SCHOOL NOTES

Head Prefect: D. W. Barber

Second Prefect: M. I. Beeby

Prefects:

Congratulations are offered to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Branson on the birth of a second daughter.

In view of the unavoidable postponement of Speech Day, the proceedings will be reported in the next issue of the Magazine.

Our Commemoration Day Service was held on June 4th, when we were addressed by the Revd. E. Hughes, Vicar of St. Peter's, Rushden.

Early in the Spring Term, the whole School visited the Lyric Cinema to see "The Ascent of Everest." The film was introduced by Mr. Rudge, of Wellingborough School, a mountaineer who had met several of the successful ascent party.

Lectures to the Sixth Form have been given by Col. O. C. Noel, for the Imperial Institute, on Uganda, and by Mr. Rasmussen, of University College, Leicester, on the Government of France.

Lectures to the Lower School have been given by the Navy League and on the Royal Navy.

On January 22nd the Sixth Form made a visit to Stewart and Lloyd's, Corby.

To mark his association with the School, Mr. L. E. Bratt has planted a flowering cherry tree in the front garden.

Mr. J. Butterfield surpassed his fine performance of last year by being awarded 5 International Rugby Caps this year.

Five members of the Sixth Form had a walking tour through Derbyshire in the Easter Holidays.
During last Summer Term each member of the present Form IIA compiled a field study of Great Doddington.

The best books—those of A. J. Doyle, C. E. Garley, G. Griffiths, D. C. Pearson and G. C. Willey—were entered for the Northamptonshire Rural Community Council's Coronation Village Scrapbook Competition. They were put on exhibition in Northampton and were later taken by the Community Council's representative to Oxford to be shown to representatives of Oxfordshire local history societies.

The Cup kindly presented by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. L. Warwick for Hurdles was not awarded at the Athletic Sports, as the weather had made practice for the event impossible.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of many contemporary School Magazines.

LEAVERS

R. W. HIGHAM Transferred.
B. LOAK Transferred.
P. J. PLATLEN Transferred.
C. W. HOBBS R.A.F.
R. KIMBER Royal Navy.
R. J. SPENCER Royal Navy.
M. TREADWELL Army.
P. BRITTIN Messrs. Sanders, Builders.
R. BYFORD Messrs. Sanders, Builders.
E. B. CHAPMAN Messrs. Walker & Gunn, Higham Ferrers.
T. CHILDS Knight, Printers, Rushden.
E. J. DAY Norris, Engineers, Rushden.
R. W. DICKS Rushden U.D.C.
P. HEADLAND Messrs. Whittington & Tomlin, Builders, Rushden.
J. PARKER
ENTRANTS

R. W. A. COATES
M. HISCOCK
R. C. KING
R. M. SMITH

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, DEC. 1953

R. G. ALLEN Eng. Lit.
P. R. BILSBOROUGH Eng. Lit., Spanish, History.
D. R. BIRD Eng. Lit.
J. T. BOYCE Latin.
J. BUCKBY French.
R. E. BURFOOT Physics.
N. D. BURSNELL Spanish.
R. B. CHARLES History.
M. J. CHERRY Spanish, Geography.
G. CUMMINGS History.
M. J. HOWES Geography.
D. C. HUNT Chem-cum-Phys.
G. JOLLEY French.
R. O. KNIGHT French.
R. A. LEATON Mathematics.
D. R. MORETON French.
P. M. MURDIN Eng. Lang.
M. J. NICHOLSON History.
J. F. PARSONS Mathematics.
M. J. RAVEN Eng. Lit.
P. J. RICHARDSON Latin.
A. J. SMITH Mathematics.
J. T. SMITH Geography, Mathematics.
D. T. STEVENS Mathematics.
P. A. TEAR Spanish.
P. J. THOMPSON Chemistry.
M. THORNEYCROFT French.
W. S. TOLMAN French.
M. F. WAKELIN Biology.
J. D. WOODALL Eng. Lit., Geography.

Mr. L. E. BRATT (1943-1954)

This term we say goodbye to Mr. L. E. Bratt, who has been Senior Modern Language Master for the past eleven years. During this time, under his expert guidance, the Modern Languages side of the School has grown considerably and achieved many successes, notably
the recent open awards at Oxford and Cambridge. His experience and steadying influence were especially helpful during the war years, when his department suffered from so many and frequent staff changes. In addition to his teaching of French, German and Spanish, he introduced into the school the study of Russian. Many boys, taking Interpreters' Courses in Russian during their National Service can testify with real gratitude to the value of Mr. Bratt's pioneering work in this subject. His thoroughness and conscientiousness are known to all. Can one mention in this connection the historic occasion when he arrived at school to begin a new term exactly one week too soon?

In addition to his class-room work, Mr. Bratt has given up much time to the school in other ways. He gave valuable assistance to the School Orchestra in its early days and has contributed much to the success of the Dramatic Society by taking over the onerous duties of arranging the tickets and the seating.

We all wish Mr. Bratt a long and happy retirement.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Results:

1953
Dec. 3 1st XV. v. King's School, Peterborough (Home) Lost 18—17.
Under 15 XV. v. King's School, Peterborough (Home)
Won 45-nil.
Dec. 9 1st XV. v. Deacon's School, Peterborough (Home) Lost 8—nil.
Won 45—3.

1954
2nd XV. v. Wellingborough R.F.C. “A” XV. (Home)
Lost 16-nil.
Mar. 13 Under 15 XV. v. Deacon's School, Peterborough (Away)
Won 23—3.
Under 13 XV. v. Deacon's School, Peterborough (Away)
Won 13-nil.

House Matches—

First Round, Oct. 26, 1953:
Seniors—Lions 6, Gryphons 3. Stags 11, Dragons nil.

Second Round, Nov. 19, 1953:

3rd Round, March 4, 1954:
Juniors—Gryphons 5, Dragons 3. Lions 3, Stags nil.

Final Points:
Stags ........ 20
Gryphons ........ 14
Lions ........ 14
Dragons ........ 12

W. Priest, M. I. Beeby and G. T. Ridge played for the Northamptonshire Grammar Schools XV. and A. J. Carvell was selected for the Northamptonshire Schools (Under 15) XV.

M. I. Beeby played for the East Midlands Colts XV. which beat the Glamorgan Youth XV.

Colours.

1st XV. Full Colours were awarded to:—M. I. Beeby, G. T. Ridge and W. Priest; and Half Colours to:—D. T. Stevens, J. W. Downing, A. E. Bean and B. K. Rigby.


Most of the 1st XI fixtures are to be found this year in the second half of the term and so a complete appreciation of the team is almost impossible, at the time of writing.

However, results up to the present have proved a little disappointing especially in view of the fact that a number of last year’s team still remain at school. Both batting and bowling have been “patchy,” consistency in both those departments could have turned the game in our favour on the two occasions on which the team has been defeated.

Because of the weather our first game against Northampton G.S. was cancelled. We then went to Oundle and were heavily defeated. In this match our bowlers did well, keeping the ball up to the batsmen on a wicket which was soft at first. Later on, the character of the wicket changed under hot sun—a fact which our batsmen did not appreciate. There was nothing very vicious in the Oundle bowling, but all our batsmen “played back” to fast bowling and were beaten by the pace off the pitch. I hope they will know better next time.

The victory against Bedford Modern School was a good one, sound batting being backed up by keen fielding and aggressive bowling. It was a pleasure to watch them play.

The match against The King’s School, Peterborough, was the best match seen for many years. Our batting was extremely good and we declared our innings closed at 125 for 6 wickets, Evans getting 46, and Priest 22. King’s had 1½ hours to get the runs and got them with 10 minutes to spare. Our bowlers were completely incapable of stopping the flow of runs, well at times though they bowled. Even luck deserted us when Priest bowled one of the opposition only to see the bails jam against the middle stump. However, King’s are to be congratulated on such an excellent run-chasing achievement—it was a joy to watch!

Results

May 27th v. Oundle 2nd XI. Lost.
Oundle 107 for 6 dec. (Wills 4 for 49).
W.G.S. 53 (Stevens 14).

May 29th v. Bedford Modern 2nd XI. Won.
Bedford 32 (Wills 5 for 8; Stevens 4 for 12).
W.G.S. 98 for 5 dec. (Stevens 20; Hunt 20).

W.G.S. 5 for 1. Rain Stopped Play.

17th June v. Wellingborough Thursdays. Won.
School 69 (Buckby 31).
Thursdays 56 (Mills 3 for 20).

19th June v. King’s, Peterborough. Lost.
W.G.S. 125 for 6 dec. (Priest 22; Evans 46; Buckby 14 not out; Wills 18).
King’s 128 for 3.
2nd XI.

After only 4 matches this season the 2nd XI.'s successes have been only moderate. An excellent beginning seemed to augur a promising season, but since the first victory, success has eluded the team. Our defeat by Northampton was deserved, but the similar pattern of the game at Daventry was an astonishing lapse.

Individual honours so far, go to Shawley for his indefatigable patience, and to Steele for his tireless bowling. Fielding on the whole has been exceptionally good. But the batting . . . . ?

Results:

May 26th v. Peterborough King's 2nd XI. Won.
Peterborough 2nd 54 (Ridge 5 for 21).
W.G.S. 55 for 7 (Shawley 22).
June 2nd v. Bedford Modern Colts. Drawn.
Bedford 78 for 5 dec.
W.G.S. 55 for 7 (Downing 16).
June 17th v. Northampton 2nd XI. Lost.
(Northampton 129 for 9 dec (Clipstone 3 for 101, Young 4 for 31).
W.G.S. 17.
June 19th v. Daventry 1st XI. Lost.
Daventry 105 for 7 dec. (Steele 6 for 22).
W.G.S. 30.

UNDER 15 XI.

Team (from) :—P. E. Wills (captain), J. G. Barber, J. P. F. Daldy,
G. P. Eady, T. Greasley, D. G. Hodson, D. N. Knighton, D. W.
Luck, M. T. Parker, D. Roberts, J. T. Sharman, A. F. Smith,
M. R. Smith, B. Tunney.

After a very convincing victory over Wellingborough School, the next three games were lost, owing not to any clear superiority of the opposing teams, but to failure in batting. Either over-cautious defensive methods resulted in low scoring, or indiscriminate attack caused wickets to be thrown away. The bowling and fielding have, apart from occasional lapses, been quite adequate, but yet to be acquired are the virtues of concentration, picking out the right ball to hit, and above all, a reasoned attempt to improve batting technique by learning from past mistakes. However, several matches remain to be played, and the marked improvement in the sound defeat of Oundle is an encouraging sign.

Results:

May 22nd v. Wellingborough School (Away) Won.
Wellingborough School 17 (P. E. Wills 9 for 9).
June 1st v. Northampton G.S. (Home) Lost.
   Northampton 65 (D. G. Hodson 6 for 13, B. Tunney 2 for 9).
   W.G.S. 47.

   Northampton 24 for 2.
   W.G.S. 23.

June 19th v. King's, Peterborough (Away). Lost.
   King's 80 for 6 dec. (D. G. Hodson 3 for 9).

June 22nd v. Oundle (Home). Won.
   Oundle 89 for 9 dec. (D. G. Hodson 3 for 25, P. E. Wills 2 for 9).
   W.G.S. 90 for 4 (B. Tunney 33 not out, R. J. Wills 31).

**Under 14 X1.**

The team has improved steadily since the beginning of the season. The main fault with the batting has been an inability to make runs quickly, resulting in drawn games. The bowlers have definitely become more accurate whilst the fielding, poor in the opening games, is now quite keen. We look forward to the remaining games with confidence.


The following have also played: R. Tye, M. Coles, M. Y. Palmer, R. W. Alderson.

Results:

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Played 5   Won 1   Lost 1   Drawn 3
   Wellingborough School 56 for 5 dec.
   W.G.S. 38 for 6 (Powell 10).

26th May v. King's School, Peterborough (Home). Lost.
   Peterborough 40 for 6.

   W.G.S. 44 for 3 (T. Jones 34).
   Northampton G.S. 67 (Tomlin 4 for 12).

   W.G.S. 61 for 8 dec. (Powell 21, T. Jones 20).
   Bedford Harpur School 52 for 4.

19th June v. Daventry Grammar School (Home). Won by 6 wickets.
   Daventry G.S. 24 (Smith 4 for 6, Horne 4 for 11, Green 2 for 3).
   W.G.S. 25 for 4 (Tomlin 12 not out).
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The House Competition this year proved rather one-sided, mainly because the Senior Team of the Stags House, containing three of the School 1st XI. bowlers, proved far too strong for the other three Houses.

In the Junior Competition the Lions House did very well and provided the bulk of the points gained by the Lions House in the whole competition.

ATHLETICS

Captain: D. W. Barber

No club members, with the exception of our Captain, Barber, were very active during the winter months. He ran cross-country regularly with Kettering Harriers and won the Northants. A.A.A. Youths’ Cross-Country Championship over 3 miles at Peterborough on January 2nd.

The track season as usual began with standards, but the weather was most disappointing and good performances were impossible. It was pleasing though to see so many members out training regularly and it is hoped that others will take advantage of the facilities offered.

Barber and Nevett competed in the London Athletic Club Schools’ Championships at the White City during the Easter holidays. Nevett, competing in the Junior Long Jump, was much below his best, but Barber has never run better and was placed sixth in the One Mile Final. His heat time was about 4 minutes 31 secs. (Standard Medal Time 4 minutes 38 seconds)—a first-class performance.

The weather on Sports Day was fine and warm, and some good performances were noted. Particular mention must be made of Davis, P. M., and Fensome (in the Middle High Jump) who both broke the School Record. The Cups and Medals were presented by Mr. R. Ward, of Wellingborough.

In the Northants County A.A.A. Championship held at Wellingborough on May 22nd, Barber won the Junior Mile in a new county and school record time of 4 minutes 37.2 seconds, while Miles was placed third in the Youths 100 yards.

The Annual Athletics’ match with King’s and Deacon’s Schools, Peterborough, proved to be a very close struggle, and it was not until the Relays had been decided that King’s School emerged as the
winners. All our boys performed well, but special mention must be made of the following winners:—Knight, Junior 100 yards; Daldy, Middle Long Jump; Sharman, Middle 100 yards, and 880 yards; Barber, Senior Mile and 880 yards; Davis, P. M., Middle High Jump (5 ft. 0½ inches, a new school record).

Competing at Deeping St. James, Lincolnshire, on June 5th, Barber was placed first in the open 880 yards Junior.

Finally, may we thank those who have given up so much of their time for our benefit, particularly Mr. Butterfield, Mr. Pine and Mr. C. Ward.

RESULTS

ATHLETIC MATCH

May 25th v. King’s School and Deacon’s School, Peterborough (Home).

King’s 73 points. School 62 points. Deacon’s 54 points.

SCHOOL SPORTS, MAY 13TH

Mile, Senior (Record : 4 minutes 37.2 seconds, Barber, D. W., 1954)

1 Barber, 2 Ward, 3 Howes, 4 Westcott.

Time: 4 minutes 38.6 seconds.

Half Mile, Senior.

1 Barber, 2 Ridge G. T., 3 Ward, 4 Howe.

Time: 2 minutes 6.6 seconds (Record).

Half Mile, Middle (Record : 2 minutes 17.8 seconds, Barber, D. W., 1950)

1 Sharman, 2 Wills, P. E., 3 Walker, 4 Barber.

Time: 2 minutes 25.2 seconds.

Half Mile, Junior (Record : 2 minutes 37 seconds, Kiellor, P. S., 1949)

1 Jones, H., 2 Sugars, 3 Dorks, 4 Gotch.

Time: 2 minutes 41.3 seconds.

Quarter Mile, Senior (Record : 55 seconds, Barber, D. W., 1953)

1 Barber, 2 Field, 3 Beeby, 4 Ridge, G. T.

Time: 55.5 seconds.

Quarter Mile, Middle (Record : 58.3 seconds, Negus P. J., 1951)

1 Sharman, 2 Barber, 3 Walker, 4 Daldy.

Time: 60.6 seconds.

220 Yards, Senior (Record : 22.7 seconds, Hyde, J. P., 1949)

1 Field, 2 Beeby, 3 Ridge, G. T., 4 Samples.

Time: 24.4 seconds.

220 yards, Middle (Record : 24.8 seconds, Oakley, R. T. W., 1946)

1 Eady, G. P., 2 Sharman, 3 Walker, 4 King-Underwood.

Time: 26.6 seconds.

220 Yards, Junior (Record : 27.8 seconds, Wiggins, G. J., 1946)

1 Leslie, 2 Knight, 3 Sugars, 4 Hobbs.

Time: 31.5 seconds.
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**Martin Athletic Cup:**

1. Gryphons 169½ points
2. Stags 142½ points
3. Dragons 127 points
4. Lions 101 points

**Henson Relay Cup:**

1. Dragons 40 points
2. Gryphons 20 points
3. Stags 20 points
4. Lions 4 points
SWIMMING

The weather has been far from ideal for outdoor swimming but since half-term all forms have had their first dip. Some have already done standards and it seems likely that this year will see a record number gaining distance points. For the last few years Dragons have been very strong at swimming but this year we may see another house taking Sports Day honours.

HOUSE P.T. COMPETITION

Ten different games but all demanding skill at ball control and team practice kept some 350 boys, and many members of the staff, literally “on their toes” for two hours. As the scores added the excitement grew, for each result only changed the lead. The Lions were in front at the early stages but when final scores were announced the Gryphons and Stags had tied for first place.

1st equal
Stags 29½ points
Gryphons 29½ points
3 Lions 27½ points
4 Dragons 23½ points

DRAGONS

House Masters:
Mr. C. A. Pine, Mr. C. J. H. Ward, Mr. A. E. Sparrow, Mr. A. E. Leftwich

Head of House: M. I. Beeby

School Prefects:
M. I. Beeby (Secretary), J. T. Boyce, N. Rich, T. A. Field

House Prefects: M. J. Shawley, M. Hornsey

This has not been a particularly impressive year. In the Rugby Competition we had, up till the third round, an even chance of success only to fritter it away to finish last.

Well as Sherwood tried he was unable to bring home the Music Cup. However the play “It’s in the bag”, excellently produced and managed by N. Rich, was adjudged the best effort.

We entered Sports Day with little chance of success in face of the points lead gained by Gryphons. However, the team ably led and coached by Field, ran the Gryphons to a close second and carried off the Henson Relay Cup. We had the distinction of providing the sensation of the afternoon.
The P.T. Competition, always an entertaining event, provided much enjoyment but little in the way of a favourable result.

The Cricket team, comprising three or four keen cricketers—the rest made up of raw conscripts, has played well but we have, I fear, little chance of capturing this trophy.

The Swimming Cup having been in our possession for four consecutive years seems set to remain there for yet another year if distance points are accrued quickly.

**GRYPHONS**

*House Masters:*  
Mr. J. G. Dunning, Mr. T. G. Cook, Mr. D. J. Riach

*Head of House:* D. W. Barber

*School Prefects:*  

*House Prefects:*  
R. Westcott, A. R. Evans, W. Priest.

*Secretary:* R. Burfoot.

The last Rugby House Matches have been played since our last notes, and we won against the Dragons, Thorneycroft and Sharman being very successful in the Senior and Junior matches respectively.

The House Music Competition saw a great reversal from the two previous years occasioned mainly by the lack of Seniors who could sing.

In the House Play we did very well. The play, produced by R. Westcott, was received with great applause. The actors, Westcott, Fokerd, Whitney, Barber and Nevett all put up fine performances and we were beaten into a very close second place by the Dragons.

Finally, however, we triumphed. By good solid team work we came out winners of the Athletic Cup. This, with a third in the Relay Cup (by an unfortunate mishap), was the House's best win for a long time. All participants deserve praise for this, and let us hope we can repeat this success, although we will miss the great example set by D. Barber in the past years.

We were very successful in the P.T. Competition coming first in an exciting finish. The Captain, B. A. Ward, did an excellent job in picking the teams.

In the cricket matches, the Seniors finally have won one, drawn one and lost one, and the Juniors have drawn one and lost two.

House Colours have recently been awarded to Thorneycroft for Athletics, Rugby and Cricket.
LIONS HOUSE

House Masters:
Mr. R. Ward, Mr. Butler, Mr. Butterfield.

Head of House: G. T. Ridge

School Prefects:
G. T. Ridge, R. O. Knight, C. Turner

Secretary: R. Blackwell

Since the last magazine was published the final round of the Rugby Competition has taken place. Our seniors were heavily defeated by the Stags and our eventual position was third.

We won the Music Cup under the able leadership of R. O. Knight. However, in the House Play Competition which we won last year, we were so far behind that the adjudicator said that we were not up to the standard of the other three houses.

On Sports Day we again had an unhappy time, finishing last in both the Athletics Cup and the Relay Competition. At the time of writing our position in the Cricket Competition is far inferior to that at this time last year when we were leading. In fact we won then, but this year it seems unlikely that we shall be in the first three.

Shortly to be decided is the Swimming Competition in which our chances are anything but rosy.

Finally we must hope that the Lions have a happier time next year in inter-house events.

STAGS HOUSE

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

Head of House: D. A. Harris.

House Prefects:

Since the last magazine there have been two House Meetings and several cups contested. At the House Meeting in the Spring Term, D. Priestley was appointed House Music Conductor and D. A. Harris was elected Play Producer. On the games field D. T. Stevens led the Senior Rugby Team to victory in all their three matches, unfortunately the Juniors have not such a good record. They drew one game and lost two. Nevertheless the Stags retained this cup.
In the Appleby Cup for Music the Stags were second. In the Cook Cup for Plays we only managed to come third.

At the House Meeting at the beginning of the Summer Term D. A. Harris was appointed Head of the House, but he decided to continue as Secretary until September. P. A. Tear was elected new House Secretary from September onwards. D. T. Stevens was re-appointed Senior Cricket Captain and R. Tomlin appointed Junior Cricket Captain. To fill the vacancy of Swimming Captain, J. M. Clarke was elected. J. W. Downing was elected P.T. Captain and Vice-Captain of Athletics. M. Samples was elected Athletics Captain and C. S. Fensome was elected Middle Athletics Captain. The cricket teams have been successful so that the Stags now have the Cricket Cup. The P.T. team won the P.T. Cup, while the Athletics team were only second in the Athletics Cup and fourth in the Relay Cup.

Since Christmas House Colours have been awarded to D. A. Harris, G. Jolley and B. K. Rigby.

PARENTS' COMMITTEE

The Parents' Committee were pleased to make a grant to the Railway Club for the purchase of rolling stock and other materials, to the Dramatic Society for new footlights, and to the Photographic Club for a Studio Camera.

Whist Drives were held on 3rd February and 25th May, from which useful additions were made to the funds.

There was a good attendance at the Committee meeting to arrange for the stalls and tea on Parents' Day. We hope for kindness on the day from the Weather Clerk and for a really successful day.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club has been reformed during the year. At the moment there is a majority of Junior members but it is hoped that more Seniors will find time to play next term when the examinations are over.

Meetings were held twice a week and attendance, as well as standard of play, has been encouraging.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

School Play

The first problem connected with this year's School Play was that of choosing a suitable cast. That it was such a problem was due to the fact that 3 of last year's actors were not available owing to exam-
ination commitments and the only boys with any experience were 4 who had had non-speaking parts in previous productions. Auditions proved long and trying but eventually we succeeded in casting our play “Morning Departure”, and the general opinion seems to have been that all the new boys proved themselves admirable actors, especially as this was their first experience of “walking the boards.”

The second problem was one of sound-effects, but we spent some extra money on getting a record made by a firm specialising in sound effects and thus began a School Sound Effects Library.

The third problem was connected with the construction of the play—the representation of Administration Offices on shore above the trapped submarine. That we did it and so kept up the illusion of continual communication between shore and sea-bed was a triumph for our stage-staff.

Particular mention must be made of J. W. Downing’s Lt.-Cdr. Stanford; B. H. Whitney’s Lt. McFee; C. A. Clarke’s Snipe; P. A. D. Mayes’ Cdr. Gates; G. T. Ridge’s Lt. Mason and C. R. Turner’s Cpt. Marshall. However, all the boys gave admirable performances and these 5 are mentioned only because so much depended on them. Failure by one of these principals would have spoiled the entire effect.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Cooksey for his help in training the Naval Administrative Staff and to D. A. Harris, an efficient assistant producer.

The set was a triumph for the “back-stage boys” led by Mr. Cook and Mr. Parrish—the array of instruments and dials inside the submarine had to be seen to be believed.

**HOUSE PLAYS**

This year’s House Plays were judged by Mr. Peter Gadd—“Len Thomas” of the popular radio serial, “The Archers”. The programme before him consisted of four comedies.

The Cook Cup was won by Dragons. It was clear that their play, “In the Bag,” had been carefully produced and rehearsed by Rich, and while the characters were somewhat conventional, they were ably played by the entire cast. Outstanding were Boyce, with a most realistically-portrayed Police-Sergeant, Rich, as the fisherman who was not quite cunning enough to escape the net himself, and Cooper, the embarrassingly insistent French girl.

A single point separated Gryphons from the winners, and, as Mr. Gadd pointed out, only excessive gestures marred their play “Money makes a difference” (produced by Westcott). The characters were more detailed than those of “In the Bag,” and consequently gave more scope for individual actors. Fokerd was excellent as the strong-minded but harassed sister, giving a surprisingly feminine performance, while Nevett, in his first stage appearance, peered out from beneath
a cloth cap and registered agreement, surprise and alarm so convincingly that he almost stopped the show.

Stags chose a difficult play in "The Doubtful Misfortune of Li Sing" (produced by Harris), and their presentation lacked pace. This type of play does not lend itself to school production, for it has too little action to sustain interest, and not even the excellence of the costumes and properties could make up for this deficiency.

Lions handicapped themselves by choosing a poor play—"The Hat Trick," produced by Turner. To be effective, farce must move quickly, and "The Hat Trick" signally fails to do this, largely because the centre of interest is in the cricket match, off-stage. As a result the whole cast had to struggle hard to achieve intermittent successes, with very little help from their parts.

One serious House Play would have provided a refreshing contrast on a reasonably successful programme.

EXCHANGES

Further exchanges have already been carried out this year with French boys, but numbers taking part are still too small. All who went to France last holiday enjoyed themselves, although one person did so on a vaster scale than the others. They will all be receiving a French guest in the long vacation.

LIBRARY NOTES

Recent additions include:

E. N. da C. Andrade
J. E. Littlewood
N. Clarke
Sir H. Spencer Jones
Sir J. Cockcroft
Emelesus and Anderson
E. E. Turner and M. M. Harris
N. Duke
C. H. Gibbs-Smith
R. Fiske
C. Day Lewis
A. Bullock
F. Williams
J. Wake
Warren and Benson
A. Bombard
A. Schweitzer
H. Innes
C. S. Forester

Sir Isaac Newton
A Mathematician's Miscellany
Physics as a Career
Life on Other Worlds
The Development and Future of Nuclear Energy
Modern Aspects of Inorganic Chemistry
Organic Chemistry
The Sound Barrier
A History of Flying
The Aeneid of Virgil
Hitler. A Study in Tyranny
Ernest Bevin
The Brudenells of Deene
Above us the Waves
The Bombard Story
On the edge of the primeval forest
Campbell's Kingdom
A slip of the Line

We are very grateful for the following gifts of books:—

Mr. J. H. Butler
U.S. Information Service
Esso Petroleum Company

Early Copies of Science News
An Outline of American History
Oil
The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held on December 14th in the Parish Church of All Hallows, by kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens. The Junior and Senior Choirs sang Carols separately and together, and P. Wilson again played the organ for the accompanied Carols. The singing was of a commendably high standard in spite of the continual shortage of rehearsal time. The collection was given to the International Help for Children Fund.

The Carols sung were as follows:

**Senior Choir:**
- *In Excelsis Gloria* (English)
- *In Dulci Jubilo* (German)
- *The Rocking Carol* (Czechoslovak)
- *Jesus of the Manger* (Flemish)
- *The Infant King* (Basque)
- *Past 3 o’clock* (English)

**Junior Choir:**
- *Make we merry* (Charles Wood)
- *He is born, the Child Divine* (18th Cent. French)
- *Out of the Orient Crystal Skies* (Hubicki)
- *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head* (Appalachian)

**Senior and Junior Choirs:**
- *Wither’s Rocking Hymn* (V. Williams)
- *Unto us a Boy is born* (German)

At the end of term service in December the whole school sang some of the more popular carols, D. Priestley and M. F. Wakelin played a Fantasia on Carol tunes for piano duet, by Dorothy Parke, and the Junior and Senior Choirs sang some lesser known Carols.

The House Music Competition was held on March 9th, and James Dawes, the Buckinghamshire Music Organiser, very kindly travelled some 50 miles to be with us as Adjudicator. His remarks were helpful and well to the point, and his conducting of all the House Choirs in the set piece (an arrangement of Down Among the Dead Men) at the end of the afternoon was very vital and much enjoyed. The House Choirs sang very well and some of the solo items were of a high standard. The Houses were placed as follows: Lions 171, Stags 156, Dragons 126, Gryphons 123. Maximum points: 200.

The Annual Music Recital has been postponed until the end of the Summer Term this year, as the High School instrumentalists have been so busy preparing for their performance of The Gondoliers, that it was not possible to arrange orchestral rehearsals before Whitsun. The combined High School and Grammar School orchestra will play items by Handel and Bizet; the Junior, Senior and Male Voice Choirs will combine to perform the major part of The Village Opera—a work arranged from excerpts from Handel operas; an instrumental quartet
will play some music by Bach. It is hoped also to have some Madrigals sung by the Madrigal Group recently formed with senior High School girls and senior boys.

Commemration Service was held on June 4th, when the Senior Choir sang "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise", arranged by Eric Thiman, and the whole school sang Psalm 150.

A Chamber Group, consisting of Clarinet (Mr. Butler), Violin (N. Nickerson), Tenor Horn (C. A. Clarke), and Cello (R. M. Hall), has recently been formed and will be performing in the Music Recital. The combination of instruments is very pleasing and, as always, great enjoyment is had out of the group playing.

We have been fortunate enough at last to find a Clarinet Tutor, and to have been able to purchase two Clarinets. G. C. Willey and R. W. Alderson are now learning these and it is hoped that they will make good progress. The Violin Classes continue and members are encouraged to work hard in order to be admitted to play in the orchestra.

As a reward for its hard work out of school hours, the Senior Choir had a choir outing to Peterborough in March. We arrived at the Cathedral in time to hear Evensong and then visited the Embassy Theatre to see "Old Mother Riley in Paris." Truly, from the sublime to the ridiculous, but both much appreciated. On July 6th a small party will be visiting Covent Garden Opera House for a tour of inspection.

N.B.—The school possesses a Cello and a Viola which are at present lying idle. To ensure the continuance of the Orchestra we must have someone to learn these. Volunteers urgently required—preferably from the First or Second Forms. Few boys seem to realise that the ability to play an instrument opens the door to much future enjoyment and is a great social asset.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

At our general meeting in May we learned with regret that D. A. Harris will be leaving us this term. We thank him for his valuable service to the society through several years. C. J. Green was elected to take his place as chairman, and T. Painter as our new secretary.

A plate camera has been purchased recently for school use. We have satisfied ourselves that it can also be used as a good enlarger, but its use is restricted by the lack of a permanent darkroom.

While some members have been printing in Room 14 others have cramned into Room C (with all its hazards!) to fit up and use the enlarger. The more artistic have been trying their hand at tinting.

A display of the society’s work is being given on Parent’s Day.
THE PUPPET CLUB

Our Christmas production, including the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk with its attendant problems, went off successfully. There was one major hitch, when an electric fuse caused the postponement of a performance (the first time we have had to do this), but the general standard of performance was well up to normal and some of the properties and puppets were very well made.

Since then the club has been kept fairly active. We were invited to make a contribution again to the Rotary Club Exhibition, which was held in the Drill Hall at the end of the Easter Holidays. A full scale show was found to be impossible in the space available, but a good substitute was provided by club members who took turns to give practical demonstrations and lectures. We hope we are able to contribute something to the success of the Exhibition.

This year it is our turn to give a show on Parents’ Day, and items are being practised, revised and invented in readiness. Adjustments and repairs are also being made to the stage, which has done good service for several years and is showing signs of wear and tear. Immediately this show is over we shall be turning our thoughts to next term and preparations for the next season.

RAILWAY CLUB

The Committee elected at the beginning of the Summer Term is now representative of every Form in the School from which boys regularly take part in the Club’s activities. It is hoped that this will result in a better attendance at weekly meetings.

The Model Railway layout is now almost large enough to fill the Hall and great progress has been made at recent meetings, two of which were held during the Whitsun Holiday. There is still sufficient work in the provision of rolling-stock, lever-controlled points and signals to keep all club members occupied for a very long time. One disappointing feature of weekly meetings has been the very poor support received from First Form boys on whom the Club must rely for so much of its future activities.

During the Easter Holidays a party visited several London termini and the Model Railway Exhibition.

On July 6th a party of fifty members will cover about 360 miles of the main lines of British Railways on a route which will take us via Birmingham to Birkenhead and Liverpool, returning via Manchester.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

After the report in the Autumn Term magazine only one lecture remained to be given. This dealt with the probability of “Life on Other Worlds” and was read by D. F. Johnson.
This year’s prize was awarded to D. R. Moreton whose lecture on “The Solar System,” was placed first. Second was M. E. Rogers for his paper on the “Gas Turbine Engine.” “Life on Other Worlds” by D. F. Johnson was third.

The attendances were satisfactory, averaging 23.

6th WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUTS

We were the only Wellingborough Scout Troop to parade at the St. George’s Day Parade at Finedon.

We were the only Wellingborough Scout Troop to enter for the Silverwood Cup Competition, in which we were second to Burton Latimer.

We were the only Wellingborough Scout Troop to attend the District Camp at Whitsuntide.

In fact we appear to be the only troop in Wellingborough.

Seventy per cent. of the troop is now Second Class and two Patrol Leaders are almost First Class.

In “Bob-a-Job” Week we had no exciting or unusual jobs but we did raise an average of 8s. per head.

The Whit Camp was very wet, but we have changed over to Primus cocking and Fox and Lightfoot ran a very good camp. We have got a new Icelandic Ridge tent which is the biggest we ever owned—thanks to our Jumble Sale.

We are entering a patrol for the Gilbey Cup in July and hope to retain this Cup.

The Summer Camp will be held at a Scout Headquarters Camp site near Oxford—where old and new Scouts should have a good time.

STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club held meetings during the Autumn and Spring Terms. The collection of European Stamps has been enlarged and a section has been prepared for exhibition on Parents’ Day.

Many members will be going to the British Museum on the School Excursion Day to see The Tapling Stamp Collection.

VISIT TO NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

On January 20th a party of the Upper and Lower Sixth forms, with Mr. Leftwich and Mr. Clutterbuck visited the hospital. The party began its visit in the Haematology Laboratory where Mr. S.
Clarke, our guide and lecturer, did a blood test on one of the party. He then showed us some bacteria and we next moved on to the Department of Morbid Anatomy where we saw some very interesting specimens such as a section of a brain containing about six large tumours, and a part of a human femur which had recently been amputated. In this department we were shown a method of quick mounting for emergency specimens and also the longer process which is used when the specimens are not urgently required. Visits were made to several more rooms including the cold storage plant and the animal house where experimental guinea-pigs are infected with tuberculosis and other diseases. The visit terminated in the post mortem building, but the mortuary was occupied and we could not enter this. Mr. Clark did, however, show us some most interesting preserved specimens of hearts, kidneys, brains and other organs.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

Treasurer's Report -- June 1954

The Association is now entering the final quarter of its financial year and the position to date in relation to previous years, is normal inasmuch as we have paid all debts incurred and received all cash anticipated. There is a credit balance in the bank which seems to have varied very little during the last few years.

It is very nice to hold one's own, but it is obviously far better to accumulate, and we can only do this by increased profitable activities and by a steady increase in membership. The Christmas school leavers yielded a high percentage of new members and we hope to see a similar response at the end of the current term.

The initial annual subscription for school leavers is 2s. 6d., rising to 5s. after one full year. Life membership is £2 2s. If you omit for some reason to pay your subscription at school, please forward to the treasurer:

M. C. C. Knowles,
107, Great Park Street,
Wellingborough

who will acknowledge receipt.

Rugby Report

During the past year the Rugby Club has enjoyed a season of mixed fortunes. From the viewpoint of the matches played the results were disappointing although the A XV. proved their worth. On the social side the activities of the club prospered and the season was one of the happiest, with a fine spirit always apparent amongst the members.
As fixture lists are prepared so many years ahead it is often the case that the playing strength of the club does not keep pace with the increased standard of the fixture. This has happened during the past few years and is reflected in the results. Steps however have been taken to rectify this position and it is hoped that next season will see an increase in the number of victories.

The results for season 1953/54 were:

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From these results it is obvious that the “A” XV. had a good season. In fact their inflated ego at one period led them to challenge the first XV. The game was fought out at the end of the season when the play of the senior side had improved and they were able to subdue their challengers. The score is lost to posterity. The referee forgot to keep tally of the points scored! The celebration after the game were much appreciated by both teams.

The annual game between the D. F. White XV. and the Combined XV. of Kettering, Wellingborough and ourselves was this year the responsibility of the club. We had four representatives in the side, R. E. Bridgeford, J. Darnell, F. B. Fair and P. Negus, who all acquitted themselves admirably. From comments made by spectators the crowd was the largest so far and the standard of play the highest. Our other highlight of the season was the Charity Cup match on Boxing Day morning against the Wellingborough club which we lost by the only three points scored. The score in this “series” is now evened at two games all.

On the social side the club again organised a trip to Twickenham this year to see the New Zealand touring side. The usual Sausage and Mash Supper was held in December to coincide with the Association raffle draw to which the general committees of the association was invited.

In the field of finance the state of the club leaves a lot to be desired. The running of any club proves an expensive affair and economies are always having to be made. The customary grant of a third share was received from the Association from the Xmas raffle which amounted to £30. Among our various expenses are the purchase of a ball for the first time, instead of always using the one kindly provided by the School, and the framing of a set of six team photographs which have now been hung in our headquarters.

After several months of discussion a desire of the members was fulfilled when a scroll was designed and produced, for wear under the Association badge, which denotes the name of the club.
ANNUAL DINNER 1954

The Annual Dinner this year was again held at the Hind Hotel Wellingborough, the Guest of Honour on this occasion being Mr. H. H. Wintersgill, former Music Master at the school and now teaching at Biggleswade.

The attendance was encouraging in relation to the past few years and this may have been due to the price reduction. The cost was subsidised by the Association and to cover this subsidy a number of whist drives were held in the school hall yielding a generous response.

A large number of old and new faces were to be seen at the dinner and it is hoped that we can still provide a sufficiently interesting evening to attract Old Boys' of all ages and maintain this year's high attendance.

CRICKET

The Old Boys' versus Grammar School cricket match arranged for June 12th, was begun in dismal light and a drizzle, and as seemed inevitable after four overs had been bowled by the Old Boys', rain caused the match to be abandoned. The tea which had been set out was then taken and another match fixed for July 17th.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

J. D. Roberts is House-Master of Castle House at Kimbolton School.

M. F. Wakelin is taking a degree in English at Leeds University after completing National Service.

A. B. Marshall, who works for W. H. Allen & Son, Ltd., of Bedford, is at present spending three months in Glasgow installing marine auxiliaries in merchant and naval ships.

Dr. D. I. Segall is serving with the R.A.F. in Fayid as Medical Officer.

F. Langley is House-Master of Clancarty House at Kimbolton School.

D. G. Bruce is Clerk of the Urban District Council of Buckfastleigh.

Rev. R. B. Hunt is now vicar of Newbold-de-Verdun in Leicestershire.

G. Hunter is with "Wartski" Court Jewellers, of Regent Street, London.

D. A. Franklin is a miller in Saskatchewan, Canada.

N. F. Elmore and J. W. Gramshaw have both been awarded 1st Class Honours degrees in Chemistry at Nottingham University. Elmore's performance was especially meritorious in that he was awarded the Wagstaffe Prize for the outstanding undergraduate.
P. Wix has been awarded an Upper Second Class degree in Agriculture, and M. J. C. Martin a similar degree in Physics, both at Nottingham University.

G. P. Surridge has gained a Third Class degree in Natural Science Tripos part II at Cambridge University.

C. B. Johnson has gained a 2/1 in the Cambridge Modern Language Language Tripos part I.

E. J. Utley has been ordained Priest by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield on June 13th.

G. J. Penness has passed the preliminary examination of the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants.

P. H. Evans has won the prize for the best recruit of the term whilst serving with 234 Battery, Boys Regt., R.A.

E. R. Elliott is now working as clerk in the Aylesbury Inland Revenue Office.

M. J. Allen, R. L. Burton, R. A. Field, P. H. R. Norman and B. Whitworth are all serving in the R.A.F.

D. A. Woodhams is working in Forestry at the Royal Estate, Sandringham.

C. Jefferies is working as a Highways Assistant at Hitchin, and is preparing for examinations of the Institution of Municipal Engineers.
WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL LIST, 1954

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