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SCHOOL NOTES

Head Prefect : W. Priest
Second Prefect : G. T. Ridge

Prefects :

After many years of stimulating and devoted care of Rugby Football in the School, Mr. I. J. Nicholas has given up the control of, but not of course his consuming interest in, the game. During his unspiring service to School Rugby, notable successes county and country-wide were achieved, and many generations of Old Boys, to some of whom the highest Rugby honours have fallen, will remember his coaching with pride and affection. Mr. A. E. Sparrow has now taken over in his stead, and we wish him equal success.

Congratulations are offered to Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Sparrow on the birth of a daughter.

The end of last term saw the retirement of Mr. L. E. Bratt, noted in our last issue, and also we lost the most valued services of Mr. J. Butterfield to Worksop College and Mr. R. C. Parish to Wellingborough Technical School. Both these latter showed great enthusiasm in the activities they fostered and a debt of gratitude is owed to them. We wish them all success in their new spheres.

A welcome has been extended this term to Mr. P. A. Goodman (Leicester), Mr. M. J. Gray (Queen's College, Oxford.) and Mr. J. P. Hyde (Loughborough College).

The Fleming Laboratory, now equipped, is in full use and a magnificent addition to the school it is.

The remainder of the projected new building has been started and it is hoped to occupy the new Art room and Staff common room early next year. Improvements to the boiler system are to be undertaken, and a beginning to that has been the erection of a more substantial chimney.

The sum of seven pounds was sent to the National Spastic Society as the result of the sale of Christmas seals in the first, second and third forms.
£1-11-6 was also raised for T.B. After-care by the sale of seals.

Visits have been made to Stewarts and Lloyds Steel Works, Corby and to the Hotpoint factory, Luton by members of the Upper School.

A lecture was given this term to senior boys by Mr. E. A. Taylor of Stewarts and Lloyds.

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

OBITUARY

It is with deep sense of regret that we record the deaths of two Governors of the School who over a long period of years had given wise and sympathetic counsel to school affairs.

Alderman L. G. H. Lee of Raunds, Vice-Chairman of the County Education Committee, had been a member of the governing body since 1946.

His intimate knowledge of school affairs, his ever ready help in cultural activities and his wide experience of education were appreciated by boys and masters alike.

Mrs. H. W. Saxby, of Wellingborough, a member of the County Education Committee, had been a School Governor since the foundation of the School in 1930. Her generous gifts to the musical life of the school, her keen interest in the growth of the school in recent years and her constant support at school functions were typical of her exceptional contribution to education.

The school loses in the passing of Mrs. Saxby not only a valued friend but one of the original Governors at its foundation.

PAUL WILLS.

Paul died on Sunday, the nineteenth of December at the Memorial Hospital, Peterborough.

We mourn him deeply. During the month following his accident the school had watched day by day, hoping and praying

Paul was not only an outstanding games player and a scholar of rich promise, he had won by his simplicity, modesty and quiet friendliness the affection of the entire school, of which he would undoubtedly have become one of the leaders.

The sympathy of the school goes to his parents and sisters in their bereavement.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

OPEN AWARDS.

B. J. Tyler: Open Exhibition in Natural Science, Christ's College, Camb.
L. Clipstone: Open Exhibition in Modern Languages, Queen's College, Camb.
D. Priestley: Goldsmid Engineering Scholarship, University College, London.
B. A. Ward: Entrance Scholarship in Chemistry, Nottingham University.
J. M. Shawley: Governors' Scholarship, National College of Rubber Tech.

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS.

R. Westcott
D. W. Barber

COUNTY MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

C. Brereton
A. R. Evans
B. Knight
N. Rich
G. T. Ridge
M. Hornsey
P. J. Richardson
B. A. Ward

OXFORD GENERAL CERTIFICATE, ADVANCED LEVEL.

The following boys were successful in the subjects indicated.

* = Exemption from London Intermediate Examinations.

R. Blackwell History, Geography.
J. T. Boyce English, Spanish.
C. Brereton ... English, French, Spanish.
A. R. Evans ... English, French, Spanish.
A. G. Fokerd ... French, Spanish.
M. J. Howes ... Art.
B. Knight ... English, History, Geography.
N. Rich ... ... French, Spanish.
G. T. Ridge ... English, French, Spanish.
D. T. Stevens ... English, French, Spanish.
P. F. Waller ... English, French, Spanish.
J. M. Warwick ... English, French, Spanish.
*R. Westcott ... Latin, French, Spanish (Dist.)
*D. W. Barber ... Pure Math., Applied Math., Physics (Dist.), Chemistry (Dist.)
*C. B. Brown ... Physics, Botany, Zoology.
*R. Cottingham ... Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
*J. W. Downing ... Pure Math., Applied Math., Physics, Chemistry.
*R. M. Hall ... Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
*M. Hornsey ... Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology (Dist.)
*G. Jolley ... Pure Math., Applied Math., Physics, Chemistry.
*P. J. Richardson ... Pure Math., Applied Math., Physics (Dist.), Chemistry.
*J. M. Shawley ... Pure Math., Applied Math., Physics, Chemistry.
*B. A. Ward ... Pure Math., Applied Math., Physics (Dist.), Chemistry (Dist.)

T. A. Field ... Applied Math., Physics.
D. F. Johnson ... Chemistry.
*R. O. Knight ... Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
*A. W. Mason ... Pure Math., Applied Math., Physics, Chemistry.
*D. R. Moreton ... Pure Math., Applied Math., Physics, Chemistry.
P. M. Murdin ... Botany.
W. Priest ... ... Physics, Chemistry.
*M. E. Rogers ... Applied Math., Physics, Chemistry.

Symbols—
e=Eng. Lang.; f=French; g=Geog.; ph=Physics; ch/ph=Chem.
with Phys.; s=Eng. Lit.; sp=Spanish; a=Art; ch=Chemistry;
r=Russian; l=lat.; h=history; m=Maths.; bio=Biology;
econ=Economics.

Va.
R. C. Adkins ... s h m ch
J. Betts ... e s f sp g a m
D. E. R. Britton e h m ph ch bio
P. Brooke ... s a m ph ch bio
D. Brown ... e s f h m ph ch bio
P. J. Bryan ... a m ch bio
A. J. Carvell ... s f sp h g
D. J. Cooper ... e s f sp h m ph ch
C. J. Davis ... ph ch bio
R. E. Flawn ... e s f g m
S. H. Fox ... s a m ph ch
M. Goodliffe ... s h m ch bio
D. N. Hall ... e s a m ph ch bio
P. T. Knight ... s f sp g a m
J. P. Langley ... s h g m
J. H. Mann ... e s f sp h g m
A. J. Munday ... e s a m ph ch bio
J. F. Murdin ... e s h g m bio ch/ph
J. B. Newton ... e s sp a m
N. B. Nickerson s h ch bio
C. T. Osborne ... s h m ph ch bio
T. Painter ... e s f sp h g m ch/ph
M. J. Peet ... s a m ch bio
J. W. Pendered e s a m ph ch
J. C. Ridge ... s f sp g a m
D. Roberts ... e s f sp h g m
J. D. Robinson ... e s a m
M. R. Smith ... e f sp h g
W. W. Stevenson e s f sp h m ch
J. F. Walpole ... e s h m ph ch bio
B. H. Whitney ... e s f sp h m ph ch

Vb.
B. H. Allebone g a m
T. P. G. Arnold h g m bio
A. E. Bean ... f h g m ch
P. E. Berrill ... e s f sp m ph ch
J. R. Bettles ... s g a m ch bio
E. R. K. Briggs ... e g a m
C. A. Clarke ... e g a m
J. M. Clarke ... e s f sp g a m ph ch
B. R. Clayton ... e s g a m bio
R. Cook ... e s f sp g a m
D. Cullip ... s g a
J. P. Elderton ... g a m
C. Ford ... g a m
B. C. Harmer ... s h g m
A. R. Howe ... h m
A. G. Ireson ... e f a m
R. A. Leaton ... sp a
B. R. Marriott ... g a m ch bio
R. Miles ... g a m ch
G. S. Regis ... s h g m ph ch
J. F. Roe ... g a bio
M. Samples ... e s h g m bio
A. F. Sanders ... f m
R. P. Stratton ... g a m ph ch
J. D. Terry ... s g a m
C. D. Warren ... e s f g a m ph ch bio
A. Young ... e s f sp h g m ph

Vc.
P. M. Ainge ... e h g m ch
F. A. Avant ... sp g
D. A. Barker ... m
R. Brown ... h m
J. Bunker ... e a bio
R. J. Colson ... e h g
R. J. Denny ... g
J. W. Jarvis ... h g m ph
G. D. Goodchild ... e h
R. A. Goosey ... a
M. S. Ingram ... g
J. B. Munns ... e a
R. Nevett ... a
M. G. Pettitt ... e sp g a m
C. C. Saddington ... e a m
D. C. Smith ... e g
P. N. V. Smith ... g a
M. E. Steele ... e h m

The following boys added subjects to certificates already held.

D. R. Bird ... e
J. Buckby ... l
R. E. Burfoot ... f
A. B. Holmes ... l
B. J. Holser ... l
D. C. Hunt ... e
A. Kirby ... f
A. G. Maycock ... e
R. Robertshaw ... l
G. Rose ... l
R. A. Sharp ... f
P. A. Tear ... l
G. R. West ... f
J. D. Woodall ... e
L. Clipstone ... r
J. C. H. Canty ... e
J. A. Leddington ... m bio
R. Blackwell ... l
C. Brereton ... l
A. R. Evans ... r
A. G. Fokerd ... l
B. Knight ... m econ
N. Rich ... l
G. T. Ridge ... l r
D. T. Stevens ... l
P. F. Waller ... m r
J. M. Warwick ... l
R. Westcott ... r
M. I. Beeby ... f
R. M. Hall ... f
P. A. D. Mayes ... m
T. A. Field ... f
D. F. Johnson ... f
A. W. Mason ... f
D. R. Moreton ... l
LEAVERS.


C. B. Brown ... General Certificate 1952, 54. County Major Scholarship, Cirencester Agricultural College.

J. W. Downing ... General Certificate 1952-54. 1st XV. Stewarts and Lloyds, Corby.

R. M. Hall ... General Certificate 1952, 53, 54. School Orchestra. County Major Scholarship, Boots Chemist.


G. Jolley ... General Certificate 1951, 53, 54. 1st XV. Prefect. County Major Scholarship to Sheffield University.


J. M. Shawley ... General Certificate 1953, 54. 1st XV. 1st XI. Dunlop Scholarship, College of Rubber Technology.

B. A. Ward ... General Certificate 1951, 53, 54. Prefect. 1st XV. 1st XI. State Scholarship, King’s College, London (Entrance Scholarship, Nottingham University).


M. E. Rogers ... General Certificate 1953, 54. 2nd XV. Experimental Station, Clapham.

M. Thornycroft General Certificate 1952, 54. Prefect. 1st XV. County Major Scholarship, Nottingham University.

L. Clipstone ... General Certificate 1951, 52, 53. 2nd XV. Paterson Exhibition, Queen’s College, Cambridge.


A. R. Evans ... General Certificate 1952, 53, 54. 1st XV. 1st XI. County Major Scholarship, Nottingham University.


P. F. Waller ... General Certificate 1952, 54. 2nd XI. Civil Service.


M. J. Howes ... General Certificate 1953, 54. 2nd XV. Athletics Team. Bath Academy of Art after National Service.

D. C. Hunt ... General Certificate 1953. 1st XV. 1st XI. Printing.

G. Joyce ... General Certificate 1953. Experimental Station, Clapham.


P. E. Berrill ... General Certificate 1953, 54. Scott Bader.


D. Cullip ... General Certificate 1954. Frames Tours.
ENTRANTS.

1a.

M. A. Barford
J. F. Bayes
N. A. Bayes
M. J. Beeby
M. Dickens
D. P. Drage
G. A. Dunkley
T. M. Gofhe
I. Griffiths
A. Hall
R. Harris
R. R. Howell
G. R. Kealailer
G. W. Kearsley
P. M. W. Line
R. Lines
B. M. Maher
P. E. Martin
R. P. More
A. Palmer
R. Perkins
G. Randall
M. R. Rawlings
P. W. Ritchie
P. M. B. Slater
M. J. Swailes

1b.

R. R. Allen
W. T. Baxter
K. D. Billing
R. R. Brown
A. G. Bryan
R. E. Busby
P. B. Chatwin
D. Craddick
S. E. Cutmore
G. S. Desborough
R. G. Gittins
M. A. Harris
J. V. G. Howard
M. James
L. D. Kilsby
M. D. Kitson
D. C. J. Makeham
B. Mason
M. J. Morris
P. E. Morris
D. G. Nunley
A. R. O'Key
D. R. Reading
D. G. Roberts
J. M. Robertson
J. B. Stafford

1c.

W. T. Aldwinkle
A. Angel
A. A. Bayes
C. F. Cartwright
E. A. Cook
R. K. Crook
W. A. Drage
C. R. Ealey
J. R. Galloway
J. F. Goosey
R. S. Hager
R. P. M. Jolley
D. R. Jones
D. M. Joyce
A. C. Kitto
P. R. Laughton
J. A. Linnitt
R. Mallows
J. G. Palmer
D. A. Parish
A. Partridge
R. J. Partridge
J. W. Penness
D. J. Ridgway
J. B. Sauntson
C. Simpson
The lst XV has had an unsuccessful season so far and has been beaten, by better teams, in all but two games, which might well have been won. The forwards, in spite of being too light, have settled down into a useful pack, but have been unable to dominate their opponents. Though good in the loose, they have been beaten in the tight by superior weight, while the line-out play has been a weakness. In spite of a good service from the base of the scrum the backs have been unable to make an opening, and though they have run well at times, passing and handling has been often below standard. The halves have combined well, and, individually, some good play has come from the three-quarters, but the line has not succeeded as a whole. Defence has generally been spirited and the team has tried hard. For this they deserve every credit.


The following have also played: T. A. Field, B. R. Dunn, R. Robertshaw, P. J. Trott, P. N. V. Smith, M. R. Smith, J. C. Ridge.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

1st XV.


Hon Secretary: B. K. Rigby.

The 2nd XV has had some close and hard-fought games. At times the team has played good Rugby, but too often the play, though robust, has been scrappy, and lacking in cohesion.


The following have also played: J. Betts, D. M. Wilson, A. J. C. Linger, A. W. J. Welch, J. D. Terry, P. A. Tear, J. P. F. Daldy
The high hopes with which we started the season received setbacks in our first two matches which were drawn and lost respectively. Then we began to improve and after three victories were looking forward to a really successful team. Unfortunately, cancellations have prevented any further matches up to the present. After early indifferent displays the forwards have welded together into a good pack, but still find lack of weight a handicap. The back division well served by the halves has shown flashes of brilliance, but has not been consistent. With more match practice, the team can still fulfill the promise which has often been shown but not always maintained.


The team has an unbeaten record so far this season. The forwards have been energetic and their work has been behind most of the team's successes. They have had the advantage of size over most of their opponents. The three-quarters are small and at present, rather slow in getting off the mark with the ball. Passing movements have been good and in these the forwards have also taken part. Kicking has also been good. The worst feature of the team's play is its tackling. No member of the team can feel satisfied with the present standard of tackling. It is the weak point in the defence.

R. L. Cowley, G. M. Parnell, G. C. Willey and T. F. Jones have also played.

After a promising start, the team has played only moderately well. High tackling, failure to run straight and tendency to take too frequent rests while the ball is still in play have been the chief faults. Enthusiasm and hard practice will remedy these.


We congratulate D. T. Stevens on his selection for the Northants Grammar Schools XV., and also J. P. F. Daldy, C. S. Fensome, D. N.

Thanks are expressed to all those Masters and boys who have helped with the organisation of School Rugby.

RESULTS.

Oct. 2nd. 2nd XV. v. Rushden & Higham 'A' XV. (H) Lost 6–3
U 13 XV. v. Kettering G. S. U 13 XV. (H) Lost 21–3

Oct. 9th. 1st XV. v. Deacon's, Peterboro' 1st XV. (A) Lost 6–5
2nd XV. v. Deacon's, Peterboro' 2nd XV. (A) Won 39–6
U 14 XV. v. Deacon's, Peterboro' U 14 XV (H) Won 31–0
U 13 XV. v. Deacon's, Peterboro' U 13 XV. (H) Won 18–3

U 14 XV. v. Kettering G.S. U 14 XV. (H) Won 13–6

Oct. 16th. 1st XV. v. Northampton G.S. 1st XV. (A) Lost 17–3
2nd XV. v. Northampton G.S. 2nd XV. (A) Lost 3–0
U 15 XV. v. N'hampton G.S. Junior Colts (H) Won 6–3
U 14 XV. v. Northampton G.S. U 14 XV. (H) Won 12–0

Oct. 20th. 1st XV. v. Kettering G. S. 1st XV. (A) Lost 22–9
2nd XV. v. Kettering G.S. 2nd XV (A) Lost 11–6

Oct. 23rd. 2nd XV. v Old Northamptonians 'B' XV. (A) Lost 8–6
U 13 XV. v. Northampton G.S. U 13 XV. (H) Lost 18–0

Oct. 30th. 1st. v. Old Northamptonians Extra 1st XV. (H) Lost 6–11
U 15. v. Deacon's, Peterborough U 15 XV. (A) Won 15–0

Nov. 3rd. U 15 XV. v. Bedford Harpur U 15 XV. (A) Won 12–6
U 13 XV. v. Bedford Lower School (H) Lost 31–0

Nov. 6th. 1st XV. v. King's, Peterborough 1st XV. (H) Lost 15–0
2nd XV. v. King's, Peterborough 2nd XV. (H) Lost 14–0

Nov. 20th. 1st XV. v. King's, Peterborough 1st XV. (A) Lost 21–3
2nd XV. v. King's, Peterborough 2nd XV. (A) Lost 13–3

CRICKET.

1st XI.

The playing record of the School 1st XI, reveals that, for the first time for many years, their success or failure depended largely on the success of failure of one or two individual players. This means that there was not that "all-round" ability which previous school sides have shown: this was reflected both in the batting and the bowling.

The bowling suffered from lack of variety. Our attack consisted of three medium-paced bowlers, for we lacked a competent spinner who could tie down opposing batsmen for any length of time. Thompson and Buckby tried hard at times but could never maintain sufficient accuracy to warrant their being kept on for more than six overs at a time. In fact, Wills was the only reliable bowler, although Dilley did, in one match against the Old Cyts, show commendable accuracy—but one match is not sufficient!
The batting too was "patchy". In the enforced absence of Priest who was out of the game for more than half the season, we were obliged to find a new opening batsman, Buckby was our choice and a happy one it was! He was a model of concentration and his excellent footwork enabled him to play slow bowling confidently and expertly—something no other member of the side could achieve. Stevens, at times, showed a dour defence but was, so often, reluctant to move out of his crease to attack the slow stuff. However, the best innings of the season came from Wills. His 60 not out against Bedford School 2nd XI. was a grand example of sound, scientific hitting. In all, he hit 12 fours in this innings, a fact which shows how completely he collared the bowling. Dilley also must be congratulated on his 41 against Deacon's School.

Yet, apart from these batsmen, there was a disturbing lack of consistency.

The fielding was keen at times, but too many of the team seemed to think that they could play cricket and also enjoy the beauties of the surrounding countryside. They never achieved that all-round keenness which can win matches even when one's attack is unspectacular. The team was selected from: Priest (Capt.), Stevens, Evans, Wills, Buckby, Hunt, Dilley, Downing, Thompson, Rigby, Field, Shawley, Ridge, (Sharman).

PLAYING RECORD


MASTERS' MATCH.

The School, fielding first, gained three quick wickets, including Messrs. Davies and Sparrow, who, in previous years, had caused much trouble. Mr. Butterfield was then joined by the Headmaster and, together, they made an admirable stand. On the dismissal of Mr. Wrenn there followed some entertaining cricket by Mr. Riach and Mr. Pine until finally the Staff score registered 100 when the last wicket fell.

Evans and Thompson opened the School innings, the latter falling quickly to Mr. Riach's bowling. Stevens then joined Evans and the score mounted to 34 before Evans was dismissed. Another wicket quickly fell, but, while Buckby played a defensive game at one end Stevens scored well at the other and the Masters' total was passed without further loss, the School winning by 7 wickets.

Results.

June 26th v. Old Cytringanians. Lost.
W.G.S. 83 (Priest 25, Buckby 14)
Old Cyts. 84 for 5 (Dilley 3 for 35)

July 10th v. Deacon's School, Peterborough. Drawn.
W.G.S. 93 (Dilley 41)
Deacon's 64 for 7 (Wills 5 for 17)
July 14th v. Kettering G.S.  Drawn.
  W.G.S. 65 (Stevens 20)
  K.G.S. 43 for 6 (Wills 4 for 18)
  W.G.S. 41 for 4.
July 20th v. Bedford School 2nd XI.  Drawn.
  W.G.S. 142 for 7 dec. (Buckby 24, Wills 60 not out)
  Bedford 108 for 7 (Wills 5 for 45)
  W.G.S. 44 for 6 (Stevens 23 not out)
  K.G.S. 98 for 3 dec.
July 22nd v. Masters.  Won.
  Masters 100 (Buckby 3 for 29, Evans 4 for 22)
  W.G.S. 104 for 3 (Stevens 61 not out)

1st XI. Colours have been awarded as follows:
  Full—Buckby.
  Half—Dilley, Hunt, Thompson, Rigby, Field.

2nd XI. Results:

v. Deacon’s School, Peterborough 2nd XI.  Won by 5 wickets.
  Deacon’s 83 for 9 dec.
  W.G.S. 85 for 5.
v. King’s School, Peterborough 2nd XI.  Won by 3 wickets.
  King’s 54.
  W.G.S. 55 for 7.
v. Bedford Modern Colts.  Drawn
  Bedford 78 for 5 dec.
  W.G.S. 55 for 7.
v. Northampton G.S. 2nd XI.  Lost by 112 runs.
  Northampton 129 for 9 dec.
  W.G.S. 17.
v. Daventry G.S. 1st XI.  Lost by 77 runs.
  Daventry 105 for 7 dec.
  W.G.S. 28.
v. Blackfriars 1st XI.  Won by 46 runs.
  W.G.S. 90 for 8 dec.
  Blackfriars 44.
v. Laxton G.S. 1st XI.  Won by 12 runs.
  W.G.S. 119 for 3 dec.
  Laxton 107.
v. Oundle School 3rd XI.  Drawn.
  Oundle 106.
  W.G.S. 105 for 7.

The 2nd XI. had a quite successful season—4 won, 2 drawn and
2 lost.

The following boys played: Ridge (Capt), Downing, Clayton, Young,
Shawley, Rose, Wescott, Steele, Wilson, Waller, Clipstone, Tear,
Boyce, (and occasionally, Field, Wills P., Buckby, Attley, West,
Woodall, Brown and Hodson.)
Deacon's declared at 86 for 9, leaving us an hour to score the runs; this was done, Brown's hitting being largely responsible. After beating King's in a slow-scoring game and drawing with Bedford Modern Colts, we suffered two heavy defeats at N'thampton and Daventry. There were then three excellent games. The hospitable Blackfriars team was never in danger of reaching the target of 85 in the face of consistent bowling from Downing and Ridge. There were only 2½ hours for play at Laxton G.S. because of rain. Thanks largely to hard hitting by Downing and Field, the school declared at 119 for 3 after 45 minutes; Laxton had 1½ hours to knock off the runs, but were all out at 107 with five minutes to spare. Oundle 3rd XI. made 106 after being 56 for 6 during Young's opening spell of bowling; Clayton made a good start to the school's innings but the middle batsmen disappointed by scoring at a slower rate, and stumps were drawn when only one run short.

Ridge was a very capable captain, Shawley's care, Field's and Downing's aggression, and Clayton's style brought most runs. Downing, Ridge, Young and Steele all had successful bowling spells.

**Under 15 XI.**

The main strength of the team was in its bowling and fielding which invariably gave a chance of winning. The batting was seldom competent enough, however, to take advantage of this and relied too much on the success of one or two individuals. Each game lost can be attributed to our poor batting, quite as much as to our opponents' good bowling. Mention must be made to the excellent bowling of D. G. Hodson throughout the season and also the consistent all-round performances of B. Tunney.

**Additional Results.**

W.G.S. 117 (Tunney 72 not out)
Bedford 78 for 6 (Hodson 4 for 25)

Kettering 74 (Hodson 6 for 10)
W.G.S. 68.

Bedford 55 (Hodson 7 for 15)
W.G.S. 28.

July 14th v. Daventry (H). Won.
Daventry 27 (Hodson 6 for 12)
W.G.S. 30 for 2.


Colours awarded to: P. E. Wills, D. G. Hodson, B. Tunney.
  W.G.S. 40 for 4.
  Bedford Harpur 39 (Horne 7 for 15)

  Bedford School 97 (Green 4 for 14)
  W.G.S. 60 (Clarke 19 not out)

July 1st v. Kettering G.S. Lost
  Kettering G.S. 70 (Tye 3 for 12)
  W.G.S. 23.

July 7th v. Kettering G.S. Lost.
  Kettering G.S. 51 (Horne 5 for 17)
  W.G.S. 27.

July 10th v. Deacon's School, Peterborough. Won.
  Deacon's 85 (Tomlin 5 for 17)
  W.G.S. 87 for 6 (Tomlin 18, M. E. Robinson 33 not out)

July 14th v. Blackfriars School. Won.
  Blackfriars 60 (Jones 2 for 6)
  W.G.S. 98 (Powell 25, Carvell 28)

The following played: M. Robinson (Capt.), R. Tomlin (Vice-Capt.),
  T. F. Jones, M. Green, D. J. Horne, R. Tye, D. Powell, B. T.
  Carvell, B. Clarke, R. E. Smith, R. Leslie, R. King-Underwood,

Colours were awarded to M. Robinson, R. Tomlin, T. F. Jones, D. J.
  Horne and D. Powell.


ATHLETICS.

The second of our Triangular Matches against Northampton and
Kettering Grammar Schools was held at home on July 13th. After a
close contest the school were the eventual winners with 146 points,
Northampton scoring 114 points and Kettering 105 points. Special
mention must be made of Sharman who won both the 100 yds. and
880 yds. Middle; Rigby for his good win in the Senior High Jump;
and Davis P. M. who again broke the school record by winning the
Middle High Jump with a fine leap of 5'11".

After being unable to hold the newly introduced hurdles standards
during the Easter Term owing to the poor weather we eventually
managed to complete them with the following results:

80 yds. Hurdles, Senior.
  1. Field, 2. Rigby, 3. Miles, 4. Samples
  Time: 11.4 secs.

80 yds. Hurdles, Middle.
  Time: 11.7 secs.
80 yds. Hurdles, Junior.
Time: 13.5 secs.

Competing in the Midland Counties Championships at Birmingham on Sat. June 19th, Ridge G. T. and Miles both obtained standard medals in the 440 yds. Youths. In addition Ridge secured a standard medal in the Youths' Long Jump.

In the Northamptonshire Schools' Athletic Championship at Kettering on June 26th the following successes were obtained: High Jump under 15: 1st. Davis P. M.; 440 yds. 15-17: 3rd. Ridge; 220 yds. 15-17: 3rd. Miles.

Finally, we must congratulate Barber, our Athletics' Captain, on his excellent performances at the following championships:
1. Schools' Inter-County Championships at Ashington, Northumberland on 16th-17th July: One Mile, Senior: placed 5th in final.
3. Represented the Midland Counties in the Amateur Athletic Association Junior Championships at Birmingham on 31st July. One Mile: secured standard medal. His time was 4 mins. 29.8 secs. which is a new school record.

SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS.

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SWIMMING.

Owing to bad weather very little swimming time was available this summer. Some forms made only two attendances at the baths. Yet, despite this, all the Houses were well represented in the Swimming Sports. No individual performance deserves special mention, but the winning of all the relays by the Dragons house was quite an achievement. The form relays provided the most exciting races.

The distance swimming was quite good and would have been a lot better if all swimmers had had the opportunity of being tested. As it was about 200 scored points and 120 of these completed the quarter mile. Of the new boys only 12 of the 96 could swim, whereas in the fourth forms 63 can now swim. Teaching boys to swim is our main concern, and little time can be devoted to the swimmers in our all too short twenty minutes.

Results.

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DRAGONS.

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

Head of House: T. A. Field

School Prefects: T. A. Field, M. Hornsey

House Prefects:
A. Kirby (Secretary), R. Sherwood, Clayton

Of the events which were held last term, the swimming cup yet once again became our property, but in the cricket competition we were not so successful.

House Meetings were held as usual on the first Monday of Term. Mr. C. A. Pine welcomed the new boys on behalf of the house. The following appointments were made: Music conductor (R. Sherwood). House Prefects and Rugby captains: Due to Field's shoulder injury the senior captaincy was taken over by A. Kirby while the junior side was captained by Cox.

Up to the time of writing only one round of the Rugby Competition has been played, in which we were opposed to the Lions. The Seniors drew but the Juniors went down 6–0.

Several Dragons gained successes in the summer examinations, notably Shawley and M. Hornsey.

To conclude we wish all Dragons a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year.
GRYPHONS.

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

*Head of House: W. Priest*

*House Prefects:*
J. Parsons, R. Westcott, B. Knight, R. Burfoot

*House Secretary: B. H. Whitney*

This year the House has suffered the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune", riding on a "sea of troubles" which have not ended in spite of any amount of opposition. The dreams of Cricket and Swimming that came to us in that "sleep of death" came to nought, and we were well beaten by the blitzkrieg tactics of the Stags during the House Matches. May we however mention Priest and Walker—the latter deserving special praise for his captaincy of the Northamptonshire Under 15 XV.

However by dint of "enterprises of great pith and moment" we are, once more, the holders of the Ferguson Trophy with good results in both the school and G.C.E. examinations. State Scholarships are by no means uncommon now—Westcott, Barber and Ward having each gained one. The last two have gone up to University.

The Gryphon as usual remains ubiquitous and has infiltrated into many of the school's activities and positions—both famous and infamous.

We would like to congratulate all those who gained House Colours—Bean, Whitney, Young, Parsons and Burfoot.

In conclusion may we welcome the new Gryphons and wish the whole House the compliments of the season and a Happy 1955.

LIONS.

*House Master:*
Mr. R. V. S. Ward, Mr. J. H. Butler, Mr. J. P. Hyde

*Head of House: G. T. Ridge*

*School Prefects:*
G. T. Ridge, R. O. Knight, C. R. Turner, J. M. Warwick (Secretary), R. Robertshaw

*House Prefects:*
P. M Murdin, P. Wills, B. Tunney.

Our last chronicle was published a little too soon to announce the result of the inter-house Cricket Competition, and of the Swimming Contest. We regret to say that our performance on the cricket pitch this summer was not nearly as good as that of last year, when we succeeded in winning the cup. The main problems facing our captain when picking a team, seems to have been a lack of older players.
As is usual, we did not achieve a great deal in the Swimming Competition, but it was noticeable that our performance at Wilby Lido on the actual day of the contest was better than it had been in past years. It is evident that in swimming our chief problem is gaining distance standards. Nevertheless, if we continue to improve we may witness a Leonine victory at the Lido in the near future.

There has been little house activity this term, for the elements have only allowed us to compete in one House Match so far. We have, however, made a pleasing start in Rugger, for in this first match the Senior team drew, and the Juniors won their games, so that at present, we occupy the second position on the points list. The want of older Lions has, as with cricket, made the selection of a good team a difficult matter.

Our able conductor, R. O. Knight, leading the house in music for the fourth time, has already made considerable headway in producing a competent choir, and in arranging the voluntary items.

We very much regret the loss of one of our House Masters, Mr. J. Butterfield, who, we feel, did a great deal in maintaining the interest of the house in all the phases of its activity, and who also helped us in a practical way on the sports field. We are delighted to find that Mr. J. P. Hyde, who succeeds Mr. Butterfield, shows every sign of being equally helpful to the Lions. We welcome him, and twenty-three first-form cubs to our midst, and hope that both he and they will never come to regret association with us.

In conclusion, we should like to convey to all Lions, whether they are still with us or out in the wide world, our best wishes for their happiness in the Christmas season, and for their prosperity in the approaching year.

STAGS.

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

Head of House: D. T. Stevens

School Prefects:
D. T. Stevens, D. F. Johnson, B. K. Rigby, P. A. Tear (Secretary)
J. M. Clarke

House Prefects: R. Miles, M. Samples

We extend a hearty welcome to all new Stags and hope that they will not only maintain but improve the high reputation of the House.

Since the publication of the last Magazine, only the Cricket and Swimming Cups have been contested. In the former, we again won the cup, whilst in the Swimming Competition we finished runners-up with the same number of points as the Gryphons.

At the House Meeting at the beginning of this term, D. T. Stevens was unanimously elected Head of the House. Stevens was also re-appointed Senior Rugby Captain and R. King-Underwood became Junior Rugby Captain. R. Miles and M. Samples were elected to fill the vacancies of House Prefects.
So far this term, only one round of the Rugby Cup has been played. Both Senior and Junior teams emerged victorious from their matches with the Gryphons, and we have a good chance of retaining this Cup, which has not been out of our hands for several years.

Congratulations must be extended to D. T. Stevens on being selected for the County Schools' Rugger XV., and to D. Austin who will act as reserve. We wish both the very best of luck. We also congratulate all Stags successful in the General Certificate of Education in July and wish success to those taking examinations in December.

Finally, we wish all Stags, past and present, a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

PARENTS' DAY AND PRIZEGIVING.
July 15th, 1954.

The precedent of last year was unfortunately repeated this year and the early part of the proceedings was held in the School Hall with steady rain outside. The gathering of Parents and friends was even larger than previously and the inadequacy of the Hall for large gatherings was only too clearly demonstrated. However, by relaying the speeches to classrooms many more could take part than the Hall would hold.

The highlight of the day was the visit of Sir Alexander Fleming to give away the prizes and to open and name the new laboratory. It was a singular honour for the School to have so distinguished a guest, and to be the only School at which he had made a prize distribution.

Sir Alexander in his address emphasized the importance of work and more work, with intelligence and knowledge sufficient to see where that work leads. He illustrated too the fact that fortune plays a large part in the lives of successful men by telling the story of his own discovery of penicillin. It had been purely by chance that the mould had dropped on to his culture plates but the result of what had probably happened before to others or to him, had on this occasion so caught his attention that it had led on to his remarkable discovery. He concluded by quoting from the Odyssey:

“First the hard rowing then the favouring breeze” telling the members of the School that now they were experiencing some of the hard rowing, and hoping they may all later feel the favouring breeze.

Again the Parents' Committee ran their most successful stalls and provided tea. We thank them again for all the hard work they put in on this occasion and at numerous other times during the year for our benefit only.

The Parents’ Match was unfortunately rained off after only a short time of play, but various demonstrations of School work and outside activities kept our guests entertained and interested.
### Prize List

**SIXTH FORM—**

- **Upper: Arts**
  - Headmaster's Prize: A. B. Crawford
  - Mr. Lay's Prize for Divinity: R. Clarke
  - Mr. W. E. Capon's Prize for Social Service: B. J. Tyler
  - Miss Cook's Prize for English: D. Priestley
  - "Robert Troath" Prize for History: A. Towers
  - "Robert Troath" Prize for Geography: J. M. Warwick
  - French: R. M. Hall
  - Spanish: D. A. Harris
  - Mathematics: M. E. Rogers
  - "F. J. Thorpe" Prize for Physics: A. B. Crawford
  - Chemistry: R. O. Knight
  - Biology: P. M. Murdin

**Form Prizes—**

- Form IVa.
- Form IVb.
- Form IVc.
- Form IIIa.
- Form IIIb.
- Form IIIc.
- Form IIa.
- Form Ia.
- Form Ib.
- Form Ic.

**GRADE III. 'CELLO (WITH MERIT)**

- M. V. Beswick
- D. L. Underwood
- D. Payne
- R. Klegeris
- R. D. Bland
- K. Bailey
- R. J. Doyle
- D. J. Wignell
- D. B. Page
- M. J. Howes
- B. D. Stokes
- D. Clarke
- R. O. Knight
- M. J. Walker

**ASSOCIATED BOARD OF ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC.**

- R. M. Hall: Grade III. 'Cello
- J. P. Elderton: Grade IV. 'Cello (with merit)
- S. H. Fox: Grade II. Violin
- T. Painter: Grade II. Violin
- P. T. Eden: Grade IIIA. 'Cello
- J. C. Clayton: Grade IIIB. 'Cello
- P. H. Hunt: Grade IIIC. Violin
- R. Lawrence: Grade II. Cello
- P. E. Tompkins: Grade II. Violin
- D. M. Fidler: Grade II. Violin
- H. C. Parker: Grade II. Violin

**OLD BOYS' DISTINCTIONS.**

- 2nd Class B.Sc. Chemistry, Nottingham: J. C. Clayton
- 2nd Class B.Sc. Physics, London (External): P. H. Hunt
- B.Sc. Special Mathematics, London (External): R. Lawrence
- 3rd Class B.Sc. Physics, Nottingham: P. E. Tompkins
- B.Sc. General, London (External): D. M. Fidler
- L.D.S., R.C.S., Liverpool: H. C. Parker

**HOUSE CUPS, 1952-53.**

- Ferguson Trophy (Work in School): Gryphons
- Mrs. H. W. Saxby's Rugby Cup: Stags
- Yorke Cricket Cup: Lions
- Henson Relay Cup: Stags
- Gordon Shipman Mile Cup: Gryphons
- Martin Athletic Cup: Dragons
- Bradshaw 100 yards Cup: Dragons
- James Swimming Cup: Dragons
- Ford Physical Training Cup: Gryphons
- Appleby Cup for Music: Stags
- Miss Cook's Cup for Plays: Lions
PARENTS’ COMMITTEE.

The Parents’ Committee organised the usual stalls and tea at Speech Day, resulting in a profit of about £40. Two Whist Drives have been held this term, and it is hoped to hold another on 15th February, 1955. A very successful evening was held for all parents on 26th October. Although the weather was unkind, the attendance was good, and several people gave in their names to become new members of the Committee. We give them a very hearty welcome. The Studio Camera for which a grant was made, is now being used by the Photographic Club, and some pleasing results have been obtained. A grant of £25 has been made to the Railway Club for further rolling stock, and the Committee were interested to hear that this is the most popular club in the Junior School.

CHESS CLUB.

Meetings of the Chess Club have been held twice a week throughout the term. The standard of play has been quite satisfactory although attendance has not been very high. It is hoped that more boys will avail themselves of the opportunity of “dropping in” for a game. Boys wishing to learn to play are also welcome.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The play chosen for the School play this year is BUSMAN’S HONEYMOON by Dorothy L. Sayers. A full report of the performance with the cast will appear in the next number of the Magazine. We should like here, however, to express our appreciation of the help given by the Northants Drama Advisor.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Officials 1954-55.

President : The Headmaster
Chairman : B. Knight
Vice-Chairman : C. Brereton
Secretary : P. A. Tear

Committee :
Mr. Cook, B. Knight, C. Brereton, P. A. Tear, R. A. Sharp, G. S. Regis, J. P. Langley, J. R. Wykes, P. E. Wills, R. L. Nice, B. A. Graves.

This term has seen the formation of a School Historical Society. The Society meets once a fortnight, and any member of the fifth of sixth forms is invited to attend. At the first meeting the Chairman of the Society, B. Knight lectured on “The Charge of the Light Brigade”.

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LIBRARY NOTES.

We are very grateful for two gifts of books from donors who wish to remain anonymous. One of the donations comprised a number of mathematics books. We are also grateful for gifts of periodicals to the library from J. R. Bettles and J. Betts.

Recent additions include:

- T. Irescn
- Oxford Junior Encyclopaedia. Vol. XII.
- C. S. Lewis
- P. Brickhill
- D. Howarth
- Courant and Robbins
- F. Ephraim
- K. E. B. Jay
- J. M. A. Lenihan
- Borrodaile and Potts

Northamptonshire.

English Literature in the 16th Century.
The Dambusters.
The Shetland Bus.
What is Mathematics?
Inorganic Chemistry.
Britain's Atomic Factories.
Atomic Energy and its applications.
The Invertebrata.

At the end of the Summer Term R. Brown and M. S. Ingram brought the card catalogue up to date.

Assistant Librarians this year are R. A. Goosey, T. P. G. Arnold, P. J. Knight, J. P. Langley, R. Miles, G. S. Regis, M. Samples, R. P. Stratton, J. D. Terry and J. D. Woodall who is also Secretary of the Library Committee.

MUSIC NOTES - AUTUMN TERM 1954.

The annual Music Recital was given in the Hall before a large audience of parents and friends on Tuesday, 20th July. All branches of school music were represented—the Senior, Male Voice and Junior choirs, the combined High School and Grammar School orchestra, the newly formed Chamber Music and Madrigal groups. All the choirs performed creditably; the orchestra was reinforced by some Timpani kindly lent by the Technical College, which improved the effect; particularly enjoyable was the Bach suite, played by the chamber group; the Madrigal group was beset by rehearsal difficulties, otherwise the standard would have been higher. Part of the programme was given before the school on the following morning and was much enjoyed.

Programme:

1. Excerpts from "The Village Opera" - - - - Handel
   (Senior, Male Voice and Junior choirs)
2. A Miniature Suite - - - - - - - - Bach
   (Chamber Music group)
3. March from "Scipio" - - - - - - - Handel
   Pavane - - - - - - - Arbeau
   Musette and March from "Rinaldo" - - - - - Handel
   March from "Carmen" - - - - - - Bizet
   (High School and Grammar School Orchestra)
4. Now is the Month of Maying - - - - - - Morley
   Since First I Saw Your Face - - - - - - Ford
   Rest, Sweet Nymphs - - - - - - Pilkington
   Fair Phyllis I Saw - - - - - - Farmer
      (Madrigal Group)

5. Johnny, Come Down to Hilo - - - Negro Spiritual
   Down in yon Summer Vale - - - Charles Wood
   Uncle Ned - - - - - - Stephen Foster
   Goodnight, Ladies - - - - - - Arr. Woodgate
      (Male Voice Choir)

During the Autumn Term, the Senior, Male Voice and Junior choirs have been rehearsing carols for performance at the Carol Service to be held in All Hallows Church on December 20, and at the end of term service. The Male Voice choir is also preparing for two recitals to local organisations.

Seven new boys have begun to learn the Violin in a class and several of the senior boys are now having individual lessons from Mr. Harding and are making good progress. Some of these senior boys performed with the High School orchestra on the occasion of their Speech Day. The two boys learning the Clarinet are also making good progress.

The school Viola and Cello are still lying idle and volunteers to learn them would be gratefully welcomed.

P.T. CLUB.

This club meets weekly on Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. At the moment we have about 20 members, the majority coming from the junior forms. We have a good nucleus of seniors but would like more members from the middle school. We have worked hard this term on "Handstands, Handsprings and Overswings" and results are now beginning to show. If we continue to work as hard we may reach the standard of the last Open Day display.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

At the General Meeting at the beginning of term C. J. Green, our chairman, expressed regret at losing both Mr. Parish and D. A. Harris. He welcomed Mr. Goodman, our new president, and also several new members. We appear to have lost some of our old stalwarts.

We found, on inspecting the cupboard, that we were rather short of kit, so we decided to buy more dishes, paper, etc. We are grateful for the gifts of several printing-frames—further donations of this nature would be welcomed. We decided to hold a competition for the best print. The programme for the term included printing, enlarging, developing, etc. Mr. Goodman has lent us his enlarger on several occasions, although we still have no dark-room.

We thank Mr. Leftwich for allowing us to meet in Room 14.
THE PUPPET CLUB.

Last season proved to be a successful one for the club. Several shows were presented, some of them out of town.

This year, the puppet club is producing a tale from the Arabian Nights, called "The Enchanted Horse", as our usual pantomime. One of the many problems was the construction of the horse but M. V. Beswick ably undertook this task. As M. Wakelin has left us a new script writer was necessary and D. G. Powell has filled this vacancy. The membership of the club continues to rise as several first form boys have joined the club and are making good progress with their first puppets. We are all looking forward to another successful season.

RAILWAY CLUB.

When the last Magazine appeared we were looking forward to a major expedition—the longest rail journey so far undertaken by the Club. Away from Wellingborough at 7.30 a.m. on July 6th for thirteen hours of almost continuous travel with changes in Northampton, Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester, we had to face the possibility of a journey seriously interrupted or ruined by one late train. But all was well—British Railways provided punctual transport, reserved accommodation and even specially printed tickets for the journey. Train-spotting was a continuous interest, and good weather with much fine scenery made this journey, which was for many boys their longest by rail, really memorable.

This term R. A. Leaton remains as our Treasurer and Secretary and we have elected Committee representatives of those forms which support regular meetings. Weekly meetings continue and our model railway now practically fills the Hall. The Parents' Committee has most generously made us a grant of £25 towards new accessories.

Future suggested activities include Derby next term, the Model Railway Exhibition at Easter and a day trip to Boulogne in the Summer.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

Officials 1954-55.

President : The Headmaster
Chairman : R. O. Knight  Vice-Chairman : A. B. Holmes
Committee :
Mr. Holmes, Mr. Huddart, Mr. Leftwich, A. B. Holmes, R. O. Knight, G. R. West
Secretary : G. R. West

Since the beginning of the Autumn Term the Society has met five times, and maintained a good attendance at all meetings. The lectures have been varied and interesting and have included the following:
1. "Anaesthetics" by A. B. Holmes. This proved a most absorbing lecture and dealt with the progress made in the use of anaesthetics, the properties, and preparation of the most important ones, and the differing reactions of patients.

2. "Electric Light bulbs" by A. B. Maycock. Here we heard in detail the intricacies of the manufacture of the filament, from the original ore Wolframite, to the completed article.

3. "Difficulties of space travel" by A. Jackson. These were found to be many, but suggested rectifications were put forward and it was deduced that, in the event of a rocket ship making a journey into space it would probably make the moon its first objective.

4. "The end of the World" by C. R. Turner. This arresting title attracted a record attendance. The members were probably anxious to learn how much longer they had in which to “eat, drink and be merry”. The lecture began with the religious prophecies and continued with scientific theories. It was reassuring to learn that the world as a planet is likely to last millions of years.

5. "The manufacture of Fireworks" by J. McArdle. This was a timely lecture as it occurred two days before Nov 5th. The technicalities of the manufacture of fireworks were explained.

6. "The Moon" by B. K. Rigby. This lecture evoked much interest from the keen group who attended. Here we learned of the nature of the moon’s crust and its orbital motion around the Earth.

The syllabus of forthcoming lectures suggests that they will continue to intrigue and interest and any fifth or sixth former who has not already joined, would find Wednesday evenings in the library both profitable and enlightening.

6th WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUTS.

At the end of the Summer Term we were runners-up for the Gilbey Camping Cup which we held for two years.

We had a good half-day at Northampton Camping Ground in July. The whole troop with two exceptions reached 2nd Class Standard, and Lightfoot did his Journey and got his First Class Badge.

We were very sorry to lose Mr. Parish as Scouter.

We went to camp on July 26th in pouring rain and arrived at Youlbury near Oxford loaded with food and were not much put-out by the wet conditions. Our gear had all arrived by road and we have good equipment—thanks to our Jumble Sales. The camp fires, the Scouts Own on Sunday morning, and the Swimming pool are things we shall remember. We shall also remember Drage who liked staying in bed—and Wignell who was so reluctant to come home. The weather was mixed but bearable and the Camp Warden gave us a good testimonial.

This term we have run our Jumble Sale and begun our winter programme. Wignell and Drage are the new Patrol Leaders and we have been joined by Willey, Walton, Perkins, More, Morris, Taylor, O’Key and Penness.
STAMP CLUB.

The Stamp Club has had a satisfactory term and has increased its Junior membership. Many interesting talks and displays have been given by boys and the School collection grows steadily. This collection was on display on Parents' Day together with a few private exhibitions. We would like to thank all parents who have given stamps to the club and enabled us to increase our stock of stamps for exchanging.

AUSTRIA.

24th August - 4th September, 1954.

"The sea's rough—officially" was the message gleefully spread among the party as we ploughed our way across the channel. Any who doubted it had only to witness Mr. & Mrs. Cheale and several boys thrown violently to the deck in a heap as the boat turned to enter Ostend. Fortunately nothing worse than damage to clothing resulted and all including the ex-seasick cheerfully joined the Carinthia Express. For most, the night passed on wooden seats but from the more experienced travellers came tales of peaceful slumber in First Class compartments rudely interrupted by unsympathetic railway staff. Breakfast in the Restaurant Car revived us all and we duly got to Salzburg for lunch—854 miles and one minute late!

Fully recovered from the journey, in the afternoon we climbed 600 ft. in blazing sun to a viewpoint over the Old City. The next morning, a tour of the ancient streets of Salzburg ended in Winkler's Cafe, which, after an evening visit, some of us can confirm as one of the most luxurious and expensive in Europe. Macs were thoroughly suitable for the afternoon at Hellbrunn where inspection of the grottos is enlivened by the "water tricks" which suddenly spray the unwary from all sides.

A whole day visit to Wolfgang of "White Horse Inn" fame started on the oldest and blackest train in Austria which throws most of its fuel over the passengers.

After Salzburg our move to Zell-am-See gave promise of the return of summer weather and we at once ascended by slender cable to the Schmittenhohe for a first view of the Austrian Alps and Glaciers.

A closer inspection was to follow the next day and in low cloud and driving rain the first coach got away on time. Five hours later—after a "slight" breakdown—the second followed and, perhaps more fortunate, crossed the Gress Glockner Pass at 8200 ft. and got to the Pasterzen Glacier through a mixture of rain, cloud, sun, snow and hail, where many of the party clambered out over the ice. The second coach returned in darkness over the 31 hairpin bends of the now-deserted pass and rounded many of them in thickest cloud while the silent passengers watched the driver and the emergency brake!

Outstanding in the remainder of our stay were the best continental summer weather, a tunnel in the hot springs at Bad Gastein—118°F, Berchtesgaden (Germany) where we borrowed very queer clothing for
our visit to a salt-mine and found careless sitting on the slides quite “warming”, where we were rowed across a great underground saltlake and came out of the mine astride a small train—700 yds. express! and finally a day at Krimml, the highest falls in Europe.

Looking back on the tour after our uneventful return we can say that the school has many punctual experienced travellers, capable of managing well even in a country where English is seldom spoken.

For particular mention—the gluttons who ate two breakfasts, the boys who threw away their lunches because they didn't “look” nice, the boys who looked after the injured Cole, D. A. Harris with us for the fourth and last time, Palmer's invitation to the dance!, West and his iceaxe souvenir which he did not forget to bring home.

SCHOOL PARTY TO
FRANCE
PARIS & NICE

Depart: AUGUST 22nd, 1955
(12 Day Tour)

Cost: £28 (approx.) fully inclusive

Excursions include:
VERSAILLES, MENTON, MONTE CARLO,
GORGES OF THE MESCLA, CANNES,
LERINS ISLANDS, ANTIBES, JUAN LES PINS, etc.
OLD BOYS' NOTES.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The meeting was held in the Geography Room at the school on 12th October, 1954. Mr. H. A. Wrenn presided.

The very small attendance of twenty one was deplored by those present but encouragement was given by our president who pointed out that a similar situation existed amongst Old Boys' Associations throughout the country and that this was in fact a very fair comparative attendance. Mr. Wrenn also stated that we achieved many more activities than most other Old Boys' Associations.

Mr. G. C. Addis the Chairman spoke of the very poor year the Association had just experienced but felt that the new General Committee, with several new faces, would bring more zest into the coming year.

Reports on the London and Rushden areas strengthened the view of many that there was and would be no support for branches in these two places.

In reply to a member's criticism of the associations' lack of effort to create interest for new members, Mr. Knowles remarked that people today no longer regard it an honour to be just a member of the association.

The treasurer reported that a loss of £26 had been made over the year and went on to give details of how this deficit had arisen. The increased cost of the magazine and the grants given to the Rugby Club appeared to be the primary expenses. These were explained by the respective secretaries; the magazine had doubled in size for both editions and the travelling expenses of the Rugby Club had risen steeply.

The secretary Mr. P. Hawkins said that there were now 394 members—an increase of 22 over last year's figure.

Officers elected for the coming year were as follows:-

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

With only one Meeting behind us for the current year at the time of writing little can be said of results as yet.

The Committee has quite a new look this year, and it is hoped we shall find a happy team spirit to carry on the efforts of past Committees in their quest for the furtherance, and encouragement of Old Boys' Associations and activities.

The Rugby section are making great efforts to consolidate their financial position with a series of dances being arranged. The first of this series realized a profit of over £19.
To those boys leaving School this term the Association hopes to welcome you as members. It is always good I think, when contemplating joining the Association to say to oneself, not, what am I going to get out of it but what can I do for it, and to feel it an honour to be a member of the Old Boys’ Association of such a fine School.

For information the activities of the Association are now quite numerous. Badminton, Tennis and Rugby Clubs being thriving concerns.

On behalf of the Association may I wish all boys and Staff of the School a Happy New Year with continued excellent results.

RUGBY REPORT.

Both teams have started the season well and a table of results shows that they are having a grand run of victories.

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Both sides have a full fixture list and the number of players available is very encouraging.

additional money. The annual subscription is to be levied on all members this season for the first time ever and four dances are being organised.

The first dance was held on 30th November and proved an outstanding success. With the support of visiting teams a large crowd of dancers enjoyed a very pleasant evening and the profit was the handsome sum of £19. 10. 0.

In connection with the Association Xmas raffle, again organised this year, the annual Sausage and Mash supper will be held. At this function the prize winning tickets will be drawn.

The usual outing to an international game is arranged for Twickenham on 26th February, 1955.

After prolonged negotiations, due to change of tenancy, we have secured the further use of the Embankment ground. Here are played all our home fixtures, to which we extend a hearty welcome to all schoolboys. Any intending player is invited to contact the match sec., Mr. A. J. Smith, 143, Priory Road, Wellingborough, who will be pleased to arrange a game for him.

BACK TO SCHOOL.

Each Monday night during the winter months there can be found in the School Hall a dozen or so Old Boys enjoying themselves keeping fit by playing Badminton. It is mostly a lighthearted affair starting about 7.30 p.m. and going on to 10 or 10.30. However, matches are arranged on a friendly basis with several of the local teams.
The first fixture of this season was against the Park Badminton Club which finished in a very narrow win to the Old Boys. Other fixtures have been arranged both at the school and at the headquarters of opposing clubs.

The new Badminton secretary is W. K. W. Abbott of 191, Northampton Road, Wellingborough, who always manages to provide cups of tea even though on one occasion his bicycle saddle bag was found to be swimming in the milk intended for the beverage.

New members are always welcome, the season subscription is 5/- with a charge of 1/- each night you play. The Masters’ Common Room is used as a changing room and between games the conversation is to say the least illuminating in this home of tidiness and learning.

NEWS of OLD BOYS.

Dr. M. M. Woolfson has been awarded a Fellowship of the Imperial Chemical Industries’ Association at Cambridge. He will be engaged for three years in the determination of crystal structures of nucleotides and the development of relevant analytical methods.

The Walpamur prize of £20 has been awarded to W. Sherwood, Liverpool University.

N. F. Elmore has been granted a short service (3 yrs.) commission in the Education branch R.A.F.

R. E. Knight has gained a pass in the General B.Sc. examination London University in Botany, Chemistry and Zoology.

R. G. Manning now in Nairobi, Kenya, is working for the examinations of the Association of International Accountants.

R. Leslie, St. Peter’s Hall, Oxford has been invited to play for Oxford University against Cambridge. He has therefore achieved a double distinction in being also the first O.B. to become a Rugger Blue.

A. B. Crawford has been awarded the Dukes’ Memorial prize of £25 for French at Christ Church, Oxford.

D. W. Barber is a regular member of the Oxford University Second Cross Country Team. He was second in the Freshmen’s One Mile at Oxford on Oct. 29th. This gained him a place in the University Freshmen’s Team against Cambridge at Fenners on Sat. Nov. 13th. He was also a member of the Oxford Second Cross Country Team against Cambridge on Sat. Nov. 27th.

J. P. Edwards reached the final of the Freshmen’s 100 yds at Fenner’s, Cambridge on Oct. 26th.

C. Boddington won the challenge cup for the best pupil of the year at Sywell Flying Club.

W. Day has won the championship cup for the best beast in Wellingborough Fat Stock Show.