FIRST XV., 1946-47.


G. P. Surridge. P. B. Smith.
EDITORIAL.

Two crowded terms have passed since the appearance of the last Magazine and since we are expected to mention most of the School events this edition also will be crowded.

The Biology Department of the School is, we are told, to be given a laboratory of its own. One of the classrooms is to be converted during the summer holidays. It was to have been converted at Christmas and at Easter as well!

An innovation has been the Junior Form Play Competition which was enthusiastically received by the people concerned. Every form room has of late been the potential scene of some thrilling episode, and prefects about their business have had to tread warily.

A number of tubular framed chairs with canvas seats and backs arrived in time for Parents’ Day and these it is hoped will eliminate a lot of painful restlessness during long concerts. The upper school would have welcomed them earlier when they were suffering on benches.

So successful was our Evesham Camp last summer that we hear rumours of three camps to be held this year. We would wish all those taking advantage of these fine weather and a not too sordid task.

As is usual at the end of the Summer Term many of our number will be leaving us, and, we hope, joining the Old Boys’ Association, to maintain contact with us. All of these adventurers will take with them our best wishes and we hope that they will retain happy memories of their time here.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prefects:


We took a regretful farewell of Mr. S. B. Harris last term. His enthusiasm and great practical knowledge proved of tremendous
value to almost all School activities and we feel his going a con-
siderable loss. We wish him and Mrs. Harris all success and
happiness in their new School.

We welcome Mr. H. F. Christopherson to the Staff for the
summer term.

The Commemoration Address this year was delivered by the
Rev. F. A. Sadler, Rector of Ecton, and Governor of the School.
It was a unique occasion for a Governor to give this address and it was
marked by a really stimulating sermon.

The weather was fine on Sports Day.

The School now holds a record (the first we hope of many such)
of D. F. White's prowess in International Rugger. By the generosity
of 20th Century Fox Film Company we have been given the news reel
film of the England v. Wales match.

Most helpful careers talks to the Upper School have been given
during the last two terms.

We congratulate G. J. Howard on his election to a Cooper
Exhibition for Chemistry at Nottingham University.

Old Boys at Universities continue to enhance our prestige.
K. R. Spencer has won the coveted Junior Maths. Exhibition at
Oxford, R. D. Stuart has gained 1st class in Pt. II. Natural Science,
Tripos, Cambridge.

After a visit last term to John Cave and Sons an essay competition
arranged by the firm resulted in prizes being awarded by Mr. W. E.
Capon, Managing Director, to J. Hodgkins, D. B. Clarke and D. C. A.
Bradshaw VI. Form, and to J. Crawford, A. K. Johnson, K. S.
Eady, J. Emms and D. W. G. Leeding V. Form.

A collection during the Spring Term raised £25 which purchased
a surgical dressing trolley for the Cottage Hospital.

SPRING TERM, 1947.

Notes on competitions held during the Spring Term will be
found under their appropriate headings, but the term cannot pass
unrecorded in other aspects. It is certain that a number of pre-
cedents were created, apart from the actual and phenomenal falls
of snow. A member of the Staff dug (with assistance) a train out
of the snow and then decided that was a day's work done. Another
fought his way to and from Wollaston for two days and then he, too,
gave up the struggle. No one saw a certain athletic member get
to School though he arrived regularly—did he burrow his way?
Wells walked from Finedon—even Ju 98 couldn't take it; Good-
body came in from Earls Barton with a spade and a bicycle; Coles
came in over the fields from Harrowden—stout efforts all!

At the height of the blizzards only 80 boys appeared at School,
who were regaled with lectures and hand-ball whilst the Staff, not
occupied thus, kept their minds whole and their tempers frayed with
bridge and badminton. Rugger was completely out for weeks and
many were the snowballs hurled in place of the ovoid.
Despite the weather the School continued its manifold activities: films were given to us regularly; the VI. held a dance on February 14th with great success, a day was spent at Wellingborough School in connection with the Students' Christian Movement and one of the outstanding events was a Marionette Show by the Lilliput Theatre Company.

This latter was so popular as to warrant an extra line. The play given was Caliph Stork from the German of Hauff. No one really anticipated so vivid a production nor realised how much detail of movement and expression could be given to puppets in skilled hands. The concluding talk on puppetry and puppet making has borne ample fruit, and the newly formed Junior School Puppetry Club has already built its first stage and puppets.

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ENTRANTS.
J. Vaughan IIIc. 
B. M. Jones IVc. 
R. A. M. Da Costa IIc.

G. Taylor IIIA. 
K. D. Cornwell IVb.

LEAVERS.
D. C. Neal, N. College of Art, Northampton.
P. M. A. Rice, Central Electric Co., Rushden.
D. M. Harris, F. Hawkes Refrigeration Co., Rushden.
R. F. Partridge J. Clements D. B. Smith
G. Ellis A. F. Moreton R. J. Thompson
J. Wheatley R. Nurrish J. Kerr
F. C. Loveridge B. Bloxham D. Hawley

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DECEMBER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.
P. Nottingham, e.lang., e.lit., H. g. F. M. Bio., art.
B. A. Oliver, e.lang., g. F. m. Bio., Ch.
G. A. Pickerill, e.lang., H. r.k. g. M. Bio., Art.
G. B. Turnbull, H. r.k. g. M. Bio., Ch.
SIXTH FORM NOTES.

The past year has seen the Sixth Form struggling harder than ever to retain its fast-receding privileges, and to enlighten itself on the subject of the new Education Act.

Even Education Authorities may have their inspirations, however. The brain-wave for 1947 was an all-day conference arranged by the Student Christian Movement—a happy thought indeed. It is a magnificent tribute to the merit of the speaker, Mr. Victor Murray, that even members of the Science Sixth were seen with brows wrinkled "in utmost thought," while the minute organisms within ticked over laboriously. Normally, of course, scientists are of little use for anything but inventing unorthodox methods of opening vats of sulphuric acid.

Political discussions still hold sway in the Library and, in spite of a few loyal adherents, the present Government does not appear to be entirely in favour.

The Sick Room remains a cosmopolitan establishment. A recent exhaustive survey shows it to consist of 40% Artists, 20% Scientists, 15% Sick Boys (genuine), 10% Sick Boys (hypochondriac), and 10% Sick Boys (arithmetic, for the avoidance of). The exact nature of the remaining 5% is not known, but it is thought to be an undesirable, albeit inevitable, mixture of Dental Surgery and Speech Therapy.

Similar tests for the Prefects' Room were contemplated, but the idea was abandoned after our fifth representative had failed to gain admittance. By standing in the Quadrangle with a periscope, however, we have ascertained that the inhabitants are still rapidly increasing in number, to such an extent that one rash Artist who managed to insinuate his way in was stripped of all necessary luggage and genteel ejected into the corridor, right in the path of the oncoming traffic. The latter (having been delicately nurtured) was not amused.

A powerful insecticide has at last driven some of the less responsible elements of our company from the Library—it is understood that the books and chairs will be given a short interval in which to recuperate before the antidote is administered.

In spite of the fact that the inclement weather has terminated, boys may still be seen wandering round the School with snowshoes in one hand and a string-bag full of snowballs in the other. Apparently they have discovered a new game. Another sport which has aroused much interest of late is left-handed cricket, and we are assured that the advantages of this pastime are manifold.

These games and a weekly course of natation have combined to give us all a healthy tan, helped by our habit of leaning out of the Sick Room window—physics must indeed be a delightful subject.

Several of our most illustrious members will shortly be leaving us for a better place—we send with them our congratulations and fervent hopes that their sergeants will nurse them with that tender care which we are accustomed to receive from our form-masters. To the latter we proffer our sincere thanks.
RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Owing to the weather it was not possible for a single match to be played during the Easter Term. Much valuable experience was thereby lost and it will mean that considerable effort and intensive practice will be required next term, if a high standard of play in the School teams is to be achieved.

We did manage to play off the House Competition, which produced some very keen matches and a close finish.

RESULTS.

Thurs. Dec. 5 Under 15 XV. v. Northampton G.S. Home Won 11—0
Sat. Dec. 7 1st XV. v. Old Boys Home Drawn 6—6

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HOUSE MATCHES.

Second Round Seniors: Dragons 11 Stags 0 Lions 3 Gryphons 3
Juniors: Stags 25 Dragons 0 Lions 18 Gryphons 5

Third Round Seniors: Dragons 12 Gryphons 0 Stags 26 Lions 3
Juniors: Dragons 9 Gryphons 8 Stags 10 Lions 8

POINTS.

1.—Dragons 14.  2.—Lions 13.  3.—Stags 12.  4.—Gryphons 9.
D. F. WHITE (1937—1942).
D. F. WHITE.

D. F. White, the first, though, let it be hoped, not the last Rugby International from this School, very quickly made his mark on the School Rugby field and was an outstanding member of the Under 14 XV. of 1939-40, and in one match that season played for the 1st XV. He played for the 1st XV. the next three seasons, being Captain in his last year. He started as a hooker but his excellent handling of the ball, his kicking and his devastating tackling found greater scope when he became a wing forward—the position which he has retained ever since. At School, he will always be remembered for his remarkable work in the lines-out and for his ability to open up the game from the most unlikely positions.

After leaving school, White gained valuable experience whilst playing for the Old Boys (for whom he turned out in a number of positions) and later from his games with Northampton. Called up to the Army in the middle of the 1945-6 season, he soon made his mark and at the end of that season played for the Army XV. against the Navy, against the R.A.F. and during their tour of Italy and Austria. The following season he played for the Army XV. during their tour of Germany and for the Combined Services in France, and after playing well in all three Trial Matches, was awarded his International Cap in the England XV. against Wales.

At Cardiff he soon covered himself with glory by scoring a try under the posts in the first few minutes of the game, as a result of most intelligent anticipation; he played an excellent defensive game throughout, and it was in no small part due to his great tackling that the dangerous Welsh threequarters were unable to get really going. Of the Irish match in Dublin we can give no first-hand account, but it was reported that “there were moments when White seemed to play all Ireland by himself.” For the Scottish match at Twickenham he had an enthusiastic band of supporters from School, who despite the cold and the snow thoroughly enjoyed a most entertaining game, in which White’s good defensive work was repeatedly prominent.

The unassuming modesty and happy disposition which made him so popular at School are still unchanged, now that he is one of the great. He remains a worthy example to all of sportsmanship both on and off the field. We offer him our heartiest congratulations on the successes he has so far achieved and give him our best wishes for still further honours in the years to come.
1st XI. CRICKET NOTES.

Last season the School 1st XI., under the captaincy of Hardwick, did extremely well, but this year, no doubt missing his unusual experience and knowledge of the game, they have not responded as well as had been expected. A distinct slackness in the field has cost them many a valuable run and failure to call properly in running between the wickets has resulted in an unwarranted number of boys being run out.

However, the team defeated our close rivals, Kettering Grammar School on their own ground, and only rain, which caused the cancellation of the home fixture, surely deprived the School of the “double.” Again, although at one time it looked as if the School were due for a severe hiding from the Parents, they rallied magnificently and eventually ran out easy winners.

Two of the matches lost, the first against Bedford School 2nd XI. and the other against Wellingborough Thursdays, produced thrilling finishes and if Dame Fortune had smiled a little more kindly on the School on these occasions, these teams also would have been added to our total of “scallops.”

Minney, Captain this year, was also the School’s chief bowler but at times was far too erratic in his length. As a batsman he showed a stubborn defence when the occasion demanded it, but was over inclined to take too many short runs when restraint should have been the order of the day.

Law and Lawrence have done noble work both as batsmen and bowlers. Each shows great promise and more is expected from them in the future.

Hyde once more was a model of efficiency in the field, taking many brilliant catches and always being on the “qui vive.” As a batsman he was rather unreliable owing to his tendency to “have a go” but in the game against Wellingborough Thursdays he curbed his impetuosity and many more runs are expected from him.

Hodgkins as a batsman was right out of luck for many matches but a recent fine innings augurs well for the future. His wicket keeping was safe rather than spectacular.

Two members of the Under 15 XI. were promoted to the 1st XI. and each in his way has performed admirably. P. Wills is developing into a sound batsman with an extremely attractive forcing forward stroke, while Roberts has lured many a batsman to his fate with his leg breaks. Surely the success of future teams is assured when two such youngsters come along and make for themselves permanent places in the 1st XI.

Of the other batsmen, D. C. A. Bradshaw has produced some rare scoring strokes but his defence at times has been rather wide open. Surridge and Coles batted well at times but both, in drawing away too often from balls on the leg-stump, have provided too many bowlers with easy wickets.

Finally, Hearn, promoted from the 2nd XI. has shown himself a natural free hitter, who should get a lot of runs in the remaining games.
1st XI. MATCHES, 1947.

  W.G.S. 85 (J. N. Minney 28).
  Bedford 90 for 7.
May 24th. v. Old Boys. Draw.
  Old Boys 110 for 3 dec.
  W.G.S. 96 for 9 (Minney 19, Hodgkins 15).
June 4th. v. Northampton G.S. 1st XI. Lost.
  W.G.S. 54.
  Northampton 73 for 5.
June 7th. v. Kettering G.S. Won.
  K.G.S. 55.
  W.G.S. 56 for 7 (Surridge 17).
  School 89.
  W.G.S. 66 for 8 (Surridge 18).
June 17th. v. Bedford School 2nd XI. Lost.
  W.G.S. 83 (J. N. Minney 24, Lawrence 18).
  Bedford 84 for 7 (109 all out).
  W.G.S. 96 (Wills 28, Bradshaw 20, Hearn 18*).
  Parents 46 (Lawrence 4 for 16, J. N. Minney 3 for 10).
June 26th. v. Wellingborough Thursday. Lost.
  W.G.S. 104 for 9 dec. (Hodgkins 30, Hyde 22).
  Wellingborough Thursday 105 for 5.
June 28th. v. Daventry G.S. Won.
  W.G.S. 137 for 6 dec. (Surridge 33, Hyde 30, Hodgkins 28, Coles 25*).
  D.G.S. 74 (Wills 3 for 6).
  * Denotes Not Out.

SECOND XI.

This year for the first time the School has fielded a regular 2nd XI, with encouraging results. Under the captaincy of G. C. Neville, what started as a speculative scratch side has developed into a team. Hearn, as a sound opening bat, has been a discovery, Skerritt, Hunt and P. E. Tompkins have had some success with the bat, and shown a pleasing style. P. A. Wills has been promoted to the 1st XI.

The howling has been sustained by Oakley, Roberts, Hunt and Ellingham, with occasional help from Neville, Wills, P. B. Smith, Burton, Leslie and Simmons. For the Finedon match we had the assistance of Law and Surridge.

It was unfortunate that the weather prevented the match with Oundle School 3rd XI., and one of the Northampton matches.

2ND XI. MATCHES.

May 17th. v. Finedon Dolben 2nd XI. Draw.
  Finedon 117 (Wills 3 for 22).
  W.G.S. 45 for 7 (Law 21).
May 21st. v. Northampton G.S. 2nd XI. Lost.
  N.G.S. 64 (Wills 3 for 30, Roberts 3 for 13).
  W.G.S. 24 (Wills 10*).
June 7th. v. Kettering G.S. 2nd XI. Won.
  K.G.S. 74 (Oakley 5 for 20, Neville 4 for 11).
  W.G.S. 75 for 9 (Hunt 31).
June 14th. v. Daventry G.S. Won.
  D.G.S. 36 (Oakley 3 for 11, Hunt 3 for 2).
  W.G.S. 78 for 3 (Hearn 46).
June 21st. v. Kettering G.S. Won.
  K.G.S. 63 (Oakley 4 for 10, Roberts 4 for 20).
  W.G.S. 107 (Hearn 28).
  * Denotes Not Out.
UNDER 15 XI.

The Under 15 began the season well against two of their strongest opponents, losing to Bedford Modern School by one wicket and defeating Northampton Grammar School by 39 runs.

Unfortunately Roberts, the Captain, played too well and was promoted to the 1st XI., Lee becoming Captain in his place. The Under 15, having thus lost their best batsman and bowler, collapsed inexcessibly against Kettering G.S.

The bowling of Lee and Tompkins has been fairly accurate, but the fielding and batting have never been reliable.

UNDER 15 XI.

May 7th. v. Bedford Modern. Lost.
B.M. 50 for 9 (Roberts 5 for 21).
W.G.S. 48.
N.G.S. 44 (Lee 6 for 17).
W.G.S. 83 for 4 dec. (Roberts 52*).
K.G.S. 54 for 6.
W.G.S. 17.

* Denotes Not Out.

UNDER 14 XI.

In the matches played this season the Under 14 XI. has shown great promise. The batting has been good, and the bowling usually steady.

The team has usually been chosen from: N. A. Tompkins (Captain), I. R. H. Wills, Holmes, Walden, Gilbert, Warren, A. G. Smith, Catling, Whiffing, De Banke, Westley, B. G. Smith and J. Tompkins.

Bedford Modern 53 (Holmes 4 for 7, Wills 3 for 22).
School 54.
Harpur Central 43.
School 46 for 2 (Warren 24 not out).
Harpur Central 73 for 7 dec.
School 54 for 4 (Whiffing 33).

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Weather hampered training during the Spring Term and very few runs were possible before the Inter-House Competition which itself had to be postponed. The course was very similar to last year’s course but rapid building will require extensive deviations next year so we remain unlucky in choosing a standard course for timing.

The House Competition results were:

1. — Lions. 2. — Gryphons. 3. — Stags. 4. — Dragons.
In the senior race Surridge was first with a time of 22 minutes 44 1/5 seconds.
Middles: A. C. Jones returned a time of 20 minutes 56 seconds.
Junior: De Banke was first home.
ATHLETICS, 1947.

Captain of Athletics: J. P. Hyde.

It was intended this year to introduce a system of standards for all events and those who reached this were to gain one House point. Unfortunately the weather at the end of the Spring Term caused this scheme to be abandoned until next year. In future only those reaching standards will compete in the Athletic Sports.

For the first time athletic matches against other schools were introduced and the performances were very good. The standard of athletics has improved and we hope this will be maintained. A club has been formed and as many boys as possible should avail themselves of the facilities offered for training.

Notable performances were made by J. Hyde, Hodson, Moore E. E., Furnell, Simmons, Minney and Law in the sprints and jumps, and by Neville G. C., Loveday, Surridge and Turnbull in the long distance events.

The Dragons won both the Martin Athletic Cup and the Henson Relay Cup.

Thanks are due to the Masters who acted as officials on Sports Day and other occasions and to those who have helped with training.

Results.

ATHLETIC MATCHES.

Lost 39—45 points.


May 22nd. v. King's School and Deacon's School Away.
Kings' 91 points. School 86 points. Deacons 21 points.

SCHOOL SPORTS, MAY 8TH.


Martin Athletic Cup. 1. Dragons ... 192 points.
2. Lions ... 130
3. Gryphons 109
4. Stags ... 64

Henson Relay Cup. 1. Dragons ... 48 points.
2. Gryphons 16
3. Lions ... 12
4. Stags ... 8

In the Northamptonshire Schools’ County Trials held at Kettering on 28th June, the following successes were obtained:
220 yrs., ages 14—16. 2. Oakley.

As a result Law, Charter, Oakley, Jones and Simmons have been chosen to represent the County in the Schools’ Inter-County Championships at Kingston-upon-Hull, on 19th July. We offer them our heartiest congratulations.

HOUSE P.T.

The House Physical Training competition for the Ford Cup took place on Friday, May 23rd. Each House had to present from both seniors and juniors two teams of four for gymnastics and two teams of eight for minor games.

Headstands, handstands, horizontal, vertical and reverse astride vaults, dive rolls, “Press-ups,” balance walks and rope climbing were included in the gymnastic events, and for the games, crouch tag, ball passing, versus team running, team passing and circle ball were selected. Quite a good standard was reached in the gymnastics and the games were keenly contested.

Owing to the complicated system of marking the Mathematics Staff was summoned for the final addition, and even with a large
and not too patient audience, they reached total agreement and placed
the Houses as follows:—
1st. Lions 1290 points. 2nd. Dragons 1271 points.
3rd. Stags 1267 4th. Gryphons 1247

C.A.P.

SWIMMING.

This is the first year in the history of the School that all boys have been given the opportunity of learning or improving their swimming during school hours. All that remains now is for boys to avail themselves of a bicycle on their swimming day, as any boy walking has a very short time in the water. Furthermore (and no doubt the V. forms will endorse this) a cycle allows time for a cooling purchase on the way back.

Much progress has been made this year. Many boys have already learnt to swim and nearly all swimmers can dive, or to be more precise, can enter the water approximately head first. We have accepted an Under 14 fixture with Northampton Grammar School this term and hope to do quite well.

C.A.P.

LAWN TENNIS.

Towards the end of the Lent Term a few energetic members of the Upper Sixth decided to revive the dormant—one might with truth say “defunct”—Lawn Tennis Club, and G. N. Wells took the chair at a meeting which elected A. N. Carter as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Rules for play were subsequently drawn up and an offer by Mr. Jay to act as coach and adviser was accepted.

After Easter willing volunteers unearthed the tennis gear from the dark recesses of the shed, patched up the net and erected it in a corner of the School field. They assisted the groundsman in the intricate mathematics of marking out a doubles court, a ritual which has now become a daily habit, for the white lines disappear almost as rapidly as the tennis balls, and “marking-time” in the Club implies forward marching. Add to this the frequent perambulations with the mower for the purpose of keeping the court in trim, and it is evident that the players have absorbed the “ground-work” of good Lawn Tennis.

The Club is now firmly established and the small select band of members has a much wider circle of followers. Not yet have the lower forms lost their enthusiasm for chasing balls which their seniors smite with abandoned ease in all directions. The absence of surround nets is a serious drawback to an improved standard of play, for he who would keep his eye on the ball must possess exceptionally keen vision on a court where the sky is the only limit. Attempts by Mr. Jay to purchase suitable netting at auction sales
were well-intentioned but unrewarded, and the players console themselves with the reflection that grinning second-formers can be tolerated as spectators so long as they are willing to retrieve balls hit out of court.

From this it is clear that conditions of play are not ideal, but the abundance of enthusiasm outweighs the paucity of surrounding netting, and the patches of bare earth which these pioneers have denuded of grass in their stand for the ideal of "service to others" are mute testimony to the flourishing state of Sixth Form Lawn Tennis.

I. J. J.

HOUSE NOTES.

STAGS.

Housemasters:
Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. H. C. Phillips, Mr. J. W. Davies.

Head of House: J. Hodgkins.

House Prefects: Howard, Cross, Surridge, Scott, Fuller.

Mr. S. B. Harris has taken up a Headmastership at Smethwick Hall School, and he carries with him the best wishes of the Stags, and indeed of the whole School. His enthusiastic work on behalf of the House will long be remembered. In his place we are pleased to welcome Mr. Davies.

We regret to say that three of the cups formerly in our possession have been lost, though not without a struggle; these were Mrs. Saxby's Rugby Football Cup, Miss Cook's Cup for Plays, and the Ford P.T. Cup. We retain the Swimming Cup, however, and the result of this year's competition remains to be seen.

In spite of the fact that Surridge won the Senior Cross Country run in fine style, the Cup was lost to the Lions.

Nor were we successful in the Athletics Competition, although all our runners tried hard, with particular success in the Middle section.

The senior cricket team, captained by J. Hodgkins, was strong this year and we were unfortunate not to gain the Cup. We defeated the winning team (Dragons) by 8 wickets.

For the first time in several years, the Stags have won the coveted Appleby Cup for Music. The Choir, conducted by E. Cross, gave very fine renderings of the set piece, "Now, O now I needs must part," and "Bobby Shaftoe," while Scott on the piano and Valentine and Johnson on two cornets also gave excellent performances.

In conclusion, we wish all S.C. and H.S.C. candidates the best of luck, and send our best wishes to old Stags, wherever they may be.
DRAGONS.

Housemasters:
Mr. G. E. Sharp, Mr. C. A. Pine and Mr. C. J. H. Ward.

Head of House: J. P. Hyde.

House Prefects: H. K. Maddams, J. A. Willmott, A. J. Carter (Secretary), R. Leslie, R. Smith.

The House may at present be deservedly praised for its efforts of the last two terms.

The Cups for Rugby, Athletics and Relay, Cricket, House Dramatics, all rest within the Dragons' grasp. The Ferguson Trophy, for work in School, held successively for the last few years by the House, has been retained.

For the fifth time in succession, Dragon House has gained the Martin Cup for Athletics and this year regained its companion—the Henson Relay Cup. Hyde (Captain, long jump record), Hodson, Simmons (440 yards record) are outstanding among a victorious team.

House music is still not as advanced as it could be. The Competition, fixed earlier this year gave all House Choirs less time to rehearse. Moreover A. J. Carter (Dragon Music Leader) fell ill. Somewhat handicapped therefore, the House began to show results after strenuous and intensive practice; and, if, at one point withdrawal from the competition had been half seriously considered by a disgusted leader, all doubts were dispelled by a result which improved on last year's position but did not gain the Cup: 2nd place.

The hope expressed in these notes last year that "our now comparatively young actors" would do better, has been happily fulfilled. Producer B. F. Toms is to be congratulated for the splendid success which brought Dragons the Cup. The whole cast, with splendid team work brought a slender plot through scenes of complete hilarity to a successful conclusion.

In cricket, Dragons did well. The senior team were surprisingly beaten in the last round but juniors saved both the day and the Cup.

In fine, we extend hearty greetings to all Old Dragons and renew the evergreen invitation to come round and see us sometimes.

GRYPHONS.

Housemasters:
Mr. J. G. Dunning, Mr. T. G. Cook, Mr. H. N. Atherton.


We welcome Mr. Atherton who has taken over Mr. Sterry's post as Housemaster.

In the second and third rounds of the Inter-House Rugby Competition the seniors drew with the Lions but lost to the Dragons; had we won that match we should have won the Cup, nevertheless everybody did well.
In the Cook Cup for Dramatics we were placed fourth, due probably to the choice of play. Leading parts were taken by Haynes and Hefford; Haynes and Garlick being the producers.

In the Cross Country Cup we had high hopes of winning but unfortunately the middles did not pack as the other age groups. Our final position was second. In the Athletics we were third due to lack of senior runners. The outstanding figures were Oakley and Law. Law's Middle High Jump raised the School record.

In the Music Competition we were second due almost entirely to the untiring efforts of Tittley.

Once again we failed to carry off the P.T. Cup, our position being last but only by a narrow margin.

In the Cricket Competition we were placed fourth. The juniors did well but the seniors lost all their matches. The defeats would have been greater if Law had not been there.

In all these events we thought we were good but evidently the judges thought otherwise. However we hope to win the Swimming Cup.

Good luck to those Gryphons who are leaving.

LIONS.

Housemasters:

Mr. H. H. Wintersgill, Mr. J. H. Butler, Mr. R. V. S. Ward.

Head of House: G. N. Wells.


Another eventful school year is passing and with it another generation of Lions. A new generation is arising however and some of the second form Lions have shown every promise. P. V. De Banke who set up a new record for the junior half mile is a good example. The House has entered all House Competitions with determination and fair success has been registered. Only once have we been placed fourth in an Inter-House Competition during the year and we have been in the first position three times. We were placed first in the Cross Country Competition when, due to high-class running in senior, middle and junior divisions, we won by a comfortable margin. This was also the case in the P.T. Competition. G. C. Neville again won the Gordon Shipman Mile Challenge Cup, breaking the existing record by several seconds. In the five other competitions entered the Lions have acquitted themselves reasonably well and have been placed second every time. The Rugby Cup was finally won by the Dragons (although our senior team beat theirs) after some very interesting matches in the Lent Term.

Despite very determined efforts the House lost the Cricket Cup after holding it for four years. In this competition the splendid work of Hardwick was sorely missed, and the senior team failed to
bind itself into a united whole. In this sphere however J. N. Minney is to be congratulated on being appointed Captain of School Cricket. A second Lion, G. C. Neville, captains the School Second Team and the Under 14 XI. Captain is also a Lion.

In the Athletics the Lions made a very brave show against a very strong Dragon team. Wallis, Wells, Neville, Coles and, on occasions Minney, brought us hard fought and valuable points. The story of the Relay Cup is not much different from that of the Athletics and here again we were placed second.

In the House Plays the School was kept laughing at a well-produced comedy which brought us a further second place; we were however only beaten by one point. Several juniors showed considerable talent in this production and it is hoped that we shall return to the first place again soon.

Our loss of the Music Cup was a great pity; the juniors of the choir unfortunately did not reach the high standard of those in previous years.

It is hoped that we shall do better in the Swimming Competition than we did last year. The distance swimming has, at the time of writing, already begun and the Lions seem to be getting on with the job fairly well.

We offer sympathy and good wishes to those Lions who are about to pit their wits against those of examiners; further good wishes go to those about to leave us and to all old Lions.

PARENTS' COMMITTEE.

President : Mrs. M. B. Wrenn. Secretary : Mrs. V. E. M. Webb.

The Committee met at 7.0 p.m. on 2nd June and discussed arrangements for Parents' Day, 19th June. The stalls arranged for this day included flower, groceries, fancy goods and toys and this year there was also a refreshment stall for the boys of the School. As a result £45 was added to the School Amenities Fund which now stands at £239, in spite of the gift of £25 to the Fiction Section of the School Library and a donation to the Old Boys' War Memorial Fund. At the request of the Committee the Headmaster announced at Prize Giving that new members would be welcomed on the Parents' Committee, and that anyone interested could inform either Mrs. Webb or Miss Bavin.


Despite fears, we were fortunate enough in the weather to be able to hold another and perhaps even more successful Annual Prize Giving in the open. Certainly we had the pleasure of welcoming a still larger gathering of parents and friends.

We were honoured by the presence of Mr. G. H. Stainforth, M.A., Headmaster of Oundle School, who distributed the prizes. Speaking after the distribution he urged the necessity of treating education, not as a commodity to be sold, but as a development of community life in which both parents and School had their part.
The full value of such community life would only be felt by continuing it beyond the School Certificate year. The qualities which he thought were given by these later years to character were unselfishness, industry and leadership, all of intense value to the country in present times.

Previously the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. P. A. Fryer, M.A., who presided had made a brief speech of welcome to the gathering and had called on the Headmaster for a report on the year's activities. Mr. Wrenn's report showed, as the detail elsewhere in this magazine demonstrates that "the modern grammar school boy is a widely informed and athletic personage with a heavy social programme."

The cultural, athletic and academic life of the School was then fully exhibited in a number of highly appreciated and well organised shows from the Geography Room, Laboratories, Art Room and Field.

Perhaps the most successful, for its unexpectedness and general popularity was the Puppet show and great things are hoped from the Junior School in the future.

Lastly, those very real friends of the School, the Parents' Committee are to be congratulated and thanked very sincerely for all the hard work they put in and the excellent results their efforts brought.

**PRIZE LIST AND EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.**

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***Mr. Lay's Prize for Divinity***

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OLD BOYS' DISTINCTIONS.

K. R. Spencer Junior Mathematics Exhibition, Oxford University, 1st Class Hons.
Maths, Mods.

HOUSE CUPS, 1945-46.

Ferguson Trophy (work in school) Dragons
Mrs. Saxby's Rugby Cup ... Stags
Yorke Cricket Cup ... Lions
Henson Relay Cup ... Gryphons
Mrs. Levy's Boxing Cup No Competition
Gordon Shipman Mile Cup ... Lions

Martin Athletic Cup ... Dragons
James Swimming Cup ... Stags
Ford Physical Training Cup ... Gryphons
Williams Cross-Country Cup ... Lions
Appleby Cup for Music ... Stags
Cook Cup for Plays

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

There has been great activity in dramatic circles during the last two terms. The School play "Vice Versa" that had to be postponed twice owing to the illness of one of the principal characters, was eventually performed on January 28th, 29th, 30th. This famous comedy, adapted by Dr. Jackson from Anstey's novel, gave great scope for individual and group performances with the result that there were some notable achievements. To Leslie fell the arduous task of Dick Bulitude, a double role he performed excellently. Throughout the play he maintained the poise that the character warranted and did not allow his dignity to fail even amid the vigorous distractions of the School scenes. He was ably supported by Cross as his father, Wallis as the rascally brother-in-law, and Martin as his sister. The most popular character was undoubtedly Turner as the fierce Dr. Grimstone. Turner infused the character with suitable Victorian sternness and gave a first-rate performance. M. A. Goodband as his daughter Dulcie, did very well considering the fact that he took over the part at short notice.
The schoolboys entered into the spirit of the play with gusto. Admirably led by Haynes (who had an ideal part) they let themselves go whenever the story warranted it and indeed overdid the vigour at times. Chawner, the cheat, was finely portrayed by Toms. His voice was a thing to remember.

Especial mention must be made of T. S. Groome. He only had a small part but showed all signs of a coming actor.

Wright, as Boaler the butler, was his usual competent self. There seems no one capable of matching him in this kind of part.

Congratulations too ought to be given to the boys who took the junior parts. It is sufficient praise to say that they in no way marred the smooth-running of the play.

The play was produced by Dr. Jackson. Mr. Harris and Mr. Cook were responsible for the Stage Management. Miss Bavin looked after the wardrobe. All the stage staff showed their customary efficiency.

Later in the term all those connected with the show were invited to a tea. At this function good-bye was said to Mr. Harris who was presented with a book as a memento of his fine work as Stage Manager.

HOUSE PLAYS.

The House Plays chosen for the Cook Cup were : Dragons, "A Social Evening"; Gryphons, "Mr. Hackitts Prize"; Lions, "Waiting for the Train"; Stags, "A Collection will be Made."

The first play performed was that of the Stags. Here a good performance by Cross was unable to raise the performance to a high level. The Lions' play was well done, but suffered from lack of movement in the action, and from uneven balance in the characterisation. The Dragons' play was full of good character parts which were excellently portrayed and fully deserved the prize for this good all-round performance. The Gryphons' choice of play was an unhappy one and afforded little scope for acting ability.

The Cup was presented by Mrs. Brookes in the absence of Miss Cook.

Result.

1. Dragons producers Toms and Leslie.
2. Lions "  Wallis and Turner.
3. Stags (holders) "  Cross and Martin.
4. Gryphons "  Haynes and Heflford.

THE JUNIOR PLAY COMPETITION.

The Junior Play Competition, held on 23rd, 25th and 26th June, was a new venture this term. Seven Forms entered the competition from 4B to the 2nd Forms. Each acted a play of their own choice and took full responsibility for producing, whilst Mr. Cooke
and his assistants (Scott, Drage, Kaye and Stone) helped and supervised them in the making of the sets. A lot of effort was put into all the plays, competition was keen, and the results were most encouraging.

A number of promising actors emerged, of whom Brown, 2A, as a garrulous landlady, Fountain, 2B, as a Dead End Kid, Wiggins, 3B, as a walking beard and Cunningham, 3C, as a quavery old hag, came readily to mind, without by any means exhausting the list of good performances.

Scenery was well contrived in both the winning play "The Adventures of Man" by 3A, and "The Bowland Ruby" by the runners-up 2C, and production in general was very commendable. 3A and their actor-producer Westley, are to be congratulated on their good team work and zest, which gave them a well-deserved first-place, but all seven Forms acquitted themselves well.

FILMS.

Apart from the silent films shown in the Geography Room, we have this term had regular monthly shows by the mobile unit of the Central Office of Information. We have had educational films like "Houses in History," "Power in the Highlands," a film on economics "Can we be rich?" and a variety of "shorts" dealing with subjects as wide apart as "Making Ordnance Maps" and "Baseball."

LIBRARY NOTES.

The classification of the Library on the Dewey system is well under way. This system is in use in most public libraries and it is hoped that its introduction in the School Library will be useful to borrowers and librarians alike.

We are indebted to the County Library for the loan of a collection of fiction and non-fiction books. The fiction has been in considerable demand. We are also indebted to the County Librarian for her help and interest.

The Library Committee has had several meetings. A list of new books was drawn up by it and has been hopefully sent away to the booksellers. The Committee, at the Headmaster's suggestion, decided that the 4th Forms should be able to borrow books from the Library. This is a good sign and it is hoped that the 4th and 5th Forms will make good use of the Library. A suggestions book was placed in the Library but has been little used. Suggestions for new books by boys are welcomed as they help the Library Committee in its periodic deliberations on the book order.

We are grateful to the Headmaster, Mr. Bratt, G. J. Howard, J. N. Minney and R. K. S. Baker for gifts of books. Also to Mr. Phillips who has rebound several of our books.

Six Assistant Librarians have been appointed and are finding plenty of work to do. They are: C. McCall, S. Scott, G. Coles, M. J. King, P. B. Smith and G. P. Surridge.
D. C. A. Bradshaw has acted as Secretary to the Library Committee.

Some recent additions:

- Walley, Arthur ... ... Chinese Poems.
- Hankinson, J. T. ... Rugby Football for Schools.
- Jerome, Jerome K. ... Three Men on the Bummell and Three Men in a Boat.
- Salmon, P. R. ... ... All about Photography.
- Hayward, Charles ... Carpentry Book.
- Brown, W. J. ... ... Guide to Parliament.
- Sayers, Dorothy L. ... The Nine Tailors.
- Du Maurier, Daphne ... Rebecca.

IIA. LECTURE SOCIETY.

The following boys have delivered lectures this terms:

- P. S. Whitney, Peterborough L.M.S. Railway Sheds; M. I. Beeby, Building a ground-floor of a house; P. Coles, A visit to London; J. R. Harris, Whale hunting in the Antarctic; B. F. Peters, Books in my collection; B. T. Smart, Animals of Africa; J. R. Smith, The history of British Aircraft; J. A. Benham, How an Internal-Combustion Engine works; R. D. Boyd, Mice; J. Hyde, Gardening; R. Berwick, Some British butterflies; B. J. Tyler, Oil; B. S. Walker, Postage stamps; B. Parker, British birds; G. B. Norris, The English countryside.

The lecture of J. A. Benham was considered the best. There have been two debates held also. One on February 6th, the motion being, “That town is better than country” and another on March 13th, the motion being, “That blood sport should be abolished.” The former’s result was Pro. 5; Con. 21; Neut. 2, and the latter’s was Pro. 8; Con. 11; Neut. 7.

R. L. BURTON, Secretary.

MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB.

President: Mr. H. C. Phillips. Chairman: G. P. Surridge.
Secretary: J. Fuller. Treasurer: S. A. Scott.

Owing to bad weather, little flying has taken place, so few meetings have been held. Instead of holding a flying competition in March, as had been hoped, we had to make do with a building competition. The standard of work entered was very high and G. P. Surridge took 1st place. The models were judged by Mr. H. C. Phillips and C. Boddington, our ex-secretary, whom we were very sorry to lose.

The Club records are rather low at the moment, but this is partly due to the small size of the School Playing Field where most of the flying takes place. The record flights are:—indoor flying, 37 secs., G. P. Surridge and J. H. Anderson. Glider, 31.8 secs. O.O.S., S. A. Scott (a 75 ft. tow line was used). Rubber Duration, 60 secs. O.O.S., J. H. Anderson (O.O.S. — out of sight).
Several unofficial flights of about two minutes have been made by gliders and duration models belonging to certain members so we hope to raise the above records very soon. Enthusiasm has waned slightly among the younger members, but it is hoped that interest will revive with the start of indoor flying next term.

MUSIC NOTES.

RECITAL OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC, 17TH DECEMBER, 1946, 7.30 P.M.

From Handel’s “Messiah”:

Recit: Comfort Ye my people.
Air: Every valley shall be exalted.
Chorus: And the glory of the Lord.
Recit: Behold, a virgin shall conceive.
Air & Chorus: O thou that tellest.
Air: How beautiful are the feet.
Chorus: For unto us a child is born.
Recit: There were shepherds.
And lo, the angel.
And the angel said.
And suddenly.
Chorus: Glory to God.

INTERVAL.

Carols:

1. Adeste fideles ... ... ... English (18 cent.)
2. Ah, Lord God ... ... ... German.
3. I heard an infant weeping ... Corner (1649).
4. Shepherds in the field abiding ... Flemish.
5. A virgin most pure ... ... ... English.
6. *King Jesus hath a garden ... Dutch.
7. While shepherds watched ... Northrop (19 cent.)

At the Christmas breaking-up service, two carols were sung, and the Benedictus to the chant E. J. Hopkins in G. At the end of the Easter term, Hymns 131 and 500 were sung, and the Special Choir sang Bach’s “Jesu, joy of man’s desiring.”

The House Music Competition was held on February 26th, the adjudicator being Alec Wyton, Esq., B.A., F.R.C.O., organist of St. Matthew’s Church, Northampton.

The set piece for unaccompanied choir was Dowland’s “Now, O now I needs must part.” The conductors were: Dragons, A. J. Carter; Stags, E. Cross; Lions, D. A. G. Turner; Gryphons, R. F. Titley. Mr. Wyton complimented the conductors on carrying out their difficult task, especially Stags. He found the altos weak in Dragons and Lions, and basses a little uncertain in Dragons, Lions and Gryphons.

Stags were easily the strongest team this year. Cross proved himself an excellent trainer, and the choir’s performance of “Bobby Shaftoe” was highly commended. The two other voluntary pieces were piano solo, S. A. Scott, first movement of Beethoven’s “Moonlight Sonata”; and duet for two cornets, J. M. Johnson and P. S. Valentine, Morley’s “When lo, by break of morning.”
The total marks awarded were: Stags 83; Dragons 68; Gryphons 68; Lions 62.

At the Commemoration Service on June 11th, 1947, Psalm 23 was sung to the chant Walmisley in F, and the full choir sang the anthem “Hear my prayer” by Arcadelt.

SPECIAL CHOIR CONCERT,
28TH MARCH, 1947, AT 2.15 P.M.

God Save the King.

1. Elizabethan Songs
   (a) When from my love ... Bartlet
   (b) In going to my lonely bed Edwards
   (c) Thus saith my Cloris bright Wilbye
   (d) Since first I saw your face Ford
   The Choir.

2. Trio for Violin, Clarinet and Piano
   Andante and Allegro (from Violin Sonata in A) Bach
   Mr. Harris, Mr. Butler, Mr. Wintersgill.

3. Treble Solo
   (a) On wings of song Mendelssohn
   (b) Linden Lea Vaughan Williams
   (c) Where'er you walk ... Handel
   J. P. Edwards.

4. Violin and Piano
   Sonata in D ... ... Handel
   K. M. Finding, Mr. Wintersgill.

5. Treble Solo
   The Fishermaiden ... Schubert
   B. F. Peters.

6. Clarinet and Piano
   Folk Song Studies Vaughan Williams
   Mr. Butler, Mr. Wintersgill.

7. Modern Partsongs
   (a) Angler's Song ... ... Stanford
   (b) Heraclitus ... ... Stanford
   (c) Full Fathom Five Chas. Wood
   The Choir.

THE SCHOOL PICTURES.

When the School became a subscriber to the picture circulating scheme, it was understood that one of the sets would finally become our property. It was not found possible to let us have a set on any one subject, but the pictures in the top corridor are a fair selection from the whole range: and they are now the property of the School.

Their names are:

Madonna and Child (Florentine), Barnaba da Modena, 1361—1383.
Still Life with Apples (French), Paul Cézanne, 1839—1906.
The Garden of Eden (German), The Master of the Upper Rhine, 14th—15th century.
The Drawbridge (Dutch), Vincent van Gogh, 1853—1890.
The School of Athens (Umbrian), Raphael, 1483—1520.
Landscape at Iden (English), Paul Nash, 1889—
Violante (Venetian), Palma Vecchio, c.1480—1528.
The Painter's Sons (Flemish), Peter Paul Rubens, 1577—1640.
Landscape with Ruin (Dutch), Rembrandt, 1606—1669.
Concert in Venice (Venetian), Francesco Guardi, 1712—1793.

PUPPETS.

Since the beginning of last term, several boys, particularly in the Third Form have been experimenting with different methods of making string puppets. They made considerable progress and at rather short notice decided to put on a brief show for Parents' Day. Some excellent work was done in the production of a stage with lighting and scenery. More practice was obviously needed, both at manipulating the puppets and speaking the parts, but in spite of this, the brief play was very well received and all who had any hand in its production felt encouraged. If names should be mentioned, Cunnington, Newnham and Taylor by their hard work and enthusiasm contributed particularly to this success.

With the experience gained, a more ambitious production and higher standard is hoped for in the near future.

RAILWAY CLUB NOTES.

Railways and theatres do not appear to have much connection with one another, but when we heard that "The Ghost Train" was to be given at the Northampton Repertory Theatre we decided that it was our duty as a club to make investigations. Hence a party of about forty of us braved the rigours of a wintry Saturday, and were rewarded by a very good performance of this comedy-drama of the railway, with its convincing stage effects.

For our other two winter meetings we decided to provide our own amusement, as a change to listening to lectures by outsiders. One of them consisted of a "railway quiz" at which some very good questions were handed in, and at the other meeting we had short lectures by two of our own members, Bradshaw and Joyce, who thus set an example which we hope will be followed by other members next winter.

With the advent of the summer term we started our excursions again, the first one being to Wolverton Carriage and Wagon Works. This proved so popular that we had to organize two separate parties for it, and was easily one of the best excursions we have ever had, both educationally and otherwise. We were shown how almost every part of a railway carriage was made, including the brakes, dynamos, electric lighting system, metal fittings, woodwork, cushions and finally the completed carriage.

On the day of the School Expedition we visited Banbury, a junction on the Great Western Railway connecting it with the London and North Eastern system and we extended our tour to Aynho, where the old and new lines from London to Birmingham join one another. Here we saw how delays could be avoided by the use of a flying junction. Our return journey was made by way of Bletchley where the members obtained tea, sandwiches or engine numbers according to their various tastes.
SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

Officials:

President: The Headmaster.
Chairman: G. J. Howard.
Vice-Chairman: G. N. Wells.
Secretary: H. K. Maddams.
Committee: G. J. Howard, G. N. Wells, Mr. Holmes, S. A. Scott, and H. K. Maddams.

The Society during the Lent Term held many meetings, all of which were most enlightening, besides being dealt with in a most interesting and capable manner.

To mention just a few: H. C. Parker greatly enlightened a large number of non-biologists with a talk on “Hormones”; R. Wallis explained in a paper on “Heredity,” how some deformities pass from one generation to another; R. Smith in a lecture on “Lightning Phenomena” really amazed us; and J. A. Willmott gave us a talk on Vitamins and the sort of ailments which they cure. J. A. Willmott’s talk was presented at a most appropriate time, as many athletes and Rugger-players had started running around again after the great freeze-up, and were asking if any “Vitamin Treatment” was possible for their stiffness.

This term it has not been possible to hold many meetings owing to other school activities such as athletics, cricket and that schoolboys’ horror, known as exams. One lecture, however, is worthy of note, that of R. K. S. Baker, who gave us a most interesting paper on “Endocrinal Organs.”

In conclusion we extend a hearty welcome to boys moving up into the fifth and sixth forms to join us next term, and to any members who are leaving we wish a very happy and successful future.

6TH WELLINGBOROUGH (GRAMMAR SCHOOL) SCOUT TROOP.

Well, we haven’t formed another troop and we haven’t been as numerous as we should have liked. One or two who joined have found that we don’t suffer fools gladly and have drifted away—their loss.

We shall have one First-Class Scout by end of term—and ten Second-Class. We’ve camped in the School Field, had an “open” evening on the field, taken third place in the District Scouting Competition, had a jolly good time all round—and now we’re all going to Harvest Camp.

VISIT TO IRONWORKS.

On Wednesday, June 4th, part of the Vth Form visited Wellingborough Iron Works. The party was split into two, each with a guide. We saw first the ingenious method of charging the furnace. Two tracks run from the top of the furnace to the ground at an angle of about 60°. Up these are drawn two trucks called “skips.” These are filled, just below ground level from railway trucks, and then
hauled to the top of the furnace by cables. We were shown the engine room from which these skips are controlled. Our guide explained that the furnace was filled with equal quantities of coke and iron ore and the "flux." The flux consists of certain proportions of limestone and manganese. These have a chemical reaction on the iron ore. They combine with impurities to leave the fairly pure metal. This process of course is carried on at a high temperature. We were told that the furnaces were not let out, except when they needed relining. Another highly important constituent of the process is compressed hot air which is blown into the bottom of the furnace. This combines with the burning coke to form carbon monoxide, which is known to chemists as a "reducing agent." In the same way as the flux it purifies the iron ore. We saw the generators and turbines which pump this air. These generators are operated by the iron works, and it was for this reason that they were able to carry on during the electricity cuts. We passed on to see a furnace "tapped." There was a distinct smell of sulphur-di-oxide in the atmosphere. There are two holes in a furnace, one near the bottom and one slightly higher. These have clay compressed into them by a special gun, which bakes hard to seal the furnace. When we arrived the "slag" or waste materials had been tapped off and the men were drilling the hole. They eventually bored through and removed the drill. A small trickle of molten iron oozed through. A sheet of iron with a slot in it was lowered in front of the hole. A thin metal pipe was then inserted through the slot and oxygen fed in. This combined with the molten iron causing such a high temperature that the clay was burnt away. Channels had been previously dug into the sand round the furnace and the molten iron was led into them. Although sand-beds were prepared, we were told that they were only used in an emergency. The molten iron was run off into two gigantic ladles. In this case, however, a little molten iron was run off into the sand-beds. We noticed the intense heat which seemed to come from the molten iron, and we were told that it was at a temperature of about 1500°C. The molten iron was run off into moulds. These were on an endless belt and had been lime-washed to prevent the iron sticking to them. The solid cast iron fell off at the end of the belt into the yard.

About 60 tons of iron is obtained at each tapping of the furnace. A little however is left in to keep the furnace alight. An item of interest in the yard was a massive overhead crane. This could traverse the whole length of the yard and could be utilised to use a hook, grab or a treble electro-magnet. These were the main items of the visit which proved extremely interesting.

VISIT TO THE MALTSTERS.

On the 14th of May the Lower Science Sixth accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Holmes paid a visit to Messrs. Woolston and Bull, the
maltsters. The first things that we saw were the huge drying drums which reduce the water content to a standard level before stirring.

After seeing an engine which had been driving the dynamo non stop for 20 years, although it looked like new to us, we proceeded to a building where we saw how, after storing, the barley was soaked and spread on the floors to germinate.

The most enjoyable part of the visit was the sampling of the finished malt, which the greater part of the form were munching all the way back to school. In conclusion we visited the laboratory where one of our old boys worked, and saw how each sample of malt was tested.

S. A. Scott thanked the guide for conducting us so ably round the works.

VISIT TO PRAED'S BREWERY.

On June 3rd, a very hot day, the Science Lower Sixth, with Mr. Holmes in charge, visited Praed's Brewery in Sheep Street, Wellingborough.

We were first shown the store room where the incoming malt is kept until required. It is passed from the store to a machine which cracks the grain and passes it to the "mash tun," where the diastase contained in the malt converts the starch into sugar under the action of hot water. After standing for 1½ hours in the tun, the "wort," as the extract is now called, is passed into a large copper vessel where it is boiled with hops and sugar under pressure for 1½ hours. The hops help to flavour and preserve the wort. After some cooling in a large circular tank the extract is passed through coolers similar to those used for cooling milk in dairies, and is then mixed with yeast and fermented in large copper-lined vats. After fermenting for seven days under careful temperature control the liquid is separated from the solid yeast floating on top, and is cleared or "fined" by a mixture of isinglass and sulphurous acid.

While the wort is fermenting with the yeast the original yeast cells die, but new ones are formed, and thus the yeast can be used over and over again. The actual chemical process is that the sugar in the wort is converted into alcohol and carbon dioxide by means of the zymase in the yeast. The yeast is stored in a refrigerated room, in which we spent a few pleasant moments away from the sweltering heat outside.

After inspecting the actual brewery we went to the bottling department where we saw the "empties" being washed, dried, refilled, capped and crated, mostly by machinery, at an amazing rate.

Before returning to school we were shown over some of the new machinery which is being installed to replace that now in use which is rather out of date.
DOVEDALE.

We were a party of over sixty and it was almost “pre-war” travel with compartments all labelled “Wellingborough Grammar School.” The journey by train and Trent Bus was pleasant, but the walking part of the trip was easily the best. It was in lovely scenery in early summer—not too hot and the showers were negligible. We walked round (Mr. Dunning), over (every one else) Thorpe Cloud, lunched at the Stepping Stones—walked all the way up the Dale, scrambling up to Reynard’s Cave and up to Dove Holes. We actually saw fish in the clear river—fishermen seemed to think the fish could see them too.

Before we knew it, it was time to come home—some folk are lucky, they actually live near the Dale.

WHIPSNADE.

The visit to Whipsnade Zoo seemed to be the most popular of all the school expeditions; over 200 boys making it their choice. June 5th was the date fixed and the starting place was at the School gates.

Everyone arrived punctually at 9 a.m. with happy smiling faces and satchels bulging with refreshments instead of the usual books.

Soon we were all aboard the 7 buses provided, and at about 10 a.m. we started off. The journey was very pleasant, via Newport Pagnell and Dunstable. This lasted about 1½ hours, but as everyone was impatient to arrive, it seemed quite long enough.

On arriving at the Zoo gates we all purchased maps of the grounds. These gave detailed descriptions of the various routes to the different animals, and the times of feeding and so forth. As the grounds are very extensive, it involved much walking about, so we frequently had to refresh ourselves with ices and lemonade.

The most interesting sight was the performing elephant; this being the famous animal of the films, having acted with Sabu. He is 36 years old, and was born at the London Zoo. The keeper made him perform some of his tricks for our benefit, and we were all highly delighted to hear him play the mouth organ.

All the animals are living in their natural state, so although in captivity they have plenty of room to roam about.

The weather, being rather cool, kept some of the animals under cover, and we were disappointed at the non-appearance of the monkeys and reptiles. We had a good view of the animals that did appear, among them the giraffes, the bears, the wolves, the zebras and many different species of birds. One of the most impressive sights was the feeding of the lions and tigers, and we were all amazed at the huge quantities of raw meat they consumed.

For those who liked scenery, there was a fine view of Dunstable Downs, and we were interested to note that gliding was in progress.

All too soon it was time to return home, so we reluctantly made our way to the exit, each one agreeing that it had been a most in-
constructive and enjoyable trip. The return journey was made in good time, bringing us home by 6 o’clock. We are very grateful to the Masters who supervised this trip, making it more enjoyable with their presence.

B. BLACKWELL, IV a.

“A heterogeneous collection of discordant nationalities” (consisting of 30 boys from the Upper School and led by Dr. Jackson) was invited as guests of the Nene Catchment Board (Chairman Mr. G. Dallas) to a trip on the river on June 5th.

After taking the short route to Peterborough on the highways and bye-ways of Merrie England, Dr. Jackson and his supporters disembarked, and were cordially welcomed by the Chief Engineer of the Catchment Board.

The discomforts of Peterborough’s Motor Torpedo Boat were explored (all the sensible boys deciding not to volunteer for that part of the navy when they were conscripted). The party then continued by launch to the locks at the “Dog in a Doublet” and were shown the intricacies of lock control by a Mr. Beeby.

The journey was continued by coach to the Crowland Breach in the River Welland. The scene was one of complete desolation, but many of the boys were more interested in the amphibious tanks than in the breach itself. An esteemed colleague of the Press accompanied us, and profited by many valuable photographs.

The pumps at Sutton Bridge received attention from the party. There were four pumps which forced a phenomenal amount of water from the main drainage dyke into the Nene.

Tea was taken at Sutton “Bridge Hotel.”

The party then returned to Wellingborough and to their respective homes after a thoroughly enjoyable day.

DEEP IN UNFATHOMABLE MINES.

The compound of mass loaded into a container going by the name of Omnibus at 9.0 a.m. of the 5th June being $25e_{10}A_{1}$ plus unavoidable impurities. History by the way is not an art, what could we expect? My readers will appreciate that the $A_{1}$ element had little chance to manifest its properties against the preponderance of $25e_{10}$. And although the fore-mentioned “homuncule” (artists’ term for molecule) strove to prove the presence of some I.Q. efforts were vain and he was forced to endeavour to uplift his soul by song but was accused of suffering from physical debility in the shape of gastric enteritis. Changing the metaphor and our clothes we eventually arrived at the mine. In suitable armour we approached the cage and its Charon-like attendant (although I don’t think Charon was “ventru” and I didn’t notice this gentleman’s cloak)

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who forthwith proved the veracity of Vergil’s mining experience—none without knowledge of cages could have written “facilis descensus aterno.”

As we explored the underworld we perceived an abundance, heretofore unmanifest, of grey matter—oh yes coal is grey, or at least it looks grey owing to a kind of stone dust they put on it to stop it burning. So that under nationalisation and the benign influence of Mr. Shinwell coal is no longer allowed to fulfil its natural function. However, we pursued our way pondering deeply these things and, owing to a consuming thirst caused by dust, kept a sharp look out for, but were disappointed in not seeing, Gunga Din who should have been:

“Squatting on the coals
Serving drinks to poor damned souls.”

And indeed the only Din we encountered was that of the rumbling trucks on their way to the surface which thenceforth did their best to be derailed when passing us.

Other wonders we beheld—in fact they took us about a mile on an underground railway to see a model coal face, why, I can’t imagine, seeing that we witnessed about fifteen high-perfect ones when we reached the surface. Others, indeed, of more muscular build actually worked on the face itself, and dug till they gently perspired. Yes with a little practice we could be experts in clipping, propping, ripping, packing, cutting and loading.

Once again in the upper air we were seated at a meal which could only be praised justly by that connoisseur Pepys who would with us have found it “mighty merry.” It was a relatively clean, very full (yes we stopped for a further instalment of food at Rawdon Pit), and rather tired, but happy party which left South Derbyshire that evening, hoping to a man, I believe, never to return on a more serious errand, and holding a profound respect for the science of terebration and the men that go down into the pit.

D.A.G.T.
OLDE BOYS' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

EDITORIAL.

The submission of a twice yearly editorial presents some difficulty to the a- and per-spiring editors, for entailing as it does continued chain-smoking it involves considerable expenditure on cigarettes.

During the past six months, like the lad in Excelsior the membership has gone upwards from 70 in September, 1946 to 140 at the present time. The expansion in numbers has been followed by an expansion in activities. Rugger and cricket teams continue to flourish, the dances at the School have become a happy and well-organised institution.

Before the end of the summer season it is hoped to stage an athletics meeting on the School Playing Field in aid of the Memorial Fund. No definite arrangements have as yet been made for this rather adventurous proposal, but in the event of the meeting taking place, good notice will be given.

Finally, the Committee once more wish to express their gratitude to the Headmaster, Staff and Governors for advice and assistance, and the use of the School premises, and appeal to members of the Association to support its activities.

FIRST POST-WAR ANNUAL DINNER.

A most successful dinner was held on April 10th in the Co-operative Hall. Some 110 Old Boys were present and we were very happy to have with us Mr. F. C. Lay, M.A., B.Sc., and Mr. H. A. Wrenn, M.A., the first and present Headmasters of the School.

In his speech Mr. Lay remarked upon the strength and great enthusiasm which obviously existed in the Association. He added that great credit was due to the small band of Old Boys who had kept things going during the war years, thus giving the Association a good post-war start. We had hoped for a bigger representation of masters (past and present), and Mr. Lay stressed the good work done by Mr. G. H. Clayton, M.A. in the early days of the School.

The present Headmaster, during the course of his remarks, extended a cordial invitation to all Old Boys to visit the School. H. K. Bean, as Chairman of the Association, replied for the Old Boys, and thanked all those whose hard work had made such a successful dinner possible. The Roll of Honour was read by A. K. Gent, and the evening concluded with a short entertainment by Mr. Archie Tear and Mr. Arthur Owen, who generously gave their services.
The whole evening was very enjoyable and many old friendships were renewed. The Hall was decorated by a large reproduction of the School Badge and a number of photographs of school groups. Each year was represented from the opening batsman of 1930, down to number 11 (in this case R. A. Chapman) who left in 1947.

OLD BOYS’ RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

The weather wiped out the second half of our season and so there is little to report since the Christmas edition. As can be seen from the final analysis we have not really had a successful season; unfortunately most of the cancelled games were home matches and so we did not have the familiar surroundings of the School Field to help us.

Our thanks are due to the Headmaster for allowing us to use the pitch for the two home games we had, and to all others who have helped us again this season.

May we remind Rugger enthusiasts that now is the time to start training—on September 20th we meet Corby on their own ground.

Results:


1947


Analysis:


Points: For 49. Against 156.

MEMORIAL SPORTS FIELD.

The immediate prospect of the purchase of a suitable Memorial Sports Field seems rather dim. All available land within an approximate five miles radius of Wellingborough lies under building or agricultural priority. The Committee however are continuing to investigate all possible sites but cannot hold out much hope of general satisfaction at present.
OLD BOYS’ CRICKET CLUB.

This season we have again entered the Wellingborough Town League and its associated Knock-Out Competitions. A number of friendlies have been arranged. At the time of writing we have won five games, lost five, with one drawn. Although this is not an impressive start, we do not consider it too disappointing, since we have enjoyed some very good games.

We have found this season, as last, that games which appear to be “in the bag” have been lost by lack of determination at the vital moment.

Notable amongst the individual performances, is a fine hat-trick by R. Chapman, who has bowled consistently well, and has so far taken 30 wickets at an average cost of 6 runs per wicket.

A. Bird has continued to captain the side energetically and well this season and has proved our most successful batsman.

We have added a few young players to our number this season. Some of them are good stroke players and we are most anxious that they should not forget their good training when faced with wickets which are not up to the standard they are used to. This also applies to the fielding, which could undoubtedly be improved.

We are proud of the reputation of always playing a good game which we have gained in the town. Once more we are indebted to the Headmaster and Mr. Davies for our net practice at School.

We look forward with modest confidence to an enjoyable second half of the season.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

The social activities of the Association have continued throughout the year, with the very successful and popular monthly dances as the main interpretation of “Social Activity.” Judging from general remarks picked up here and there, these dances are achieving their two main objectives, namely—to provide a means of Old Boys (and Young Girls!) getting together socially, and secondly to provide regular additions to the Association’s Bank Balance. May we at this point say a very sincere “Thank you” to our ever-enthusiastic band of helpers, in particular the ladies, without whose keenness and hard-work our bank balance would look much less healthy than it does at the moment.

There is one point we’d like to raise, concerning the Sunday morning work of clearing up “after the ball is over.” We should be grateful if some of those who enjoy the dances would assist in the necessary tidying up. Will you please show willingness if asked by the Secretary to lend a hand to restore the School premises to their former dignified solemnity after the dances. Thank you!
We congratulate:

D. F. White—on gaining three International Rugby Caps.
G. Annable
L. Beatty
E. C. Shawley
on their recent marriages and proffer our best wishes for future happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Braybrook—on the birth of a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Edwards—on the birth of a son.
Mrs. and Mrs. P. W. Shelford—on the birth of a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shortland—on the birth of a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Bird—on the birth of a son.
Major T. F. Addis, M.C.—on appointment as Provost Marshal, East Africa.
I. Peck—on the facial adornment.
J. N. Davis—on his high-mindedness.

We sympathise with:

R. A. Ingram—our wicket-keeper, on fracturing his wrist.
The Manageress of the Lyric Cafe—who ensures impromptu Old Boys’ gatherings with both patience and fortitude each Saturday morning.

Odd Items of news:

Parkinson will be building railways this summer in Czechoslovakia with other members of Durham University.
D. J. Segall is at present at St. Mary’s Hospital on a medical course.
J. W. Sutton is spending a year at a Government Agricultural Course and aims to be a farmer.

We shall always be pleased to hear of Old Boys—so visit or write to the School or meet your Committee.

Don’t forget:
The Memorial Fund is still open for contributions.
The Annual General Meeting will take place in the early Autumn.
You Annual Subscribers—your subscriptions are due.
N.B.—Treasurer’s new address: F. J. Port, 4, Third Avenue, Wellingborough.

This is the last issue of O.B. Notes to non-members of the Association.
WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL LIST, 1947.

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