WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 1st XV., 1949-50.

R. Shawley, R. Lawrence, J. W. Gilbert, P. A. Wills, I. Smith, P. F. Jones, J. Fuller, S. T. Wells, L. C. Walters
P. B. Smith, B. A. Groome, D. S. Law, G. C. Neville (Capt.), R. Leslie, G. Coles, R. Levy
EDITORIAL.

Now that the School has almost reached its twenty-first year, it has some reason to think, on looking back over those years, that a sound tradition has been established. O.B.'s are reaching the top flights academically, industrially, in local affairs and in sport. It can surely be claimed that their example is based at least in part on the grounding they received in the School and that it is a living embodiment of that tradition. Their successes are being worthily followed by the present members of the School, as the impressive list of open awards to Universities gained this year testifies.

It is felt that this tradition could now be expressed in the adoption of a School motto. If any suitable suggestions for such a motto are forthcoming from anyone associated with the School, now or in the past, the Headmaster will gladly receive and consider them.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Head Prefect : D. S. Law.

Prefects:


Apologies are due for the omission at the appropriate time of congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. A. Jackson on the birth of a daughter.

The Spring Term welcomed the arrival of Mr. J. L. Hewland, M.A., from New Zealand (on exchange with Mr. Dunning) and of Mr. C. Feldman, M.A. from U.S.A. Their stay has given the School an opportunity of widening its island outlook. It is hoped they may have pleasant recollections to take back with them.

During the Spring Term too, and for part of this, Mr. D. L. Joyce, M.A., of Lincoln College, Oxford, assisted with the teaching of History as part of his teaching training. He proved invaluable also on the Rugger field.
At Easter the School took leave, with regret, of Mr. G. E. Richmond, who has taken up a mathematical post at Battersea Polytechnic. Mr. Richmond has given for over seven years' most valuable service to the School as a mathematics master. He has also been largely responsible for the success of the Railway Club. Our good wishes and thanks go to him and to Mrs. Richmond in their change of situation.

Mr. D. J. Hosking, B.A. (Manchester), has joined the staff this term, in Mr. Richmond's place. In welcoming him may we hope he will find his association with the School ever pleasant.

It was an honour to have T. S. Neville, Esq., M.A., Headmaster of Wellingborough School to give the address at the Commemoration on June 16th.

The appointment of Mr. W. Henderson to be Senior Physics Master was announced this term.

School outings on May 24th were to Windsor Castle and the River Thames, Imperial Institute, S. Kensington, Boot's, Nottingham and the Raleigh Cycle Works, amongst other places.

The mud patch between the Hall and the new prefabs has now become a good asphalt playground.

Cricket sight screens have been added to the sports equipment. Is it unfamiliarity or the labour of erecting them that makes them a rare vision yet?

Mr. R. W. Sykes, B.A., former Master (1941-42) stood as Liberal candidate in the last Parliamentary elections at Scarborough.

Congratulations to K. R. Spencer on still further adding to his laurels. He has won the highest mathematical prize in Oxford University, the Senior Mathematical Scholarship.

D. F. White was re-elected recently to the captaincy of the Saints’ R.F.C., Northampton. The team had a notable season in his first year as captain.

Major efforts have been made this year to conquer the serious weed problem on the playing field. Despite little assistance from the weather, some success is noted and the experience gained suggests that the problem can be fully solved.

The willing and continued efforts of boys, large and small, are maintaining the ornamental lawns in first-class trim.

Elsewhere will be found a list of Scholarship awards to Universities. It is gratifying to see that two of only seven awards offered in Science at Nottingham University came to the School.
The following boys have been selected to represent the County in the Schools’ Inter-County Championships at Port Sunlight on July 22nd:

R. Levy 220 yards, 17—19.
W. E. Peplow High Jump, 15—17.
D. W. Barber 880 yards, under 15.

The regular receipt of numerous contemporaries, from those schools whose teams we meet, are acknowledged with thanks.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

Scholarships:

D. S. Law
Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Merton College, Oxford.

G. Linnell
Open Exhibition in History at New College, Oxford.

R. Levy
Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at St. Catharine’s College, Cambridge.

J. C. Clayton
Revis Scholarship in Chemistry at Nottingham University.

M. J. C. Martin
Cooper Scholarship in Physics at Nottingham University.

LEAVERS.

R. Leslie

G. Linnell

M. J. C. Martin

G. C. Nevile
September, 1942: School Certificate 1946; Higher School Certificate 1949; 1st XI.; 1st XV.; Final Trial English Schools. H.M. Forces.

G. P. Surridge
September, 1942: School Certificate 1946; Higher School Certificate 1949; 1st XI.; 1st XV.; Athletics; County Major Scholarship to Gonville and Caius, Cambridge. H.M. Forces.

P. E. Tompkins
September, 1942: School Certificate 1946; Higher School Certificate 1948 and 1949; County Major Scholarship to Nottingham University.

P. Wilson
September, 1943: School Certificate 1947; Higher School Certificate 1949; County Major Scholarship to S. Peter’s Hall, Oxford. H.M. Forces.

J. A. Benham

I. H. Bull
Transferred to Luton.

P. V. De Banke
Eastern Coachworks.

R. J. Woods
Richard, Thomas & Baldwin, Irthingborough.

P. A. Andrew
Messrs. R. Marriott, Builder, Rushden.

D. Whiteman

D. F. Emerton
Urban District Council.

R. A. M. Da Costa
Transferred to Reading.

J. P. Crisp
Transferred to Essex.
DECEMBER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

M. J. BRIGSTOCK  e  S  h  g  m  Ph  A
P. B. BURT  e  S  h  g  f  m  a
J. CHAMBERS  E  s  M  ch  A
B. H. WARREN  E  S  H  g  F  Ph

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Captain: G. C. Neville.  Vice-Captain: D. S. Law.
Hon. Secretary: R. Levy.

During the Easter Term, the School 1st XV. was for various reasons seldom able to field its best team, and our results suffered, but quite a number of promising players were able to gain good experience. There will probably be a large number of vacancies to fill in next year's XV. and much intensive practice will be needed if we are to approach the high standard of play reached in recent years.

We congratulate J. P. Hyde on playing for England against France and Scotland: R. Leslie on playing for the English School-boys against Wales: G. C. Neville on playing in the English School-boys' Final Trial and D. S. Law on playing for the Northants Grammar Schools.

Under 15 XV. Colours have been awarded to: J. W. Whiffing (Captain), R. W. Howell, D. F. Walden, J. Hyde and P. S. Valentine.

Under 14 XV. Colours have been awarded to: W. Priest (Captain), B. Houghton, J. M. Kirby and R. A. Field.

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      18 1st XV. v. Old Northamptonians R.F.C. Away Lost  13—0
      23 1st XV. v. Wellingborough School ... Home Won  36—8
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      18 2nd XV. v. Northampton G.S. ... Away Lost  32—0
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      25 1st XV. v. Bedford R.F.C. Colts ... Home Lost  28—14
      29 " A " XV. v. Kimbolton School ... Away Won  27—3
April 1 " A " XV. v. Daventry G.S. ... Home Won  38—8

House Matches.

First Round. Seniors : Dragons  8  Gryphons  6
                Stags 12  Lions 3
Juniors : Gryphons  6  Dragons 0
           Stags  6  Lions 0

Second Round. Seniors : Lions  9  Dragons 3
              Stags  3  Gryphons 0
Juniors : Dragons  6  Lions 0
         Gryphons 12  Stags 0

Third Round. Seniors : Dragons  6  Stags 6
                Gryphons 17  Lions 6
Juniors : Dragons 18  Stags 0
        Gryphons 27  Lions 0

Points.

J. P. HYDE
(1942-50)
J. P. Hyde entered Wellingborough Grammar School in September, 1942, leaving to join H.M. Forces in February, 1950, and, throughout the time he was with us, he proved himself an outstanding all-round athlete. He excelled particularly on the Rugger field but in Athletics he broke a number of the School records and took many wickets for the School Cricket XI. He won his place in the School XV. as early as his third year at School, and altogether played for the 1st XV. for six seasons. His speed off the mark, quick thinking and elusive running made him a very dangerous wing three-quarter and brought him many tries. Indeed in the last game in which he played for the School he scored seven. The high standard of School Rugger in recent years is in no small part due to the inspiring example of his own brilliance and keenness.

In the spring of 1948 he played his first game for Northampton R.F.C. and immediately became a first choice for them whenever he could be spared from School matches. In the autumn of 1948 he played for the East Midlands in all their County Championship matches, and in the following spring in the Mobbs Memorial Match at Bedford won universal praise for his really brilliant tackling of his experienced International opponent. Shortly afterwards he won a Schoolboy Cap by playing for the English Schools against Wales.

Season 1949-50 opened unfortunately, for an ankle injury at practice kept him out of the game for two months, but this in no way affected his play, for soon after his return to the game he was chosen to play for the Possibles in the Second English Trial at Gloucester. In this match he scored a try and though he had very few opportunities in attack, his tackling and defensive work was so brilliant that he was given a place in the England side for the Final Trial. Here again he played well, and it was a big disappointment that he was chosen only as reserve for the matches against Wales and Ireland. But, whilst he was still at School—a very rare honour indeed for a schoolboy—he was chosen to play against France. He has now played in two Internationals and since leaving school has earned further honours in his games for the Army and for the famous Barbarians.

It is perhaps his unerring tackling—low and hard at full speed—which has earned him most renown, but we at School shall remember, besides his great defensive qualities, his sure intuition of the right thing to do, his powerful kicking and above all the control and balance of his running. He is, as has been truly said, “the complete Rugby Footballer.” All this success accompanied by so much journalistic publicity might well have turned the head of one so young, but throughout it all he has been perfectly unaffected, perhaps slightly amused, and has remained the same quiet, unassuming boy we have always known him to be. He carries with him the best wishes of all and we look forward with confidence to hearing of further triumphs in the future.
CRICKET.

1st XI.

This year the 1st XI. is undoubtedly the strongest the School has had for many years and at present holds an unbeaten record.

At the beginning of the season we had to find substitutes for Old Colours such as Hyde, Leslie, Coles and Surridge, who had left school. We were indeed fortunate that the Under 15 XI. and 2nd XI were able to provide us with boys who have ably filled these positions. I. R. H. Wills, Whiffing, Warren and Funnell have done consistently well in all matches and are to be congratulated on showing keenness in learning, and proficiency in carrying out, what has been taught them.

Once more the bulk of the bowling has fallen on the shoulders of Hunt, P. A. Wills and I. R. H. Wills. Hunt has still to find consistency in length but many of his performances have often turned the game completely in our favour. He should, however, practise more assiduously. I. R. H. Wills has improved considerably since last year and his speed has proved too much for many opening batsmen. A tendency to keep "pitching short" has been his main fault—this must be remedied before he can fully utilise his obvious ability "to swing a ball late." P. A. Wills, his brother, a model of accuracy, has always caused batsmen much trouble with his seam bowling.

It is significant that our spin bowlers, Holmes and Whiffing have not yet been called on. The other three bowlers have always accounted for the opposition.

The batting has been steady in all the matches played but we have been fortunate in having to play only one match on a really fast wicket. Too many of our batsmen show reluctance in getting out to the pitch of the ball—they all prefer to play off the back foot. On a fast wicket at Oundle many of them were beaten by the bowlers' pace off the wicket. In particular, "half-volleys" should be punished off the front foot and not scraped away from the wickets by shots off the back foot.

P. A. Wills has batted extremely well as his scores show. Only once has he failed; he has shown a range of strokes generally lacking in players of more mature years. Law has also come into form this year, two innings of his (one against a strong Parents' side and the other against Kettering Grammar School) showing his calm in facing fast "bumpers," and his extremely strong driving on the off side. Mention must also be made of innings by Whiffing, Warren, Walden and A. G. Smith when the side has been in trouble.

The ground fielding has shown brilliance at times and untidiness at others but has been keen throughout. The catching has been first-class and all boys have obviously benefited from early season practice with the fielding cradle.

Walden came into the side as the new wicketkeeper thus enabling Law to fill Leslie's old position at cover-point. Walden has proved very efficient and is to be congratulated in attaining 1st XI. status in his first year away from the Under 15 XI.
The captaincy of Law has been without fault—at times it has even been inspired.

Undoubtedly our finest victory was against our old and formidable rivals, Kettering Grammar School whom we beat by 9 wickets. Kettering started well having 38 runs on the board for the loss of only 2 wickets but excellent catching soon sent back their remaining 8 batsmen for only 22 runs. Warren and Law commenced the innings very sedately against some fast "bumpers" from Shapeira but at 15 Warren was unfortunate in playing on, to a ball wide of his off stump. Wills and Law then proceeded to knock off the remaining 45 runs by sound stroke play in as many minutes. This was our best performance for many years.

An unbeaten record is difficult to maintain and the 1st XI. have three hard matches ahead but they also have enthusiasm and talent, two qualities which should ensure their continued success.

1st XI. Results.


May 27th. W.G.S. v. Old Cytringanians. Won by 7 wickets. Old Cytringanians 60 (Hunt 6 for 14 ; Wills, P. 3 for 24). W.G.S. 72 for 3 (Bradshaw 12 ; Wills, P. 27 not out).


July 1st. W.G.S. v. Kettering Grammar School 1st XI. Won by 9 wickets. Kettering 60 (Hunt 4 for 17 ; Wills, P. 5 for 19). W.G.S. 61 for 1 (Law 24 not out ; Wills, P. 24 not out).

2nd XI.

The handful of fixtures permitted to the 2nd XI. this term after the demands of other matches and the vagaries of the weather have been met, ought not to obscure the usefulness of its existence. The 2nd XI., in brief, provides valuable exercise for those cricketers who are too old for the Under 15 XI. and who aspire to 1st XI. honours in the near future. In this way one or two members of the 2nd XI. have already been chosen to play a game in the senior team, and this function is a fairer assessment of the value of the 2nd XI. than the mere results of matches played to date, which are: two won, two lost, two drawn. The best bowling averages have been
returned by 1st XI. players "loaned" to the 2nd XI. but the outstanding batsmen—Homan, Hyde, Walden and Warren—have performed well enough to merit consideration for higher honours next season.

2ND XI. RESULTS.

May 23rd. v. Oundle 3rd XI. Home. Lost by 5 wickets.
   W.G.S. 66 (Warren 15; Homan 15; Hyde 20).
   Oundle 67 for 5 (Catling 2 for 13; Magee 1 for 16; Lawrence 1 for 9; Earl 1 for 10).
   W.G.S. 100 for 7 dec. (Walden 20; Homan 29 not out; Gilbert 23).
   Blackfriars 83 for 5 (Catling 2 for 13; Magee 1 for 16; Lawrence 1 for 9; Earl 1 for 9).
June 15. v. Bedford Harpur 1st XI. Away. Won by 5 wickets.
   Bedford 52 (Hunt 6 for 21; Whiffing 3 for 18).
   W.G.S. 98 for 5 (Warren 23; Holmes 25 not out; Homan 19 not out; Whiffing 12).
June 22nd. v. Deacon's, Peterborough 2nd XI. Away. Drawn.
   W.G.S. 94 (Hyde 24; Walden 13; Partridge 21).
   Deacon's 14 for 2 (Rain stopped play) (Gilbert 1 for 6; Earl 1 for 7).
   W.G.S. 76 (Hyde 23; Homan 14; Wills, I. 14).
   Bedford 79 for 8 (Wills, I. 6 for 22; Gilbert 2 for 24).
   Kettering 63 for 7 dec. (Catling 5 for 17; Furnell 2 for 16).
   W.G.S. 74 for 6 (Homan 20 not out; Gilbert 15 not out; Warren 13).

UNDER 15 XI.

Six matches have been played. Three have been won and three drawn. Two of the drawn matches should have resulted in wins if more attention had been paid to accurate bowling and field setting. Individual fielding has generally been good. Priest's 59 not out, a sure and steady innings was characteristic of the team's batting as a whole.

RESULTS.

May 10th. v. King's, Peterborough Under 15 XI. Won.
   W.G.S. 52.
   King's 37 (Evans 5 for 10).
   W.G.S. 47.
   Bedford 35 (Evans 5 for 11).
June 10th. v. Wellingborough School Under 15 XI. Won.
   W.G.S. 96 (Priest 59 not out).
   School 64 (Soames 4 for 12).
   W.G.S. 53.
   K.G.S. 34 for 9 (Tunn 5 for 11).
June 22nd. v. King's, Peterborough Under 15 XI. Draw.
   W.G.S. 121 for 6 (Fairbrass 38 not out).
   King's 173 for 4 (Barrett 103).
   W.G.S. 54 for 5.
   Northampton 87 (Evans 4 for 19).
The early promise of the team has not been maintained. After winning the first three games only one game has been won in the last four. This has been due to weaknesses in batting. The fielding has generally reached a high standard but dropped catches probably lost the close game against Kettering.

Played 7    Won 4    Lost 2    Drawn 1.

RESULTS.

  Daventry 49 (Smith, E. 5 for 2).
  W.G.S. 50 for 8 wickets.

  W.G.S. 75 (Brawn 17 ; Jones, D. S. 11).
  Northampton 47 (Abbott 3 for 3 ; Smith, E. 2 for 5).

  Blackfriars 13 (Kiellor 8 for 4).
  W.G.S. 59.

June 10th. v. Kettering G.S. Home. Lost by 1 wicket.
  W.G.S. 33.
  K.G.S. 34 (Wills, R. 5 for 6).

  Bedford 27 (Brawn 4 for 2).
  W.G.S. 28 for 2 wickets (Fairbrass 16).

June 21st. v. Daventry G.S. Away. Abandoned owing to rain.
  W.G.S. 39 for 7 (Brawn 19).

July 1st. v. Kettering G.S. Away. Lost by 4 wickets.
  W.G.S. 40 (Billing 12).
  Kettering 41 for 6 wickets.

ATHLETICS.

Captain : R. Levy.

The athletics season began in March with the usual programme of standards, followed by the Finals of several events. The weather and lack of training were not conducive to good performances at this period, although we did see two record high jumps and the general standard of the high jumping was very pleasing.

For the first time training was arranged during the Easter holiday. This was a most successful venture, and several boys improved to a standard which seemed out of all proportion to their previous performances. Training has continued throughout this term; the Middles and Juniors have shown great keenness but the Seniors have been more restrained in their enthusiasm. We hope for this defect to be remedied for an all round improvement in the standard of athletics in the School.

Sports Day this year was held in fine weather and middle distance running was included for the first time, there being fewer jumping events. Thanks are due to all Masters who arranged the programme and acted as officials, and to the boys who responded so effectively. Performances were good, owing largely to training, but Ridge in particular must be congratulated on winning all the Junior events, and on breaking two records. His long jump of 17' 6" must be classed as a very fine performance. Competition
for the Martin Athletic Cup was very close, the Gryphons finally winning by two points, with the Stags runners-up. The Henson Relay Cup Competition ended in a triple tie. Mrs. S. C. Watts-Russell, a Governor of the School, presented the Cups and Medals.

Since Sports Day the improvement in training performances has continued, this being particularly noticeable with Barwick, Rice, D. J., Boyd, Fairbrass, Barber, Field, T. A., Day, E. J. and Bettles. Field, R. A. and Barber show distinct promise, and should develop considerably. Mr. Pine must be thanked for the amount of time he has devoted after school hours in coaching these and many other boys.

The Athletics Match at Peterborough was held during heavy rain which did not stop until half-way through the match, leaving the track like a mud-pond, and the run-up for the jumps extremely treacherous. Generally the team did very well considering the appalling conditions. We are expecting our representatives to do well in the Northants. Schools’ County Championships on July 1st and in the match with Kettering and Northampton Grammar Schools later this term.

Finally we must congratulate Surridge who left us last term on his Cross-Country performances during the winter months, in particular his representing the County in the Inter-Counties Men’s Cross-Country Championship at Leicester in January. He finished 86th out of a field of 207 runners which included many Internationals, being the first County representative to complete the course—a very fine performance for a boy still at school.

RESULTS.

ATHLETIC MATCH.

May 25th v. King’s School and Deacon’s School. Away.

King’s 88 points. School 64\(\frac{1}{2}\) points. Deacon’s 36\(\frac{1}{2}\) points.

SCHOOL SPORTS, MAY 18TH.

Mile Senior. (Record : 4 mins. 38.4 secs., Surridge, G. P., 1949).
   Time : 5 mins. 10 secs.

Half Mile, Senior. (Record : 2 mins. 8.8 secs., Surridge, G. P., 1949).
   Time : 2 mins. 21.6 secs.

Half Mile, Middle. (Record : 2 mins. 23 secs., Parnell, J. W., 1948).
   Time : 2 mins. 28 secs.

Half Mile, Junior. (Record : 2 mins. 37 secs., Kiellor, P. S., 1949).
   Time : 2 mins. 39.6 secs.

Quarter Mile, Senior. (Record : 55.8 secs., Simmons, J. L., 1949).
   Time : 58.2 secs.

Quarter Mile, Middle. (Record : 61.2 secs., Whiffing, J. A., 1949).
   Time : 63.8 secs.
220 yards, Senior. (Record : 22.7 secs., Hyde, J. P., 1949).
1. Levy  
2. Jones, P. F.  
3. Whitting  
4. Law  
Time : 23.6 secs.

220 yards, Middle. (Record : 24.8 secs., Oakley, R. T. W., 1946).
1. Field, R. A.  
2. Boyd  
3. Negus  
4. Field, T. A.  
Time : 26 secs.

220 yards, Junior. (Record : 27.8 secs., Wiggins, G. J., 1946).
1. Ridge  
2. Samples  
3. Cherry & Nicholson, M. J. (equal)  
Time : 30 secs.

100 yards, Senior. (Record : 10.1 secs., Hyde, J. P., 1949).
1. Levy  
2. Jones, P. F.  
3. Whitting  
4. Day, A.  
Time : 10.6 secs.

100 yards, Middle. (Record : 11 secs., Oakley, R. T. W., 1946).
1. Field, R. A.  
2. Boyd  
3. Negus  
4. Fairbrass  
Time : 11.4 secs.

100 yards, Junior. (Record : 12 secs., Wiggins, G. J., 1946).
1. Ridge  
2. Samples  
3. Nicholson, M. J.  
4. Brereton  
Time : 12.2 secs.

High Jump, Senior.
1. Leslie  
2. Law  
3. Peplow  
4. Barwick  
Height : 5' 11" (Record).

High Jump, Middle.
1. Boyd & Field, R. A. (equal)  
2. Priest  
3. Rice  
Height : 4' 7".

High Jump, Junior.
1. Ridge  
2. Day, E. & Roughton (equal)  
3. Priest  
4. Murdin  
Height : 4' 5" (Record).

Long Jump, Senior.
1. Levy  
2. Jones, P. F.  
3. Whitting & Law (equal)  
Distance : 18' 9".

Long Jump, Middle.
1. Boyd  
2. Field, R. A.  
3. Emerton, P.  
4. Barber  
Distance : 16' 5".

Long Jump, Junior.
1. Ridge  
2. Billing  
3. Nicholson, M. J.  
4. Wooding  
Distance : 17' 6" (Record).

Martin Athletic Cup:  
1. Gryphons ... 145 points.  
2. Stags ... 143  
3. Dragons ... 132  
4. Lions ... 120

Henson Relay Cup:  
1. Dragons, Gryphons and Lions 24 points  
2. Stags ... ... ... 12

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

The brief season available in the Spring Term for training runs proved kind, and we were able to turn out on a fair surface most days. The inter-house races were held in quite good conditions, but again times are rather meaningless, as we continue to have to change the course according to the agricultural state of the land we use.

RESULT OF HOUSE COMPETITION.

1. Stags. 2. Gryphons. 3. Dragons. 4. Lions.
SWIMMING.

Attendance has been quite good this term. Cycling to and from the baths brings a difficulty which most boys have now overcome. Form 2c's first trip left Northampton Road strewn with broken-down bicycles. Two had punctures, two had broken chains and one had a pedal fall off. Reasons given to be excused swimming are varied, but to suggest that one cannot attend as one's costume is still damp from the day before is hardly satisfactory.

Despite all this, there is a steady improvement in School swimming. The numbers of boys up to the Vth's who can swim a quarter-of-a-mile are:

1st year 13 boys.
2nd year 21 ,, 3rd year 28 boys.
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HOUSE NOTES.

DRAGONS.

House Masters : Mr. C. A. Pine, Mr. C. J. Ward.

Head of House : R. Lawrence.

House Prefects : R. Lawrence, R. Levy, B. A. Groome (Secretary), P. Hunt, J. P. Edwards, B. H. Warren.

A survey of two terms' activities show that although the House has won no Cups, it has given good account of itself in all competitions.

In the Rugby Competition we were finally placed third with one Senior win, one Senior draw, and two Junior wins to our credit.

The running of the Junior Team in the Cross-Country Competition was excellent, but the efforts of the Senior contingent were without distinction.

The Music Competition was notable for the outstanding performance of the House Choir, who under the fine leadership of J. P. Edwards gained first place in the set piece with 133 marks out of a possible 150. This was a credit to all those who took part especially the Conductor who trained the Choir.

The play performed for the Drama Competition by the House was "The Bathroom Door," produced by B. H. Warren. The play was well acted, and little criticism could be offered.

In the Athletics Competition the majority of our points were secured by the fine all-round ability of R. Levy and R. D. Boyd who between them won six events.

Congratulations are extended to R. Lawrence on being elected Head of House, B. A. Groome on being appointed a School Prefect, J. P. Edwards and B. H. Warren on being elected House Prefects, and B. A. Groome, J. P. Edwards, B. H. Warren, P. Hunt and A. G. Smith on being awarded House Colours.
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 to establish their fortunes in the world.

GRYPHONS.

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

Head of House: D. S. Law.


The last Rugby House Matches have been played since our last notes, and we won against the Lions, Law and Field being very successful in the Senior and Junior respectively. These two both scored over fifteen points.

Again we had to be content with second in the Cross-Country Cup, the Stags just beating us again. Walden, Pope, Barker and Kiellor all ran very well, and deserve congratulations.

We were severely handicapped in the House Music, several of the members, including the Conductor, M. A. Crawley, being absent with illness during the crucial preceding week.

In the House Play we did very well. The play, very well produced by R. Shawley, went off well. The actors, Fitch, Crawley, Furnell and Boddington, all put up fine performances, and we were beaten into a very close second, again by our “hoodoo team,” the Stags.

Finally, however, we triumphed. By good solid team work, we came out winners of the Athletics Cup. This, with a third of the Relay Cup, was the House’s best win for a long time. All participants deserve praise for this, and let us hope we may repeat this success.

There are several things in progress or in the offing as these notes are being written. We did not start the cricket too well, both the matches, one being lost by the Juniors and the other drawn by the Seniors, being unproductive of points. Other fixtures include swimming and House P.T. competitions in which every member can help.

Congratulations are extended by the House to Law on his Open Exhibition to Merton College, Oxford, Wix, Jones and Furnell on their promotion to House Prefects and to Fitch on receiving his House Colours. Also to all leavers we give good wishes, as we await our next batch of infant hopefuls.
LIONS.

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

Head of House: K. M. Bradshaw (Secretary).


Before reviewing the activities of the House during the Summer Term, we must recall the events of the Lent Term.

In the third round of the Rugger Cup the Lions lost both Senior and Junior matches to the Gryphons.

In spite of the good effort by De Banke who was second in the Senior race, we were placed fourth in the Cross-Country Competition.

We were once again successful in the Competition for the Music Cup, thanks to excellent performances by our Conductor, P. Wilson, N. R. Redman, who played the violin very well and J. R. Bettles who sang a treble solo.

In the House Plays we were placed third after a very commendable performance by boys who had not previously acted on the stage.

This term we have already decided the Athletics and Relay Cups. In the former it is well to note here that every Junior event was won by a Lion, G. T. Ridge. Included in this were his feats of breaking the High Jump record by three inches, and the Long Jump record by three feet, jumping 17' 6".

Our prospects in the Cricket Cup are fair indeed, for we have three Lions in the 1st XI, as well as the Captains of both the Under 15 XI. and the Under 14 XI. So far, in the Cup, we have played only one round in which our Seniors drew and our Juniors beat the Gryphons.

We must now offer our sympathy to all Higher School and School Certificate candidates and we wish them every success in the future.

Finally we extend our best wishes to K. M. Bradshaw, who is going to Manchester University in October, to all other Lions who are about to leave us, and to all old Lions.

STAGS.

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

Head of House: P. A. Wills.


Success has been our keynote for the past year, for at present we hold no less than six of the Inter-House Cups out of a total of ten.
Our only successes in the Athletics field were the Cross-Country Cup and on Sports Day the Shipman Mile Cup. The former was obtained largely owing to the House's good win in the Senior section, and congratulations go to A. Day on winning the latter.

Before Sports Day commenced we had a point's lead over the other Houses in the Athletics, but strong opposition from the Gryphons resulted in their winning the Cup, whilst we were runners-up.

Much work was necessary before hand in the Music Competition, especially on the part of the House Conductor and J. W. Gilbert is to be commended for managing and conducting the House Choir so well.

One Competition which was not decided when the last Magazine went to print was for the Rugby Cup. Our high hopes of retaining it were amply justified, despite the close result.

At the House Meeting on May 1st Dr. Jackson suggested that we should keep the House Plays Cup since this is the third year in succession that we have won it, but, no doubt, the other Houses will disagree with us on this point. The play performed was "This is Impossible," by Patrick Hamilton, and it had the honour of being adjudged the best performance by Mr. Graham Moffatt, the well-known film actor.

Finally the Ferguson Trophy, for work in School, was also numbered among the House's successes.

During the rest of this term it is hoped that the House will maintain its achievements by retaining the Cricket and Swimming Cups, which we hold at present, and by endeavouring to wrest the P.T. Cup from the Lions.

PARENTS' DAY.

Prize Giving, 8th June, 1950.

Public examinations this year forced us to hold our big occasion a fortnight or so earlier, but our good fortune again held and the event was held as usual in the School Quadrangle in pleasant, if windy, weather. It was well attended by parents and friends, whose subsequent thronging to the exhibitions, stalls and shows testified to their interest in the various displays of School activity.

We were honoured by the presence of the Right Honourable the Earl Spencer, supported by a large number of our Governors. In a brief address, after giving away the prizes, Earl Spencer emphasised the value as a cultural and character-forming influence of a school like ours.

Our thanks are again offered to that loyal hardworking band of helpers, the Parents' Committee. The success of the day depends on, and is secured by, their willing and valuable assistance.
PRIZE LIST.

SIXTH FORM:—

Upper: Arts ... G. Coles
Science ... G. Linnell
D. S. Law
G. P. Surridge
P. E. Tompkins
Lower: Arts ... R. Shawley
P. A. Wills

Headmaster’s Prize ... J. P. Hyde
Mr. Lay’s Prize for Divinity ... M. F. Wakelin
Mr. W. E. Capon’s Prize ... S. T. Wells
Spanish Prize ... C. B. Johnson

FIFTH FORM:—

Miss Cook’s Prize for English ... C. B. Johnson
‘Robert Troath’ Prize for History ... P. F. Jones
‘Robert Troath’ Prize for Geography ... B. D. Stokes
French ... C. B. Johnson
Mathematics ... A. M. Jessop
‘F. J. Thorpe’ Prize for Physics ... M. Wells
Chemistry ... J. W. Gilbert
Biology ... K. S. Howlett

IVa. Form Prize ... K. Bradshaw
K. C. Busby
Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature ... C. P. Daniels
IVb. Form Prize ... G. C. Muncey
Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature ... R. A. M. da Costa
IIIa. Form Prize ... B. J. Tyler
D. Priestley
Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature ... P. H. R. Norman
IIIb. Form Prize ... J. A. Homan
R. J. Lumbers
Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature ... P. E. Groome

IIia. Form Prize ... R. P. Peake
Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature ... P. J. Negus
IIb. Form Prize ... R. Westcott
Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature ... J. W. Downing
IIa. Form Prize ... B. H. Taylor
Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature ... J. M. Warwick
IIc. Form Prize ... A. Mason
Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature ... J. M. Willis
Ia. Form Prize ... D. T. Stevens
Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature ... G. T. Ridge
Ib. Form Prize ... D. F. Johnson
Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature ... G. Cummings

OLD BOYS’ DISTINCTIONS.

B. F. Toms, Awarded Heath Harrison Travelling Scholarship from Christ Church, Oxford.
F. C. Coles, Final Examination of Society of Incorporated Accountants.
B. M. Smart, Final Examination of Society of Incorporated Accountants.

HOUSE CUPS, 1948-49.

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

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PARENTS' COMMITTEE.

The Parents' Committee organised the Stalls and Tea for Parents' Day, as usual, this year. The response from the Parents by way of contributions to the stalls was not so good as usual, and it did not seem as though there were as many there, as in some previous years, but the sum of £32 was added to our funds by the efforts on that day.

We are pleased to say that we have now a large and enthusiastic Committee, which is working well as a team, and it is therefore much easier to organise Whist Drives, as we can be assured of sufficient help.

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DRAMATIC SOCIETY NOTES.

The last play produced by the Dramatic Society, "Treasure Island," was probably the most successful in the Society's history. It certainly evoked more than customary praise, some of it from surprising quarters. This acclamation may have been due to the popularity of Stevenson's novel, or to the convincing nature of the performance; but whatever the reason, the play took the "public fancy." The adaptation by Dr. Jackson followed closely the lines of the novel but was difficult for the stage managers owing to the number of "reversion-sets," i.e., scenes already used. Mr. Cook, Mr. Henderson and their staff attacked the problem with great vigour and deserve credit for the smooth-running performance.

The acting reached a high level. Shawley (Long John Silver) making his first stage appearance, was excellent in every respect, and was ably assisted by Crawley (Captain Smollett), Leslie (Squire Trelawney) and G. C. Neville (Dr. Livesey). S. W. Brown was a forceful Jim Hawkins, and J. P. Hyde, P. A. Wills, Coleman, P. B. Smith, A. G. Smith, B. Cross and Emerton were convincing pirates. A. G. Smith's massive torso will be long remembered—so will Emerton's villainous appearance. All the pirates sang lustily if not always tunefully. One of the most popular characters was Ben Gunn, acted by W. Lee. Lee seems to excel at these tough parts having previously played a pugilist and a burglar. Many other boys took minor parts for the first time, all were promising, especially Da Costa.

It is sad to think that most of the senior actors will leave at the end of this term. They have done fine work and will, we hope, be succeeded by those who will show similar enthusiasm.

HOUSE PLAYS.

We were honoured last term by the visit of Mr. Graham Moffatt, the distinguished film and stage actor. He came to judge the House Plays. Although many of the stalwarts had left and many others
were not available, the performances were creditable. The Stags, holders of the Cook Cup for the past two years, chose the sketch "This is Impossible," the Dragons, "The Bathroom Door," the Gryphons, "Something in the City" and the Lions, "The Decoy."
The contest seemed to resolve into a duel between the Stags and Dragons. The Stags, as was to be expected from the fact that M. A. Goodband was producer for the third time, gave a polished performance; and the Gryphons (although lacking the services of R. Shawley) found an able substitute in Fitch.

Mr. Moffatt, in awarding the Cup to the Stags, said he was guided by what gave him most pleasure. He congratulated the two Houses mentioned also the Lions and Dragons for good shows. P. H. R. Norman's performance in "The Decoy" was most promising.

Next term's play has not been decided yet, but Mr. Davies will announce it early next term.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Recent additions include:

Sidgwick, N. ... The Chemical elements and their compounds, Oxford Junior Encyclopaedia, Volumes II., III. and IX.
Hartridge, H. ... Colours and how we see them.
Hooper, A. ... Makers of Mathematics.
Heyerdall, T. ... The Kon-Tiki Expedition.
Macleay, F. ... Eastern Approaches.
Low, D. ... Years of Wrath.
Harnack, E. P. ... All about ships and shipping.
Yonge, C. ... The Sea-shore.
Johnson, C. ... Language of Painting.
Shore, B. ... The Orchestra Speaks; Sixteen Symphonies.
Hoskins, W. G. ... Midland England.
Clapham, J. ... Concise Economic History of England.
Diccionario Manual e Ilustrado de la Lengua Espanola.

We are very grateful to Mr. J. Wells, Mr. L. F. Norman and R. K. S. Baker for gifts of books to the Library.

MUSIC NOTES.

A service of Nine Lessons and Carols was given before the School on Wednesday, 14th December, 1949, and before parents and visitors on Thursday, 15th December. The Senior Choir contributed four unaccompanied Carols: "Past 3 o'clock," "The Legend" (Tchaikovsky), "The Holly and the Ivy" and "Ding
Dong, merrily on high"; the Junior Choir three accompanied Carols: "Whence is that goodly fragrance" (2 part), "O leave your sheep" and "Child in a manger." G. Linnell accompanied at the piano.

The Annual House Music Festival was held on March 9th, when Mr. Oswald Lawrence, the Conductor of the Mid-Northants Symphony Orchestra, adjudicated. The test piece, for unaccompanied choir, was "See, the conquering hero comes" from Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus." The adjudicator commented upon the high stand of some of the individual voluntary items. The performances of the test piece, though not of quite the same standard, showed that much time and care had been spent in preparation. Mr. Lawrence presented the Appleby Cup to P. Wilson, the Conductor of the winning House, Lions. Dragons (J. P. Edwards), Stags (J. W. Gilbert), Gryphons (M. A. Crawley), followed in fairly close order.

The Wellingborough Schools Music Festival was held in the High Street Congregational Church on Thursday, 11th May, and was conducted by Mr. Brian Trent. The School was represented by the Junior Choir which sang in all but one of the massed items. The boys found it a thrilling and memorable experience to sing in so large a choir. Irene and Leslie Bennett sang and played music by Elizabethan composers and Bach, on the Virginals and Recorders—a new experience in listening for most of those present.

At the School Commemoration Service on June 16th, the Senior Choir sang the unaccompanied Motet by Christopher Tye, "O come, ye servants of the Lord," and also one verse of each of the two hymns. The whole School sang Psalm 121 to the chant Hopkins in F.

At the time of going to press, arrangements are proceeding for the Annual Music Recital which is to be on July 20th. It is hoped that all branches of school music will be represented, and also that some of the individual items given in the House Music Festival will be included. Mr. C. Brownlie, Mr. J. H. Butler and Mr. E. J. Pfaff will perform the Trio in E flat major for Viola, Clarinet and Piano, by Mozart.

During the past year the Violinists have been making steady progress under the guidance of Mr. Harding, and the time for the formation of a School Orchestra has come appreciably nearer. A string foundation is really necessary before brass instruments are added, and with this aim in view, a Viola has recently been purchased and N. J. Bonham has undertaken to learn it under Mr. Harding. Another Viola player would be welcome, as also would be anyone wishing to learn the Cello, which is already possessed by the School.

At the end of the Spring Term, a dozen Descant Recorders were purchased and distributed to interested members of the first and second forms. Regular rehearsals have not been very successful owing to the demands of cricket, swimming, etc., but a few enthusiasts have purchased their own instruments and have made excellent progress. It is hoped in the near future to combine these with the Violinists.
A Male Voice Choir, formed of members of the Upper School, sprang spontaneously into being at the beginning of the present term. Under its Conductor, M. A. Crawley, weekly rehearsals are being held and items are being prepared for the Music Recital.

It is hoped that the new Record Playing and Radio equipment will be installed in the Music Room for the Autumn Term, and the formation of a Gramophone Club is envisaged.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

A lecture by the Medical Officer of Health, Doctor P. X. Bermingham, at the beginning of the term has turned the interests of the Society towards the subject of mosquitoes. Now eager boys are to be found near ponds of stagnant water to catch mosquitoes, larvae, pupae and one of the two one guinea prizes given by the Wellingborough and Rushden Urban District Councils. These are for the boys who collect most mosquitoes and who do the most towards locating the breeding places of the insects. Already malarial mosquitoes have been found at Wellingborough, Irthlingborough and Higham Ferrers. At Higham Ferrers the breeding place has been found and larvae have proved to be those of malarial mosquitoes.

THE PUPPET CLUB.

The Puppet Club again reports a successful season with trips to neighbouring towns, our farthest afield being at Northampton on January 28th. Two consecutive shows were given on Parents' Day, June 8th.

This term we may have to say farewell to C. Cunnington and G. Muncey who have been with the Club since its foundation, and we are grateful to them for all their work for the Club. We welcome T. Collis whose skeleton puppet has already proved a blood-curdling success. We are looking forward to another successful session which will begin in the autumn.

RAILWAY CLUB.

The chief event of the year was the departure of Mr. Richmond. He has worked hard for the Club since its formation, and we were very sorry to see him go. We wish him luck in his new position at Battersea Polytechnic. We are fortunate to have Mr. Cheale to take his place.

On the day of the School Excursions a party went to Crewe. In the morning we visited the Crewe North Locomotive Department, and in the afternoon we were shown round the Locomotive
Works. There we saw locomotives in all stages of construction and repair; and a few famous nineteenth century engines which are preserved there.

During the year the modelling section has made good progress with the gauge 0 layout on two large baseboards. This, in an incomplete state, was exhibited on Parents' Day, together with gauge 00 models, lent by members. Members continue to meet on Friday evenings and alternate Saturday mornings.

On the whole the year now ending has been very successful. A large proportion of the First Form have joined the Club, and enthusiasm is as high, if not higher, than it ever was.

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SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

Officials.

President : The Headmaster.  Chairman : K. M. Bradshaw.
Vice-Chairman : J. C. Clayton.  Secretary : J. W. Gramshaw.
Committee : K. M. Bradshaw, J. C. Clayton, Mr. W. Holmes, R. Levy, J. W. Gramshaw.

No meetings have been held since Easter, but last term they were held on alternate Wednesdays.


The Prize for the Best Lecture of the year was awarded to B. Bazeley for his paper on "Forensic Chemistry," read on September 28th, 1949.

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STAMP CLUB.

Four meetings of the Stamp Club were held on alternate Tuesdays during the Spring Term.

At the first of these, on February 7th, B. Parker (Va.) exhibited his collection of Canadian stamps. A fortnight later the Head Postmaster of Wellingborough, Mr. McGrowther, lectured to us on "British Postage Stamps, their production and distribution," and his talk was illustrated by lantern slides. The Dockwra Stamp, the Mulready Envelope and a complete sheet of Penny Blacks were among the illustrations he brought. On March 7th Mr. W. L. Bradshaw of the Northamptonshire Philatelic Society, made a welcome return visit to the Club with an interesting display of stamps of Malta. At the last meeting of the term, held on March 21st, a stamp auction was arranged, followed by a share-out of stamps which had been given to the Club in recent months.

Meetings are suspended during the Summer Term, but plans are already being made for displays by visiting Philatelists of distinction at our meetings next Autumn.
SCOUTS.

Under the guidance of Mr. Leftwich, meetings have been held throughout the term on Friday evenings. On two nights we have been out tracking and on several occasions we have made tea on the School Field. During the Spring we had our Annual Social Evening at which about 150 scouts and guides of other troops were present. Intensive preparations are now being made for the Summer Camp, which is to be held at Whatstandwell, a few miles from Matlock.

On Saturday, May 20th, we took part in a District Scout Rally at the Dog and Duck Ground, and were complimented by the County Commissioner, Rear Admiral Sir Wellwood Maxwell, for our demonstration of the right and the wrong way to pitch a tent.

During the Bób-a-Job Week the troop raised £3 for the Scout Funds.

VISIT TO STOURBRIDGE GLASS WORKS.

On Tuesday, March 21st, a party of 25 boys from the Sixth Science, 3 Masters and five girls and a Mistress from the High School paid an industrial visit to the works of Messrs. Webb and Corbett at Stourbridge, a firm specialising in the production of lead crystal glass.

The party left the School at 10 o'clock and after an uneventful journey arrived at the works at 2.30. Here we were introduced to our guides, who straight away took us to the mixing room where the next lot or "batch" of glass was being prepared. We then entered the room where the actual glass-making was in progress. The guide explained how the furnaces are filled on Friday night, heated up over the week-end, thus producing enough glass or metal to last the whole week. We then watched the men at work, and saw one of them produce a swan with a cygnet on its back merely by pulling a piece of glass about. Passing on through the various sections of the works we saw the glass cracked off, polished, cut and repolished by dipping in acid. Finally we entered the magnificent showroom and examined the display of cut glass made by the works.

The party then returned to the bus and the journey home was made, most of the party being home by 9 o'clock after a very enjoyable visit.
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION NOTES
JULY, 1950.

EDITORIAL.

This past year of the Association's activities has been remarkable for several reasons. First and foremost, the School—and the Association likes to bask even in reflected glory—has gained a “cap.” We reiterate the many congratulations which have been deservedly showered upon John Hyde and Mr. Nicholas. Moreover, three other schoolboys, Leslie, Neville and Law, and three Old Boys, White, Hall and Hodgkins, played in first-class Rugby.

To continue with Rugger. Our own team had an excellent season, and not the least feature of our success was the running of an ‘A’ team with a reasonably full fixture list. The records of the teams are given elsewhere in these “Notes.”

The cricket team has started the season more in faith than anything else but is managing to keep its head above water. But we would most earnestly solicit more support for this side of our activities.

The Social Sub-Committee is full of ideas, many of which have already borne fruit. We have witnessed a change from Modern to Olde Tyme Dancing. This new style—or rather the old style—is paying dividends.

The Memorial Book, in honour of those of our number who gave their lives during the Second World War, has been placed in the entrance hall of the School. We hope that many Old Boys will make a point of going to see this beautifully executed and dignified tribute. In this connection we are constantly seeking to carry out the scheme that was envisaged as a memorial, namely the acquisition of a Memorial Sports Field. We are making certain enquiries at the present time and we hope to be able to report progress to the next Annual General Meeting.

We think, then, that our claim to a satisfactory year is justified, except perhaps in one respect—and that possibly in the most important field of all—recruitment. Our actual membership is still only a fractional part of the possible.

WELLINGBOROUGH OLD GRAMMARIANS' R.F.C.
1st XV. Captain: J. B. Shortland. Vice-Captain: R. Bridgeford.
“A” XV. Captain: A. Bird.
Hon. General Secretary: R. V. S. Ward.
Hon. Treasurer: F. C. Coles.

This past season has brought intense satisfaction to the Officials and we hope to all the members of the Rugby Club.

The playing records of the teams are as follows:

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Points
From the records it is obvious that the 1st XV. had a successful season and further enhanced the reputation of the Club for playing good rugger. The “A” team did not fare quite so well; but to play sixteen matches, when the team was only formed at the beginning of the season, was in itself no mean achievement. For next season both teams have a complete fixture list, and we hope that with the sound basis of a good second team to build on we shall reach even greater heights.

We extend our congratulations to Don White on his successful Captaincy of the Saints, and to Alan Hall on his County Cap. We hope, too, that Jack Hodgkins is securely on his way to the top. If only we had an Old Boys’ team of such a standard that we could retain these players!!

There is much on which we might comment but space is limited. We must, however, mention the successful fixture with Don White’s XV., and the happy spirit of co-operation which prevails in our relations with the Kettering and Wellingborough Clubs. In conjunction with the Town Club we organized a most enjoyable and “reputation-making” dance. We hope to meet them, too, as very friendly rivals each Boxing morning, to compete for a Cup so generously presented by the Wellingborough Round Table.

Again our thanks are due to Mr. Wyldes for allowing us to use his field. We must thank, too, all the officials for their efforts; especially Shortland for his inspiring Captaincy, and Coles who has carried out so painstakingly the thankless task of Treasurer. We are very proud of the Association and of the Rugger team. We now have sufficient support to run two teams quite easily; if you will give us that little bit extra, we are confident that our harassed Fixture Secretary can be persuaded to move heaven and earth to arrange matches for even a third team.

The Annual General Meeting of the Rugby Club will be held at the School on Wednesday, July 26th, at 7.30 p.m. All Old Boys interested are urged to attend and offer their praises or criticisms to the Committee.

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WELLINGBOROUGH OLD GRAMMARIANS’ CRICKET CLUB.

Captain: D. Pearce. Vice-Captain: F. Bailey.
Hon. General Secretary: R. W. Timpson.

This season’s results to date are as follows:

WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN CRICKET LEAGUE.

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ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT.


The social activities of the Association have been continued throughout the winter and spring, and we look forward to the many dances we have arranged for the forthcoming season.

On February 4th this year we held an Olde Tyme Dance at our usual rendezvous—the School Hall. This dance was arranged as an experiment and the result was most gratifying, both socially and financially. Consequently, we organized a series of six weekly Olde Tyme Dances, followed by two at fortnightly intervals and another a month later. The popularity of these dances astounded us. Neverthelss, there would have always been room for more Old Boys and we hope that you will come along and swell the number at future dances. These have been fixed for 22nd July, 2nd September and every alternate Saturday thereafter to 9th December.

About one hundred, Old Boys and partners, attended the New Year's Eve Ball last year. We should like to thank those who kindly assisted with the decorations and helped to make the evening such a success.

In appreciation of the kindness shown to us by the Headmaster and the Governors for the use of the School for our activities we organized a Charity Dance. The Hall was decorated for the occasion and Messrs. Abbott and Timbrell Ltd. arranged all the lighting effects. Spot Prizes were awarded during the evening and we were pleased to see one of these in the hands of an ex-Secretary of the Association and his partner. The event was satisfactory in every way and as a result we were pleased to donate £6 to the School Fund, to be spent as the Headmaster thought appropriate.

With your consent—which can be given at the A.G.M.—we hope to run another Charity Dance during the next season.

ANNUAL DINNER.

This year's Annual Dinner, held at the Gloucester Hall, Wellingborough, on March 31st, was well attended. The number of Old Boys present was again around the 90 mark—a figure we would like to see enlarged in the future.

The Guest of Honour was the former Second Master of the School, Mr. G. H. Clayton, to whom everyone present extended a hearty welcome. The meal was of high standard, as were the speeches that followed. Mr. Clayton, now a Housemaster at Worksop College Junior School had special words to say to the older Old Boys, especially those who have the responsibilities of parentage. He recalled the happy time he had whilst at Wellingborough and extended congratulations to the School on its continued academic and sporting successes.

Our Chairman, Mr. H. H. Maddams, suitably replied to the toast of the Association. He enjoined all Old Boys to further the
cause of the Association and gave particular attention to the question of obtaining new members. He regretted the unavoidable absence of Mr. Nicholas to whom was due much of the credit for the success of four School Rugby Players who had reached top grade during the last year.

The toast to the School was proposed by Councillor J. Keep of Higham Ferrers, one of the "oldest" Old Boys present. The reply was given by the Headmaster and President of the Association, Mr. H. A. Wrenn, who spoke of the school activities during the past year both in the classroom and on the playing fields. He informed us that next year the School will celebrate its 21st birthday.

The job of Toastmaster for the evening was in the capable hands of Mr. F. C. Coles. This very enjoyable evening ended, as was to be expected, in song and with mutual recollections of "those good old school days."

A NEW ZEALANDER
AT WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

As an exchange teacher at Wellingborough Grammar School, I am frequently asked how this School compares with my own in New Zealand, the Christchurch Boys’ High School. If I give a brief description of my old School, and the life of the boys attending it, any differences will be evident.

A normal New Zealand boy attends primary school from five to thirteen years of age. At this age his primary school headmaster certifies that he has attained a certain minimum level of proficiency in his school work and his parents then decide which post-primary school he will attend. The choice is sometimes limited by schools available, which is dependent on the district in which he lives—country, market town or city. The parents, of course, are influenced in their decision by such factors as the School father went to, what aptitudes and abilities the boy has shown during the last two years at primary school, for what type of work the parents would like the boy prepared and the recommendations of the primary school headmaster. In Christchurch the choice is as wide as anywhere in New Zealand, with a boys’ secondary (grammar) school, a technical school, a co-educational school with a bias towards commercial subjects, and private schools (fee-paying) of three religious denominations.

The Christchurch Boys’ High School is the secondary school and therefore most like Wellingborough Grammar School. It has a roll of 800—850 boys and a staff of 32 masters. The smaller ratio of staff to boys means larger forms, especially 6th forms. There is no "House" system as the normal unit for work is the form. Normally a boy sits for his School Certificate at the age 15—16 after three year's study but officially it is a four year course. He has a choice of five courses, each of five subjects. By the end of the fourth year rather more than 50% of the boys who started at 13 have passed the School Certificate, their first examination by an
external authority, in this case the Education Department. Another year of good work in the Lower 6th will give him University Entrance without an examination, although he may sit for the examination if he is not “accredited” by the headmaster. A good year in Upper 6th will give him Higher School Certificate, and the more able boys sit for scholarships to the University.

The main differences I notice here are having the 11 and 12 year olds, and in the arrangements for sports. At my School there are seven periods per day, ending at 3.15 p.m. when the school has games. We are fortunate in having large grounds and each boy has at least two afternoons sport each week, sometimes three. The winter game is rugby, although hockey is also quite popular, as are boxing and harriers. The summer sports are cricket, swimming, tennis and athletics. We have four hard tennis courts and our own swimming bath. This was dug out by the boys over a period of years as detention tasks. There is a large assembly hall which is being completed by subscriptions from Old Boys as a memorial to those Old Boys killed in the recent war.

The School was founded in 1881 and fees were payable until 1902 when tuition became free. Books and stationery are supplied by the boys and they pay a sports subscription of 25/- annually. The granting of free tuition since 1902 means that practically all the boys are sons of parents who have themselves had a secondary education and are able to appreciate it, impress their sons with its value and provide for them the best conditions to benefit from it. The School also has quite strong traditions in both scholarships and sports. It can boast of such Old Boys as David Low, the cartoonist, a Prime Minister of New Zealand, several Rhodes Scholars, a succession of international rugby footballers including the “All Black” who scored the much discussed but disallowed try against Wales in 1905, and the captains of all three cricket teams that have visited Great Britain. These traditions are maintained by several Old Boys on the staff.

It is not possible, of course, to compare a younger school in this respect but when more satisfactory salaries for teachers than at present attract the best of the Old Boy graduates, and as another generation grows up in Wellingborough that has close ties with the School and appreciates the value of its work, traditions already established will naturally become part of the atmosphere of the School.

J. L. Hewland.

OXFORD NEWS LETTER.

Any report of activities during the Summer Term must of necessity be written in the forbidding shade of the Examination Schools.

K. R. Spencer has been awarded a Senior Maths. Scholarship and has still found time to fulfil his obligations as Captain of the Merton Boat Club.
J. H. FRISBY and D. W. ROBINSON have just taken their respective Special Subject Examinations and tentatively await the results.

D. A. G. TURNER took and passed the First Public Examination in English Language and Literature at the end of his first two terms here and has been able to spend this term "discovering" Oxford.

P. T. EDEN inhabits Balliol Tower in co-tenancy with the Balliol pigeons; has joined the Oxford Union and fills in his spare time "talking about nothing in particular."

B. F. Toms in so far as he has observed Oxford life, has found it both "amusing and interesting."

R. A. HALES has joined the St. Peter's Hall Dramatic Society and J. HODGKINS, his fellow geographer, still diligently pursues his studies for Final Schools.

Any hint of brevity in these notes can, no doubt, be explained by the induced lethargy of an Oxford Summer.

J. H. F.

CAMBRIDGE NEWS LETTER.

R. B. STUART (Christ's)—Research at the Cavendish Laboratory.

R. H. BAILEY (St. John's)—Engaged to be married to Miss Dorothy Hims of Redditch, in the Autumn. Has just completed his training for the Diploma of Education, and included in it a term of practical teaching at Wellingborough School (Lent Term).

A. M. HALL (St. Catharine's)—Successful in Geography Tripos Pt. 1 this year. Captain of Rugby and Tennis at St. Catharine's next year. Took part in Varsity Rugger tour of France in the Easter Vac. and in Saints tour in S. Wales. Took part of Gregory (chief yokel) in College May Week production of comic opera "Tom Jones."

E. CROSS (St. Catharine's)—Has taken first part of English Tripos this year. Has not been rowing this term, but took part with distinction in the Marlowe Society production of Henry IV., Pt. 2.

R. F. MAYES (St. Catharine's)—Taken the Geography Qualifying examination this year and is tipped to do well. Has been unlucky in the accommodation stakes for next year and so will be out in digs for the second year.

We congratulate R. A. LEVY on his success in being awarded an Exhibition at St. Catharine's and look forward to his joining us at work and at play (especially on the rugger field) next term.

A. M. H.
OLD BOYS' BLAZERS.

A pre-war custom we should like to see revived is the wearing of the Old Boys' Blazer. Enquiries that have been made show that it is possible to have the material produced again, providing the demand is sufficient.

The cost should be approximately £6 per blazer when tailored. Any Old Boy who would be prepared to buy one should drop a line to the General Secretary of the Association.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the School Hall on Tuesday, 26th September, 1950, at 7.30 p.m. All Old Boys are asked to make a special effort to be present.

OLD BOYS' DISTINCTIONS.

We congratulate the following Old Boys' on their achievements:

D. C. A. Bradshaw Geography Finals, Class 2, Sheffield.
F. C. Coles Final Examination of Society of Incorporated Accountants.
R. W. Dallas Economics Finals, Class 2, Glasgow.
A. M. Hall Geography Tripos Part 1, Class 2, Division 2, Cambridge.
G. J. Howard II., I. Hons. B.Sc., Nottingham.
D. H. Newman Final Examination of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.
R. J. Sanders Headed County Milk Averages with his Friesian Herd.
B. M. Smart Final Examination of Society of Incorporated Accountants.
K. R. Spencer Senior Mathematical Scholarship, Oxford.
B. F. Toms Awarded Heath Harrison Travelling Scholarship from Christ Church, Oxford.
**NEWS OF OLD BOYS.**

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<td>G. W. R. Coles (1930-32)</td>
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<td>J. Rice (1939-41)</td>
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**MISCELLANY.**

Annual Members are reminded that their five shilling subscriptions are due on 1st September. Life Membership only costs two guineas. The Treasurer's name and address appears on page 1.

We thank the Governors, Headmaster and Staff of the School for their assistance, and for allowing us to use the School for our activities.
WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL LIST, 1950.

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W. Holmes, M.Sc., Victoria University of Manchester.
J. W. Davies, B.A., Wales.
W. Henderson, B.Sc., Durham.
M. S. Cheale, B.Sc. (Eng.), London.
J. L. Hewland, M.A., Canterbury College, University of New Zealand.
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