EDITORIAL.

The proceedings on Speech Day were conducted by our new Chairman of Governors, Alderman John Lea. Though this was his first public function in that capacity, he has been a friend and counsellor of the School for many valuable years. His well known ability in public administration and his close interest in educational matters have been recognised in the highest County circles by his election to the Vice-Chairmanship of the Northants Education Committee.

We may count ourselves fortunate to be under his wise direction and, in some slight return for his services to us, may we continue to do all to enhance the reputation of the School.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Head Prefect: R. Shawley.

Prefects:


Thanks are due for the gift to the School of a Cup for the Open 100 yards race. This has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bradshaw, parents of three Old Boys.

The Commemoration Service on 8th June, was graced this year by the presence of the Vicar of Wellingborough. His stimulating address commanded rapt attention.

The collection in the School on November 11th, for the Haig Fund amounted to £2-10-3.

Gifts of leather for hobbies have been gratefully received from Mr. N. J. Cornwell, Mr. C. S. Pratt and Mr. W. E. Linger.

The whole School made an excursion to the Festival of Britain Exhibition, South Bank, on 25th May. The highly involved organisation of a successful day was in the experienced hands of Mr. Dunning to whom our thanks.

N. R. Rich wrote the winning entry for the Round Table Essay Competition. His was considered best both in Wellingborough and in Northamptonshire.

A. B. Holmes won first prize in the Model Making section of the Northampton Hobbies Exhibition.

A lecture on "The Council of Europe" was given by Mr. E. Holloway to the VI. Forms on 1st June.
By the beginning of September, ten senior and middle School boys will have completed exchange visits to France. The exchanges began at Christmas, when the first boy visited a French family and returned bringing a French boy to his home. Taking part so far in this extremely valuable and comparatively cheap method of learning French and visiting France are, Warren, Clarke, Johnson, Clipstone, Sherwood, Cox, Eady, Warwick, Fokerd and Twelftree.

We have received with interest numerous contemporaries and return thanks for them.

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ENTRANTS.

P. J. Thompson to Form IIIA.

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LEAVERS.

G. W. Slade B. Abrahams A. A. Spencer
I. R. H. Wills N. C. Walters R. Heugh
J. W. Askham R. J. Curtis
R. J. Sharp D. J. Lilley (transfer to Leicester).

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EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, 1950-1951.

J. M. Gramshaw Cooper Scholarship in Chemistry at Nottingham University.
D. M. Fidler County Exhibition, at University College, Leicester.
P. H. Hunt County Exhibition, at University College, Leicester.
N. F. Elmore County Exhibition, at Nottingham University.
P. Wix County Exhibition, at Nottingham University.
P. Wilson County Exhibition, at St. Peter's Hall, Oxford.
P. W. Furnell County Exhibition.
B. Bazeley County Exhibition.
K. M. Bradshaw County Exhibition, at Manchester University.
R. Goodbody County Exhibition.
R. Lawrence County Exhibition, at University College, Leicester.
E. R. Tilley County Exhibition.
J. H. Anderson County Exhibition.

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DECEMBER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

J. Bradshaw e s g M GS A
A. L. Partridge e s F m BIO a
W. E. Peplow e s G M BIO a
ODE ON A NOT-SO-DISTANT PROSPECT OF SUMMER EXAMINATIONS.

Awake, O Upper Sixth, awake,
And give to learning all your rapt attention,
For the month of June is bursting out once more,
Examinations bring their weary chore!
No Literary cares, no cause for fear,
No Student sheds a philosophic tear,
For well we know that, though all do their best,
Our worthy sage, Augustus, will protest.
Then, Geography—this many had surprised,
For they had not their topics crystallised.
But hold! What faery elf with sylph-like tread,
Admonishes for what we have not read.
'Tis the Muse of History, which, coming last,
Causes to grope into a murky past,
E'en though forearm'd by Clio's forecast.
Economists their negligence did rue,
Though armed with Crowther they'd forgot Pigou.
Then, Russian which our baser instinct rouses,
And makes poor linguists kick their worthy spouses.
Then, Latium's lingo, the last hope of those
Who have an Academic future chose!
And turn with curses and with looks full moody
To prayers and contemplation of their Brodie.
Lo! The dread ordeal is almost o'er,
Light dawns again and no one worries more,
The mind, no more uneasy and confined,
To razzle turns, square dancing and the kind,
Apart from 'Puffer' who with worried care
Applies himself to literary fare.
The others, tortured by uneasy fear,
Meditate on what they'll get next year.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Captain: R Shawley. Vice-Captain: B. A. Groome.
Hon. Secretary: P. F. Jones.

We must congratulate J. A. Whiffing on playing not only for the County Grammar Schools XV., but also for the English Schools XV. against France at Northampton and against Wales at Cardiff.

COLOURS.

Under 15 XV. Colours were awarded to R. A. Field, P. E. D. Howes, P. J. Negus and W. Priest.
### RESULTS.

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### CRICKET.

#### 1st XI.

**Captain:** J. A. Whiffing.  
**Vice-Captain:** D. F. Walden.  
**Hon. Secretary:** B. H. Warren.

For the second year in succession the record of the 1st XI. at this stage of the season is an excellent one—it is still an unbeaten team.

At the beginning of the season we were faced with the problem of finding adequate replacements for six outstanding members of last year's side, Law, I. R. Wills, P. Wills, A. G. Smith, Hunt and Bradshaw. These boys had been regular members of the side for many years and we realised the problem of replacing them would
be a serious one. In fact, Hunt and the Wills brothers had borne the brunt of the bowling and no new boys seemed capable of doing the same. However, once more the 2nd XI. and the under 15 gave us the necessary replacements and by our conversion of Walden from a wicket keeper to a "seam" bowler, we have an opening attack which, if not as experienced as in previous years, has shown an enthusiasm for learning, which has been most encouraging. They have not often been successful in breaking the back of the opposing side's batting but they have captured vital wickets in the early stages of the game. Walden, in particular, has shown an ability to move the ball into a batsman and an accuracy which has often kept one end going.

The spin bowlers, who were not called upon last year, have, this year, come into their own. Holmes has bowled very well in almost every match, spinning the ball both ways with disconcerting accuracy at times. Whiffing, although reluctant to put himself on, has surely proved by now that left arm spinners can be highly successful against most school sides.

The batting has been the outstanding feature of this year's team. It has shown a stability and an enthusiasm to go for the runs that has been lacking for many years. Furnell has greatly improved since last year and can now be considered as one of the best batsmen the school has ever had. His 43 against a strong Parents XI. was a very worthy effort. Warren, Walden and Whiffing have been consistently good while Homan and Tunn, both "new boys," after an uncertain start, have improved almost beyond recognition. Here, special mention must be made of Humphrey who came from the Under 15 XI. In his first match, he was required to go in when the team had lost 6 wickets for 8 runs in reply to Oundle's 159 for 7. Helped by Whiffing, he scored 24 not out and enabled the team to force a draw. Since then he has only been out once and now has the amazing batting average of 70.

Because of the success of the batting this year, newcomers such as Hyde, Priest, Gilbert and Evans have still to show their prowess. We have always declared before their turn has come.

Unfortunately the fielding has been "patchy." For a young side, this is a severe criticism but neither the catching nor the ground fielding has yet reached a very high standard. The only possible exceptions have been Hyde and Holmes—the rest of the side must, from now on, realise that matches can be won or lost according to the standard of the fielding.

Although we had a narrow escape from defeat at the hands of Oundle 2nd XI., the drawn matches against Deacon's School and King's School, Peterborough, counterbalanced this. Once more our old rivals, Kettering, have been handsomely defeated, this time by seven wickets. We also have defeated Wellingborough School 2nd XI. and Kimbolton School 1st XI. In both of these matches Holmes proved almost unplayable while Whiffing and Walden accounted for the rest of the opposition cheaply. Also in both of these matches lively hitting by Tunn and Warren encouraged the other boys to get the necessary runs quickly. Half-volleys were not ignored but hit hard and often—an encouraging sign.
Warren has kept wicket efficiently apart from a few mistakes which were caused only by lack of experience. Whiffing has been gaining experience in the art of captaincy and will render even better service to school cricket in the future.

For a very young team the results have been surprisingly good but sound sides still remain to be beaten before the school can claim a second season's unbeaten record.

RESULTS.

May 12th. v. Old Boys. Won.
Old Boys 40 (Gilbert 4 for 10, Walden 5 for 26).
W.G.S. 66 (Holmes 35).

May 20th. v. Deacon's School, Peterborough. Drawn.
Deacon's 73 (Holmes 5 for 16).
W.G.S. 63 for 4 (Walden 23).

May 31st. v. Oundle School 2nd XI. Drawn.
Oundle 159 for 7 dec. (Walden 3 for 43).
W.G.S. 54 for 7 (Humphrey 24 not out).

June 2nd. v. Wellingborough School 2nd XI. Won.
Wellingborough School 75 (Holmes 4 for 24, Whiffing 6 for 32).
W.G.S. 92 for 5 (Warren 13, Furnell 12, Whiffing 22 not out, Tunn 28 not out).

King's 137 for 5 declared.
W.G.S. 81 for 4 (Warren 31, Homan 20).

June 13th. v. Parents XI. Drawn.
Parents 163 for 5 declared.
W.G.S. 101 for 5 (Furnell 44, Humphrey 19 not out).

June 16th. v. Kimbolton School 1st XI. Won.
Kimbolton 37 (Walden 3 for 5, Holmes 4 for 14, Whiffing 2 for 3).
W.G.S. 106 for 6 dec. (Homan 16, Walden 17, Furnell 22, Tunn 19, Humphrey 15 not out).

June 20th. v. Kettering G.S. Won.
Kettering 50 (Holmes 6 for 12, Walden 3 for 14).
W.G.S. 51 for 3 (Homan 23 not out, Furnell 12).

2ND XI.

RESULTS.

May 26th. v. Deacon's School 2nd XI. Drawn.
Deacon's 21 for 5.
W.G.S. 49 (Evans 13).

June 7th. v. Harpur School, Bedford, 1st XI. Drawn.
Harpur 86 for 8 dec. (C. A. Clarke 3 for 17, Evans 3 for 3).
W.G.S. 39 for 9.

June 23rd. v. Blackfriars School 1st XI. Drawn.
Blackfriars 100 for 9 dec. (Evans 3 for 16, Gilbert 3 for 14).
W.G.S. 38 for 5 (Fountain 15 not out).

UNDER 15 XI.

While the bowling has been quite accurate and varied and the fielding, though with momentary lapses, has been keen and good, the indifferent batting of the Under 15 XI. has been responsible for lack of greater success. The lesson that, particularly on fast
wickets, it is fatal to play back to a ball well pitched up, has not been learned. This tendency to play back instead of forward, together with bad footwork, has caused the premature fall of many wickets. An unwillingness to hit the ball hard and punish the bad ball, coupled with excessive caution, has made the bowling of opposing sides appear better than it really was, and accounts for some low scoring in otherwise protracted innings.

RESULTS.

May 16th. v. Wellingborough School Under 15 XI. Lost.
Wellingborough 24 for 4.
W.G.S. 13.

Northampton 126 for 8 dec. (Brawn 3 for 21).
W.G.S. 89 for 4 (Ray 20, Fairbrass 25, Brawn 20 not out).

Kettering 47 for 3.
W.G.S. 64.

June 12th. v. Oundle Junior Colts. Drawn.
Oundle 130 for 8.
W.G.S. 61 for 9 (Fairbrass 24, Kay 21).

June 16th. v. King's School, Peterborough, Under 15 XI. Won.
King's 40.
W.G.S. 52 for 3.

Bedford 99. (Bayes 5 for 42, E. A. Smith 3 for 17).
W.G.S. 48 for 7.

A well balanced team, we are enjoying a successful season. Steady, accurate bowling backed up by reliable batting has brought success in four of the five matches played so far; rain interfered with the other match.

The following have played: Ridge (Captain), Wills (Vice-captain), Peacock, Buckby, Abbott, Byford, Sherwood, Bailey, Bird, Barclay, Billing, Hunt, Carvell, Dickens and Hawkins.

RESULTS.

Northampton 28 (Ridge 5 for 2, Wills 5 for 7).
W.G.S. 29 for 2 (Peacock 19 not out).

May 26th. v. Deacon's School, Peterborough, Under 14 XI. Won.
Deacon's 21 (Ridge 6 for 3).
W.G.S. 22 for 1.

May 9th. v. Leicester City Boys' School Under 14 XI. Drawn.
Leicester 66 (Buckby 5 for 24).
W.G.S. 13 for 3.

June 12th. v. Kettering G.S. Under 14 XI. Won.
Kettering 52 for 6 dec. (Ridge 4 for 13).
W.G.S. 54 for 3 (Peacock 15).

Northampton 39 (Buckby 6 for 3, Wills 3 for 12).
W.G.S. 40 for 4 (Peacock 13 not out, Buckby 10 not out).
ATHLETICS.

Captain: P. F. Jones.

The season began at the end of February with standards but the appalling weather and consequent lack of training did not help performances. Standards were continued during the first part of this term and a decided improvement in the general athletic ability of the school was noted. More boys than ever before have secured standards and this looks promising for the future.

The Easter holiday training was continued but the weather again was unkind. This term we have been much more fortunate and the Middles have shown great keenness in training. For the first time several boys attended the athletics' course held at Grendon Hall at Easter and were indeed fortunate to have expert tuition from the Amateur Athletic Association Midland Area coach, Mr. A. R. Malcolm and others.

Sports Day was held in fine weather and performances were good. In particular, we must mention Negus who broke the record for the Quarter Mile, Middle, and Peplow who did likewise in the High Jump, Senior. Mr. W. E. Capon, a Governor of the School, presented the Cups and Medals.

The Athletics Match with King’s School and Deacon’s School, Peterborough, was held on our ground this year and our boys performed creditably although we found King’s School a very strong team, particularly in the Seniors.

In the Northants. County A.A.A. Championships held at Corby on 2nd June, Boyd and Peplow secured 2nd places in the 220 yards and High Jump Youths’ respectively and are to be congratulated.

Nine of our boys competed in the Northants. Schools’ Athletic Association Championships at Finedon on 23rd June, and successes were as follows: 440 yards 15-17, 2nd Furnell; Long Jump, 15-17 2nd Boyd; 880 yards 15-17, 3rd Eaton; 880 yards under 15, 2nd Negus; 220 yards under 15, 2nd Fairbrass; High Jump under 15, 3rd Field, T. A.

Finally we must thank those who have given up so much time for our benefit, mentioning in particular Mr. Pine and Mr. C. Ward.

RESULTS.

ATHLETIC MATCH.

May 21st v. King’s School and Deacon’s School, Peterboro' Home.
King’s 101½ points. School 52 points. Deacon’s 35½ points.

SCHOOL SPORTS, MAY 10TH.

Mile, Senior. (Record : 4 mins. 38.4 secs., Surridge, G. P., 1949).
  Time : 5 mins. 3.2 secs.

Half Mile, Senior. (Record : 2 mins. 8.8 secs., Surridge, G. P., 1949).
  Time : 2 mins. 19.8 secs.
Half Mile, Middle. (Record: 2 mins. 17.8 secs., Barber, D. W., 1950).
   Time: 2 mins. 27.8 secs.

Half Mile, Junior. (Record: 2 mins. 37 secs., Kiellor, P. S., 1949).
   Time: 2 mins. 41.8 secs.

Quarter Mile, Senior. (Record: 55.8 secs., Simmons, J. L., 1949).
   Time: 58 secs.

Quarter Mile, Middle.
   Time: 59.8 secs. (Record).

220 yards, Senior. (Record: 22.7 secs., Hyde, J. P., 1949).
   Time: 26.2 secs.

220 yards, Middle. (Record: 24.8 secs., Oakley, R. T. W., 1946).
   Time: 27.4 secs.

220 yards, Junior. (Record: 27.8 secs., Wiggins, G. J., 1946).
   Time: 31 secs.

100 yards, Senior. (Record: 10.1 secs., Hyde, J. P., 1949).
   Time: 11.8 secs.

100 yards, Middle. (Record: 11 secs., Oakley, R. T. W., 1946).
   Time: 12 secs.

100 yards, Junior. (Record: 12 secs., Wiggins, G. J., 1946).
   Time: 13.6 secs.

High Jump, Senior.
   Time: 5' 4" (Record).
   Height: 5' 4" (Record).

High Jump, Middle. (Record: 4' 10½"., Moore, E. E., 1949).
   Height: 4' 10½" (Equal Record).

High Jump, Junior. (Record: 4' 5½"., Ridge, G. T., 1950).
   Height: 4' 2½".

   Distance: 18' 3½".

Long Jump, Middle. (Record: 17' 7½", Law, D. S., 1947).
   Distance: 17' 4½".

   Distance: 13' 9½".

Martin Athletic Cup:
   1. Gryphons ... 188 2/3 points
   2. Dragons ... 135 1/3
   3. Lions ... 119
   4. Stags ... 98

Henson Relay Cup:
   1. Dragons ... 32 points
   2. Gryphons ... 24
   3. Lions ... 16
   4. Stags ... 12
CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

Practice in the Easter term was hindered by bad weather and very heavy going. Continued building across the course would suggest that before long, this particular sport will be reduced to a mere road run, at least for Juniors.

The House Competition was comfortably won by Gryphons as a team, though R. Eaton, of Dragons, ran a fine course to come in first in 16 mins. 22 secs. In the Middles Competition P. J. Negus, Gryphons, won in 17 mins. 40 secs.

Final points and placings were:
1. Gryphons ... 76 points  
2. Lions ... 141 points  
3. Stags ... 197 points  
4. Dragons ... 213 points

SWIMMING.

Although swimming started late this year, most forms will have had about six visits to Wilby Lido by the end of term. The 1st forms have done well and many boys found they were able to swim at their first lesson. Distance swimming for the House Competition is reaching a good standard and should be the best yet. The Lower VI. so far have the best record as a form with IVb. coming next.

Remember there is no short cut to becoming a good swimmer. To those who like swimming and wish to reach a high standard, the best advice is to swim as much and as often as possible and to keep your distance swimming to one style for at least 200 yards. So the recipe is swim—swim—swim.

P.T. CLUB.

There has been an influx of new blood into the Club. These new members have done well and helped in our display on Parents’ Day which appeared to be a success. Fortunately, none had to retire through illness or injury so all went according to plan.

A great improvement has been shown by the younger members, who, luckily for them, seem able to bounce off anything.

HOUSE P.T. COMPETITION.

Wednesday, June 6th, a bright and sunny day, saw the whole School and Staff out on the playing field. Three hundred boys took part in the competition and a very close contest was fought out. The Dragons emerged winners but were only half a point ahead of the Lions.

1st Dragons. 2nd Lions. 3rd Stags. 4th Gryphons.
PARENTS’ COMMITTEE.

The Parents’ Committee continues to flourish. We would like to emphasise the Headmaster’s remarks on Speech Day, that there is no selection nor election of the Committee. Any parent is welcome to join, all that is necessary is to send name and address to the School, and then an invitation to the next Committee meeting will be sent.

Parents’ Day was held on 14th June, when proceeds from the Stalls etc. realised £32. Our first Summer Whist Drive was held on 19th June, and this added another £7 to our Fund. Recent contributions from this Fund to school life have been £50 for Stage Curtains and Lighting; £25 for Crockery for school functions; £20 for the Junior Library; Purchase of Medals for School Sports; and a loan to the Old Boys’ Memorial Field.

Next term we are having a Parents’ Meeting, when the Headmaster and Staff will be pleased to talk to the parents individually, and the Headmaster will explain the working of the new Leaving Certificate.

The Annual Meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday, 18th September, at 7.0 p.m. in the Library.

HOUSE NOTES.

DRAGONS.

House Masters:

Mr. C. A. Pine, Mr. C. J. H. Ward, Mr. A. E. Sparrow.

Head of House: B. A. Groome.


Congratulations are extended to the following on being elected to the various vacant positions at the last House Meeting. Warren was appointed Captain of Cricket; Drage as Swimming Captain; Hyde and Boyd as joint P.T. Captains. During the Easter Term the House was very unlucky in the various competitions, being thwarted in some cases by a very narrow margin from gaining top honours. After extremely good performances in the House Music and House Drama Competitions, the Dragons were placed second on both occasions, all credit being due to the members of the Choir and the Drama Team, with particular mention to the work of the Choir Conductor, J. P. Edwards, and the play producer, Warren.

The first round of the House Cricket Competition this term, resulted in the Dragons gaining first class victories over the Lions in both the Senior and Junior games. The House again accounted well for itself in Athletics by winning the Relay Cup and gaining second place for the Athletics Cup. Finally, we crowned a very successful year of work by carrying off the P.T. Trophy after a hard fight.
Special mention must be made of certain individuals, for their achievements during the year. One can well recall Eaton’s magnificent effort in the Cross Country Competition, which was really contrary to expectations, and provided the Dragons with the honour of having the first man home. The same runner was also prominent in the Athletic Sports. He, J. P. Edwards and T. A. Field, were mainly responsible for gaining us second place in the competition.

The House can look back on its past achievements with pride, and if the effort can be sustained, we can look optimistically into the future for further success, and continuance of the House’s great tradition.

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**GRYPHONS.**

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

*Head of House:* R. Shawley.


This year has been a most successful one for the House. Three Cups, for Cross-country, Drama and Athletics, and the Ferguson Trophy, for School work, have been won.

Since the last notes were written, the Seniors have won their remaining two rugger matches, but the Juniors lost theirs. Improvement is needed there if we are to win the Cup.

The Cross-country Cup was again won by packing, Barber, Walden and Pope, finishing 2nd, 4th and 5th, respectively in the Senior event. Negus was first in the Junior, where four Gryphons were among the first six.

Despite the efforts of Crawley, the Music Cup again eluded us, but we were more than compensated by the House Play Cup. In the play, "Any Body?" produced by Shawley, every actor played his part very well.

For the second year in succession, we have won the Athletics Cup. Both Peplow and Negus broke School records, and the other performances were almost as noteworthy. There are some good Junior athletes; among them R. Nevett and R. J. Spencer stand out.

In the Cricket matches to date, the Seniors have managed, with some difficulty, to draw both games. Negus saved the first game by a steady innings, and Walden did the same in the second. The Juniors have lost their two games.

We were unsuccessful in the P.T. Competition, partly because there was a limited choice for J. F. Pope (Captain) to make in the Sixth form. The trouble appeared to be a lack of height and weight which are so useful for our games.’

House Colours were awarded to Field, Houghton and Negus for their work in Athletics, Rugby and Cricket.

In conclusion, we wish all leavers the best of luck in the future.
The relative fates on no less than six Inter-House Cups have been decided since Christmas. Firstly, we must consider the events of the Autumn Term.

Our Senior Rugby Team was exceedingly disappointing in that they lost all three matches, so the least said about that the better. The Juniors partly redeemed the failure of their elders in winning their match with the Gryphons.

The Cross-Country Competition was decided on a fine day after a week of rain, and the conditions were far from ideal. The Seniors did very well and it was generally expected that we should win the Cup, but this time it was the Juniors who let us down.

The House Music Competition saw a great reversal. We were greatly handicapped by the lack of Seniors, and the even greater lack of Seniors who would "lower" themselves by singing. There is a large percentage of boys who despise the musician—probably because they have no musical inclinations themselves—this attitude is entirely wrong and it is the responsibility of those of us who do enjoy music, to show them so. Bettles and Cullip deserve credit for a courageous effort. Nickerson, who has now left, needs special mention and Redrman and Lumbers also did their best, and obtained no undue praise for it.

The House Plays were a very close contest and we obtained 80 out of 100 marks to tie for third place.

During this term the first Competition to be decided was for the Athletics Cup. We were third in a contest which was much closer than of late.

The main Inter-House event of this Term is the Cricket Cup Competition. So far one-and-a-half rounds have been decided. In the first round the Seniors lost by the narrow margin of 4 runs. That the Dragons only scored 39 all out was largely due to some good, though at times erratic, bowling by Tunn. However, when our turn came to bat the team failed rather badly after starting well. The Juniors also lost in the last over of their match. At the time of writing only the Seniors have played in the second round and drew with the Gryphons.

After a recount we lost the P.T. Cup by half a point, a good all round performance and due credit must go to Berwick, the Captain, who is also Captain of Swimming.

It is hoped he will be supported to even better effect in the Swimming Sports at the end of term.
STAGS.

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

Head of House: N. F. Elmore.


Since the last House Notes were written, we have nobly striven to win more honours, and if we have not always been rewarded with success it is not through lack of enthusiasm.

In the Rugby Cup last term we did very well in finishing first, for many of last year’s strong side had left. The House Choir, under their Conductor, J. W. Gilbert, won the Music Cup in convincing style. It is to be regretted, however, that the coveted Drama Cup is no longer in our possession, but this was mainly due to inexperience on the part of the new actors.

The P.T. Competition, the Athletics Cup and the Relay Cup Competitions provided rather a disappointment, for we usually do well in all of them. Activities in this sphere will have to be improved.

In the Ferguson Trophy for School Work we were a very close second.

The two remaining Cups to be contested for this year are the Swimming and Cricket Cups. Usually the House is successful in these Cups, and it seems that the high standard is to be maintained, for after playing two rounds of the House Matches, we are leading in the Cricket Competition. There is an excellent chance of success and we have made a good start in the Swimming Competition.

Congratulations are extended to P. S. Valentine and C. J. Rockingham on being awarded their House Colours.

All that now remains is to wish all entrants for examinations the very best of luck, and also to wish good luck for the future to all leavers, and may they have long lasting and pleasant memories of their association with the House.

PARENTS’ DAY.

Prize Giving, June, 1951.

Despite lowering clouds and the constant threat of rain during the day, we had another most successful ceremony and tea in the Quadrangle. Parents and friends made up a large audience both to the speeches and the exhibitions.

We were honoured by the presence of the Right Revd. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, supported by Mr. Churchill, Chief Education Officer, and by a large number of Governors. After the Prize Distribution, the Bishop gave, from his wealth of high scholastic experience, a pointed address on the necessity of continuing at school beyond the age of sixteen. Only then is the school’s best work done both for and by the boy. Only then can he have any real inkling what his lifelong education can and should be.

The Parents’ Committee put in again their hard but most successful day’s work and we sincerely thank them for that and the long preparation leading up to it.
SIXTH FORM:

Upper: Arts
- P. W. Furnell
- R. Shawley
Science
- N. F. Elmore
- D. M. Fidler
- J. M. Gramshaw
- C. B. Johnson
- J. W. Gilbert
- M. Wells

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- M. Wells

Headmaster’s Prize
- R. Shawley

Mr. Lay’s Prize for Divinity
- B. S. Walker

Mr. W. E. Capon’s Prize
- P. B. Burt

Spanish Prize
- L. Clipstone

FIFTH FORM:

Miss Cook’s Prize for English
- P. S. Earl

“Robert Troath” Prize for History
- K. C. Busby

“Robert Troath” Prize for Geography
- P. B. Burt

French
- M. F. Magee
- S. E. Johnson

Mathematics
- S. E. Johnson

“E. J. Thorpe” Prize for Physics
- K. Bradshaw

Chemistry
- K. Bradshaw

Biology
- K. Bradshaw

VA.
- Arts
- L. Clipstone
- D. Priestley

Science
- N. R. Redman
- R. P. Peake

Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature
- G. H. Patenall

IVB.
- Form Prize

Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature
- J. B. Drage

III.
- Form Prize

OLD BOYS’ DISTINCTIONS.

D. H. Newman, Final Examination of the Royal Institute of Chartered Accountants.
R. W. Dallas, M.A., Second Class Honours Economics, Glasgow.
P. T. Eden, First Class Honours Classical Moderations, Oxford.
B. F. Toms, Russian Distinction in Preliminary Examination, Oxford.
K. R. Spencer (Harmsworth Senior Scholar, Merton, Oxford), Junior Lectureship, Oxford.
R. Hales, Herbertson Prize for Geography, Oxford.
E. Cross, Class 2/1, Part I. English Tripos, Cambridge.
R. Leslie, awarded Kitchener Scholarship tenable at St. Peter’s Hall, Oxford.
D. R. Smith, Class I. Economics, Sheffield.
A. M. Hall, Class II., Part II. Geography Tripos, Cambridge.

HOUSE CUPS, 1949-50.

Ferguson Trophy (Work in School)
- Gryphons

Mrs. H. W. Saxby’s Rugby Cup
- Stags

Yorkie Cricket Cup
- Dragons

Henson Relay Cup
- Gryphons

Gordon Shipman Mile Cup
- Stags

Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature
- G. J. Penness

IIIb.
- Form Prize

Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature
- J. H. Rich
- J. M. Shawley

Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature
- P. Hutton

Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature
- C. Mallows

Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature
- G. T. Ridge
- D. R. Moreton

Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature
- P. A. Tear
- J. C. Canty
- P. R. Ingram

Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature
- J. F. Roe
- C. Jones
- A. B. Holmes
- B. M. Barclay

Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature
- P. T. Knight
- J. F. Parson
- T. Childs

Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature
- D. Patchett
- D. Cullip

Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature
- N. G. Rees
- R. Laverick
- M. J. Howes
- A. G. Fokerd
- B. L. Sherwood

Old Boys’ Prize for General Literature
- M. A. Crawley
- J. D. Woodall

Martin Athletic Cup
- Gryphons

James Swimming Cup
- Dragons

Ford Physical Training Cup
- Gryphons

Williams Cross Country Cup
- Lions

Appleby Cup for Music
- Lions

Cook Cup for Plays
- Stags

Stags
DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The performance of Agatha Christie's *Ten Little Niggers* was generally considered to have been our most successful. Even those who always like to criticise "all things dramatic" had to admit that it gave universal pleasure. The theme of the gradual elimination of visitors to an island is not an easy one to manipulate as too exaggerated acting or too much emphasis on the more gruesome aspects can easily turn the play into a Victorian melodrama. That the tension was maintained so well reflects great credit on the actors, many of whom were new to the stage.

Around the 'old firm' of Shawley, Crawley and S. W. Brown were grouped new comers in Norman, Magee, Jones, Furnell and Partridge. Most of these had important parts, and Furnell and Partridge occupied the stage for the greater part of the play. So well did all perform that the general standard of acting was even higher than that of previous years.

It is insidious to select individuals for praise as the cast acts as a team where each has an important function, but special mention may perhaps be made of Crawley's interpretation of the mad judge, Edwards' portrayal of the embittered spinster and S. W. Brown's smooth performance as the heroine. The 'domestic' side was competently handled by Magee, Norman and Jones; the 'medical' by Shawley; the 'military' by Groome, and the 'athletic' by Warren. It is good to know that Crawley, Edwards, Furnell, Brown, Norman and Jones will probably be with us next term. Also it may interest some to know that Mr. Doderlein was so impressed with the play that he intends to produce it at his School in Norway—if, as he says, he can get anyone capable of handling the Judge's part.

The stage Management was in the hands of Mr. Henderson and his assistants; their setting was admired by all. Dr. Jackson produced the play. Next term's play has not yet been chosen although some fifty plays have been inspected. It is hoped that it will be selected by the end of the term.

HOUSE PLAYS.

For the first time since its inception the House Play Competition for the Cook Cup was won by the Gryphons. Their performance of *Any Body?* was placed first by the Judges, Mr. and Mrs. Bugby. Much credit goes to Shawley who managed a large cast in so able a manner.

Second came the Dragons' *Dear Departed*, produced by Warren. This was a meritorious performance considering the inexperience of most of the actors. Edwards and Stratton were outstanding. The Stags (holders for the past three years) attempted a serious play, *Banquo's Chair*, but despite a spirited performance by their producer, S. W. Brown, only tied for third place with the Lions (*As Foretold*) whose producer, J. A. Norris, did his best with the material available. The adjudicators commented strongly on the high standard of the acting.

RESULT: Gryphons 90%; Dragons 85%; Lions and Stags 80%.
LIBRARY NOTES.

Recent additions include:

- Oxford Junior Encyclopaedia, Volume IV., Communications.
  Gregg, P. ... A Social and Economic History of Britain, 1760—1950.
- Travers, B. H. ... Let's Talk Rugger.
- Philpot, O. ... Stolen Journey.
- Caldwell, J. ... Desperate Voyage.
- Bryant, A. ... The Age of Elegance.
- Gibbs-Smith, C. H. ... The Great Exhibition of 1851.
- Sinclair, R. ... East London.
- Tirrell, M. E. ... Practical Drawing.
- Several books on Musical Subjects.
- Several works of Modern Fiction.

We received a number of books under a bequest made by the late P. A. Fryer, Esq., of Wilby.

We would like to thank Mrs. G. Dallas and Mr. L. F. Norman for gifts of books and the County Librarian and her staff for their assistance in ordering and classifying books.

The following periodicals are provided:

- Daily The Times.
- Weekly Listener, Spectator, New Statesman and Nation, Cycling, Sphere.
- Monthly Linguist, Readers Digest.

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MODEL AERO CLUB.

Chairman: Mr. R. H. Temple.

The reformed Model Aero Club now approaching the end of its first year has grown quickly among the junior half of the School.

Meetings are held on Thursday evenings from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

In good weather, flying takes place on the field but in weather unsuitable for flying members build their models, exchange plans and discuss all aspects of the hobby.

A successful exhibition was held on Parents' Day when we displayed about 15 models.

This term so far has produced rather poor flying conditions, but we hope before August to have had some useful experience.

Club Members would like to record their thanks to Mr. Temple for his very kind support and help in running the Club.
MUSIC NOTES.

The 1950 Carol Service was given before the School on Monday, 18th December, and before parents and friends on Tuesday, 19th December. The Junior, Male Voice and Senior Choirs all took part and gave very creditable performances of new and traditional carols.

PROGRAMME:

**SENIOR CHOIR:**
- Welcome Yule, thou merry man
- I saw three ships
- 'Twas in a cave
- Christ is at thy portals
- Our Lady’s Lullaby
- Bless withouten match
- Beside Thy cradle here I stand

**MALE VOICE CHOIR:**
- God rest ye merry, gentlemen
- Still the night, holy the night

**JUNIOR CHOIR:**
- A Virgin Mother of great beauty
- The five lesser joys of Mary
- Snow in the Street
- He is born, the Child Divine

At the end of the Spring Term the annual House Music Competition was held and was adjudicated by Frederick Stevens, Esq., the Music Adviser for Berkshire. Stags (Conductor, J. W. Gilbert) were placed first, Dragons (J. P. Edwards) second, Gryphons (M. A. Crawley) third, and Lions (R. E. Knight) fourth. Much time and effort had been put into the preparation of the set piece and the voluntary items, and this resulted in a reasonably high standard in the majority of the items. Mr. Stevens gave helpful comments and suggestions at the end of the competition and presented the Appleby Cup to J. W. Gilbert.

Owing to the shortness of the Spring Term this year, the School Music Recital was given before parents and friends in Hall on May 9th. The combined High School and Grammar School instrumentalists gave three short orchestral items. Instrumental assistance was also given in the orchestra by some of the masters and mistresses and was much appreciated. This was only the second appearance of the orchestra in public and they acquitted themselves creditably. All three choirs, Senior, Junior and Male Voice, took part, and selected items from the House Music Competition represented the various Houses. Mr. Jessup accompanied the choir items very ably at the piano.

**PROGRAMME.**

1. **JUNIOR CHOIR:**
- The Piper
- Shadow Questions (2 part)
- The New Commonwealth
- Sea Horses

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2. **REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS FROM THE HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION.**

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3. **SENIOR CHOIR:**

Excerpts from ‘The Rhyming Shopman’ ... Thomas Pitfield

4. **ORCHESTRAL ITEMS:**

- Minuet in G. ...
- Sonata from Cantata No. 182 ...
- Minuet (Samson) ...

5. **MALE VOICE CHOIR:**

- The Old Woman ...
- Frisco Bay ...
- John Anderson, my Jo ...
- 'Twas in the broad Atlantic ...
- 23rd Psalm (Metrical Version) to the tune Crimond

The Junior Choir, after much hard work, represented the school at the Wellingborough Schools' Music Festival on May 31st, and experienced once again the thrill of singing with a large body of singers.

At Commemoration Service on June 8th, the Senior Choir sang the Anthem, “Jesus, Fount of Consolation,” by Bach, and also one verse unaccompanied of each of the Hymns. The whole school sang Stanford’s setting of the 150th Psalm.

Incidental notes record the singing of a Sea Shanty by the Male Voice Choir during the broadcast of the Square Dance Party from the High School; a party visit to a stage version of Handel’s Messiah at Leicester at the end of the Autumn Term; and the visit of a small party to the New Theatre, Northampton, during the B.B.C. Northamptonshire week, to hear a performance of the concert version of “The Bartered Bride” by Smetana, given by local Choral Societies, the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and well known soloists. Attempts have been made to arrange other trips to musical events but sufficient support has not been forthcoming; it is hoped that more interest will be shown in the future.

The new radio and gramophone equipment has at last materialised and is a great improvement. As regards other instruments, the gift of a Clarinet is recorded from the parents of A. Kirby. A further appeal is made for any instruments which are no longer required and for music. A gift of a small collection of gramophone records is acknowledged, from R. C. Adkins.
SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

President: The Headmaster. 
Chairman: M. Wells.
Vice-Chairman: J. W. Gilbert. Secretary: H. G. Fitch.
Committee: M. A. Crawley, H. G. Fitch, J. W. Gilbert, M. Wells, R. E. Knight, Mr. W. Holmes.

The Society closed for the Summer after a very successful season of lectures. A complete list is given below.

- D. Buckey "Supersonics."
- M. A. Crawley "Generation and Differentiation."
- H. G. Fitch "The Disposal of Sewage."
- J. W. Gilbert "Viruses."
- B. Horn "Colloids."
- M. G. Horne "Oil."
- R. E. Knight "Chemistry and the Doctor."
- J. A. Norris "Precious Stones."
- M. Wells "Television."

M. A. Crawley was awarded Mr. Holmes’s Prize for the best lecture.

RAILWAY CLUB.

We have again had a successful term and our membership is as high as ever. On April 22nd, we tried the experiment of arranging an excursion on a Sunday and travelling by 'bus. The excursion was to the Bekonscot Model Village, lunch was taken in Beaconsfield, and the good weather made the outing very enjoyable. At the end of this term it is proposed to have an excursion to the Swindon Works of the Western Region. The finances of the club are such as to enable us further to extend the Model Railway during next term. We owe very sincere thanks to Mr. Cheale’s generosity in giving so much to the Sale just before Christmas. A substantial sum was raised for the Club thereby.

In conclusion we would like to thank all who have helped us during the past year, and to wish good luck to our members for the coming year.

6TH WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUT TROOP.

We have met as usual every Friday night this year, but the Troop is too small. Without asking Scouts of other Troops to join us, we do need a dozen more members.

We did well during the Annual Bob-a-job week with such jobs as cleaning brass, cutting grass, polishing glass and digging gardens.

Mr. Dunning is now back from New Zealand and he has been doing extensive tent repairs. The Silverwood Cup Competition was under the leadership of B. Hartwell and the Gilbey Cup Competition under B. Jimminson. We were placed second.
D. N. Stratton, who has been bird watching with his father (Ex-Scoutmaster, 2nd Wellingborough) has given two interesting talks on birds to the Troop mainly for the First Class Test. We shall soon be going to camp at Brill, near Oxford.

GEOGRAPHY IN THE OPEN AIR.

At the end of the Spring Term three of the Upper Sixth—Edwards, Furnell and Groome—accompanied by Mr. Jay, went to Juniper Hall, near Dorking in Surrey, to spend a week on a Course of Field Studies specially arranged for Sixth Form geography students from various schools in England. The Centre is pleasant situated where the River Mole breaks through the North Downs, and is admirably placed for study of the Wealden landscape. Organised excursions alternated with individual assignments, and the friendly relations existing between staff and students, coupled with the blessings of good food and favourable weather, combined to create a memorable week for the participants.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

EDITORIAL.

Our annual dinner, this year held at the Hind Hotel, was an enjoyable event, and it was pleasing to renew so many old friendships. In addition to our chief guest, Mr. Hole, we were most pleasantly surprised and honoured by the presence of our first Headmaster, Mr. Lay. It was a pleasure to see them both again.

Our cricketers this season have forsaken the Wellingborough Town League and have arranged a fixture list of friendly games. This venture seems to be quite popular but we should still like to see our playing strength increased.

The Memorial Sports Ground Committee are holding regular meetings, and their progress, although necessarily slow, is beginning to show results. Let us hope it will not be long before we see the first game played on the new ground.

The response to the Memorial Fund appeal has been quite favourable, but we are hoping that Old Boys who have not yet contributed will do so. All donations, however small, will be most welcome.

Finally, a word about the annual general meeting, this year to be held on Tuesday, September 25th. Please make every effort to attend, as it is essential that the Association should have the maximum of support. We shall be most pleased to see you together with any ideas you may have on the future activities of the Association.
CRICKET CLUB REPORT.

It was with a great deal of regret that the Old Grammarians cricket team severed its connections with the Wellingborough Town League.

We had many enjoyable matches during the several seasons in which we played on Eastfield Park. However, the difficulty of raising a Saturday afternoon XI—eleven players out of many hundreds of Old Boys—proved too great, and it was felt that playing Sunday and evening "friendly" fixtures might prove more attractive to Old Boys.

So far this policy has paid dividends in that we have been able to "borrow" Old Boys from other clubs, and thus turn out with a full team.

Until we have our own ground prepared there seems to be no prospect of attracting into our midst the better cricketers leaving school.

Five matches have been played this year and victories have been recorded over Messrs. H. W. Chapman, Ltd., Wilby Social Club, and Messrs. Campbell Praed and Co., Ltd. After a match of fluctuating fortunes, the School 1st XI. defeated their elder "brethren."

OLD GRAMMARIANS R.U.F.C.

The playing record of the 1st XV. is played 27, won 12, lost 12, drawn 3, points for 185, points against 197.

From the above it can be seen that the team enjoyed mixed fortunes. Compared with last season, the record is less successful, yet at times the team played excellently, both in defence and in attack. Enforced changes meant that the team was often weakened at the last minute—this was a disheartening feature of the season.

On several occasions the team entered the fray one short and the sight of a harassed match secretary tracking down players on a Saturday morning was all too common.

Smart led the team with great enthusiasm, playing well both as a forward and three-quarter. He was ably supported by the Vice-Captain, Bridgeford, who always played well—his speed off the mark left many opponents standing. Sturgess's kicking brought him over fifty points—a figure which speaks for itself.

The playing record of the "A" XV. is: played 20, won 5, lost 14, drawn 1, points for 84, points against 235.

The results should be considered as fair when it is remembered that this was the first season during which the team had a full fixture list. Difficulty was also experienced in fielding a full team each week, and like the first team, a match was often played with a man short. Old Boys who feel at all like playing are urged to get in touch with the general secretary. They will be sure of a game.

Best match of the "A" team was against Northampton Scouts when 22 points were scored against the visitors' three. In general, the "A's" fixture list was a little too heavy. Despite the rather
poor playing record, the team supplied the 1st XV. with several players who made the grade.

There are hopes of more success in the coming season.

We extend our congratulations to Don. White on what must be his greatest season to date. His re-call to the England XV. coincided with the season’s first and only victory. He also led East Midlands to their second victory in the County Championship.

In combination with Kettering and Wellingborough Town we gave Don. White’s XV. a close game at Kettering and afterwards strengthened the friendly spirit which exists between these clubs—and indeed among Rugby players everywhere.

On Boxing morning, however, we battled fiercely with the Town for the Round Table Charity Cup and became the first to hold this Trophy. Arrangements by the Round Table were excellent, and should encourage the large crowd to return next year.

We thank Mr. Wyldes for permission to use his field—what a grand ground it is—and all who have worked so hard to make 1950-51 a successful season.

The annual general meeting of the Rugby Club will be held at the School on Thursday, July 26th, at 7.30 p.m. All Old Boys interested are urged to attend and offer their share in running the Club.

OXFORD.

Unfortunately our number has been depleted by the temporary absence through illness, of that “man of letters,” D. A. G. Turner (St. Edmund Hall). We wish him a complete and rapid recovery and hope to see him in our ranks again soon.

Mr. Woolley has continued to take an interest in our activities. A suggestion that we hold an annual dinner is in the air. Our exiles in the Fens might be approached on the matter. They may welcome the chance for a breath of civilisation. On alternate years some of our number would no doubt be willing to see how the rest of the world lives.

At present there are six of us at Oxford, and next year there may be at least eleven—undoubtedly a record.

Academic distinctions head the list of individual achievements. We congratulate P. T. Eden (Balliol) who gained a First in Classical Honours Mods. He can now enjoy the Oxford summer term to the full, living on Bump Supper orgies and his academic reputation (compatible, we hope).

His contemporary, B. F. Toms (Christ Church), not to be outdone, has gained a distinction in Russian in Modern Languages Prelim. The report that he has taken a job at Harwell is quite unfounded.

Our graduates have been successful as sportsmen. K. R. Spencer (Merton) was rowing number two in the crew which went to the head of the river in Eights. He has been coaching other crews in addition to work for his D.Phil. thesis which has something to do with clocks.
D. W. Robinson (Wadham) was the organiser of a tour of Germany by his college rugby club during the Christmas vacation. The past season was spoilt for him by cartilage trouble. He has been trying to solidify rare gases and (almost as difficult) to persuade the Government to prolong his grant. During the Easter vacation he got away from it all by touring Morocco in a Morris Minor.

Finally our remaining pair, R. A. Hales and J. Hodgkins (St. Peter’s Hall) have been on a research expedition to Corsica. The former, who is taking Schools, has our sympathy in his efforts to do two years’ work in two weeks. The latter, in a more fortunate situation, has been dancing and arranging tennis tournaments.

A mention of two former but temporary members of the School, also up at Oxford, would not be out of place. J. Rodhouse, from Lowestoft, is up at St. Catherine’s, taking finals in history, and D. Marsh (formerly Marks), of Haberdashers’ is up at Wadham.

Oxon II.

CAMBRIDGE.

R. D. Stuart (Christ’s) is not often seen nowadays, but is presumed to be in his fourth year of research. Even his Porter’s Lodge seems to have forgotten him.

A. M. Hall (St. Catharine’s) is in his final year and working for the Geography Part II. examination—when he gets time! He is captain of tennis and chairman of the May Ball Committee and finds the river a great attraction on hot days. Big business negotiations occupy much thought, time and energy.

E. Cross (St. Catharine’s) was in the University Actors’ “Othello” last term, as well as the Marlow E. Society’s “Coriolanus.” He was rehearsal secretary for the Society. This term all interests are subordinated to the preparation for Part I. of the English Tripos. He looks forward to a fortnight’s Class “Z” training on Salisbury Plain in July.

R. F. Mayes (St. Catharine’s) has been fortunate in obtaining a room in the recently completed new building, and lives in luxury in its basement. He is working hard for Geography Part I.

R. Levy (St. Catharine’s) is taking Part I. of the Maths. Tripos and hopes to be able to start Physics in the long vacation term. He is training steadily for club and county athletics championships, and finds the rough Fenner’s track quite a contrast to the Sussex Athletic Stadium, at Hove. He plans to concentrate on athletics at Cambridge during the winter terms, playing rugger only in the vacations.

C. J. Bayliss (Jesus) came up on an open exhibition in October and is reading English (Prelim). His chief interests are writing and drawing for “Granta”; he also designed scenery and costumes for various dramatic clubs.

By the time this is read, the results of all our examinations will be known. Meanwhile, each of us nurses his secret worry, outwardly pretending that he “couldn’t care less.” We divide our
time between the Backs, where aconites, crocuses, daffodils, and bluebells have succeeded one another in rapid succession, and the library or cinema.

We were pleased to see Mr. Dunning and Mr. Holmes in Cambridge this term, the former full of enthusiasm for his recent visit to New Zealand, and the latter cherishing a secret ambition to set foot in the Cavendish Laboratory.

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MANCHESTER.

The University here has at present only three Old Grammarians. The reason, we understand, for there being so few of us, is either the distance from home or the reputation of the weather. We would point out, however, that it is undoubtedly the oldest (we have just celebrated our centenary) and the best of the provincial—or working—Universities.

Although it may surprise some of you, it does not rain all the time at Manchester. In fact, at present, it being examination time, we have had too much blue sky and sun.

These conditions make it even more unusual to see H. K. Maddams (St. Anselm Hall) labouring hard for Part I., Electrical Engineering Honours. In his spare time, he plays tennis and fives, as also does K. M. Bradshaw (Dalton Hall) who is in the middle of the intermediate examination in commerce and is, therefore, working reasonably hard. He plays cricket occasionally for his Hall and hopes to be seen more often with bat and pads after exams are over.

The third member of the Grammarian trio is J. H. Davies who has been seen only three times in eight months. We can only assume that theology must be a very deep subject.

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NOTTINGHAM.

With the prospects of exams overshadowing most of us, little has been seen of the Old Grammarians of late.

G. J. Howard can still be seen, however, in the Chemistry labs. carrying the inevitable frying pan. He is now living in a flat of his own and does his own cooking. This appears to have subdued his political interests somewhat.

P. E. Tompkins, having no exams this term, has been disporting himself on the tennis courts, to the detriment of his bridge.

J. C. Clayton has just taken a Maths. exam., much to his remorse and the detriment of his tennis. He has had some trials for the cricket club.

Congratulations to J. Gramshaw on winning the Cooper Scholarship.

We extend a hearty welcome to Old Grammarians coming up next term.
SHEFFIELD.

There is not much to say concerning Old Boys at Sheffield at the moment. Those your correspondent has interviewed have muttered vaguely about "work," "exams." or "finals," and have been even more vague about their private lives.

Examination results have just been published, however, and it is very pleasing to record that D. R. Smith has gained a first-class honours degree in economics.

The other three Old Boys at Sheffield have also been successful—D. C. A. Bradshaw in the Diploma of Education, D. Durham in his part one economics finals, and C. Stone in his first year architecture.

As far as private lives are concerned, you may rest assured that these remain, as ever, interesting, but their owners wish them to remain for ever private!

LEICESTER.

The College is expanding very rapidly, and while cement mixers grind away in the background, we try, without much success, to pursue our various courses of study.

C. W. Craddock is in his third year in the honours school of economics. He is vitally interested in money, but hasn't yet learned how to make it. He fences for the College second team, and took part in the U.A.U. sabre championships in London last year.

R. Lawrence. First year, honours maths. He seems to enjoy refectory lunches, and seems to have added substantially to his waist-line. The College Rugby Club has not been unaware of his playing ability—and his weight, and he plays regularly for the 1st XV.

D. M. Fidler. First year, general science. He coxes for the Boat Club, and is a member of the Astronomical Society.

P. H. Hunt. First year, honours physics. Sometime member of the Boat Club, now plays regularly for the 1st XI. cricket team. He impresses everyone with his sense of humour, and is consequently on very good terms with the warden of Men's Hall.

TREASURER.

It is not often that a Treasurer is called upon to rush into print. I dared to hope that my duties would only amount to keeping the books and presenting a balance sheet, of which no questions would be asked!

However, I have been asked for my comments on the progress of the Memorial Fund Appeal that was launched at the beginning of the year.

After the idea of such an appeal had been mooted, a very generous offer was made by the School, through the Headmaster, to bear the
cost of printing the appeal letters. These were then sent to all Old Boys—paid and unpaid members. The total number posted amounted to well over a thousand.

I then sat back to await the avalanche of replies. Within a day they came, but I must admit now that my postman was never unduly worried by the quantity.

The flow steadily became weaker and I now regret to report that it has almost dried up. I feel that there must be several of you who intend to contribute but who have not yet made the effort.

It would be invidious to itemise the total but the amounts ranged from two guineas to half-a-crown. The number of donations received is now 67 and the total has reached £32-16-0. All this has been encouraging but to enable the General Committee to realise all their hopes and ambitions in connection with the Memorial Sports Ground more has yet to be achieved.

As reported elsewhere, we held a Sports Forum and a programme of plays, presented by the Cytringan Players, on behalf of the Fund. Both were great successes financially, the Forum producing a profit of £16-7-8 and the Plays £6-4-0.

More functions of this nature will be held in the near future and I hope they will attain the same degree of financial success. Added to the collection now in progress on our behalf at the School, the balance sheet should have a rosy look about it at the end of the fiscal year.

RUSHDEN.

Although two efforts have been made this year to form a branch of the Association at Rushden and Higham Ferrers we have had little success.

Only fourteen attended a social evening at the Oakley Arms, Rushden, on March 7th, and at the Green Dragon Hotel, Higham Ferrers, on April 17th, there were only six.

The response has been so poor that we believe the situation calls for some trenchant words. The general attitude of the Rushden Old Grammarians seems to be "What can the Association give me?" and not "What can I give the Association?" This outlook is, as we all know, far too common these days in all spheres. At the risk of being called preachers, we point out that if you are not prepared to put anything into an Association, you are going to get very little out of it.

What do the Old Grammarians at Rushden want? Write to us and tell us. Have you any pet grumbles? If so, let us hear them.

The few members who did attend the meetings were enthusiastic about forming a branch at Rushden, and it is thought that if these "few" formed a nucleus of the branch, something could be done to arouse the "Rushdenites" a better appreciation of the Association.

The Rushden Committee is composed of R. J. Brown (Secretary) and I. Smith.
ANNUAL DINNER.

Witty, entertaining and informative speeches were the keynote of the Association’s Annual Dinner which was held in the centuries-old Hind Hotel on Saturday, April 17th.

The excellent meal and pleasant surroundings received approval from all Old Boys and they were unanimous in saying that the Hind should be the venue for future dinners.

Although the great majority of Old Grammarians, who were at the School between its opening and 1943, had not seen Mr. E. L. Hole since he left, they found that he was still the same genial personality.

As might have been expected, Mr. Hole—the guest of honour—started his speech in French. He quickly turned to our native tongue however, when he perceived that, although everyone was laughing, his fine teaching of the Gallic language had not made a sufficiently deep impression to last over the years.

He recalled his interview at the School before it was opened, His footprint is permanently preserved in concrete beneath the front corridor—the result of a slip while the mixture was wet.

He said: “Wellingborough Grammar School will always hold a very strong place in my affections and there can never be any doubt as to my belief in it and my loyalty to it.”

Mr. Hole congratulated the Association on its achievements, adding, “This Association has grown out of a live School and it is on its way to becoming a vital organisation.”

Our Chairman, R. J. Loomes, expressed pleasure at seeing both Mr. Hole and Mr. Lay at the dinner.

He reviewed the progress and achievements of the Association during the year and added: “We are really fortunate in having a playing field and we hope that before long Old Boys will be playing games on it, and we are aiming for a club-house where members can meet socially.”

Mr. Loomes told us that the Association now had more than 300 members, but, he added, there were 1,200 Old Boys. “Until we have 1,200 paying members I am sure the Committee will not feel we have a really live Association.”

Proposing the toast of the School, S. R. Elks, who was home from Sierra Leone, voiced the opinion of all Old Boys when he said: “It is a School of which we can all be proud and I hope it will go on winning honours in every phase of its life.”

Replying, Mr. Wrenn said that there was now the son of an Old Boy attending the School. Needless to say, this remark was followed by loud applause.

Mr. Lay also had a few words to say and commented that on September 23rd the School would be 21 years old.

Duties of toastmaster were ably carried out by D. W. Page.

The majority of the guests spent the rest of the evening reminiscing, but a small group, lead by the brothers Tom and Glyn Addis, retired to a corner, and sang songs as only Old Boys’ Associations can sing them.
Wellingborough Grammar School now has two Old Boys who have achieved civic honours. F. N. Jones was elected to Higham Ferrers Borough Council at the recent elections.

In the British Games at the White City Stadium, G. P. Surridge was Northants. only representative in the mile race.

The list of Association members is now held by the Treasurer. Please notify any changes of address to him.

Tuesday, September 25th, Annual General Meeting of the Association. This is the occasion in the year when you can express your views on all matters concerning the Association. The time will be 7.30 p.m. and the venue, the School Hall.
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