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With the Editors' Compliments.

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EDITORIAL.

This Magazine marks the end of one generation in the School, and when the Senior Prefect goes to Nottingham and Sears enters the Civil Service, we shall have but two of the original pupils left. To emphasise this fact we have also to announce and regret the departure of our Headmaster, who came to start the School and who now leaves as his first pupil having passed right through the school goes to the University. We would like here to offer our appreciation and since gratitude to the Headmaster for all he has done for the School and to give him and his family our very best wishes for the future.

This has been a crowded term and one to be remembered, sports, concerts, cricket, P.T. displays and the opening of the pavilion, so generously presented to us by a committee of parents, have kept us all busy.

And now to many, Good-bye and God speed!
"Let thy father-hand be shielding all who here shall meet no more . . . . .
Those returning, those returning make more faithful than before."

SCHOOL NOTES.


IN MEMORIAM.

Richard Leatherland, of Dragon's House.
Died May 7th, 1937.

P. A. T. Green and F. A. Robinson will represent the School at the North of England Schools' Camp in Chatsworth Park during the Summer vacation.

We would like to thank Brigadier-General Ferguson for his gift of a silver salver to be held by the House with the best record for School work, School service and School games. We would also thank Mr. H. R. Williams for his gift of a silver cup to be held by the House winning the Cross Country Championship.

We congratulate Mr. Tropman on his recovery from a serious illness.

On the occasion of the Coronation of their Majesties' King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth, presentation copies of a book, "King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth," were given to boys from most districts by their local authorities.
A general inspection of the School by a panel of inspectors from the Board of Education took place early in December last. The School’s collection of trees has been increased. Trees have been presented by Mrs. Fielder, Form IIIb, Form VB and Form VI.

Collections taken at School Prayers have enabled us to send the following contributions:—

- To the Wellingborough Cottage Hospital, 15/-
- To the Fellowship of St. Christopher, 15/-
- To the Scottish Ambulance Unit for Spanish Relief, £1-1-0
- To the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, 18-

A Road Safety Council established by the Headmaster and composed of representatives from each form, has done something to encourage care and courtesy among boys, especially cyclists on the roads.

On Friday, June 11th, Commemoration Service was held. The lesson was read by the Chairman of the Governors, and the address was given by the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, M.A.

Boys leaving School this term are invited to join the Old Boys’ Association and so to continue their link with the School. Information can be obtained from the Secretary, C. Edwards, Esq., Croyland Road.

We congratulate C. Sears on his success in the examination for the Executive Branch of the Civil Service. He also gained a Studentship at Nottingham University, but is not taking this honour.

We have to thank the Headmaster for the House Shields in the School Hall.

The Illuminated Sign which formed part of the School’s Coronation Decorations was the work of Siddons of VB.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries and apologise for any omissions. The Chronicles of Ermysted, Ousel, The Northamptonian, The Petriburgian, The Magazine of the City of Oxford School, The Balshavian, The Howardian.

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SALVETE.

Ashton, F. J.
Fett, M. F. J.
Page, G. R.
Reynolds, M.
Spriggs, K. E.
THE HEADMASTER.

In offering, as sincerely as we can, our congratulations to the Headmaster, on his appointment to the Headship of Doncaster Grammar School, we are for the moment more concerned with a sense of the School's loss. A School always owes the greater part of its achievement to the Headmaster. This is particularly true when that Head is the first, in a new building without atmosphere or tradition.

It is just seven years since Mr. Lay and four assistants opened the School with 60 boys divided into three forms. We now have some 200 boys divided into ten forms. There was a happy-go-lucky spirit about those early days which it is impossible and perhaps undesirable to recapture. There were no "Houses" and no rules save those we made as we went along, but there was a very friendly and enthusiastic spirit. It was the days when boys went training walks before breakfast on Sunday in preparation for the School's first rugger match. This enthusiastic, friendly spirit emanated from the Head and found its climax in the School production of three plays in April, 1932. These were a united School effort. The Head encouraged us to make our own scenery and lighting and to write our own play; he arranged short talks after prayers on various aspects of dramatic work; he joined us all in a common, community enterprise.

It was then we discovered that we had a Headmaster who would willingly go out to buy a box of tacks if that was
the needful thing at the moment. Always has Mr. Lay preserved that attitude of being completely free of access to any boy or Master at any time he is in the building. Further he has shown a genuine and fatherly interest in the welfare of each boy, which interest has not been limited to his school days only, as many an Old Boy of the School can bear witness.

The plays were a turning point. The first Oxford Certificate was drawing near; the School was growing in numbers of boys and staff and the next few years were years of growing pains in which the School was finding itself, adjusting the claims of work and play.

Finally in the last year or so a settled framework has been achieved. Organisation has functioned smoothly so that the School has been freed to devote its energies to the varied activities of its life. Rugby, Boxing, Cross-country, Athletic Sports, P.T., Cricket, School Certificate and Swimming: the School has found its own yearly rhythm and pattern, and through it all runs the thread of the School Music, gradually taking the lead at School prayers, growing and widening to include a School Orchestra, in which the Head plays the violin, and reaching a peak in the Choir's proposed broadcast.

These things have happened because in Mr. Lay we have had a Head who allowed the utmost possible freedom of scope, consistent with balance, to the staff under him. This sounds simple but it requires qualities of tactful leadership from within the group which though less showy and blatant than much that passes for leadership, are none the less more difficult of achievement and more lasting in result. These qualities Mr. Lay has shown himself to possess. In addition the staff and boys can bear witness to such characteristics as honesty of mind, fairness and kindness, which rudimentary though they may appear, are rare, even in Headmasters.

Nor are all Headmasters as fortunate in their wives. Mrs. Lay has always taken a keen interest in the School. It was chiefly at her wish that a move nearer the School was made so that she could feel a sharer in the School life. Medals for the swimming sports and the boxing cup have been a gift from her; while the yearly function she perhaps enjoys best is the giving of tea to all the visitors on the day of the Parents' Match.

Because of what he is and because of the help and encouragement he has received from Mrs. Lay, the Headmaster will be leaving a tradition of which he may well be proud. In seven years we have a School that is alive with varied interests; in which each boy has opportunity for continuous initiative and where between big and small boys, between the pupils and staff and between the School and parents, there is a natural, friendly feeling which augurs well for the future of the foundations Mr. Lay has laid so truly.
CRICKET NOTES.

The batting has been the weak point so far this term of both the First Eleven and the 'Under 14' Eleven. Bowling and fielding have reached a very fair standard, but solidity has been absent from the batsmanship. The First Eleven are improving in this respect quite considerably, but the 'Under 14' Eleven have not yet realised the importance of playing carefully when necessary. Too many wickets have been thrown away through attempts at crude forcing shots at the wrong ball. Findley has proved an inspiring First Eleven Captain, setting a good example of keenness. Osborn is performing his duties as 'Under 14' Captain quite well, though a little more initiative is needed in field-placing and handling of bowlers. The scorers have been usually Catlin (First Eleven) and Knight, R. (Under 14 XI.)

Colours have been awarded to Findley, and Half-colours re-awarded to Remmington and Clark.

Matches played to date.

First Eleven.


Kettering batted first and were always on top of our bowling. School collapsed owing to lack of judgment in running and in choosing the shots to play.

Result—Kettering G.S. 105 for 6 wickets (dec.)
School 26.

May 20th, v. Towcester G.S., at Wellingborough.

Towcester opened steadily if somewhat slowly against some quite accurate School bowling. School started badly but Bailey and Remmington came together to play out time.

Result—Towcester G.S. 108 for 2 wickets (dec.)
School 67 for 4 wickets.


Northampton were never really comfortable against some very fair School bowling, but a sixth wicket partnership added 30 good quick runs at the right time. School opened shakily but Clark, Remmington and later Newman and Pashler played steadily until stumps were drawn.

Result—Northampton T. & C. 2nd XI. 89.
School 44 for 7 wickets.

May 29th, v. Bedford Modern Colts, at Wellingborough.

School batting broke down, seeming unable to choose the right strokes to play. Bedford found no difficulty with some moderate School bowling.

Result—School 42.
Bedford Modern Colts 43 for 1 wicket.

Kettering never settled down and Betts coming on later kept a good length to take 6 wickets for 5 runs (including a hat-trick). Weaver and Clark opened very steadily and gave School a good start.

_result—Kettering G.S. 36.
School 37 for 2 wickets.


A very enjoyable day in perfect weather. Clark and Weaver opened the School innings very steadily, increasing the pace later until the score was 112. Runs came quickly from the later batsmen and School declared. Mr. Richardson and Mr. Bird gave the Parents a good start which was maintained by later batsmen and an exciting last over saw the last two Parents save the game.

_result—School 187 for 6 wickets (dec.)
Parents 137 for 10 wickets.


School did well to dismiss Northampton cheaply. Pashler being the most successful bowler with 5 wickets for 19 runs. School however collapsed completely before some well pitched-up medium left arm bowling.

_result—Northamton T. & C. 66.
School 28.

' Under 15 ' XI.


Bedford collapsed before some accurate bowling by Betts (6 wickets for 8 runs) and School’s earlier batsmen were able to knock off the runs comfortably.

_result—Bedford Modern 28.
School 29 for 3 wickets.

' Under 14 ' XI.


Apart from a fifth-wicket stand of 21, Kettering never recovered from a bad start. School bowling was steady and apart from some lapses well backed up in the field. School middle batsmen failed, but Bowers supplied steadiness and Fielder helped later with some hearty hitting.

_result—Kettering G.S. 54.
School 55 for 7 wickets.
Bowers and Dunkley opened confidently, but the middle batsmen again failed in steadiness. Kettering owed their win to a fine fourth-wicket stand. School bowling was only moderate, the fast bowlers sending down too many loose balls.
\textit{Result}—School 71.
\textit{Result}—Kettering G.S. 72 for 3 wickets.

June 9th, v. Towcester G.S., at Wellingborough.
Towcester offered little resistance to the steady bowling of Bailey and Dickens. School knocked off the required runs steadily.
\textit{Result}—Towcester G.S. 37.
\textit{Result}—School 38 for 4 wickets.

Bad judgment in running between the stumps cost School four early wickets and apart from Dickens the batting was poor. Northampton found little difficulty in knocking off the runs though our fielding was quite good.
\textit{Result}—School 42.
\textit{Result}—Northampton T. & C. 43 for 4 wickets.

On a fast scoring wicket Bedford batted steadily against our moderate bowling and good fielding. An eight-wicket partnership added 34 runs. School batting, given a good start by Bowers and Dunkley was completely lacking in steadiness.
\textit{Result}—Bedford Modern 112 for 8 wickets (dec.)
\textit{Result}—School 44.

Bedford scored steadily against our fair bowling and quite good fielding, a seventh wicket partnership adding 30 runs. School batting, lacking in control and steadiness, broke down completely.
\textit{Result}—Bedford 103.
\textit{Result}—School 30.

Bedford batted very well against our fairly good bowling and fielding (spoilt by three missed catches). Apart from Bowers and Dickens and the end batsmen, School batting was rather careless and irresponsible.
\textit{Result}—Bedford Modern 147 for 5 wickets (dec.)
\textit{Result}—School 21.
RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Nov. 28—Under 14 v. Northampton School. Away, lost 6—0
1st XV. v. Northampton School 3rd XV. Home, won 84—0

Dec. 2—Under 13½ v Bedford Lower School. Home, won 11—8
,, 5—1st XV. v. Northampton School 2nd XV. Away, won 20—17
'A' XV. v. Bedford School 'A' XV. Away, lost 3—0
Under 13½ v. Oakham School. Away, lost 32—0
,, 19—1st XV. v. Towcester School. Home, won 31—0

Feb. 6—1st XV. v. Kettering School. Away, won 32—6
Under 15 v. Northampton School. Away, lost 53—0
,, 10—Under 13½ v. Bedford Lower School. Away, lost 48—0
,, 13—Under 14 v. Oakham School. Home, won 45—0
1st XV. v. Daventry G.S. Home, won 12—3
,, 20—Under 14 v. Kettering G.S. Home, won 15—3
1st XV. v. Old Boys. Home, lost 12—0
,, 27—Under 14 v. Daventry G.S. Away, lost 20—3

1st XV. v. Kettering G.S. Home, won 30—0
,, 13—1st XV. v. Towcester G.S. Away, won 8—0

Full-colours: Findley, Sears, Partridge, Maddams.
Half-colours: Buttling, Clark, K., Caten, Remmington, Pitcher, Catlin.

SCOUT NOTES.

Last term there was an influx of recruits who after having been to their first camp which was held at Billing Lings, have now begun to find their feet in the troop. At this camp, which two patrol's attended, tree felling played an important part, for the troop's axemen felled a huge tree that was threatening to fall on the roadway, and trimmed several others.

Before this camp which was held during the Coronation holiday another leaders' training camp was held in the Easter holidays.

The troop hopes to camp at the Dublin Boy Scouts' camping ground, twelve miles from Dublin this August.

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THE HOLIDAY ART PRIZE.

This competition is open to all boys in the School. Any form of art work will be accepted, from outdoor sketching to craft work, and age will be taken into account. Everybody therefore will have a fair chance.

Watch the notice board for full particulars and some suggestions, and begin to think now about your contributions.

THE HOLIDAY NATURAL HISTORY PRIZE.

A prize will be awarded for any study made by unaided efforts on any biological subject. Efforts may include such widely differing contributions as, collections of plants, insects, shells, etc., photographs of any life forms, records of observations on any members or groups of plants or animals. Those competing will hand in their attempts by a date to be announced next term, stating name, age and form and title of entry. Age will be taken into account.

FILM SOCIETY.

The last meeting of the winter session was held on February 2nd. Once again we are indebted to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the loan of films depicting scenes on a cross country trip through Canada. These films lent by the C.P.R. are delightful both because of the photography and because of their interest. At the same time we showed "This England," a two reel film with historical background. Two short films "Winter Sports" and Harold Lloyd in "Never Weaken," were also shown.

Films have been shown regularly in the Geography Room and this term biology lessons have been illustrated by films.

CROSS COUNTRY.

There have been some important changes in the Cross Country Running in the School this year. It has been decided that the sport takes a sufficiently important place in the School's athletic activities for it to be considered worthy to stand on its own, separated completely from the School Sports. This change has generously been supported by Mr. H. R. Williams who has kindly presented a handsome cup for an Annual Inter-House Cross Country Competition.

There has also been some change in the system of awarding points to those running successfully in the Inter-House run. The system aimed at is one that should prove wide and equitable, at the same time encouraging to those whose greatest efforts are insufficient to enable them to come within the first few home.
The weather during the term was rather wet, which caused the ground to become soft and generally making for slow times for the course.

On March 6th the annual run against Daventry Grammar School was held over the School Course. Daventry beat us by 32 points to 46, the first six in each team of eight counting for points. From the School team, Bailey and Langley did well, coming in 3rd and 4th.

The School was represented by—

Half-colours were re-awarded to Bailey R.C., and awarded to Langley, Port, L., Betts and Williams.

In the Inter-House Competitions the results were as follows:
Over 15—1 Bailey, R. C. (L.) ; 2 Langley (G) ; 3 Holmes (S).
13-15—1 Betts (L.) ; 2 Port L. (L.) ; 3 Edwards (D).
Under 13—1 Knight, J. and Knight R. (L.) ; 3 Dallas (D).

The points scored for each House were:
- Gryphons 368
- Dragons 326
- Lions 320
- Stags 168

MUSIC.

The past year has been one of unprecedented activity. We have already given three concerts, and hope to have given a fourth by the time this is published; in addition we have made our first public appearance (at the Mill Road Baptist Church, on February 28th), and have been visited by a member of the B.B.C. Staff with a view to a Broadcast to Schools (May 27th). As we suggested in these pages a year ago, the introduction of singing lessons into the Upper School has been amply justified and the Choir has now four tenors and four basses drawn from the boys, in addition to the three Masters who render such valuable service. The effect was first apparent at the concert on December 17th last year, when, in addition to four-part arrangements of well-known folk songs, Heller Nicholls' "Nancy Dawson" and Holst's "Turn Back O Man" were sung. The tenors and basses sang some Students' Songs; Bond, who accompanied, played two pianoforte solos, and the "Orchestra" (8 violins, 2 clarinets and pianoforte) also performed. We reprint in full the programmes of the other two concerts mentioned above. Included in the three items sung by the Choir at the close of the proceedings on Speech Day was the Evening Prayer from
Humperdinck's Hinsel and Gretel, sung by F. Bailey, P. J. Berrill and P. W. Desborough. A concert given in the School Hall, on March 11th, by the Wellingborough Orchestral Society included three movements of Beethoven's Second Symphony, and Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2. We are very grateful to Miss Wyldes who comes on Fridays to conduct a Violin Class of about a dozen boys. We should feel more hopeful about the music in the School if boys knew more about it when they came. Eight, not eleven is the right age for a boy's musical education to begin.

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SINGING BY THE CHOIR.

SUNDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1936, AT 3 P.M.

O come all ye faithful.
A babe is born in Bethlehem.
O leave your sheep.
In dulci iubilo.

Prelude and Fugue in C Major (No. 1, 48 Preludes and Fugues)—J. S. Bach.

Wo Jesus is me.
Blessed be that maid Marie,
Shepherds in the field abiding.
Prelude, "The Holy Boy."—John Ireland.

The holly and the ivy.
King Jesus hath a garden.
Jesu joy of man's desiring (Cantata No. 147) J. S. Bach.

O little town of Bethlehem.

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TUESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1937, AT 8 P.M.

When I survey the wondrous cross .... E. Miller
The twenty-third psalm .... chant by T. A. Walmisley
Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake School of Dr. Tye
Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord .... Thomas Weelkes
O for a closer walk with God .... Scottish Psalter 1635
My heart ever faithful (Cantata No. 68) (Solo, P. J. Berrill) J. S. Bach

Comfort, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant .... W. Crotch
1st and 2nd Movements from Trio in E. flat for Clarinet, Viola and Piano—Mozart

O come and mourn with me awhile .... J. B. Dykes
The royal banners forward go Plainsong from the Sarum Antiphonal

Ah, holy Jesus) Chorales from the Passion according to O sacred head St. Matthew .... J. S. Bach
Jesu, joy of man's desiring .... J. S. Bach
Abide with me .... W. H. Monk

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MUSICAL CLUB.

This has been started by a group of boys in the upper school entirely on their own initiative. The president is C. B. Brown (Lower V.) and the secretary and treasurer F. C. Coles (Upper V.). So far this term there have been the following meetings:

- May 21st & 24th, Inaugural business meetings.
- May 31st, Recital of Schubert Impromptus by Mr. Appleby.
- June 7th, Violin recital by Mr. Brownlie.
- June 16th, Chopin recital by Harold Jaeger.
- June 21st, The physics of sound by Dr. Adamson.

We are hoping also to hear this term Mrs. Robertson on the violoncello and a male-voice quartet from Oxford with representatives from the choirs of Christ Church, New College and Queen's.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The weather at the end of the Lent Term was very unkind to us but we managed to get through the preliminary heats, and during the first fortnight of this term the finalists made good use of the facilities for practice.

On Sports Day, May 6th, we had really good weather, not too hot for the competitors or too chilly for the spectators. The results were quite creditable, specially the Senior Long Jump. The Senior High Jump record was raised slightly, and also the middle long jump. The flat races were good, the senior and middle hundred yards records being equalled.

At the conclusion of the Sports, Miss A. R. Tinkler, Headmistress of the Girls' High School very graciously presented the medals and cups.

RESULTS.

One Mile—Over 15.
1, Langley ; 2, Mabbutt ; 3, Holmes ; 4, Pitcher.
Time 5 mins., 50 1/5 secs.

13—15.
1, Edwards ; 2, Sharp, J. ; 3, Millward ; 4, Port, L. A.
Time 6 mins., 11 4/5 secs.

Half Mile—Over 15.
1, Langley ; 2, Catlin ; 3, Caten ; 4, Holmes.
Time 2 mins., 42 3/5 secs.
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House Relay Races—Over 15.
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Under 13.
1, Dragons ; 2, Gryphons ; 3, Lions.

Athletic Cup
Dragons 120 5/6
Lions 115 1/2
Gryphons 104 1/3
Stags 79 1/3

Relay Cup.
Dragons 40
Gryphons 28
Lions 12
Stags 4

SPEECH DAY.

Speech Day was held on Thursday, Feb. 4th, 1937, and the principal guest was Ald. Brigadier-General A. F. H. Ferguson, J.P., who distributed the prizes.

The Chairman of the Governors in opening the proceedings referred to the great work in the County being done by the General who in coming to our Speech Day, was once again putting into practice his creed of service. Mr. Hedger Edwards spoke of the continued growth of the School and its influence in the district.

The Headmaster then presented his report of the year’s work. He opened by telling of the general inspection carried out by Inspectors from the Board of Education and he was pleased to state that the Inspectors had congratulated himself and the Staff on the efficiency of the School. The Headmaster then stated that the five years’ course for the School Certificate had been introduced, and that in his opinion and in the opinion of the Inspectors, the change would be beneficial. He then turned to the question of the average leaving age and said that our average leaving age was well below that for the country, but he was hopeful that this was altering and that parents and boys would realise the vital necessity of boys completing the secondary school course. He said “I put it forward as a matter for serious consideration that private employers and public firms while paying lip service to education in general, and brains in their own business in particular, should still take boys before they have finished their course.” He stressed the fact that further use should be made of the
information available about suitable openings for secondary school boys, from the headmasters' employment bureau.

Of general school activities the Headmaster had pleasing remarks to make. He described the plan of a committee of parents to provide the school with a pavilion for the Sports Field. The School had more than held its own against other schools in the various Sports; school societies were flourishing and in particular the Headmaster made reference to the excellent concerts provided by the School Choir. School outings, visits to factories and the School party that visited Paris were all described and commended. The Headmaster stressed the value of these out-of-school activities in the education of boys. In work the Head was able to give details of many successes in the School Certificate Examination, and he reported that three boys would shortly be proceeding to universities. He concluded his remarks by thanking the Staff and prefects for their willing cooperation and work.

General Ferguson, after presenting the Certificates and prizes, urged the boys to fit themselves for public service as citizens of a great empire. He asked them not to allow the virtue of patriotism—"the greatest thing man can have"—to be laughed at or scorned. He commented on the active life of the school as revealed in the school magazine. In his speech he declared his intention of presenting a trophy to the School to be held by the house which had the most successes in games and school work.

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PRIZE LIST.

**Upper V.**
- Buttling, G. ... Oxford School Certificate.
- Caten, H. W. J. ... Oxford School Certificate.
- Clark, E. ... Oxford School Certificate.
- Clark, K. ... Oxford School Certificate.
- Clipstone, F. J. ... Oxford School Certificate.
- Crawley, F. J. ... Oxford School Certificate.
- Crowther-Green, J. P. V. Oxford School Certificate.
- Green, P. A. T. ... Oxford School Certificate.
- Houghton, J. B. ... Oxford School Certificate.
- Maddams, H. H. ... Oxford School Certificate.
- Martin, H. ... Oxford School Certificate.
- Maycock, F. W. ... Oxford School Certificate.
- Partridge, F. H. ... Oxford School Certificate.
- Richardson, H. D. ... Oxford School Certificate.

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**SPECIAL PRIZES.**

- Bond, C., VIth Form ... Special Music Prize.
- Drage, P. L., Upper V Form Miss Cook’s English Prize

**PHYSICAL TRAINING BADGES.**

First Class Badges were gained by: ---
- Remmington (L).
- Bond (S).
- Troath (G).

Second Class Badges were gained by: ---
- Bailey (L).
- Braybrook (L).
- Bowers (L).
- Clark, K. (D).
- Crowther-Green (L).
- Jessop, J. (S).

**HOUSE CUPS.**

- Mrs. H. W. Saxby Rugby Cup, won by Stags.
- R. E. Yorke Cricket Cup, won by Gryphons.
- G. Henson Relay Cup, won by Dragons.
- Mrs. F. C. Lay Boxing Cup, won by Lions.
- E. E. Martin Athletic Cup, won by Lions.
- W. W. James Swimming Cup, won by Dragons.
- H. W. Ford Physical Training Cup, won by Lions.
BOXING 1937.

The finals of the fifth Inter-House Competition Boxing were held in the Gymnasium on Friday, 19th February, at 2.30 p.m.

The Competition was ‘Open’ this year for the first time. This enabled Houses to enter more than two boys per weight. Therefore the Team with the largest entry had the opportunity of winning the most points. Training for next year’s Competition will commence during the second half of the Christmas Term.

We are indebted to Mr. Clayton and S. Sanders who acted as Judges throughout the Competition and to Dr. Perry Walker who presented the Cup and to those Officials who assisted at the meeting.

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HOUSE NOTES.

DRAGONS.

House Masters: Mr. C. W. F. Laurie, Mr. I. J. Nicholas.

Head of House: C. C. Sears.

Captains: C. C. Sears (Cross Country & P.T.), G. Buttlng

(Athletics), K. N. Clark (Cricket & Swimming).

Since the last issue of the Magazine we have had several successes. We won our last Rugger Match against the Gryphons, after a good game and now hold the Cup. In the Boxing we did nothing outstanding, finishing equal second with the Gryphons. We were runners up in the Cross Country, our position being due more to the large number of runners than any individual brilliance.

For the first time, we won the Athletics Cup. Many boys obtained points in the preliminary rounds and this, followed by several good performances in the finals, enabled us to win the Cup. The finalists were:—Senior, Buttlng, Clark and Maddams; Middle, Edwards and Harvey, Junior, Bunker, Dallas R. and Goodey. We also retained the Relay Cup with two wins and a second. At present we are second in the P.T. competition and hope to gain sufficient points to win in the last round.

Clark K., Weaver and Annable have played regularly for the School Ist XI., and Clark is to be congratulated on being re-awarded Cricket half Colours.

We have high hopes of winning the Swimming Cup for the third successive year. We congratulate the following:—Maddams and Weaver (Rugger Full Colours); Allen C. J., Buttlng, Catlin and Pitcher (Rugger Half Colours).

We are all very sorry that we have to lose our capable and enthusiastic Head of House, Sears, at the end of the term, but we wish him the best of luck in his future as a Civil Servant.

GRYPHONS.

House Masters: Mr. J. G. Dunning, Dr. A. B. Adamson.

House Prefects: F. Langley, J. Findley, P. Green (Secretary), R. Troath (Boxing).

For a long time our House has not been very successful as far as sporting achievements are concerned, and at present the only cups we hold are those for Cricket and Cross-Country Running. We trust, however, that the near future will see us once more in possession of at least some of the cups which we formerly held.
We have high hopes of retaining the Cricket Cup, as we made a very good start by two smashing victories over the Stags and Dragons.

We are represented in School XI's by Findley, Sharpe, Williams and Crompton.

Our Swimmers are under the leadership of Troath.

At the Athletic Sports we were runners up for the Relay Cup, and managed to finish in the third place on the whole day.

We are eagerly awaiting the result of the competition for the Ferguson Trophy.

In the Boxing contests last term, a good display was given, particularly by Holt, Elks and Hudson.

We have some enthusiastic juniors and the efforts being made by all sections of the House are commendable.

We shall be very sorry to lose our hard-working Head of House, Langley, who is leaving at the end of this term for Nottingham University, but we wish him success in his future life.

LIONS.

House Masters : MR. E. L. HOLE, MR. J. H. BUTLER.

Head of House : REMMINGTON.

House Prefects : CATEN, CROWTHER-GREEN.

We have been fairly successful at games during the past two terms, although one or two disasters have befallen us. We retained the Boxing Cup and have gained a lead in the points for the Physical Training Cup which we won last year. We are sorry to say that we lost the Athletic Cup to the Dragons, the issue being undecided until the last event. We did not win the Cross Country Cup although we were well represented in the races, and gained first and second places in the Junior and first in the Senior.

Remmington, Caten, Coles, Clipstone, Brown and Bailey have represented the House in the Senior activities. Betts, Braybrook, Mabbutt, Port, L. A., Needle, Sutton and Bowers, J. in the Middle, and Knight, J., Knight, R., Cunnington, Johnson, L., Kew, Neville and Manning in the Junior activities.

We are well represented in the School cricket teams. Remmington, Coles, Betts, Pashler and Bailey played for the 1st XI., Osborn, R., Bowers, J., and Smith played in the Under "14" XI., Manning and Kew have also played for the school.
STAGS.

House Masters: MR. B. W. APPLEBY, MR. H. C. PHILLIPS.

Prefects: MILLS, HOLMES, INGRAM, CUTMORE.

House Captain: BOND. House Secretary: CUTMORE.

The House has this year suffered a great deal from its loss, during the Autumn term, of a number of seniors, as is shown by the results of the rugger, athletics and cricket. There is a bright side, however, for we have several good swimmers, and our hopes in this direction are strong. We also hope that soon, another group of seniors will arise to redeem the reputation of the Stags, and we are looking to the Junior House to provide the inspired leaders.

Four Stags are taking the School Certificate this term, and they are assured of the best wishes from the House. We also wish Bond the best of luck (and judgment) in the London Higher which he has taken this term.

CAREERS.

(From the Headmaster's speech on Speech Day).

"I do put it forward as a matter for serious consideration, that private employers and public firms while paying lip service to education in general, and brains in particular, should still take boys before they have finished their Course; this happens now less often, but it still needs to be watched by Schoolmaster and parents alike.

I am in general, particularly sceptical of the kind of opening to which a parent has been persuaded by an employer to enter his son by such words as 'Now this is an opportunity which does not happen often and I would like your boy to have it . . .' If this is true when the boy is 14 or 15, how much more should it be true, if the opening is a genuine one, when the boy is 16 and has completed a satisfactory School course."

INSURANCE.

Insurance has been defined as the means by which a loss which may be incurred by an individual is shared by a group of individuals. It is the business of insurance companies to act as centres at which arrangements may be made to spread the effects of a loss and so to minimise it as far as the individual is concerned. Since companies undertake to cover losses of practically every sort it follows that experts in many branches of life will be drawn into
insurance companies and some companies will specialise in certain types of risks. The main divisions of the insurance world are fire, life, accident and marine.

In the vocation there are varieties of employment; outdoor agents who visit prospective clients, inspectors who supervise the work of agents, surveyors who assess risks, accountants and investors who deal with the company's funds.

A boy with good manners, healthy and trustworthy, and with a School Certificate is the type drawn into this class of business. Some personal influence, such as can be supplied by the Headmaster is most useful and the age of entry is generally about seventeen.

For some years work will be as a junior in the larger offices and during this period training for the diploma granted by the Chartered Insurance Institute, or the Corporation of Insurance Brokers is undertaken. Information can be obtained from the Chartered Insurance Institute, 11, Queen Street, London, E.C. 4., or from the local Technical School.

A beginner's pay is from £60—£75 which rises steadily in seven or eight years to £200 and then ability and qualifications open the way to many highly paid posts. Most companies have their own pension scheme.

This vocation is one which repays enterprise and opens to an ambitious boy the vast world of business.

J. G. D.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.
EXAMINATION, DEC. 1936.

H. Caten E, F, M, Ch, ph, h.
K. Clark E, h, F, M, Ph.
F. Clipstone E, f, M, Ph, G.

Capitals indicate credit marks.
e, English h, History ch, Chemistry.
f, French g, Geography
m, Maths ph, Physics

PLAY READING SOCIETY.

This society meets on Fridays at 4 p.m. in Mr. Appleby's room and although its activities have so far been confined to the reading of plays, its ultimate ambition is to "do it in action." The chairman and moving-spirit is I. A. W. Peck (Lower V), the secretary and treasurer J. R. Upton (Upper V) and the two other members of committee are F. J.
Crawley and S. J. Cutmore (Upper V). Its principal difficulty is to obtain sufficient copies of plays and therefore it has had to confine its attentions so far to "Ten Modern Plays." There are hopes however that a sufficient number of copies of some of Shaw's plays may be obtainable. "Enough; hold or cut bow-strings".

THE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB.

Permissive working with bell-signalling but no block instruments is the method of the Model Railway Club which assembles its tracks and rolling stock in the Physics Laboratory on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. You run your engine more or less when you like or when the signalmen let you, but if you are caught passing a signal at danger you are shunted into a lie-by siding for five minutes or so. All the same you enjoy yourself!

PHYSICAL TRAINING DISPLAY.

On the occasion of the Parents' Match and again on June 22nd (this time for the benefit of parties from the elementary schools in the town) a display of Physical Training was given by a team of thirty eight-boys. A much bigger team had commenced training but illness and absence caused a reduction in numbers.

The boys ran into the Quadrangle and formed four teams after an introductory talk by Mr. Goddard. A number of exercises were performed to the rhythm of physical fitness rhymes.

The body line tableau was next presented with three boys representing three different ways of standing. Then followed rolls, dives and headstands and some spectacular dives over kneeling boys commencing over one boy and finishing over six.

An amusing part of the display was the "Jumps and Rolls" in which three boys did forward rolls, and jumped over one another.

After several more individual turns a few vaulting exercises were performed over the horse. The vaulting concluded the excellent display of skill which was applauded by a large audience on each occasion.

AMATEUR VILLAGE PRODUCTIONS.

Five years have past; five summers with the length of five long winters since the village of H saw its first "Cub Concerts." It has become such a regular feature that the citizens of H could not exist without it. Every member
of the village from the oldest in the bath-chair to the youngest in the perambulator, is present to witness a "stirring performance." It is the cubs', or to give them their proper name the "Wolf Cubs," day and they are in supreme command.

It was the coming of X that altered the future of H. The almost extinct 'cubs' suddenly sprang into life with the advent of a new leader and they fired the village with their enthusiasm. Naturally I was caught and carried along by the flood and soon became a prominent member of that famous society. It was there that I had my first experience of acting or rather drama. I would rather say nothing of my active acting days on the stage (or so-called stage) only that in one night from the happy ambitious actor I became a sadly disillusioned boy. I need only ask, "Can one give of one's best with one's mouth full of false moustache and glue, and amid repeated cries of 'Speak up me boy, I am somewhat deaf on the right side,' from the oldest inhabitants in their time-honoured front row of arm chairs?" Oh! I became popular, the audience thought it was part of my role. Accordingly I retired from the stage at the height of my popularity. The following year provided my excuse, that year I entered into a higher sphere of civilization and I became engaged in higher pursuits. My reputation still lived but I did not live up to it.

For the next two years I became one of the audience and enjoyed myself at the misfortune of others, but I was still aflame with that same enthusiasm which had first engulfed me. I still yearned for another chance and at last the chance came. "When 'scaped from literary cares" I was met and questioned by H.C. with regard to stage-managing the future concert. With one eye on my name appearing in neat black print on the green cover of the next month's parish magazine and the other on the splendid tea enjoyed by the "select few" at the vicarage, I accepted. Manfully I entered on my task and resolved to carry on to the bitter end.

My first difficulty was in allotting parts, for our play was to be Robin Hood, and as can be expected there were several 'Bottoms' in "my patch of wide mechanicals". The first three rehearsals were eagerly attended but owing to a never failing rebuke for not being word-perfect this keenness was soon damped. It appeared that they were otherwise engaged, apparently in an idle game of football or some such other pursuit. At last the eagerly awaited day arrived and I gathered my company around me and administered to them the advice that Hamlet gave to his players. It was all in vain, my efforts were fruitless, they passed unheeded. None the less my show was a success as also was 'Who killed Cock Robin?' another play which I had taken over.

Robin Hood' provided so many thrills for the audience and so many more heart-rending moments for me that it seemed an endless performance. My first trouble was
the stage, although I doubt if one can really call a few desks overlaid with worm-eaten planks a stage. Oh! would-be-stage manager take the golden advice falling from my pen, beware of your stage!

Will Scarlet, a devoted admirer of Robin Hood expressed his love of that person to such an extent that the very ground gave way to him—he fell through the stage when jumping in his delight. In my other production two sparrows (very clumsy wolf cubs) happened to over-hop and found themselves underneath the stage, much to their disgust, readily voiced, and to the delight of the audience.

As I have remarked before I had several Master Bottoms but I made the mistake of my somewhat distinguished career when I created two deadly rivals into Robin Hood and Little John. The story tells us that they met and fought on a bridge but on our bridge (the pride of my handiwork) they simply hurled into one another, parts were forgotten, the bridge collapsed, the stage groaned and heaved with the audience in applause and to crown all the curtain would not fall. My faithful assistant saved the situation by switching off the lights. In two minutes I had spanked, virtually spanked Robin Hood and Little John and the play continued amid shouts of “encore” and showers of apple-cores.

Another pest of the ambitious producer and manager is an actor a little different from Bottom. He is the boy who strolls nonchalantly to the front of the stage and grins, just grins at his mother, brother, sister and friends. Quite calmly he waves to one of his many aunts and then coolly turns to me, neatly hidden by a screen and asks for his cue, and then immediately begins on the wrong one.

I could go on everlastingly about my misfortunes, but to no avail, for it is impossible to express my feelings of that night in words. I cannot do them (my feelings) justice or the actors injustice. The suitability of the play: “Who killed Cock Robin?” a graceful dance performed by marvellously clumsy ‘wolf cubs,’ the costumes, made by mothers and young sisters, the talent, were all against me that night. As I retired I made one fervent vow that never again would I cast my eyes on to names in honoured magazines and to splendid teas, but to shed my earthly attire and to retire reverently to the Muses.

J. Findley, VI.

HOT DAYS.

A hot day, like many a brilliant flower of summer, unfolds itself in a cool hazy morn, as a bursting bud; creeps ever upwards to its scorching zenith, a golden noon, as an ever-widening blossom; and as a languishing flower fades away to a chilly dusk.
With the first streaks of an early dawn, the cheerful lark soars high above the corn, and up, up into the hazy sky, there to pour forth his shrill song to the silent world beneath.

As morning approaches, busy towns awaken, and many don summer dresses in contemplation of inevitable heat. Hotter and hotter grows the day as the relentless sun glares fiercely down upon the already scorching world beneath, and lethargic people receive temporary relief from a cool soothing breeze as it fans their crimson cheeks.

Noon. The blazing sun pours down out of a clear azure sky and many wear shades to protect their eyes from the glare of its terrible brilliance. In the afternoon, mothers walk abroad with canopied perambulators while old ladies may be seen lazily dozing under the shade of gaudy parasols. To the sharp twang of the impact between racket and ball, flushed tennis players move quickly about parched and cracking courts, while hot and thirsty batsmen run wearily up and down a dusty wicket.

At last the brilliant sun takes pity on the weary world, and as he slowly falls to the distant horizon, evening approaches. As shadows lengthen, annoying gnats commence their irritating work and many an exasperated person aims blows at them viciously; but what effect has this upon the clouds of these pests?

Stillness prevails, and as the sun melts into one glorious blood-red sunset, heralding the close of day, dusk falls. Another hot day is over, and more than one person has wished for the snows of winter.

P. H. White, IVa.

THE ANNUAL MIGRATION.

The summer has come once more and with it the call of the sea. Hundreds of people have worked hard for twelve months, and now think they need a rest. Weeks before the actual migration, would-be holiday-makers are living in a whirl of brightly-coloured folders, each one saying that the particular town it describes is the best; railway time-tables are consulted and boarding houses approached.

When all these preliminary arrangements have been attended to, there is the all important question of what to wear. So many clean shirts must be taken, white flannels must be cleaned and a new straw hat must be bought for father. Then, a handicap to all holidays, there is a never ending amount of packing to be done, for these travellers are not people who journey with a clean collar and a toothbrush in their pockets. No, it seems that "the more the merrier" is the motto of these holiday-makers, they can always be seen with at least three trunks and an innumerable quantity of small cases.
When a family leave for the station the remaining inhabitants of the street turn out to see them off and the inevitable lady at the corner peers round her curtains to ascertain what the hubbub is about. On the railway platform various family clans are sitting on their luggage waiting for trains while day-trippers gaze at them longingly. All the fathers pretend to be condescending: they are only going for the children’s sake and are glad it is only once a year, they say; all the mothers are fussy and trying to remember if they locked the kitchen door. As the train draws in, there is a mad rush for carriages, ferocious glares are given to mild little men who are unfortunate enough to occupy the same compartment. Then, with people giving many injunctions to various aunts to feed various cats, the train moves off and another load prepare to drown their worries and cares in the sea for a fortnight.

The towns are half empty and houses have a deserted look. The world and his wife are at the sea; milliners think they’ve lost their best customer and tobacconists wonder why Mr. So-and-So hasn’t come in for his daily half-ounce. They are all at the sea; away for their annual tonic and energetic rest, it has become a necessary part of routine in all English homes—the annual migration.

D. Pope, IVa.

THE ROYAL AIR-FORCE DISPLAY.

On Saturday, June 26th, the Eighteenth Annual Air-Force Display took place at Hendon. The Display proper did not begin until three o’clock, with the arrival of the King and Queen and the mass fly-past of two hundred and sixty machines.

Flying actually began at noon when various small events took place, including bomb dropping, aerobatics and refuelling in mid-air. The bomb dropping, which was of the type known as dive-bombing (i.e., without the use of sights) was remarkably accurate, the winner’s average error being a little under nine yards.

After the mass formation flight followed a humorous demonstration of a pupil’s attempt to fly, under the eye of his instructor. The remarks which passed between the pupil and instructor were broadcast to the crowd.

Another interesting event was entitled “Big Game Shooting,” in which a Big Game Shooter accompanied by his tame “dragon” demonstrated a typical day’s shooting, the game being selected from a number of monsters found in the stratosphere. In practice the Big Game Shot was an old Horace Farman Bi-plane, while the tame dragon was a Monospar aircraft. The monsters were garishly painted balloons which were brought down by the observers in the planes, armed with sporting guns.
Later followed an attack on a kite balloon, defended by anti-aircraft guns and war time German aircraft and which was attacked by three British fighting planes. After both sides had suffered casualties the balloon was sent down in flames.

Great interest was caused by the demonstration of the latest types of planes, single-seater fighters, dive-bombers and wireless controlled target aeroplanes were all represented. The speed and performance shown by these craft were phenomenal.

The concluding event consisted of an attack by aeroplanes on a small port, defended by anti-aircraft guns and fighter aircraft. The action opened with an attack by high-flying bombers and torpedo bomber aircraft. The lock gates of the port were destroyed, shipping being left stranded. The port buildings and warehouses were then attacked by more high-flying bombers and dive-bombers. Both attackers and defenders lost machines, but the event closed with the destruction of the port. The operational control of the port defences was broadcast as the attack proceeded.

Besides the events described there were demonstrations of skywriting with coloured smoke, parachute jumping (from enemy bombers brought down in flames), inverted formation flying, low bombing attacks, and flight aerobatics. The flying throughout the day was exceedingly interesting and all the events were excellently performed without hitch or accident.

F. A. Robinson, Form VI.
F. J. Crawley, Form Upper V.
THE PARENTS' PAVILION.

The event of the term has been the erection and opening of the Pavilion on the Playing Fields. I have been asked to report on this for the School Magazine, and as it is the last occasion when I can write for the Magazine as Headmaster I am delighted to have the privilege of recording the story. Within a bare six months of the first meeting of the Parents' Committee, the sum aimed at has almost been raised. A few more pounds are still needed in order to provide extras in the way of fittings; but the fact that the bulk of the cost was raised in the short time is a great tribute to the energy and smooth working of the Committee. They launched an appeal, and ran two whist drives and the affair was done. For the Whist Drives the wives of the Committee formed themselves into a very enthusiastic Ladies' Committee and altogether the school can congratulate itself on having acquired not only a pavilion but also the realisation of a corporate body of helpers and well wishers which is going to provide it with a feeling of solidarity. The opening on June 10th, took place on the occasion of the Parents' Match which has become a regular event of the summer term.

There was a good attendance of well over two hundred parents and friends. It was my duty to introduce the business of the assembly and I acknowledge our indebtedness to the Committee consisting of the following parents:— Messrs. Braybrook (Higham Ferrers), Clark (Rushden) Hon. Sec., Crawley (Irchester), Duncan (Irthlingborough), Gent (Wellingborough), Chairman; Green (Wollaston), Pearson (Finedon), Richardson (Earls Barton).
Mr. F. C. Gent, Chairman of the Committee, thanked all who had helped the scheme and expressed also his thanks to the staff of the school for the work they were doing for education and good sportsmanship. He expressed the hope on behalf of the Committee that this addition to the amenities of the school field would help forward and make for the health and happiness of the boys and the continued prosperity of the school. The Committee realised the large commitments that the Education Authority was burdened with at the present time and they felt that the best help they could give was by providing this now as a gift in Coronation year. He therefore asked Mr. Hedger Edwards as the Chairman of the School Governors to accept it. Mr. Edwards who first asked my wife to open the pavilion expressed the thanks of the Governors and Education Committee for so handsome a gift and said how great an asset it would be to the school playing fields. He very sincerely thanked the Committee for their work and all the contributors for their very generous response.

As both Mr. Gent and Mr. Edwards referred in very kind terms to the period of my Headmastership here I should like to be able to add a few words by way of reply.

Seven years have passed very quickly and if, as I believe is true, the passage of time is quickest when one is most happily occupied then I can confidently affirm that these seven years, although busy have been the happiest of my life. I feel that I am indeed fortunate to have been present at this Pavilion opening as a culminating episode in my active connection with the School. During my stay here I have made very many contacts (wherein lies much of a schoolmaster's enjoyment of life) and I hope that at a distance of exactly a hundred miles though these will inevitably be severed physically they will never be destroyed mentally. I shall always think of Wellingborough and remember with gratitude that I enjoyed a unique privilege here in that, by the very nature of things a school can only have one first Headmaster. My wife and I wish everyone, the Governing Body, the parents and friends, the Old Boys, the Staff and the present boys increasing prosperity and successes for the future of Wellingborough Grammar School. Floreat!

F. C. LAY.
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