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EDITORIAL.

School activities have crowded the calendar since the last appearance of the Magazine, and without mentioning statistics, all aspects of school life have increased in popularity (excluding, of course, homework which the majority barely endure), and it is to be hoped that clubs and teams will improve their records even further in the not too distant future.

Certain sections of the school field suffered a short respite during the summer from the merciless feet of the many boys, who were ruthlessly herded into the remaining parts. However, the field at least will benefit as a result of this tyranny and the rugger season should begin once again on a comparatively soft bed of grass and not as last year on un hospitable bare earth.

A school harvest camp will again be held during the summer holidays, partly to help the farmers gather the wheat crop. We wish those participating fine weather and thistle-free fields, and our best wishes go to those who have volunteered to work (?) during the holidays.

Many of the senior boys will be leaving at the end of the term and although we shall miss them, the School’s loss will be, sooner or later, the Army’s gain. However, we wish them all good luck in their future employment and hope that they will maintain contact with W.G.S. through the Old Boys’ Association.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Head Prefect: J. HODGKINS.

Prefects:

We learn with regret of the impending departure of Mr. H. H. Wintersgill after nine years with the School. He has been appointed to organise a new music department at Huddersfield Technical College. We wish him and Mrs. Wintersgill every success and happiness in their new life and hope their memories of us will be ever pleasant.
We record with great pleasure and congratulations to all concerned the following happy events this term:

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pine, a son.
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Sharp, a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Henderson, a son.

We were pleased to welcome the return of Mr. G. H. Clayton for Commemoration Day. There are few of us now left who knew him as second master in the early days of the School and can appreciate the debt even now owed to him—but all present appreciated his direct and sincere address.

Mrs. H. W. Saxby has once again shewn herself a practical friend of the School by giving us £5 for the encouragement of music amongst us. We are extremely grateful for so handsome a present.

We congratulate R. F. Mayes in breaking new ground—he has won an open exhibition in Geography to St. Catherine’s College, Cambridge.

At long last we were able this term to hand over to the Cottage Hospital the surgical dressing trolley subscribed for in 1947. The Chairman of the Hospital and the Matron were present to accept our token of appreciation of their ever ready assistance to us.

It is noted with appreciation that the campaign for more and better grass finds a few staunch volunteers whenever called for, and considerable hard work has begun to show results. Others, more nolens than volens, we feel, have also contributed to the effort.

We congratulate J. P. Hyde on playing last season for Northampton Saints and receiving very good notices. This is a promising start to following on in the ‘D. F. White’ tradition.

The Stamp Club has been encouraged and delighted to receive several packets of Colonial and Foreign Stamps from Mr. W. E. Capon, one of our Governors.

We have been pleased to see this term Dr. I. A. W. Peck (1934–41) on his release from the Navy, who is now to take up general practice in Luton, Beds.

Among recent O.B. successes we note and congratulate on adding to the School’s prestige:

K. G. Dallas, 1st Class Econ., Glasgow.
W. F. Maddams, M.Sc., Sheffield.
R. Cross, Hons., 1st Part, English Tripos, Cambridge.
H. W. Catlin, B.A. Hons., Geography, Durham.

We feel this list could be greatly extended and would always be glad to hear of the continuing success of O.B.s everywhere.

In the Bird and Tree Essay Competition organised last year by the Royal Society for the protection of Birds, the team of nine boys from this School was awarded a certificate of excellence. May we hope that in this year’s competition they will win the County Shield?
We congratulate R. K. Wilson on winning an Open Scholarship at University College, Leicester.

On June 2nd School excursions were made to Dovedale, Whipsnade, Regents Park Zoo, Kodak Works, Derby Locomotive Works and to a coal mine.

Too late for inclusion in our last issue was our welcome to Mr. M. S. Cheate to the staff at the end of the Autumn term. He is now an established member of the Maths. and Science departments and a staunch supporter of the Railway Club.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries, with apologies for unintentional omissions:—The Cytringanian, Ousel, The Petriburgian, The Wellingburgian.

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OBITUARY.

We have learned with sincere regret of the passing of Mr. G. S. D. Page during the Easter holidays. He served the School as its first Art Master from 1932—1934. He, with all the early members of the staff, was instrumental in laying the foundations of tradition which even now are the basis of this School’s life. Those who never knew him owe much to his labours.

Many generations of boys, too, will have been shocked to learn of the sudden death of Mr. H. S. Knight, groundsman since the School’s opening. He died after many years of ill-health patiently borne and did his best always, despite great physical handicaps, to provide for so large a part of the School’s activity—that on the playing fields.

Our sympathy is extended to all those bereaved—their loss is much greater than we can know.

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ENTRANTS.

D. A. Cooke  I. G. Dunn  N. Rich

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DECEMBER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

A. J. Akhurst  e g M Bio Ch ph
D. M. Fidler   E G M CH PH
D. B. Pratt     e s H G M A
K. A. Rooksby  S H RK G m Bio A
B. G. Shrives  e s h G M a
J. E. Skerritt  s g M CH PH
J. B. Smith    E S H F M A
P. E. Warwick  e s g f M PH A
T. L. Wright   e s rk G M Bio a
LEAVERS.

T. L. Wright 1942—1947 School Certificate.
K. H. Willis 1941—1947 Accountancy.
P. E. Warwick 1944—1947 School Certificate, Freeman, Hardy and Willis.
J. B. Smith 1943—1947 School Certificate, British Railways.
B. G. Shives 1942—1947 School Certificate, Office of Magistrate’s Clerk.
F. J. Maycock 1942—1947 Marconi Inst. Ltd.
A. P. Lovell 1942—1947 Scott Bader, Wollaston.
M. C. C. Knowles 1943—1947 Wellingborough Iron Co.
D. J. Burton 1945—1947 Stewards and Lloyds, Corby.
R. Pentelow 1943—1947 Wm. Green & Son, Rushden.
V. D. Johnson 1942—1947 Whipple, Tool Engineers, Rushden.
V. B. Tivey 1942—1947 Curry’s, Wellingborough.
M. J. Danniell B. F. Peters R. J. Ward
M. Unstead J. F. W. Craddick
G. A. Turner A. R. Barron

SIXTH FORM NOTES.

This paper describes the elusive anthropos collegius, commonly known as the sixth-former. This creature has a wide distribution and concomitant varied habitats ranging from the Olympian heights of the top corridor to the foetid swamps of the Ink Room. The damp nature of this latter may be attributed to inexplicable inundations, during which crises the hoarse voice of the tom-tom is heard giving warning to all involved.

In evolutionary sequence the characteristic forms of our subject may deferentially be called high, higher and highest, corresponding to first-year, second-year and third-year. Manners, which vary from the uncouth to the mildly objectionable do not necessarily vary in accordance with this classification.

Collegius obtains his food by clustering around the heads of long wooden planks, seizing the incoming nourishment and incidentally starving smaller, alien rivals seated at the extremities. He is also a great imbiber of cow’s milk, and may often be seen super-intending its ceremonial transport by truculent slaves.
He is a social animal, and often listens to the whispered words of the bard, holding his sides, contorting his face and vociferating strangely to express his satisfaction.

Moreover, he is a Moral Being, as was proved by the cancellation of a trip to the Windmill Theatre, owing to the unsanctified state of that structure.

Intellectually his attainments are variable. The nadir is represented by the member who made an exhibition of himself at Cambridge, while those who annually prepare themselves for abstruse examinations in ancient languages are the culmination of the scale.

His interests range from the conventionally unprintable to the artistic and scientific. Incipient artistic ability may even be seen in mural designs and in the mutilation of chairs and window-frames. The scientist is best distinguished from his artistic counterpart by the peculiar odour of his habitat.

Such are the main traits of anthropos collegius: the future development of his strange community will be engrossing to the acute observer.

R.F.M.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Captain: J. Hodgkins. Vice-Captain: J. P. Hyde.
Hon. Secretary: P. T. Eden.

The chief feature of the 1947-8 season was the good record of the 1st XV., which lost only one match. With a fair number of the team remaining next year, we are hoping for another good season, and the fixture list has been strengthened.

House matches this year were not nearly so closely contested as in the last few years, and some of the games were rather one-sided.

Full Colours were awarded to J. P. Hyde and G. C. Neville, and Half Colours to D. S. Law, R. Leslie, T. C. Cartwright, R. Pentelow, B. G. Shrives and D. N. Haynes.

RESULTS.

1st XV.

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2nd XV.

1947.
Dec. 13 v. Daventry G.S. 1st XV. ... ... Home Draw 9—9

Under 15 XV.

1947.
Nov. 22 v. Oundle School ... ... ... Home Lost 17—0
" 27 v. Kettering G.S. ... ... ... Home Won 8—5
" 29 v. Bedford Modern School ... ... ... Away Lost 19—0
Dec. 11 v. Kettering G.S. ... ... ... Away Lost 12—5

1948.
Mar. 3 v. Northampton G.S. ... ... ... Home Won 11—3
" 13 v. Harpur School, Bedford ... ... ... Home Draw 9—9

Under 14 XV.

1947.
Nov. 26 v. Bedford Modern School ... ... ... Away Lost 17—3
Dec. 11 v. Bedford School ... ... ... Home Won 15—13
13 v. Kings School, Peterborough ... ... ... Away Lost 8—5

1948.
Jan. 29 v. Kettering G.S. ... ... ... Away Lost 21—0
Feb. 4 v. Northampton G.S. ... ... ... Home Lost 13—0
" 14 v. Northampton Tech. H.S. ... ... ... Away Won 6—0
Mar. 4 v. Daventry G.S. ... ... ... Away Lost 9—3
" 6 v. Towcester G.S. Under 15 XV. ... ... ... Away Lost 13—3
" 13 v. Harpur School, Bedford ... ... ... Home Won 9—0
" 17 v. Northampton Tech. H.S. ... ... ... Home Won 19—0

Under 13 XV.

1948.
Feb. 28 v. Northampton G.S. ... ... ... Away Lost 6—0

House Matches.

1st Round, Thursday, November 6th.
Seniors Dragons 28 Stags 8 Lions 6 Gryphons 5
Juniors Stags 5 Dragons 3 Lions 16 Gryphons 0

2nd Round, Tuesday, November 11th.
Seniors Dragons 48 Gryphons 3 Stags 33 Lions 3
Juniors Dragons 17 Gryphons 3 Lions 5 Stags 0

3rd Round, Thursday, January 15th.
Seniors Dragons 70 Lions 0 Stags 42 Gryphons 4
Juniors Lions 3 Dragons 0 Stags 18 Gryphons 0

Points.

Dragons ... 20 Stags ... 16 Lions ... 12 Gryphons ... 0

Cricket Notes.

1st XI.

This season opened very badly when the School Team lost their first match against King’s School, Peterborough, who had been beaten quite convincingly in past years. However, since then, the team has pulled together exceedingly well and no other matches have been lost. The batting has not been particularly steady but in each match, one member of the side has “come-off” and so sufficient runs have been collected to give the bowlers some encouragement to attack the opposing batsmen.
The bowling has been very steady and effective in every match. P. Wills and Lawrence, the opening bowlers, have made admirable use of the seam and this, coupled with a good length, has had disastrous effects on opposing sides. Roberts, when called upon, has done good work with his leg-breaks but a tendency to hurry over his work has resulted in too many runs being given away. Law and Hyde have captured the odd wicket on occasions to break up many a stubborn partnership.

The fielding has been excellent in every respect. Very few lapses in ground-work and in catching have occurred and while every member of the side has done his bit, Leslie must be mentioned for his smart picking-up and throwing in at cover-point, Hyde, as usual, has been a terror at short-leg and has brought off some seemingly impossible catches.

Undoubtedly the best performance was our 47 runs victory against Northampton G.S. 1st XI. Two seasons ago we were playing their 2nd XI, and now, this season, we have triumphed over their 1st XI. Outstanding in this match was K. Lawrence who batted right through the School innings for 49 very valuable runs and then took 6 wickets for 32 runs. Wills, with 4 wickets also bowled extremely well.

The first match against our rivals, Kettering, was cancelled owing to rain but our other fixture with them ended with the School in a very strong position. Very slow batting did not give Hodgkins a chance to declare earlier, which he did when the score was 69 for 7. In 50 minutes, Kettering lost 6 wickets for 14 runs. A moral victory!

The annual fixture against Wellingborough Thursday also ended in a draw but again the advantage rested with the School. Thanks to some excellent bowling by Lawrence and Roberts the Thursday’s only totalled 46. When rain stopped play we had scored 16 for no wicket.

The Parents were defeated once more but only after a grand struggle. Set to make 63 to win, the School owed much to K. Lawrence once more for a steady knock of 35 not out.

Two new members who have been promoted from the 2nd XI have showed some promise. Lee has held the fort (even though he has not scored many runs) for other people to score, while Simmons, although as yet a little immature, should get many runs in the future.

Hodgkins’ captaincy has been, on the whole, good, and his batting and wicket-keeping have carried the side through many sticky periods.

**RESULTS.**

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May 8th. v. King’s School, Peterborough 1st XI. Lost.
Peterborough 96 (Wills 2 for 11).
W.G.S. 37 (Hodgkins 11, Wills 11).
Daventry 12 (Lawrence 1 for 1, Roberts 2 for 4, Surridge 3 for 2).
W.G.S. 75 (Hodgkins 22, Leslie 19).
May 15th. v. Bedford Modern 2nd XI. Won.
Bedford 42 (Wills 1 for 5, Law 3 for 6, Roberts 5 for 16).
W.G.S. 82 (Lawrence 27, Hodgkins 16).
June 3rd. v. Wellingborough Thursday C.C. Draw (rain stopped play).
Wellingborough 47 (Lawrence 3 for 15, Roberts 3 for 17, Law 1 for 3).
W.G.S. 14 for 0 (Law 6*, Lawrence 8*).
June 5th. v. Oundle School 2nd XI. Won.
Oundle 48 (Lawrence 5 for 17, Wills 5 for 7).
W.G.S. 57 (Roberts 23*).
June 12th. v. Kettering G.S. 1st XI. Draw.
Kettering 14 for 6 (Wills 3 for 9, Lawrence 1 for 5, Hyde 1 for 0).
W.G.S. 69 for 7 dec. (Hodgkins 20).
June 15th. v. Northampton G.S. 1st XI. Won.
Northampton 52 (Wills 4 for 17, Lawrence 6 for 32).
W.G.S. 99 (Lawrence 49, Law 13).
June 24th. v. Parents XI. Won.
Parents 62 (Lawrence 3 for 19, Wills 3 for 12, Roberts 3 for 17, Hyde 1 for 3).
W.G.S. 69 for 7 (Lawrence 35*).
Kettering 129 (Roberts 6 for 25, Hyde 2 for 19).
W.G.S. 70 for 7 (Hodgkins 24, Law 15, Leslie 11*).
* Not Out.

2nd XI.

The 2nd XI. has not had a very successful season, weak batting being largely to blame. Bowling and fielding has been good in most games. Howes (G. J.) is to be noted for his steady and successful bowling throughout the season.

RESULTS.

v. Kettering G.S. 2nd XI. Abandoned.
W.G.S. 40 for 4 (rain stopped play).
v. Oundle 3rd XI. Lost.
W.G.S. 28.
Oundle 28 for 3.
v. Kettering 2nd XI. Draw.
K.G.S. 56.
W.G.S. 9 for 6.
v. Bedford School 3rd XI. Lost.
Bedford School 88.
W.G.S. 33.
v. Laxton School 1st XI. Lost.
Laxton School 68.
W.G.S. 19.
v. Northampton 2nd XI. Lost.
W.G.S. 60 (Simmons 17).
Northampton 61 for 9 (Hunt 4 for 19).
v. Daventry 2nd XI. Won.
W.G.S. 48.
Daventry 16 (Howes 6 for 6, Neville 4 for 7).

UNDER 15 XI.

The Under 15 XI. has recorded an equally divided sequence of narrow defeats and narrow victories. Their scoring power has been firmly established at approximately 50 runs and the problem has been largely resolved into whether the opposition could do the same against the bowling of A. G. Smith and Gilbert. It is a tribute to these bowlers that Bedford School, Northampton, Kettering and King's School, Peterborough all failed to do so.
Although the batting failed to produce more runs as the season progressed, Warren, Brealey, Furnell, Westley, Catling and Holmes all improved greatly in style, although they still deal too excitedly with the loose ball. Wicket-keeping was unsatisfactory until the modest N. A. Tompkins was persuaded to take a turn behind the stumps. The fielding was keen, but unreliable.

RESULTS.

W.G.S. 62.
Bedford School 48 (A. G. Smith 4 for 14).
May 12th. v. Harpur Central School (away). Lost.
W.G.S. 38.
Harpur Central School 63 (Gilbert 4 for 6, Brealey 4 for 7).
W.G.S. 47.
Northampton G.S. 37.
W.G.S. 66.
Kettering G.S. 23 (Gilbert 5 for 8, A. G. Smith 4 for 9).
W.G.S. 46.
Wellingborough School 59.
W.G.S. 40.
Harpur Central School 53 for 6.
W.G.S. 56.
Kimbolton School 90.
July 3rd. v. King’s School, Peterborough Under 15 (home). Won.
W.G.S. 57.
King’s School 48.

UNDER 14 XI.

To date the Under 14 XI., after a heavy defeat at Kettering in the first match, have improved enormously and should end the season with a very impressive record. Their Captain has set a fine example to the team both in batting and bowling and has been well supported by the Vice-Captain, Whiffing.

Usual Team:—I. R. H. Wills (Captain), Whiffing, Walden, De Banke, Fountain, Homan, Earl, Tunn, Crisp, Plackett, Abrahams. Also played:—Dudley, J. Smart, Evans, Cox, Brown and Benham.

RESULTS.

W.G.S. 23.
Kettering G.S. 24 for 1.
W.G.S. 59 for 4 (Whiffing 16*).
Northampton G.S. 56.
June 5th. v. Bedford Harpur Central (home). Won.
W.G.S. 104 for 2 dec. (Wills 64*, Whiffing 24*).
Bedford Harpur Central 34 (Wills 4 for 30).
June 12th. v. City Boys School, Leicester (away). Won.
W.G.S. 143 for 4 dec. (Wills 71, Whiffing 43).
City Boys School 84 (Wills 6 for 29).
W.G.S. 89 for 8 dec. (Wills 22, Whiffing 20, Fountain 18).
Kettering G.S. 34 for 8 (Wills 4 for 13).
W.G.S. 88 for 6 dec. (Whiffing 22, Wills 22).
Daventry 30 for 4.
W.G.S. 66 (Whiffing 22).
Elementary Schools 59 (Whiffing 6 for 5).

ATHLETICS.

This year a system of standards for all events was introduced and those who reached this standard in an event gained one House point. Judging by the number of boys seen out training prior to the standard tests a keen interest has been developed and it is hoped that this will continue. Every boy now has an opportunity of assisting his House to the best of his ability and he can gain valuable House points. The success of the Stags was largely due to the number of points gained in this way.

For the first time boys competed in the London Athletic Club Schools' Challenge Cup Meeting (Public Schools' Athletic Championships). Our boys, J. P. Hyde, Simmons and Surridge performed creditably, particularly Surridge who secured a Standard Medal in the One Mile with the excellent time of 4 mins. 43.2 secs. The latter has also won the 880 yards (Youths) at the Northamptonshire County A.A.A. Championships with a good time of 2 mins. 12.5 secs.

Notable performances were made by J. Hyde, Simmons, J. M. Johnson, I. Smith, Charter and Fairbrass in the sprints and jumps, and by Surridge, Coles, G. C. Neville and Parnell in the long distance events.

The Stags won the Martin Athletic Cup and the Dragons the Henson Relay Cup. The cups on Sports Day were presented by Mrs. H. C. L. Warwick. Thanks are due to the Masters who acted as officials on this and other occasions, and to those who have helped with training.

RESULTS.

ATHLETIC MATCHES.

Senior: School 35 points. Bedford 34 points.
Junior: Bedford 39 points. School 21 points.
June 4th. v. King's School and Deacon's School. Home.
King's 102 points. School 53 points. Deacon's 42 points.
Northampton 146 points. School 135 points. Kettering 105 points.

Mile, Senior:
Time, 5 mins. 5.2 secs. (Record).
Half Mile, Senior:
Time, 2 mins. 12.8 secs. (Record).

SCHOOL SPORTS, MAY 13TH.

Mile, Senior:
Time, 5 mins. 5.2 secs. (Record).

Half Mile, Senior:
Time, 2 mins. 12.8 secs. (Record).
Half Mile, Middle:
Time 2 mins. 28 secs.

Half Mile, Junior:
Time, 2 mins. 39.5 secs. (Record).

440 yards, Senior:
Time 59.2 secs.

440 yards, Middle:
Time 66.9 secs.

220 yards, Senior:
1. J. P. Hyde 2. Simmons 3. Atkins 4. Law
Time, 23.6 secs. (Equals Record).

220 yards, Middle:
Time, 25.8 secs.

220 yards, Junior:
Time, 29 secs.

100 yards, Senior:
Time, 10.2 secs. (Record).

100 yards, Middle:
Time, 11.6 secs.

100 yards, Junior:
Time, 12.9 secs.

High Jump, Senior:
Height 5' 11/16" (Record).

High Jump, Middle:
Height, 4' 4 1/2".

High Jump, Junior:
Height 3' 10".

Long Jump, Senior:
Distance 19' 31/32".

Long Jump, Middle:
Distance, 15' 10".

Long Jump, Junior:
Distance, 14' 4 1/2".

Martin Athletic Cup: 1. Stags 194 5/6 points.
2. Dragons 142 1/3
3. Lions 115 5/6
4. Gryphons 99

Henson Relay Cup: 1. Dragons 36
2. Stags 28
3. Lions 20
4. Gryphons 0
In the Northamptonshire Schools' County Trials held at Northampton on 28th June, the following successes were obtained:—

100 yards, ages 15—17. 2. Atkins.
440 yards, ages 15—17 1. Simmons. Time 56.9 secs.
High Jump, ages 15—17. 1. Charter. 2. Titmuss. Height 4' 11".

As a result Charter, Atkins and Simmons have been chosen to represent the County in the Schools' Inter-County Championships at Bath on 17th July. They have our congratulations and best wishes for success.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

Conditions for running were better this year, but owing to the lack of Rugger in the Autumn Term we were restricted to the minimum practice runs. A considerable discussion arose during a Games Committee Meeting early in the term as to the desirability and advisability of the sport in School. After consultation with recognised experts on these topics, it was agreed later by the Committee that running as training for fitness and stamina is most desirable for all, but that racing should be limited in distance and to ages above thirteen years.

As a result of these decisions two races only for the House Competition were run, over rather shorter distances than previous years.

The result of the Competition was:
with Surridge (Stags) home first in 16 mins. 15 secs.

HOUSE P.T. COMPETITION.

This year we had a “Minor Games” Competition and each House had to field seven teams, one for each of the seven different games. In all 212 boys took part. The games were keenly contested and enjoyed by both players and spectators.

The Stags House came out easy winners, being successful in 16 games out of 21 played and scored 32 points. The other results were: Lions 21 points; Dragons 17 points; Gryphons 14 points.


SWIMMING.

There has been good attendance and good progress made this year. We are gradually achieving our objective, which is to make every boy a swimmer. Already more than half the School can swim and to date 99 boys have swam a quarter-mile for House points.
Form 2s can justly be proud of themselves as they can claim 16 of the 99.

Our next step is to produce good swimmers and this is not so easy. The arm and leg movements can be taught but if these are only practised once a week then progress will be very slow. We look to the younger members of the School to put in some serious training especially during the summer holiday, so that we can soon accept fixtures with other schools.

HOUSE NOTES.

DRAGONS.

House Masters:
Mr. G. E. Sharp, Mr. C. A. Pine, Mr. C. J. Ward.

Head of House: J. P. Hyde.

House Prefects: P. T. Eden, K. Lawrence, R. Smith (Hon. Sec.), C. McCall, R. Leslie.

During the last two terms the Dragons House has not done so well as was hoped. After holding no less than six cups last year, we hold, at the present moment only two cups, with two to be decided.

Since the last time of writing, the final round of the Rugger Competition has been decided and the Cup was secured by means of a win by the Seniors by 70—0 over the Lions. We are proud of our Captain, J. P. Hyde, who was picked to play for Northampton Saints.

In the Music Competition there were some good solo items but the choir lost its touch after singing well at the practices.

The House actors put up a good show and were only narrowly beaten.

The new system for the Athletic Competition proved disastrous for the Dragons who lost the trophy after holding it for many years. As a consolation the House won the Henson Relay Cup.

With one round of the Junior Cricket to be decided we find that the result of this match decides the destination of the Cup. The Seniors won all their matches but the Juniors have failed twice.

The trouble in the House seems to be the lack of good Junior talent. This was especially noticeable in the Athletic Competition.

Congratulations are extended to all Dragons who have represented the School in its many activities and we hope that in future years we will have even more representatives.

Finally we wish the best of luck to all Dragons taking the H.S.C. and S.C. this term and to those who are leaving the best of luck in life.
GRYPHONS.

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

Head of House: D. S. Law.

House Prefects: M. J. King, P. B. Smith, G. P. Beardsley, R. L. Goodbody (Sec.)

The past year has not proved a very successful one for us, as we have only one cup to our credit so far, the Cricket and Swimming having still to be decided at the time of writing.

We were placed fourth in the House Rugby, having lost all our matches, both teams, but especially the Juniors, feeling the lack of practice occasioned by the state of the ground.

Our sole triumph was our winning of the Cross Country Cup, having lost it last year to the Lions.

This success was due in no small measure to good teamwork and to excellent “packing” by both teams, the Middles having been abolished. Among those most worthy of mention are Lord, King and K. Westley in the Seniors, and Brigstock and D. C. Westley in the Juniors.

In the House Music Competition we felt keenly the lack of individual talent, and as it was considered that three piano solos would be a little too much for the adjudicators, it was decided the day before the contest to attempt another choral item, which—not surprisingly—was not commended. Solos were played by Crawley and Darnell, and although Wix put in much excellent work, which earned him his House Colours, it was obvious that more practice was needed and we were placed fourth.

The play chosen this year was “Poor Old Sam,” with Hefford taking the title role, ably assisted by Rudd, Wakelyn and Ovens. It was well produced, but we had no outstanding actors capable of bringing down the house.

In the Athletic Sports we had as many people getting qualifying points as any other House, but we failed in the finals, and in the P.T. Competition we were lost as well as last.

In conclusion, we must congratulate P. B. Smith on being appointed a School Prefect, and M. J. King, G. P. Beardsley and P. Wix on winning their House Colours.

LIONS.

House Masters:
Mr. H. H. Wintersgill, Mr. J. H. Butler, Mr. R. V. S. Ward.

Head of House: G. C. Neville.

Prefects: Coles, R. K. Wilson, Craddock, R. F. Mayes (Secretary), Linnell, P. Wilson.

A survey of two terms’ activities shows that the House won only one Competition, but everywhere gave a good account of itself.
We regained the Music Cup from the Stags and congratulations go to all participants—to the Choir, to P. Wilson who conducted, and to Linnell, Stone and Redman, the soloists. Having thus re-established our proprietary rights on the Cup, we do not intend to lose it for some time to come.

In Rugby we were placed third, and the Senior Team failed to repeat their early success against the Gryphons. The results of the Junior matches were, however, very good.

The House Play gained only third place in the Drama Competition in spite of the hard work of G. C. Neville, the producer, and T. S. Groome, the assistant producer.

We did well in the Cross Country and were given second place.

A House Meeting was held at the beginning of the Summer Term, when Coles was appointed Senior Cricket Captain and Whiffing Junior Captain. R. K. Wilson was made P.T. Captain; Craddock and Bradshaw became joint Swimming Captains. The latter event has yet to take place, but although the Lion has not in the past been a conspicuously aquatic animal, we hope at least to keep our heads above water.

We were placed second in the P.T. Competition and lost the Cup to the Stags. We took third place in Athletics and Relay.

At the time of writing one Junior match in the Cricket Competition has still to be played. The Senior Team lost two matches and drew the other, while the Juniors have so far tied one and won the other.

In spite of our hopes of better things, the House was placed third in the Competition for the Ferguson Trophy. However, it is pleasant to relate that the two University Awards to come to the School were both won by Lions: R. F. Mayes gained an Open Exhibition at Cambridge, and R. K. Wilson a Scholarship at Leicester.

At this point we may wish all the best to past and present Lions; we may also whisper a tender farewell to all examination candidates.

But a more painful duty remains. We have to say goodbye to Mr. Wintersgill, our Senior Housemaster since 1942. May an equal measure of success await him at Huddersfield!

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**STAGS.**

**House Masters:**
Dr. A. Jackson, H. C. Phillips, J. W. Davies.

**House Captain:** J. Hodgkins.

**House Prefects:** J. Fuller, S. A. Scott, P. A. Wills, J. C. Clayton, G. P. Surridge, D. B. Clarke (Secretary).

At the time of going to press the House holds a good position in the School and we can look back with satisfaction on a successful year.
Although we did not win the Rugby Cup this year, we came second, the teams losing only one match each.

We were rather unlucky in the Cross Country Competition for although Surridge came in first, he was not sufficiently backed up and the House only came third.

We were also unsuccessful in the House Music Competition, being placed a close third. Probably this result was in some measure due to the fact that the Choir Conductor seemed to have great difficulty in standing on the table.

From this point onwards, the House seems to have been inspired and surprised everyone, particularly the producer of the Play, by winning the House Drama Cup. Our thanks go to W. Lee for deputising at such short notice.

At the Meeting held at the beginning of term, the House expressed itself in favour of the present system of points for Athletics; in this field, congratulations go to G. P. Surridge on winning the Mile and Half Mile and to all boys who, although not being outstanding, built up a valuable lead in points by reaching the required standard. The House came out worthy winners of this Cup. Although we did not win the Relay Cup we rose from bottom to second place—a creditable achievement.

A Competition we do not hear much of—that for the Ferguson Trophy for school work, was won by the Stags.

Continuing the run of successes, Stags regained the Physical Training Cup from the Lions.

At the moment we have high hopes of winning the Cricket Cup and, due to a revision in points, the result depends upon Junior matches.

The Swimming Competition has yet to be decided but we trust that all swimmers will put their best strokes forward and retain the Cup for the House.

We sympathise with those taking exams and wish them the best of luck; also to those leaving this establishment to try their fortunes in the cold, hard world.

PARENTS' DAY.

PRIZE GIVING, 24TH JUNE, 1948.

All weather forecasts were thoroughly falsified by a week of wet weather producing another fine day for this year’s Prize Giving, and we were able to welcome a large gathering of parents and friends in the Quad again.

Mr. G. A. Kolkhorst, M.A. (Exeter College, Oxford), honoured us by distributing the prizes and by addressing an appreciative audience afterwards. He congratulated the School on affording to its members so wide a linguistic variety and urged on scholastic, business and international grounds, the increasing value of a sound knowledge of one or more foreign languages. He was particularly
pleased to hear of the introduction of Spanish (his own subject) and thought our pioneering in Russian in this area a most enterprising undertaking.

We were pleased to have the Chairman of Governors, Mr. P. A. Fryer, M.A., presiding over the meeting and welcoming our guests.

In his report on the past year the Headmaster was able to demonstrate clearly the progress the School had made and particularly welcomed the encouragement which had been given to the private and public reading contests by the Old Boys' Club. He asked for even more support from parents to these ventures, by ensuring the use of libraries and adequate facilities at home for more reading by boys of the School.

Among numerous visitors we were honoured by the presence of Mr. Churchill, Assistant Director to Northants. Education Committee, who followed Ald. Lea in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Kolkhorst.

Considerable interest was shown in the numerous and varied exhibitions and demonstrations which were admirably set out.

Again we must thank the Parents' Committee without whose unstinted effort a great part of the day's success would have been lacking.
PRIZE LIST.

SIXTH FORM:

Upper
- Arts ... R. F. Mayes
- Science ... D. A. G. Turner

Lower
- Arts ... G. J. Howard
- Science ... R. Walls

Headmaster's Prize ... J. Hodgkins
Mr. Lay's Prize for Divinity ... C. J. Maycock

FIFTH FORM:

Miss Cook's Prize for English ... E. Ellingham

"Robert Troath" Prize for History ... M. J. C. Martin

"Robert Troath" Prize for Geography ... B. W. Underwood

French ... C. H. J. Tully
Latin ... E. Ellingham

Mathematics ... B. H. Mitchell

"F. J. Thorpe" Prize for Physics ... J. C. Clayton

Chemistry ... B. H. Mitchell

Biology ... R. F. Russell

Lower V. Form Prize D. Buckey

IVc. Form Prize P. W. Furnell

Old Boys' Prize for General Reading ... J. Coleman

D. Buckey

Old Boys' Prize for General Reading ... D. Whiteman

IIIa. Form Prize J. W. Gilbert

Old Boys' Prize for General Reading ... M. A. Crawley

IIIb. Form Prize J. A. Norris

Old Boys' Prize for General Reading ... B. A. Warren

IIIc. Form Prize S. E. Johnson

Old Boys' Prize for General Reading ... G. J. Wiggins

Old Boys' Prize for General Reading ... I. R. H. Will

IIA. Form Prize D. Priestley

Old Boys' Prize for General Reading ... C. A. Clark

IIB. Form Prize J. Hyde

Old Boys' Prize for General Reading ... G. W. R. Slade

C. P. Daniels

Old Boys' Prize for General Reading ... S. G. Swords

IIc. Form Prize M. F. Wakelin

Old Boys' Prize for General Reading ... J. Pearson

IA. Old Boys' Prize for General Reading ... J. H. Robinson

Ib. Old Boys' Prize for General Reading ... B. H. Taylor

Ic. Old Boys' Prize for General Reading ... P. W. Buckey

Senior Art Prize ... J. H. Anderson

Junior Art Prize ... R. E. Knight

Senior Music Prize ... E. Cross

Junior Music Prize ... R. E. Neville

Senior Prize for Public Reading ... J. P. Hyde

Junior Prize for Public Reading ... P. H. R. Norman

HOUSE CUPS, 1946-47.

Ferguson Trophy (work in school) Stags

Mrs. H. W. Saxby's Rugby Cup Dragons

Yorke Cricket Cup ... Dragons

Henson Relay Cup ... Dragons

Gordon Shipman Mile Cup ... Lions

Martin Athletic Cup ... Dragons

James Swimming Cup ... Stags

Ford Physical Training Cup ... Lions

Williams Cross-Country Cup ... Lions

Appleby Cup for Music ... Stags

Cook Cup for Plays ... Dragons

OLD BOYS' DISTINCTIONS.


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PARENTS’ COMMITTEE.

The Parents’ Committee are holding their Annual Meeting to arrange their activities for the forthcoming school year on Tuesday, October 5th, at 7 p.m., at the School. All Parents—mothers and fathers—are given a hearty invitation to be present at this meeting. It is not necessary for members to feel they must help at every effort, but we would like more help on Parents’ Day.

This year we extended our efforts for Parents’ Day, but owing to lack of helpers we had to curtail the games and competitions. The organisation of tea presented a problem, but we hope that everyone appreciated our efforts to ensure that all who wanted tea were able to obtain it. Next year, we hope to have sufficient helpers, so that we can improve the organisation of the tea. It would be lovely to see the quadrangle set out with small tables, nicely laid, and a dainty tea served. The fund benefited by a sum of £51.

The two Whist Drives held in the spring showed a profit of £12/5/0 and £13/9/0. We would like to thank Mr. F. C. Gent, who once again arranged for tables and their transport, and all who gave prizes.

The fund has contributed to the Junior School Library, and has provided wood for the boys’ handwork, and prizes for their handwork competition.

CHESS CLUB.

In the winter term of this School year the dead and buried Chess Club was reincarnated by a few enthusiasts, led by Mr. Leftwich. Meetings held under the guidance of the latter took place in the Biology Lab. In deep silence boys fought for the top place on the Chess Ladder and also for points in the league table. A Knock-out Competition resulted in a win for R. Levy over his first form opponent J. M. Shawley, both of whom should be congratulated on their successes. One Monday morning our local expert Dr. Jackson, who represented Middlesex in the Inter-County Championships, paid us a visit and played simultaneous games against all the Club. This resulted in a disaster for the latter, as members were eliminated one by one. We extend an invitation to all boys to attend our sessions next term—activities being suspended during summer Term.

R. SHAWLEY.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The Library has been open to all forms above seconds this term and some use has been noted of this facility.

Since September, 1947, 183 new books have been added to the School Library and to particularise, we are grateful to P. Wix for a gift of history books.
Amongst these additions are:

**Fiction:**
- Lion Feuchtwanger...
- Sinclair Lewis...
- Great Short Stories of Detection, Mystery and Horror.

**Sports, etc.:**
- Sir Pelham Warner...
- John Hansen...
- Stanley Phillips...
- Book of Cricket.
- Athletics.
- Stamp Collecting.

**Science:**
- E. N. DaC Andrade...
- E. Northrop...
- A. P. Rowe...
- The Atom and its Energy.
- Riddles in Mathematics.
- One Story of Radar.

**History and Philosophy:**
- C. E. M. Joad...
- Bertrand Russell...
- D. W. Brogan...
- Guide to Philosophy.
- History of Western Philosophy.
- Development of Modern France.

**Travel, etc.:**
- Roy Farran...
- George Sava...
- W. H. Davis...
- Winged Dagger.
- Healing Knife.

**Assistant Librarians:**
- G. P. Beardley (Sec. of Lib. Comm.), S. T. Wells, M. J. C. Martin,
  D. J. Collins, J. H. Goodband, J. Robson.

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**MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB.**

During the last two terms, little flying has taken place on the School field, due mainly to transport difficulties, but all members have been busy building, flying and repairing their models. Rubber driven models have rather fallen out of favour now due to the arrival of model diesel engines. With these came a new sport, control-line flying, although so far only one person has flown his plane on the School field before the often more curious than cautious audience. It cannot be over-emphasised that when C/L flying is in progress, all spectators must keep a safe distance away from the flight circle.

The highlight of the year came on Parents' Day when we gave our first exhibition. This was very successful, but it was surprising to see that only two gliders and one "rubber job" were on show, all the rest being diesel powered models. After the exhibition a display of C/L flying and gliding was given on the field.
The Club records now stand at:

- **Power Duration**: 2 mins. 30 secs.
- **Glider**: 2 mins. 15 secs.
- **R.T.P.**: 1 min. 4.5 secs.

Membership has increased recently but more support, especially from the Middle and Junior Sections of the School will be welcomed when flying begins next term.

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**MUSIC NOTES.**

**CAROL SERVICE, DECEMBER, 1947.**

1. *Adeste fideles* 
2. *Benedictus* 
3. *Magnificat* (from Service in C) 
   Reading 3: S. Luke 2, 1—7. *C. V. Stanford*
4. *O little one sweet* 
   Reading 4: S. Luke 2, 8—12. *Old German*
5. *I saw three ships* 
   Reading 5: S. Luke 2, 13—20. *Old English*
6. *While shepherds watched* 
   Reading 6: S. Luke 2, 1—14. *Old German*
7. *Lullay my liking* 
   Reading 7: Thomas Hardy “The Oxen.” *G. Holst*
8. *Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light* 
   Reading 8: S. Matthew 2, 1—12. *E. J. Hopkins*
9. *Ding dong merrily on high* 
   Reading 9: Isaiah 40, 1—11. *Old French*
10. *God rest ye merry* 
    Reading 10: S. Matthew 2, 1—12. *Old English*

*Readers: Representative members of Forms 1, 2 and 3.*

At the End of Term Service, December, 1947, the Special Choir sang “God so loved the world” (Goss), and the hymns were 71 and 82.

At the end of End of Term Service, March, 1948, the Special Choir sang “The strife is o’er” (Henry Ley), and the hymns were 527 and 133.

On May 6th, Form Ia. took part in the Wellingborough and District Schools’ Singing Festival, when Mr. B. W. Appleby (Music Master, 1932-9) conducted. The form’s individual contribution was “Jesus, fount of consolation” (Bach), and the pieces sung jointly with other schools were “My heart ever faithful” (Bach), “Let all the world in every corner sing” (Dyson), “Non nobis, Domine” (Quilter).

On February 27th the House Music Competition was adjudicated by Miss Hilda Singleton, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., the County Music Organiser. The set piece for unaccompanied four-part choir was
“Anglers’ Song” (Lawes, arr. H.H.W.) Miss Singleton enjoyed the part singing and congratulated the House Conductors (Stags: D. B. Clarke; Gryphons: P. Wix; Lions: P. Wilson; Dragons: R. Smith). She recommended a brisker tempo, and conducted a massed choir performance. The Appleby Cup was won by Lions with 84 marks. Their voluntary pieces were: Piano duet “Rakoczy March” (arr. Czerny), G. Linnell and P. Wilson; Trio for Violin, Cello and Piano, Miniature Trio (1st movement) (Gurlitt), N. Redman, C. Stone and P. Wilson; Piano Solo, Sonata in C minor (1st movement) (Mozart), G. Linnell.

During the Summer Term the Senior Choir (formerly called the Special Choir) sang the following programme three times: at St. Mary’s, Wellingborough, at Stanwick Church and at Wollaston Church. The treble soloist was R. M. Haigh, and the organist and conductor Mr. Wintersgill.

**Programme of Recital by the Senior Choir.**

| Organ: Blessed Jesu, we are here | ... | Bach |
| God be in my head | ... | Walford Davies |
| Magnificat in C | ... | Stanford |
| O Worship the Lord | ... | H. H. Wintersgill |
| Wash me throughly | ... | S. S. Wesley |
| Declare his honour | ... | Purcell |
| When I survey: Organ Prelude | ... | Parry |
| Hymn Tune | ... | E. Miller |
| God so loved the world | ... | Goss |
| Jesu, Lamb of God | ... | Mozart |
| All glory, laud, and honour | ... | (arr.) Bach |
| Treble Solo: I know that my redeemer liveth | ... | Handel |
| Subdue us by thy goodness | ... | Bach |
| Thou knowest, Lord | ... | Purcell |
| The strife is over | ... | (arr.) Henry Ley |
| Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace | ... | S. S. Wesley |

At the Commemoration Service, June 11th, the Senior Choir sang “Wash me throughly” (S. S. Wesley).

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**School Concert,**

29th June, 1948, at 7.15 p.m.

<p>| Piano Duet | The Rakoczy March | ... | ... | arr. Czerny |
| Piano Solo | Sheep may safely graze | ... | ... | ... | Bach |
| Treble Solo | ... | ... | ... | Purcell |
| Piano Solo | ... | ... | ... | Schubert |
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**GOD SAVE THE KING.**

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### NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The newly-formed Natural History Society, built up of boys mostly in the Junior School is progressing favourably. With Mr. Leftwich as Chairman, meetings have been held on Thursdays in the Biology Laboratory, and on occasions when it happened to be fine, we sallied forth on cycles, equipped with jars, lenses, etc., to different parts of the surrounding countryside to see what we might find.

Our first outing was held in the Wellingborough Gravel Pits, and was very successful. We caught two very fearsome creatures known as the Great Water Beetle, by which one member was nipped, and other interesting objects were observed.

We have had many other interesting outings, and hope to have many more yet, the intention of the Society being to find out as much as possible about the Natural History of the district.

M. F. WAKELIN, Secretary.

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### HOUSE PLAYS.

The standard of the House Plays was considerably lower this year. This could not be attributed entirely to the loss of the more experienced players. The main trouble was that many actors did not learn their lines properly so spoiling otherwise good productions. Producers must see that this does not occur again. House Plays are a concerted effort and failure by one actor to give of his best mars the work of the whole cast.
The holders, the Dragons, made a surprisingly weak show. They had a wealth of acting talent but did not utilise it. The play had been insufficiently rehearsed and the lines were inadequately learned. The efforts by one of the principal actors to hide his deficiency in this respect was crude in the extreme. Toms was outstanding but got little support. It was sad to see such a competent cast make so little of “Keep Calm.”

The Lions attempted “Elegant Edward”—rather a sophisticated comedy and dependent for its success on slickness of characterisation. This was not altogether evident in the acting which tended to be slow and laboured. Coleman’s performance was uneven and was marred by exaggerated enunciation. G. C. Neville was a distinguished looking figure but failed to maintain a consistently high standard.

The Gryphon’s play “Poor Old Sam” started very well indeed. Hefford, Maycock and Ovens were very convincing and amusing. Unfortunately, the late changes that had had to be made in the cast, ruined the later scenes. The outstanding player did not know his lines so that promptings and hesitations were common. Had the minor characters displayed as much enthusiasm and stage-sense as the major ones, the House might have won the contest. Keenness in the future ought to bring success.

The Stags, despite the loss of E. Cross, last year’s mainstay, won the Cup. This was due to capable all-round acting, sensible production (by J. Hodgkins), efficient stage-management and enthusiasm. There was a pleasing absence of promptings. Well led by M. A. Goodband, the players, although individually inferior to some of those in other Houses, gave of their best and were worthy winners. They exemplified the value of keen work. Their play was “In a Dentist’s Waiting Room”—a light, merry comedy that gave ample scope for character acting. S. W. Brown deserves especial commendation. It is meritorious for a boy in his first year to do so well in a House play.

The judges were: Mr. Nicholas (Chairman), Mr. Holmes, Mr. Bratt and Mr. Jay.

PUPPETS.

Since the last Magazine was published we have had a busy time. We have produced the play “Aladdin” which was a great success. We visited Rushden, Hinwick Hall, Great Doddington and several places in Wellingborough. We were also accompanied on these occasions by the Punch and Judy Show given by K. C. Lovell (Ib.)

Since then we have produced another play called “Blood Money,” also a variety show with individual acts. We gave our first performance of these on Parents’ Day, June 24th. They were greatly appreciated by the Parents, and we have already been invited to give performances elsewhere.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Pine we now have a light collapsible stage which is better for transport and for the puppets themselves.
For the new play, bigger puppets have been made, as the stage is nearly twice as big as before.
In the past term several boys in the first forms have joined the Club.

RAILWAY CLUB.

Since the publication of the last Magazine we have changed Secretaries and have welcomed Mr. Cheale to the Club.

During the Spring Term two lectures were given. The first on the Liverpool and Manchester Railway was given by Mr. Cheale, and the second by Mr. F. Boyce on boiler construction.

In November we went to Kettering for the exhibition of Engineering Models and this term we visited Derby Locomotive Works.

On Parents’ Day an exhibition was given of a model railway under the direction of Mr. Cheale. The models were loaned by various members of the Club.

Other outings are hoped for, but nothing definite yet has been arranged.

STAMP CLUB.

During the Spring Term, meetings were held on Wednesday evenings at fortnightly intervals, and continued to attract a good number of keen philatelists. Every meeting began with a ten-minute competition dealing with some topic of stamp collecting and the winner was suitably rewarded with additions to his collection.

About half of the members entered for the Christmas Holiday Competition, which offered prizes of stamps to the value of half-a-crown for “the best arrangement of not more than twelve stamps from the member’s collection.” Entries were judged by the Headmaster, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Jay, and the prize for the Senior Section was won by J. R. Knifton, VI.Sc., with a display of Maps and Charts on stamps. The Junior Section winner was J. B. Cooper, IIIc., who entered an arrangement of stamps depicting the Allies and Enemies of Britain in World War II.

We have been fortunate to obtain a copy of Stanley Gibbons’ 1948 Simplified Catalogue for use by members at Club meetings, and have received several welcome gifts of stamps from boys, members of the staff, and from one of our Governors, Mr. W. E. Capon, to all of whom we tender our thanks. These gifts have been shared out among Club Members in games and competitions.

No meetings have been held during the Summer Term owing to the counter-attraction of outdoor pursuits, but on Parents’ Day there was an exhibition of members’ stamps displaying animals and birds, ways of travel and commemoratives.

J. R. KNIFTON, VI.Sc.
6TH WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUT TROOP.

Much work has now been completed in First and Second Class Tests. Three First Class journeys were completed during the term.

Since the last notes, a patrol has been sent to the Silverwood Cup Competition. The examiners placed them second due, it was rumoured, to untidiness.

Our entry for the Gilbey Cup Competition was more successful, for we carried off the Cup this year.

Most of the new members spent their first night under canvas on 25th June. They seemed to have settled down well, but their cooking left much to be desired.

During the term in an effort to solve that age old problem of money, a Scout Rally was held on the School Quad. It seems to have been quite successful.

During this term too, and last, two Scout-Guide Parties were held. We were invited out by a local Guide Coy. It proved that one can be simultaneously a Scout, a gentleman and a Wolf!

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

Officials:

President: THE HEADMASTER.
Chairman: S. A. SCOTT.
Vice-Chairman: K. H. WESTLEY.
Secretary: D. S. LAW.
Committee: S. A. SCOTT, K. H. WESTLEY, MR. HOLMES, D. S. LAW,
G. P. SURRIDGE, R. LAWRENCE.

This year the Society has held meetings on alternate Wednesdays during the autumn and spring terms. The attendance to the meetings has generally been good and towards the end of the season the Vth. forms began to show some interest.

The following lectures have been given:

S. A. Scott "The Development of Television."
D. S. Law "Joseph Priestley."
C. McCall "Explosives."
J. A. Lord "A Century of British Chemistry."
G. P. Surridge "The Conquest of Space."
J. Fuller "Iron and Steel."
P. E. Tompkins "Coal-Tar Dyes."
R. Goodbody "Anaesthetics."

R. Goodbody has been awarded a prize for presenting the best paper of the year.

With the prospect of a very large VIth. Science next year it is hoped that a very successful season will be accomplished.
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION NOTES.
JULY, 1948.

EDITORIAL.

Every society has some code of conduct which governs its members: either formal or unwritten laws. Up to the present the Association has existed without definite regulations, its policy and objects being formed from minutes passed at Annual General Meetings and the general desires of the Members.

While the Association is young it is not over difficult for the elected representatives to remember and refer to the minutes passed by Association meetings. This becomes increasingly difficult as time passes and the Minute Books fill up. Officers and Committee Members change and for the guidance of all Members, and in particular for future Committees, the General Committee has drawn up a set of rules. These rules have been made up from passed minutes, obvious accepted facts, such as the Objects of the Association, together with some recommendations which the Committee thinks desirable.

These rules will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting to be held on 30th September next, when they may be amended, accepted or rejected. The full power of approval or disapproval of the Committee’s actions during the past year lies in the hands of the General Meeting. It is hoped that as many Members as possible will attend, and anyone unable to do so is invited to send his views by letter to the Committee, via the Secretary.

CRICKET REPORT.

The Old Grammarians Cricket Club have so far this season done particularly well in the Wellingborough Town League, under the sound leadership of Ken Holmes, their Captain.

We have played eight League matches to date, and have won seven and lost one, and so stand at the top of the League table. Further successes have also been met in the Knock-Out Competitions, namely that we are in the Semi-Final of the S. Percy Daniels Shield and second round of the Hill Cup.

These notable achievements have been due to the keen enthusiasm of the Members of the Club, complete with accurate bowling by Loomes and Chapman, and sound batting by Pearce and Bently.

May our successes continue so that we may for the first time in the history of the Club win at least the League competition.
WELLINGBOROUGH OLD GRAMMARIANS R.F.C.

Although the past season was not as successful as we had hoped for, the comparison of points for and against does show a marked improvement over the previous season.

Difficulties have arisen in getting together fifteen men, and if only the selected players would inform the Secretary earlier in the week as to whether or not they could play, it would be much easier.

During the season we played in various classes of Rugger, and some of our fixtures, especially against senior clubs, brought out the best in our men. On other occasions, when the opposition was weak, our players slacked considerably and our victories were very slight.

We look forward to the coming season with greater hope as we are trying to field an “A” team as well.

The club should be proud of the remarks passed to the Captain (S. R. Elks) by the referee of the Peterborough match, played at Peterborough: “Your club plays good, clean and open Rugger.”

—A worthy tribute to the Wellingborough Old Grammarians.

REMAINDER OF RESULTS, 1947—1948 Season.

1947.

Nov. 22 Avenue Athletic, Leicester ... ... Home Lost 23-0
,, 29 School ... ... ... Home Lost 8-0
Dec. 6 Old Wyggestonians ... ... ... Home Lost 6-0
,, 13 Corby “A” ... ... ... Home Won 18-3
,, 20 Vauxhall Motors 1st ... ... ... Away Lost 16-0
,, 27 Northampton Men’s Own ... ... ... Away Lost 17-13

1948.

Jan. 3 Old Cytringanians ... ... ... Home Won 6-0
,, 10 School ... ... ... Home Lost 14-0
,, 17 Northampton Unity ... ... ... Away Lost 34-3
,, 24 Queen’s Works, Bedford ... ... ... Away Draw 0-0
Feb. 7 Leicester Vipers ... ... ... Home Won 21-8
,, 28 Leicester Vipers ... ... ... Away Lost 6-5
Mar. 6 Northampton Grammar School ... ... ... Home Lost 8-5
,, 13 Vauxhall Motors “A” ... ... ... Home Won 23-4
,, 20 Peterborough ... ... ... Away Lost 9-0
,, 27 Old Wyggestonians ... ... ... Away Lost 11-9
April 3 Bedford Athletic “A” ... ... ... Away Lost 13-0
,, 10 Olney ... ... ... Home Lost 16-6
,, 17 Kettering ... ... ... Home Lost 15-3
,, 24 Old Northamptonians ... ... ... Away Draw 3-3
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### Officials

- **Captain**: S. R. Elks
- **Vice-Captain**: J. B. Shortland
- **Hon. Secretary**: T. G. Cook
- **Hon. Treasurer**: A. Bird

The first fixture of next season is against the School on 18th September, 1948, at the School.

### Entertainments Report

The main activity of the social side of the Association has, once again, been the monthly dances held in the School Hall. These have been a great social success. It is regretted, however, that many 'out-towners' have been prevented from attending by the cut in basic petrol. But now the powers that be have seen fit to grant us the odd spot, we hope that all Old Boys and guests will be able to turn up and swell the crowd.

An attractive programme of dances has been arranged for every month until the end of the year, and don't forget to make a date for the New Year's Eve Ball. Everyone (except the 'Balloon Man') seemed to agree that the last one was great fun.

We hope that the coming season will rise to your expectations and be the best yet.

### Annual Dinner

Over one hundred Old Boys attended the Second Post-war Annual Dinner organised by the Association for Saturday, 3rd April, 1948.

Apologies for absence were read from the School's former Headmasters: Mr. F. C. Lay and Mr. A. R. Woolley. The present Headmaster, Mr. H. A. Wrenn, our President, proposed the toast of the Association and in a short and humorous speech congratulated us on a very successful year's work.

He also gave details of the recent successes achieved by the School, mentioning in particular 60 School Certificates obtained last year, a record for the School. Eleven boys who had recently left had entered Universities and the first open Arts Exhibition to a University had been obtained.

Dr. A. B. Adamson, formerly a Science Master at the School and now Senior Chemistry Master at the Cambridgeshire High School for Boys, Cambridge, in replying, congratulated the Old Boys on their various successes since leaving school and said that the School record was one of which many older established Schools
would be proud. Mentioning his own time at Wellingborough he referred in particular to the friendliness of the School staff and pupils.

Lieutenant-Commander W. A. Watkins, a former Mathematics Master at the School and now attached to the Education Branch of the Admiralty in London, associated himself with Dr. Adamson's remarks. It was his first visit to a school function since leaving twelve years ago, and he was particularly impressed with the progress the Old Boys' Association had made since its formation, with which he had been connected.

Both speakers were thanked by Mr. H. K. Bean (Chairman of the Association) who referred to the recent death of a former master, Mr. G. S. D. Page. Membership of the Association, he said, was now two hundred, and he mentioned the possibility of an Old Boys' Trophy being presented to the School.

The Association, which ran active Cricket and Rugger teams, was still endeavouring to obtain its own sports field but so far had been unsuccessful. He also referred to the social side of the Association, and gave a special welcome to the younger members present at the dinner.

Following the speeches an entertainment was given by Mr. J. Keller, the blind accordionist, and Mr. Frank Moore, illusionist. The arrangements for the dinner were made by a sub-committee of the Association, with Mr. A. Gent as Secretary, and Mr. D. Page acted as M.C.

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READING PRIZES.

In an attempt to raise the standard of written English and to foster the sense of language among the boys at School, a scheme has been started to encourage boys to increase their home reading. The School Libraries, through the generosity of the Parents’ Committee, and the Public Libraries of the district have given valuable help in ensuring that sufficient books of the right kind are available.

A reading list of about twenty-five books, chosen for their interest as well as for their literary value, is issued to each age-group, and during the winter months, each boy is expected to read at least eight of these. At the beginning of the summer term an examination on these books is held and a prize awarded to the best boy in each form.

The Association has been pleased to present these prizes, which, this year, have consisted of the following books:

WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL LIST, 1948.

Staff.
H. C. Phillips, A.R.C.A.
J. H. Butler, B.A., St. Catherine’s Society, Oxford.
A. Jackson, M.A., Ph.D., University College, London.
H. H. Wintersgill, M.A., Mus.B., Queens’ College, Cambridge.
R. V. S. Ward, B.Sc.(Econ.) Lond., University College, Nottingham.
L. E. Bratt, M.A., Lincoln College, Oxford.
T. G. Cook, B.A., St. Catherine’s College, Cambridge.
W. Holmes, M.Sc., Victoria University of Manchester.
G. E. Sharp, B.Sc., Kings College, Durham.
J. W. Davies, B.A., Wales.
W. Henderson, B.Sc., Durham.
M. S. Cheale, B.Sc.(Eng.), London.

VI. Arts.

D. B. Clarke
C. W. Craddock
J. Hodgkins
R. F. Mayes
R. K. Wilson
G. Coles
P. T. Eden
M. J. King
R. L. Leslie
G. Linnell
P. B. Smith
B. F. Toms
T. C. Cartwright
M. A. Goodband
K. A. Lawrence
G. C. Neville
P. Wilson

VI Science.

R. Smith
J. Fuller
R. L. Goodbody
J. P. Hyde
D. S. Law
J. A. Lord
C. McCall
S. A. Scott
G. P. Surridge
P. E. Tompkins
K. H. Westley
J. H. Anderson
G. P. Beardsley
K. M. Bradshaw
J. C. Clayton
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D. M. Fidler
P. H. Hunt
J. R. Knifton
R. Lawrence
R. Levy
M. J. C. Martin
J. R. Partridge
D. F. Richardson
S. T. Wells
P. Wix
A. J. Combe

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B. F. Blackwell
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W. Lee
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W. S. Meadows
R. C. Moule
K. W. Munday
J. H. Neville
N. F. Pearson
R. L. Penness
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