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EDIToRIAL.

We are told that "the thing that hath been, it is that which shall be," but surely this is not so with the life of a school. All things change; at the end of last term we lost Mr. Clayton, who played a great part in the building up of the School. This term we shall lose Mr. Appleby, to whom also we feel deeply grateful for his untiring service. There will be a great exodus, too, of prefects and senior members of the School. Incidentally we are very glad to see our seniors obtaining good positions with good prospects.

The last year has been remarkable in many ways: it has seen the most successful Rugger season the School has had; it is the one in which the interest in music in the School has reached its height and promises the climax of a House Musical Competition; and it has known a Speech Day conspicuous not least by the fact that the customary holiday, though so prettily asked for, was completely forgotten.

Remarkable, too, is the number and the variety of visits which have been made. There have been many successful outings, whose attractions have varied from cinema organs to Oxford Colleges, from engine-sheds to county cricket, from Dovedale to a telephone exchange—a fact which bears sure testimony to the wide interests of the School. Nor have we only paid visits; we have received them too, and here again the variety is equally impressive. Besides Sir Gilbert Walker's excellent address on Speech Day we have been given talks on China, on Toc H, on Russia and on local government, and have seen films on rubber, rugger and cocoa.

An eventful year; and we have not been unmoved by the eventful happenings outside our School world.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prefects:


We congratulate one of our Governors, Sir Arthur de Capel Brooke, Bt., D.L., J.P., on being created a Baron in the King's Birthday Honours, for life-long service to the County of Northampton.

Mr. Hole has been appointed Second Master.
We have to offer our heartiest congratulations to C. Bond on being awarded an £80 Open Foundation Scholarship at University College, Nottingham, for Mathematics.

On February 21st the Parents' Committee held another very successful Whist Drive in aid of the School Sports Fund. We are greatly indebted to them for their continued efforts.

A fairly large party of boys went to hear the public business part of the Wellingborough Urban District Council Meeting on February 14th.

We are indebted to the Head Postmaster at Wellingborough and to his engineer for allowing two parties of boys to visit the automatic telephone exchange.

Hospital collections in February and June amounted to £2-7-3.

A new school prospectus is being prepared.

We have to thank Mrs. Charles Worsley, of Wimbledon, for the gift of twenty deck chairs.

The Headmaster has presented an unbound set of the Apollo Magazines for use in the Art Room.

Visitors to the School have included Professor Lomonosoff who talked to the Sixth on Russia; Rev. F. J. Purchas who talked to the School on China; Mr. A. G. Churcher who talked to the seniors on the work of Toc H; Councillor R. R. Montford on the occasion of the fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the County Councils. He also distributed commemorative booklets on behalf of the County Council.

On Thursday, June 8th, we were pleased to see so many visitors at the Parents' Match.

Elks and Martin (violins) and Groome (cornet) play regularly with the Orchestra at Wellingborough School.

Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Phillips, Remmington and Holmes sang in the performance of Elijah under Sir Henry Wood in Peterborough Cathedral on May 25th.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries and apologise for any omissions: Ousel, Northamptonian, The Daventrian, The Sheaf, The Magazine of Doncaster Grammar School, The Petriburgian, The Balshavian.

VALETE.

Mr. G. H. Clayton, who has gone to the Central High School for Boys, Manchester.


W. D. Ford, entered 1934 (3). Ford Works, Dagenham.

A. K. Gent, entered 1933 (3). In business with his father.


W. S. Poole, entered 1933 (1). Tatterford Theological School.


The following left before reaching the School Certificate form:

F. H. Bailey.
R. Clayson.
H. S. W. Coldicott (transferred to Kidderminster).
P. H. Jackson.
J. L. Jessop.
D. Millward.
A. T. O'Connor.
J. G. Pearson.
C. Penness.
E. S. G. Williamson.

Salvete.

Dr. A. Jackson, who comes in place of Mr. Clayton.
B. J. Britton.
L. S. Day.
F. R. Heginbotham.
R. R. Knight.
J. Rice.
R. Shelford.
R. Speechley.
Mr. G. H. Clayton.

We were sorry to lose Mr. Clayton at Easter. He had been here since the opening of the School in 1930 and along with Mr. Lay had been responsible for laying the foundations on which the growing school could build. The English department, the rugger, the scouts and the Old Boys’ Association all owe much to his tireless enthusiasm and incessant devotion to their interests. Both in class and out of school he gained the affection of the boys and his interest in all their activities stimulated and encouraged them. When he left, the results of his work were apparent and none of us can feel any doubt as to the debt we owe him.

We congratulate him on his marriage which took place on June 1st and wish him and Mrs. Clayton much happiness.

Cricket Notes.

The number of efficient cricketers in the Senior School this year has proved exceptionally small, the leavers last year and during this year having contained a more than usually high percentage of promising cricket enthusiasts. Perhaps we are to have two lean years before the promise of the Junior School, which is quite high, is realised.

With only one old Colour available the outlook for the First Eleven for the present season was not too encouraging. However, Remmington has been very successful with both bat and ball and this, together with the great improvement shewn by Sherwood as fielder, batsman and bowler, Newman as batsman, Fielder as bowler and (until he left) N. P. Sharpe, the wicket-keeper, as batsman, has made the season so far comparatively successful. Honours are even so far and but for an injury which kept Remmington from bowling in three matches, School might well have lost fewer matches than they have. The keenness of the whole team throughout has been most pleasing. The ground fielding has been quite good, with Holt, Fielder and Sherwood outstanding, the catching has not always been what it might be, especially in the Old Boys’ Match when the wind was cold. The batting, with so many inexperienced batsmen in the side has been rather staid. This however, is not altogether a bad sign. More experience will bring more runs when care is the keynote of the batting. The bowling has sometimes lacked accuracy and length but has had so far more good moments than bad. On the whole the First Eleven has done better than was anticipated.

The record at present stands, won 3, lost 3, drawn 1.
After a moderate start against Daventry, when weaknesses in bowling and fielding were revealed, the Eleven pulled itself together and did very well to beat Northampton Town and County School 2nd XI. (our first win against Northampton). An easy win over the Parents may have brought over-confidence for in the following match a defeat by Kettering was due largely to a lack of sober determination to score runs. Another easy win over Towcester was followed by a close match against Blackfriars, in which some good fast bowling tested the School batting and found it wanting in experience and in ability to play forward right over the ball. A strong Old Boys' Eleven proved much too good against our weakened bowling.

Record of matches played to date.

May 27th, v. Daventry G.S., at home.
Daventry 99 for 4 wickets (dec).
School 64 for 1 wicket (Newman 29, Remmington 16 not out).

June 3rd, v. Northampton Town and County School 2nd XI., at home.
School 88 (Remmington 22, Sharpe 30).
Northampton T. & C. 46 (Remmington 4 for 10, Catlin 4 for 16).

June 8th, v. Parents, at home.
Parents' 61 (Remmington 5 for 18).
School 62 for 1 wicket (124 for 5 wickets).

Kettering 99.
School 67.

June 15th, v. Towcester G.S., at home.
School 114 for 7 wickets (Newman 57, Sharpe 22).
Towcester 30 (Fielder 8 for 14).

School 42.
Blackfriars 43 for 5 wickets (58 all out) (Sherwood 4 for 5).

June 24th v. Old Boys'.
Old Boys' 161 for 6 wickets (dec.)
School 69 (Remmington 29).

The Eleven has been usually:—J. Remmington (capt.),
N. P. Sharpe, D. Newman, J. W. Sherwood, H. W. Catlin,
J. Mabbutt, L. W. J. Holt, K. J. Holmes, J. D. Fielder, P. Felce, E. Hudson.
The ‘Under 15’ XI. has played two matches to date and has not distinguished itself. This failure is due largely to a general lack of determination to play the right strokes, and to inertia in the field. With more experience perhaps these faults will be remedied, for outward keenness is not lacking. It remains for individual members to become keen on improving themselves. Goodey is shewing much promise with the bat though his bowling, from which much was expected has proved too erratic to be effective. Fisher is perhaps the most improved batsman and bowler and Brown has shewn that when he is steady his bowling is quite effective. He still sends down too many full-tosses however.

Record of matches played.


   Bedford Modern 122 for 7 wickets (dec.) (Brown 5 for 50).
   School 12.


   Northampton 130 for 5 wickets (dec.)
   School 55 (Goodey 25).


The ‘Under 14’ XI. is settling down after a shaky start and has some good performances to its credit. If its batsmen were only more careful it would be quite a good team. However, with Elks the captain setting a good example, the team is improving in batting and is coming to realise for itself that the strokes taught at nets are those which pay in the long-run and that an endeavour to force everything to leg is too limited and too dangerous an enterprise against accurate bowling and fielding. The fielding too, while still patchy is improving in alertness while the bowling, erratic at times is tending to become steadier and more skilful without losing its attacking power.

Record of matches played to date:—


   School 12.
   Bedford 13 for 1 (89 all out).

Daventry 15 (Houghton 3 for 4, Jessop 4 for 0, White 3 for 3).
School 16 for 2 wickets (68 all out). (Elks 13, Shipman 22 not out).


Kettering 134 for 7 wickets (dec.) (Jessop 6 for 54).
School 135 for 6 wickets (Elks 41, Underwood 26, Jessop 23, White 21).

June 14th, v. Northampton Town and County School, at Northampton.

Northampton T. & C. 92.
School 72 (White 35 not out).


School 86 (Elks 24, Jessop 29).
Blackfriars 56 (Jessop 6 for 0).


Bedford 65.
School 59 (Ellson 14, Brooks 19).

The team has usually been:—S. Elks, P. Jessop, C. Underwood, D. White, K. Page, D. Brooks, D. B. Houghton, G. Shipman, T. Willmott, and either T. Drage or Whittington.

The Scorpions have turned out to be the most promising set of new boys for some years at cricket. Three of them have lately found places in the 'Under 14' XI. on their merits (Goodey, Kirby and Ellson). The Scorpions are very keen and their hard work at the nets, entailing as it does coming back on Saturday mornings, is beginning to bear fruit in reliability of batsmanship and alertness in fielding. Their only match so far was lost. This was owing mainly to a lack of sting in the bowling and to 'nerves' due to inexperience. With more experience they will improve in effectiveness and are looking forward to turning the tables on All Saints' School towards the end of the term.

Details:—
Scorpions 57 (Ellson 17, Kirby 12, Streeton 13).
All Saints 58 for 3 wickets.
R.U.F.C. RESULTS.

Dec. 3
1st XV. v. Blackfriars School ... away won 16—0
3 Under 15 v. Town & County, Northampton ... ... home won 18—11
10 Under 15 v. Town & County, Northampton ... ... away lost 12—5
10 Under 14 "A" v. Blackfriars School home lost 11—0
17 Under 14 v. Bedford School ... ... home lost 14—3
17 1st XV. v. Town & County, Northampton, 2nd XV. ... ... away won 11—0
Feb. 1 Under 14 "A" v. Bedford Lower Sch. home won 16—0
4 Under 14 v. Daventry G.S. ... ... away won 19—14
4 1st XV. v. Daventry G.S. ... ... home won 27—5
11 1st XV. v. Towcester G.S. ... ... home won 29—0
11 Under 14 v. Town & County, Northampton ... ... away lost 51—0
18 Under 14 v. Towcester G.S. ... ... away lost 35—0
18 1st XV. v. Daventry G.S. ... ... away won 10—6
25 1st XV. v. Kettering G.S. ... ... home won 20—4
25 Under 14 v. Kettering G.S. ... ... away won 15—3
Mar. 4 Under 14 v. Harpur, Bedford ... ... away won 5—0
4 1st XV. v. Kettering "B" XV. ... ... home won 22—0
11 Under 14 v. Kettering G.S. ... ... home won 12—0
18 Under 14 "A" v. Daventry G.S. ... ... home lost 28—0

ANALYSIS.

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- DRAGONS ... ... 17 points.
- STAGS ... ... 15 points.
- LIONS ... ... 12 points.
- GRYPHONS ... ... 4 points.
CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

A very successful season can be recorded this year due in the main to the welcome enthusiasm shown by the Upper School. Betts as captain was a source of real inspiration and his efforts were well rewarded.

The Inter-House Competition produced the following results.

Senior: 1, Betts (L); 2, Mackness (S); 3, Hudson, E. (G).
   Time, 22 mins., 30 secs (23 secs. less than last year).
   Points, Dragons 90, Stags 90, Gryphons 62, Lions 58.

Middle: 1, Knight, J. (L); 2, Shipman (D); 3, Drage (L).
   Time, 18 mins., 13 secs.
   Points, Lions 83, Dragons 78, Stags 74, Gryphons 65.

Junior: 1, Peck, P. J. (G); 2, Underwood (D); 3, Page, K. (D).
   Time, 15 mins., 59 secs.
   Points, Lions 105, Dragons 101, Gryphons 49, Stags 45.

The Williams Cup for Cross Country is therefore held by the Dragons House, the total points being:

Dragons 269, Lions 246, Stags 209, Gryphons 176.

The Annual Match against Daventry G.S. was held this year over the home course. We were promised strong competition and feel the more proud to have attained our first victory since this match was organised five years ago. In particular Betts ran a very fine race and finished strongly first in an even better time than he made in the House run.

The result was School 137 pts., Daventry 42 pts.

The School was represented by Betts, Hudson, Mackness, Knight, J., Sharp, J., Fielder, Edwards, Holmes.

Full Colours are awarded to Betts, N. P.
Half colours awarded to Knight, J., Edwards, and awarded to Hudson, Mackness, Sharp, J. and Fielder.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The excellent weather which preceded Sports Day encouraged us to hope for ideal conditions, but it was not to be. Sports Day was dull and even chilly, this undoubtedly prevented many records being broken though we must congratulate Underwood on the new record for the Junior High Jump. In the events decided before Sports Day some good
times were made. J. Knight made a new record in the Middle Mile and frequently we thought Edwards was about to make new records—he is a wonderful runner—but he failed on each occasion by a narrow margin; if he will make every possible effort next year, there is no reason why he should not take every Senior record. We are indebted to Mrs. Woolley for so kindly giving an individual Cup for the Senior High Jump and also for so graciously presenting the cups to the winning Houses at the conclusion of the Sports.

RESULTS.

One Mile.—Over 15. Record 5 mins. 25 2/5 secs.
1, (L) Betts; 2, (D) Edwards; 3, (S) Mackness; 4, (S) Holmes.
   Time, 5 mins., 28 1/5 secs.

13—15. Record 5 mins., 40 2/5 secs.
1, (L) Knight, J.; 2, (D) Shipman; 3, (L) Drage; 4, (D) Fett.
   Time, 5 mins., 37 secs.

Half Mile.—Over 15. Record 2 mins., 22 1/5 secs.
1, (D) Edwards; 2, (L) Mabbutt; 3, (S) Holmes; 4, (G) Parkinson.
   Time, 2 mins., 27 secs.

13—15. Record 2 mins., 32 1/5 secs.
1, (L) Knight, J.; 2, (D) Shipman; 3, (S) Westnedge; 4, (L) Drage.
   Time, 2 mins., 37 secs.

Under 13. Record 2 mins., 48 2/5 secs.
1, (D) Underwood; 2, (L) Houghton; 3, (L) Ellson; 4, (G) Streeton.
   Time, 2 mins., 50 secs.

Quarter Mile. Record 57 1/5 secs.
1, (D) Edwards; 2, (G) Parkinson; 3, (S) Fielder; 4, (D) Dallas, K.
   Time, 58, 2/5 secs.

220 yards.—Over 15. Record 25 2/5 secs.
1, (D) Edwards; 2, (G) Parkinson; 3, (S) Bond, C.; 4, (S) Fielder.
   Time, 26 secs.
13—15. Record 25 3.5 secs.
1, (G) Barker ; 2, (L) Knight, J. ; 3, (S) Hall ; 4, (L) Drage.
Time 29 1 5 secs.

Under 13. Record 30 secs.
1, (D) Underwood ; 2, (L) Houghton ; 3, (L) Ellson ; 4, (D) Kirby.
Time, 30 3.5 secs.

100 yards.—Over 15. Record 10 3.5 secs.
1, (D) Edwards ; 2, (G) Parkinson ; 3, (S) Fielder ; 4, (D) Reynolds.
Time 11 3.5 secs.

13—15. Record 11 1.5 secs.
1, (S) Jessop ; 2, (G) Barker ; 3, (S) Ashton ; 4, (D) Goodey, R.
Time, 12 3.5 secs.

Under 13. Record 12 2.5 secs.
1, (D) Underwood ; 2, (L) Ellson ; 3, (D) Shelford ; 4, (D) Goodey, G.
Time, 13 2.5 secs.

Under 12. Record 12 3.5 secs.
1, (L) Husk ; 2, (D) Stuart ; 3, (D) Pearce ; 4, (D) Rickard.
Time, 15 secs.

Long Jump.—Over 15. Record 18 ft., 9 1 ins.
1, (G) Parkinson ; 2, (S) Bond, C. ; 3, (G) Duncan ; 4, (G) Sharpe.
Length, 17 ft., 5 1 ins.

13—15. Record 16 ft., 11 3 ins.
1, (S) Jessop ; 2, (G) Frisby ; 3, (L) Needle ; 4, (S) Hall.
Length, 14 ft., 4 3 ins.

1, (D) Underwood ; 2, (D) Goodey, G. ; 3, (L) Ellson ; 4, (D) Kirby.
Length, 12 ft., 3 1 ins.

High Jump.—Over 15. Record 4 ft., 10 2 ins.
1, (S) Newman ; 2, (tie), (G) Burman, (S) Fielder, (S) Sherwood.
Height, 4 ft., 8 ins.

13—15. Record 4 ft., 8 2 ins.
1, (S) Jessop ; 2, (S) Hall ; 3, (D) Brooks ; 4, (S) Deighton.
Height, 4 ft., 5 ins.

Under 13. Record 4 ft., 0 2 ins.
1, (D) Underwood ; 2, (L) Houghton ; 3, (D) Rickard ; 4, (L) Blunt.
Height, 4 ft., 1 2 ins.

14
Haif Mile Handicap.
1, Mackness from the 50 yards mark.

Obstacle Race.
1, Houghton, E.

Relay Races.
Over 15. 1, Dragons ; 2, Gryphons ; 3, Stags.
13—15. 1, Gryphons ; 2, Lions ; 3, Stags.
Under 13. 1, Dragons ; 2, Lions ; 3, Gryphons.

Martin Athletic Cup

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BOXING, 1939.

It is very encouraging to see so many boys take part in this activity. All boys are welcome to attend Boxing Instruction Classes which take place after school in the winter.

The Inter-House Finals were held on Friday, February 17th, at 2.45 p.m. Two new weights were included this year, namely the Fly-weight (Under 5 stone) and the Light-Heavy-weight (Under 10 stone, 9 lbs.) Braybrook and Leech in the Fly-weight gave us a happy and clever display, fully justifying the inclusion of this new weight. Holt boxed very skilfully to defeat Edwards, a vigorous opponent. Mills put up a very good fight against Remmington, but lost by a few points. The other fights were fought keenly and helped to make up a lively programme.

The Scout Troup erected the boxing ring under the able guidance of J. Sharp, while T. Addis helped considerably in seeing that all the kit was ready for punctual starts.

We thank Mr. Goddard who kindly acted as Referee, and Mr. Sayer who assisted as a Judge.

POINTS FOR THE FORD CUP.

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PHYSICAL TRAINING.

On May 6th, twelve boys from this School helped the Finedon Evening Class to give a Gymnastic Display on the Northampton Town Football Ground on behalf of the National Fitness Campaign.

The following Wednesday, May 10th, the same team gave a Display in the Star Hall, Finedon.

On both occasions the ground-work was done by our boys, and the box-work by the Finedon Class.

During the tea interval of the Parents’ Match, another Physical Training Display was given by members of the School.

All these displays were made possible by the guidance and instruction of Mr. Pine, who besides being gymn. master at this School, is in charge of the Finedon Evening Class.

SCOUT NOTES.

The School Scout Troop, now under the guidance of Mr. Pine, is twenty-four strong. We were very sorry to lose Mr. Clayton who had fathered the Troop from its start, and at his last meeting, Rover Scout Spurrier, an old member of the Troop, presented him on the Troop’s behalf, with a silver cigarette case.

The Troop consists of three patrols and three Seniors. The patrols are: the Bulldogs, under Crompton, the Eagles, under Elks, and the Otters, under Frisby.

We had a very successful camp at Whitsuntide, when at the County Camp at Castle Ashby, we won the Junior and Senior Athletic Shields and the Wood-Craft Shield. A patrol under Crompton won the District Camping Competition at Harrowden, and so for the second year in succession we are sending a Patrol to the County Camping Competition. This summer we hope to camp for a fortnight near Folkestone, which should be a pleasant change from the usual camp away from the sea.

MUSIC.

On December 8th, 1938, in the High Street Congregational Church, the School Choir joined the Wellingborough Choral Society in Messiah. The soloists were Mary Worth, Sara Buckley, Herbert Howcroft and Stanley Hill. Mary

K. Page, J. Davis, L. Abbott, Mr. Appleby, R. Dallas.

Mr. Hole.


Worth gave a short recital to the School next day. On December 15th the School Choir gave a programme of carols in the Hall; these were interspersed with readings by the Headmaster. In addition to such old favourites as "Ding Dong!" and "O little town," the programme included "I saw three ships," "Quem pastores laudavere," "Prayer to Jesus" (Oldroyd), Bach's arrangement of "O little one sweet" and "Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light" (from the Christmas Oratorio). Beard, Berrill and Remmington sang solos.

We began last term with a programme of carols in the Church of St. Mary, on February 2nd, when we sang some of those mentioned above and also Holst's "Lullay my liling," "In dulci jubilo," "Shepherds in the field abiding" and "The holly and the ivy." This term on June 22nd we sang, in the same Church, four unaccompanied anthems: "O come, ye servants of the Lord" (Tye), "Let thy merciful ears" (Weelkes), "God so loved" (Goss), and "Crossing the bar" (Parry), two anthems with organ: "Jesu, joy" (Bach) and "Let all the world" (Dyson), and some hymn tunes on which preludes were played. The singing in the unaccompanied anthems was unquestionably the best the choir has yet done; chording, intonation, and tone were extraordinarily fine and the whole effect was ravishingly beautiful. A great favourite this term has been "How lovely are thy dwellings" from Brahms' Requiem, but an opportunity of performing it has not yet been found.

Speech Day music, and the Lenten and Commemoration anthems are recorded elsewhere. The Summer Concert is on July 11th, and on July 28th we intend to inaugurate the first House Musical Competition, which will be judged by Trevor Harvey of the B.B.C. No record of the School's music would be complete without mention of this year's II., which has proved exceptionally keen and good, particularly in tone production and blend—the twenty-eight sound like one.

Poole, who did so much singing, first as a solo treble and then as an alto, left last December and it is interesting to look back on the days when he and N. Billings sang some of the Morley Canzonets to two voices so delightfully (1933) or to his singing of Purcell's "Evening Hymn on a ground" in which he excelled—all of them feats never since achieved. Those were the days when Mr. Hole delighted us with Elizabethan Love Songs and the choir items were "trebles only" (there was once a marvellous performance of Purcell's "Hark the echoing air") and though at that time the musicians were in a minority and were regarded as rather odd, it is pleasant to look back on some of the pioneer work which was done in those early days.
LENTEN SERVICES.

Anthem : "Turn back O Man" (Holst).

Anthem : "Jesu, joy" (Bach.)

Anthem : "Non nobis Domine" (Quilter).

Anthem : "He was despised," and "Surely!" ("Messiah") Handel

,, 22nd Preacher : The Rev. E. A. Green.
Anthem : "When I survey" (Coleman).

Anthem : "Vexilla regis prodeunt."

COMMEMORATION SERVICE, JUNE 9th.
Preacher : The Rector of Kettering.
Anthem : "Let all the world." (Dyson).

HOUSE NOTES.

DRAGONS.

House Masters : MR. C. W. F. LAURIE, MR. I. J. NICHOLAS.

House Captain : H. H. MADDAMS.

House Prefects : H. W. CATLIN, K. G. DALLAS.

The Dragons have been well to the fore in all sports this year, and so far have had a most successful year. Of all the cups competed for (Rugger, Cross-country, Boxing, Relay and Athletics) only the Boxing Cup, for which we were runners-up, was not won. We are, at time of writing, well set to win the Cricket Cup, and should retain the Swimming Cup. The House has been fortunate in having, in the past few years, a large share of the school's older boys, and as they leave, one by one, more is needed from the junior boys. These have played their part well in all our victories on the sports field, and represented the House well in the boxing-ring. Much of the credit, however, for our athletics successes is due to Edwards. House colours have been awarded to Pope, Edwards, Martin and Reynolds.

Outside sporting activities there is little to report. Many of the musical members of the House are preparing for the House Music Competition, but I dare not prophesy a victory. Maddams, who has been Head of House for two years, and has been responsible for many of our successes, is leaving at the end of this term, and will be missed in many fields of activity.
GRYPHONS.

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

During the two terms, the Gryphons have not maintained their reputation. Despite our keenness, and although the juniors won two matches, we failed to gain the Rugger Cup. The result of the Boxing Competition was similar, but we had three finalists in Holt, Harris, P. and Houghton, E. However, we are faring better at cricket, for although the juniors have lost each game so far, the seniors have a win over the Stags and a draw with the Dragons to their credit.

We seem to have a good chance of winning the House Musical Competition, judging by the talent Mr. Appleby has discovered for us. There is also great keenness on Swimming, and we live in hope.

We ran a good Cross-country team, Hudson doing very well, but did not quite manage to bring off the Cup.

Parkinson was a useful addition to the House, helping us a great deal in the Athletic Sports. We ran well to be runners-up for the Relay Cup.

Those of our House who have played in the School 1st XI. are Sharpe, N. P., Hudson, Holt and Crompton, whilst many other Gryphons have played in other School teams.

We have to wish the best of luck to the Head of the House and to N. P. Sharpe, who are leaving this term, and also to those Gryphons who are taking their Higher or School Certificate Examinations this year.

LIONS.

House Masters : Mr. E. L. Hole, Mr. J. H. Butler.
House Prefects : Remmington, Mabbutt, White, P., Addis, T.

Since the writing of the last House Notes, the House has had a busy term, and the results of the various competitions, though not so good as in the past years, were as good as could be expected.

We were well represented in the Boxing Competitions and we were able to retain the Cup for the fourth year. All weights fought extremely well, and great enthusiasm was shown by the younger members of the House. While not expecting to carry off either the Athletic or Relay Cups, the Lions performed admirably and were runner-ups in the former competition. We were also runners-up in the Cross-country Competition, and two members of the House represented the School against Daventry.

So far we have unfortunately gathered no points in the Cricket Competition, but we hope to win both matches against the Gryphons.
Mr. Hole must be congratulated on becoming Second Master, and Betts on gaining full colours for Cross-country, Cricket and Rugby.

The following have played for various Cricket XI's: Remmington (colour), Mabbutt, Felce, Kew, Manning, Richardson, Neville, Ellson, Whittington.

STAGS.

*House Masters*: Mr. B. W. Appleby, Mr. H. C. Phillips.

*House Prefects*:


As our enthusiasm is developing, we are again making our presence in the School felt, but we consider ourselves unfortunate to have lost Mills' influence.

A mere two points separated us from the winners of the Rugger Cup, but nevertheless as runners-up, we did very well, lack of keenness among the juniors lost us the Boxing Competition, and chiefly owing to poor junior running, we were third in the Cross-country. Jessop again excelled in the Athletics, but we were placed second on points, even though Newman won Mrs. Woolley's Cup for high jump. However, we expect better luck in the forthcoming Swimming, P.T., and Musical Competitions.

At Cricket we have, as yet, done quite well—the juniors having won both matches, and the seniors having won one and lost one—so we have hopes of winning the Cricket Cup. We are well represented in the School teams—Newman, Sherwood, Fielder and Holmes playing for the 1st XI.; Hall, Barfield, Jones, Harris, Westnedge and Jessop playing for the 'Under 15' and 'Under 14' XI's, and Hill and Ward playing for the Scorpions. Jessop's performance of 13 wickets for 1 run, for the 'Under 14' XI. against Blackfriars proves his worth.

Turning to Scholastic achievements, our congratulations go to C. Bond on winning a Scholarship to Nottingham University. We had a good number of Prize winners on Speech Day, which greatly helped us to carry off the Ferguson Trophy.

SPEECH DAY.

Our principal guest this year was Sir Gilbert Walker, C.S.I., Sc.D., F.R.S., F.R.A.S., late Professor of Meteorology, Imperial College of Science and formerly Director-General of Indian Observatories. He was introduced to us by Mr. P. A. Fryer, M.A., who was in the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. Hedger Edwards.
The Headmaster in his report again spoke of the evils of half education and said that nineteen boys had left during the year without having reached the age of sixteen or the School Certificate Form. Seven of these nineteen had taken employment under local Co-operative Societies, and Mr. Woolley suggested that the Societies had followed a very short sighted policy in thus employing them and he continued, "I am sure it is not in the public interest to take away from school, in mid career, promising boys, who will as a consequence go through life lacking essential spiritual and educational resources; they will not lack them the less because they are unconscious of their deficiency, that is the tragedy of it."

The Sixth Form had been twenty-six strong at the beginning of the year—a very healthy sign for the School. Closer co-operation with the Girls' High School had not been confined to boys and girls being able to see performances like Herr Paul Braun's Marionettes, and the English Classical Players in Henry IV. (Part I.) and Twelfth Night, but girls were regularly taking science lessons in our School and one of our boys was having biology lessons at the Girls' School. The activities of the various sides of school life were then reviewed, special reference being made to the trip to France (in which connection the help of the Wellingborough Co-operative Society was spoken of with appreciation), the Scouts Camp and the Musical performances of the Choir, in School and in other buildings.

The examination results, already described as amazingly good by Mr. Fryer, were commented upon and the lists of credits in School Certificate and the gaining of six Higher School Certificates were a sure sign that the foundation of the work throughout was absolutely sound.

An innovation, was the speech of the Senior Prefect, H. H. Maddams. It was a good speech in itself and was highly praised, but then Maddams had good things to talk about. He spoke appreciatively of the help given by the Parents Committee and gave a glowing account of Rugger successes (and indeed he had an excellent season to record), forecast an 'Under 15' cricket eleven for this year and told of a young tennis club, and a debating club, recently formed. He concluded by suggesting that boys should remain at School until eighteen or nineteen and enjoy those invaluable years in the Sixth Form.

After the distribution of prizes, Sir Gilbert Walker spoke of the value of enthusiasm in school work and he advised that visits to industrial works should go hand in hand with lessons—the dry bones of theory should be clothed with the flesh and blood of practice. He also stressed the value of the home atmosphere to the boys and how their general knowledge depended largely on what they did at home.

Thanks to Sir Gilbert were expressed by Mrs. G. Dallas, C.C., and seconded by Councillor A. S. Campbell. Councillor
Montford and Mr. F. C. Lay (whom we were all delighted to see) thanked the Chairman.

The School Choir, at the conclusion of the speeches sang:
Bobby Shaftoe ... arr. W. G. Whittaker
My Love's an Arbutus ... Stamford
You spotted snakes ... Armstrong Gibbs
Non Nobis, Domine ... Roger Quilter

PRIZE LIST AND EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

VI. FORM.
*K. G. Dallas ... London University Higher School Certificate, Group B.
P. A. T. Green London University Higher School Certificate, Group B.
*H. H. Maddams London University Higher School Certificate, Group B.
*J. Remmington London University Higher School Certificate, Group B.
*C. Bond ... London University Higher School Certificate, Group C.
*G. Butling ... London University Higher School Certificate, Group D.

* Qualified for Exemption from the Intermediate Examination.

F. A. Robinson Entrance Examination to R.A.F. College, Cranwell.
G. Butling ... Appointed to be Assistant, Grade III., in the Meteorological Office under the Air Ministry.

Mr. Lay's Prize for Divinity ... C. Bond

UPPER FIFTH.
T. F. H. Addis ... Oxford School Certificate (3 credits)
R. C. Bailey ... " " " (2 " )
I. W. Berrill ... " " " (6 " )
N. P. Betts ... " " " (7 " )
D. E. Braybrook ... " " " (5 " )
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J. W. Sherwood ... " " " (7 " )
P. Siddons ... " " " (2 " )
D. C. Stormer ... " " " (2 " )
P. H. White ... " " " (6 " )
R. Bowers ... Competitive Examination for Aircraft Apprentices, 32nd out of 1,047 candidates.
**Miss Cook’s Prize for English**

**Scripture and History**

**Headmaster’s Prize for Latin**

**French**

**Mathematics**

**Science: Chemistry**

**Physics**

**J. Labbutt**

**K. J. Holmes**

**J. W. Sherwood**

**C. W. Rose**

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**J. H. Frisby**

**P. J. Hawkins**

**J. W. Knight**

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**Form Prize**

**J. A. Brawn**

**FORM IIIa.**

**English**

**Languages**

**Mathematics and Science**

**A. M. Hall**

**J. G. Jones**

**E. C. Baxter**

**P. W. Desborough**

**FORM IIIb.**

**Form Prize**

**R. G. Crook**

**FORM IIa.**

**English**

**Languages**

**Mathematics and Science**

**J. H. Davis**

**Davis**

**G. C. Payne**

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**FORM IIb.**

**Form Prize**

**Music Prize**

**Hobbies Exhibition Prize**

**Art Prize**

**H. C. Jones**

**P. J. Berrill**

**D. E. Braybrook**

**R. F. Turney**

**Manual Training Prizes:**

**IV.**

**III.**

**II.**

**F. J. Ashton**

**A. G. Valentine**

**J. D. Roberts**

25
HOUSE CUPS.

The Ferguson Trophy (awarded for Work in School) Stags
Mrs. Saxby’s Rugby Cup... Dragons
Yorke Cricket Cup Lions, Dragons (tied)
Henson Relay Cup Dragons
Mrs. Lay’s Boxing Cup Lions
Martin Athletics Cup Dragons
James Swimming Cup Dragons
Ford Physical Training Cup Lions
Williams Cross-Country Cup Lions

THE SCHOOL PICTURES.

During the Spring term the School received the second set of paintings in the Realist group. These were ten reproductions of landscape painting.
1. The arrival at Bethlehem—Cornelius Massys Flemish
2. Courtyard of the Castle at Innsbruck—Albrecht Durer German
3. Landscape with Ruin—Rembrandt Dutch
4. A Market Place in Venice—Francesco de Guardi Venetian
5. The Windmill at Wijk Bij Duurstede—Jacob van Ruisdael Dutch
6. A Landscape—Richard Wilson English
7. L’Estaque—Paul Cézanne French
8. Tahitian Mountain—Paul Gauguin French
9. The Loing Canal—Alfred Sisley English
10. Ile de France—Albert Marquet French

THE OXFORD TRIP.

On Tuesday, May 23rd, I visited Oxford with a party of boys accompanied by Mr. Hole, Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Butler. We made the journey by bus, leaving the School shortly after nine o’clock. The weather was all that we had hoped for and the cheerful singing of the boys helped to make the journey a pleasant one.

On our arrival at Oxford we paid a visit to several of the Colleges, all of which are ancient buildings. We were able to climb up the tower of one of them and view the district around. Visiting Christchurch we saw “Old Tom Tower” from which a bell rings 101 times each night, and “Old Tom Quad.” We had lunch in a park amid pleasant surroundings, and later made our way to the river bank where we watched the boat-racing in which colleges were taking part. We had tea in a cafe, and afterwards visited another park where we watched the closing over of a cricket match.
This concluded our visit to Oxford and we boarded our bus for the journey home again. We reached Wellingborough in the evening, tired but happy after a very pleasant day.

J. Maddams, II A.

THE TRIP TO DOVEDALE.

The day planned for the School Outing turned out to be a fine, sunny one. The party gathered at Wellingborough station and caught the 9:37 a.m. to Derby.

Arriving at Derby we found a coach reserved for us. After an hour or so we parked the bus and walked to Dovedale, a mile or two away. We reached the river and walked along by the bank for some distance. We then had our lunch which we had brought. After the meal a number of us ascended the mountain. After descending, the party moved off again along by the river. We came to some caves high up the hill and we explored them, getting rather dusty in the process.

When we left the caves we continued on our way until we came to a hut where refreshments were sold. We refreshed ourselves with minerals and chocolate, and took a rest, for this was the point where we had to turn back. On reaching the point where we had had lunch, we had tea before starting back for the bus. We set out in the bus and reached Derby station in good time for our train. We had to change trains twice and reached Wellingborough at about eight o’clock.

G. W. Bradshaw, IVB.

A TRIP TO THE WELLINGBOROUGH ENGINE SHEDS

A party of boys assembled at the station, and at an appointed time walked to the Engine Sheds. Here we were divided into two parties, each starting at different ends of the depot; Dr. Adamson taking one party and Mr. Appleby the other. First, the party I went with, were shown the inside of the boiler and cylinders and then the working of the vacuum brake, sand apparatus, and the water scoop. These were all explained by the foreman and drivers. Later a few boys were taken on the footplate to the coaling plant and ash plant where we saw an engine tender being replenished with coal in a few seconds. After this we were allowed to inspect the engine cabs which was especially interesting. The last part of our tour was taken up in inspecting the wheel drop apparatus and the fitting shops. In spite of getting ourselves black we enjoyed the tour thoroughly.

J. Turner, IVB.
WEST INDIES MATCH.

On June 7th, a party of boys under Mr. Hole, went to see part of the first day's play in the match between Northants. and West Indies. At lunch, Northants. were 87 for 7, and Martindale and Hylton completed the dismissal for 107. The West Indies batted with considerable care, especially against Partridge, but after Merritt had broken the opening stand with his first ball, Headley who came in scored with confidence and ease. Merritt, turning the ball well, obtained 3 wickets, although he was somewhat expensive. At the close of play the West Indies were 232 for 6.

FILMS.

On Thursday, January 26th, through the kindness of the Wellingborough Rugby Football Club, we were able to see some films explaining and demonstrating tactics in rugger. The close ups explaining the right and wrong way to tackle and to break from the scrum were good.

On Wednesday, March 1st, the junior school went to the Regal by invitation of Messrs. Cadbury Bros. Ltd., to see films showing the making of chocolate and cocoa, and a delightful technicolour film of Trinidad.

On Friday, March 24th, the Dunlop Rubber Company came and gave us some talkie films on rubber and its manufacture into a multitude of articles.

In the Geography Room, G.P.O. Film Library films have been shown regularly.

OLD BOYS' DINNER.

The first Reunion Dinner of the Old Boys' Association was held on Saturday, February 18th, at the Hind Hotel. There were about fifty present, including the Headmaster, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Hole, while the School was represented by the Head Prefect. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Lay and from several of the Old Boys. After a most excellent dinner the toasts of the King, the Old Boys and the School were proposed, Mr. Woolley and Maddams replied for the School. The company was then entertained by Mr. Frisby, a parent of one of the boys of the School. A Menu Card autographed by all present was sent to Mr. Lay and also to Mr. S. Sanders who was unfortunately absent through illness.
SECOND FORM LECTURES.

Under the chairmanship of Munns, the boys of II A. have spoken on a variety of subjects this term.

- Beard—Photography.
- Reeves—Motor Cars.
- Bond—A.R.P.
- Millard—Dinky Toys.
- Timpson—Meccano.
- Streeton—Cricket.
- Hill—Ships.
- Leech—Conscription.
- Frogley—Books.

Blunt—Birds’ Eggs.
Ward—Submarines.
Braybrook—Bombers.
Maddams—Pets.
Smith—Building Aeroplanes.
Peck—Angling.
Johnson—Cigarette Cards.
Lyne—Bread.
Denton—Cleaning a bicycle.

K. Spencer, Secretary.

IN THE TRACKS OF THE VIKINGS.

On Saturday, August 6th, 1938, I began my cruise on the M. V. Dilwara from Tilbury. We started about 5 p.m. and after leaving the Thames estuary we followed the east coast until we got to the Orkneys. We went ashore on Monday, at Kirkwall. The architecture of the Orkneys betrays its Norwegian origin, for up to the fifteenth century these islands belonged to Norway. Close by we saw Scapa Flows, the scene of the dramatic scuttling of the surrendered German Fleet in May, 1919. We also saw the recently excavated prehistoric village of Skara Brae.

We left the British coast at 6 p.m. in the evening and made for the Sogne Fjord, the longest one in the West of Norway. At the entrance we saw Scapa Flow, the scene of the dramatic scuttling of the surrendered German Fleet in May, 1919. We also saw the recently excavated prehistoric village of Skara Brae.

We left the British coast at 6 p.m. in the evening and made for the Sogne Fjord, the longest one in the West of Norway. At the entrance we saw the Sullen Islands where Tostig started out to make war on King Harold in 1066. On cruising up the fjord in the morning we enjoyed the full grandeur of the scenery. We then went into the distant arm of the Sogne Fjord called the Fjaerland fjord. In the afternoon we went ashore at Mundal, a small village on the water’s edge, and walked to the Boya Glacier about six miles from Mundal.

About 8 p.m. that night we left for Bergen, the second largest seaport in Norway. Here we saw the wold-famous scene of the Bergen fish market and by the aid of a funicular railway went and saw Florien, a small village about 1,000 feet above Bergen. We left at 9 a.m. on Thursday and had a day of cruising in the Hardanger and Maurantfjords. These fjords exhibit the most typical features of the Norwegian scenery and have the two largest waterfalls.

On Friday morning we found ourselves in Christiansand, a new-old town at the mouth of the Otra river with its background of delightful scenery. Christiansand has been repeatedly destroyed by fire and much of it is now constructed in stone instead of wood.

On Saturday we visited Oslo, where James I. of England married his Norwegian princess. We saw here the Viking
Ships, which have been found in the shires of the sovereigns, the Folk Museum and the Ski Museum where we saw Amundsen’s actual tents, skis and flags he used on his South Pole expedition. We saw also the Oslo exhibition called the “Vi Kan,” which took four years to build.

We arrived in Copenhagen on Tuesday. Here we enjoyed the delights of Denmark’s capital. The most interesting place in Copenhagen is the Tivoli, which is an amusement park, opened in 1843.

After two days at Copenhagen we set off for England where we arrived on Friday at 1 p.m., after a most enjoyable and exciting cruise.

J. A. Ashton, Lower V.

I wonder if in “x” B.C.,
Schoolboys had homework just like me,
And if, when learning history,
They sometimes cursed the mystery
Of why, when everything was bright,
And days were long and evenings light,
Their young lives caught so bad a blight,
By “swotting” homework every night.

I wonder if they sometimes thought,
That masters never would be taught
That school-boys really aren’t the sort
To think that homework’s good as sport;
Because, my colleagues of B.C.,
List to this tale I tell to thee,
My masters are like that to me,
E’en in this twentieth century.

J. E. Bunker, IVa.

THINGS I LONG TO DO.

Whenever I see an untrodden stretch of sand or a perfectly level mud flat, I am always tempted to walk with bare feet on the sand, or throw a stone in the mud to hear it “Plop” and see it slowly disappear. These things can be achieved at practically any time but some of my ambitions can’t.

I would like to stand beside the train-driver of a tube-train and watch the pin-point light of the next station gradually increase until it became the full glare of the station.
Then, I would give nearly anything to have one magic hour on point duty like a policeman. I should feel mighty proud to be able to hold up all the traffic with my hand. After all, I shouldn't think that anyone gets a better view of a fire or a procession, than a policeman.

How very interesting it is to watch a painter spraying his paint neatly with a paint sprayer, or a tar sprayer letting the tar flow on to the road, ready to prepare a new surface. Both these men always have an envious audience, and I readily would take the place of either for a few days.

While I was at St. Pancras, I saw a man fixing bills on the wall on the side of a moving escalator, timing his step perfectly so that he remained in the same place. I envied him very much, but a railway official was looking, so I couldn't try his trick.

Sometimes I hope that other wishes of mine may be fulfilled, for perhaps it is not an unreasonable hope. But I think my wishes are perhaps pleasant to perform for one hour, but not for two or three years. The novelty of the driving of a train soon wears off, the policeman gets armache, the painter gets sick of the smell of paint, and the tar sprayer gets backache. So after all, I think I should like to pilot an aeroplane in a "King's Cup Race."

D. MANNING, IVB.
WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 1939.

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