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WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XV., 1954-55

SCHOOL NOTES.

Head Prefect: W. Priest

Second Prefect: G. T. Ridge

Prefects:
T. A. Field, D. T. Stevens, D. F. Johnson, R. O. Knight, C. R. Turner,
J. M. Warwick, B. K. Rigby, R. Robertshaw, P. A. Tear, J. M. Clarke,

Congratulations are offered to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Clutterbuck on
the birth of a daughter.

At the end of the Spring term, the School lost the valued service
of three masters.

Mr. T. G. Cook, Senior History master, has left to take up a similar
post at King Edward VI. School, Sheffield. He gave a true example of
untiring interest and energy in all the numerous activities in which he
took part. The School Library has grown to handsome proportions
under his direction and careful organisation. The Dramatic Society
has lost a stage manager whose labours contributed materially to the
success of all recent plays. He has founded a Historical Society in the
School, which, we hope, will live long to carry on his tradition. He gave
many hours towards the success of School games.

Mr. J. W. Davies, English master, has taken up a senior post at
The Technical School, Smethwick. Since his appointment he was in
charge of the Cricket in the School, and imparted his skill and love of
the game to the teams he coached. He also was devoted to stagecraft,
and both within the School and outside contributed much to the cause
of drama.

Mr. S. J. Branson, Mathematics master, has taken a senior post at
the Grammar School, Hyde, Cheshire. Though with us for a compara-
tively short time, many, particularly seniors, can testify to his enthus-
iasm for his subject. He gave, too, willing service to the Stamp Club,
which has flourished thereby.

At the end of the Winter term, Mr. E. J. Pfaff left to join the staff
of the Grammar School, Blandford. During his stay here Mr. Pfaff
founded and nurtured what is now a thriving institution, the School
Orchestra. It now grows in strength and competency, a fitting mem-
orial of his enthusiasm and interest.
We have welcomed Mr. G. B. Stanley, of Nottingham University, in his place. Mr. B. J. P. Tompkins, Selwyn, Cambridge, Senior History Master and Master i/c Cricket, and Mr. R. Westcott, temporarily to assist with English and Maths.

During the winter a radio and relay system has been installed, which has greatly simplified and improved the use of School broadcasts.

We still hope to see the completion of the new Art Room for September.

Prizes for best articles for the Hobbies Stall at Parents’ Day were awarded to: Cutmore, 1c, Brown, R.R., 1b, Drage, D.P., 1a, Denton, R.F., 2b, Hawkins, Ashpole, 2a, Gresham, 3c, Dickenson, 3b, Butler, 3a.

At the Police bicycle inspection in April, the best cycle noted was that of W. T. Baxter, 1c, to whom a prize was awarded.

B. M. Barclay, VIIa Form, has been offered a flight to, and tour of Canada, during August. He was chosen as one of the fifty outstanding A.T.C. cadets in the country.

R. J. Panter won a diploma and prize in the district Road Safety test.

Several members of the Geography VIth. attended a short but intensive course at Juniper Hall, Dorking, this term.

Lectures were given during the Spring term on Northern Ireland by Mr. Pertwee, on the Navy by Lt.-Commander Graham, on the R.A.F. by Sq.-Leader Grace, to various forms in the School.

At the Commemoration Day Service on 10th June, the School was addressed by Rev. C. S. Ford, Vicar of Higham Ferrers.

During the Spring term the School was visited by a team of H.M. Inspectors who stayed a week. Their report, we are told, is most encouraging.

Visits have been made during this term to the Northampton Repertory’s performance of “As You Like It”—a remarkably fine performance—and to the Old Vic’s production of “Henry IV” (Pt. 1).

A party of sixty boys will attend the Stratford production of “Macbeth” on July 22nd.

A small party of Sixth Formers attended the ‘Sixth Form Conference’ at Peterborough, on Tuesday, 12th July, arranged by the Peterborough Education Officer, in conjunction with the Imperial Institute. Over 400 Sixth Formers from all over the east of England heard experts discuss the Colombo Plan, and the conference then split into small groups to carry on the discussion.

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

OBITUARY.

E. J. Hole, Second Master and Senior Modern Language Master, 1930—1943.

ENTRANTS.
H. BENEFIELD
W. F. BATES

LEAVERS.
A. WESTLEY Transfer to Australia.
L. SODEK Transfer to Northumberland.
J. SODEK Transfer to Northumberland.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, DECEMBER, 1954.
R. C. ADKINS English Lang., Physics
T. P. G. ARNOLD English Lang., Spanish, French
D. A. BARKER History, Geography, Chemistry.
A. E. BEAN Physics
J. R. BETTLES English, Lang., Physics
P. R. BILSBOROUGH Mathematics
D. E. R. BRITTON Spanish
P. J. BRYAN English, Lang., Physics
A. J. CARVELL English Lang.
B. R. CLAYTON Physics
C. FORD Spanish, Chemistry
S. H. FOX English Lang
D. P. FROST English Lang., French, Mathematics
M. GOODLIFFE English, Lang., Physics
R. A. GOOSEY Geography
A. JACKSON French
B. KNIGHT Latin
R. A. LEATON English Lang., Mathematics, Biology
R. MILES English Lang., Physics, Biology
P. M. MURDIN French
J. B. NEWTON French, Physics
N. B. NICKERSON English, Lang., Physics
J. F. PARSONS French
G. S. REGIS English Lang.
J. C. RIDGE English Lang.
J. D. ROBINSON Physics, Chemistry, Biology
P. N. V. SMITH Mathematics
W. W. STEVENSON Physics
J. D. TERRY English Lang.
R. WESTCOTT English Lang.
A. YOUNG Chemistry
A. F. SANDERS Art
RUGBY FOOTBALL RESULTS.

1954
Dec. 18 Under 15 XV. v. King's, Peterborough (H) Won 6—3
Under 14 XV. v. King's, Peterborough (H) Won 14—8

1955
Jan. 26 1st XV. v. Towcester G.S. (H) Lost 16—9
Under 14 XV. v. Towcester G.S. (H) Won 36—0
Jan. 29 1st XV. v. Old Boys (H) Won 30—0
Feb. 5 1st XV. v. Bedford Colts (A) Lost 17—6
2nd XV. v. Wellingborough 'A' (H) Lost 34—3
Under 15 XV. v. Kettering G.S. (A) Lost 6—5
Under 14 XV. v. Kettering G.S. (A) Lost 17—3
Under 13 XV. v. Northampton G.S. (A) Won 24—0
Feb. 7 Under 15 XV. v. Northampton T.H.S. (H) Won 20—0
Mar. 5 2nd XV. v. Old Boys 'A' (A) Won 16—3
Under 13 XV. v. Rushden Tennyson Road (H) Won 39—0
Mar. 12 Under 14 XV. v. Northampton T.H.S. (A) Won 54—0
Mar. 16 1st XV. v. Towcester G.S. (A) Lost 16—3
Under 14 XV. v. Towcester G.S. (A) Won 21—3
Mar. 19 1st XV. v. Kettering G.S. (H) Lost 27—0
2nd XV. v. Kettering G.S. (H) Lost 16—3
Mar. 26 1st XV. v. Bedford Colts (H) Won 15—0
2nd XV. v. Rushden and Higham 'A' (H) Lost 22—3
Apr. 2 1st XV. v. Wellingborough 1st XV. (H) Lost 11—6

COLOURS.
1st XV. Full Colours were awarded to: D. Austin, A. E. Bean, T. A. Field, D. T. Stevens, B. K. Rigby.
1st XV. Full Colours were renewed for: W. Priest, G. T. Ridge.
1st XV. Half Colours were awarded to: A. J. Carvell, R. Robertshaw, C. R. Turner, B. H. Whitney.

HOUSE MATCHES
First Round: October 18th, 1954.
Second Round: February

Seniors: Stags 18, Lions 0.
Juniors: Stags 0, Lions 8.

Gryphons 12, Dragons 3.
Gryphons 0, Dragons 8.

Third Round: March 14th, 1955.

Seniors: Stags 68, Dragons 3.
Juniors: Stags 21, Dragons 0.

Gryphons 3, Lions 6.
Gryphons 0, Lions 32.

HOUSE POINTS

1. Stags . . . . . . 26
2. Lions . . . . . . 21
3. Dragons . . . . . 7
4. Gryphons . . . . . 6

RUGBY SEASON: Are your boots, shorts, or jersey just a little tight? Come and exchange them at the Second-Hand Shop—a good stock of all sizes. Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1.15—1.40 p.m.

CRICKET.

1st XI.

Though no matches have been cancelled there was a general absence of those elements conducive to the enjoyment of "the summer game" in the earlier part of the season. This severely curtailed the extent of net and fielding practices on Tuesdays. Despite this initial difficulty this has been a very successful season so far, as the results indicate. Of the eight matches played, five have been won, two drawn and one lost.

Our successes can be largely attributed to the hostile consistency of the opening bowlers. Wills and Dilley have generally bowled straight and on a length. Both have bowled to their field for sustained spells, Dilley having taken thirty-one wickets and Wills twenty-two. The former has clean bowled twenty-five batsmen—the best proof possible of his accuracy. The slow bowlers in consequence have not had as many opportunities as they would have liked. Nevertheless, Hodson and Rose have indicated their potentialities. To be more effective, the former should try to turn the ball more and the latter ought to push the ball through faster in the air.

In the field the side has responded well to the efforts of the bowlers. Rigby has proved himself a most competent wicket-keeper and has saved many likely byes, but fielders on occasions should have used his services more. The throwing-in has been accurate, the ground fielding clean and the catching close to and away from the wicket reliable. Faulty field placing has been rare but perhaps gully could have been closer on occasions as so many hesitant and indecisive shots are played off the back foot.

Much more consistent form was expected from the batsmen, particularly of last year's eleven. This has not been forthcoming and as a result the side has always been struggling for runs, whether it batted
first or not. Some batsmen have shown too much caution and others have been over-adventurous early in their innings. The opposing bowlers then felt that they were bowling better than they really were. Wills, Bean and Young have had few favourable opportunities of playing their natural game, but if earlier batsmen fail there must be restraint on their part for a while. Some of their over-eagerness was understandable in view of the slow doggedness of our openers, Rose and Frost, both of whom should try to hit the ball harder. Generally the batsmen failed to use their feet effectively, whether attacking or defending. Numerous drives were attempted without getting to the pitch of the ball and several individuals were persistently guilty, when playing back, of poking dangerously on or outside the off stump, because their right foot was not far enough across the wicket.

Stevens and Priest often started confidently but seemed to get out when batting—quite well. Though not at all prolific, both have played some valuable innings, particularly against Northampton Grammar School. Dilley's recent batting has shown determination and concentration and his innings against the Old Cytringanians was most valuable, when he and Hodson added forty runs for the last wicket. Perhaps the worst feature of this season's batting has been the running between wickets. Hesitancy has caused the loss of a wicket at a critical stage and over an innings might lessen the side's score by twenty or thirty runs.

Perhaps the highlight of the season was the remarkable transformation in the game against Northampton Grammar School, who, when 98 for 2, wanted only twelve runs to win with plenty of time to spare. In the next four overs Dilley took seven wickets, hitting the stumps six times. Members of the side that day will no doubt remember this win for many years to come.

Cricket, however, is essentially a team game where a small contribution to success on one occasion may be so much more valuable than a larger one on another.

RESULTS

14th May v. Deacon's School. Won by 5 wickets.
   W.G.S. 72 for 5 (Young 24 not out).
   Deacon's 70 (Wills 5 for 23).

21st May v. Northampton G.S. Won by 4 runs.
   W.G.S. 109 (Priest 25, Stevens 21).
   Northampton G.S. 105 (Dilley 7 for 39).

24th May v. Oundle School 2nd XI. Won by 4 wickets.
   Oundle School 2nd XI. 60 (Wills 7 for 27).

8th June v. Bedford Modern 2nd XI. Drawn.
   W.G.S. 75 for 6 declared (Frost 25).
   Bedford Modern 2nd XI. 30 for 9 (Dilley 7 for 10).
9th June v. Parents' XI. Won by 7 wickets.
   W.G.S. 113 for 3 declared (Frost 36 not out).
   Parents' XI. 44 (Wills 3 for 12, Dilley 3 for 7, Rose 3 for 11).

11th June v. Old Grammarians. Won by 9 wickets.
   W.G.S. 63 for 1 (Rose 28 not out).
   Old Grammarians 61 (Dilley 7 for 7).

18th June v. Old Cytringanians. Drawn.
   W.G.S. 100 (Dilley 29).
   Old Cytringanians 68 for 3.

   W.G.S. 70.
   Kettering G.S. 71 for 6 (Wills 3 for 22).

2ND XI. RESULTS

May 7th v. Northampton G.S. 2nd. Won by 4 wickets.
   Northampton G.S. 56 (Young 5 for 21).
   W.G.S. 57 for 6 (Tunney 16).

May 14th v. Deacon's School 2nd. Won by 16 runs.
   W.G.S. 58 (Carvell 14, Smith, M.R., 13).
   Deacon's 42.

May 19th v. Oundle 3rd. Drawn.
   Oundle 133 for 9 declared (Bean 7 for 20).
   W.G.S. 59 for 8 (Young 18).

May 21st v. Daventry G.S. 1st. Won by 5 wickets.
   Daventry G.S. 31 (Tunney 5 for 13, Ridge 4 for 8).
   W.G.S. 32 for 5.

June 15th v. King's School 2nd. Won by 8 wickets.
   King's 93 (Shaman 5 for 19).
   W.G.S. 107 for 2 (Wilson 50 n.o., Tunney 31, Clayton 16 n.o.).

   Kettering G.S. 59 for 3.

June 29th v. Bedford Modern Colts. Drawn.
   Bedford 146 for 6 declared (Tear 3 for 21).
   W.G.S. 81 for 7 (Clayton 17, Ridge 15 n.o., Bean 13).

The 2nd XI. has had a most successful season, at the time of
going to print. By June 29th, only one game out of seven has been lost. However, success has been mainly achieved by the bowlers. The batting has been too inconsistent, Wilson being the only reliable scorer (100 runs in 5 innings), and the fielding has resulted in too many dropped catches.
The Under 15 XI. this year has so far won and lost an equal number of matches, one game being drawn. It has, therefore, attained some measure of success and during the early part of the season appeared promising, though somewhat unsure in batting. The defects in the batting have been shown very clearly in the last three matches, played on hard and fast wickets against quick bowling. The reluctance of the whole team to move their feet and to play forward has caused the loss of nearly all the wickets that have fallen. Powell and Robinson have looked the most competent batsmen though both have been prone to play back instead of forward. Horne and Tye have shown a refreshing willingness to hit the ball hard, but have not had a sufficient range of shots to last long at the wicket. The remainder of the batting has been undistinguished, correct technique being sadly lacking. Tye and Smith have bowled at a good pace, and have been successful in proportion as they have bowled at the stumps. Latterly, Tye has been most inaccurate, while Smith has improved. Horne has achieved pace off the pitch and Tomlin has been useful with his off-breaks, but he must learn to throw them up more. White can turn the ball both ways and would have been of greater use had he more control over length and direction.

The fielding has been no more than adequate. Many runs have been given away by dropped catches, poor throwing, mis-handling and not anticipating the shot. To these remarks Powell, Tomlin, King-Underwood and Smith are notable exceptions.

Robinson has led the side well and with assurance, has kept wicket as well as his bowlers have let him, and has learned something of the art of field placing.

RESULTS

May 14th v. Wellingborough School (A). Lost.
    W.G.S. 62 (Tomlin 19).
    Wellingborough School 64 for 5.

May 18th v. Blackfriars’ Colts (H). Won.
    Blackfriars 39 (Tye 5 for 11, Smith 2 for 1).
    W.G.S. 43 for 5 (Robinson 17).

May 21st v. Daventry (A). Won.
    Daventry 27 (Tye 5 for 6, Smith 3 for 8).
    W.G.S. 29 for 7.

    Bedford Modern 51 for 9 declared.
    W.G.S. 57 for 4 (Carvell 20, Jones 17 not out).

    W.G.S. 71 (Robinson 17).
    Northampton 61 for 4.
June 15th v. King's, Peterborough. Won.
   W.G.S. 88 (Powell 14, Robinson 18, Swingler 20).
   King's 55 (Horne 5 for 9, Tomlin 3 for 20).

June 21st v. Oundle. Lost.
   Oundle 114 for 4.
   W.G.S. 32.

June 22nd v. Kettering. Lost.
   Kettering 73 for 5.
   W.G.S. 27.

   Bedford 102 for 7 declared.
   W.G.S. 44.

UNDER 14 XI. RESULTS

   W.G.S. 71 for 5 declared (Carvell 24).
   Northampton G.S. 56 for 9 (Green 4 for 14).

14th May v. Deacon's, Peterborough (A). Won by 4 wickets.
   Deacon's 46 (Jones 5 for 8).
   W.G.S. 47 for 6.

14th June v. Kettering G.S. (A). Lost by 63 runs.
   W.G.S. 26.
   Kettering G.S. 89.

15th June v. Blackfriars' School (H). Lost by 4 wickets.
   W.G.S. 66 (Carvell 19).
   Blackfriars' 69 for 6.

   W.G.S. 43 (Jones 29).
   Northampton G.S. 57.

   Bedford 92 for 9 declared (Jones 4 for 23).
   W.G.S. 71 for 8.

29th June v. King's School, Peterborough (H). Lost by 8 wickets.
   W.G.S. 42.
   King's School 46 for 2.
ATHLETICS.

Captain: T. A. Field.

Our Athletics season began with Standards, but once again the weather was unkind, making good performances difficult. Some boys, especially the seniors, have been out training nearly every day and it is hoped that the junior members will follow their example. Hard regular training is essential for a steady improvement in performance.

On Sports Day the weather was fine and warm and performances were generally good. Special mention must be made of Sharman, who equalled the School record for the Junior 100 yards, and of Davis, P. M., who broke the record in the Senior High Jump. In addition the Dragon's Junior Relay team established a new record.

The Northants. County A.A.A. Championships were held at Northampton on May 14th, and the following successes were obtained: 100 yards and 220 yards (Youths): 1st Miles; High Jump (Youths): 1st Davis, P. M., 2nd Rigby; 880 yards (Youth): 3rd Nice; Long Jump (Junior): 3rd Field.

In the Triangular Athletics match with King's and Deacon's Schools, our boys' performances were excellent and all deserve congratulation. All contributed to our success but special mention must be made of: Sharman, who won both the Juniors 100 yards and 220 yards, the latter being a new School record; Walker, who won both the Middle 220 yards and Long Jump; and King-Underwood, who in winning the Middle 880 yards, equalled the School record.

Several boys competed in the Northants. Schools' Athletic Association Championships held at Northampton on June 18th. Notable successes were: — Age 15-17: 220 yards, 1st Miles; High Jump, 1st Davies, P. M.; Mile, 3rd Nice. Under 15: 100 yards, 2nd Smith, R. E.; 440 yards, 2nd Walker; 880 yards, 3rd King-Underwood. As a result Miles was chosen to represent the County in the 220 yards at the Schools' Inter-County Championships held at Belle Vue, Manchester, on 15-16th July.

Competing in the Midland Counties A.A.A. Championships at Birmingham, on June 25th, Miles secured a Standard Medal in the 440 yards Youths, breaking the School record with an excellent time of 54.2 secs.

In conclusion may we thank those who have given up so much time on our behalf, especially Mr. Pine, Mr. Hyde and Mr. C. Ward.

RESULTS:

ATHLETIC MATCH

May 26th v. King's School and Deacon's School, Peterborough (Away).

School 116 points. King's 53½ points. Deacon's 19½ points.
SCHOOL SPORTS, MAY 12th.

Mile, Senior (Record: 4 mins. 29.8 secs., Barber, D.W., 1954).
1 Nice, 2 Sharman, 3 Austin, 4 Fox.
Time: 4 mins. 58.2 secs.

Half Mile, Senior (Record: 2 mins. 6.6 secs., Barber, D.W., 1954).
1 Miles, 2 Sharman, 3 Nice, 4 Ridge.
Time: 2 mins. 10.4 secs.

Half Mile, Middle (Record: 2 mins. 17.8 secs., Barber, D. W., 1950; King-Underwood, R., 1955).
1 Walker, 2 King-Underwood, 3 Butler, 4 Tye, R.
Time: 2 mins. 28 secs.

Half Mile, Junior (Record: 2 mins. 37 secs., Kiellor, P.S., 1949).
1 Jones, H., 2 Summers, 3 Wrightson, 4 Blunt.
Time: 2 mins. 37.8 secs.

Quarter Mile, Senior (Record: 54.2 secs., Miles, R., 1955).
1 Miles, 2 Samples, 3 Sharman, 4 Field.
Time 55.8 secs.

Quarter Mile, Middle (Record: 58.3 secs., Negus, P. J., 1951).
1 Walker, 2 King-Underwood, 3 Tye, R., 4 Butler.
Time: 61.2 secs.

220 yards, Senior (Record: 22.7 secs., Hyde, J. P., 1949).
1 Miles, 2 Stevens, 3 Field, 4 Samples.
Time: 23.9 secs.

220 yards, Middle (Record: 24.8 secs., Oakley, R. T. W., 1946).
1 Walker, 2 Smith, R. E., 3 King-Underwood, 4 Tye, M.
Time: 25.6 secs.

220 yards, Junior (Record: 27.5 secs., Sharman, M.L., 1955).
1 Sharman, 2 Jones, H., 3 Richardson, 4 Wrighton.
Time: 28.4 secs.

100 yards, Senior (Record: 10.1 secs., Hyde, J.P., 1949).
1 Stevens, 2 Miles, 3 Samples, 4 Field.
Time: 10.4 secs.

100 yards, Middle (Record: 11 secs., Oakley, R. T. W., 1946).
1 Smith, R. E., 2 Walker, 3 Tye, R., 4 King-Underwood.
Time: 11.2 secs.

100 yards, Junior (Record: 12 secs., Wiggins, G. J., 1946).
1 Sharman, 2 Jones, H., 3 Richardson, 4 Day.
Time: 12 secs. (Equals record).

High Jump, Senior.
1 Davis, P. M., 2 Rigby, 3 Fensome, 4 Murdin.
Height: 5 ft. 4 1/2 ins. (Record).

High Jump, Middle (Record: 5 ft. 1 3/4 ins., Davis, P. M., 1954).
1 Walker, 2 Tye, M., 3 Wilson, W. J., 4 King-Underwood.
Height: 4ft. 11 ins.
High Jump, Junior (Record: 4 ft. 5 ins., Ridge, G. T., 1950).
   1 Underwood, 2 Matson, 3 Wagg, 4 Sharman.
   Height: 4 ft. 3½ ins.
   1 Stevens, 2 Field, 3 Walker, A. W., and Eady equal.
   Distance: 19 ft. 9½ ins.
Long Jump, Middle (Record: 18 ft. 4½ ins., Nevett, R., 1953).
   1 Walker, 2 Stewart, 3 Smith, R. E., 4 Tye, R.
   Distance: 16 ft. 6½ ins.
   1 Bayes, A. A., 2 Richardson, 3 Sharman, 4 Day.
   Distance: 14 ft. 5½ ins.
House Relay, Senior (Record: 1 min. 12.2 secs., Dragons, 1949).
   1 Stags, 2 Dragons, 3 Gryphons.
   Time: 1 min. 14.4 secs.
House Relay, Middle (Record: 1 min. 21.4 secs., Stags, 1953).
   1 Lions, 2 Gryphons, 3 Stags.
   Time: 1 min. 22.4 secs.
House Relay, Junior.
   1 Dragons, 2 Gryphons, 3 Lions.
   Time: 1 min. 28.4 secs. (Record).

Martin Athletic Cup: —
   1. Stags 174½ points
   2. Gryphons 147½ points
   3. Lions 123½ points
   4. Dragons 94½ points

Henson Relay Cup: —
   1. Dragons 24 points
   2. Gryphons
      Lions
      Stags
   Equal 20 points

SWIMMING.

Our short swimming season has so far been very active, with only one class being cancelled due to bad weather. Form 3a has put in a very special effort and it looks as though we shall have a 100 per cent. swimming form at last.

P.T. CLUB.

The Club met regularly on Mondays over the last two terms. A display was prepared for the School Open Day, but this had to be cancelled as the ground was too wet.
DRAGONS.

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

Head of House: T. A. Field.

School Prefects:
B. R. Clayton, T. A. Field.

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

Appointments made for this year were:

Captain of Cricket    M. R. Smith
Swimming Captain      Desborough
House P.T.            A. Kirby

The Spring term saw the final rounds of the rugby cup played off and our final position was third.

Sherwood again led the House in the Music Competition and was beaten into second place by the Lions.

The one success of the House so far this year has been the retention of the Drama Cup. A large and enthusiastic cast ably led by Betts put up an excellent performance. This play was also performed publicly at St. Andrews Church.

The arrival of sports day saw the House last in the Standards and this position was irretrievable, although the Henson Relay Cup was retained.

The cricket teams, although they have tried hard enough have, as yet, met with little success.

GRYPHONS.

House Masters:
Mr. J. G. Dunning, Mr. D. J. Riach, Mr. B. J. P. Tompkins.

Head of House: W. Priest.

House Prefects:
J. Parsons, R. Burfoot, B. H. Whitney (Secretary).

At the end of the Spring term we had to say farewell to Mr. T. G. Cook, who has been a Housemaster during his stay with us. We wish him every success in his new post and we heartily welcome Mr. Tompkins in his stead.

We were very unsuccessful in the House Matches and the House Music Competition was nothing to sing about either, in spite of Burfoot’s efforts. Perhaps if we had adopted Mr. Dunning’s advice to give our own rendering of “Three Men in a Tub,” our position might have been more worthy of us. . . .
Moving one position higher, we were second in the House Play Competition, 'The Fault dear Brutus he's not in our stars but in our-\ldots'.

We were second again in the Athletics Competition, owing to the good work of Sharman and Walker, and several promising "middles", and so we have the promise of a strong team next year.

Cricket has remained at its usual level this year—neither good nor bad. However, we have one item of news that will cheer the hearts of Gryphons reading this dismal story. Once again we are the proud owners of the Ferguson Trophy—of course, owing to good work in School all this year. We thank all those who helped towards it.

LIONS.

*House Masters* :
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, B. Tunney.

Several important inter-house competitions have been decided since the publication of the last magazine at Christmas, and in many respects the Lions have shown definite improvement.

Our eventual position in the contest for the Rugby Cup was second—a result which was very pleasing, considering our lack of recognised talent. The Juniors are to be congratulated on their three victories on the Rugger field.

The efforts of R. O. Knight as House Conductor for the fourth time were rewarded by our gaining the Music Cup for the second year in succession. The choir was awarded very high marks, and was well supported by the individual performers.

We were very sorry this year to lose the Cook Cup for Plays. We were placed third, but it was gratifying to us to be asked to perform the play, "A Collection Will Be Made," by Arthur Eckersley, elsewhere in public, together with the winning play.

In Athletics we were also placed third, but we were pleased to note that we have two very worthy athletes, P. M. Davis and R. Nice, among our numbers. The Cricket Competition has not yet been completed, while the P.T. and Swimming Contests are still to take place, so the Lions can hope for further cups.

Lions of future years will do well to remember that the more efforts they exert on behalf of the House, the more pleasure and satisfaction they will derive from being members of it. Above all, they should try never to despair, even at the times of least success, for as Alexander Pope so wisely pointed out:

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast;
Man never Is, but always To be blest."
STAGS.

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

Head of the 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.

Since the last magazine was published the remaining two rounds of the Rugby Competition have taken place. The Senior team was extremely successful in these matches, especially in the encounter with the Dragons, when they scored 68 points without reply. Once more the Rugby Cup became our property.

The less said about our performances in the House Music and House Play Competitions the better.

We triumphed again on Sports Day. By good solid team work we emerged winners of the Athletic Cup. All participants deserve praise for this and let us hope we can repeat this success next year.

In the Cricket matches, we have at the time of writing, a 100% record, the Seniors winning both their matches and the Juniors their one. We are almost certain of retaining this cup.

Shortly to be decided are the Swimming and P.T. Competitions. We have a good chance of winning both these cups and, should we do so, the House would have a quite impressive array of cups in its possession.

We very much regret the loss of one of our House Masters, Mr. J. W. Davies who, we feel, did a great deal of work for the House in all phases of its activities. We wish him success at his new school. We also welcome his successor, Mr. G. W. Cooksey.

Since Christmas House Colours have been awarded to P. A. Tear and D. Austin.

PARENTS' DAY AND PRIZE-GIVING

9th JUNE, 1955.

The weather again proved adverse this year and the proceedings were held in the Hall, but were shared by many more than the Hall could hold, by reason of the elaborate and efficient relay system assembled by Mr. C. A. Pine.

Mr. T. D. E. Pendered, Chairman of Governors, presided and welcomed on our behalf Sir Gyles Isham, who gave away the prizes. In his address after the distribution, Sir Gyles made a plea for succinct phrase in language and careful dictation in speech. He was interested
to note that some boys had chosen dictionaries as prizes, which he
described as 'a really wonderful book for all occasions.' He felt that
the modern tendency towards 'appalling verbosity' was calculated to
deceive rather than to reveal true purpose. He thought too that a
prize-giving was an indication that whatever equality of opportunity
is provided, some people will make better use of their chances than
others. He was impressed by the School record of work and games.
'It is schools of this type that are providing the country with what it
must have—good brains and well used.'

The weather proved, after the ceremony, to be better, and the
Parents' Stalls were set up in the Quadrangle where they were as
successful as previous years. Various exhibitions of School work and
activity were visited by large numbers of parents and altogether a
most enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Our thanks are due to the Parents' Committee led by Mrs. Webb,
who continue year by year to do such valuable and appreciated work
towards improving the amenities of the School.

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Iic. | E. A. Cock
ASSOCIATED BOARD OF ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC:—

- M. Spriggs Grade I Violin (with merit)
- D. O. Tall Grade I Violin
- J. Seamark Grade I Violin
- D. Clarke Grade I Violin (with merit)

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS:—

- B. Knight: Executive Class (Air Ministry)

OLD BOYS' DISTINCTIONS.

- G. Coles: 3rd Class Hons. B.A. Geography, Oxford
- P. Wilson: 3rd Class Hons. B.A. Modern Languages, Oxford
- G. Linnell: 2nd Class Hons. B.A. History, Oxford
- R. Leslie: 4th Class Hons. B.A. Geography, Oxford
- J. R. Knifton: Final Examination of the Associated Inst. of Incor. Accountants
- R. R. Matthews: Final Examination of the Associated Inst. of Incor. Accountants

HOUSE CUPS, 1953-54.

- Ferguson Trophy (Work in School) Gryphons
- Mrs. H. W. Saxby's Rugby Cup Stags
- Yorke Cricket Cup Stags
- Henson Relay Cup Dragons
- Gordon Shipman Mile Cup Gryphons
- Martin Athletic Cup Gryphons
- Williams High Jump Cup Gryphons
- Bradshaw 100 yds. Cup Dragons
- James Swimming Cup Dragons
- For Physical Training Cup Stags
- Appleby Cup for Music Gryphons
- Miss Cook's Cup for Plays Lions
- Warwick Open Hurdles Bowl Dragons

EXCHANGES.

This year three boys are making exchange visits with French boys. The number is far below what one would expect from a school of this size. On the other hand the fact that large numbers have promised to undertake an exchange next year, is much more encouraging. We wish an enjoyable and profitable time to those going this year.

THE HISTORY SOCIETY.

President: The Headmaster.
Chairman: C. Brereton.
Secretary: P. A. Tear.

Owing to the diversity of activity during the Summer term only one meeting has been held. On May 13th A. J. Carvell read a paper on the Korean War and courageously attempted to analyse the circumstances leading to its outbreak, the subsequent events and the intricacies of the Armistice negotiations.

Members of the Sixth and Fifth Forms are cordially invited to come to Friday meetings after School and those boys willing to read a paper on a subject of their own choice, whether purely historical or not, are asked to contact the Secretary within the first fortnight of next term.
DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

Our last production, Dorothy Sayers’s “Busman’s Honeymoon,” proved more successful than we expected. Despite the absence of many VI. form boys (debarred from acting because of Scholarship commitments), the Society managed to assemble a good representative cast. This was headed by Whitney, whose performance was most commendable. He occupied the stage nearly the whole time and maintained a high standard throughout. The physical exhaustion which a part such as this entails, can only be appreciated by those with acting experience. As the Drama Adviser said, ‘Whitney is an actor of real promise.’ He was ably supported by B. Knight as Bunter, Roberts as Harriet (despite trouble with his wig), R. Wills as Puffett, Betts as Mrs. Ruddle, and Bridgeford as Mr. MacBride. Most of these were making their first public appearance and did very well indeed. Especial mention, however, must be made of Fokerd’s Miss Twitterton; at times his subtle acting reached a very high standard. He is certainly the best impersonator of elderly female parts that the School has had. Tear’s performance of Crutchley; Robertshaw’s Constable Sellon and Turner’s Superintendent Kirk were most convincing; while Priest’s Rev. Simon Goodacre improved each night.

The play gave the producer and stage manager many headaches. The intriguing plot, so effectively simple when the play was read, proved almost impossible to arrange on our small stage and some ingenious improvisations had to be made. The stage staff deserves full credit for getting through the four nights without apparent hitch (although B. Knight’s quickness of mind saved the situation on one occasion).

Next term we are adopting a new policy—experimentally—Mr. Cooksey will produce “Macbeth”. If this proves successful, then a Shakespearian (or similar) play will be presented every other year.

We lost Mr. Cook, who had so efficiently taken charge of the Stage Management for so long, and now we are losing Mr. Clutterbuck. We thank them for all their efforts on our behalf and welcome Mr. Goodman and Mr. Butcher.

HOUSE PLAYS, 1955.

Mr. G. Gordon, the County Drama Adviser, adjudicated at the House Drama Competition during the Spring term. In his summary he stressed the importance of team work in the presentation of a play, and it was significant that the winning play—“Charity Farm”, by Dragons—was characterised by competent all-round acting rather than by individual brilliance. Its success was clearly due to careful rehearsal and to thoughtful production by Betts.

“Queer Street”, presented by Gryphons, came a very close second, largely through most convincing performances by Whitney and Fokerd. Only a noticeable variation in the pace at which the play was delivered marred an otherwise excellent performance.

The Lions gave a creditable performance of “A Collection Will Be Made”, in which Warwick played his now near-habitual role of a
parson. He was well supported by a cast in which Painter, through an over-liberal application of make-up, literally shone.

"A Social Evening" was presented by Stags. This is a play in which, like last year's "The Cricket Match", some of the action takes place off-stage. The difficulties inherent in such a piece proved too great, and even the appearance of a trouserless Wills failed to raise it to the standard of the others.

PARENTS' COMMITTEE.

A Whist Drive was held on 15th February, and another on 14th June.

As in previous years, the Committee provided materials for the boys to make articles for sale on Speech Day, and awarded prizes. The usual stalls were held, and as a result the sum of £41 has been added to the funds by the Whist Drives and Speech Day.

The Committee welcomes suggestions of any amenities for the School that might be useful, and will give careful consideration to any such suggestions.

CHESS CLUB.

Owing to the regretted departure of Mr. Branson from this School, the master previously in charge of the Chess Club, it has been left to run itself and, although it lacks members and organisation, it still continues and will do so every Monday and Tuesday at 4.00 p.m.

All boys who can play chess or are interested, will be welcome.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Mr. Cook will be missed by all boys who have played any part in the running of the School Library. In particular the Library Committee would like to thank him for his friendly and democratic method of organising the Library, and wish him success and happiness in his new post.

Two new bookcases have now been installed and will help to relieve the congestion of books in the Library. It is hoped that the final arrangement of books on the shelves will be completed by the end of the Summer term.

New additions to the Library include: "Stranger in Spain," by H. V. Morton; "Collected Poems," by Dylan Thomas; "Revolutions," (Poetry Criticism) by F. R. Leavis; and "The Great Tradition" (Novel Criticism), by F. R. Leavis.
MUSIC NOTES—SUMMER TERM, 1955.

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held on December 20th, in the Parish Church of All Hallows, by kind permission of the Vicar. Both Junior and Senior choirs took part. The organist was P. Wilson. The collection was given to the Parish Church Organ Fund.

The House Music Competition was held on March 22nd, the adjudicator being Mr. F. Metheringham Laming, a lecturer in Music at the University of Nottingham. The set piece for the House choirs, “Round me Falls the Night,” arranged by Drese, was sung well by all the choirs, Lions being singled out for particular praise by Mr. Laming. There was a wide diversity in the individual items, which included piano solos, vocal ensembles, an unaccompanied trombone solo and other instrumental items. Mr. Laming gave many helpful comments and criticisms and presented the Appleby Cup to the conductor of the winning House. The placings of the Houses was as follows: Lions 85, Dragons 80, Gryphons 73, Stags 72.

At the End of Term Service before Easter, the Senior Choir sang the anthem “Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord,” by Weelkes, and at the Commemoration Service on June 10th, the anthem “Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts,” was performed.

On February 25th, a number of boys went with a party, arranged by Miss Thomas, of the High School, to Peterborough Cathedral to hear the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Harding’s violin class continues to make progress and several of his senior pupils, who now have lessons with him privately, are reliable and enthusiastic members of the orchestra.

The High School and Grammar School Madrigal Group is working at compositions by English and Italian composers of the 16th and early 17th century, together with several part-songs by modern British composers. Rehearsals have gone well, but the contraltos seem to be curiously unable to attend rehearsals regularly.

The Senior Choir is growing slowly in strength and confidence. There is very encouraging support from the 3rd forms, but the response from the 4th and 5th forms is disappointing.

The Male Voice Choir, under its conductor R. O. Knight, has been rehearsing regularly during this term. The Recorder Group comprises a small number of boys from the 2nd form. Support for the group from Senior boys who are more proficient and experienced on their instruments would give added encouragement to the younger boys. The combined High School and Grammar School Orchestra has been meeting this term and extra rehearsals for the string section, attended by several boys, have been taken by Miss Thomas at the High School.

All the groups mentioned here are at present working for the Annual Music Recital, which will take place on Tuesday, July 19th.
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

On the retirement of C. J. Green, our Chairman, whom we thank for his valuable services, T. Painter was elected as Chairman, and A. Byles as Secretary. Several new members have joined.

R. F. Miles and P. L. Bird carried off the laurels in the competition, and we thank Messrs. Burrell and Phillips for judging the entries. It has been decided to hold another competition this term, and the night for meetings has been changed to Thursday.

Owing to the lack of a permanent darkroom, our activities this term have been somewhat limited, but the exhibition on Speech Day attracted many visitors. Some members have visited Castle Ashby and the Zoo, and visits to the “Evening Telegraph” offices and Sywell aerodrome are planned.

PUPPET CLUB.

“The Enchanted Horse”, duly presented at several shows last season, was appreciated by our various audiences. The play also provided plenty of opportunity for the members of the club, who once more produced an interesting show. The brightly dressed puppets against the backdrop of the palace courtyard, together with the changing lighting effects, gave an atmosphere well suited to a story from the Arabian Nights. The supporting items included some old and some new puppets, all very creditably made and manipulated, and all helped to make up a varied and successful programme.

We are continually making alterations and additions to our stage and equipment, with the object of achieving smoother and more effective presentation of our shows. Our curtain rail has been extended and we are constructing some portable side screens. Now we are glad of the opportunity presented by the issue of the magazine to express our pleasure and thanks to the Parents’ Committee, who have generously offered to replace our record player. This has stood up to some very hard wear for several years but is beginning to show signs of wearing out.

The Summer term is never our most active period, but we are beginning now to make preparations for another season. We expect to be fully occupied between now and Christmas, preparing script, stage, scenery, puppets, lighting—not to mention rehearsing. We hope to produce another good programme.

RAILWAY CLUB.

This term it has been impossible to hold many weekend meetings because Mr. Cheale has been extremely busy with the arrangements for the French tour, which leaves just at the end of term. Next term, however, regular meetings will be resumed and it is expected that these will be well supported—particularly those on Saturdays. Progress is now being made with the design of a simple and effective semaphore
signal and arrangements to instal a section of all-electric signals will begin next term.

We have not been idle in our plans for outings, and at Easter a party visited several London termini and the Model Railway Exhibition. For our outing on July 14th, we make a round trip from Bristol to Paddington and returning to Wellingborough via Euston and Northampton. About 50 members will make the journey of about 300 miles.

**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 eight times and has maintained a good attendance at all meetings. The lectures have been diverse in subject and have included the following:


2. “Evolution,” by R. Burfoot. This lecture dealt with the history of Evolution from lifeless inorganic matter onwards.

3. “The Laws of Chance,” by G. Rose. This unusual title headed a well planned lecture which proved to be of special interest to the mathematicians.

4. “Our Ancestors,” by R. Robertshaw. This explained the family tree of man from the forest ape down to modern man.

5. “Ants,” by A. Kirby. Here a comparison between the civilisations of the ant and man was drawn.

6. “Life on Other Planets,” by G. R. West. This was assumed possible only on Mars and even there in a dying state.

7. “What is Race?” by J. F. Parsons. During this most informative lecture he discussed a controversial question of our times.

8. “Manufacture of Paper,” by W. S. Tolman. In the final meeting of this session W. S. Tolman followed the progress of the log through the factories until it emerged as a roll of paper.

The prize for the best lecture of the series was awarded to C. R. Turner for his well directed efforts on “The End of the World.”

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6th WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUTS.

The indoor season produced Ambulance Badges for two Senior Scouts, Fox and Lightfoot, and First Aid Badges for the two P/L’s., and for Bailey and May. Mr. Gotch, of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, was complimentary. Fox has also got his Meteorologists Badge and is after his Venturer.

We have a high proportion of boys with their Second-class Badge and two are now First-class.

In Bob-a-Job Week we got more money than ever before, with an average of ten shillings each. From the cards it appears the work was not so unusual as hard. We had a good turn-out for the St. George’s Day parade.

Drage’s Silverwood Cup patrol, with three first year Scouts, put up a good show, and was second to Burton Latimer out of eight patrols entering.

During Whit week four boys—accompanied by another Scout, did their First-class Journey—in the best weather we have had for a long time. Father Knight, A.D.C., later came to our weekly meeting and talked about their logs.

The Juniors had a lively day at Blackthorn Wood during Whit week—cooking (if that is the right word) and then eating the mess.

Wignell is in charge of the patrol for the Gilbey Cup Competition.

The annual Camp is to be at Blackthorn Wood immediately after term ends.

THE STAMP CLUB.

Since the last issue of the magazine the members of the Stamp Club have had many enjoyable meetings, when there have been competitions, lectures and exhibitions. The Club’s collection is also increasing— gifts from parents and friends have been greatly appreciated. A small selection of the collection was on display on Parents’ Day, together with the philotector lent by Stevenson.

At the end of last term Mr. Branson regretfully left us. We thank him for his services during the past two years. J. P. Langley, W. W. Stevenscn, A.

Lectures during the past term have included “Norway and her Stamps,” by Mr. T. G. Cook; “Indonesian Stamps,” by J. P. Langley, and “Shapes, Sizes and Designs of Stamps,” by A. J. Carvell.

OLD BOYS’ NOTES


If you have read the individual Branch Reports you will agree that it doesn’t leave much for the Chairman to say, in what theoretically should be an all embracing report on the Association; to avoid duplication I will just add a comment on the year’s activities to date.
Our activities have been enlarged this year by the addition of the monthly Repertory Theatre trips; these I visualise as a popular item next winter.

The Rugby and Badminton Clubs continue to thrive, but both would welcome additional support. The word support seems to be a common one in reports by Chairmen; it is an ingredient without which the Association cannot thrive.

In contemplating this year’s activities more closely it is easy to see that as usual, all functions were run by, attended by, and supported by the Faithful Few; even with the Annual Dinner, if the faithful few were not present attendances would be meagre indeed.

Your Committee this year has worked hard, particularly the newcomers, but I must add that, if you wish to retain any committee you must give far more support to them than at present.

Write to them, ring them, criticise them (constructively though), do anything to let them know you are alive and interested, if no more, in their efforts to appease all Old Boys.

Do not forget that we have a “Sports Field” in Wellingborough. What about it? Let’s have your views on how to convert it into a miniature Twickenham or Lords (or something). Anyhow, please attempt to help the Association to live up to the title ASSOCIATION.

Finally, thanks to the committee for their work this year and all of you who have really tried to keep the flag flying all over the world.

If we cannot help the Association materially it is not difficult to be proud of the name wherever we go, and further enhance our reputation and that of our Parent, The School. M. C. C. KNOWLES

TREASURER’S REPORT.

There are still one or two small debts to be settled, but I can safely say that we should show a slight profit over the present financial year, which is now entering its final quarter. There is a credit balance in the bank of over £100, and I shall do my utmost to keep it above this figure.

As a matter of interest, I would like to mention that by the end of this financial year, approximately 50 more Old Boys, who have “dropped behind” with their subscriptions, will be added to the steadily growing nominal roll of 277 “lapsed members.” When we compare this with the 145 members who have paid their annual subscriptions this year, it can be realised why, for the last two years, we have had to rely on the income from the Xmas Draws to cover the cost of the July Magazines, the total subscriptions received during each year only being sufficient to pay for the January edition. These lapsed members must be made to realise that if it wasn’t for them, the Association would have a thriving bank balance. As it is, in order to keep a credit balance over the year, whist drives and other profitable activities have to be organised to cover the losses made on the Annual Dinner, etc.
Subscriptions for the financial year 1955/56 are due w.e.f September 1st. Subscriptions should be forwarded direct to the Treasurer at the following address:

R. A. Chapman,
“The Laurels,”
Hatton Street,
Wellingborough.

I would also like to remind members that the Old Boys’ Association Badges can only be obtained from me, price 5/6d. each. In order to save unnecessary postage, I would like to point out that the badges are only to be sold to members on the condition that they are worn on BLACK blazers.

ANNUAL DINNER.

This year’s Dinner was held at the Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, on April 2nd. The attendance was 65 which, although below last year’s figure, was encouraging by the presence of younger members of the Association, and also several Old Boys from the Universities.

Our Guest of Honour was Mr. T. G. Cook, M.A., who is leaving the School to take up a position in Sheffield. It was he who proposed the toast to the Association. In his speech he recounted his first impressions of arriving at W.G.S., which was then 300 strong. It was then, he told us, that all School dinners were taken at one sitting and 6th formers wore caps, when they were near to the School at any rate.

Mr. Cook also spoke of his activities as School Scout-master, and of his association with the Old Boys’ Rugby Club, of whom he was at one time Secretary, he regretted that the School to which he was going was a soccer playing school (cries of shame!). Our Guest was pleased to see that the growth of tradition was being continued by the attendance of sons of Old Boys at W.G.S. A welcome was extended to all Old Boys when in Sheffield to visit Mr. Cook.

Mr. M. C. C. Knowles in responding to the toast, thanked Mr. Cook for his help and association with the Old Boys in their earlier days, and recalled that he and Mr. Cook had started at W.G.S. at the same time.

The Chairman reported the Old Boys’ activities were prospering, Rugby and Badminton being particularly to the fore. Financially things were looking up, thanks to several money-raising activities that had been organised, i.e., whist drives, dances, and trips to Northampton Repertory Theatre.

A presentation of an Old Boys’ tie and cuff-links was then made to Mr. Cook by the Chairman as a momento to his 11 years spent at Wellingborough.

Mr. D. G. Stratton proposing the toast to the School, thanked the Headmaster and the School in general for the help given to the Old Boys’ Association. The Rugby Club in particular he thought owed a
debt to the School for the use of its changing rooms and the grounding of young players who, on leaving School, played for the Old Boys.

The response from the School was made by Mr. H. A. Wrenn, M.A., the Headmaster, also the Association President. He was pleased to see so many present, and thanked the Old Boys for their hospitality.

In referring to Mr. Cook, he told us of the various positions to which he had applied himself whilst at W.G.S. Besides being Scoutmaster, he had been the School librarian, stage manager, and even the Staff XI. wicket-keeper.

Previous mention of the doings in prefab. classrooms Nos. 15 and 16, proved to the Head that he still had something to learn about the School on the less academic side.

For the School itself, the Head reported that the 1st XV. had had a poor season, but that the Under-15 had excellent prospects. The School had undergone an inspection, the first time for 18 years. The report was good.

The evening ended with the singing of Old Lang-Syne with Mr. Cook, to whom we all wished every success in the future.

RUGBY REPORT.

The past season has proved a greater success than many dared to hope for. It is worthy of note that the playing strength of the club has been maintained and that a happy spirit has pervaded amongst the members.

Fears were expressed this year that several of the players were perhaps ageing a little in the service of the club. However, the 1st XV. has mainly been the mixture as before, with a sprinkling of younger players who have been brought in with considerable success.

The side has been ably led by Peter Smith. In his first season as skipper he has brought a strong determination that all players should play a hard open game. His quiet words of encouragement from his position at the rear of the side have been an inspiration to all.

The playing record of both teams is given below:—

1st XV.: Played 26; Won 14, Drawn 1, Lost 11, Points For 297, Against 229.

‘A’ XV.: Played 21; Won 9, Drawn 0, Lost 12, Points For 150, Against 226.

The ‘A’ XV. suffered grievously with the number of cancellations it had to endure. In one period of nine weeks only two games were possible. Nevertheless, it had its share of victories. A grand run of victories at the beginning of the season was unfortunately not kept up.
It has proved its worth many times over by providing several promising young players for the senior side. In the Captain, Don Burton, also a full back, they have had a grand leader.

Highlights of the season’s matches were the Boxing Day fixture against Wellingborough, lost again by the only three points scored, and the annual combined fixture against the D. F. White XV. In the combined team from Wellingborough, Kettering and ourselves, we had three representatives in P. B. Smith, R. E. Bridgeford and A. J. Smith.

The young school-leavers show their interest in the club and everyone faces the coming season with confidence.

OXFORD.

Attempts to contact all Old Boys in the University become more difficult during the Summer term. Examination studies and outdoor activities keep most of us fully occupied, and one’s chances of meeting a fellow Old Grammarian are somewhat remote. It is, in many ways, a pity we do not meet as a body. An annual gathering, and perhaps a dinner, especially when our numbers increase, would be a decided advantage, not only because it would provide an opportunity to better our present internal connections, but also because it could create a stronger bond between our somewhat isolated group and the Association as a whole.

A notable feature of the present term is the growing popularity of rowing among our members. Three out of our total strength of nine are taking part in Eights, and at least two others have pulled an oar at one time or another.

At the end of term P. Wilson and G. Coles (St. Peter’s Hall), say good-bye to University life. During Hilary term both were down from Oxford carrying out their teaching practice, as part of the Diploma course, in local grammar schools. Their examinations fall in the middle of June, after which Geoff. will be going direct to his teaching post. Peter does not begin teaching until September, but meanwhile much more important events will be taking place. We offer him our heartiest congratulations, and wish him and his future wife every good fortune.

D. S. Law (Merton), takes Chemistry Finals in June, but will be returning to Oxford to complete his thesis year before receiving his degree. David is a member of his College basketball team. At the end of the last rugger season he was elected a University Greyhound, thus adding a further achievement to the Old Boys’ record in the sports world.

When the writer of this report called at Christ Church, A. B. Crawford was out, but it was obvious from the appearance and situation of his rooms that he is thoroughly enjoying his second year. What better position than this, overlooking the Meadows, could one hope for, should it be necessary to stay abroad later than midnight? Alan plays an occasional game of tennis, is a member of the Jazz Club at the Union, and devotes part of his time to social work.
R. Shawley and M. Hörne (St. Peter's Hall) must both be very fit. Bob is stroke of the College Rowing VIII., and Michael rows at bow in the Second VIII. At the time of writing, their gallant efforts have proved most fruitful.

D. W. Barber (Merton), maintains his high standard on the Athletics track. He runs regularly for the University Centipedes and hopes soon to be elected one of their members. Despite the fact that he has two examination-free years ahead of him, he has distinguished himself in the academic world by gaining a prize for Collection results.

N. Rich (St. Catharine's Society), was successful in Spanish and French Prelims. He informs me that rowing in his College Second VIII. occupies most of his spare time.

Finally P. Richardson (Wadham), faces Physics Moderations in three weeks' time. Although he has allowed himself a few games of tennis and squash, he is eagerly awaiting his second year when he will be able to participate much more fully in extra-academic activities.

CAMBRIDGE.

L. Clipstone, with Part One immediately ahead, has not been showing undue signs of apprehension, having found time for tennis, and even for punting, although he regards the actual manipulation of the pole as too hazardous an operation. If he does not pull off a "First" he is at least expecting an early win in the "Observer" crossword competition.

J. P. Edwards, our Bridge expert, found the overnight election results a fine opportunity, and wishes that elections would be held more frequently. Other interests include tennis and films at the 'Rex'; and one may also assume that he is doing some work this term.

P. J. Frogley's protests that he has not been doing any work should not be taken too seriously. He has also been playing tennis with Old Boys, and watching cricket at Fenners'. He has been making a study of Cambridge architecture with a pair of binoculars.

Little is known of the activities of P. W. Furnell, except that he has been playing cricket, and scored a century for St. Catharine's 2nd XI. against Fitzwilliam House. He is planning to tour France by motor-cycle this summer with J. P. Edwards.

B. A. Groome has been working hard this year. An injury prevented him from playing rugger, but last term he tried hockey. A projected trip to Spain having developed engine trouble, he is now going to the Isle of Arran this summer.

C. B. Johnson has been concentrating on work this term with a few games of tennis. Occasionally, however, he disappears from Cambridge altogether, with a bundle of Morris Bells and white handkerchiefs, muttering something about 'Spring festivals'. This does not indicate that he is turning into a witch, but is merely an outlet for his surplus energy.
B. Tyler says that his activities this term are 'mainly work'. He also plays Bridge and has been punting, and is a founder member of the C.U. Tiddlywinks Club, of which distinction he is inordinately proud. No doubt he keeps in strict training for this strenuous sport.

M. Wells has only two occupations: coxing Queens' 1st boat, and work. Last term he narrowly missed winning his rudder, and he is preparing for a heavy programme this summer, including a tour of Germany.

NOTTINGHAM.

There is relatively little to report on the activities of Old Boys this term as examinations have kept them well occupied and curbed their other less academic pleasures.

Evans is spending this term in France, and it is reported that upon arriving at his 'digs' he found them unprepared for him and had to spend the night on the floor. A. M. Jessop is planning to do research, and B. Horn to evade national service by employment with a "Top priority" firm.

J. A. Norris secured a place on the Union Executive last term. The remainder, Thorneycroft, Bradshaw and Gramshaw, have been very reticent—as usual.

A DATE TO REMEMBER.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held this year on 11th October, at the Grammar School.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

Recent successes in University examinations include:

K. Bradshaw—1st Class Hons. B.Sc. Chemistry, Nottingham.
A. M. Jessop—2nd Class Hons. B.Sc. Physics, Nottingham.
J. Fuller—B. Metallurgy Class 11., Sheffield.

B. H. Baldock is a Surveyor with the Royal Artillery serving in Germany.
B. Whitworth is a national serviceman in Singapore.
P. H. Hunt is serving in Hong Kong.
A. B. Collins is a Lance-Corporal with the Royal Engineers in Singapore.
I. R. H. Wills is serving in the Royal Corps of Military Police in Singapore.

D. W. Tear has passed the Intermediate examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants, in November, 1954.

J. Darnell has passed the Final examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants.

R. Matthews has passed the Final, Section II, examination of the Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants.

Three Old Boys were successful candidates in the recent local elections. They were: C. B. Brown, B. R. Phillips, and D. Stevenson.
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