

Two men students and Mr. Longstaff, who made an encouraging appearance at our first meeting, fled from the preponderance of women—16 all told. Latterly the group had to struggle against an orgy of netball matches, but it survived, and hoped to perform in an entertainment of mingled verse speaking and music which Bernard King dubbed the Third Programme. It was to be Children's Hour as well, one of the aims of the group being to provide material and experience for choral speaking on Teaching Practice (only don't, Nancy Daw says, be in a hurry to try 'I like noise' with a class that simply *love* it!) We also enjoyed ourselves with Vachel Lindsay's 'The Congo'. It is particularly pleasant to see and hear some of the stouter ladies of Hobson abandon themselves to:

"Boom! Kill the White Men!  
Hoo! hoo! hoo!"

We have tried, too, the 23rd and 24th Psalms, and the lovely Franciscan Cantick of the Sun.

## SPORT

### ARCHERY

About 25 students worked hard throughout the winter and spring despite bad weather. Lack of a suitable range within the college grounds limited activities. We would like to thank Mr. Hagger, a local farmer who came to the rescue with a meadow just outside the North gate, and the ladies of Wimpole who collected their old stockings to pack in our target. We made the target and finger and arm guards to save our Students' Council grant for bows (at £2 each) and practice arrows. These continually got lost in the grass, so we made a shilling membership fee.

During Teaching Practice I had the opportunity of demonstrating archery to the boys. I took the bow and arrows down to the football field during a sports period. I fired one of the arrows into the air and was eventually persuaded to "fire" at a small pile of caps which had been put down about 80 yds away. During practices at College we had not fired over more than 30 yards, so it was reluctantly that I accepted this challenge. Carefully I loosed an arrow, and to the boys' delight and my amazement, the arrow did a William Tell, bouncing just in front of the caps and whipping off the top one! Nonchalantly, I grabbed my whistle and blew for the football to start—a split second before the cry, "Do it again". I managed to forestall them, but it was a close thing.

Active members were: Reg Bulbeck, Iris Beer, Iris Reffell, Gwynne Jones, Frank Yates and Anne Frith.

HARRY PEPPER

### BADMINTON

Three students volunteered to form a temporary committee to organise the club. They were Ron College, Denis Cheason and Madge Freeman. Tuesday night was reserved for beginners and Thursday night for ordinary club play. One of our members procured several racquets at a price within students' means. The standard of play improved tremendously and we soon felt strong enough to engage in matches. The only opponents we could find were at R.A.F. Bassingbourn, but this restriction of choice was more than counteracted by the hospitality of the "Airborne" and "Chairborne". We won every game: scores were 9-0, 8-1, 6-3, 6-3.

Badminton colours: Full colours: Ron College, George Lipscombe, Denis Cheason, Madge Freeman, Mary Gilder, Phil Carroll. Half colours: Bill Macniesh, Chas. Bailey, Denis Snell and Pat Smith.

RON COLLEGE

### BASKET-BALL

Despite our name we organised all types of ball games from handball to skittle-ball, and even a little net-ball. We played inter-court skittle-ball matches and a progressive inter-court ladder was organised during the summer term. The main difficulty was finding a suitable pitch for basket-ball. The Gym was too small, and we were unable to fix permanent posts or stands on the concrete pitch.

DENIS EADES

### FENCING

The National Fencing Coach, Professor Crosnier, claims that it takes ten years to be a first-class fencer. Even an Emergency College cannot hope to do ten years' work in ten months. All we have attempted is to teach members the elements and hope that they will carry on in one of the 250 clubs throughout the country.

We were grateful to the previous course for the foils left by them with which we were able to start our fencing quite early in the course.

We filled two coaches for the C.C.P.R. display of fencing and archery in Cambridge, where the archers stole the show despite the excellent foil display by Madame Perigal and the swordsmanship of M. Endeyli, Hungarian sabre champion.

The society started with too large a membership for adequate coaching but eventually dwindled to a few fanatics. Denis Snell and Phil Sherwood returned from the Fencing Leaders' course in Cambridge a little more assured of the difference between remise and reprise, and instruction took a new turn. The Fencing Society is prepared at all times to disapprove the rubbish concerning the might of the pen compared with that of the foil and sabre.

PHIL SHERWOOD

### FOOTBALL

The college football XI had a successful season considering many difficulties, and the high standard of the opposing teams, many of which were from Cambridge University.