those away from home are extremely interesting to those of us who are settling down again, as well as to those who are not yet old enough to have travelled.

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The Second member of the Crew to be demobbed is Paul Hartley. It was a great pleasure to see him again at a recent meeting. Incidentally, Paul unconsciously helped in my return from India. He was on duty as a Naval Signaller when the M.V. Johan van Oldenbarnevelt came into Southampton.

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In July 1939 SixRovers from Topley camped at the world Rover Moot in Scotland. They were:- Rover William Rawson, Rover Jeffrey Salt, Rover Paul Hartley, Rover Frank Johnson, Rover Vincent Webster and the R.S.L.

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ROVER CREW NOTES (continued)

Three of those six were present at a recent Crew Meeting; Hartley, Johnson and the R.S.L. Frank Johnson was home on leave from C.I.F. and we were very pleased to see him. Congratulations to him on his engagement whilst on leave.

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It was a disappointment that our A.D.C. for Rovers was prevented by thick fog from visiting us on the 20th December. He has sent his very best wishes to all members of the Crew for 1946.

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We have been pleased to see home on leave and at recent meetings, Raymond Gale, Alf Lee, John Stacey, John Woods, Bill Turner.

ARTHUR P. BIRLEY. R.S.L.

THE SCOUT WELCOME CORNER.

We welcome these newly invested Scouts:-

John Ashton : Michael Stirgess : Norman Maltby : David Wilson.

THE SCOUT BADGE CORNER.

We congratulate Scouts on gaining the following badges:-

HALHYMAN:- Raymond Cook. Gordon Bellamy.

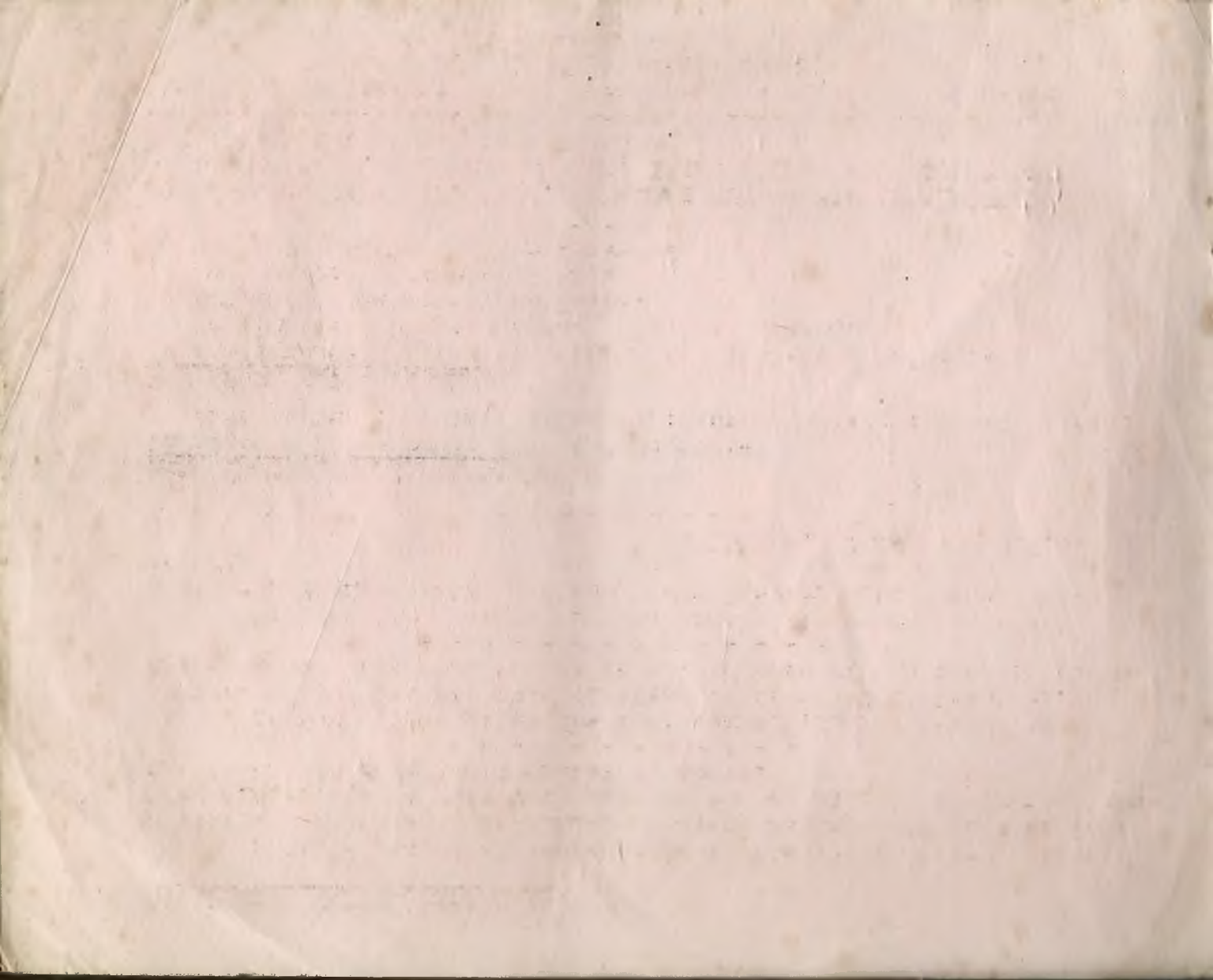
ENTERTAINER:- Raymond Phillips.

2nd CLASS:- Gordon Bellamy.

CUB INSTRUCTOR:- Brian Pearson.

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