WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL
1st XV., 1948-49.

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EDITORIAL.

The Magazine is presented once again as a factual record of the School’s life for the past two terms. It has not been felt that space or finance can allow the inclusion of much material valuable for its literary merit alone, though there must be some at least of the thousands of words poured out annually in and out of School that could stand the hard test of cold print and give encouragement to the budding author or poet. The maintenance of the record of achievement in learning, sport and general activities and the chronicling of innovations and of tradition are of prime importance in helping to preserve the continuity of the ever changing stream of School life.

We feel too, that the Old Boy nostalgically returning to ‘those happiest days’ will look rather for names, dates, places, than for the ephemeral, albeit meritorious, effusion of the youthful pen.

We hope that, in thus stating our aims, the following pages will not be found to have fallen too far short of them by errors of fact or omission.

We consider ourselves, though finally decisive, not unapproachable and would welcome constructive criticism which may help to polish this mirror of School events and enable us to offer a true reflection of current affairs.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Head Prefect: D. S. Law.

Prefects:

We record with pleasure the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. V. S. Ward, during the Spring.

The School is proud to learn that two Governors have been honoured by their election to highly responsible positions in local government:—
Ald. J. Lea to the Vice-Chairmanship Northants. County Council.
Mr. W. E. Capon to the Chairmanship Rushden U.D.C.

We learn with regret of the impending departure of Mrs. M. Fisk after one year directing our music. We hope she will take pleasant memories of us back to Arizona as we know School music has benefited by her ministrations.
We were honoured to have the Rev. P. B. Clayton to address us for the second time, the occasion this term being Commemoration Day.

We have to congratulate P. T. Eden on being awarded an Open Domus Exhibition in Classics at Balliol College, Oxford.

The reintroduction of the Tuck Shop has proved a popular move. It has this term been in the capable hands of Mr. W. Holmes, S. A. Scott and G. P. Beardsley, whose labours are reaping a satisfactory reward for School Funds.

The long-promised prefabricated classrooms were opened without ceremony this term. They form a considerable advance in design on the first pair, and, at least within, are a valuable adjunct to the School.

The concrete wicket has been in use this term but will only prove its real worth when the surrounding ground has been levelled and full practice can begin.

School Outings on June 3rd this year included the Houses of Parliament, where Mr. G. S. Lindgren (M.P. for Wellingborough) kindly acted as guide, Hampton Court, Brush Electric, Bourneville, Raleigh Works, Boots’ Factory and Matlock.

It is interesting to note that the School’s policy in teaching Russian has led directly to a change in Oxford Responsions. The Hebdomadal Council of the University at its meeting on 1st February decided to promote a statute adding Russian to the languages which may be offered in School Certificate, H.S.C. and other examinations for the purpose of gaining exemption from Responsions. It is understood that Cambridge may make a similar adjustment.

The gift to the School of a large amount of chemical apparatus and chemicals by Mr. V. Huckle is very greatly appreciated.

The collection for the St. Barnabas New Church Fund amounted to £7.7.0.

The Hobbies Stall was particularly successful this year. Prizes were awarded by the Parents to the following boys: I.Vb. R. S. Seaton; IVc. M. J. Streeton; IIC. I. H. Bull, G. Jolley, J. Thomas; IIA. B. Houghton; IIb. P. E. Groome; IIC. M. J. Allen, P. C. Bonham, A. J. Byles, G. A. Langford.

The following O.B’s have distinguished themselves recently:

- F. C. Coles – Final Examination to become Associates of the B. M. Smart Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors.
- J. H. Neville – Passed Civil Service Clerical Examination.
- K. W. Munday

We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—Ousel, Cytringanian, Daventrian, Towcestrian and Magazines from Oundle and Wellingborough School.

• ENTRANTS.
F. Bibby, 1B. 
P. L. Thorne, IIb. 
B. Humphrey, IIa.

DECEMBER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.
A capital letter indicates a “credit,” a small letter a “pass.”

R. Kaye E S L F m
C. J. McRae e S H G f M Bio ph
C. J. Maycock e S H g ch A
D. R. Roberts e s f m Bio ch
D. A. Webster E S h g f A

LEAVERS.

J. Darnell Sept., 1944 : School Certificate 1948 : Hodge and Baxter,
Accountants.
Architect.
D. J. McRae Sept., 1943 : School Certificate 1948 : Wm. Thompson,
Accountant.
C. J. Maycock Sept., 1943 : School Certificate 1948 : Co-operative Build-
ing Society.
of Art.
B. J. Charter D. J. Luck
R. Darnell Chcasman
A. R. Powis J. Vaughan
G. S. Betts D. A. Cook
P. B. Johnson R. E. Smith
F. L. Hobbs
G. J. Howes
R. B. Ridgwell
G. J. Wiggins
G. Taylor

THE TWELVE APOSTLES : A SATIRE.
(With many apologies to Alexander Pope, and even more to some eminent
members of the Sixth Form).

Fly Muse ! thy wonted themes, nor longer seek
The consolations of a powder’d check,
But stoop with me, (if stoop thou canst so low)
To sing the strong, the weak, the learned, and the beaux.
First hail the highest, as in stature so in state,
Who strives so hard this school to regulate,
And who with pride did once expostulate :
‘ Why am I what I am ? zounds ! ’ sblood ! and pox !
—The reason’s plain: I’m not a chatter-box !’
Long live King David ; long live Johnny too,
Though he (one must admit) is rather blue.
Misogynistic ever:—so it happ’d,
He’s been both capp’d and clapp’d, but never slapp’d.
Yet Fame he hath, Fame, that is, of a sort,
For which he may with Hallow'd Saints consort,
But which, alas! doth not refine or elevate his thought.
Hail, Gerald! while from the bag his lunch he wriggles,
When he can, he does—and when he can't, he giggles.
Although at rugger, he'll sustain no check,
'I'm not the sort to take a peck!'
His sober friend, in classic contemplation,
Rebukes with moral frown his am'rous flirtation:
Some say his wisdom's folly, but you know,
'Where ignorance is bliss'—and it is so.
This learned scholar, abuse he never hurl's,
But with reprove, smile says: 'Quiet now, girls!'
His polyglottal mate, Great Tom's small brother,
Wants 'War and Peace,' amazing Canon Fodder.
But soft! who comes? it's Les, with rosy cheek endower'd,
Soon with his lovely paramour to be embower'd;
Fly, Muse! lest he thy virgin purity seduce,
And with impromptu imitations thee induce.
Peter, By the way, sits and wonders whether
BUF's, period, economically, is but a tether;
Whilst Geoffrey, munching luscious Granville buns,
Over the 'Daily Herald' his red eye runs;
And all this while the organ pipes aloft,
Play'd, With Intense Legato Soft Or Not.
Two still there are, more val'd c'en than most,
A weightier task to shoulder they can boast:
They guard the Tuck, these Guardians of the Chest,
Make Pleasure Profit,—and just eat the rest.
But now with hues more rubicund than Bardolph's nose,
The sun to rest doth sink, and I must close;
Let's part good friends, let's all, as part we must,
With joy to Balliol I, the rest,—elsewhere! I trust.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

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Results.

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Feb. 17 v. Kimbolton School ... ... Home Won 22-0
19 v. Old Northamptonians Extra A. ... Home Won 6-5
1948 UNDER 15 XV.
Nov. 30 v. King's School, Peterborough. ... Away Lost 18-5
Dec. 2 v. Technical High School, Northampton ... Home Won 9-0
8 v. Bedford Modern School ... Away Lost 31-3
1949.
Jan. 26 v. Harpur School, Bedford 1st XV. ... Away Lost 17-3
Feb. 2 v. Northampton G.S. ... ... Home Lost 13-3
10 v. Kettering G.S. ... ... ... Home Won 36-0
17 v. Technical High School, Northampton ... ... Away Won 11-5
March 5 v. Harpur School, Bedford 1st XV. ... Home Won 14-11
16 v. Northampton G.S. ... ... ... Home Lost 19-0

Colours awarded to D. F. Emerton, J. Smith, P. F. Jones, B. H. Warren,

1948 UNDER 14 XV.
Dec. 8 v. Bedford Modern School ... ... Away Lost 6-3
18 v. Kettering G.S. ... ... ... Home Won 6-3
1949.
Feb. 3 v. Technical High School, Northampton ... Away Won 24-3
9 v. Harpur School, Bedford ... ... ... Home Won 23-0
12 v. Daventry G.S. ... ... ... Away Won 13-0
16 v. Northampton G.S. ... ... ... Away Lost 8-5
19 v. Daventry G.S. ... ... ... Home Won 15-0
26 v. Technical High School, Northampton ... ... Away Won 18-13
March 5 v. Harpur School Bedford ... ... Home Won 26-0

Colours were awarded to: J. W. Whiffing, R. W. Howell, R. Berwick,
J. Hyde.

1948 UNDER 13 XV.
Nov. 27 v. Northampton G.S. ... ... Away Lost 9-3
Mar. 26 v. Harpur School, Bedford ... ... Home Won 16-6

HOUSE MATCHES.

1st Round October 4th, 1948.
Seniors: Dragons 8 Stags 3 Lions 8 Gryphons 3
Juniors: Stags 11 Dragons 0 Lions 9 Gryphons 5

2nd Round December 16th, 1948.
Seniors: Dragons 38 Lions 0 Stags 21 Gryphons 0
Juniors: Lions 3 Dragons 0 Gryphons 8 Stags 0

Seniors: Dragons 29 Gryphons 0 Stags 17 Lions 0
Juniors: Gryphons 5 Dragons 0 Lions 0 Stags 0

POINTS.
Dragons 18 Stags 18 Lions 16 Gryphons 8

We must congratulate our Captain, J. P. Hyde, on playing for
the East Midlands XV. in all their matches this season and for playing
for England Public and Secondary Schools XV. in their match against
Wales at Cardiff on April 23rd.

A Northamptonshire Grammar Schools Rugby Union has
recently been formed and in the match played against Warwickshire
Grammar Schools XV. at Northampton on April 7th, the North-
amptonshire XV., captained by J. P. Hyde, included also G. C.
Neville, D. S. Law and R. Leslie.
1st XI. CRICKET.

The present season started in much the same manner as last season. In the first match against Bedford Modern 2nd XI, our batting showed little skill and even less initiative and the good work previously done by the bowlers was set at nought. Since then the team has shown considerable improvement and has gained many convincing victories. The outstanding one was against Wellingborough Thursday C.C.

In the face of excellent bowling by Hunt and P. A. Wills, the opposing batsmen offered little resistance and were all out for 21 runs. At tea the School score was 24 for 3 but on the resumption Surridge hit out freely while 61 runs were added in 35 minutes, his own contribution being 50 not out—an excellent knock!

We can also record a narrow victory over our rivals, Kettering Grammar School in a low scoring game. Mention must here be made of Lee’s excellent catch which turned the game completely in our favour. We also outplayed King’s School, Peterborough, and were on the road to victory against Wellingborough School 2nd XI, when time was called. The game against Oundle 3rd XI was a very exciting one. The School totalled 50 and 9 Oundle wickets were down for a similar score but some free hitting by the last two batsmen enabled Oundle to gain a good victory.

Surridge has undoubtedly been the most consistent School batsman. He has got over his previous tendency of attempting to leg-glue balls pitched on his middle stump and is now playing very forcefully in front of the wicket. Leslie has also improved a great deal but while appreciating the necessity of putting up a stern defence, he has shown at times a regrettable lack of real scoring power. This criticism can be levelled at the majority of the other batsmen who have allowed too many bad balls to go unpunished and have been very reluctant to use their feet to opposing slow bowlers.

Wills, while scoring few runs as compared with last year, has bowled well apart from a tendency to “swing” the ball too much away from the leg-stump.

Undoubtedly the backbone of the attack this year has been Hunt. He has been accurate, has shown a definite ability to move the ball away from a batsman and has shown good control of length.

Hyde has been as efficient as ever at short-leg, taking many excellent catches and has also done well in the bowling line. His sense of direction has considerably improved and very few batsmen have so far got on top of his bowling.

The two youngest members of the team, I. R. H. Wills and Holmes, both promoted from the Under 15 XI, show considerable promise and can look forward to other successful seasons with the 1st XI.

Law has often batted well but must now develop a more aggressive spirit towards all bowlers. Behind the stumps he has been steady and sure while his captaincy has been quietly efficient in keeping with his general character.
RESULTS.

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May 7th. v. Bedford Modern. Lost by 14 runs.
Bedford 46 (Hunt 6 for 18, Hyde 2 for 7).
W.G.S. 32 (Leslie 11).

May 18th. v. Oundle School. Lost by 1 wicket.
Oundle 53 (Wills 6 for 34, Hyde 2 for 3).
W.G.S. 50 (Law 11, Surridge 19).

May 21st. v. Kettering G.S. Won by 9 runs.
K.G.S. 37 (Wills 5 for 15, Hunt 2 for 7, Hyde 3 for 7).
W.G.S. 46 (Leslie 16, Smith, A.G. 10).

May 25th. v. King’s School, Peterborough. Won by 8 wickets.
King’s 52 (Hunt 7 for 17, Wills 2 for 16).
W.G.S. 58 for 2 (Law 24*, Surridge 19*).

June 16th. v. Wellingborough Thursday C.C. Won by 6 wickets.
Thursday 21 (Wills 5 for 7, Hunt 4 for 13).
W.G.S. 82 for 4 (Surridge 50*).

Wellingborough School 114 for 9 (Wills 3 for 9, Holmes 3 for 37).
W.G.S. 91 for 5 (Law 14, Leslie 22, Hunt 11*, Lee 11*).

June 23rd. v. Parents XI. Won by 76 runs.
Parents XI. 144 (Wills 3 for 1, Hyde 3 for 19, Holmes 2 for 17).
W.G.S. 120 for 9 (Wills 12, Smith, A.G. 38, Wills, I. R. H. 19).

Bedford 120 for 7 (Hyde 2 for 20).
W.G.S. 48 (Law 13, Wills, F. 19).

June 30th. v. Kimbolton School. Won by 1 wicket.
Kimbolton 58 (Wills 6 for 29, Hyde 2 for 7, Hunt 2 for 21).
W.G.S. 71 (Leslie 12, Lee 10*, Holmes 13).

* signifies not out.

2ND XI.

The 2nd XI has had few chances of developing into a well-balanced team owing to the demands of the 1st and Under 15 XIs which must inevitably take priority. Already this term no fewer than 25 different boys have been chosen to play in the 2nd XI, and this explains the lack of cohesion which is its chief failing. The main technical weakness is in batting, which has been on the whole deficient in courage. Our batsmen must attempt to make forceful runs off balls which are pitched on the wicket instead of being content to block them defensively. The two most exciting matches so far have been the away fixture with Northampton and the home match against Bedford Modern 3rd XI, both of which were decided on the last ball of the match. Bradshaw has been the best all-rounder, with A. G. Smith, Gilbert and Holmes as the leading batsmen, and Gilbert, Tilley and G. C. Neville the most consistent of the regular bowlers. G. C. Neville has had the difficult task of captaining a team which has suffered many changes of personnel during the season.

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May 14th. v. Oundle School 3rd XI. Drawn.
Oundle 76 (Tilley 3 for 14, Gilbert 2 for 6, Bradshaw 2 for 3).
W.G.S. 47 for 6 (Smith, A. G. 15, Bradshaw 16*).

May 17th. v. Northampton G.S. 2nd XI. Lost by 33 runs.
N.G.S. 77 (Neville, G. C. 3 for 5, Gilbert 3 for 16).
W.G.S. 44 (Bradshaw 20).

May 18th. v. Daventry G.S. 1st XI. Drawn.
D.G.S. 34 (Bradshaw 5 for 4).
W.G.S. did not bat (rain stopped play).

May 21st. v. Wilby C.C. Lost by 52 runs.
Wilby 61 (Tilley 3 for 9, Gilbert 4 for 21, Holmes 2 for 6).
W.G.S. 9.

May 26th. v. Laxton G.S. 1st XI. Cancelled (ground unfit).

May 28th. v. Bedford School 3rd XI. Lost by 23 runs.
Bedford 49 (Hunt 4 for 10, Bradshaw 3 for 9).
W.G.S. 26.

May 31st. v. Kettering G.S. 2nd XI. Won by 6 wickets.
K.G.S. 41 (Neville 4 for 8).
W.G.S. 45 for 4 (Bradshaw 12, Wills, H. G. 32*).

June 18th. v. Bedford Modern 3rd XI. Drawn.
Bedford 55 for 9 (Tilley 5 for 10).
W.G.S. 65 (Holmes 16*).

June 22nd. v. Kimbolton School 2nd XI. Lost by 2 wickets.
Kimbolton 108 for 8.
W.G.S. 96 (Simmons 18, Brealey 18, Coles 16).

Whiffing has proved an able Captain for the Under 15 XI.

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Bedford 88 for 6 declared.
W.G.S. 92 for 8.

K.G.S. 16 (Whiffing 4 for 2, Smith, B. G. 5 for 3).
W.G.S. 53.

May 25th. v. King’s School, Peterborough Under 15 XI. Won.
King’s 26 (Smith, B. G. 3 for 8, Partridge 3 for 5).
W.G.S. 85 (Whiffing 36).

Bedford 74 (Partridge 5 for 23).
W.G.S. 99 (Fountain 23, Homan 22).

June 22nd. v. Wellingborough School Under 15 XI. Lost.
Wellingborough School 55 (Whiffing 7 for 14).
W.G.S. 38.

Kimbolton 30 (Whiffing 6 for 5, Smith, B. G. 3 for 2).
W.G.S. 118 for 8 (Whiffing 51*).

* signifies not out.
UNDER 14 XI.

  Kettering G.S. 62.
  Wellingborough G.S. 26 runs.

  Daventry G.S. 47.
  Wellingborough G.S. 30 for 8.

  Wellingborough School 38.
  Wellingborough G.S. 57.

  Bedford Central Harpur School 56 for 9.
  Wellingborough G.S. 37 for 4.

  Kettering G.S. 37 for 7.
  Wellingborough G.S. 56 for 9 declared.

Tuesday, July 5th. v. Daventry G.S. Draw.
  Wellingborough G.S. 96 for 6 declared.
  Daventry G.S. 52 for 5.

Weakness in batting has been the main cause of our failure to gain more victories. Bowling and fielding have been steady.

With several matches yet to be played we hope to finish the season on a victorious note.

Usual team: Tunn, Dudley, Evans, Brawn, Humphrey, Houghton, Priest, Rice, Abrahams, Curtis, Fairbrass, Soames.


ATHLETICS.

The system of standards was continued this year and judging by the number of boys seen out training, greater keenness and improved performances have resulted. With a new jumping pit now available it is hoped that it will be possible to carry out a regular training programme even when the weather is rather doubtful. Boys are asked to take full advantage of this new opportunity in order that our performances in both high and long jumping may be considerably improved.

Surridge and Simmons again competed in the Public Schools' Athletic Championships at the White City, the former obtaining a Standard Medal in the One Mile (time 4 mins. 38.5 secs.) and the latter reaching the semi-final of the 440 yards; both are very creditable performances. Surridge has trained very seriously this last year and among his best performances was to be the first Midland Counties representative home in the English 3 miles Cross Country Championship (Youths) and to finish 5th in 17 mins. 52 secs.

Good performances have been made by J. P. Hyde, Simmons, Moore, Whitting, Fuller, Peplow, Fairbrass and Stimson in the sprints and jumps, and by Surridge and Kiellor in the long distance events.
The Lions won the Martin Athletic Cup while they tied with the Dragons for the Henson Relay Cup. The Cups and Medals on Sports Day were presented by Mrs. G. H. Cox.

It is desired to thank all those who have assisted with training or in any other capacity.

RESULTS.

ATHLETIC MATCHES.

Senior: School 39 points. Bedford 33 points.
Middle: School 32 points. Bedford 31 points.

June 2nd v. King’s School and Deacon’s School. Away.
School 85 points. King’s 68 points. Deacon’s 36 points.

SCHOOL SPORTS, MAY 12TH.

Mile, Senior:
1. Surridge

Half Mile, Senior:
1. Surridge

Half Mile, Middle:
1. Whiffing

Half Mile, Junior:
1. Kiellor

440 yards, Senior:
1. Simmons

440 yards, Middle:
1. Whiffing

220 yards, Senior:
1. J. P. Hyde

220 yards, Middle:
1. Moore

220 yards, Junior:
1. Fairbrass

100 yards, Senior:
1. J. P. Hyde

100 yards, Middle:
1. Moore

100 yards, Junior:
1. Fairbrass

High Jump, Senior:
1. Law

High Jump, Middle:
1. Moore

High Jump, Junior:
1. Stimson

Time: 61.2 secs. (Record).
2. Simmons 3. Fuller
4. Lery
4. R. A. Field
2. Berwick 3. Moore
4. Levy
2. Whiffing 3. Berwick
4. R. A. Field
2. T. A. Field 3. P. Emerton
4. Negus
2. Fuller 3. Levy
4. Simmons
2. Berwick 3. Whiffing
4. R. A. Field
2. T. A. Field 3. Shawley
4. P. Emerton
2. S. T. Wells 3. Leslie
4. J. P. Hyde
2. Peplow 3. Benham
4. S. W. Brown
4. Canby

Height: 4’11”.
Height: 4’10½” (Record).
Height: 3’11½”.
Long Jump, Senior:
1. J. P. Hyde
2. Law
3. Leslie
4. G. C. Neville
Distance: 21' 1½" (Record).

Long Jump, Middle:
1. Whiffing
2. S. W. Brown
3. Berwick
4. Coles
Distance: 16' 10½".

Long Jump, Junior:
1. Fairbrass
2. E. Smith
3. T. A. Field and P. Emerton
Distance: 13' 1½".

Martin Athletic Cup:
1. Lions ...
2. Dragons ...
3. Stags ...
4. Gryphons ...
153½ points.
151½"
125"
109½"

Henson Relay Cup:
1. Lions and Dragons 32 points.
2. Gryphons 12 points.
3. Stags ...
Houses placings.
1. Stags ... 127 points
2. Gryphons 129"
3. Lions ...
4. Dragons ...
143 points
235"

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

Practice runs took place in the first half of the Spring term in very favourable weather. We have been able to run over similar courses to those of last year, but the tide of building washes ever further out and it may prove difficult to find suitable terrain in years to come.

Two keen House Competitions were run at half-term with quite fast times in both. G. P. Surridge (S) was home first in the Senior Race in 23mins. 2 2/5 secs. and De Banke (L) won the Junior Race in 19 mins. 36 4/5 secs.

HOUSE PT. COMPETITION, JUNE 16TH.

The whole School turned out for 40 minutes on a fine morning. 288 boys were competing and the rest watching. Nine of the Staff acted as referees. Each House fielded nine teams of eight to battle in the various games which were designed to test agility, dexterity, speed, endurance, anticipation and ball handling. The Lions had their proverbial share of these qualities and won the Ford P.T. Cup.

Lions 30 points.
Stags 22 points.
Dragons 20 points.
Gryphons 18 points.

SWIMMING.

Since the inauguration of the inter-house swimming sports the School has trebled in size and the percentage of swimmers has greatly increased. In view of this, big changes have been made this year.
Turning on the rope has been abolished although this necessitates a reduction in the number of competitors per event. To compensate, more than twice as many events have been planned, and one year, instead of two year, age groups will be used. A limit is to be imposed on the number of events one boy may enter. Back Stroke will be included for the first time. All existing events will have their distances reduced, in the hope that this will encourage more sprint training.

Swimming for endurance is still catered for in the distance swimming part of the House Competition. In this, to date, nearly 100 boys have done a quarter mile and many more have yet to try.

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**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:* R. Leslie, P. T. Eden (Sec.), C. McCall, R. Lawrence, J. L. Simmons.

In the interval between the writing of the last House Notes and the current edition, no less than six House Cups have been contested, and although in the results we have not always been so successful as we could have hoped, a high standard has always been maintained.

The final result of the Saxby Rugby Cup was a draw between ourselves and the Stags: each round of the Competition was successfully won by the Seniors and lost by the Juniors.

Once again the performance of the House in the Competition for the Cross Country Running Cup was singularly undistinguished, and included no runner of note.

In both the Music and Drama Competitions, attempts to produce items of a rather ambitious nature did not bring the expected success. In Music, both the choice and execution of items was highly commended by the adjudicator; in Drama, although the performances of the actors were adjudged to be very competent, the choice of play was criticised as being beyond the appreciative capabilities of a school audience.

After a hard struggle to gain the Athletics Cup, we were very narrowly beaten by the Lions. Two of our representatives, J. P. Hyde and J. L. Simmons, distinguished themselves by breaking the records for the Long Jump and 440 yards respectively. For the Relay Cup, which we have held for many years, we drew with the Lions.

In spite of several very competent individual efforts in the P.T. Competition, the House did not possess sufficient all-round talent to entertain very high hopes of winning this Cup.
After a very disappointing start in the Cricket Cup Competition, when both Senior and Junior teams lost to the Gryphons, the next two rounds were both drawn by the Seniors, and the first lost, the second won by the Juniors; the Cup was eventually drawn by the Gryphons and Stags.

The Swimming Cup has yet to be contested, but we hope that our present lead in distance points will carry us to ultimate success.

It is pleasing to note that the two open university awards to come to the School this year were both gained by members of this House: B. F. Toms was elected to an Open Scholarship in Modern Languages at Christ Church, Oxford; and P. T. Eden was elected to an Open (Domus) Exhibition in Classics at Balliol College, Oxford.

In conclusion we wish the best of luck to all Dragons taking the S.C. and H.S.C. this term, and especially to those who are leaving to try their fortunes in the world unaided.

GRYPHONS.

House Masters:
Mr. J. G. Dunning, Mr. T. G. Cook, Mr. L. J. Jay.

Head of House: D. S. Law.


Unfortunately since our last report, the two remaining Senior Rugby House Matches were lost, but we were successful in the Junior matches.

In the Cross Country Run we had to be satisfied with second place to the Stags. The Juniors did better in the aggregate; Barber being fourth with all the other runners following closely. King, the Captain, was fourth in the Seniors. Finally we were only two points behind—a worthy achievement.

Choirmaster Wix waved the baton to some purpose, but in spite of good work the overall performance, which included voluntary pieces capably rendered by Wakelin, Sanders and Boddington, and Partridge and Crawley, received the lowest marking, but it must be mentioned that only ten marks separated the four teams. As the French say “A peu prés” will perhaps have the desired effect next time.

The Dramatic effort was marred by misfortune over which we had little or no control; but mainly by the ability shown by Crawley and Shawley in “Box and Cox” we secured third place. Congratulations to Shawley on getting his House Colours as recognition, among other things, of this performance.

Owing to a lack of first class senior runners in the finals of the Athletic Cup we were unable to attain better than fourth place. In the Relay Race, through good team work, we filled the third place in all classes. Kiellor and Abbott A. G. are up-and-coming junior runners.
In the House Cricket Competition, the House has done remarkably well. The Senior team, although lacking any talent whatsoever, started off with a fine win by ten wickets over the Dragons and followed up by a very favourable draw with the Lions. In the last match the Senior team forced a draw with a very strong Stags side. The strong Junior team won its first two matches, but lost after time to the Stags. This last result means that the Gryphons have to share the Cup with the Stags.

The Gryphons for the first time in many years have won the Ferguson Trophy. This is for work done in School, and no doubt Mr. Dunning, who was heard to remark at the last House Meeting, that it was about time we won it, will share in the gratification of the whole House.

We failed however in the P.T. Competition, and we were bottom House. More practice is necessary if we are to do better.

Smith, P. B. is our present Swimming Captain, and we hope that he will have the necessary support to produce a victory when leading the House in the coming Competition.

On the whole there is room for general improvement and the urge to greater effort.

LIONS.

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

Captain of House: G. C. Neville.


The Lions can look back on a year of moderate success and high promise. The House has won two cups and has a share in another, while the excellent work of the Juniors gives every hope for the future.

In the first term the Lions finished third in Rugger, but in a very close finish a Junior win instead of a draw would have given us first place. The Juniors, however, showed good form and were unbeaten in the competition.

Both the Senior and Junior teams were second in the Cross Country, and De Banke won the Junior race though our final position was third.

We may consider ourselves rather unlucky in the Music Competition. In view of the lack of voice in the contemporary Lion, to have finished only one point behind the Stags in a competition of unusually high standard reflects the highest credit on everyone concerned, particularly Wilson who worked wonders with the Choir.

In the Drama the House did not distinguish itself in spite of G. C. Neville’s work, and was placed fourth.

In the Summer term a new spirit seems to have been infused into the House, which has wrought marvels. After a very exciting
afternoon's sport the Lions won the Athletics Cup, and shared the Relay Cup with the Dragons. This was an excellent performance which merits the highest praise to all competitors.

In the P.T. Competition we registered another victory, this time a fairly easy one. The team work of the Lions was most satisfactory, and is evidently a strong point in the House.

Two rounds of the Cricket Competition have so far been played, but the results of these have been rather disappointing. In the first round the Seniors lost and the Juniors won, but in the second our best achievement was only a draw between the Seniors and the Gryphons Senior team.

The Ferguson Trophy, which usually no one remembers until it has been awarded, again did not fall to us: we were third.

The Swimming Sports have not yet taken place, but we hope to do better in this unnatural element than we did last year.

In conclusion we congratulate P. Wilson and G. Linell on winning their House Colours, and commiserate most sympathetically with those Lions whose wits and knowledge are to be put to the test in the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations. We wish the best of luck to those who are leaving us to discover that their school-days were the best of their lives.

STAGS.

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

House Captain: G. P. Surridge.


As the last House Notes were written half way through the Autumn term of 1948, practically a full year's House activities remain to be reviewed.

In the first place the issue of the Rugby Football Cup was undecided and we had to wait until later, when eventually the Stags and the Dragons tied for first place with 18 points each.

At the Spring Term House Meeting the only election was that of W. Lee, who became a House Prefect.

Thereupon followed a term of excitement, resulting in the Stags winning all the three Cups, which were 'in the running'; the Music, Cross Country and Dramatics Cups. The first two were won by very narrow margins, whilst the latter produced good performances from all the actors and proved that we still have quite an appreciable amount of acting talent in the House.

However, success was followed by disappointment and the Summer term has so far afforded the loss of the Athletics Cup, the Physical Training Cup and the Ferguson Trophy.
Our success in the Athletics Competition last year was short lived, as this year we were placed third; The Henson Relay Cup, run at the same time as the finals of the Athletics, ended in defeat for the Stags who finished fourth.

The Lions, our old rivals for the P.T. Cup, this year determined that it was their turn to have the Cup and accordingly produced enough effort to win it.

The Ferguson Trophy, for work in School, this year went elsewhere, the Stags were second.

There remain only the Swimming and Cricket Cups to be decided, the latter being practically so already; two sets of House Matches have been played so far and the Stags are lying second to the Gryphons.

Thus, although we have not done quite so well this year, there is still some chance left for winning more honours, especially with regard to the coming examinations, to the participants in which we wish the best of luck.

PARENTS’ DAY.

Prize Giving, 23rd June, 1949.

This year both temperature and numbers of parents and friends created records, and our big day of the year was highly successful from start to finish.

The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. P. A. Fryer, presided over the gathering in the quadrangle and welcomed our visitors.

The Reverend Canon W. Francis Smith, Chairman of Northamptonshire Education Committee, was kind enough to distribute the prizes and to give us a capable address thereafter. He viewed our present national difficulties as a challenge to modern youth and as a cogent reason for earnest devotion by everyone in and out of School to developing his powers for the solution of these problems. Only by being in the position to give of his best and by being willing so to do, can a man hope to make a worth-while contribution to progress towards a stable future.

In his report on the past year the Headmaster was able to quote not only steady progress in all activities but also outstanding scholastic successes.

There were again a number of exhibitions and demonstrations which attracted a large and appreciative audience.

The Parents’ Committee cheerfully undertook a great deal of the organisation and to them we must express our hearty thanks for their noble efforts. The School amenities fund benefited by the magnificent sum of over £65.
PRIZE LIST.

SIXTH FORM:—
Upper: Arts ... P. T. Eden
          ... G. Linnell
          ... B. F. Toms
          ... D. S. Law
          ... S. A. Scott
          Science ... J. C. Clayton
          ... R. Levy
          Lower: Science ... D. S. Law
          Headmaster’s Prize ... E. Frankland
          Mr. Lay’s Prize for Divinity ... G. C. Neville
          Mr. W. E. Capon’s Prize ... J. P. Edwards
          Fifth Form:
          Miss Cook’s Prize for English ... K. W. Rogers
          “Robert Troath” Prize for History... P. A. Wills
          “Robert Troath” Prize for Geography... P. A. Wills
          French ... J. Tompkins
          Mathematics ... M. J. W. Roche
          “F. J. Thorpe” Prize for Physics ... M. J. W. Roche
          Chemistry ... B. Bazeley
          Biology ... B. Bazeley
          IVa. Form Prize ... J. H. J. Beckwith
          ... K. S. Howlett
          IVc. Form Prize ... J. Chambers
          IIIa. Form Prize ... J. W. Gilbert
          Old Boys’ Prize for General Reading ... R. E. Goosey
          IIIb. Form Prize ... K. Bradshaw
          ... K. C. Busby
          Old Boys’ Prize for General Reading ... S. G. Swords
          IIIc. Form Prize ... G. H. Dawson
          Old Boys’ Prize for General Reading ... R. M. DaCosta
          IIIa. Form Prize ... D. Priestley
          Old Boys’ Prize for General Reading ... B. J. Tyler
          IIIb. Form Prize ... L. Mayes
          Old Boys’ Prize for General Reading ... A. Towers
          Old Boys’ Prize for General Reading ... T. B. Clifton
          IIIc. Form Prize ... M. B. Shipp
          Old Boys’ Prize for General Reading ... P. E. Groome
          IIIa. Form Prize ... R. Westcott
          Old Boys’ Prize for General Reading ... B. Wilson
          Old Boys’ Prize for General Reading ... R. E. Jefferson
          Ib. Form Prize ... R. Benning
          Old Boys’ Prize for General Reading ... B. J. Underwood
          Ic. Form Prize ... P. C. Bonham
          Old Boys’ Prize for General Reading ... P. Hutton
          Senior Art Prize ... J. D. Hardwick
          Junior Art Prize ... S. W. Brown
          Senior Music Prize ... S. A. Scott
          Junior Music Prize ... P. S. Valentine
          Old Boys’ Prize for Public Reading ... R. Leslie
          Senior Prize for Public Reading ... W. Cox

OLD BOYS’ DISTINCTIONS.
K. G. Dallas, M.A., First Class Hons. Economics, Glasgow.
W. F. Maddams, M.Sc., Sheffield.
D. W. Robinson, B.Sc. First Class Hons. Physics, London (Ext.)

Ferguson Trophy (Work in School) Gryphons
Mrs. H. W. Saxby’s Rugby Cup Dragons
York Cricket Cup Stags
Henson Relay Cup Stags
Gordon Shipman Mile Cup Stags
Martin Athletic Cup Stags
James Swimming Cup Dragons
Ford Physical Training Cup Stags
Williams Cross Country Cup Gryphons
Appleby Cup for Music Lions
Cook Cup for Plays Stags
PARENTS' COMMITTEE.

During the past year the Committee has welcomed several new lady members and it is hoped that we may interest a few fathers to join us too.

It was a great pleasure to see the high standard of handicraft achieved by the boys in their efforts for the Stalls on Parents' Day. The money voted by the Committee for materials and prizes was well repaid.

Three Whist Drives have been held earlier in the year and we now are owners of sufficient crockery, playing cards and whist tables for future events. The tables were made for us by Mr. T. Norris, School Caretaker.

Whilst we are building up a fairly substantial sum for School Amenities, we are pleased to have been able to help with current needs. £25 has been voted to the Model Railway Club and about £10 has been spent on books for the Junior Library.

Again we extend a warm welcome to any parent to join us and to attend the Annual Meeting of the Committee to be held on 20th September, 1949, at 7 p.m. at the School.

THE SCHOOL PLAY.

As announced in the last issue of the Magazine, the School Dramatic Society this year presented Charles Hawtrey's farcical comedy "A Private Secretary." In past years the most pressing problem has been the one of replacing well-established actors who had left school, and this year was no exception. However, we need have had no fears, for the new-comers lived up to the promise they had shown in rehearsal and, in some cases, even surpassed it.

In this connection mention must be made of C. J. Maycock as Robert Spalding and M. A. Crawley as Mr. Cattermole. Maycock, for the first time, took a leading part and more than justified the confidence imposed in him. In fact, he was honoured by a special paragraph in the two local papers. Crawley also gave a polished performance and must be congratulated on a very successful debut in School Drama.

These two were very ably supported by such well tried actors as G. C. Neville, R. Leslie, M. A. Goodband and J. Coleman. In fact, everyone concerned gave of his best, and the result was a highly successful production which filled the School Hall to capacity for the three nights.

HOUSE PLAYS.

Despite the departure of many senior actors the standard of the House Plays last term was very good indeed. Many of the new-comers did well and will be valuable assets to the School Dramatic Society.
The Dragons produced "The Monkey's Paw," the celebrated thriller by W. W. Jacobs. It was an ambitious choice as it needed first-class acting, timing and production to be successful. Toms and Leslie were excellent in their respective parts and Edwards, acting for the first time, was most promising. Eden and Hyde too, maintained a high standard.

The play was marred by some promptings and this may have cost them the Cup.

The Dragons were followed by the holders, the Stags, who chose "Queer Street" by J. Kelly. This was a happy choice; it contained many good character parts and was amusing throughout. The parts were taken by Lee, Goodband, B. Cross, S. W. Brown, P. Wills and Gilbert. Lee was ideally suited to his part while Cross (as the burglar's assistant) gave his best performance. Gilbert and Wills showed no trace of newcomers' nerves and fitted well into a competent team. The play was produced with M. A. Goodband's usual skill and enthusiasm and well deserved the Cup.

The Gryphons chose "Box and Cox," a rather out-moded comedy by J. M. Morton. Only three actors were needed and Crawley, R. Shawley and Wakelin were chosen. The acting of Crawley and Shawley was outstanding. Crawley, who had already earned a big reputation by his performance in the School Play, was very convincing, and Shawley, acting in a School production for the first time, was excellent in every respect. He is indeed a "find." Wakelin's performance was encouraging. Had a more modern play been chosen, the House would have been even nearer in points to the winners.

The Lions' choice was "The Perfect Alibi." This was a modern "detective" play on rather sedate lines. There were eight characters taken by G. C. Neville, Coleman, Norman, York, Howlett, Cooper, Roddis and Marlow. Coleman, although prone to exaggeration, was probably the best although Norman was good as the reporter. The others, who were newcomers, did very well, although they naturally showed inexperience. The play tended to drag in places and the climax was not particularly well contrived.

The Judges: Messrs. Nicholas, Holmes, Leftwich and Temple placed the Houses as follows:

1st Stags; 2nd Dragons; 3rd Gryphons; 4th Lions.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Recent additions include:

- Oxford Junior Encyclopaedia Volume I.
- Harrison, R. ... Whitehall 1212.
- Evans, E. R. G. R. ... South with Scott.
- Ommaney, F. D. ... South Latitude.
- Cox, I. (Editor) ... Science Survey.
- Turner, E. S. ... Boys will be Boys.
Numerous fiction books including some of Leslie Charteris’ “Saint” books in French.

Total number of books added and returned to stock from binding since December, 1948, is 104.

We acknowledge gifts of books from R. K. S. Baker and W. G. Page (V.A.)

A number of books have been repaired and rebound by Mr. H. C. Phillips and boys working for him. We are much indebted to them. A large number of books have been rebound by Messrs. Chivers of Bath, who have repaired the Encyclopaedia Britannica. The return of these books to the shelves is very welcome; we hope people will use them properly and prevent further absences.

The Librarian wishes to repeat his complaint made in the last issue about the failure to return books. There is a deplorable laxity in returning books which have been read, particularly among certain members of the VIth Form.

G. P. Beardsley has resigned from his position as Secretary of the Library Committee and R. Shawley has been appointed in his place.

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MUSIC NOTES.

The high light of the Spring term was the House Music Competition which was judged by S. Thorne, Esq., A.R.C.O., the County Music Advisor. The competition was keen, with Stags, conducted by S. A. Scott, gaining the Appleby Cup, with the Lions one point behind. The Dragons and Gryphons followed in close order. Mr. Thorne gave many valuable suggestions after commending the work submitted by the various Houses.

The Spring Recital for the public was drawn mainly from the numbers submitted for the House Competitions, supplemented by some instrumental numbers and groups of songs by the Junior Choir and Forms IIA and IIB. We are deeply indebted to Mr. J. H. Butler for his guidance on the night of the concert, and also to P. Wilson and Linnell for the yeoman work they did in stepping in at a moment’s notice as Conductor and Accompanist, due to the sudden illness of Mrs. Fisk. It is very gratifying to have such concrete evidence of the willingness and ability by members of the Sixth Form to rise to the occasion and carry on.

In the Summer term the Wellingborough District Schools Music Festival was held, with S. Tatam, Esq., of Oundle School conducting.

Wellingborough Grammar School was represented by IIA, who sang with the massed choirs and also sang as their own choice “The Vagabond” of Dunhill. Mr. Thorne accompanied the
massed singing on the organ. It was an inspiring experience to sing under the baton of Mr. Tatam and the boys obviously enjoyed and profited by his remarks.

The Senior Choir sang at the Commemoration Service on June 3rd, “Great Peace have they” by Mendelssohn. Linnell accompanied on the piano.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The Society has been meeting regularly in the evenings throughout the Summer term, when members have been going out on bicycles to various places of interest in the neighbourhood. These include the Sand and Gravel Pits, the banks of the Nene and the lake at Ditchford. Interest has been largely centred in the collection of amphibia, and of various aquatic specimens such as fresh water mussels, leeches, dragonfly and caddis larvae, water snails, etc. Observations have also included plant and bird life and the geological formation of springs.

A lending library of nature magazines and books is available for members and this is steadily growing.

During the winter months we hope to exhibit some films and film strips.

PUPPET CLUB.

We have given no performances recently, but are busily preparing for our winter’s programme, deciding on the subject and making the puppets and properties.

On May 27th a party consisting of a few members of the Puppet Club and Middle School under the guidance of Mr. Phillips left Wellingborough for a day’s enjoyment at Peterborough to witness a performance by the Hogarth Puppets in connection with the Peterborough Arts Week. The Puppet show was at 11 o’clock so the Cathedral was our first place of visit. Inside it we found a host of architectural features and other interesting exhibits. When the time was getting short we left the Cathedral and went to the hall where the Puppet show was being put over. This was of a very high standard and the Puppet Club members were entrallled by the various manoeuvres executed by the skilled people controlling the puppets.

When we came out of the hall we walked down to the river and enjoyed our dinner which we had brought with us, and decided to go up the central tower of the Cathedral. This we did at a slight cost but everybody agreed that the view from the top, which was really magnificent, was well worth it. We then still had about
1½ hours to our train back so we were allowed to go where we liked in the city, after we had seen an art exhibition which was also very good.

In all it was a very pleasant day.

RAILWAY CLUB.

During the half-term holiday in February about thirty members of the club visited London. After viewing several main line termini, the party split up into three groups, one going to Nine Elms Locomotive Depot, another to Clapham Junction Signalling School and the third to Waterloo Signal Box.

This excursion proved so successful that another trip to London was organised during the Easter Holiday, the main focus of attraction in this case being a display of Model Railway Stock at the Central Hall, Westminster.

Many members expressed a desire to visit Crewe on the Annual Excursion Day, so, after a lengthy journey they spent a few hours at this important junction, part of the time being occupied in looking round Crewe North Power Depot.

The modelling section has learned to make gauge 0 track and points, and has also begun to make gauge 00. They are grateful to the parents committee for an allowance of £25 with which they have bought an electric engine. On Parents' Day an exhibition of gauge 00 outfit was given by Priestley, and the Club's engine was on view. There was also a display of micro-models.

Lectures have been given by Waterfield on Absolute and Block Signalling, and by Smith and Hall on Various Types of Signals illustrated by pictures in the epidiascope.

We were sorry to lose G. Taylor, our Secretary, at Whitsuntide, and his office has been taken over by A. Jessop.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

OFFICIALS.

President : The Headmaster. Chairman : S. A. Scott.
Vice-Chairman : J. C. Clayton. Secretary : R. Levy.

A large number of successful meetings was held during the Autumn and Spring terms. The attendance has been satisfactory, and the standard of the lectures very high.

Among many good lectures given in the Spring term are included those of R. Lawrence, whose description of the construction and uses of the electron microscope, was most interesting; G. P. Beardsley, who discussed problems of supersonic flying; and M. J. C. Martin,
who described the working principles of domestic and industrial refrigerators.

The lecture of J. H. Anderson was received with enthusiasm, and particularly his demonstration of a model engine in action. The aroma of fuel-oil would no doubt have been even more noticeable had the lecture been held in the Library, rather than in the Chemistry Lab.

The following lectures have been given:

- P. H. Hunt ... "Explosives."
- D. M. Fidler ... "Photography."
- J. C. Clayton ... "The Gas Turbine."
- R. Levy ... "Television."
- P. Wix ... "Bees."
- K. M. Bradshaw ... "Sir Isaac Newton."
- J. R. Partridge ... "Volcanoes."
- S. T. Wells ... "Colour Photographic Systems."
- R. Lawrence ... "The Magnetic Electron Microscope."
- G. P. Beardsley ... "Supersonic Speed."
- M. J. C. Martin ... "Refrigeration."
- J. H. Anderson ... "Compression Ignition Engines."

P. Wix was awarded the prize for presenting the best lecture of the year.

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6TH WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUT TROOP.

Meetings have been held regularly throughout the term and new members are getting on well with second class work.

We have held our usual District Scout—Guide "Get Together," at which the Field Commissioner was M.C., as near B.P.'s birthday as we could.

During the Easter holidays, Anderson accompanied by M. Horne, made his first class journey round Hannington and Walgrave. This brings our total first class scouts up to 3. During the term the members of the Senior Patrol kept the necessary weather record and all now have the Meteorologist Badge.

At Whitsun the Senior Patrol made a trip similar to that of the "Three men in a boat" for the Venture Badge. The journey was made on the Nene from Wellingborough to Northampton and back in a boat borrowed from the Sea Rangers.

On Saturday, May 28th the Silverwood Cup Competition was decided at Hatton Home. Our representative patrol, under M. Horne, was placed fifth to what must have been a very efficient patrol from Burton Latimer.

It is to be hoped that the Gilbey Cup Patrol with Stratton as P.L. and Berwick as second will have better luck.

We have had one brief camp on the School field and the Summer Camp is being held at Brill in Oxfordshire.
STAMP CLUB.

During the Spring term regular fortnightly meetings were held at which members could hear the latest stamp news, exchange their "swaps," and exercise their philatelic knowledge in solving stamp tests and quizzes. The Christmas Competition for the best arrangement of not more than twelve stamps was judged by Mr. Butler, who considered the best effort in the Senior Section to be K. M. Bradshaw's stamps depicting Government Buildings of different countries, with B. Parker's choice of "Twelve famous People" as the winning entry in the Junior Section. Each of these were awarded stamps to the value of half-a-crown.

On 17th February a special evening meeting took place in the Library at 7 p.m., when Club Members acted as hosts to half-a-dozen members of the Northants Philatelic Society Junior Branch. Our guests brought along interesting displays of stamps on varied topics, each exhibition being prefaced by a verbal description which was capably delivered. Early in March we were fortunate to receive a visit from Mr. W. L. Bradshaw of Northampton, who displayed two excellent collections of Malta and Switzerland respectively.

Our meetings have been suspended during the Summer term but they will be resumed in the Autumn, when we have been promised a visit by Mr. S. J. Andrews, Hon. Secretary of the Northants Philatelic Society; as his collection of Belgian stamps is considered one of the finest in this country we are particularly looking forward to his visit.

We shall welcome new members from the Third Forms and above, next September, and in conclusion we would express our gratitude to those Governors and members of the School Staff who have given stamps for distribution at Club Meetings during the past year.

SIXTH FORM VISIT TO STEWARTS & LLOYDS, CORBY.

At 9.15 a.m. on Monday, January 24th, twenty-three enthusiastic Sixth Form scientists accompanied by Mr. Jay mounted a motor coach and were conveyed post-haste to Corby. On arriving at the steel works we met our four guides who were to lead four parties of six round the works.

We proceeded by coach to the iron-stone quarries, some distance from the works and after crossing a meadow were confronted by a quarry some 100 feet deep. Here we beheld the spectacle of a gigantic crane controlled apparently by one man only. The machine was digging several tons of iron ore at a time from the cliff side and depositing it on one side ready for removal to the works. After gazing for some time we returned to the coach, deposited the mud from our boots therein, and were transported back to the main works and thence to the blast furnaces. Here the guides first experienced the endless flow of questions which harassed them for the rest of the
day. The four parties observed the slag being discharged from the furnaces which is performed every hour, the molten slag being run through sand channels into ladles, fitted with lids, of capacity 50 tons. We were told that the iron is tapped every 6 hours, the largest of four furnaces producing 500 tons of iron per day.

The parties then inspected the ore-crushing department where we observed large pieces of ore being crushed between revolving rollers and further saw how the different coloured ores were mixed so as to give an even charge. The fine well mixed ore is sifted into a heap by an electrically controlled travelling shoot, the ore then being transferred by an underground belt to the blast furnace.

The parties from here proceeded to the canteen for lunch and an hour later started off again to the Bessemer plant. Here, not surprisingly, the temperature rose abruptly, and we observed the ladles containing the molten impure iron being weighed and then raised by a 10 ton overhead crane to the level of one of the three mixers of capacity 1,000 tons. The sodium sulphide slag was now raked off by means of a wooden block fixed to an iron rod. The molten iron was poured into the mixer and heated to about 1,250°C with coke-oven gas. The iron, up to 25 tons at a time, was then poured into a ladle. This was lifted by the crane and the contents poured into one of the five Bessemer converters. The converter was then tipped and the change in colour of the flames as the silicon, carbon, phosphorus and manganese were oxidised by the blast, signified the removal of these elements. The blow is continued for some 20 minutes and a sample of the steel is taken from the Bessemer and examined by the “blower” through a blue glass. If the blower is satisfied that the steel is in the right condition it is transferred to ingot moulds and thence to the rolling mills. The Bessemers produce 500,000 tons of steel per annum.

The parties impressed by the grandeur of the scene moved next to the rolling mills where we watched the red hot metal ingots being compressed by hydraulic presses and cooled by water, forming a long strip of metal which was cut into lengths. Proceeding to another building the parties were amazed to see how the red hot metal strips were whisked along metal rollers at 40 miles per hour and rolled into coils when still at a dull red heat. The parties then went to the last building, the tube mill, where the continuous welding of the unwound metal coils is accomplished by electric flash welding. The current necessary for this operation is 10,000 amps and the voltage 7 volts. The strip ends are fused together at 1,375°C forming the continuous tube which is cut into lengths by a flying saw. The tubes are then cooled and inspected for flaws. The output is 210,000 tube tons per annum. The parties, by this time somewhat grimy and fatigued, now returned to the works canteen and enjoyed a well needed meal. Finally, the head prefect rose and thanked the kitchen staff and the guides, especially the latter who patiently answered countless questions and due to whose efforts the visit to the steel works proved such a first class success.
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION NOTES.
JULY, 1949.

EDITORIAL.

To compose an editorial in the almost tropic heat of this present June would normally be accounted a Herculean task. But there is so much of interest in writing of the Old Boys' Association that it is relatively easy.

Since the last issue of our notes, there has been much activity, some of which is indeed worthy of comment. We could write ad lib., even ad. nauseam; let us for the sake of brevity, and to conform with the best of circles, follow a "plan."

The Rugger Club, of whose doings there is a fuller account elsewhere in these notes, concluded a most successful season by covering themselves with glory at a "seven-a-side" held in Bedford. We would offer our heartiest congratulations on their most worthy efforts.

The Dinner, though not a financial success, was a delightful function. We were very pleased to see Mr. Woolley and we greatly appreciated Mr. Wrenn's expected wit.

Our dancing season, we are sorry to report, has not been a success in terms of hard cash. This problem of the apathy shown towards the dances is the subject of much discussion in committee, and we hope, by experimenting in our methods, to recover our former following. The Association may rest assured that our policy in this matter will not be "sequamur inertia."

The cricket season, too, has been somewhat disappointing. It is unpleasant, perhaps even dangerous, to play on poor pitches; it is discouraging constantly to lose, but after all the first quality for which we must look—if the Association is to prosper—is loyalty.

Let us not end, however, on a serious note. It is too hot to be serious, though ironically enough, when you are reading this it will probably be pouring with rain. "Sic transit . . . . ! ! !"

REPORT ON RUGBY, SEASON 1948—1949.
(Since 1st January, 1949).

The early promise of the Rugger season was amply fulfilled, and the final record shows that this has been the most successful season the Old Grammarians' Rugby Club has ever had.

After the 1st of January the team played sixteen games of which ten were won, two drawn and four lost. In one of the games we lost—that against the Old Northamptonians (13—9) those who saw the game were convinced that we had "our finest hour." The season ended with the redoubtable performance of the "seven" at Bedford. After winning their way, with no substitutes, through four gruelling rounds, they were most unlucky to lose in the semi-final.
It is not fitting that we should omit from this report mention of the hard work done by some of our members. Tribute must be paid to the inspiring captaincy, first of Elks and then of Shortland, and no praise is high enough to reward the enthusiasm of Bridgeford in performing his most difficult job of team secretary.

Passing reference must also be made to the new shirts—very "posh"—and to the "A" team. We had our first double, and we earnestly hope to make the "A" a regular team with a full fixture list.

Finally—and this is most gratifying—the season was a success financially. Thank you!—Mr. F. C. (Cripps) Coles.

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N.B.—The Annual General Meeting of the Rugger Club will be held in the School at 7.30 p.m. on 25th July, 1949.

CRICKET REPORT.

Secretary: D. W. Redhead, 35, Doddington Road, Wellingborough.

The continued shortage of players this season has been a big set back but in spite of this we have continued to play enthusiastically in the Wellingborough Town League. We lost our first five games but have recently made a splendid recovery, having won our last two League games and having qualified for the semi-finals of the two Knock-out Cups.

Sturgess has batted splendidly so far this season, his highest innings being 73 not out against Copeland and Jenkins. Pinney has held his own in the bowling world and Newnham is a most promising all rounder. In the absence of Loomes, the Captain, during the last few weeks, F. Bailey has led the team, and one feels that his leadership and encouragement has been partly responsible for our recent recovery.

We offer thanks to all those who continue to support us and we ask all those interested, particularly the younger members just leaving school, to help us regain our position in the League.

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KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

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ENTERTAINMENTS REPORT.

Since our last report the Entertainments Committee has continued to arrange monthly dances. The New Year’s Eve Ball was an outstanding success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. “Operation Balloon” proved this year to be a complete success and the Balloon man must be complimented on the hundred per cent. drop achieved.

Attendances at the dances since the New Year have been on the decline. In view of this, the Committee felt that it would be inadvisable to continue to run dances during the summer months. However, it is hoped that attendances in the coming season will show a great improvement.

We ask all Old Boys for their support in the coming season and take the opportunity of announcing our next dance which will be held on 17th September. Tickets are obtainable from any member of the General Committee.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Nearly ninety Old Boys attended this year’s Annual Dinner, held at the Gloucester Hall, Wellingborough on April 29th. This was a slightly smaller gathering than in 1948 but we hope to top the hundred mark once again next year.

We were very pleased to welcome Mr. A. R. Woolley, the School’s former Headmaster, now at Oxford, as our guest of honour and after an excellent meal, we listened to a very humorous account of his years at Wellingborough. He said that every Old Boy had reason to be proud of the School’s scholastic record which equalled and in many instances surpassed, that of longer established schools.

The present Headmaster (Mr. H. A. Wrenn) followed Mr. Woolley with a review of the previous year’s events from which there could be no doubt that the educational and sporting successes of earlier years were being maintained and in some cases even bettered.

A few well-chosen remarks from our Chairman (Mr. H. Maddams) concluded the speech making. He appealed to all Old Boys to be loyal to the Association and to give it all possible support.

The remainder of the evening was spent in renewing old acquaintances and discussing events during and since school-days with our old form-mates. Some Old Boys displayed their skill—presumably acquired since leaving school—at darts and skittles.

It was gratifying to note among those present several members of the present staff of the School, and also Old Boys from the School’s first term in 1930 down to those who had only just left.

Mr. D. Page was a capable M.C. for the occasion and all the Association’s sub-committees co-operated in the organisation of this successful event.
WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL LIST, 1948.

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J. W. Davies, B.A., Wales.
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