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March 22
April 1st

Miss Halsall returned to duty
Visited by Mr House, A.M.S., who
brought Mr E Younton, Officer of
the Rhodesian Education Department
to view the workings of the
School. Mr Younton expressed
his delight at what he saw and
was pleased to say that we
were doing some very good
work and that we were on the
right lines.

Mar. 23

Visited by Mr Dooze, County
Organiser, who asked for
photographs showing the outdoor
activities of the school and
poultry dressing & flossing.

April
May 13

Children proceeded to Church at 9 a.m.
- Holy Week

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Closed school at noon for Easter
Holidays.

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Reopened after holiday.

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Visited by Mr Watson Walker, County
Horticulturist, who came to see
exhibits for Royal Lancashire Agric.

Show.

May 3.

Inspected by Mr House, Mr Buckle ^{Mr Harris} & Mr Barnett. They spent the day in school and said they had had a very enjoyable day.

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Mr Bickley, of Rushworth & Draper Ltd, gave a lecture-recital on Recorders & allied wood wind instruments.

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Over 50 children went on School journey to Kyle of Bute.

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Mr. Barnett, H.M.D. brought Mr Wood, of the Ministry of Agriculture, to see the rural activities of the school.

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Mr Crutchley, H.M.D. came to inspect Woodwork.

June

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School closed for Whitsuntide holiday

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re-opened

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Headmaster & Mr Nelson visited Ashton in Makerfield Senior Boys School to view Woodwork as carried out there.

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Visited by Mr Barnett, H.M.D., who brought Mr Stringer, of the Board of Education to view the rural activities of the school. Mr Stringer was very

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impressed with the school building, and said it did great credit to the founders, who were very much in advance of their time. He was very interested in all the outdoor activities and expressed the opinion that we had a school of exceptional interest. Sports held in the Park by kind permission of Mr Oswald. Haskayne Junior School joined with our Juniors.

Miss J. Halsall declined to take part in sports, which were held out of school hours.

50th

Mrs Prescott finished temporary duty.

1st

Miss Doreen Wait, recently appointed by managers in place of Mrs Salisbury, commenced duty today.

Miss Gregson (Mrs Smith) arrived late owing to train.

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Miss J. Halsall arrived five minutes late for the afternoon session. School closed today for Summer Holidays.

DIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

From the Rev. NORMAN LOUCH
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September 13th, 1938.

Halsall C.E. School.

Head Teacher: Mr G.H. Battersby. Vicar: the Rev. E.H. Mather

I visited the above School to-day and found the Religious Instruction being given carefully and systematically .

There were separate Opening Services for Juniors and Seniors consisting of suitable hymns and prayers etc. from the book authorised by the Lancashire Education Committee.

I heard portions of lessons given by some of the teachers and noted that the children were attentive and interested. There is a happy and friendly tone in the School, and the children answered my questions very freely, showing much evidence of good teaching.

After the dismissal of the scholars there was conference with the teachers during which I recommended the use of some books of lessons and, if possible, smaller groups for instruction.

Reference also was made to the Guild of S. Peter, of which I enclose particulars. I shall be very pleased to cooperate in forming a Branch or in helping any teachers who wish to become members of the Guild.

Norman Louch

- Aug 15 School re-opened after holiday
 Aug 31. Registers checked by Mr Weale - manager - two errors found
 13 Scripture Examination held in morning
 School closed in evening afternoon.
 14 Received postcard from Miss J Halsall
 saying she would not be a school
 today - headache.
 Miss Halsall arrived about 9.30 am.
- Oct. 4 Four Students from Edge Hill T.C.
 spent the day in school preparing
 for their three weeks teaching practice.
- 6 Received H.M.S. report on visit of
 May 3rd. Mr Halliday & Cantyloch; called re looking King
- 7 School closed for Holiday Week.
- 17 School re-opened. Four students from
 the Training College commenced their
 teaching practice
- 19 ~~error discovered in total for weeks in Std 1 & 2 - Kojack~~
 24 The Mayor of Southport, the Vice Chairman,
 and Secretary of the Southport Infirmary
 paid a visit to the school to thank
 the children for their efforts to raise
 money for the Infirmary. In seven
 years Halsall has sent £66 to the
 Infirmary, and £20's worth of
 eggs.

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Oct. 26. Miss Forbes, Lecturer for R.S.P.C.A. visited school and gave the children a talk.

27 Mr Halliday - County Architects Staff - called again re proposed new range in Dining Hall, and brought with ^{him} a representative of Triplex Co.

Nov. 11. Miss Halsall absent - headache.
Armistice Day - the whole school attended church for short service at 10.45 a.m.

Dec. 7 Miss Gregson absent - sore throat.

8 Miss Gregson returned

12 Mr Nelson absent - chill.

14 Mr Nelson returned.

16 Held our tenth Annual Prize Distribution - Prizes presented by Mrs Weather

22 Miss Halsall absent - not fit!

School closed for Xmas holidays

School reopened.

Jan 9 Miss Aspinal, from Calder College, started one month's teaching practice here to day

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Jan 12.

Mr Barnett, H.M.I., spent the day in school at the request of Mr Charles, the Chief Inspector, to enable him to write up a special report on the rural activities of the school for a book on the Rural School which the Board intends publishing.

Police gave a sine-talk to children on road safety.

Feb. 3

School Concert held in St Bartholomew's Hall to raise funds for Cinema
Amount realised —

Feb. 8

Miss Darbyshire finished duty here today

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Miss Dewell absent - sickness.

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Miss Aspinall finished her month's teaching practice here today.

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Miss Bradshaw commenced temporary duty in place of Miss Darbyshire

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This morning - Ash Wednesday - the children accompanied by all the Staff except Miss Halsall attended Church at 9 a.m. This is the second time Miss Halsall has not attended Church with the children - last

time (Lentice Day) she was absent all day, giving as reason a headache. This time she arrived at school soon after the children had assembled in Church. She promised that it should not occur again.

- Feb. 27-28 School closed - mid term.
- Mar. 6 Started half yearly examination -
- 22 Miss Gregson absent - severe cold.
- 23 Miss Ellison absent - not well.
- Apr. 31 Miss Bradshaw, who has been serving temporarily for the past two months was today appointed permanently.
- Apr. 5 School closed for Easter Holidays
- 17 School re-opened.
- 21 Miss Ellison absent through sore throat
- 24 Miss Ellison returned to duty
- May 1 Miss Gregson absent - severe cold.
- 4 - returned to duty
- 15 Mr Nelson has gone on a course for Handicraft and will be absent all week.
- 22 Mr Nelson returned to duty
- 26 School closed this afternoon for

June

- Whitsuntide holiday.
- 5 School re-opened.
- 8 Mr Barnett H.M.S. called re photographs selected by the Board of Education for insertion in their Book on the Rural School
- Mr Barnard, Assistant Director of Education, called re the loading of buses in the playground.
- 9 Miss Barry, Organiser for P.T. called to acquaint herself with the school.
- 20 Miss Grogan arrived late through missing the train.
- 23 Miss Halsall late, about 9.30, went straight to classroom without giving apology or explanation. In the late afternoon an explanation was given, to the effect that she had come late because the Headmaster had made her ill - so she alleged - on the previous day.
- 22 H.M.S. Miss Smith and Miss Wakefield spent the morning in school viewing and discussing the rural

activities of the school. Before going Miss Smith invited the Headmaster to give a talk on the school's activities to D.S. Teachers ~~on~~ taking one of the B/E's courses in Manchester next September.

June 26

Miss Halsall absent. Some one rang up ~~up~~ about 10 a.m. to say she was not well enough to come today.

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After three days absence Miss Halsall returned to duty.

July

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Miss Halsall late again, arrived about 9.30 a.m. no explanation or apology offered.

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Held Sports - Juniors in afternoon, Seniors in the evening. Unable to finish through heavy rain.

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Finished off the Senior Sports. Miss Oldfield called about requisition for apparatus for meals.

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Mr R.H. Gaskell absent - still.

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Mr Gaskell returned to duty. School closed for Summer holidays.

- Aug 14. School re-opened.
- 18 Miss Gregson absent - personal illness
- 21 Miss Gregson returned to duty after one day's absence.
29. Nurse Dickinson brought Nurse Truman to acquaint her with the school.
- sep. 1st Miss Gregson (Mrs Smith) commenced her nine months leave of absence as from today.
- 4 Although war has been declared School assembled as usual. After inspecting gas masks, and practice in putting on, school was closed in accordance with instructions until an unspecified date.
- 11 School re-opened. Our own school used the school in the morning, while the evacuees worked in St. Euthbert's Hall. In the afternoon the evacuees used the school, while our own children ~~used~~ worked in the Dining Hall, the garden, one classroom, the Hall, and St. Euthbert's Hall.

Sep. 13. Mr Mitchell, H.M.S., called to see what arrangements had made, and expressed approval.

* 15 Mr Mitchell & Mr Manson, H.M.S., called to see if it were possible to accommodate Foxketh Technical School. As present arrangements were so satisfactory it was decided not to disturb them. Mr Mitchell determined to report them to the B/E for guidance.

18 Mr Barnard, County Officer, called, and after hearing of present arrangements asked to see St Cuthbert's Hall. Before leaving he asked for a plan of St Cuthbert's Hall to be drawn

and sent to County Offices. ^{By official suggestion, asked Mr Davies for plan of teacher in Miss Gregory's}
 25 Through kindness of Lady Lethbridge and Mr Spence a wireless set has been installed for use of Schools Broadcast.

All Infants have been amalgamated and use the Infant room
 (place to be lent as Miss Bottom & Miss Meyer.

- Sep 25 Mr Mitchell & Mr Squire, H.M.I. (Liverpool) called to see the arrangements & expressed satisfaction, and unofficially made suggestions for sanitary arrangements at St. Dunstan's Hall.
- Oct. 6. School closed for October holiday, during which a new cooking range is to be installed.
- Oct. 11 Mr. Mitchell called to inspect St Dunstan's Hall prior to making a report on the suitability for temporary use.
- Oct. 17. Mr Mitchell paid a visit in connection with evacuees under school age. Mr Jenning, H.M.I. for P.T. called and discussed present arrangements for P.T.
- Nov. 24 Mr Dowse, County Organiser, and Mr Campbell, Liverpool Inspector, came and discussed absorption of evacuees into our own school.
- 6 Mr A. Nelson absent - cold.
- 13 Miss Oswell absent - bilious.
- 14 Mr Thompson, P.T. Organiser, paid a

visit.

- Nov. 15 Miss Oswell returned to duty
- 17 Mr Mitchell called for information re numbers of organisation
- 20 Mr. Nelson returned to duty.
- 21 Miss Hammond and Miss Smith N.H.P. came to see organisation since advent of evacuees.
- * 22 Miss Oldfield, County Organiser, called and had a talk about food supplies under rationing, and use of alternative dishes.
- 23 Mr Bernard, County Office, called and discussed sanitary arrangements at St. Catharine's Hall, absorption of evacuees, Mr Nelson's transfer, and Miss Bradshaw's salary.
- 24 Miss Bradshaw collapsed - nervous strain.
- 27 Miss Bradshaw absent on Doctor's orders.
- 29 Mr. Nelson finished duty here today prior to doing full time at Framby

Dec. 1

As Liverpool was recalling several of evacuee staff Mr Davies required Miss Cotton & Miss Meyer again; so notified the office.

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Mrs Worthington commenced supply duty in Miss Gregson's place.

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Miss Bradshaw resumed her duty. Held parties for Infants & Juniors, and for Seniors. Entertained evacuees.

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Closed for holidays at noon after presentation of prizes by Lady Lethbridge. Miss Halsall absent.

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Jan 5.

School re-opened.

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Mrs Worthington absent - chill

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Miss Ellison absent - gastric flu

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Sup. Dwyer called re absorption of evacuees.

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School closed - roads impassable.

Feb. 5

School re-opened. Evacuees absorbed.

Mrs Brockbank & Miss Lucas left to supplement our staff. A transition class between the two Junior groups formed; this was taken by Miss Lucas in the absence of Mrs Brockbank.

Feb. 6

Miss Halsall also absent. Miss Ellison and Mrs Halsall both returned to duty.

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Mr Dowse, Organiser, called re woodwork master.

Feb. 12.

Miss Brockbank returned to duty.

Miss Lucas takes charge of a

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new ^{Senior} class - nervous exhaustion.

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Miss ~~Bradshaw~~ Lucas absent - cold.

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Miss Oswald + Mrs Worthington absent -
chills.

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Miss Lucas, Miss Oswald, Mrs
Worthington all returned to duty.

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Mrs Worthington absent - nursing
sister.

Mar. 4

Mrs Worthington returned to duty.

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School closed for Easter Holidays

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Miss Bradshaw's engagement terminated today.

Apr. 1

School re-opened.

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Miss Ellison absent - influenza

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Mrs Mate started temporary duty
as Cookery mistress

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Mrs B. Pottage took up temporary
duty at noon in Miss Ellison's place.

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Miss Ellison returned to duty.
Mrs Worthington absent till noon
Mrs Pottage finished at noon.

May

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School closed for Whit holiday

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School re-opened.

- May 24. Empire Day celebrations held in the afternoon.
- 29 Managers meeting to interview Miss Halsall whose conduct had not been exemplary for some time.
- June 12. Miss Halsall absent - sickness
- 13 Miss Halsall returned to duty.
- 19 Visited by Miss Howells A.M.D. who spent the morning in school, and came again in the afternoon to look around at the outdoor activities
- July 19 School closed for part of Summer Holidays - ^{7³⁰} [duty.
- Aug 5 School re-opened. Miss F.M. Walsh started
- 19 Lady Lethbridge visited School to interview Miss Halsall about her conduct
- 21 Mr Barnard, Assistant Director, called and discussed the case of Miss Halsall.
- 22 Miss Healy of Hockayne visited the school.
- Aug. 30 School closed for remainder of Summer Holidays. Miss Worthington finished
- Sep. 16 School re-opened. Miss Oswell absent.

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Sep 17 Visited by Mr Douse re staffing.
18 Miss Oswell returned to duty.
Mrs Motley commenced temporary duty

* Sep 27 Mr Gaskell called up. Unable to get supply in his place

Oct. 11 School closed for Autumn holiday
21 School re-opened.

Mrs Ridland took up duties in Mr Gaskell's place.

Oct. 30 Mr Walker, County Dist. Staff, spent the afternoon in school.

Nov 8 Mr Bernard, County Office, called in re Dinners.

Nov. 11 Miss Ellison absent from duty
14 - - returned to -

Dec. 6 Miss Halsall absent
9 - - returned to duty.

11 Visited by Mr Bernard re dinners & Mr Walker re division of gardens

20 School closed after presentation of prizes by Lady Lettbridge.

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- Jan 8 Miss K. h. Oswell absent - severe chill
 13 - - - returned to duty
 20 School not opened, owing to snow drifts - roads impassable.
 22. School re-opened, but less than 50% of children present. Attendance cancelled
 23 Miss K. h. Oswell absent - gastritis.
 Feb. 3 Miss Oswell returned to duty.
 - 17 Mrs Morley absent - sickness in the home.
 - 24 Mrs Morley returned to duty
 - 25 Shrove Tuesday - school closed at noon.
 Mar. 7 Visited by HMI. Lamplugh → Howell.
 12 Miss Waite absent - bad throat.
 17 Miss Waite returned to duty
 21 School closed for mid-term
 26 School re-opened.
 April 9 Closed for Easter Holiday
 21 Re-opened
 May 9 Mrs Morley finished temporary duty & Mrs Livesey started
 May 16 Miss Wait absent from school - lost voice
 19 Miss Wait returned to duty.
 30 Closed for Whit Holidays.
 June 9 Reopened. Miss Ellison absent - Measles

- Mrs Jones. took her place until July 2nd
 Miss Ellison returned to duty
 Visited by Miss Smith, H.M.I.
- July 3
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 9 Annual Sports held on field of
 Grestfield Farm. Drake won the
 Shield for inter-house championships.
17. School closed for mid-summer
 holiday. Mrs Livesley finished duty.
- Aug. 11 School re-opened. Mrs Jones ^{temporary duty} commenced
 12 Miss Waite absent through abscess
 at root of tooth. Returned 14th.
- 25 Miss Ed Halsall absent owing to bad
 leg.
- 26 Miss Halsall returned to duty
- 28 Miss Walsh absent - bad throat.
- Sep. 29 Miss Jessie Jones terminated her
 duty as temporary teacher.
- Sep. 1 Miss Walsh returned to duty
 Mrs Smith (Miss Gregson) tendered
 her resignation after many years
 faithful service.
- Mrs Price Owen commenced temporary
 duty in her place.
- Sep 26. School closed for autumn holiday.
- Oct. 16 School re-opened. Miss Ellison absent - run
 down.

Oct. 17

Mrs Asquith commenced temporary duty in Miss Ellison's place.

Headmaster absent until 2 p.m. on B/E. Course in Physical Education, which continues for 10 wks on Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings.

Miss Oldfield and Miss Graham called re the use of the School as a Feeding Centre in case of a blitz.

Oct. 20

Miss Oswell absent - chill.

21

Mrs Asquith finished temporary duty today - 3 days duty.

22

Miss Ellison & Miss Oswell both returned to duty.

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Miss Ellison absent - collapsed again.

Nov. 3

Dr Gatlow called to see Gordon Taylor - recommended him for special school.

Miss Bessie Blackburn commenced duty as D/S Teacher in Miss Walsh's place, who left on 31st to take up appointment in Crosby.

Nov. 10

Mrs Williams commenced temporary duty in Miss Ellison's place.

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Went to Church - Armistice Day.